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ABAU SUBDISTRICT

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Abau Report No. 1 of 44/45

Patrol Conducted by Capt. S.S. Smith

Area Patrolled Coastal Villages east of Abau

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 13/7/1944 to 19/7/1944

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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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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District Office,
ABAU sub-District

20 July 44

DC ANGAU District HQ
SAMARAI District,

29-7-44

INSPECTION OF COASTAL VILLAGES EAST OF ABAU

1. The Medical Assistant (WOII J. Turner) and myself left ABAU on 13 July and caught the MATOMA at DEBA. Travelled in her, towing the Station whaleboat, as far as RAIBARA.

2. The following villages were inspected between 13/19 Jul

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ARDANA	(68)	"	"	"	"	-325449 1270
BELAI	(81)	GODARA	"	52	"	-899331 8
WOWOLO	(142)	"	"	"	"	-396375 1271
KULELE	(239)	NOGE	"	31	"	-374338
LOPOM	(212)	MARI	"	27	"	-247326
LARUOLO	(176)	"	"	"	"	-272401
MAILU	(515)	NAIDE	"	30	"	-345292
DEBA	(69)	MARI	"	27	"	-189263

3. FOOD & GARDENS: There is no shortage of food in any of the a/n villages. The WOWOLO gardens have suffered severely from floods which washed the entire village away with hardly a trace, but the natives have ample sago, pumpkins and bananas to tide them over. They also fish the HARDEI River and possess a large number of pigs. They were assisted with 10 tins Bisco and 60 lbs. meat. Sgt. NEKIRA RPC has been stationed here for some weeks supervising work on the gardens and new village.

The LOPOM and LARUOLO people have fine gardens on the mainland near DEBA. I do not agree that they are inaccessible in bad weather. We experienced very bad weather but it was noted that this did not prevent the LOPOM and LARUOLO people from getting across to their gardens.

The MAILU people were getting sago on the mainland up the HARDEI River. They have little garden land on their island and supplement their diet by trading cooking pots, fish, armshells with the mainland peoples. Sago with the MAILU people is not a starvation diet, a food to be eaten only in times of famine. To quote the Rev. W. J. V. Seville "As a food product, the great standby of the MAILU people is sago, and, though they have to go to the mainland to make it, it counts for much in the domestic and ceremonial life of the people... The natives not only fall back on it when other food fails, but they turn to it as an agreeable change."

4. VILLAGES: WOWOLO village, which was built on a sand spit at the mouth of the HARDEI River, was completely washed away and, in my opinion, this was a blessing in disguise. It had needed renewing and no amount of persuasion on the part of the Administration could have accomplished this in so short a time. The new village of 17 houses has been completed on a better site. Sgt. NEKIRA was stationed in the village, as I mention above, to see that there was no slacking.

The proposal to shift the LOPOM and LARUOLO from their island to a site on the mainland was examined. As I said above, the gardens are accessible in bad weather. There would be times when the people would be weather bound (as we were on MAILU Island for a day) but this is a rare occurrence. The Med. Assent's opinion is that the island sites are much healthier than any on the mainland. Many years ago the LOPOM and LARUOLO people were forced to abandon their islands and live on the mainland owing to the depredations of the MAILU people. They

moved back to their islands when the opportunity occurred for as they themselves say, they are healthier than the mainland.

MAILU village is but a shadow of its former glory. Many of the houses have fallen into disrepair. Building a house on MAILU is a task of some magnitude. All building material has to be brought by canoe from the mainland some 8 miles away. The houses are built very close together so that it is impossible to walk between. They face a street running down the center of the village. Most of the young men of MAILU are under C/E and their repatriation will help considerably.

5. HEALTH & HYGIENE: The Medical Assistant accompanied me on this patrol for the purpose of making a survey of work to be done in these villages. He inspected the village people and found only 11 whose condition necessitated their being brought to ABAU. His opinion was, that the health of the people generally is good. A number of latrines, which had fallen into disrepair, were burnt down and orders left for their renewal. The villages were on the whole clean, and the Medical Assistant had no serious fault to find with any of them. The DEBA people were ordered by WO Turner, PO, on a previous patrol, to erect a pig fence around the village. This they have done with such thoroughness that it would serve as a stockade.

6. REPATRIATION OF NATIVES: Ten KULELE and WOWOLO natives were granted leave to make gardens and repair houses. I have made arrangements to transfer a number of these natives to MOGUBU Plantation where they are within 15/20 minutes walk of their villages. A list of natives to be repatriated is being compiled. This will take time as all cases have to be investigated. The practice of "borrowing" children and counting those who have long since died or grown up make it difficult to sort out the really genuine cases. The permission granted by the DDML to retain ABAU natives for labour in this District will help to fill the gaps.

7. NATIVE SCHOOL, PORT MORESBY: I endeavoured to obtain suitable natives for the school, but met with little success. I don't doubt there are many natives under C/E who possess the necessary qualifications. Some are no doubt working in Moresby and Milne Bay Districts. I tried to obtain their names from native Mission Teachers but got little co-operation there. Some of them hardly understand a word of English themselves and, of course, do not like the idea of losing their converts to a "Government" school.

8. GENERAL: The general impression gained from this short patrol was that affairs in this area are satisfactory and problems, such as repatriation, can be dealt with.

Capt.

ADO

3 copies.

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14/8

DISTRICT SERVICES
10 AUG 44
ANGAU

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

DS. 481.

31/5/1

HQ
SOUTHERN REGION
ANGAU PORT MORESBY
9 Aug 44

Ref No. 2062

DO SAMARAI (MILNE BAY)

ABAU P/R No. 1 of 44/45 - Capt S.S. Smith

Receipt is acknowledged of abovementioned report forwarded under cover of your memo 30 of 2 Aug 44.

2. The LOPOM and LARUOIO people should be allowed to remain where they are unless they themselves desire to move to the mainland.

3. Repatriation of Natives - Did ADC have the Census Records with him when he was preparing the list of natives under C/E eligible for repatriation? If so, it should not have been difficult to make a proper check.

GOC
HQ
12/18

[Handwritten signature]

Copy:

HQ ANGAU (DS)

Maj.
ADDS & NA.

ABAU P/R 8 of 43/44 (DS 30/5/23) brought up the question of transferring the people of the abovenamed villages.

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CA
RH
12/18

Maj. ADDS & NA.

DS 30/5/3

HQ
ANGAU
15 Aug 44.

HQ SOUTHERN REGION.

Abau - Patrol Report - 1 of 44/45.

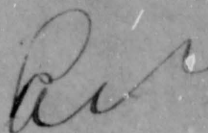
Receipt is acknowledged of the abovementioned Report forwarded under cover of your memo 2062 of 9 Aug 44.

2. Several times during the last quarter of a century the IOPOM and LAURUOLO people have made attempts to get hold of more land on the mainland, but on each occasion the land owners there have resisted them.

3. If they are encouraged to go to the mainland now, they would probably use the government name to further their next step - the "inching" of more land from the mainlanders.

4. The IOPOM and LAURUOLO people should be allowed to move to their own lands on the mainland if they wish to do so, but they should go without the "approval" or direction of the government.

5. The women and children have done very well on IOPOM and LAURUOLO for at least a generation past.



Maj.
For DDDS & NA.

Copy to DS 18/32/5

Native Affairs - Villages

IOPOM & LAURUOLO



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Abau Report No. 2 of 44/45

Patrol Conducted by A/Noii H.G. Sumes.

Area Patrolled Coastal villages Abau to Boundary.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 27/6/1944 to 15/7/1944

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
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PATROL REPORT.

ABAU 2/41-45.

REPORT OF PATROL BY:

A/NO 11 Turner, H.G.

TO:

All coastal villages
from ABAU to W Boundary.

DATE LEFT STATION:

27th. June, 1944.

" RETURNED:

15th. July, 1944.

PURPOSE OF PATROL:

Census.
Figures re. Circ. Inst 14/1/6
of C.S. 44.
Suitable Students for School.
Production figures of plantations.
Routine patrol.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:

RLC. 2
GARRIS 6

LAST PATROL TO AREA MADE BY:

Medical Assistant on 23rd. June, '44.

~~Turner~~ A/NO 11.
I.O.

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DIARY.

TUESDAY. 27th. June, 1944: Left Abau at 0900 hrs per canoe - arrived at Baramata at 1200 hrs. Left here at 1500 hrs for Otamata - arriving at 1600 hrs.

WEDNESDAY. 28th. Left Otamata at 1000 hrs - arriving at Lalaura at 1200 hrs.

THURSDAY. 29th. Left Lalaura at 0900 hrs for Kapari-Hula, arriving at 1030 hrs.

FRIDAY. 30th. Left Kapari-Hula at 1200 hrs for Gabuoni - arriving 1500 hrs. Moved on to Pailli Plantation, arriving at 1730 hrs.

SATURDAY. 1st. July, 1944. Left Pailli Fltn. at 0800 hrs - arrived at Gabuoni at 0930 hrs.

SUNDAY. 2nd. At Gabuoni.

MONDAY. 3rd. At Gabuoni.

Tuesday. 4th. At Kelelakwa.

WEDNESDAY. 5th. At Kelelakwa.

THURSDAY. 6th. At Waiori.

FRIDAY. 7th. At Wanigela.

SATURDAY. 8th. At Wanigela.

SUNDAY. 9th. At Areola Mission Station. (SDA)

MONDAY 10th. Left Gabuoni at 0700 hrs and arrived at Kapari-Hula at 1400 hrs.

TUESDAY 11th. Left Kapari-Hula at 0800 hrs for Obguni arriving at 1000 hrs. Left for Ioba at 1300 hrs, arrived at 1400 hrs. Left at 1500 hrs for Abula, arriving at 1415 hrs. Left for Unau at 1600 hrs, arriving at 1700 hrs. Left at 1830 hrs for Kapari - arriving at 2100 hrs. 1?

WEDNESDAY 12th. Left Kapari at 0700 hrs for Otamata, arriving at 1030 hrs. Left here at 1100 hrs. for Tutubu, arriving at 1115 hrs. Left Tutubu at 1400 hrs. for Naura Fltn., arriving at 1500 hrs.

THURSDAY 13th. Left Bala Fltn. at 1000 hrs for Domara, arriving at 1200 hrs.

FRIDAY. 14th. At Domara.

SATURDAY 15th. Left Domara at 0800 hrs and arrived at Duramu at 0900 hrs. Left here at 1600 hrs. for Abau - arrived at 2130 hrs.

WANIGELA: Map Ref: 032729. Marshall's Lagoon 1272 1" Series.
 Vill. Const. AU'BEREGA Reg. No. 4.
 Same as P.R. No. 7-43/44, except that the two houses mentioned have now been completed. Making total number of houses 137.
 People have constructed 3 houses for Medical Aid Post.

*not indicated
 Civil*

WAYORI: Map Ref: 032751. Vill. Const. WALO'FONIA Reg. No. 3.
 In P.R. No. 7-43/44 I suggested that, when labour permits, the rear of the village which is on solid ground, should be built up. I now wish to cancel this suggestion as the ground has been carried away and only a very small area towards the centre of the village is now solid. The people tell me that they have sunk mangrove timber and a great amount of river gravel, but after a short while it sinks below the surface.
 Otherwise same as PR 7-43/44.

GABUOKI: Map Ref: 991602. Vill. Const. POTEA Reg. No. 6.
 Houses repaired as instructed (PR 7-43/44).
 Same as PR 7-43/44.

KELELAKWA: Map Ref: 983685. Vill. Const. ABALABA Reg. No. 5.
 The Rest House has been destroyed by flood. Have instructed that a new one be built some 400 yds. north of the old site. At the present moment the swampy area mentioned in PR 7-43/44 is under control, but I have instructed that the drains be made deeper.
 Otherwise the same as PR 7-43/44.

KAPARI-HULA: Map Ref: 166630. Vill. Const. LEWARAKA Reg. No. 7.
 The 4 houses have been repaired (See PR 7-43/44).
 Same as PR 7-43/44.

BIBI'OLU: Map Ref: 165630. Vill. Const. LEWARAKA Reg. No. 7.
 Same as PR 7-43/44, except that the minor repairs have been done.

OBAGUNI: Map Ref: 216631. Vill. Const. DEBENI Reg. No. 9.
 Same as PR 7-43/44.

IABA: Map Ref: 219620. Vill. Const. DEBENI Reg. No. 9.
 House repaired as instructed PR 7-43/44, otherwise the same.

ABUIA: Map Ref: 231620. Vill. Const. DEBENI Reg. No. 9.
 One house repaired as instructions (PR 7-43/44).

UNAU: Map Ref: 207597. Vill. Const. DEBENI Reg. No. 9.
 Same as PR 7-33/44.

LALAU: Map Ref: 191578. Vill. Const. JOHN Reg. No. 8.
 Same as PR 7-43/44.

TUTURU: Map Ref: 276314. Vill. Const. INT'LESI Reg. No. 10.
 Both houses mentioned in PR 7-43/44 have been repaired, otherwise the same.

DOMARA: Map Ref: 407586. Vill. Const. MAIPUA Reg. No. 11.
 Houses now number 54, otherwise the same as PR 7-43/44.

DURAMU: Map Ref: 439576. Vill. Const. AFAU Reg. No. 12.
 Instructions given as per PR 7-43/44 have been carried out, otherwise the same.

HYGIENE.

LATRINES: With the exception of GKBUONI, where I have instructed that two new latrines be built, the latrines in the villages were all in good order and condition.

WATER HOLES:

All water holes, with the undermentioned exception, were in good condition, and the water good.

KAFARI: This water hole was in a bad state and I had the people repair it and lined with tin. It is now completed.

PIGS:

Pens have been built in all the villages, and found great satisfaction with the people.

FOOD SUPPLIES.

GARDENS: The gardens were in good condition, with sufficient food for the people.

KAFARI: The gardens of this village were, for one week, under water, but this has now drained off. During the time they were under water, the women still managed to gather quite a lot of food. At no time was there a shortage.

PIGS & FOWLS:

Same as FR 7-43/44, with the exception of a very small percentage either killed or sold.

FISHING:

Same as FR 7-43/44.

Ultimate aim should be to have wells in coastal villages lined & covered. Paul

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For attachment to [unclear] P/R [unclear] of 24/45 on inst.
By [unclear] of [unclear]

Smith
beck
22 AUG 1944

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HEALTH, 5

found no sickness or sores in the village, as the Medical Assistant was patrolling the same area.

The outbreaks of whooping cough at KAFARI-BULIA and WANIGELA was being taken care of by two Medical Aid Posts, one at each of the a/c villages.

On checking the census, I found that 80 deaths had occurred in the last six months, I suspect, from the description of the disease given by the village people, from dysentery.

DEHARA VILLAGE.	32
KAFARI "	17
BILWOLU "	10
GALJOBI "	9
KHILLAKWA "	2
WANIGELA "	2
WAICRI "	1

80

These figures have been given to the Medical Assistant here for his information.

Carl

It is intended to combine the U.A. Posts at Wanigela + Arona under one. Haven't decided yet which is most suitable site. Two are an unnecessary duplication of effort. Carl

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ROYAL NAUHAN CONSTABULARY.

No. 1861 HPC KOKOTFA
No. 1872 HPC BARORI.

The conduct of the s/m Constables was, as usual, excellent.

8
SCHOOL FORT MORESBY.

I explained to all the village people about the school in Fort Moresby. They were all very keen about it, but unfortunately there were no students with the required standard.

The people informed me that they were handicapped because they could not speak English. They said that the Mission Teachers, with one exception, stationed in their village could not or did not teach them English. There was not dissatisfaction with the Teacher, rather they thought highly of him.

9.

GAVERA (MOTU) - KAVELA (VILIRITU)

Possibly the information I have gathered from the people of Wanigela, on the a/m food, may be of interest.

Gavera (as it is called in the Motuan language) is a species of mangrove. It is easily distinguishable from the other types of mangrove, by its red flower, and also the edible beans or seeds are much smaller. As with all species of mangrove these seeds fall into the mud and take root.

Avicennia

I believe, this food is eaten by all the coastal peoples from Moresby to Suva, possibly it may be common to all coastal people, but of that I am not certain. With the exception of the Wanigela people, it is only eaten when they are short of other foods or when they feel ill; for, to quote their words "It makes their skin strong."

The one exception, which I mentioned above, is the village of Wanigela. These people eat Gavera consistently, but not on its own; but this will be further explained in the 'method of preparing'.

It is interesting to note the population figures of Wanigela: After the whooping cough and measles epidemic in 1920 the population was:-

710

Present population - 1240. Nearly doubled in a little over 20 years.

VARO'VARO, a Councillor of Wanigela, who died recently, left a family of 52 children and six wives. Granted that this is an outstanding example, but 7 to 10 children among younger men, is quite common at the present time.

Could Gavera be associated with the large population? It is an interesting point.

Method of preparing:

The gavera seed is picked up from the ground, where it falls when ripe, at no time is it picked direct from the tree.

It is then boiled for 3 hours, the water poured off; and it is interesting to note that, although the water is not discoloured, it has a strong smell of iodine. The seed is then removed and scraped until the skin has been removed, after this it lies idle for 2 an hour, to allow it to harden slightly, then shredded. After shredding it is placed in a native basket and put in the sea, where it remains for 3 hours. Taken out, it is again boiled for 1 hour, the water poured off, fresh water poured over it, and boiled for a further hour. It is then removed and eaten with whatever food the people have brought from the gardens.

The remaining coastal people, I believe, prepare it the same way, but the first boiling is done in coconut milk, which is not poured off, and eaten with the milk it has been cooked in.

Taste: I have eaten gavera and found, apart from a slight saltiness, it tasteless.

The first boiling should be done in coconut milk? It is then eaten with the milk it has been cooked in.

TYPES OF MANGROVE:

The Waniela know of 4 types of mangrove:-

1. GUGUNI - from which dye is extracted.
2. HORLA - from which an edible grub is extracted. (see below).
3. GAVERA.
4. MAIKU - having no use for them. (people).

HORLA.

This type of mangrove is felled and allowed to rot. It is then cut open and a white grub, from sizes ranging 6 inches to 3 feet, is extracted. This, so the natives tell me, is something like an oyster to taste and very sweet. This grub is considered a great delicacy.

"Grub" is a large *Larva*, a mollusc.

Mangrove at Waniela

1. Avicennia Rheedii (Guguni) - no prop roots
The ordinary red building timber
2. Rhizophora micronata (Horla) prop roots, branched
This has a soft timber in which the teredo bores
3. Sonnerata avicenna (Gavera) Air roots from below ground. Dry hard ^{wood}

All the above have the "seed" which is actually a seedling, floats root-down and penetrates the mud when stranded.

- 4) I haven't the scientific name for this, but it is the well known milky mangrove the sap of which is poisonous

LOSS OF EQUIPMENT.
2 SAUCEPANS & 1 HURRICANE LAMP.

I have to report the loss of the a/m items from my patrol equipment.

Whilst crossing from Kaperi-Hula to Vilirupu the canoe, in which I was travelling, took seas over it and swamped, causing the two saucepans and one hurricane lamp to be swept ~~ed~~ overboard.

Fortunately the remaining gear was too heavy for any seas to dislodge.

James H/6
P.O.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

10800

File 30

District Office
ABAU sub-District

26 June 44

A/WO 11 H. Turner,
Patrol Officer.

PATROL TO WESTERN BOUNDRY

1. Please make a patrol to the Western Boundry, leaving to-morrow.
2. Please pay particular attention to the following:
 - (a) Census - Check figures given in P.R.No.7/44 against the Census Book and extract figures asked for in Circ. Inst. 14/1/43 of 6.5,44.
 - (b) Names & place of emp. of natives whose families are suffering hardships by their absence.
 - (c) Hygiene, food supplies and health.
 - (d) Names of natives with fair knowledge of English and suitable students for the new School in Moresby. Explain to the natives through the Councillors and Vill. Constables the objects of the school, subjects, taught, advantages to the native etc.
3. Obtain from Plantation Managers production figures from the date they renewed production.
4. Natives with large families or a number of dependants whose villages are close to Plantations can be noted. I shall endeavour to transfer these natives to plantations near their villages so that they can visit their people and make gardens. This could be discussed with the Plantation Managers.
5. Distribute the seeds supplied to the Childrens' Garden at KAPARI-HULA. You could show them how to plant the seeds, prepare the beds etc.
6. Any native with a knowledge of carpentering could be noted and, signed under a conditional C/E to work on the new Native Hospital. The C/E would expire when the work is completed.
7. Discuss the new Native School at Port Moresby with the SDA Missionary at KORELA and show him a copy of the GOC's letter should he not have received a copy.

Smith

Capt.

ADC

DO ANGAU District HQ
SAMARAI District.

For attachment to ABAU P/R No.2 of 44/45 as inst.
by SR DS Circ.No.11 of 9 Aug 44.

Smith

Capt.

ADO 22 Aug 44

*Recd
19/8*



Fwd. for info.

H3 6/A

Ad Recd 20

MAJOR
SAMARAI
23 AUG 1944

12 AUG 1944

District Officer
Milne Bay,
10 Aug 44.

A.D.O. ABAU

Patrol report No. 2 of 44/45.

1. The above P/R was received here numbered 9/44. This has been altered to read as above in conformity with C.I. 43/26 of 1 Jun 44. Your last P/R arrived here without a number whereupon it was given the number 1 of 44/45 ABAU. Please continue your numbers in this order.
2. You should make a visit to the village of WAIORI with a view to ascertaining if a move may not be indicated. It seems that the useless work put into reclamation might be better directed elsewhere.
3. Perhaps H.Q. would make available some cement for the construction of a lip round the KAPARI well. A requisition would be worth a trial.
4. I spoke to Dr. Vernon a few days ago and he told me that he was heading in your direction. Have all your dysentery figures ready for him. I suggest that a Patrol Officer or yourself meet him on your Eastern boundary and accompany him along the coast. Much valuable information would thus be acquired and many problems could be discussed on the spot.

*C. Have we got file for native
foods etc. - see page 9.
No. 15/8*

[Signature]
.....Major,
(J.R. Foldi) D.O.

HQ Copy.

SatR Reg.

*For your information please. It is understood
that you will replace the patrol gear.*

[Signature]
D.O.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

File 30
District Office,
ABAU sub-District
26 July 44

DO ANGAU District HQ
SAMARAI District.

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PATROL REPORT - ABAU 9/44-45.

1. I am attaching hereto three copies of PR 9/44 Abau.
2. Health: It is known that dysentery has been responsible for a great number of deaths in this sub-District but exact figures are not available. These were obtained for the information of the Med. Assistant (whose records are incomplete) but are not to be relied upon as the natives are now prone to ascribe all deaths to dysentery.
3. Population: A check made on the previous census (vide PR 7/44 Abau). It will be noted that there are a number of alterations. Adult males under C/E have been taken into account.
4. Food: I find the notes on the use of mangrove seed "GAVERA" as a food very interesting and they may be of interest also to Capt. Delande; I have heard that he is interested in this subject.
5. Loss of Equipment: Report of the circumstances attending the loss of patrol equipment is attached to PR 9/44 as directed by DS circular 25/2/18 para 5. Could this be replaced, please?

3 copies.

Smith
Capt.
ADO





File 30
District Office,
ABAU sub-District
22 Aug 44

DO ANGAU District HQ
SAMARAI District.

ABAU P/R No.2 of 44/45.

1. Ref your letter of 10 Aug (unnumbered) re above.

2. I inspected the village of WAICRI on the 16 Aug. I do not think a move is indicated. WAICRI is a marine village built over the waters of Marshall Lagoon and has an exceptionally good health record, escaping with one death in the recent dysentery epidemic. The population has increased from 232 in 1920 to 405 in 1944. The reclamation referred to by W/O Turner is a small area (approx. 15 ft. by 40 ft.) in the center of the village. It is merely a patch of hard earth about one foot above the level of the tidal mud flat on which the village is built and there appears to have been little work put into it by the natives and I should think has been built up very gradually over a number of years.

3. I have some cement on hand which I obtained for the Station wells. I shall have two wells constructed at KAPARI using 4 gal. oil drums and concrete.

4. I shall make arrangements to meet Dr. Vernon. Perhaps he could give me some indication of when to expect him - within a week or two.

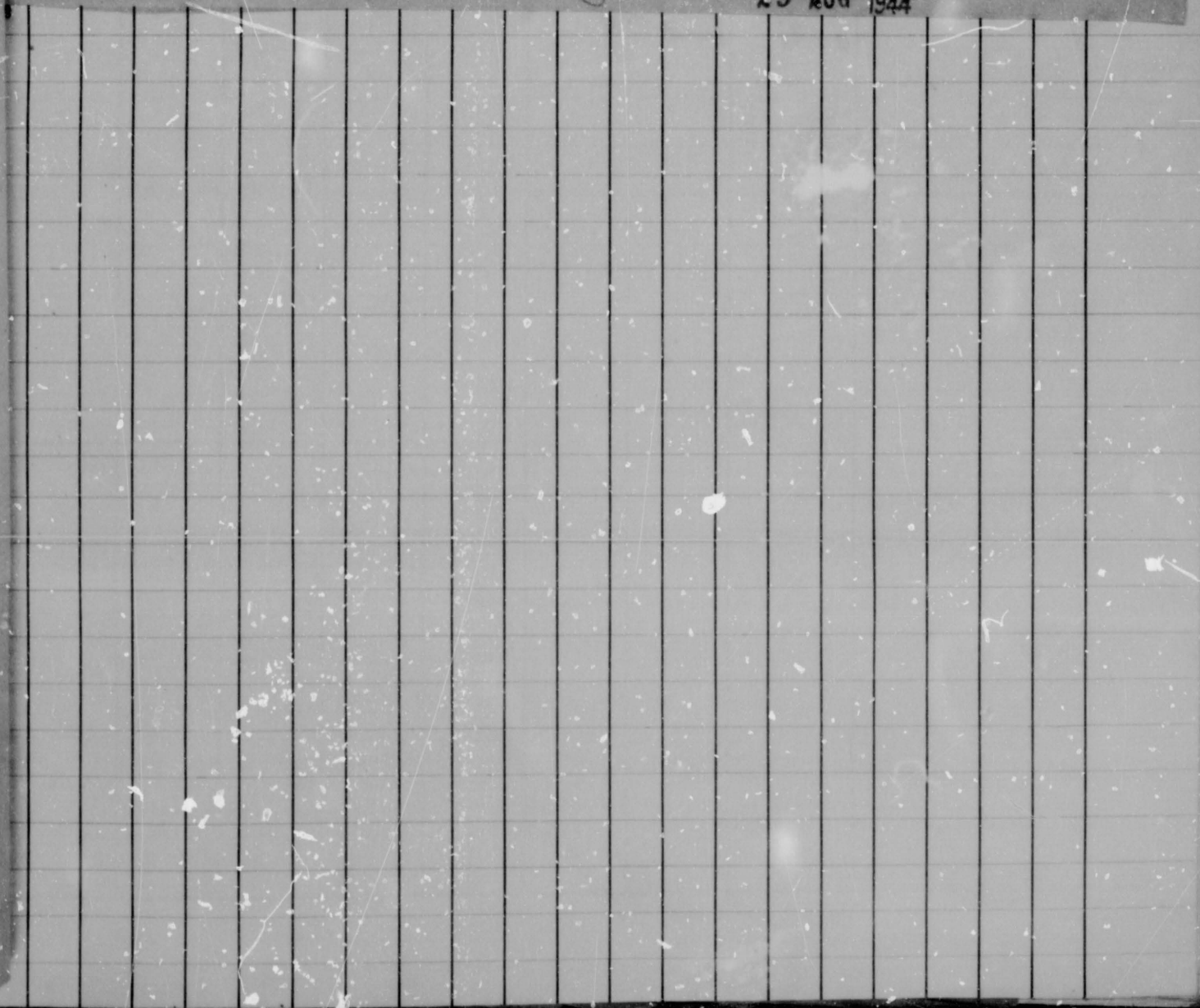
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Aiau Report No. 3 of 44/45

Patrol Conducted by Woi J.O. Clark

Area Patrolled Aiau, Sebana, Kevesi - Bau

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From Mo 9 / 19 44 to 10 / 19 44

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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 £.....

Females
in Child
Birth

ABAU
No. 3 of 44/45.

REPORT of PATROL by WO 11 CLARK, J.O. to villages of AMAU, DEBANA, and the KEVERI and BAU Districts.

Date left Station: 26 SEP 44
Date returned: 10 OCT 44

PURPOSES OF PATROL:

- (a) To check Census and obtain names of natives under C/Employment and take note of any cases of hardship resulting from the absence of a native.
- (b) To report on capabilities of village officials and amend Vil. Consts numbers where necessary.
- (c) To renew Vil. Consts books where necessary.
- (d) To conduct a medical inspection of the villages and village people.
- (e) To investigate food supplies and note condition of gardens.
- (f) To investigate the reported wish of some AMAU people to return to their old villages.
- (g) To report on the suitability or otherwise of Field Operational Ration O2 for patrol purposes.
- (h) To deal with any complaints made under the N.R. Ordinance.
- (i) To pay out to next of kin wages due to deceased natives.
- (j) To take stock of any petrol and oil left on AMAU drome by the RAAF.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:

- (a) European personnel: Nil.
- (b) RFC: 3.
- (c) Native carriers: 20 from ABAU throughout and in addition carriers from village to village.
- (d) NMO: 1.

Cost of Patrol:

Issues to carriers, RPC and NMO:
 Rice, 672 lbs: Meat, 46 tins: Fish, 27 tins: Biscuit, 108 lbs:
 Sugar, 35 lbs: Matches 3 doz: Soap 12 lbs: Salt, 12 lbs.
 Tobacco: Issues to carriers, RPC and NMO 3 1/2 lbs: Payments to village carriers, 6 lbs: Vil Consts and Grs. 1 lb: Payments for native foods, 4 1/2 lbs: Returned to store 1 lb: Total, 16 lbs.

LAST PATROL TO AREA MADE BY:

- (a) District Services Field Staff.....Nov 43
- (b) Medical Assistant.....Mar 44.

DIARY.

26 SEP 44 Left ABAU by launch 0600 hrs. Arr DUBAMA (Map Ref 845758) 1130 hrs (having been delayed 2½ hrs by engine trouble and grounding of launch). Obtained canoes at DURAMU to transport gear and carriers up river to the AMAU landing. At the landing 20 loads put under cover and Cpl OGEPAUE left in charge. Walked to Amau (843776). A track road made by the Mission runs from the landing to the village. Arr. 1730 hrs.

27 SEP 44 Engaged all day at AMAU in census taking. This was done from house to house and a complete medical inspection of the people was carried out at the same time. Abau carriers sent back to the landing to bring up the remainder of the loads.

28 SEP 44 At AMAU. Went right through the village again checking census (particularly people who were absent on the previous day and who had since come in). AMAU Houses 45 POP. 290. Inspected village latrines. Made an inventory of petrol and oil left on drome by the RAAF (See separate report). Inspected village gardens. Made investigation into reported desire of some AMAU people to return to their old villages (see separate report).

29 SEP 44 Left AMAU 0630 hrs. Stiff climbing. Arr. KUROUDI (826793) 1315 hrs. No village. A Rest House has been built here by the AMAU people. 30 carriers from Amau (including women) accompanied patrol.

30 SEP 44 Left KUROUDI 0630 hrs Arr. DEBANA (823804) 1500 hrs. A long day with many river crossings and very stiff climbs and descents. Rough country, many minor ^{injuries} among carriers attended to by the NMO. Amau carriers paid off.

1 OCT 44 At DEBANA. Took census and carried out medical inspection. Checked census in afternoon. Houses 16 Pop 93. Amau carriers rested in the village. New carriers came in from villages over the Range in the evening.

2 OCT 44 Left DEBANA 0530 hrs. Very stiff climbing all day. Topped Mt. CBAKA 1100 hrs. Reached bottom 1230 hrs. Made camp 1330 hrs.

3 OCT 44 Broke camp 0600. Arr DOMA (834812) 0700 hrs. Took census, carried out medical inspection. Houses 6 Pop 55. This small village is a breakaway from ARAIA. Left DOMA 1000 hrs Arr ARAIA (838813) 1130 hrs. Carried ^{on} medical inspection in afternoon. paid off carriers who accompanied patrol on this and previous day.

4 OCT 44 Left ARAIA 0600 hrs. Made camp at DOMARA (no village) 1300 hrs. First half of day along (in) creeks and latter half along the tops of switchback ridges. Carriers from ARAIA and patients from DOMA and ARAIA accompanied patrol.

5 OCT 44 Broke camp 0600 hrs. Arr OBO (849798) 1200 hrs. Took census made medical inspection. Houses 6 Pop 33. Left 1500 hrs. Arr. PAIWA (854795) 1630 hrs. Inspected the village. ARAIA carriers paid off.

6 OCT 44 At PAIWA. Took census carried out medical inspection. Houses 10 Pop 54. Left at 1000 hrs. Arr KEVERI (856789) 1500 hrs. Took census and made medical inspection of village before nightfall. Houses 18 Pop 82.

7 OCT 44 Leaving most of gear and half the carriers at KEVERI left at 0600 hrs for BAU (863788). Arr 0800 hrs. Took census and made medical inspection. Houses 12 Pop 69. (See separate report under "Medical Matters" on this village). Took back to KEVERI patients for hospital. Left BAU 1300 hrs Arr KEVERI 1445 hrs. Checked KEVERI census. Note: BAU village has had orders (from TUFU) to move to a new site on the main KEVERI-ABAU road. I inspected this site. So far only clearing has been done.

8 OCT 44 Left KEVERI 0600 hrs. No villages between here and BAUBAGINA Plantation, Made camp 1400 hrs. No village carriers were used for this or remaining stages of patrol.

9 OCT 44 Broke camp 0600 hrs. made camp 1200 hrs. Progress slow as PO had injured leg. Difficult mountain country.

10 OCT 44 Broke camp 0600 hrs. Level but very muddy track. Reached BAUBAGUINA PLTN(864770) 1000 hrs. By launch to ABAU, arrived 1600 hrs.

MATTERS DEALT WITH ON THE PATROL.-

(a) Checking of Census and obtaining names of natives under C/Employment.

On arrival in the villages I found that the census had already been taken this year by patrols from TUFU (exceptions were AMAU and DEBANA).

Nevertheless I took a fresh census of all villages visited (i.e. as distinct from a check of the old census (1937)). ARAIA was an exception as it is within the TUFU boundary and was visited only because it is on the road to the KEVERI Valley.

Names of natives working under C/Employment from all villages visited were taken and particular cases of hardship noted. A list has been handed to the ADO.

(b) Capabilities of village officials.

AMAU:

Vil Consts: ITABI (No 32). Excellent. A conscientious man.
 SUMANU (No 29). An old man. Anxious to help.

Councillors: OPEKURE, UNIKO, FOANI. All good. Other Councillors not present at time of patrol.

DEBANA:

Vil Const: ARARA (No 13). Excellent. Has his village in good order despite lack of manpower.
 Councillor: ANISERI. Good.

DOMA:

NO Vil Const (Controlled by Vil Const ARAIA)

Councillor: BUDA. A cheerful old man but he has not got his village under control. As there is no Vil Const a stronger man is needed. The outstanding man in the village is MAIO MIDU. He would make an excellent Vil Const..

ARAIA:

Vil Const Kamori (No 109 Tufu). Excellent in every way.
 Councillor KUMU Fair. Another Councillor was not present.

OBO:

No Vil Const (controlled from KEVERI)
 Councillor ~~MAGA~~ GOI'AU. Excellent. Village in good order and some work has been done on the roads.

PAIWA:

No Vil Const (controlled from KEVERI)
 Councillor BOGARA. Probably tries but is very weak. (Note. Later at ABAU this man surrendered his medal and a new Councillor was appointed).

KEVERI:

Vil Const IARE'E (No 104 Tufu No 41 Abau)

The lack of manpower in his village makes his job difficult. Despite this, however, new houses and a new police barracks are being built. But he should carry out orders in his book, particularly as to road building.

He controls OBO and PAIWA also but I think it is doubtful whether he visits those villages much. Perhaps the appointment of a Vil Const in Paiwa or Obo would be wise.

Councillor OMORU and KE'IA: Both good. Councillor AVIA died a few days before the patrol reached KEVERI. His medal was handed over and it was brought back to ABAU.

BAU:

Vil Const NANAU (No 16 Tufu) Very good. Has his village in good order.

BAU(contd):

Councillor GIBIRI. Excellent.

Vil Consts Registers.

As already stated, some of the books were issued by TUF1 and I did not, of course, alter them. Books with ABAU numbers were altered where necessary.

(C) To renew Vil Consts Registers where necessary.

It was not found necessary to do this in any ~~case~~ instance.

(d) Medical Matters (See separate sheet)

(e) Food Supplies and Gardens.

Only in AMAU did the people appear to have plenty of food. They have extensive gardens and ample food was available for the carriers.

In DEBANA, DOMA, ARAIA, OBO and PAIWA food supplies were adequate but there was little to spare and I was able to buy very little for the carriers.

In KEVERI and BAU a food shortage was reported and the people were making sago. I inspected the gardens and it was clear that they are a long way from full bearing. Very stout fences are needed as wild pigs are bad in the area.

I could buy no food at all in KEVERI and very little in BAU.

Reasons given for the shortage were:

(i) The recruitment of nearly all the able-bodied men in the villages means that the heavy work (making of new gardens and fences) cannot be done as before.

(ii) These villages were, the people said, continuously engaged under Government orders in a search for a murderer (DARE) for twelve months (the BAU people say for eighteen months) and during this time no garden (or other) work was done in the villages. During the search rations were supplied to them.

(f) Reported wish of some AMAU people to return to their old villages.

Amou is a combination of the old village of AMAU with the small inland villages of DOMARA, DOREVAIDE, KUROUDI and UKOUDI which have been brought in around a branch of the KWATO Mission. The moves took place in 1939 and 1940. In addition to people from the villages mentioned small groups of people (particularly children for the school) came from other villages, e.g. ARAIA, PAIWA. Population of AMAU now (at CENSUS) 290.

The Mission's activities were suspended when the war came to Papua and this must have had an unsettling effect on the AMAU people. But on questioning village officials and village people as to a reported desire to return to the old villages I was assured that they liked AMAU and the Mission and had no wish to return.

(g) Suitability or otherwise of Field Operational Ration O2 for Patrol Purposes.

I had not seen this ration before. A tin is designed to provide three meals for one man for a day. The meals are packed separately and well and can be eaten as found. Unless tea is made, no fire is necessary.

For a Patrol Officer on his own, therefore, the ration has its advantages. The sweets, fruit blocks and chocolate are ideal for eating at short halts. Other items are packed in small tins, the whole contents of which can be eaten at once. There is thus no necessity to carry open tins.

Supplemented with other foods, notably fresh vegetables, the ration is suitable for patrol purposes. For very short patrols and in emergencies the ration alone would be sufficient.

The small tins containing food designed to be eaten by one man at one meal, (e.g. meat, cheese, peanut butter) are ideal for a Patrol Officer and are not found, so far as I am aware, in any other Army rations.

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(h) Complaints under N.R. Ordinance.

Numerous troubles of individual natives were ~~mentioned~~ brought forward at the villages visited and were discussed and solutions found or suggested. None of these developed into the holding of a Court.

At AMAU the head teacher of the Mission school told me that she was having difficulty with a number of parents who would not send their children to school.

With the return of the Mission the school has re-opened but a number of children have not yet resumed school going.

The teacher said that she did not wish to proceed against the parents concerned at present but she asked me to inform them of their liabilities under the N.R. Ordinance.

I sent for several parents who appeared to be the worst offenders and informed them of their obligations under the Ordinance and of the penalties which could be imposed on non-compliance

(i) Payment of wages to next of kin of deceased natives.

Only one amount was given to me for this purpose. The next of kin lives in the village of NINIFU (Tufi District) which was not visited on the patrol. However, I arranged for her to be sent in to ABAU to collect the money.

The next of kin of Const ERE of the RPC (mentioned in my letter of instructions) was found to be his deceased sisters son, Sidieba Subuai, of MINIWAKA. Although I did not visit this village it so happened that this boy was one of the carriers who came from over the Range to meet me at DEBANA. In the presence of his Councillor he told me that the money had been paid to him.

(j) Petrol and Oil left on the AMAU drome by the RAAF.

A complete inventory of this was taken and it has been handed to the ABO.

ROADS and BRIDGES.

In general they do not exist. Where there is a track at all, it is a scarcely discernible native foot pad.

Very little can be done in the rain forest where the track is over rocks and tree roots overgrown with moss. But bridges and footholds could be made in the worst places. Bridges over the small creeks either do not exist or are rotten- I fell through several.

Many parts of the tracks are dangerous and the carriers and myself had numerous falls.

All Village Policemen were instructed to do work on the roads.

REST HOUSES.

In general are good. New ones have been built at DEBANA and PAIWA. Repairs to roof were ordered in AMAU.

At KEVERI the Rest House is on the point of falling down and the Vil Const was given orders to have it rebuilt.

GENERAL.

(a) The country over which this patrol went is in general very rough and is sparsely populated. I had intended to stay out longer than I did. But because it was not possible to obtain sufficient village carriers, the 20 carriers taken from ABAU had to be used throughout and the duration of the patrol was governed by the rations carried for them. As stated elsewhere, very little native foods were available.

Constant hills and mountains (two crossings of the Main Range) made day to day progress slow.

(b) Carrying frames were used on this patrol for the first time. Six were taken and they proved satisfactory.

Suggested improvements:

(i) if the canvas flap at the back were fastened at the top (buckles at the bottom) the load would be better protected from rain.

(ii) A quick release should be provided for the shoulder-straps. In case of a fall down a sharp incline, if the carrier cannot jettison his load quickly he is liable to be seriously injured.

(d)

MEDICAL MATTERS.

An NMO accompanied the patrol throughout. At DEBANA No 177 NMO WARINA was replaced by No 251 NMO AOBA.

At each village a complete medical inspection of the people was carried out. Simple first aid was given where necessary and all patients for hospital either put in charge of the Vil Const to be taken to ABAU or, in the later stages, brought back with the patrol itself. All patients have since arrived.

Number of villages visited: 8.
Number of people inspected: 529.
Number sent to hospital : 57.

Hospital cases: Malnutrition, 8; Filaria, 1; Yaws, 11; Skin diseases, 3; Ulcers, 6; Tinea, 18; Malaria, 2; Other cases, 8: TOTAL, 57.

Each village was inspected for cleanliness. Latrines were inspected and orders given for repairs or renewals where necessary. The water supply of each village was also inspected. It was found in every case that water was drawn from a fast running creek or river, so that water supplies are excellent.

BAU VILLAGE.

In April this year an NMO sent to Bau reported that the village and the people were in a filthy state. He reported also that no latrines had been built (to replace some condemned). His report generally was most unfavourable.

On this patrol BAU was visited on 7 OCT 44 and I found the village in very good condition. It is clean, cleaner than the average.

The only bad points were (i) the latrine for men was unsatisfactory. It was condemned and a new one ordered to be built. (ii) Sipoma was bad and 8 cases were brought back to Abau for treatment.

In view of the NMO's report I was pleasantly surprised by the conditions I found in BAU. The Vil Const and the Councillor are both live men.

In ARAIA several cases of large neck swellings among women and girls were noticed. This I took to be goitre. The people affected seemed to be quite happy and as the NMO assured me that we could not treat the complaint, no cases were brought back. This was the only village in which the swellings were seen.

Conduct of NMOS accompanying the Patrol

No 177 WARINA: Good.
No 251 AOBA : Excellent. Most conscientious.

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Conduct of members of the RPC accompanying Patrol

Reg No2311 L/Cpl OGEPAUE Excellent.
Reg No 2711 Const MEDURI Fair. Discipline poor.
Reg No 1687 Const JIWAI Good.
Reg No 1590 Const PONIBA Good.

DO ANGAU District HQ
SAMARAI District.

ABAU Patrol Report No.3 of 44/45

Attached hereto are two copies of the above report together with relevant correspondence.

2. Village Constables etc.: It will be noted that some villages in the TUFU District were visited on this patrol. It is convenient to do while in the area but some confusion appears to have arisen over Village Constables' Registers and numbers. This has happened a number of times in years past as correspondence dating back to 1920 shows. It is mainly due to the fact that the boundary between the two Districts is not well defined. Many of these Main Range villages are closer to ABAU than to TUFU (although more difficult of access) and have been transferred from one District to the other a number of times. The Village Constables have frequently brought cases to ABAU in the past although they report to TUFU for their pay. I am attaching an amended return of ABAU Vill. Constables with an extra copy for the DO TUFU. This agrees with the 1941 return.

3. Medical Matters: SAU village (TUFU District) suffered from and outbreak of dysentery during March, 1944 and was visited by an NMO from ABAU during April. His report is the subject of correspondence under HQ file 12/5/6 and Samarai file 16/4. It would appear that there has been a startling improvement in the Vill. Constable, his people and his village as a result of the NMO's visit. I have noticed scitregis fairly common amongst the Main Range people in the RIGO District.

4. Food Supplies & Gardens: The statement of the village people that they were engaged in searching for a murderer for 12 months is correct. During the same period in 1937 (Oct/Nov) the ARM ABAU reported fine gardens in this area and ample food including pumpkin, vegetable marrow, sweet corn, swede turnips, rock melons, cucumbers, white turnips, rock melons, water melons, tomatoes and spinach. The seeds were supplied from ABAU. I am submitting a requisition for seeds for distribution in this area. Natives under C/S will be repatriated as soon as it is possible to do so (vide ABAU file 18 of 1 Oct 44 "Recruiting of N/L - Adm. Inst.No.53).

5. AMAU Village: The report that some of the mountain people living at AMAU wished to return to their original villages probably originated from some of the old people who remained. AMAU (composed of a number of inland villages which amalgamated at the instigation of KWATO Mission) is a model village of well built houses on excellent garden land. Although most of the males were recruited it is noted that they can still grow more than sufficient food for their own needs.

6. Complaints under NP.Ord.: There is no European Missionary at AMAU and I doubt if the standard of English taught by the native teachers would justify a complaint under Sect.117. However, the warning will do no harm and will serve to "encourage" attendance.

7. Census: A copy will be sent to the DO TUFU when completed.

8. Const.ERE(decd): This matter will be referred to the CO RPC. It would seem that the amount received by the relatives was only 10/-.

9. Reg.No.2711 Const.MEDURI: This Constable was transferred from Milne Bay Detachment to ABAU a couple of months ago and has caused trouble on the Station. I shall send a report to the CO RPC

Agree
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Capt. ADD

VILLAGE CONSTABLES - ARAU sub-DISTRICT - SAMARAI DISTRICT

Number	Name of V.C.	Villages Controlled by Vill. Constable	District
1	KARAWA	KURU; MARIA; NOLI'O; EIUNA	Mt. Brown
2	KAWAI	MAKIRIPANA; KANIGABA; EERAVE; IMILA	O'CADINA) Imila River) Marshall Lagoon
3	WALO'PONIA	WAIORI	Marshall Lagoon
4	AU'GEREGA	WANIGELA	Marshall Lagoon
5	ABALAPA	KELEERAKWA	McFarlane Herb.
6	POTEA	GABUONI	McFarlane Herb.
7	LEWARAKA	KAPARI'HULA	Cheshunt Bay
8	JOHN	LALAUVA	Cape Rodney
9	DEBENI	ORAGUINA; LABA; ABULA; UNAU	AURO River
10	INI'LESI	TUTUBU; MERANI	Berama ta & Benguina River
11	MAIFUA	DOMARA	Sandbank Bay
12	APAU	DURAMU	Sandbank Bay
13	ERARA	WARAMABU; debene DEBANA	Inland from AMAU - Main Range
14	SENI	KUROUDI people who have now moved to AMAU village.	AMAU - inland DOMARA.
15	SUMANU	MAVA'PULA; UKAUDI; MAKEA; MAKATA people the great majority of whom have moved to AMAU	AMAU - inland DOMARA
16	BOBOGI	BADUBADU	Cloudy Bay
17	SAISA	GANAI	Cloudy Bay
18	BAHAGA	INIADO (SIN); GORUMI (GORUMEDA; A'ANAM; LAUWOI have combined a t SIN or INIADO)	Cloudy bay & Baxter Bay
19	Va cent	VELEVELAI (controlled by No. 20)	Inland Robinson River.
20	KAI'A	DOMA (OROMARI; DOLOBUBU; WAHEA) and BARUA Combined a t DOMA	Inland Robinson River.
21	MADO	BAM (BAISIRAGA a bandoned)	Inland Robinson River.
22	GADO	SIGILI; UAHA	Inland Robinson River.
23	Va cent	BOMBAGA; TUTAI	Inland Robinson River. cc
24	GORA	OI'I'O; DARAVA inland	Inland Robinson River
25	OPA'MOTU	BORU; MAGAUBO	Baxter Bay
26	BOBI	DARAVA; BUBU	Table Bay
27	MARI	DEBA	Table Bay
28	vacant	MAGORI; LAUA (controlled by V.C.No.27)	Inland Table Bay on BAILLEBU River

VILLAGE CONSTABLES - ABAU sub-District (Cont.)

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name of V.Const.</u>	<u>Villages cont.by ViConst.</u>	<u>District</u>
29	V ₂ cant	LOPOM: LAURUOLO Islands	KWAIPOMATA Pt.
30	NAIDE	MAILU Island	MAILU Is.
31	NOGE	KULELE (ASIAULO has combined with KULELE & WOWOLO)	AMAZON BAY
32	GODARA	WOWOLO; SELAI:ORARO	Amazon Bay
33	OREVA	AROANA;DERERAI	Amazon Bay
34	KAU	DERIA:ENAWA:MARAWA:UNAGAMA	Inland Amazon B
35	GEWA	KOMANIA and villages of) ILAKAI Valley)	Dimuga people d Main Range inland Amazon Bay. Dimuga people
36	EMA	ARAU (MABIAWA:MOMONI'A: WARUMANA:NUNU combined)	Main Range inland Mogubu
37	AU'BIA	IO'IOGO (DEWA:RAMAMA:ONI'U: PUMFUNA combined)	Main Range
38	GABAMU	NUNUMAI	Inland Amazon B Dimuga
39	IAPO	DOVETA	Lower Dimuga
40	ITABI	AMAU (formerly DOREVAIDE. People moved to AMAU)	AMAU
41	IARE'E	ABAI - Keveri Valley	Main Range

Note: The following inland people and their Village Constables have formed one large village at AMAU:

KYRCODI (Vill.Const.SENI No.14)
 MAWABULA)
 UKAUDI) Vill.Const.SUMANU No.15
 WAKEA)
 WAKAIA)
 DOREVAIDE (Vill.Const.ITABI No.40)

*Struck off
 Abau list.
 No. 104 Tuti*

{ Vill.Const.IARE'E No.41 controlling ABAI. Record of Service in ABAU File 19/1 endorsed "This V.C.has been temporarily transferred from TUFU strength to that of ABAU." He was paid to 31 Dec 41 by Major Lamden at ABAU.

Smith

Capt.
 ADO 25.10.44

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

File 30
District Office,
ABAU sub-District
25 Sept 44

W/C 11 J.O. Clark,
Patrol Officer

PATROL - KEVERI & BAU DISTRICTS

1. Please make a patrol of the KEVERI and BAU districts via AMAU. The launch "BENGULE" will take you to the AMAU landing to-morrow morning.
2. On this patrol you will pay particular attention to the following matters:
 - (a) Census: A careful check of the population statistics. Figures available are not accurate and this should be borne in mind.
 - (b) Village Constables & Councillors: Report on the capabilities of Village officials. Keep a record of Vill. Constables' Registers and amend numbers (if necessary) to bring them in line with return. Note names of villages they control and population thereof. Note condition of Vill. Const. uniforms.
 - (c) Village Constables' Registers: Re-new any books which may be in a poor condition and issue covers for them. All information as to tracks, times, food, V.C.'s capabilities etc. which may be of use to future patrols to be transcribed from books withdrawn and entered into new books issued.
 - (d) Hygiene & Medical: A Native Medical Orderly will be attached to you on this patrol. All natives are to be lined up for his inspection. A report on BAU village by a previous patrol (Medical) showed that it was in a very unhygienic condition. You have sighted the file and will take any action necessary.
 - (e) Food supplies and Gardens: A careful note is to be made of the type and quantity of food available, condition of gardens etc.
 - (f) AMAU Village: About 3 years ago a number of inland people left their villages and built one large village at AMAU. Some have lately expressed a desire to return to their old villages. Please investigate this matter.
3. A Constable of the RPC, ERE of AIMARI or MINAWAKI, was killed at BUNA in November, 1942. Endeavour to locate any relatives of this man and question them as to whether they received money due to him.
4. Should you discover any matter of importance (such as a report of a murder having been committed) which might necessitate your having to prolong the patrol, send word to the Station. Any additional stores necessary can then be sent to you.
5. Submit a report on the suitability or otherwise of Field Operational Region O.2 for patrol purposes.
6. Deal with any complaints which may be made under the N.R. Ordinance.
7. Pay out to next of kin wages due to deceased natives.

Smith
Capt.
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

File 30
District Office,
ABAU sub-District
25 Sept 44

W/O 11 J.O. Clarke
Patrol Officer.

PATROL - KEVERI & BAU DISTRICTS

1. While at AMAU please take stock of any petrol or oil left there by the RAAF under the following headings:

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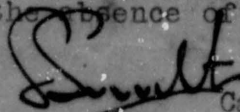
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Lubricating Oils under grades.

2. Instruct the Village Policemen at AMAU that it is his responsibility to see that these drums are not tampered with.

3. When checking population figures obtain names of natives under C/Employment. Under Adm. Inst. it is proposed to restore the population of all villages to 70% of their effective male population. Take particular note of any cases of hardship resulting from the absence of a native.


Capt.
ADO

ANGAU District HQ
Samarai District
MILNE BAY. 17 Nov 44.

Ref. No. 141.

HQ. Southern Region,
ANGAU.
PORT MORESBY.

ABAU Patrol Report No. 3 of 44/45.

1. Abau Patrol Report forwarded in duplicate
2. Village constables etc.:- (a) Village on borders between districts are often visited by patrols from both district. In most cases the accessibility of the place is the deciding factor in which district controls the village.
(b) A.D.O. has been asked to submit a report on the recommendation that village constables be appointed at DOMA and OBO or PAIWA.
3. Medical:- Attention of A.D.O. is drawn to malnutrition. A careful watch should be kept and all cases reported.
BAU Village:- Latrins for use by inland natives are most desirable, but not always possible. People should be encouraged to use latrins, but constant supervision is usually necessary; but, this is impossible in inland villages
4. Food supplies and gardens:- (a) KEVERI and BAU. Reference the search for murderer, DARE, this man was arrested in December 1943.
(b) A.D.O. is advised that it is now very hard to obtain seeds from the mainland. A.D.O. should try and obtain seeds from neighbouring village if KEVERI and BAU are short.
5. Complaints under N.R.Ord.:- Usually it will be found that the standard of English taught by Kwato schools is fairly good. In any case, all children should be encouraged to attend the nearest school, and the advantages of school should be pointed out to parents.
6. Rest Houses:- It is noticed that a new Rest House was ordered at KEVERI. This should be postponed until village gardens are producing well.
7. Roads and Bridges :- Only essential public works should be carried out, Gardens to be attended to first.

Req. Comd:

H. Robinson
Capt.
for Major.
District Officer.

Copy to ADO ABAU.



30/1.
District Office
ABAU Sub-District.
19th Dec.44.

D.O.
SAMARAI.

P/R No.3/44-45 ABAU - WO/11 J.O.Clark PO.

Ref No.5175 of 4 Dec 44 from ADDS & NA. Southern Region.

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HQ STIN RGN, 2 Jan 45

HQ ANGAU (DS)

Our 30/5/43 to DO MILNE BAY of 4 Dec - copy to you - refers.

B. Anderson
Capt for Maj ADDS & MA

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Captain.

A.D.O.

ANGAU DIST HQ
SAMARAI DIST
MILNE BAY

22 DEC 1944
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HQ. SOUTHERN REGION.

File 30/1.

Refers your 30/5/43-5175 of
& Dec 44.

..... D.O.
..... D.O.

CENTRAL REGISTRY
HQ SOUTHERN REGION
ANGAU
No. _____

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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for Maj ADDS & NA

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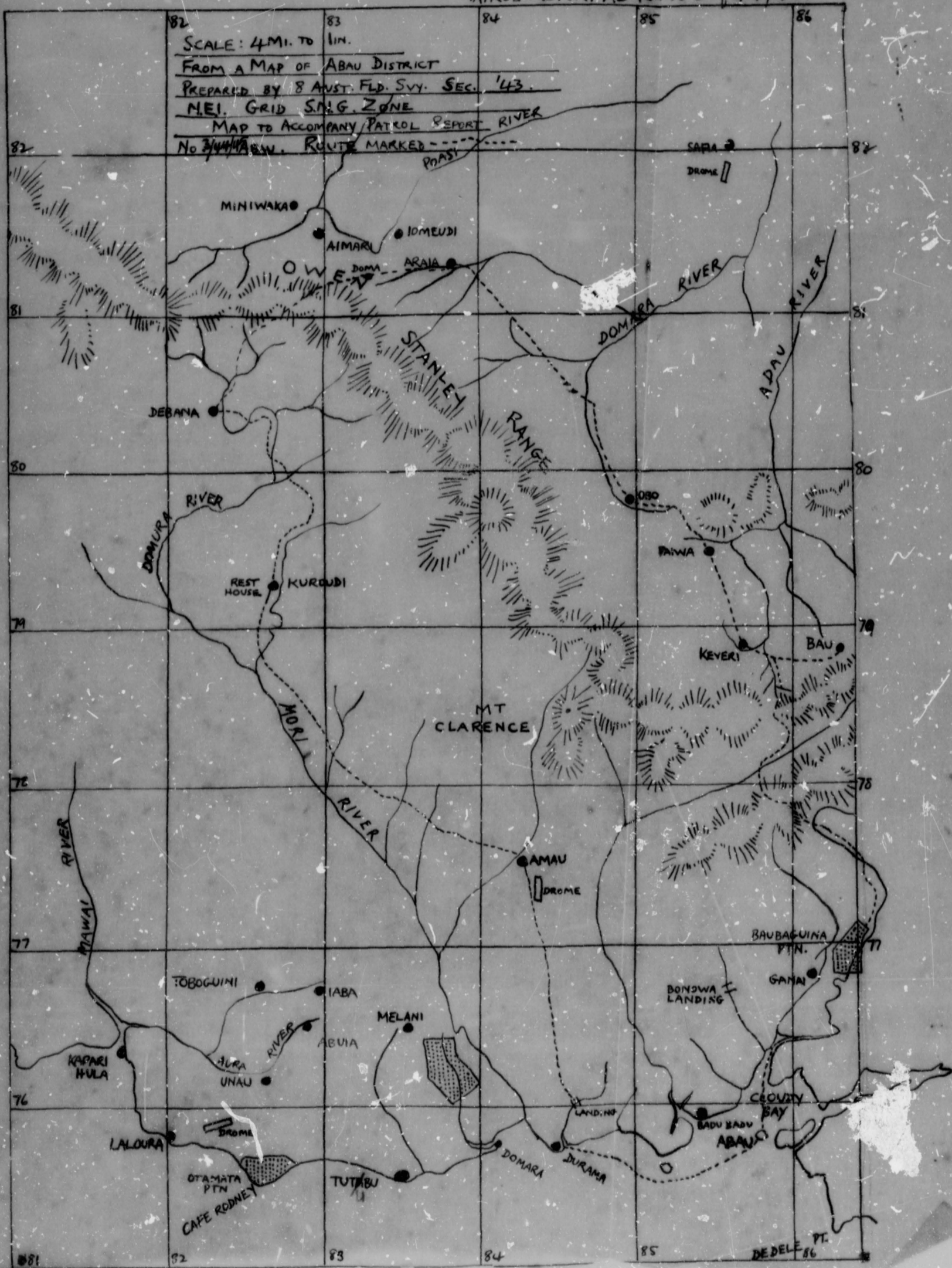
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Captain.

A.D.O.

ANGAU DIST HQ
SAMARAI DIST
MILNE BAY
22 DEC 1944
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PATROL REPORT ABAU. 3 of 44/45.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Abau Report No. 4 of 44/45

Patrol Conducted by Capt. S. Smith.

Area Patrolled Coastal Villages west of Abau.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 18/10/1944 to 25/10/1944

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS.
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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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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Report of Patrol by Capt. S. Smith

To Coastal villages west of ABAU

Date left Station 18 Oct 44 Date Returned 25 Oct 44

Purposes of Patrol (a) Correction of Census
(b) Payment of wages due under Civil C/S
(c) Inspection of Native Labour PAIJI Plant.
(d) General inspection of Villages

Patrol accompanied by -

- (a) European Personnel - Capt. S. Smith, ADO
- (c) RPC - Reg. No. 1828 Constable MANI
" " 2304 Constable IRO-DOGOA
- (d) Native Carriers - Nil - Launch AM 526 used.
- (e) Cost of Patrol - 3 lbs. Trade Tobacco.
Issued Village Constables &
Councillors 2 lbs. Purchase of
Native Foods 1 lb.

Previous Patrol Report Ref for Map -

1":1mile Strate Map - Sheet No. 1272 Mars Hill Lagoon
" " No. 2042 Durama

Last Patrol to Area made by -

- (a) District Services Staff on Abau P/R
No. 7 of 43/44

DIARY

- 18 Oct 44 Left ABAU by AM 526. Called OTAMATA Estate with mail. Arrived VILIRUPU noon. Visited KELERAKWA, GABUONI and SDA Mission KORELA. Camped GABUONI.
- 19 Oct 44 Inspected labour PAILI Estate.
- 20 Oct 44 Left for BURAVI village. Returned to GABUONI.
- 21 Oct 44 At GABUONI and KELERAKWA. Visited WANIGELA and WAIORI.
- 22 Oct 44 Left GABUONI for KAPARI HULA. Visited IABA village.
- 23 Oct Left KAPARI HULA. Visited LALAUURA and TUTUBU. Stayed OTAMATA Estate.
- 24 Oct Left OTAMATA for DOMARA. Left DOMARA for KAURU and BAIA. Stayed KAURU.
- 25 Oct Left KAURU for DOMARA and DURAMU. Arrived ABAU.

Villages inspected 16/25 Oct 44:

Village	Const.	Reg. No.	Map Ref.	Ref.
BURAVI	(Vill. Const. KAWAI)	Reg. No. 2)	1" : 1M Strat. Map	783048
WAIORI	(" " WALO' POHIA	No. 3)	" " "	032751
WANIGELA	(" " AU'GEREGA	No. 4)	" " "	032729
GABJONI	(" " POTEA	Reg. No. 6)	" " "	983685
KELERAKWA	(" " ABALABA	No. 5)	" " "	983685
KAPARI'HULA	(" " LEWARAKA	No. 7)	" " "	166630
IABA	(" " DEEENI	No. 9)	" " "	219620
LALAURA	(" " JOHN	No. 8)	" " "	191578
TUTUBU	(" " INI'LESI	No. 10)	" " "	276314
BOMGUINA	(" " MAIPUA	No. 11)	" " "	373569
DOMARA	(" " " ")	" " "	407586
DURAMA	(" " APAU	No. 12)	" " "	439576

Marshall Lagoon & Duramu - Sheets Nos. 1272 & 2042

Census:

The Census of all the coastal villages in the ABAU sub-District has been entirely re-typed and re-bound. The last time this was done was in 1937 and it has proved to be a long task mainly owing to the fact that the old census had been mutilated by inexperienced Patrol Officers in their attempts to correct it and at the same time use it as a "recruiter's vade mecum". The former ARM of this District has remarked on more than one occasion that the coastal people, especially those to the west of ABAU, took a keen interest in population figures and frequently asked if they were "winning" i.e. increasing in numbers. The war years have effectively taken the edge off their keenness to put their names in the book for, as they saw it, the benefit of recruiting P.O's. Fortunately the accent is now on re-patriation, and my endeavours to obtain the names of men with large families under C/E, and the fact that many of these men have been returned to their families, is regaining their confidence. Figures obtained on this patrol will be rendered separately when completed. I hope to have the figures for the whole coastline ready by mid-December and as these will represent 60% of the total estimated population of the sub-District (10,600) and will cover ~~cover~~ the most heavily recruited centres they will be invaluable.

Hygiene:

with the exception of TUTUBU
 All villages inspected/were very clean, and, although the people knew of my coming, there were not the usual broom marks to indicate a hurried clean up. The constant emphasis on relationship between dirt and disease, especially dysentery, is having some effect. The TUTUBU people are inlanders who have settled on the coast and they have brought their dirty habits with them. Vill. Const. INI'LESI was ordered to clean the village and its environs as a beginning. It is also good to note that the village latrines are being used and are not ornaments erected for the edification of visiting Patrol Officers.
 A new village on a branch of the IMILA River named BURAVI had a good latrine but so constructed that it was impossible for the children to use it with the result that the surrounding scrub was full of faeces. The village is too far away from the river to erect latrines over it and pit latrines, which are never satisfactory, have to be resorted to.
 Village wells were, on the whole, satisfactory. One well at KAPARI HULA used by the BILIOLOU people was definitely not, and the Village Constable was brought to ABAU and given a loan of three shovels to dig a new one forthwith. The water supply of coastal villages is, in my opinion, a definite weakness in the village economy. Some years ago a number of villages were supplied with Spear Pumps and were I notice, in 1928 as "working satisfactorily" in 10 villages along this coast and including the three islands of MAILU, LOPOM and LARUOLO. I can

I can find no further reference to these spear pumps or their fate but the natives themselves inform me that some worked successfully until 1932, especially on LOPOM, LARUCLO and MAILU Islands. The majority were probably broken by the natives who would not know how to maintain them. It is suggested that they might be more successful if introduced again as there are now a far larger number of men who have had experience of things mechanical than there were 20 years ago.

Health:

A NMO is stationed at GABUNCI (Vilirupu) and he appears to be doing good work. As there were 14 natives with suspected dysentery in the isolation hospital (two native huts built over McFarlane Harbour) he has a Constable of the RPC to assist him to maintain some sort of quarantine. The isolation houses are built over the water and can only be reached by canoe. The NMO has his patients on a light diet which they do not relish and it is very difficult to prevent relatives from smuggling burnt taro, yams etc. out to the patients in the dead of night. The RPC stopped two canoe loads while I was camped in the village.

The census brought to light nine natives who had been hiding their afflictions in the bush, living in huts at the back of gardens. Cases brought to hospital were:-

Severe Burns (one a child of 2 months)	-	3
Pneumonia	-	3
Malaria	-	3
Tropical Ulcer	-	2
Yaws	-	3
Suspected dysentery	-	1
" Whooping Cough	-	1

The Aid Post at GABUONI is, in my opinion, an excellent idea and it should be made permanent. There are 3000 odd natives within a radius of 5 miles - 2900 in four villages. I understand there is an NMO Stationed at AROMA but he rarely visits the VILIRUPU area.

Food and Gardens:-

There appears to be no shortage of food in the villages visited. The BURAVE people were preparing for a feast at the time of my visit. These people (IMILA River) were successfully growing rice just prior to the war. I believe the seed was supplied by the KWATO Mission at AMAU and the quality of the rice was good. The people are keen to grow it again but have no seed. There has been some correspondence about the possibility of supplying these people with a Hand Rice Sheller but it has come to naught owing to the war. The rice grown is known as "Hill Rice". It was also grown at BAM village (near Robinson River Plantation) and the people had 3000 lbs. of unhusked rice on hand in June '42. Perhaps a quantity of seed could be sent here from KAIRUKU?

Villages:-

The people of IABA; ABUIA; UNAU; and HOBAGUINA wish to combine on a site called GONUBO on the banks of the AKARI River. I discussed this matter with them when I visited IABA during last August and told the people not to start building until the site had been inspected by the Med. Assistant. He has since done this and expressed the opinion that it is satisfactory so I marked out the village and told the people to commence building. It is a good site and I think it is a good thing for these four tiny villages to combine into a fair size community.

The HULA section of KAPARI HULA village is built over the water in front of KAPARI village and the people (who migrated from HULA many years ago) are known as BILIOLU. Their houses were in very bad condition during

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Villages: (Cont)

very bad condition when I visited the village during August. I gave instructions then to have 15 of the houses re-built, not expecting an enthusiastic response as these people are lazy and independent "sea gypsies" who live more on their canoes fishing than in their village. I was pleasantly surprised therefore, to find 10 new houses and others in various stages of completion. Five houses in KAPARI ordered to be repaired were also completed. A-ne

Village Constables & Councillors:

Conduct of the Vill. Constables was uniformly good and they have carried out orders given to them by previous patrols. Most of them need new uniforms. A requisition is being submitted in case these should be obtainable. Two Councillors of KAPARI were elected to replace two who wished to "retire".

Repatriation of Natives:

The names of a number of natives eligible for repatriation because of domestic reasons were taken and details checked in the villages against the census, their houses inspected etc. This list will be submitted for consideration, as most of the men are employed in Moresby District.

Wages under Civil Contracts of Service:

Wages earned under Civil C/S were paid to 32 natives amounting to 293 odd. Claims by a number of natives for wages due were noted and a list is being submitted to Finance for investigation.

Plantations:

PAILI Estate labour was inspected and a report submitted.

Courts:

One charge of stealing under N.R.Ord. and two of desertion under the N.L.Ord. were dealt with on patrol. Numerous other complaints of a trivial nature were settled out of Court.

General:

The general impression gained on this patrol was that the natives are taking an optimistic view of things and realize that everything is being done to restore normal village life.

While at VILIRUFU (Marshall Lagoon and McFarlane Harbour) I investigate reports that the KIWAI crews of the Marine Section luggers transporting copra along this coast have been selling rations to natives in this area. Two S.D.A. Mission Teachers at WANIGELA told me that they had bought a tin of biscuits each at £2 per tin. They produced an empty tin marked "Packed 10/42 Expiry 4/43". Numerous other natives admitted having bought Army biscuits at £2 per tin, but I could find nobody who could tell me which native, or even which lugger, they had obtained the biscuits from as the KIWAI's would not make any sales in the day time. As there are 12 luggers and 90 to 100 KIWAI's this is plausible but, at the same time, I think the village natives wish the trade to continue. I do not know where the lugger crews obtain all these rations - perhaps at the Trade Store in Moresby? The establishment of a Trade Store at ABAU should stop this "profiteering" or "black market".

Smith
Capt.

ADO

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refer to
Marine Sect.
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Abau P/R No.4-44/45

Patrol accompanied by:

Constable MANI - Reg.No.1828 - Conduct and discipline good

Constable IRO-DOGOA - Reg.No.2304 - Conduct poor, discipline s
fair. This Constable appear
to physically unfit. He will
be reported on by letter.

ANGAU District HQ.
Samarai District.
MILNE BAY 20 Nov 44.

Ref. No. 152.

HQ. SOUTHERN REGION.

ABAU PATROL REPORT No. 4 - 44/45.
Notes by A.D.O., Samarai.

Forwarded in duplicate for your information,
Census: Figures taken during patrol have been received at this office. According to these figures, 64.6% of the effective male population is absent under C/E.

Hygiene:- Water Pumps:- A.D.O. Abau should requisition for these, stating the reason for which they are required. Most wastal villages depend on wells, and even if they are fenced in, one open and may well be the cause of the spreading of a disease such as dysentery, if there should be an outbreak in the area.

Health:- This section and that on Hygiene should be put on a separate sheet. A.D.O. asked to do this in future.

Food and Gardens:- I understand that rice grew very well in the AMAU area in pre-war days. I suggest that the A.D.O. should try and obtain seed from AMAU, and if that cannot be arranged, to contact H.Q. with view of obtaining same from Kairuku. However before committing that natives, to rice growing, advice should be sought as to the possibilities of hulling.

General:- Selling of Army Rations:- This position should be checked up, and source of supply traced.

Trade Store - Abau:- I think one could be put here to the benefit of many natives, as there is a large village population, and several plantations in the area. These have no means of purchasing their requirements.

H. W. [Signature]
Major.
District Officer.

Copy to 17354.

ANGKAWAN MILITARY FORCES

30/3/44

HQ
SOUTHERN REGION
ANGKAW FORE MURKSDX
8 Dec 44

Ref No. 5126

DO MIENH BAY

P/R No. 1/44 '45 ABAY - Capt S. Smith AMB

Receipt of the a/m report is acknowledged.

1. Page 1 - Some months ago an indent was placed for 14 spears for distribution to villages but as yet they have not come to hand.

2. Page 2 - Food - The AMB comments: "Very good work by AMB."

3. Page 3 - Food & Clothing - A hard rice ration is unobtainable but it is suggested that the AMB use a harder, and poorer. Natives in the AMB district use this method.

4. Page 4 - Village Security - It is proposed to purchase a number of rifles for AMB, which were used in the year. However, some more are on the way to you for new distribution.

5. Page 5 - Trading - Has been referred to the AMB. but it will be difficult to control this alleged trading.

6. A trade store is being erected at ABAY.

Copy
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Abau Report No. 5 of 44/45

Patrol Conducted by Woi G.O. Clark

Area Patrolled Villages inland from Cloudy Bay

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 30 10/19 44 to 8 11 19 44

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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 £.....

POP

ABAU NO. 5 of 44/45.

REPORT of PATROL by WO 11 CLARK, J.O. to VILLAGES INLAND FROM CLOUDY BAY.

Date left Station : 30 OCT 44.
Date returned : 8 NOV 44.

PURPOSES OF PATROL:

- (a) To take census and obtain names of natives under C/Employment and take note of cases of hardship resulting from the absence of a native.
- (b) To conduct a medical inspection of the villages and village people.
- (c) To report on capabilities of village officials.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:

- (a) European personnel: Nil.
- (b) RPC : 2.
- (c) Native carriers: From village to village. Av. number: 12.
- (d) NMO : 1.

Cost of Patrol:

Issues to carriers RPC and NMO: Rice, 70lbs: Biscuit 1 tin : Meat, 12 tins: Fish, 16 tins: Sugar, 10 lbs: Salt, 5 lbs: Soap 3lb: Tobacco, Payments to carriers, 2 1/2 lbs: Vll Consts & Councillors, 1 lb: Payments for native foods 1/2 lb. Total 4 lbs.

LAST PATROL TO AREA MADE BY:

- (a) District Services Field Staff..... JAN '44
- (b) Medical Assistant..... SEP '44 (NMA)

er 13	Females in Child
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DIARY.

MON 30 OCT 44. Left Station 0630 hrs, by launch to Robinson River landing and walked through the Plantation and beyond to DARAVA (Map Ref 768635) Arr 1300 hrs. Census and medical inspection carried out. Houses 8, Pop 82. Made camp on river below village 1600 hrs.

TUES 31 OCT 44. Broke camp 0600. Arr OI'IO (766676) 0700 hrs. Census and medical inspection. Houses 7, Pop 44. Left OI'IO 1100 hrs. Arr BAM (753682) 1230 hrs. Census and medical inspection. Houses, 11 Pop 74.

WED 1 NOV 44. Left BAM 0600. Arr DOMA (820720) 0830 hrs. Very bad mud on road. Leaving some gear in DOMA, pushed on to VELEVELAI (795798). Arr. 1110 hrs. Again very bad mud. Took census and made medical inspection. Houses 3, Pop 29. Left at 1430 hrs. Arr DOMA 1700 hrs.

THUR 2 NOV 44. Took census and carried ^{out} medical inspection in DOMA in morning. Houses 15, Pop 155. Left at 1330 hrs and arrived BAM 1530. Rain overnight had made road worse still.

FRI 3 NOV 44. Left BAM 0600. Arr UAI'HA (735662) 6300 . Very stiff climb and bad unkept road. Census and medical inspection. Houses 5, Pop 37. Left UAI'HA 1030 and arrived SEGILI (703660) 1300 hrs. Good road along crest of hills. Census and medical inspection. Houses 8, Pop 106.

SAT 4 NOV 44. Left SEGILI 0530 Arr BOMBAGA (664632) 0700. Again good road along crest. Took census of the people present. Left orders with the Vil. Const to have all people brought in to the village. Left by canoe (Govt. ferry) 1300 hrs. Arr ABAU 1530 hrs.

Sun 5 NOV 44. ON the Station.

MON 6 NOV 44. Left ABAU by whaleboat 0630 Arr BOMBAGA 0900. Very many more people in village. Started afresh and carried census and medical inspection. Houses 9, Pop 115.

TUES 7 NOV 44. Sent out RPC and Vil Consts concerned to bring in wives and children of men working under C/Employment at Robinson River and Baubaguina plantations. Left BOMBAGA by whaleboat at 0600 Arr TUTAI (676615) 0700 hrs. Census and medical inspection. Houses 3 Pop 17. Left at 0900 and arr BOMBAGA 1000 hrs. Whale boat sent to ABAU with 17 patients for hospital, from villages visited on the patrol.

WED 8 NOV 44. Medical inspection of and checking of census sheets as to women and children brought in from the plantations- villagers from OI'IO, SEGILI and DARAVA. Left BOMBAGA 1030 hrs. Arr ABAU 1230 hrs.

MATTERS DEALT WITH ON THE PATROL:*

(a) Taking of census and obtaining of names of natives under C/EMPLOYMENT
A fresh census as distinct from a check of the old census sheets was taken in each village. It was conducted from house to house in each case, and a medical inspection of the people was made at the same time.

All villages visited have been heavily recruited. A list of natives from these villages who are working under C/EMPLOYMENT, with particular cases of hardship noted, has been handed to the ADO.

Nearly all the natives from this area who are working under contract are working at Robinson River Plantation, with some at Baubaguina Plantation. Neither plantation is far from the villages and it was found that many wives and children of these natives are living on the plantations.

As some of these women, as I was informed, stay there for long periods some disruption of village life is caused, and houses and gardens tend to become neglected.

Another result is that these absentees (women and children) have to

be sent for and brought into the villages when patrols are going through. Ample notice (at least three days) was given of this patrol and the Vil Consts were instructed ~~to~~ to bring all people into the villages for the census. In the case of BOMBAGA (where there were most absentees) over a week's notice was given. But few, if any, came in from the plantations and I had to send out police for them.

(b) To conduct a medical inspection of the villages and village people.

See separate sheet under "MEDICAL MATTERS".

(c) To report on capabilities of village officials.

VILLAGE.

DARAVA

Vil Const: Nil (controlled from OI'IO).
Councillor: MAINO. Good.

OI'IO

Vil Const: GOBA (No.24). Old. Only fair.
Councillor: AWOL. Fair.

BAM

Vil Const: MADO (No. 21). Good. Has his village in good order.
Councillor WAGO. Very good.

DOMA

Vil Const AI'A (No. 20). Not satisfactory. Village is dirty. He accompanied the patrol for several days, at his own wish, but apparently made no attempt to clean up his own village.

Councillors: DARIA. Fair.
WAIAMA. Old. Shrewd.
Launa. Good.

VELEVELAI

Vil Const: Nil. (controlled from DOMA).
Councillor: Nil. A new councillor, AUA ~~MAA~~, was selected by the village people and appointed on this patrol. He should be a good man.

UAI'HA

Vil Const: Nil. (controlled from SEGILI).
Councillor: LABA. Fair.

SEGILI

Vil Const: GADO (No.22). Excellent.
Councillor: DIMDA. Good.

BOMBAGA

Vil Const: Nil (controlled from SEGILI)
Councillor: U'AU. Appears to be weak and village had got out of order to some extent.
On the patrol's return to ABAU one DO'AI IMAN was appointed Vil Const by the ADO.

TUTAI

Vil Const: Nil. (controlled from BOMBAGA).
Councillor: BUBU. A wise old man.

ROADS.

In general and apart from the section from BAM to UAI'HA, the roads are as good as the natives can make them. The tracks are bad, mud from Robinson River Plantation until Bam is left behind on the return journey. Little can be done to improve such tracks. Over some bad patches logs have been laid.

From BAM to BOMBAGA there is steep climbing and a good road along the crest of the hills.

In BOMBAGA the people were ordered to make the road to BAUBAGUINA plantation, a Government road which they have not maintained.

REST HOUSES.

They are maintained at BAM, DOMA, SEGILI and BOMBAGA.

The one at BAM is excellent and has been built according to the plan shown in Vil Const's books.

At DOMA repairs and improvements were ordered and some were completed while the patrol was in the village.

Rest houses at Segili and BOMBAGA are adequate. Minor improvements were suggested,

Latrines for the Rest Houses were satisfactory in each case.

MEDICAL MATTERS.

A medical inspection was made of the people as the census was taken, i.e. from house to house.

No. 251 NMO AOBA joined the patrol at DOMA.

Patients for hospital were brought back to the Native Hospital, ARAJ.

In the first stages of the patrol the excuse given to me for the absence of villagers was that they were several days walk away "making sago". I discovered, however, that many of them were in fact hiding sick people, particularly children, in the bush.

I had these people brought in and in cases where I had missed them sent back a Const with the NMO to check on the absentees and bring them on to me. In this way I saw nearly everyone. In DOMA village, however, I was not satisfied that everyone had been brought in who could have been.

Doma was dirty and the latrines were in a bad state. Orders were given for new latrines to be built and for the cleaning up of the village generally. To see that this is done, I suggest that an NMO be sent out to the village after a reasonable time. He could also check on the people who were absent.

Orders for the cleaning and fencing of the waterhole at TUTAI were given and latrines were ordered to be built in the village.

Apart from TUTAI water supplies were satisfactory in the area. In some cases getting water involves a long walk but the village people do not seem to mind this.

Number of villages visited: 9.

Number of people inspected: 552.

Number sent to hospital : 36.

Hospital cases: Yaws, 23; Ulcers, 9; Tinea, 1; Dermatitis, 3: TOTAL 36.

CONDUCT of NO. 251 NMO AOBA : Excellent.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF THE RPC ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

(ABAU No. ⁵ of 44/45.)

REG. No. 2311 L/Cpl. OGEPAAUE Excellent.
REG. No. 1145 Const. HAILA Excellent.

ANGAU District HQ.
Samarai District,
MILNE BAY. 28 Nov 44.

Ref.No.199

HQ. SOUTHERN REGION

ABAU Patrol Report No. 5 - 44/45.
by W.O.II. Clark

Above report forwarded in duplicate.

2. P.3(c) Vil. Const. AI'A(No.20) A.D.O. has been asked what action has been taken.
Vil.Counc.AJA of VELEVELAI:- appointment approved.
3. P.3.Roads:- Ref road from BOMBAGA to BAUBAUGUINA. This road should be built only if absolutely ^{NECESSARY} essential public works to be carried out.
4. P.4. Medical matters:- A.D.O. remarks:- "A NMD Patrolled some of these villages during Sept. and created a bad impression amongst the village people by committing adultery, more or less using his authority to procure the woman. This was his second offence and he is now serving a sentence of Six month's hard labour in Abau Gaol."
5. No mention is made of the food situation.

H. Robinson
for Major.

District Officer.

Copy to:-

A.D.O. Abau.

cc. Routine patrol - ack. only.
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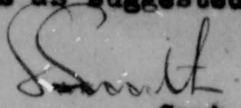
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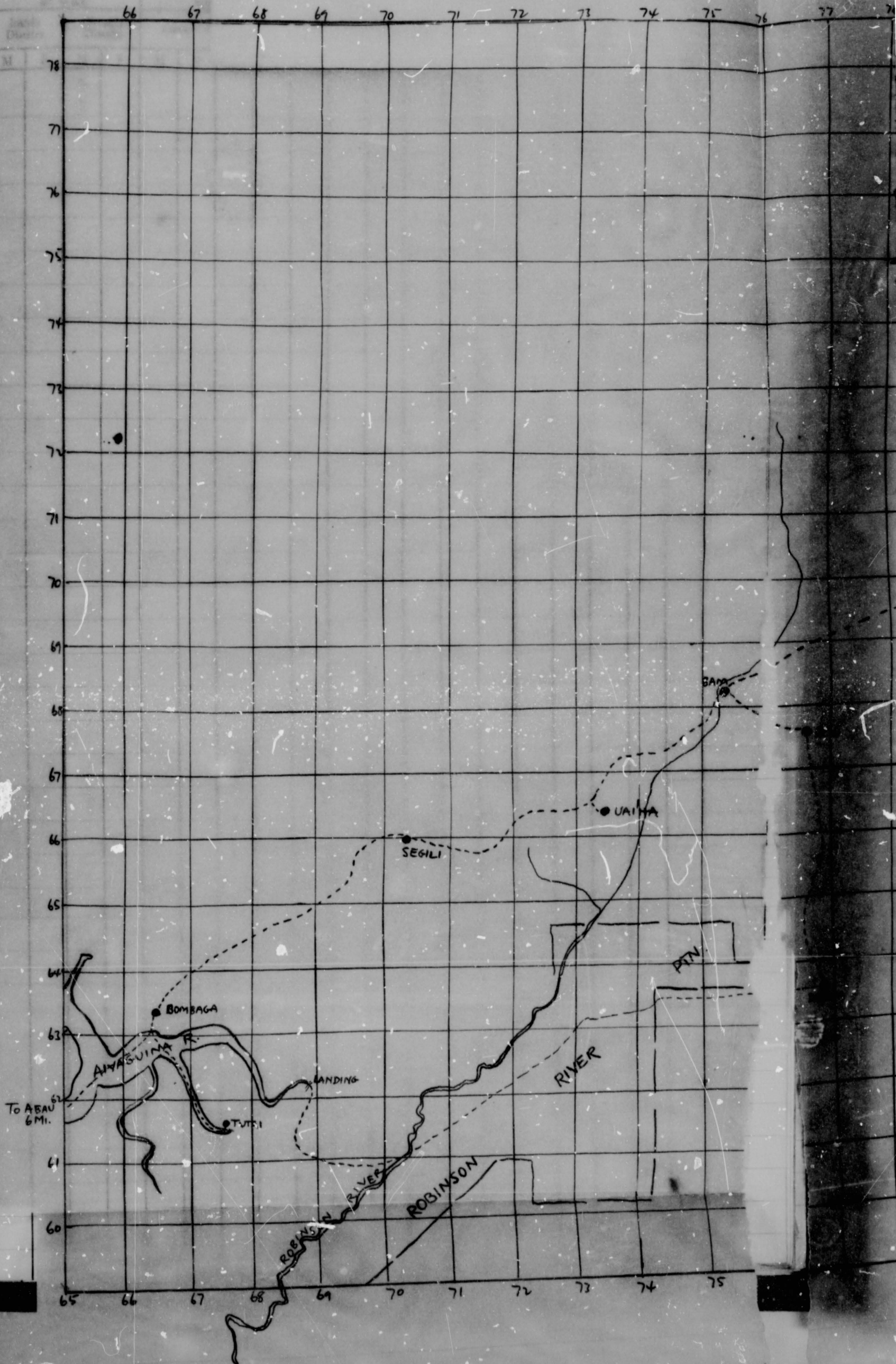
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2. I have informed the Manager of Robinson River Estate of the fact that many village natives were making a habit of spending much of their time on his Plantation. He tells me that, if this is so, he is without his knowledge or permission and he will look into the matter.
3. A NMO patrolled some of these villages during September and created a bad impression amongst the village people by committing adultery, more or less using his authority to procure the woman. This was his second offence and he is now serving a sentence of six month's hard labour in ABAU Gaol.
4. Remarks under "Medical Matters" have been brought to the attention of the EMA who will endeavour to send a patrol through these villages as suggested.


- Cept.
ADO

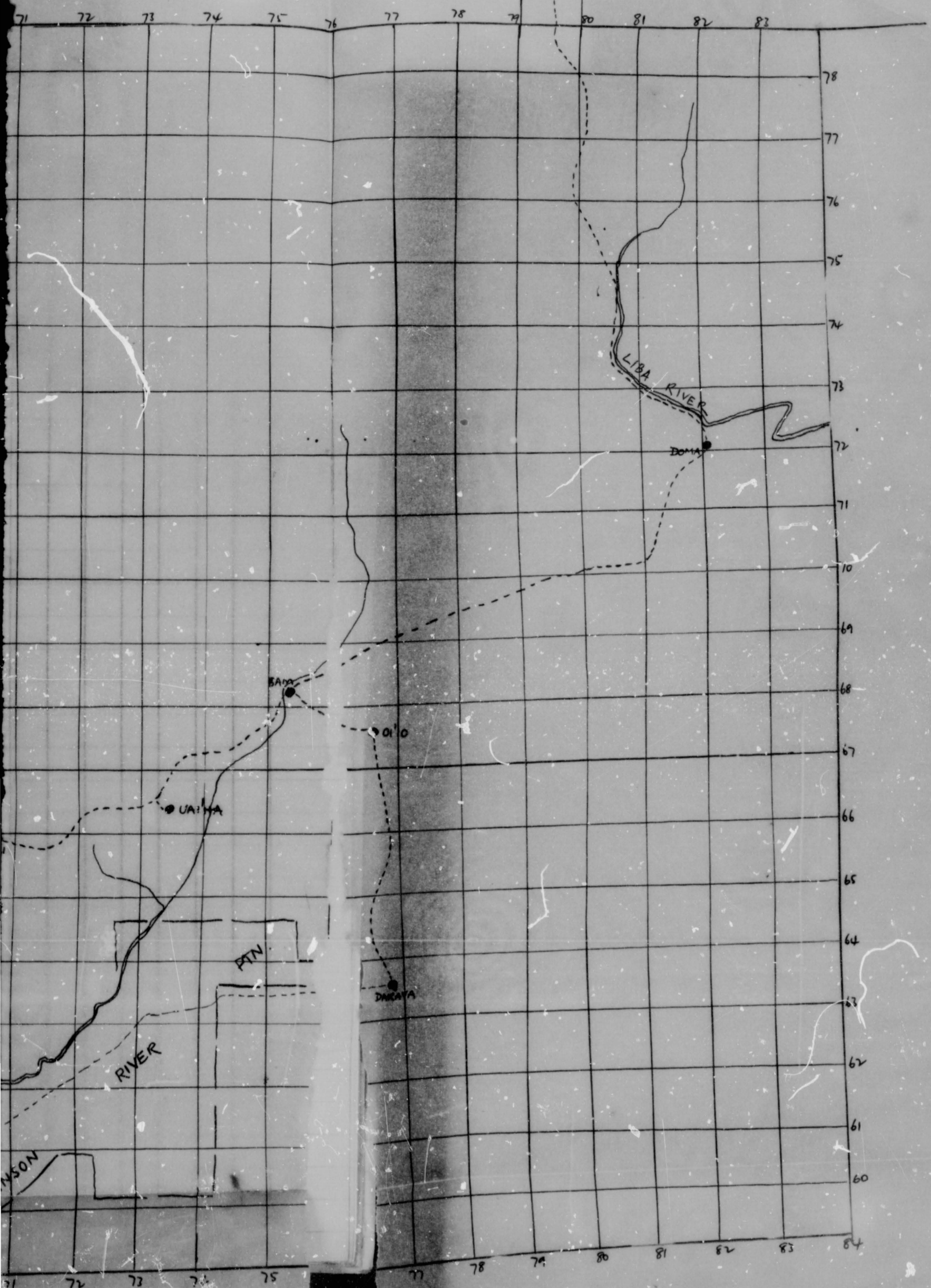
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MAP TO ACCOMPANY PATROL REPORT ABAU No. ² OF 44/45.
FROM 2039 ABAU 1 INCH SERIES (OCT. '43) SCALE 1 IN. TO 1 MI.



Torn Page(s)

REPORT ABAU No. ⁵ OF 44/45.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Abau Report No. 6 of 44/45

Patrol Conducted by Woi J.O. Clark

Area Patrolled Simuga villages

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 15/11/1944 to 10/12/1944

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please:

/ /19

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 £.....

REPORT of PATROL by WO 11 CLARK, J.C. to DIMUGA Villages (ABAU Eastern Boundary).

Date left Station: 15 NOV 44.
Date returned : 10 DEC 44.

PURPOSES OF PATROL:

- (a) To take Census. Also to obtain figures required in DS Inst. 26.
- (b) To conduct a medical inspection of the villages and send all cases for hospital to the coast, thence to Native Hospital ABAU.
- (c) To instruct Vil. Consts. who have not been visiting ABAU regularly to do so.
- (d) To apprehend one deserter, DUGE TAPO.
- (e) To deal with any complaints under the N. R. Ord.
- (f) To report on food and gardens and note any European vegetables seen.
- (g) To pay out wages due under Civil C/S or WNL & SW A/C.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:

- (a) European personnel: Nil.
- (b) RPC: 3.
- (c) Native carriers: From village to village.

COST OF PATROL:

- (a) Issues to carriers and police:
 - Rice..... 288 lbs.
 - Biscuit..... 4 tins.
 - Meat..... 52 tins.
 - Fish..... 72 tins.
 - Sugar..... 40 lbs.
 - Salt..... 10 lbs.
 - Soap..... 10 lbs.
- (b) Tobacco:
 - Payments to carriers..... 13 lbs.
 - Issues to RPC, Interpreter and cook. 1½ lbs.
 - Vil. Consts and Councillors..... 1½ lbs.
 - Payments for native foods..... 2 lbs.
- (c) Issues to patients for hospital and canoe crews at MOGOBU:
 - Rice..... 250 lbs.
 - Discuit..... 4 tins.
 - Meat..... 44 tins.
 - Sugar... .. 15 lbs.
- (d) Salt, payments for native foods..... 56 lbs.

LAST PATROL TO AREA MADE BY:

- (A) District Services Field Staff on..... JUN, 43.
- (B) Medical Assistant on..... NMA, APR, 44.

-DIARY.

- 15 NOV 44. Left ABAU 0500 hrs Arr MCGUBU PLTN 1200. (By launch).
- 16 NOV 44. Left MCGUBU 0600 Arr NUNUMAI 1200.
- 17 NOV 44. Left NUNUMAI 0600 Arr BILAGA 0700. Left 0900 Arr DERIA 1230.
- 18 NOV 44. At DERIA.
- 19 NOV 44. Left DERIA 0530 Arr DOVETA 1030.
- 20 NOV 44. Left DOVETA 0600 Arr DOGON 0830.
- 21 NOV 44. Left DOGON 0600 Arr KOMANIA 1300. Stiff climbing.
- 22 NOV 44. At KOMANIA.
- 23 NOV 44. Left KOMANIA 0530. Topped Range 0800. Very stiff climbing. Arr EVIAWA 1130.
- 24 NOV 44. At EVIAWA.
- 25 NOV 44. Left EVIAWA 0800. Passed DUGUNAN (deserted village) 1030. Arr VENAUT 1130.
- 26 NOV 44. Left VENAUT 0830 Arr IO'IO 1145. P.O. fever.
- 27 NOV 44. At IO'IO. Very little done as P.O. had fever.
- 28 NOV 44. At IO'IO.
- 29 NOV 44. Left IO'IO 0630. Arr ARAU 1100.
- 30 NOV 44. At ARAU.
- 1 ~~NOV~~ ^{DEC.} 44. At ARAU.
- 2 DEC 44. Left ARAU 05 00 Arr LAUWA 0730.
- 3 Dec 44. Left LAUWA 0530 Arr MAGORI 1200.
- 4 DEC 44. Left MAGORI 1030. By raft to coast. Arr MCGUBO 1400.
- 5 DEC 44. And until 8 DEC 44. At MCGUBO. Awaiting arrival of large number of DIMUGA patients for hospital and arranging their transport to ABAU by canoe.
- 9 DEC 44. Left MCGUBU by canoe 0600.
- 10 DEC 44. ARR ABAU 1800.
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VILLAGES.

- NUNUMAI:** Map ref. 933759. Vil Const GABAM (No. 38). Pop 126.
The Vil Const and Councillors were away at Milne Bay
attending Court at the time of the patrol's visit. There
is a Mission school here and the Mission influence is
evident. Village was clean and housebuilding is going on.
- BILAGA :** 933765. Controlled by Vil Const of NUNUMAI. Pop 48.
Village in good order.
Councillors: BOAPO. Good.
BO'I Good.
- DERIA:** 935769 Vil Const KAU'U (No. 34). Pop 94. Vil Const was
absent at Milne Bay Court.
Some cleaning up and repairs to latrines were needed. A
good start with this work was made when the patrol was in
the village.
Councillors: AKANA. Fair.
LIPU. Fair.
- DOVETA:** 937774 Vil Const IAPO (No 39). Pop 86.
Village in good order.
Vil Const's conduct was good but he needed instruction as
to his duties.
Councillor: PAU Good.
- DUGON :** 936778. Controlled by Vil Const of DOVETA. Pop 112.
Village in good order and no patients for hospital.
Six people who were living in the bush were brought in
and told that they must live in the village.
Councillor: AI'ORE. Good.
- KOMANIA:** 929787 Vil Const GEVA (No 35). Pop 283.
There are two villages here which the people call No 1 and
No 2. They are on the floor of a valley and connected by
a good road which runs close to the BANIKA boundary.
Apart from noticeable overcrowding (see under Health and
Hygiene) villages are in good order.
Vil Consts conduct: Very good.
Councillors: No. 1 village. WAGINE. Good.
No. 2 village. GERAVA. Good.
An additional councillor named PEPATU was
chosen by the village people at the time of the patrol's
visit and he was appointed to the office later at ABAU.
- EVIAWA:** 923782. The people think that the IO'IO Vil Const controls
this village but he does not visit it they say. Pop 104.
A lot of cleaning up was needed. Most of it was finished
while the patrol was in the village. Councillor: MANUA
Has authority but had to be instructed as to his duties.
- VENAUT:** 923775. Also apparently controlled by the Vil Const of
IO'IO. Pop 99.
People from DUGUNAN (923777) are abandoning that village
and making a new one here. It is on a good site and the
houses built so far are excellent. A good Rest House has
also been built.
Councillor: A'mun. Very good. Takes pride in his village.
- IO'IO:** 923 771. Vil Const AUBIA (No. 37). Pop 88.
This large village made up of a combination of small
villages was found to be not in very good order. About 50
people are not "hearing the talk" of the Vil Const.
Vil Const is too old for the job and is now ineffective.
He wishes to resign in favour of a younger man. He has no
book.
Cleaning up was needed and again a lot was done while the
patrol was there, largely by the 50 people mentioned.
Councillors: GORIP, IANAGE, IAUPE- all good.

VILLAGES (contd.)

- ARAU: 922762 Vil Const EMA (No. 36). Pop 348.
Another combination of small villages, with a Mission school. The village is well laid out on a good site. Very little cleaning up had been done in the village although two week's notice of the patrol was given. A good deal was done under supervision while the patrol was in the village.
Conduct of Vil Const: Only fair. He has been a policeman for a long time and is an intelligent man but he now appears to be resting on his laurels.
Councillors: DUBORO, OROTO, MAITAVA— all good. Another, Tametame, was absent.
- LAUWA: 923756. Controlled by Vil Const of DEBA, MARI(No.27). Pop 30.
Let Effie make - 4!
Despite serious shortage of manpower village is in good order. No patients for hospital.
Councillor: KUOMAN. Very good.
- MAGORI: 922749. Vil Const-Office vacant. Controlled by Vil Const of DEBA. Pop 153.
Village not in good order. A good deal of superficial cleaning up was evident. Some new and flimsy latrines had been built but there were no signs of any old ones. Village plantation is not being kept clean.
Councillors: DIMURA. Shrewd.
AMURU. Shrewd.
Whether the Vil Const of DEBA has much authority in this village is to be doubted. A strong man is needed here.

MATTERS DEALT WITH ON THE PATROL:

- (a) Census. A new census was taken in each village. In some cases people living in the bush had not been brought in although due notice of the patrol had been given. In each case they were brought in by one of the Consts accompanying the patrol. Figures required by Southern Region District Services Instruction No. 26 were obtained and have been handed to the ADO, ABAU.
- (b) Health and Hygiene. Every village was inspected for cleanliness. Where needed the work of cleaning, cutting back grass and repairs to or renewal of latrines was started and, in some cases, completed while the patrol was in the village.
In some villages, particularly KOMANIA, fleas are bad. Whether anything can be done about this is doubtful. The natives have no remedy short of moving the whole village to a new site. On the whole the villages were found to be clean. But a lot of work was needed in EVIAWA and IO'IO.
Water is obtained from rivers or small streams in all villages.
Overcrowding is very evident in KOMANIA and in IO'IO. There is enough labour available in each for building and orders were therefore given for the building of new houses. The names of the men who are to build new houses for their families were entered in the Vil Consts books.
A complete medical check was made in each village— see separate sheet under "MEDICAL MATTERS".
- (c) All Vil Consts who have not been visiting ABAU regularly were instructed to do so.
- (d) Apprehension of deserter, DUGE TAPO. He was apprehended.

*see no mention
TNS Census Books
packed to M.B.
25 Sept. Reminder
Do (14/18 of 5
w. Para 2)*

*met. Flea control
too detailed to
explain to village
actions*

(e) Complaints under N.R.Ord.

action?
The only cases were those of three village natives who failed to carry for the patrol after having been ordered to do so by the Vil Const, and of a man who failed to bring forward a child, his ward, for medical examination after having been ordered to do so by the P.O., as a Magistrate.

(f) Food and gardens.

Food supplies everywhere were adequate. There is an abundance of food of all kinds in IO'IO, ARAU, LAUWA and MAGORI. The only European vegetables found were potatoes at KOMANIA.

(g) Paying out of wages due under Civil C/S and WNL & DN A/C.

Six amounts totalling £20.4.- were paid out.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

On the whole, and taking into consideration the lack of manpower in the villages, the roads are in good order. The villages which have made the best roads are NUNUMAI, LAUWA and MAGORI. However, those villages are in comparatively flat country and I think that most of the villages have done their best.

REST HOUSES.

Every village visited has a Rest House. They are all in a good state of repair.

In EVIAWA orders were given for the addition of a kitchen and the building of a latrine for the Rest House there.

Bullet holes in the Rest House at DOVETA (from bullets fired at some Japanese airmen) do not affect its habitability.

GENERAL.

The people are looking forward to the return of some of the men from labour.

The news that a Trade Store is shortly to be opened at ABAU was welcomed. It will provide them with many things they want, especially cloth and knives.

Several of the villages had planted shrubs and flowers in the past and some are left. They look wonderfully bright in an otherwise drab village.

Children from the Eastern part of this district attend the school at NUNUMAI and those on the West attend the ARAU school. The schools seem to be liked by the parents and children and attendance is good. Nine children from MAGORI, however, had run away from the school at ARAU and the Native Mission Teacher there asked me to make enquiries. I did this on reaching MAGORI. The parents or guardians of the children had little or no excuse for the truancy and all said that they would send them back on the following day.

Conduct of the Interpreter, VAREVA, was very good on this patrol.

MEDICAL MATTERS.

A complete medical check of every person in the villages was made as the census was taken.

I was handicapped on this patrol by the lack of a native Medical Assistant. As I was unable to diagnose other kinds of sickness it meant that only people with surface sores were brought back to hospital. Also many of the sick people needed attention on the spot, especially bandages. Apart from the patrol medical kit I was unable to obtain any medical supplies to take with me.

It is evident that sick people in these villages have been hiding from patrols made by NMAs unaccompanied by a European.

Number of villages visited: 11.
Number of people inspected: 1801.
Patients for hospital : 110.

Hospital cases:

Yaws 49
Ulcers 27
Scabies 1
Malnutrition 10.
Skin Diseases 14.
Other 9

*noted
Chad*

LOSS OF EQUIPMENT.

I have to report the loss of the following equipment.

1 shotgun, 12 gauge.

1 lamp, hurricane.

2 plates enamel.

1 cup, 1 knife, 1 spoon, 1 fork.

The equipment was lost on 4 Dec 44 when a raft hit a log in the BAILEBO R. and some of the cargo slid off and sank. In addition to the above some personal effects were lost. Every effort was made to recover the lost equipment. Natives dived for more than an hour and did find a number of articles but the water was muddy and prevented more being found.

P.R. Abau No. 6 of 44/45.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF RPC ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL
(DIMUGA PATROL 15 NOV to 10 DEC 44.)

Reg. No. 1325 Const ANDO. Good.
Reg. No. 1595 Const LIPORO. Good.
Reg. No. 1145 Const HAILA. Good.

GWT/OK.

ANGAU District HQ.
Samarai District,
MILNE BAY.
17 Jan 45.

Ref.No.419.

HQ: SOUTHERN REGION, ANGAU.

ABAU F/R. No.6 of 44/45 - W/O.ii. Clark J.O.

Herewith a/m Patrol Report in duplicate.

2. D.O's comments, subsequent to those of the A.D.O., are appended hereunder:

Health and Hygiene.

1. Fleas are prevalent in most of those inland villages and little can be done without large supplies of disinfectant, the use of which would be impracticable with the present standard of hygienic education of the natives. Overcrowding of houses would not improve matters and it should be watched that the instructions for building of new houses are carried out.

2. When referring to natives of the Medical services "NMO" should be used in lieu of "NMA", to avoid confusion with EMA.

3. A good patrol, carefully and thoroughly executed.

[Signature]
.....Capt.
A.D.O. SAMARAI.

Copy: A.D.O. ABAU.

*Patrol was completed 10 Dec. 44
Report recd 26/1/45*

*Report not signed
" on loss of equipment not signed either!
Unrevised by HQ 20/1/45
AB 25/1*

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

20/1.
District Office,
Abau Sub-District
24th Dec.1944.

DO. ANGAU
SAMARAI.

Patrol Report No.6 of 44/45.

Herewith report in Triplicate.

- (1) A new Village Constable is being appointed to control the villages of EVIAWA: VENAUT & IO-IO. V.C.AUBIA No.37 has retired at his own request, on account of his age and inability. He has 24 years service and has been allowed to retain his uniform.
- (2). MEDICAL MATTERS. Owing to the absence of the Medical Assistant, when the P.O. left the station to carry out the patrol, no Native Medical Assistant accompanied it. On the return of the M.A. from Port Moresby, he immediately sent one away to meet and accompany it. The Medical Assistant has been informed of the remarks of the P.O.
- (3). LOSS OF EQUIPMENT: This was unfortunate and unavoidable under the circumstances. The rush of the partially flooded stream would make the recovery of the missing articles very difficult.
- (4) The P.O. has been advised to give more details in his reports in future, such as details of the country: general impressions etc.
- (5). More than three R.P.C. should have been sent with the P.O. particularly as he is new to the District and the Country.
- (6). The report shows keenness and attention to detail on the part of the P.O. He will be an acquisition to the service.

Forwarded in Triplicate to the DO.

Subinua
ADO. Captain.

File 30
District Office,
ABAU sub-District
13 Nov 44

W/O J.O. Clark,
PATROL OFFICER.

PATROL TO INLAND VILLAGES EAST OF ABAU

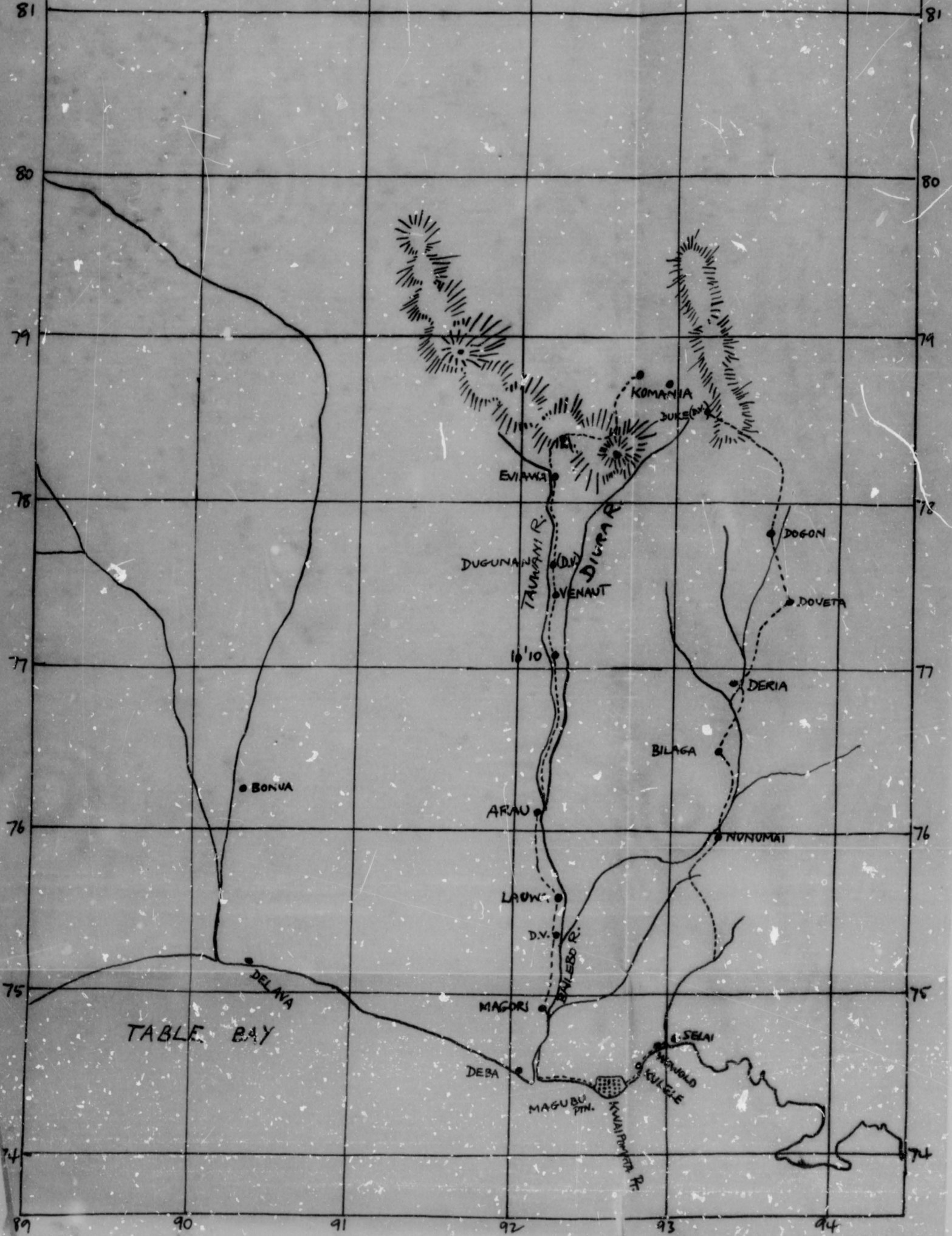
1. You will leave ABAU Station at 0500 hrs on 15 Nov 44 and proceed by launch AM 526 direct to MOGUBU. From there you will commence a patrol of the DIMUGA villages inland to KOMANIA, returning to the coast at DEBA via IO'IOK, ARAU etc.
2. Launch AM 526 will return direct to ABAU after landing you and your stores at MOGUBU.
3. Particular attention is to be paid on this patrol to the following matters:
 - (a) Census:- Besides the usual figures those required under the headings set out in HQ Southern Region DS Inst. 26 are to be obtained. If necessary the age groups are to be estimated.
 - (b) Health & Hygiene:- Owing to the absence of the Med. Assistant and shortage of staff an NMO will not be attached to you on this patrol. All cases will be sent to the coast and brought to ABAU Native Hospital.
 - (c) Village Constables:- Examine all Village Constables' Registers under the heading "Visits to Station" and when it is noted that a Vill. Constable has not been reporting to ABAU regularly he is to be instructed to do so in future. Once every quarter would be sufficient.
 - (d) Deserter under N.L.Ord:- Endeavour to apprehend DUCE F.N. TAPO of ARAU village. He is under C/E 916 ABAU and deserted from DOA Estate on 9 Nov 43.
 - (e) Complaints under N.R.Ord:- Deal with any complaints under the N.R.Ord.
 - (f) Food and Gardens:- Besides native foods make a note of any European vegetables seen with a view to supplying the natives with seed. Good English potatoes are, or were, grown by the DIMUGA people.
 - (g) Wages due to Natives:- Pay out any wages due under Civil C/S or WNL & BK A/C.


Capt.
ADO

MAP TO ACCOMPANY PATROL REPORT ABAU No. 6 of 44/45.
SCALE. 4 MI. TO 1 IN.
FROM A MAP MADE BY 8 AUST. FLD. SVY. SEC. '43.
N.E.I. GRID. S.N.G. ZONE.

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Amount Returned to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Abau Report No. 7 of 44/45

Patrol Conducted by Capt. O.G. Atkinson

Area Patrolled Viliupe

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 12/12/44 to 14/12/44

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

DIARY.

- 12th Dec.44. Left Abau in AM 526. Called Otomata Estate with mail. Arrived VILIRUPU 1600 hrs. Then to KORELA, WANIGELA and on to PAILI Landing, then to Paili Plantation
- 13th Dec.44. At 0900 Hrs left Paili Plantation, after hearing a case and inspecting labour. Arrived Paili wharf 0930 hrs. Dep. in A.M. 526 and anchored at KELELAKWA Village 10.00 hrs. Inspected village left at 1030 Hrs and arrived at Madana Plantation 12.45 hrs. Dep. Madana 1600 hrs. arrived Kelelakwa 1730 hrs. Crossed to GABUONI Village Inspected village and surroundings and camped.
- 14th Dec.44. 0600 hrs departed. Arrived Ctcmata after visiting LALAUURA, at 0900 hrs. Dep. 0930 hrs. arrived BARAMATA 10.00 hrs. Dep. 10.45 hrs. arrived BAIJA Plantation 1200 hrs. Inspected labour then visited Domara plantation, inspected labour and left 1500 hrs. Arrived Abau 1700 hrs.

Patrol Report No.7 of 44/45.

Villages inspected 12/14 Dec.44.

WANIGELA	Vill. Const.	AUGEREGA	No. 4	1" LM Strat Map	032729
GABUONI	"	POTEA	" 6	"	" 991682
KELELAKWA	"	ABALABA	" 5	"	" 983685
LALaura	"	JOHN	" 8	"	" 191578
DOMARA	"	MAIPUA	" II	"	" 407586

Marshall Lagoon & Duram - Sheets Nos. 1272 & 2042

PLANTATIONS:

One case of stealing was heard at Faidi Plantation and the native concerned sentenced to 2 months' I.H.L.

No complaints made by any of the natives on the plantations visited. All appeared to be happy and content. At Baia plantation a few of the natives were suffering from Diarrhoea in a mild form. The attack cleared in not more than four days.

VILLAGES:

All clean, also the immediate surroundings. Buildings all in good order.

HYGIENE:

All satisfactory with the exception of KELELAKWA village. Instead of using the latrines over the sea, some of the people had been using the bush, about 200 yards from the village, near the Madana road, for defaecating purposes. The Village Constable was absent at Port Moresby so the Village Councillors were instructed to have all the undergrowth, amongst the coconuts in this area, cleared and burnt. The people were told that they are to use the latrines and anyone caught using the bush near the village, will be punished.

Referring to P/Report No.4 - 44/45 "Spear Pumps" and the remarks concerning same. In 1933 /4, All these pumps were found by me to be out of order, except in one instance. In most instances, the pumps had been neglected and broken apparently by children playing about with them. In most cases, small stones, shells and sand had been forced through the aperture above the opening above the plunger. The only serviceable one had not been used for a considerable time, the people preferring to carry water from a distance to using the pump. I had them all brought into the station and managed to get enough parts from the broken ones to make one usable pump.

The Spear Pump system in the villages would be more hygienic than where the present system is an open well.

HEALTH:

Good work has been done by the N.M.A. Sgt LEKE KOAE at GABUONI. The dysentery epidemic appears to have cleared. At the time of my visit, the only patients receiving treatment were a few suffering from Tropical Ulcers.

FOOD and GARDENS.

Despite the hot and dry weather, there is an ample supply of native food available, more than is needed for the people. In many of the gardens that I saw, there had been regular plantings, mainly Bananas. Over 2000 lbs. of native food was purchased and brought to the station.

VILLAGE CONSTABLES & COUNCILLORS.

Satisfactory work is being done by all except at Kelelakwa Village. The absence of the Village Constable is, doubtless, responsible for the "slacking".

GENERAL.

The repatriation of a number of natives to these villages has brought about a happier state amongst the village people.

Thomas
Captain.
A.D.O.

Why supply pumps at village because they are broken

Thomas

GWT/OK.

ANGAU District Hq.
Samarai District,
MILNE BAY.
18 Jan 45.

Ref. No.425.

HQ. SOUTHERN REGION, ANGAU.

ABAU P/R. No.7 of 44/45 - Capt. O.J. Atkinson.

Herewith a/m Patrol Report in duplicate.

2. D.O's comments are appended hereunder:-

1. In view of the short duration of Patrol it could probably have been better covered by a special report rather than a P/R.

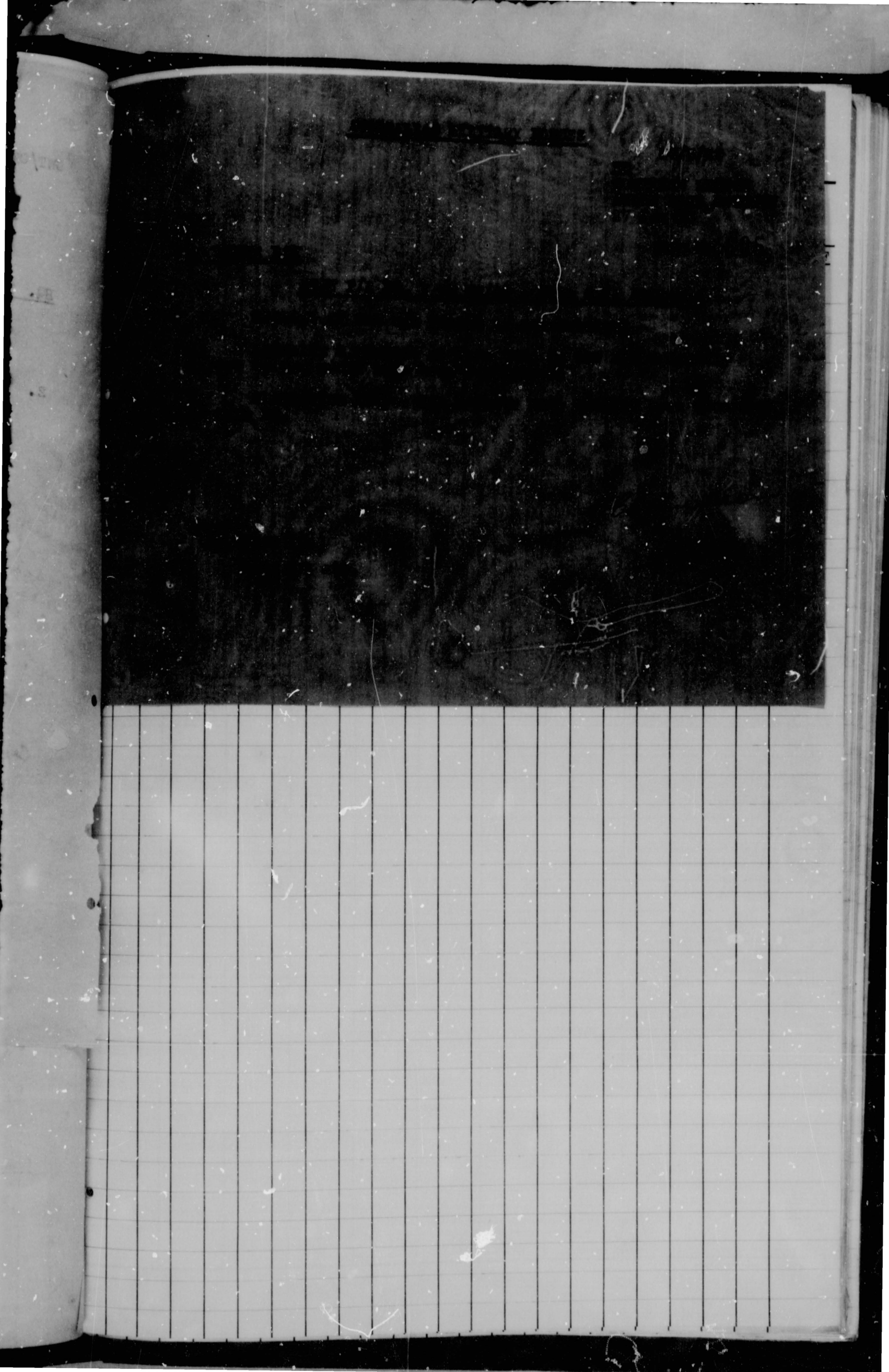
2. Spear pumps have always been a problem in that area and have never really proved satisfactory, even at Hula, where there were several mechanically minded natives, the system had to be abandoned and tanks installed. The latter system is costly for the natives who usually bear half the cost and would probably prove difficult to control in the smaller, not so well organized villages.

3. Conditions otherwise appear satisfactory.

*A decision is
being awaited
from HQ, (O,
as to which
has been
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" " " "
(2 months).*

[Signature]
.....Capt.
A/D.O. SAMARAI.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Abau Report No. 8 of 44/45

Patrol Conducted by No ii G.O. Clark

Area Patrolled Amou & Sam Group

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 27/1/1945 to 6/2/1945

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

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

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

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

REPORT of PATROL by WO CLARK, J.O. to AMAU and the DOM Group of villages (in and from KAPARI HULA).

Date left station: 27 JAN 45.
Date returned : 6 FEB 45.

PURPOSES OF THE PATROL:

- (a) To take census of the DOM villages and to obtain figures required in DS Inst. 26. *Reparation*
- (b) To conduct a medical inspection of the villages.
- (c) To deal with any complaints under the N.R.Ordinance.
- (d) To obtain statements from certain natives who were signed on at RIGG in 1942 as carriers for the Army, as to any money which may be due to them.
- (e) To inspect the dromes at AMAU and LALOURA and take note of petrol and oil stored on them.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:

- (a) European personnel: Nil.
- (b) RPC: 3.
- (c) Native carriers: 15 (from ABAU).

COST OF PATROL:

- (a) Issues to carriers and Police:
- Rice: 168 lbs
- Biscuit: 2 tins
- Meat : 35 tins
- Fish : 35 tins
- Sugar : 25 lbs.
- Salt : 4 lbs.
- Soap : 4 lbs.
- Tobacco:
- Issues to carriers and police: $3\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
- Payments for native foods : $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
- Vil Consts and Councillors : 1 lb.
- Salt: (payments for native foods) 30 lbs.

LAST PATROL TO AREA MADE BY:

- (a) District Services Field Staff on.....OCT, 44.
- (b) Medical Assistant.....AUG, 44.

e Pop

Over 13
M F Females in Child Birth

DIARY.

Note: Map References are to Map DURAMA 2042 1 inch Series.

- 27 Jan 45. Left ABAU at 0600 hrs in Launch BINGUIE with all gear and carriers. By launch to the AMAU landing in DURAMU Creek(449609). Walked to AMAU(420750) and reached there 1600 hrs.
- 28 Jan 45. to 30 Jan 45. At AMAU.
- 31 Jan 45. Left AMAU on reports that the MORI River (365710) was fordable. Reached BAIA Plantation 1600 hrs.
- 1 Feb 45. Left BAIA 0600. Arr. MERANI (334609) 0700. Left MERANI 1000 hrs and Arr. ABUIA (231620) 1600 hrs. Leaving some gear and all carriers at HOBOGUNI (216631) went to KAPARI HULA by canoe to sleep in Rest House there. Arr. 1830hrs.
- 2 Feb 45. Left KAPARI HULA at 0600. Arr. HOBOGUNI 0830. Based on that village visited ABUIA, also IABA (219620). Again slept at KAPARI HULA.
- 3 Feb 45. Left KAPARI HULA at 0600 and walked to OTOMATA Plantation (138554). Arr. 1300 hrs.
- 4 Feb 45. At OTOMATA. Inspected LALOURA Drome(215584).
- 5 Feb 45. Left OTOMATA by canoe 0800. Called at TUTUBU (273314) and BARAMATA Plantation (315560) and arrived DOMARA (407586) at 1800 hrs.
- 6 Feb 45. Left DOMARA 1300 hrs and arr. ABAU 1600 hrs.

VILLAGES.

- AMAU. Vil. Consts. SENI (No. 14), SUMANU (No. 15) and ITABI (No. 40). Pop. 292. The census had been taken here (by this P.O.) on 27-28 SEP 44 (P.R. ABAU No. 3 of 44/45). On this occasion it was checked and a medical inspection made at the same time. The village is clean. Latrines are good. Water supply is from a fast river running through the village. Altogether AMAU appears quite a model village-the influence of the KWATO Mission has a good deal to do with this.
Conduct of Vil Consts: SUMANU and ITABI, very good.
SENI was absent.
- MERANI. Vil Const INI'LESI (No. 10) who also controls TUTUBU. MERANI Pop 46. Village was clean and well fenced. All the DOM villages have well-built MAILU type houses which are large and strongly built. No latrines at all had been built to replace two disused ones. The Vil Const was ordered to attend to the building of two new ones immediately and the sites for them were chosen. (Note: An NMO has since been sent to inspect the two new structures and he reports that they are good ones). Conduct of the Vil Const was good; it was subsequently found however that he had not reported an outbreak of dysentery at TUTUBU. He has been instructed as to his duty in such matters.
There was no Councillor for the village and one called DOMSIN has been elected by the people. He was told to report to ABAU so that he could be appointed and given a medal. (Since done).
- IABA. Vil Const DEBENI (No. 9). Conduct, good. He controls IABA, ABUIA and HOBOGUNI. Pop. IABA, 32. Councillor POIA. Conduct, good. Village clean. Latrines satisfactory.
- ABUIA. Councillor UI'A. Conduct, Fair. Pop 33. Village clean and latrines satisfactory. All these villages have good strong fences.
- HOBOGUNI Councillor BIPAM. Conduct, Good. Pop. 29. Village clean and latrines (here built over the water) good. The village is in a mangrove swamp and the site is rather depressing but the people do not seem to mind it.

MATTERS DEALT WITH ON PATROL:(a) Census of the DOM villages.

The census was taken from house to house in the villages of MERANI, ABUIA, IABA and HOBOGUNI, a medical inspection being made at the same time. The village of UNAU (207597) is now abandoned.

Figures required by DS Inst 26 were obtained and have been handed to the ADO.

(b) Medical Inspection.

As stated this was made at the time of the census taking. NMO (No 251) AOKA accompanied the patrol. See further under "Medical Matters".

(c) Complaints under N.R. Ordinance.

Only one was dealt with. It was held at OTOMATA and was a case of assault, by one native on another.

Several other minor matters were settled out of Court.

(d) Statements from natives as to money earned in 1942.

Statements were taken from all those natives on the list given to me who were to be found in the villages or plantations visited.

(e) Inspection of Dromes and noting petrol and oil stocks.(i) AMAU drome. (Inspected 30 Jan 45).

Although the village people have been doing no maintenance work this drome is in serviceable condition. The Vil Const reported that a plane had landed on the drome since the date of the last patrol's visit (28 Sep 44). He could not give the exact date. He described the plane as an Australian amphibian on its way from DARU to GOODENOUGH. The crew took ~~two~~ 2 44-gal drums of petrol from the stock on the drome but left no receipt or note with him.

An inventory of the petrol and oil stocks on the drome was made and this has been handed to the ADO.

(ii) LALOURA drome. (Inspected 4 Feb 45).

The drome is covered with grass, in some places up to 6 ft high. The surface appears to be good, however, and only grass cutting would be needed to make the strip serviceable.

Petrol and oil stocks are nil.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The road from the AMAU landing (DURAMU Creek) to AMAU is an excellent wide road which would be suitable for trucks in dry weather but not in wet. On this occasion it was dry and in good condition but last September I found it wet and bad walking. The bridges all need renewing to be safe for motor traffic. The village people have little work to do on this road apart from grass-cutting, which is being done.

From AMAU to KAURU Plantation the Government road had not been maintained but a party of men from AMAU worked on it while I was in the village and it is now in fair condition. MERANI people are responsible for part of this road and they had made some good bridges. The MORI river, I was told, is often impassable.

From MERANI to ABUIA the road is shown on the map as "6 hours bad walking". I found it "4 hours fair walking". The villages were ordered to do work on this road. It is much used by plantation labourers going backwards and forwards on visits to their villages (usually at week-ends). Village officials agreed that the road was most useful to them.

Patrols visiting the DOM villages usually do so by water, from KAPARI HULA, and return the same way. I wanted to try either one of the roads shown as being between ABUIA and the coast and UNAU and the coast. Village officials however warned me against them saying that they were through mangrove and sago swamps difficult even for natives, the mangrove swamps being impassable at high tide. These roads were not being maintained, they said.

From HOBOGUNI to KAPARI HULA is two hours by canoe but patrols here can be made by launch.

REST HOUSES.

At AMAU the Rest House is excellent and has recently been re-roofed. The only Rest House in the DOM villages is at HOBOGUNI and it is very poor, so bad that I decided to sleep at the Rest House at KAPARI HULA. The one at HOBOGUNI consists of an open room and nothing else, the ground beneath it is evidently used as a fowl run.

The people say, however, that they intend to build a first class Rest House when the villages are moved to a new central site. As stated their own village houses are very well made.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE.

An inspection of village latrines was made in each case.

The villages were clean on inspection and although no doubt some special cleaning had been done for the occasion it is evident that they are regularly cleaned.

The pig fences are strong and in good condition.

The people generally are healthy. AMAU has an abundance of food. In the other villages food supplies are adequate.

Water supplies were inspected and found to be satisfactory.

GENERAL.

As reported in ABAU P.R. No. 4 of 44/45, the village people of LABA, ABUIA and HOBOGUNI wish to make a combined village on a site which has been chosen by them (and approved by a Medical Assistant). The site is near the present village of HOBOGUNI. Apart from the choosing of the site, nothing has so far been done to effect the move.

As already mentioned, the fourth village, UNAU, is now deserted. The people from there have decided, apparently, not to join in the making of a combined village and those who were left have gone to live at TUTUBU. The DOM people seem to like to move about among the villages and some are not even sure to which village they belong for the purpose of the census.

Nearly all the men who are away at labour from these villages (not including AMAU) are working at either BAIA or KAURU Plantations and as these are so close little hardship is caused by their absence from the villages. Their families visit the men on the plantations and the men themselves can easily go home at the week-ends.

MEDICAL MATTERS.

A medical check of each person in the villages visited was made as the census was taken.

Some sick people had hidden in the bush on the patrol's approach. It is thought that most, if not all, of these were found.

When I reached the coast I heard a rumour that there was dysentery at TUTUBU and the patrol therefore called there. The village people were called and inspected. No dysentery cases were found and the people and village officials strenuously denied that there was any dysentery there. Some patients suffering from other complaints were found.

About two hours after the village had been left behind I heard that there was in fact dysentery there and the cases were hiding in the bush. I obtained their names and sent a Const back with the NMO to bring them in. They found 6 cases, some of them bed.

The Vill Const, who lives at MERANI, was not present when the patrol was at TUTUBU but a Councillor who had lied about the matter was subsequently removed from office as a result. This was done by the ADO, who also instructed the Vill Const to report sickness to ABAU.

At DOMARA there is an outbreak of whooping-cough and an NMO is stationed there to give medicine and enforce the quarantine. He informed me that he was having difficulty in preventing village women from taking their children with them when visiting the nearby plantations. To help him a Const RPC was later sent to DOMARA.

Number of villages visited: 6.
Number of people inspected: 329.
Patients for hospital : 32.
Hospital cases:

Yaws.....6
Tinea.....10
Ulcers.....2
Abscess.....6
Pneumonia...1
Dysentery...6
Other.....1

Conduct of No. 251 NMO AQBA was excellent.

6. P.R. ABAU No.3 of 44/45.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF RPC ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL.
(TO AMAG AND THE DOM VILLAGES 27 JAN to 6 FEB 45).

Reg. No. 5051	Const SARAI.	Good.
Reg. No. 1286	Const SAWOTA.	Good.
Reg. No. 1365	Const BOE .	Good.

JRF/RFM/06

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

File 30/1
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Samarai District
MILNE BAY.
6 Mar 45
Ref. No. 647.

HQ Southern Region, ANGAU

P/R 8 of 44/45 - WO 11 J.O. CLARK - ABAU.

Remarks on Patrol No.7 apply equally to this one.
The Patrol Officer fails to present a reasonable picture
of the various communities visited.

2. Some information on Births and Deaths over a given
period would be most instructive.

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.....Major
D.O. SAMARAI

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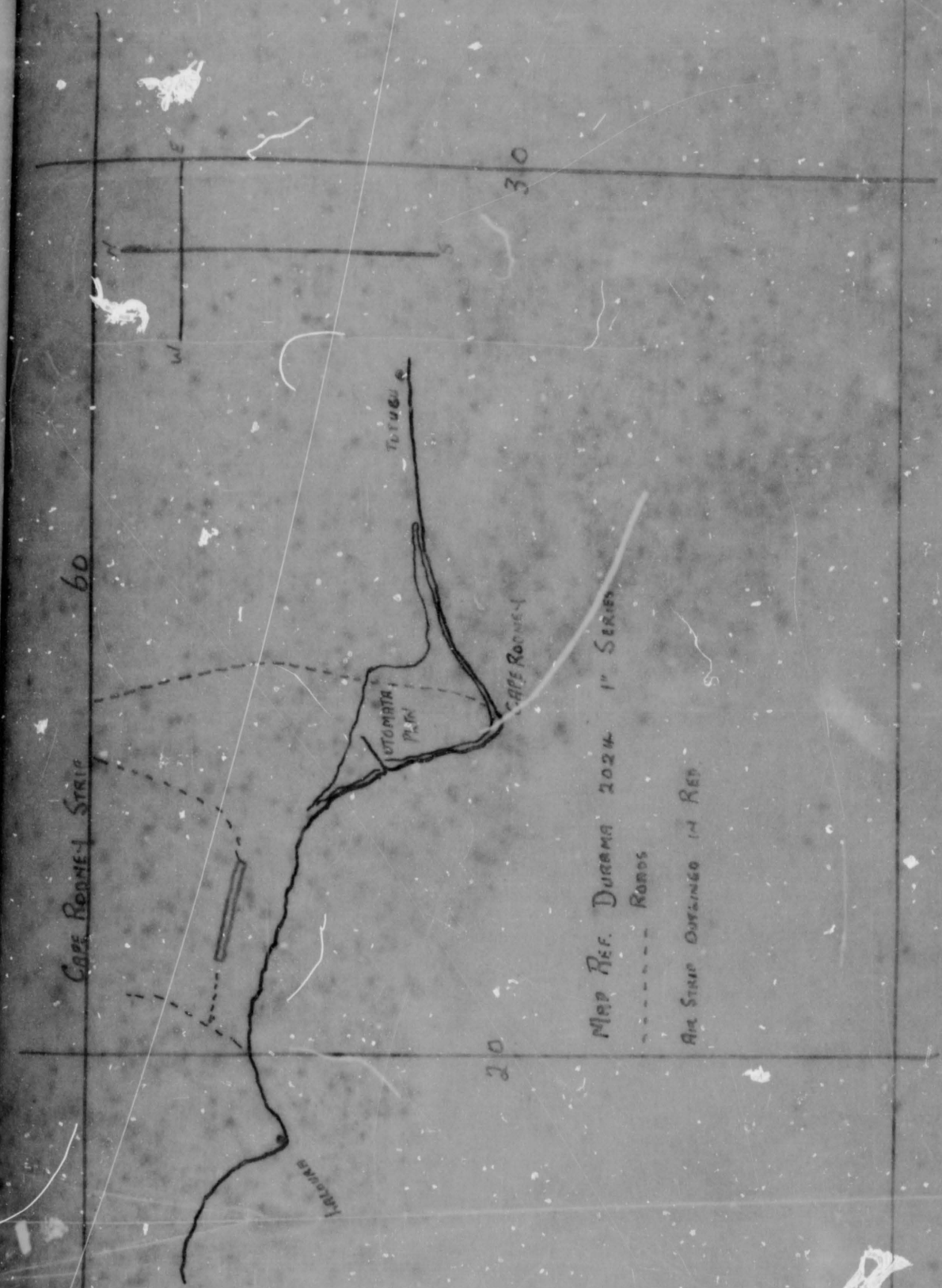
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It would be interesting to know the number of men absent under C/E when giving village population.

2. No. of children attending various schools and something of the teachers.
3. More should be written about native gardens - approximate areas and type of foods grown.
4. When a decision is reached regarding the appointment of Village Constables, forward recommendation.
5. Your attention is drawn to para 5 of CI/45/26 dated 1 Jun 45.

(Sgd) J.R. Foldi, Maj
DO SAMARAI.

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MAP REF. DURAMA 2024 1" SERIES
 --- RAILS
 AIR STRIP OBTAINED IN REF.

COR. BOUND. 2400

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CLOUDY BAY

MURCUM RIVER

ABAU IS.

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ASAVI IS.

'A'

AMIRADO

DEDELE PLAT.

DEDELE PL.

'A' 'B'

AIR STRIP & ABAU STRIPS

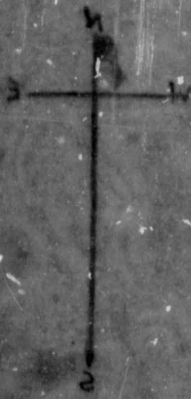
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AIR STRIP OUTLINED IN RED

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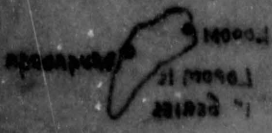


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KWAIPOHIA STAIR



MAP. REF. BARRETT & TAYLOR IN REAR

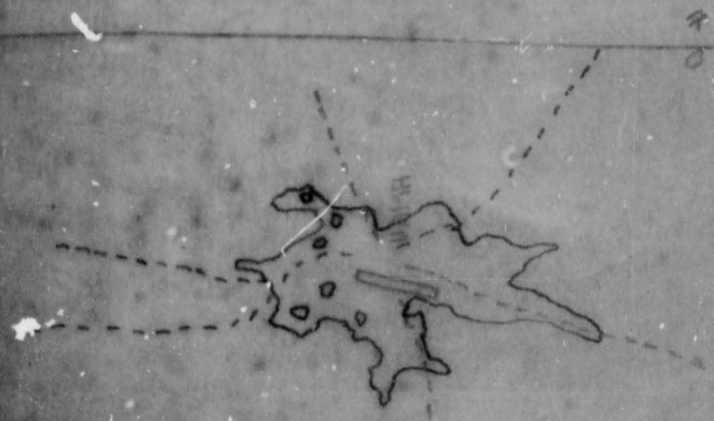
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H.O.

AIR STATION CHARTERED IN 1910

1908

MAP OF DUNDAS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



MAP OF DUNDAS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

File 2.

District Office
Abau Sub-District.
20th Apr 45.

DO MILNE BAY.

REF: ABAU P/R No. 8 of 44/5 - Lt J. O. Clark.

2. Particulars of air-strips are as follows:-

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- a. Abau Strip - Map Ref 2039 Abau 1 mile series. Position: 570586. On N-West side of Abau Island. Fuel: 13 X 44 gal drums 73 Octane: 18 X 100 drums Octane Spirit and 3 drums of Lubricating Oil. Dimensions 500 yds X 40
- b. Atkinson Strip: Map Ref 2039 Abau 1-mile series. Position: 610570. On DAUBO Island S-East of Abau and almost mid-way between Abau and Dedele. Latitude 10 deg. 12' S. Longitude 148 deg. 44' E. Fuel: 2 X 44 gal Drums 73 Octane: 2½ X 44 gal drums 100 Octane and 1 X 44 gal drum lubricating oil. Dimensions 600 yds X 40 yds.
- c. Cape Rodney Strip: Map Ref. 1272 Marshall Lagoon 1-inch. Position: 215584. Latitude 10 deg. 13' S. Longitude 148 deg. 24' E. About 3½ miles N-West of Otomata Pltn. Dimensions ½ mile X 40 yards.
- d. KWAIPONATA or MOGUBU STRIP: Map Ref. 1271 Bailebo and Table Bay Series 1-inch to the mile. Position: 240450. Latitude 10 deg. 19' South. Longitude 149 deg 20' E. On Western side of Mogubu Plantation. Dimensions: 1 mile X 40 yards. Fuel: 70 X 44 gal. drums 100 Octane Spirit: 3 X 44 gal. D drums lubricating oil, grade obscured.
- e. AMAU-GARING Strip: Map Ref. Duramu 2042 1-inch series. Position: 422750. Latitude 10 Deg. 30' S. Longitude 148 degrees 32' E. In front of Amau Mission Station and near the village of that name. About 18 miles N-West of Abau. Dimensions: 1000 yds X 40 yds. Fuel: 6 X 44 gal drums 73 Octane Spirit: 3 X 4 gals Lubri-cating oil, type not marked and 1 X 5 gal drum "USA" type "I" Oil.

3. None of these dromes have been used for months now and, unless the Air Force specially request otherwise, I recommend that the Cape Rodney and the Abau strips should be abandoned. Regarding the other three strips, I consider that at least one or perhaps two of them should be kept in order as emergency landing strips. The reason for this latter suggestion is that during the months of May and June, bad weather is usually experienced here particularly in the Cloudy Bay area. Low cloud formations with "Scotch Mist" being over the area for weeks. Two years ago, two fighter planes were forced to land on a beach 10 miles from here as, at that time, there was no landing strip at either Mogubu or Abau suitable for them to land upon.

4. Sketch map of each drome herewith. These were previously forwarded.

J. O. Clark

Captain.

A. D. O.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

File 30.

District Office,
Abau Sub-District.
20th Feby., 1945.

DO. Milne Bay,
SAMARAI.

1. Abau Patrol Report No. 8 44/45.
2. The village people will not be forced to make a combined village, though it would be advantageous in many ways.
3. A Medical Assistant has since visited TUTUBU Village and reports that there are no further cases there. The Village Constable has been instructed to make a daily inspection for three weeks and to immediately report should any further cases occur.
4. The report shows a fairly satisfactory state in the area visited.

Johnnie
Captain.
A.D.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Abau Report No. 9 of 44/45

Patrol Conducted by Capt. O.J. Atkinson

Area Patrolled Vilisupu

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 10/3/45 to 16/3/45

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

.....
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 £.....

DIARY.

- 10 Mar. 45. Left Abau in AMXX 528 at 0820 hrs. anchored at Lalaura Village. No. 8 V.C. JOHN reported. Remained until 17.30 hrs owing to bad weather then left for Vilirupu. Weather got worse so ran into Kapari-Rula and anchored. No 8 V.C. LEWERAKA reported. Camped.
- 11 Mar. 45. Departed 0820 hrs in fine weather. Arrived off Wairawanua Village and entered Upugau River at 0845 hrs on a high tide. Ran right up to Madana plantation. Called on the owner of the plantation Mr J. Miller, and, in the afternoon, inspected his native labour etc. (Report forwarded to ADNL). At 1700 hrs. left for Vilirupu and camped at Gabupni Village. No. 6 V.C. POTEA reported.
- 12 Mar. 45. Visited Korela Mission and called upon Mr Lock. Later I went on to Wanigela Village. V.C. AUGEREGA No. 4 reported. Held C.N.M. 51 natives fined for gambling. Then visited WAIORI. V.C. WAIUPOIO, who reported. No complaints. Then went to Paili wharf and on to Paili Plantation and made an inspection. (Report to ADNL.).
- 13 Mar. 45. Departed from Paili 0900 hrs and arrived at Kelelakwa at 10.00 hrs. No. 5 V.C. ABALABA reported. Held C.P.S., also meeting of village people to elect a Village Council. W/O Steen 20 from Rigo reported. Arranged for carriers and transport for him to Paili. Visited WANIGELA and Korela Mission and returned to Gabuoni at 0700 hrs and camped.
- 14 Mar. 45. Village Council elected and then left for Kapari Rula. On arrival a meeting of village people was held and a Village Council elected. Weather bad. Continued on to Lalaura Village and camped. Wind increased almost to gale force and big seas running. Impossible to land at Otomata plantation. Village Council elected.
- 15 Mar 45. Left for Otomata, also Baramata Plantations. Impossible to land at either place owing to bad seas so ran on and into the Domara River and up to Baia and Kauru Plantations. Made inspections of all labour etc on Baia, Mori River Rubber and Kauru Plantations (Reports to ADNL.)
- 16 Mar 45. Departed at 0900 hrs for Domara and Duren villages. Weather too rough to land at either place so returned to the station at about 12.30 hrs.

Villages inspected 10-16 Mar 45.

MAIORI	Vil. Const.	WAIUPOIO	No. 3	1" Strat Map	032757
WANIGELA	"	AUGEREGA	No. 4	"	032729
GABUONI	"	TOTEA	" 6	"	991682
EMBLELAKWA	"	ABALABA	" 5	"	983685
LALAURA	"	JOHN	" 8	"	191578
KAPARI-HULA	"	LEWERAKA	" 7	"	168630

Marshall Lagoon & Duram - Sheets Nos. 2272 & 2042.

PLANTATIONS. Paili Plantation. On the night of 28 Feb 45 the Copra Drier and 10 tons of copra was burnt. The fireman on duty left a heap of coconut shells inside the furnace, contrary to orders, which caught alight and set fire to the copra undergoing the process of drying. The fireman was absent at the time. He was proceeded against by the manager and fined. The new drier is well under way and production should commence shortly.

3 natives were fined for A.W.L. and one for "Failing to show ordinary diligence".

Madana Plantation. 3 natives were fined for stealing property of the owner. Two of the cases were for stealing green coconuts. They had been warned many times by the owner, Mr J. Miller, that they must not take the green nuts but simply ignored the warnings. Only two were caught in the act, although it was evident that it had been a general practice with the result that future production will suffer as a result thereof.

Mr J. Miller, also in Guise, appealed to me for the release of the latter from his C/E, in order that Guise can assist him in the running of the place. Mr Miller is ageing, does not have good health, and finds he is unable to do justice to the work. He is extending his area and, later, will have the Trade Store. (Letter to the ADML concerning his release).

now released

Otomata and Baramata Plantations. Owing to the heavy seas, it was impossible to land at these places. They will be inspected later.

Baia Plantation; Kauru and Mori River Rubber Estates. No complaints made against the labourers by the managers and none by the M/L against the managers.

Mr J. Brewster, manager of Baia Plantation, complained of the delay in the despatch of plantation stores from Port Moresby. He showed to me Advice Notes Nos 501 of 8.2.45 and 564 of 13.2.45, from P.C.B., that the goods, mentioned on the lists, were supplied. The luggers left Port Moresby about 13.2.45 and the "AK94" arrived at Bomra on 9.2.45 but no cargo brought for Baia. The result is that he is short of rations and has had to borrow from others, which he does not care about doing. Another order forwarded on 17.2.45 from Baia is also awaited.

Shipping

Another matter is shipping. This concerns Kauru and Mori River Rubber Estates also. These three estates are situated some distance up the Domara River - about 3 miles - and they have to depend upon high tides for movement of produce and cargo. The only means they have of knowing of the arrival of a boat is by a telephone message from Baramata to Kauru. Sometimes native runners convey the message. If the managers could be informed ahead that a boat is due on a certain day, also whether to unload cargo, or unload and load, the Managers would see to it that their canoes were taken down to Kawoli in readiness and thus avoid any delays caused by low tides. Often the information is received when the tide is low for the canoes to be taken down the river and they have to wait for the canoes to be taken up the river. This causes lengthy delays which could be obviated by previous notification. If a radio could be sent to this office advising when a vessel is due to leave for Domara; the day it is expected to arrive there and if to unload only or unload and load, this office would send word to the managers and thus save all the delays. (Separate letter to Marine Section). Mosquito Nets. Orders have been placed for supplies but there appears to be a difficulty in obtaining them.

Even how luggers have to estimate

The supply of mosquito nets should be treated as an URGENT necessity.

10. Two natives, working for the Mori River Rubber Estates, were brought into hospital for treatment for Tropical Ulcers. Had the supply of Drugs, ordered sometime ago, been on hand, there would have been no need to bring them in for treatment. (This question of the supply of Drugs was mentioned to Brigadier Cleland, by the Manager, on the visit to Baia and Kauru).

11. Conditions on all plantations are very satisfactory.

12. VILLAGES. All within and the surroundings in good order.

13. Village Councils. These were established in all the villages visited. The heads of the clans in each village were elected. In many places in the Territory, each clan has its totem, such as the Blue Pigeon, Hawk, Python etc but in this area visited, they have no totem - if they had it is forgotten. Each clan is known by its house, said to be a large house in which all members of the clan used to meet to arrange the works of the village, fights etc. In the largest village, Wanigela, there are only 8 clans and the head of each clan still holds a certain amount of sway, although nothing like he used to. Keen interest was shown in the election of the councils and the fact that the head of each clan was elected to the council met with the general approval of the people. I do not anticipate great things from them but it should be a means to bring about closer relationship between the Administration and the people. It should also improve village life and conditions.

14. HYGIENE. Very satisfactory.

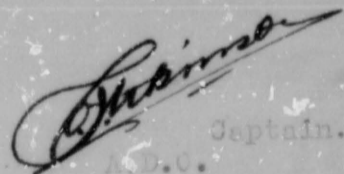
15. HEALTH. No epidemics or cases of serious illness found. One noticeable thing was the absence of sores.

16. FOOD & GARDENS. No shortage of food exists. A complaint was made by Kapari-Tula people about their pigs breaking into their gardens. They were advised how to prevent it.

17. VILLAGE CONSTABLES & COUNCILLORS. All doing good work and displaying interest in village affairs.

18. GENERAL. At Wanigela Village 51 people were convicted and fined for Gambling. More than fifty children were also brought before me for this offence. They were given a warning and advised on the evils of it. It was reported to me that gambling is rife at Aroma and Hula in the Rigo District. At the latter place ex Sgt. GEGERA of the R.F.C., is said to be running a school and boasts that he cannot be caught. (W/O Steen, 10 Rigo District, whom I met at Kulelakua, informed).

3 natives volunteered for the F.I.B. and were brought into the station where they await transport to Port Moresby.


Captain.
R.F.C.

DUPLICATE

ANGAU DISTRICT HQ
SAMARAI DISTRICT
MILNE BAY
27 Mar 45
File 30/1 Ref 761

Subject : ABAU P/R 9 of 44/45

ADO ABAU

The ADO should bear in mind that his duty is primarily Native Welfare. The business worries of Plantation Managers have no place in a patrol report.

2. The report is almost completely devoid of information. The following are some of the points required in a routine patrol :-

- (a) No. of people seen, sex and age groups. No. of I/L absent.
- (b) General physical condition ; Epidemics or casual ills.
- (c) Extent of Gardens and type of food available. What amount of meat or fish is available to them ? Where do they get the essential vitamins ?
- (d) Hygiene : No. of Latrines and if used ; if not, what is the method of disposal of excreta and other rubbish ? Were flies numerous in the village ?
- (e) What do the people do ? Are they building canoes or hunting ? If so what kind of canoes or how many pigs are caught ?
- (f) No. of marriages, births, deaths in the last twelve months ? How many pregnant women ?
- (g) What games do the children play and do the adults join in ?
- (h) Do councillors have meetings and what do they talk about ? If not what is done to encourage these meetings ?
- (i) What is the possibility of the various villages undertaking some kind of communal enterprise and marketing the produce ? What is the area suitable for ?
- (j) No. of houses and types. Conditions of same and your opinion of their suitability.

[Signature]
Major
DO SAMARAI DISTRICT

→ Copy : HQ Southern Region ANGAU (2)

DS.

JRF/RHA

ANGAU DISTRICT HQ
SAMARAI DISTRICT
MILNE BAY
27 Mar 45
File 30/1 Ref 760

Subject : P/R ABAU 9 OF 44/45 - CAPT ATKINSON O J

HQ Southern Region, ANGAU

The report contains practically no information so far as Native Welfare is concerned.

2. A copy of a memo to the ADO is attached.

[Signature]
Major
DO SAMARAI DISTRICT

DS.

Ref Abau P/R 9 of 44/45.

2. It should be remembered that Capta Atkinson is an officer of considerable experience and was a senior Resident Magistrate at the time of suspension of Civil Administration. It can therefore be taken for granted that he would automatically give proper attention to all aspects of native welfare. DO should have appreciated this and worded his comments in a tone other than that which would be used to an inexperienced junior officer.

3. Whilst it is agreed that the business matters in connection with ANG PCB should have been made the subject of a separate memorandum, ADO was quite in order in giving any assistance he considered necessary. In this connection DOs attention is invited to Section 14 of Adm Instrn No. 24.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE

30/5/31

HQ
SOUTHERN REGION
ANGAU PORT MORESBY
7 Apr 45

Ref No. 2051

DO MILNE BAY

R/R ANNU 9/44-45 - Capt O.J. Atkinson

Receipt of the a/m report under cover of your memo
30/1-760 of 27 Mar is ack.

2. MADANA Plantation - John Guise has now been released.

3. Shipping - It is rather difficult to advise STA of shipping when most of it is done by luggers. However, the matter has been referred to HQ ANGAU (Marine).

4. Your Memo ref 761 to ADO - Reg Comd comments:-

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B. Champion

Hqj.
AIGS & IA.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Abau Report No. 10 of 44/45

Patrol Conducted by St. J. O. Clark

Area Patrolled Coastal Villages from Abau to East Boundary

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 10/3/1945 to 6/4/1945

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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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 £.....

Popu

P.R. ABAU No. 10 of 44/45.

REPORT of PATROL by Lt. CLARK, J.O. of all coastal villages from the Eastern Boundary of the District to ABAU.

Date left station: 10 Mar 45.

Date returned : 6 Apl 45.

PURPOSES OF THE PATROL:

- (a) To enter the census in the new Village Registers.
- (b) To visit DERIA village and inquire regarding KAMU, an escaped prisoner from SAMARAI Gaol.
- (c) To inquire into all complaints, village hygiene, food situation and general welfare of the people.
- (d) To inform the people, particularly those at MAILU of the text of the speech made to the natives at ABAU by Brigadier CLELAND during his recent visit to the station.
- (e) To select a Village Constable for LOPOM.
- (f) To choose men in each village for a Village Council in accordance with D.S. Instn. No. 17.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:

- (a) European personnel: Nil.
- (b) RPC :6 (included a party of 3 left in the DEMUGA).
- (c) Native Carriers :from villages, average number, 20.

COST OF PATROL:

Issues to Police, NMO, Interpreter and Cook: and carriers:

- Rice: 336 lbs.
- Biscuits: 4 tins.
- Meat: 48 tins.
- Fish : 35 tins.
- Sugar : 35 lbs.
- Salt : 4 lbs.
- Soap : 6 lbs.
- Matches : 24 boxes.

Tobacco:

- Issues to police, NMO, Interpreter and cook..... 3 lbs.
- Payments to carriers..... 8 lbs.
- Vil Consts and Councillors..... 1 lb.
- Payments for native foods..... 2 lbs.

Salt ;

- Payments for native foods..... 32 lbs.

LAST PATROL TO AREA MADE BY:

- (a) District Services Field Staff on..... JUL 44.
- (b) Medical Assistant..... JUL 44.

DIARY

Note: Map references are to
1270 Urama and Millport Harbour 1" Series.
1271 Bailebo and Table Bay " "
2039 Abau " "

Jama P.R. No. 10 of 44/45

- 10 Mar 45. Left ABAU 0800 hrs in vessel AK 94. Arr. MOGUBU Plantation (254440) 1400 hrs. Manager absent at Mamai. Some stores had already arrived in launch THISTLE.
- 11 Mar 45 At MOGUBU. Fever.
- 12 Mar 45 By launch to MAILU.
- 13 to 15 Mar 45 At MAILU.
- 16 Mar 45 By launch to LARUORO (271400).
- 17 Mar 45 To Mogubu.
- 18 to 19 Mar 45 At LOPOM (247428).
- 20 Mar 45 Left Mogubu 0630. On foot to WOWOLO (298475). BY canoe to ORARO (306508) and on foot to NUNUMAI (310582).
- 21 Mar 45 To BILAGA (334616).
- 22 Mar 45 At BILAGA
- 23 Mar 45 Returned to NUNUMAI.
- 24 Mar 45 On foot to ORARO. By canoes to SELAI (300480). On foot to AROANA (326458) and by canoe to DEREBAI (342463).
- 25 Mar 45 At DEREBAI. Visited AROANA.
- 26 Mar 45 Left DEREBAI 1200 hrs. By canoe to Mogubu. ADO arrives in evening on plantation inspection.
- 27 Mar 45 To WOWOLO and SELAI. WOWOLO Map Ref 298475.
- 28 Mar 45 At Mogubu, writing up census books and holding Court.
- 29 Mar 45 At KULELE (275458).
- 30 Mar 45 At MOGUBU.
- 31 Mar 45 To DEBA (188462) and to DELAVA (032524).
- 1 Apr 45 At DELAVA.
- 2 Apr 45 At DELAVA. Visited LABU (982532). Left Delava at night by canoe.
- 3 Apr 45 Arr MAGAUBO (840495) 0800.
- 4 Apr 45 At MAGAUBO. Visited OIBO. (805520).
- 5 Apr 45 To BORU (728525).
- 6 Apr 45. To ABAU calling at BULUMAI (672512) on the way.

VILLAGES.

MAILU.
 Vil Const NAIDEI (No.30). Pop 510. Village clean. All houses in need of repairs. The people are good housebuilders but there are a few young men left in the village. Of a total effective male population of 103 there are 60 away working under Contract of Service, or 58%. If to these is added those away as Mission Teachers, Native Medical Orderlies, at Lawes College and the Central School and serving in the PIB the total absent becomes 80, or 78% of the effective males.

Nearly all the building material has to be brought from the mainland, 8 miles away. Men are needed also for canoe building and maintenance and for fishing.

While the patrol was in the village the island's well was re-fenced and cleaned out by balling and the road to it made. It had been neglected; the whole village worked for a day on this.

On the West side of the island much of the LMS Mission installations remain - school, church first class cricket ground and a concrete water tank. It is now in charge of a native teacher, the European house having been moved to the mainland.

LARUORO
 Vil Const -office vacant (No.29) (A new Vil Const for LARUORO and Lopom was chosen on this patrol).

This and LOPOM are flat coral islands while MAILU is mountainous and volcanic.

The village is built on clean white beach and is kept clean. The whole island is planted with coconuts. Fresh water is obtained from a well in the centre of the island. It is clean, lined with coral and well fenced.

Latrines are built over ^{3. the sea} ~~water~~ and repairs to these were made while the patrol was there.

There are no gardens on LARUORO or LOPOM. The people go nearly every day by canoe to Mogabu and then walk along the beach to their gardens on the banks of the BAILEBO River.

LOPOM

On this second coral island there are two villages, LOPOM and DAGE DAGELA (252426). Combined population is 207. Again the villages are on white sand and kept clean. A start has been made with the rebuilding of some houses at DAGE DAGELA, as ordered by this P.O. on 23 Jan 45, and other building is going on. Latrines (over the sea) are now in good order.

NUNUMAI

Vil Const GABAMU (No.38) Pop 126 This village and BILAGA are inland villages which were visited in course of making enquiries as to the escaped prisoner KAMU. Vil Const GABAMU has only recently returned from Milne Bay where he and other village officials from this district were absent for four months or more on the case against KAMU. Maintenance work by the villagers was neglected as a result but can now go ahead. Re-building of the latrines was ordered to be begun immediately. Roads in this area have been well made but maintenance work has been neglected recently.

A Mission School here with a native teacher, has a number of pupils from the DIMUGA villages who live at NUNUMAI while attending the school.

The village is prettily situated on the bank of a fast flowing river. Couch grass covers the site.

BILAGA

(controlled by Vil Const NUNUMAI) Pop 48. On the ULUMANU River. Village in good order and clean. These cheerful DIMUGA people are very willing to help the Government. The small village is well kept and has an excellent Rest House.

DEREBAI

Vil Const OREVA (no.33) Pop 116. This village and AROANA are built on the shores of a small and pretty bay which forms the extreme Eastern Boundary of the ABAU District. There is no road between the villages and as AROANA is really a breakaway from DEREBAI there is a ~~small~~ constant traffic of small canoes across the bay. A Mission School is maintained at DEREBAI.

Village clean. Newly planted gardens surround the Rest House, a new one of which the village people are rightly proud. The village is built on the hard sand near the beach and the Mailu type houses are in good repair. Latrines are over a tidal creek and are in good order. Water supply is from a fast clear stream at the back of the village.

AROANA

(controlled by Vil Const of Derebai) Pop. 65. Village in good order. Latrines good. Water supply is from a small creek about half an hour from the village. The people do not seem to mind this walk.

A short road from here to SELAI is well kept. Village pigs are kept on a small island about 500 yards out in the bay - an ideal arrangement.

SELAJ

(controlled by Vil Const of WOWOLO). Pop 84. Village found to be neglected. Two days work under supervision of the police and the NMO were done on this visit. It consisted of cutting back grass, repairing and renewing latrines and making the road to the creek where fresh water is obtained.

ORARO

(controlled by Vil Const of WOWOLO) Pop 20. This small village of four houses was well kept and in good order. There were no latrines at all however and sites were chosen and marked for these, construction ~~to begin~~ immediately.

WOWOLO

Vil Const GODARA (no. 32) Pop. 139. After destruction by floods this was rebuilt on a new site in the latter half of 1944. The work is complete now - a good effort. A pig fence surrounds the new village which is built compactly on a small piece of land purchased from the Kulele people.

Gardens:

The gardens located in the villages visited are adequate, both in size and in the variety of crops cultivated. Most of the areas were fenced against invaders, and in those instances where natives reported pig offensives against their crops it was found that little or no effort had been made by the people concerned to construct suitable barriers to withstand such assaults.

It was pointed out that in most other areas the inhabitants had found time to construct strong fences around their cultivations, so it behoved the natives complaining to arouse some energy and do likewise. They were reminded that their forefathers must have encountered the same difficulties and, since they lived, must have devised ways and means to combat such evils. Had they forgotten the ways and means?

NUAKATA Island was particularly outstanding, large, well-fenced, tracts of land being planted with yams, taitu, sweet potatoes, taro, sugar cane, pawpaws, bananas, and corn. The inhabitants here are actively aware that the more work done in the garden means more food in the home.

TUBETUBE and KARAIWA Islands have only moderate areas under cultivation, the cause of which is the paucity of space available for agricultural pursuits. However, these natives trade with Normanby and Woodlark Islands at frequent intervals, trading items of pottery for produce, and judging by the health of the people this arrangement is very satisfactory.

Taking a broad view of the Islands visited, I am of the opinion that the native food position is excellent, there being no areas where a shortage exists.

Recruiting:

Eighty boys were repatriated and a total of 73 obtained in their stead. In some areas it was found that the number of replacements fell far short of the number of repatriates, particularly in KAWAGAU on Basilaki Island. Here, 23 boys went ashore but only seven were available for indenture. Consequently, it was found expedient to journey to nearby islands and obtain recruits from there.

Island	Village	Total Eff Male Pop.	Under Indent. No of	Eff Males now in Village	% in Vill.	Remarks
Sideia	Lekauwowona	34	13	21	62%	8 boys empl at Cath Miss
"	Lilei	20	7	13	65%	
Basilaki	Bedouna	8	4	4	50%	
"	Kawowola	8	3	5	62%	Includes 23 just repatriated
"	Kawagau	36	8	28	78%	
"	Hamaama	20	10	10	50%	
Bwiari	Thagilababa	25	15	10	40%	
TubeTube	Pai	10	6	4	40%	
Kwaraiwa	Island	20	13	7	35%	
Nuakata	Island	18	15	3	17%	
Sariba	DagaDaga	5	3	2	40%	
"	Gou	7	5	2	28%	

One latrine was completely broken down and repairs were begun at once the police and NMO supervising. Now that the village is complete work can go ahead on the new Rest House. At present there is no Rest House between DEREBAI and KULELE. Timber which had been cut in the bush for KULELE this was carried in while the patrol was in the village.

F.R. ABAU No. 10 of 44/45.
 Vil Const NOGE (No. 31) Pop. 235. Village clean. Pit fence had been allowed to fall into disrepair. Work of repairing it was begun immediately and two days work done under supervision of the RPC.
 One or two MALLU type houses here are as fine as any in the district.

DEBA
 Vil Const MARI (No. 27) Pop. 68. On the mouth of the BAILLEBO River. Village was clean and well fenced but latrines which had been washed away had not been replaced. Sites for new ones were chosen and the work put in hand. Although these people live on the coast they are, they say, bush people and do not understand canoes or fishing very well.

The road from the DIMUGA country comes to the coast at DEBA. When the BAILLEBO River is high the mouth is difficult and dangerous to cross. A ferryman was appointed in May 44 (MAJNA BORU) but his canoe, he reports, was wrecked in a flood and he is building a new one. A Const sent out to see this reported that it was a long while since any work had been done on the log. The ferryman is not tackling his job with enthusiasm and will have to be kept up to it.

DELAVA
 Vil Const BOBI (No. 26) Pop. 123. Village built on a sand spit at the mouth of a small river. Bare black sand which gets very hot in the sun is not attractive and the people were urged to build some trees and shrubs.

Both old latrines had fallen down. One new one had been built but it was not in a suitable position nor of a good type. Sites for two new deep-pit latrines were selected and both were completed before the patrol left the village. The people here I found to be good workers and the two new latrines completed in a day are now the best in this district. Three new living houses are in course of construction.

LABU
 (controlled by Vil Const of DELAVA) Pop. 59. A small village which can be reached either by walking along the beach or by canoe along an inland waterway. This is useful to know as the beach makes difficult walking at high tide, almost impossible when this is combined with rough seas. The Councillor is a good one and understands what is wanted. Although this village is on the coast the people have no sea canoes. They are at home in small canoes in the inland rivers and swamps.

Latrines which had been swept away by floods had not been replaced. Sites for new ones were chosen. The approach to these will lead along a bridge over a small creek at the back of the village. Work was begun and this bridge completed while the patrol was in the village.

MAGAUBO
 (controlled by Vil Const of BORU) Pop. 82. A good village, clean and with well built houses. A Mission School is maintained here. There is a good Rest House.

Latrines over a swamp at the back of the village were condemned, new sites chosen and the work completed while the patrol was in the village. The whole village worked at this, the women making biri while the men did the construction work.

MAGAUBO is ten miles along the beach from BORU and the people asked me if they could have a Vil Const for the village, who could also control OIBO. The Vil Const of BORU who controls MAGAUBO now has moved his own house to BULUMAI PT., which means that he now lives about 15 miles away from Magaubo.

OIBO
 (controlled by Vil Const of BORU) Pop. 12. This small village (3 houses) has recently been made by people who formerly lived at GORUME village which was about two miles inland from BORU (at Map Ref 726543).

The houses are well built and the village is clean and well kept. One woman has laid out paths and planted flowers on her own initiative. The people although with the MASAUBO people do not wish to move to that village. OIPO they explain is their ground. I suggested that three small girls should ^{be} the MAGAUBO ^{settlers} but there no boys to accompany them. BORU

Vil Const OPA MOTU (No. 25) Pop. 190. There was a severe outbreak of dysentery in this village last year and some of the people have decided to leave the old village and move about 5 miles West to BULUMAI PT. Already there is a small village at BULUMAI (12 houses) and more people propose to move. It seems clear that there will for a long time be two villages. The people at BULUMAI say that they will wait five or six years "to see if the ground is healthy", and if it proves to be they will put up more substantial houses. The present houses are quite good considering that they have been erected in a short time but they are not as big or as well built as the original BORU houses.

One latrine was completely rebuilt, under supervision, at BORU. The village well is well fenced, a new approach ramp was built to it. Latrines at BULUMAI are fair (deep pit) but the Vil Const will have new ones built over the sea.

Water is again from a well and it appears much better water than that at BORU. I found the latter undrinkable, even after boiling. All the ground surrounding the village is low-lying and a well made anywhere would be filled by seepage from the swamp at the back of the village.

MATTERS DEALT WITH ON THE PATROL.

(a) To enter the Census in the new Village registers.

The census was checked in each village and written into the new Village Registers. Both these operations took time. For instance, in Mailu checking the census (and making a medical examination of each person as his name was called) took nearly 2 days. Many people in this district have two or three names. Others have abandoned a name since giving it to the last census-taker and will not answer to it or even say it now.

The new books were handed to the Vil Const in each case.

(b) To visit DERIA village and enquire regarding KAMU, an escaped prisoner from SAMARAI Gaol.

I was unable to reach DERIA as the ULUMANU River was flooded and impassable above BILAGA. On 21 Mar a party sent from NUNUMAI to report on the state of the crossing near DERIA reported at 1400 hrs that they had managed to get across. We packed up immediately and reached BILAGA at night. The river was swollen next morning and a party again sent said that the river could not now be crossed. I decided to wait a day to see if the river would fall but instead it rose. On 23 Mar I returned to NUNUMAI. The river has to be crossed again there and I think we were lucky to get across. Natives inform me that the DIMUGA villages above BILAGA are often isolated for weeks at a time at this season.

At BILAGA on 23 Mar I left L/Cpl OGEPAOE, Consts BOE and SART as a party with instructions to continue the search for KAMU. It was reported to me at NUNUMAI that there was a party of police from Milne BAY in the District engaged on the same search. There was no information to this effect at ABAU. I decided to leave the police from ABAU nevertheless. They were fully instructed as to their duties and supplied with salt to buy food, rifle cleaning material and two weeks ration of tobacco.

Const IDAU was recalled - he had been inclined to "run wild" in the bush, I think; his discipline was poor and his rifle was in a deplorable condition.

Orders were left for Const AU to be sent in to ABAU, he was reported then to be in BANJARA District.

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(c) (i) To inquire into all complaints, (ii) village hygiene (iii) food situation and (iv) general welfare of the people.

(i) Only one case was heard under the N.R. Ordinance, a case of adultery. Many other small disputes were settled out of court.

(ii) Hygiene was given careful attention. Every village now has either new latrines or renovated ones. Repairs were made to pig fences and fences around water-holes and roads to the water places were cut where necessary. All villages were clean and the grass was cut back, except in the case of SELAI where this was done under supervision.

The people generally are clean largely because they bathe a good deal in the sea or the rivers. This tends to keep sores away especially among children.

(iii) Food situation was normal. The people in the area visited all have sufficient food. Two great staples are sago and coconuts and there is no lack of either. There are large sago swamps a short way in from the beach along the whole coast. And there are coconuts in great abundance from native plantations. Most of the villages obtain fish and shell-fish and all have gardens in which the usual root crops are grown.

(iv) General welfare of the people. Conditions cannot return to normal in this area until men are returned from labor. Release of men would revitalise the villages and enable housebuilding and other heavy work to go ahead.

The people are in need of cloth, cooking utensils, knives, axes and other tools. The establishment of a Trade Store at ABAU is relieving the situation somewhat but it cannot as yet meet the demand. Many people asked if a visit of the Store to MOGUBU could be arranged.

All the coastal villages have native coconut plantations planted by Government direction. Because of the lack of manpower the undergrowth has not been cut down during the war. But there are large quantities of coconuts going to waste. MOGUBU Plantation is the only one willing to buy native copra. The manager informs me that the natives are selling very little to him. On enquiry I found that the natives were not satisfied with the price offered (approx. £9 a ton). The situation might be improved if a price were fixed for native copra.

Trochus shell is also saleable and the people (particularly at BORU) are getting it.

(d) As instructed I informed the people of the text of the speech made at ABAU by Brigadier CRESLAND. I am afraid that the Mailu people at any rate had made up their minds that it meant that they could not hope to have any men released until the end of the war. The four Mailu men who recently joined the PIB are stated to have done so because they do not like plantation work and saw no release from it in sight. In other villages where some men have been repatriated there is a more hopeful outlook.

(e) Selection of a new Vil Const for LOPOM. BOGERU MAINO was chosen. He is at present a Councillor, in which office he has done well. He is a former plantation boss-boy with six years experience of work under contract.

(f) Village Councils. At each village a meeting of the men was called and the idea of village councils was explained to them. They then elected a council and the names of the men chosen were in each case entered in the Vil Const's book. The people seemed readily to understand what was wanted and there was no hesitation in choosing the men.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

The only made roads walked over were those from OKARO to BELAGA and from SELAI to AROANA. The former is in fair condition (more work ordered to be done) and the latter in good condition. All other roads lie along the beaches and need no making or maintaining.

BEST HOUSES

MAILU. In poor condition, the floor is rotten and has given way in

places. Repairs ordered. Permission was given for the use of material from the house formerly occupied by the spotters.

LARUORO . Good.

LOPOM . Good.

TUNUMAI . Good but very small. Vil Const has plans for a new and bigger one in hand.

DEREBAI . A new Rest House. Excellently built. Surrounding gardens also very good.

WOWOLO . Swept away by floods last year. Construction of new one begun.

KULELE . Good .Built to the approved design.

DEBA . Old and poorly constructed. A new one to be built.

DELAVA . New . Very good.

MAGAUBO . New. Small but a good effort.

BORU . Old and dilapidated, floor rotting. The matter of the construction of a new one will have to be left until the new village is built. If the village is split up it will have to be decided whether the new building should be at BORU or at BULUMAI. The people want to build a new one at each place but I delayed making a decision.

Latrines for the Rest Houses were in all cases found to be in good condition.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

With the following exceptions all village officials were found to be satisfactory.

MAILU. The present Vil Const is becoming old and is not efficient. It is a difficult village to control and a stronger man is needed.

KUJU GELI, a Councillor, is recommended for appointment.

DEREBAI and AROANA. The village officials here failed to report a whooping-cough epidemic which occurred in the villages in the latter part of 1944. (See further under Medical Matters).

DELAVA Notice of the patrol was sent ahead but, after he had received it, the Vil Const went into the bush on business of his own including pig-hunting, and did not return until the evening of the second day of the patrol's visit to his village. I discovered, too, that he has married a second wife since his appointment.

REPATRIATION OF NATIVE LABOUR.

FIGURES OBTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ADMIN. INSTN. NO. 53.

VILLAGE	Total Effective Male Populatr	Effective Males under C/S	Effective Males in Village	% now in Village.	No. to be repatr. to bring up to 60%
<u>MAILU</u>	103	60	43	42	19
<u>LARUORO</u>	41	18	23	56	2
<u>LOPOM</u>	36	25	11	31	11
<u>DEREBAI</u>	28	15	13	46	4
<u>AROANA</u>	16	11	5	31	5
<u>SELA I</u>	21	12	9	43	4
<u>ORARO</u>	8	5	3	37	2
<u>WOWOLO</u>	31	22	9	29	10
<u>KULELE</u>	49	33	11	22	18
<u>DEBA</u>	18	13	5	28	6
<u>DELAVA</u>	24	11	13	54	1
<u>LABU</u>	9	5	4	44	1
<u>MAGAUBO</u>	15	7	8	53	1
<u>OIBO</u>	Nil			48	6
<u>BORU</u>	46	24	22		

MEDICAL MATTERS.

A complete medical check of the people was made the NMO who accompanied the patrol examining each person as his name was called in the census check.

People who needed treatment were sent into the ABAU native hospital. Many of these should really be classed as outpatients. There is a need for the establishment of an aid post in this district. An NMO in charge could give daily treatments for such complaints as small sores, ulcers and tinea. He could send in serious cases to hospital and also make short patrols. I mentioned this matter to the village people and they are keen on the idea.

On instructions from the ADU the EMA Abau visited KULLE on 29 Mar in my company and a site was chosen for an aid post to the East of the village. All villages in the area are to help in the construction of the building.

A check of the census in DEREBAI and AECANA showed that in the past year there were 16 deaths. There was not a single birth to record. Of the 16 who died 7 were children less than 5 years old. It was admitted that 4 of those died from whooping-cough and that some at least of the new born children died from the same complaint. It seemed evident therefore that there was a whooping-cough epidemic in the two villages. As this was not reported to ABAU I sent the Vil Const and the Councillors in to the station to be dealt with.

Number of villages visited: 21.
 Number of people inspected: 2224.
 Number of patients for hospital: 82.

Hospital cases:

Yaws	20
Ulcers	21
Scabies	2
Tinea	18
Malnutritn	4
Infection	6
Malaria	1
Whooping-c	2
Other	8

Conduct of NMOs accompanying patrol:

NO. 115. Spl GABI..... Excellent.
 No. 179. NMO LAURA..... Has a lot to learn. Not of much use on a patrol.

(GABI was with the patrol from 10 Mar until 30 Mar and LAURA from 30 Mar to 6 Apl).

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF THE RPC ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL:

REG.NO.	2311	L/Cpl	OGEPAUE.....	Excellent.
" "	1756	Const	SALI	Good.
" "	1595	"	LIPORO.....	Very good.
" "	1470	"	IRO.....	Poor.
" "	1365	"	BOE.....	Very good.
" "	1828	"	MANI.....	Very good.

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ANGAU DISTRICT HQ
SAMARAI DISTRICT
MILNE BAY
14 May 45
m File Ref 949

Subject : ABAU PATROL No. 9 - Lt CLARK J O

HQ Southern Region, ANGAU

A good patrol. I would like to see some references made to births and deaths.

2. Attempts to rescue KAMU by police from this district, have also failed. The matter should be allowed to rest for a while in the hope that he will return to his former haunts.

3. In my opinion, this changing of names is one of the greatest factors against effective administration. In some areas it is almost impossible to keep track of people. A great many boys have their names tattooed on their forearms. I do not see any reason why this should not be universal. Or even a small number done to agree with census books.

[Signature]
Maj.
DO SAMARAI

Copy : ADO ABAU.

*There is a law against it!
Butch Gold*

*Good routine patrol
JRF*

Reg. Comd: A good report but too much detail in para 3. *Badly typed.*

2. Re para 3 of DO's letter: quite a good idea but unfortunately we cannot compel this.

6/2/5

JRF

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

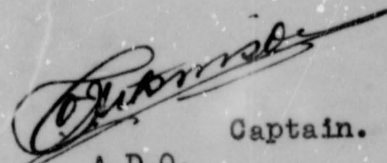
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District Office,
Abau Sub-District.
30th Apr 45.

10. Milne Bay,
SAMARAI.

Abau P/R No. 10 of 1944/5 - P.O. Clark. J.O.

2. The report is forwarded in triplicate for your information.
3. Page 2 under heading "VILLAGES" - MAILU", also Page 7 under the heading of "Repatriation of Native Labour". Lists of more natives to be repatriated are being prepared and will be forwarded upon completion.
4. Page 4. A Village Constable will be appointed when a suitable man can be found for the position. The Village Councillor is too old for the position although he is the leading identity.
5. Page 5, Par (a). It is not unusual to find people with a number of names. Upon the death of a father, the usual custom amongst most tribes, is for the eldest son to take the father's name. He may also be given the names of his grandfather and grandmother. The same thing applies to daughters. An instance in point is VARIWA, who acts as Interpreter for the Mailu district. He is also called **BUNGE** after his father; **BALLO** after his grandfather. In addition he is sometimes called **LOVE** and **MURERE**, which are the names given to the Iguano in his language. The reason is that the tribal custom is not to call the individual by the first name given. Brothers and sisters will not call their sister-in-law by name but call her husband's name. If a brother or sister wishes to speak to a brother-in-law they would not call him by his proper name but by a name that has been given to him other than his original name. VARIWA'S sister NAOMI is married to Mark BONIC. If Variwa wished to speak to Mark BONIC he would call him by the name of GOINA. If a brother-in-law is going away, he will not approach close to his sister-in-law to shake hands with her. Instead, he holds out a long stick to her which she catches hold of instead of his hand. The P.O.'s difficulty in obtaining the names, as per original census, is well understood, but, with more knowledge of native customs he will do better.
6. Page 6 (iv) Par. 2. Arrangements are in hand for the Corporal in charge of the Trade Store to visit Mogubu with a supply of goods as soon as possible after supplies are received from HQ.
7. Page 6. (iv) Par. 3. Regarding the fixing of the price of Copra. Consideration has to be taken into consideration for shrinkage, freight, storage, curing etc. In many instances, the natives do not cure their copra properly with the result that it has to be re-treated, if not beyond treatment, before it can be bagged. In some districts in pre-war days, there was a fixed price of 1d per lb., and the price of copra did not influence this. If a sliding scale is fixed, it will be hard to get the natives to understand it. Once the price begins to go down in the market, they will conclude that they are not receiving full payment with the result that they will discontinue making it unless compelled to do so.
8. Page 7. DELAVA. The Village Constable has been sent for and the complaint will be inquired into.
9. Page 8. DEREBAL. The Village Constable has been punished for failing to report the outbreak.


A.D.O. Captain.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

File 30.

District Office,
Abau Sub-District.
8th March, 1945.

W/C Clark. J.C. PO.
A B A U.

Subject:- Patrol No.9 of 1944-45.

1. The AK 94 is due here today and will be going on as far as Port Glasgow. You will leave on this boat and travel as far as Mogubu where you will disembark.
2. You will take with you Interpreter VARAVA: L/Cpl. OGEGAUE: Constables MARI: BOE-E: SARI: DIPORO and a N.M.O. to be selected.
3. The objects of the patrol are:
 - (a) Entering the census in the new Village Registers.
 - (b) Visit DERIA Village and inquire regarding KAMU, an escaped prisoner from Samarai Gaol.
 - (c) Inquire into all complaints; village hygiene; food situation and the general welfare of the people.
4. You will, first of all, visit the villages of Mailu; Lauruola Lopom and enter the names of all the village people in the Village Registers. The launch "Thistle" will be at your disposal for visiting these villages. The launch will leave at 0600 hours on 9th March 45 for Mogubu.
5. Upon completion of the census of the island villages, the "Thistle" is to be returned to Abau. You will proceed to DERIA Village and inquire from Constables IDAU and AUA why KAMU, a prisoner who escaped from Samarai gaol on 5.2.45., has not been arrested - the two constables were sent in from ONLONI, Port Glasgow, on 7.2.45. If KAMU has not been recaptured, and you consider the work of the two constables unsatisfactory, they are to be relieved and replaced by L/Cpl. OGEFAUE, Constables BOE-E and SARI and the other two constables will return with you. As KAMU has already escaped from Samarai Gaol twice, impress upon the police that they are to take all precautions to prevent the escape of KAMU when he is re-captured.
6. From DERIA you will return to the coast and proceed with the coastal village census, working from the Eastern Boundary back to the station.
7. Inform the people, particularly those at Mailu, of the text of the speech made to the natives at Abau by Brigadier Cleland during his recent visit to this station.
8. Select a Village Constable for LOPOM.


A.D.O. Captain.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Abau Report No. 11 of 44/45

Patrol Conducted by Capt. O. G. Atkinson

Area Patrolled Vilivupu

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 8/5/1945 to 12/5/1945

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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 £.....

Popu

Abau Patrol Report No. 11 of 44/45.

Report of patrol by Captain O.J. Atkinson, A.D.O. to VILIRUPU.

Left station 8 May 45. Returned to station 11 May 45.

- Purposes of patrol:
- (a) Holding C.P.S and C.N.M.
 - (b) Inspecting villages and gardens.
 - (c) Finalising War Damage Claim
 - (d) General.

- Patrol Personnel:
- (a) Captain O.J. Atkinson
 - (b) R.P.C. HARORI
 - (c) Interpreter ARUA
 - (d) Cost of Patrol - $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Trade Tobacco.

Previous patrol report ref. for Map:-

- 1" X 1 mile Strat Map - Sheet No. 1272 Marshall Lagoon.
- do " 2042 Duram.

Previous patrol made to area by:

Captain O.J. Atkinson, District Service Staff on Abau Patrol Report No. 9 of 44/45.

Reg. Comd.

Routine Patrol.

2. I agree with remarks made by you but of course we can't alter the existing land laws.

C. H.

ADD.

The matter of altering our land laws is now receiving consideration by higher authority at barben.

P 9/6

DIARY.

- 8 May 45. At 1045 hrs. left Abau in the AM 526. Arrived at Otomata at 1400 hrs. Left Otomata 1430 hrs. anchored Arona 1930 hrs. Weather throughout the trip fair.
- 9 May 45. Called at the S.D.A. Mission to see Mr Lock, also Nurse Wildes. Left for Vilirupu at 10.00 hrs, arrived at KELELAKWA, Vilirupu, at 11.30 hrs. No.5 V.C.ABALABA reported. Sent a runner off to Madana for John Guise requesting him to meet me at this village on 10 May 45. Went on to WAIORO, V.C.WAIUPOIO, no people in the village. Returned to WANIGELA Village and found 25 people present. All away at gardens and other places. At Koneka Mission a call was made on Pastor Mitchell at 1630 hours and left at 1700 hours for Paili, the Pastor accompanying me as he wished to hear Mr Churchill's speech on the end of the war in Europe. Arrived at Paili Plantation at 1800 hrs. A.D.O. the guest of Mr T. Miller. Late that evening, listened to Mr Churchill's speech.
- 10 May 45. As W/O O'Malley, Inspector, had only recently made an inspection of this plantation, no inspection was made by me of this or any other plantations visited on the patrol. Mr Miller had no complaints. At 0900 hrs I left for Vilirupu. No.5 V.C.ABALEBO reported. Received a letter from Mr J. Miller of Madana saying that Guise was ill and unable to visit Kelelakwa. He sent a bicycle along and asked that I visit him. Left per bicycle for Madana plantation and arrived there 35 minutes later. Guise was up but unable to get about. Completed the forms required by the War Damage Commission, and returned to Vilirupu. En route, I visited a number of gardens owned by Aroma (Rigo) and Kelelakwa people (See report under gardens). Crossed from Kelelakwa to Gabuoni (No.6 V.C.POTEA) and held C.N.M. Also inspected the village.
- 11 May 45. At 0630 hrs departed for Kapari Hula arriving 0900 hrs. No.8 V.C.LEWEPAKA an in-patient at Abau Hospital. The Councillors reported an outbreak of Dysentery, two cases sent to Abau Hospital and two deaths (See Health report). Iclaura Village No.8 V.C.JOHN, was next visited and in splendid order. Came on to Otomata Plantation and there held C.P.S. Five natives, employed on weeding, were proceeded against by the manager. They had been engaged in a "Sit-down Strike". Nothing wrong with them physically, they wanted to pick and choose their work. The "M.V.Nusa" arrived and, later continued to Abau. The Manager of Mori River Rubber Co on board. He, on my consent, transferred to my vessel and was later taken to Baia Plantation where the vessel arrived at 1900 hours.
- 12 May 45. Held C.P.S. and C.N.M. and caught the tide down the river. Went on to DOMARA Village. No.11 MAIPUA V.C. reported. Inspected the village and surroundings. About 200 people present, mostly children, the older people mostly away in their gardens. Returned to the station at 1600 hours.

(1) Villages visited 8 - 12 May 45.

Village	Const.	ABALABA No.5	Strat Map No.
KELELAKWA	"	WAIUPOIO 3	983685
WAIORI	"	AUGEREGA 4	032757
WANIGELA	"	POTEA 6	032729
GABUONI	"	LEWERAKA 7	991682
KAPARI-HULA	"	JOHN 8	166630
LAL AURA	"	MAIPUA 11	121578
DOMARA	"		407586

(2) VILLAGES. Minor repairs necessary to a number of the houses in each village. These are gradually being attended to, in the cases where the man of the house is away working, by the village councillors and men in the village.

3. HYGIENE. All villages and surroundings were in a very satisfactory condition with the exception of Kapari where the village was very clean but in several places outside the village fence two small heaps of rubbish had not been destroyed. The Councillors were ordered to have it cleaned up and the rubbish deposited in the sea.

4. HEALTH. At KAPARI there was an outbreak of Dysentery. Two people had died from it and two more had been taken to the Abau hospital. The area was put into quarantine and the Medical Assistant has since been sent down to make a further inspection. At all other villages the people seen were in good health. Latrines being used for the purpose for which they were erected.

5. FOOD & GARDENS. Sufficient for the needs of the village people. No large surplus at present and any surplus is taken up friends and relatives working on the local plantations. The Wanigela people are using Mangrove seed, the outside of which is scraped and cooked. It is really part of their daily diet and not used only when they are short of food. The Yam and Taitu Season has arrived and they have started the digging. The gardens I visited, should produce well in these two commodities. Bananas, Sugar Cane, Sweet Potatoes and Taro are being planted up fairly systematically. In addition to the periodical plantings, the people have been advised to plant a little every week in order to ensure a regular supply of food. Gardens visited belonged to Aroma (Rigo District), Kelelakwa and Gabuoni. The Gabuoni people are planting gardens in their village grounds and I am encouraging it. There is no likelihood of the gardens being a breeding ground for mosquitoes - there are plenty breeding grounds in the local swamps. Also, with the small plots near the village, the people will not have to go long distances to their gardens in wet weather. They have no pigs having sold them all sometime ago. Occasional bush pigs and wallabies are caught and killed by the people on their hunting expeditions but game is not plentiful. They catch fish on lines in the Lagoon and with nets and lines on the reefs. Shell fish also obtained from the reefs and the mud shallows in Marshall Lagoon.

6. As the Patrol Officer is engaged on checking and entering census into the Village books, population figures, numbers engaged under C/E etc., will be given in his report

7. GAMES. At Kelelakwa, Gabuoni and Kapari villages, girls and boys were playing cricket. The balls used made from rag sewn up or a stone with coconut plaiting around it. Bats were home made. Plaited balls from coconut leaves also being used by some for football. One of the Mission Teachers asked me for a football and cricket balls. I could not oblige him as the station supply is very limited. He then wanted to buy one from the Trade Store, but none in the store. I have spoken to the N.C.C. in the Trade Store here and he is making application to the PCB for a supply of each commodity.

8. PIGS. Inquiries regarding the numbers of pigs at the various villages brought forth the following figures:- WANIGELA Nil. GABUONI Nil. KELELAKWA 5 Sows, 2 Barrows. KAPARI 30: Biliolu 1 Lalaura Nil. DOMARA 80

9. VILLAGE CONSTABLES & COUNCILLORS. The WANIGELA Village Constable and Councillors take keener interest in village affairs than do those at any other village visited. The next best is GABUONI.

10. GENERAL. A native of GABUONI Village endeavoured to claim part of some land, lying between Paili wharf and Paili Plantation, as his own property. This was in a dispute with another native from the same village. To me he denied that it was Crown Land. Ten years ago I had occasion to adjudicate in another similar dispute and it was during this inquiry that I found out that the whole of the area is Crown Land. The Village Constable and Councillors were again instructed to mark out an area for each householder.

There have been many disputes over land in this section of the district and they appear to be resurrected whenever a new officer comes to the district. In one instance, a native had made a fence around his garden and erected it not more than six inches in one corner, in his neighbour's section. When putting in the corner post, the native had not troubled to get the post exactly in line, and the subsequent argument resulted. Not only over land matters but in most of their complaints, they are of a very trifling nature in the main. To them the complaints are serious and, if not listened to, they would not report any of a, to us, more serious nature.

Subinoo
A.D.O. Captain.

JRF/RHA

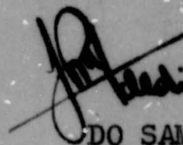
ANGAU DISTRICT HQ
SAMARAI DISTRICT
MILNE BAY
30 May 45
File 30/1 Ref 1040

Subject : ABAU P/R 11 OF 44/45

HQ Southern Region ANGAU

Ref para 10 - The Papuan system of buying land from a native is bad. His land is thus alienated not only to him but to his children and his grandchildren. It is almost certainly bought for a "song" in the first instance. The argument that he has plenty of land is not a good one since it is the best land that is bought.

2. Such a native and his heirs should receive an annual rental which would be paid by the lessee.



ADO SAMARAI

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Copy to : ADO ABAU



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Abau Report No. 12 of 44/45

Patrol Conducted by Lt. J. O. Clark

Area Patrolled Western boundary to Abau

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 15/5/1945 to 13/6/1945

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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 £.....

REPORT of PATROL by LT. CLARK, J.O. of all coastal villages from the Western Boundary of the District to ABAU.

Date left Station: 15 May 45.

Date returned : 13 Jun 45.

PURPOSES OF THE PATROL:

- (1) to pay wages advances to native labour on FAILI Plantation.
- (2) to enter the census in the new Village Registers, keeping a record of natives under C/E, number of their children or dependants and number from each family under engagement.
- (3) to enquire into a land dispute said to exist between LALOURA and KAPARI villages.
- (4) to record number of births and deaths in the last 12 months.
- (5) to report on state of houses in each village and give instructions for repairs and rebuilding where necessary.
- (6) to report on the health of the people.
- (7) to report on hygiene.
- (8) to report on food supplies and gardens.
- (9) to report on country travelled over and timbers growing thereon.
- (10) to report on any other matters of interest including habits and customs of the people.

Patrol accompanied by:

- (a) European personnel: Nil.
- (b) RPC :5.
- (c) Native carriers and canoe crews from village to village.

Cost of Patrol:

Issues to carriers, police, interpreter and cook:

Rice 479 lbs.
 Biscuit 378 pkts.
 Fish 62 tins.
 Sugar 42 lbs.
 Soap 10 lbs.
 Matches 31 boxes.

Tobacco:

Issues to police, interpreter and cook..	80 sticks.
Payments to carriers..	150 "
Vil Consts & Councillors..	45 "
Payments for native foods..	175 "

Last patrol to area made by:

- (a) District Services Field Staff.....May 45.
- (b) Medical Assiatant.....Jun 44.

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DIARY

Map references are to

1272 MARSHALL LAGOON lynch Series.
2042 DURAMA " "

- 15 May 45 From ABAU by launch to PAILI Ptn. (975759)
 16 May Paid advances to native labourers. To WANIGELA (032729)
 17-21 May At WANIGELA.
 22-23 May At WAIORI (032751)
 24 May At MAKIRAPANA (068 752) and BURAVE (059809)
 25 May To GABUONI (991683)
 26-29 May At GABUONI
 30 May to 1 Jun At KALERAKWA (983685)
 2 Jun On foot to KAPARI (166630)
 3-5 Jun At KAPARI
 6 Jun To LALOURA (191579)
 7 Jun To TUTUBU (276565)
 8 Jun By launch to DOMARA (407586)
 9 Jun At DOMARA and BOMGUINA (371569)
 10-11 Jun At DOMARA
 13 Jun To ABAU.

VILLAGES

WANIGELA. Vil Const AUGEREGA (no. 4) Pop. 1240.

An outstandingly good Vil Const has this large village in good order. All houses are built over the water. A hard patch of ground in the centre of the village is used for canoe making, the village people's chief industry in peace-time.

WAIORI. Vil Const WALO'POIA (no. 3) Pop. 403.
 Also over the waters of the lagoon.

BURAVE. Vil Consts KARAWA (No. 1) and KAWAI (No. 2). Pop 107
 A combination of a number of small IMILA villages, about 9 mi. up the IMILA River. It comprises the small villages formerly controlled by the two Vil Consts. and was formed, I understand, at the suggestion of the KWATC Mission. There is, however, no Mission activity there at the moment.

MAKIRAPANA Controlled by Vil Const KAWAI, who lives at BURAVE. Pop. 13.
 This small Imila village (2 houses) is now the only one left. It is about two and a half miles up the river. The only two fit men are away (one labour, one P.I.B.).

GABUONI Vil Const POTEA (No. 6) Pop 838.
 On a fine grass-covered site on cliffs overlooking the entrance to the Lagoon with the houses, of a uniform type, built in streets.

KALERAKWA Vil Const ABALABA (No. 5). Pop. 415.
 At the entrance to the Lagoon and opposite GABUONI. I found it easily the best-kept village in the area.

KAPARI Vil Const LEWARAKA (No. 7) Pop. 378.

BILIOLU Controlled by the Vil Const of KAPARI. Pop. 212.
 Built over the water opposite Kapari, which is on the beach.

LALOURA Vil Const JOHN (No. 8) Pop. 152.

TUTUEU Controlled by Vil Const INI'LESI (No. 10) who lives at MERANI (Map Ref 334609). Pop. 80.
 These people are, although living on the coast, really bush people. They are inter-related with the MERANI people and seem to live in either village at will.

DOMARA Vil Const MAIPUA (No. 11) Pop. 496.
 Built on a large sand-spit in Sandbank Bay. BOMGUINA village (8 houses) is an off-shoot from DOMARA and has no separate census.

DURAMU Vil Const LAPAU (NO. 12) Pop. 117.

Although the village is on the coast the people are not related to any coastal people but to those inland from Cloudy Bay.

MATTERS DEALT WITH ON THE PATROL.

- (1) Payment of wages advances at FAILI Ptn. Done.
- (2) Census check and compilation of Village Registers. Done. Information concerning men absent under C/E obtained.
- (3) Land dispute between KAPARI and LALOURA. Dispute had been peaceably settled by the villagers before I arrived.
- (4) Births and Deaths. Figures were obtained as the census was checked. It is not possible to give with accuracy from the records figures over a longer period than 6 months, i.e. 6 months preceding the patrol's visit. Native statements as to dates of births and deaths are not reliable. Figures over the 6 months:

WANIGELA	Deaths	10	Births	14
WAJORI	"	3	"	5
BIRAVE	No Records			
MAKIRAPANA	"	"	"	"
GABUONI	Deaths	8	Births	13
KELERAKWA	"	8	"	3
KAPARI	"	4	"	6
BILIOLU	"	2	"	5
LALOURA	"	2	"	3
TUTUBU	"	3	"	Nil
DOMARA	"	11	"	3
DURAMU	"	8	"	3

- (5) Housing. Generally the state of ~~villages~~ houses in the villages is not good and much renovation is needed. The invariable excuse given is that large numbers of men are away at labour. It is a fact that every village visited has supplied more than its quota of labourers. Still, the people were exhorted to make an effort, at least at renovations. A list of names of owners of houses which need renewals or repairs was made in each village and entered in the Vil Const's book.
- (6) Health - generally is good. The Aid Post re-established at GABUONI on 2 Jun 45 should keep down sores and skin complaints in the thickly populated Marshall Lagoon area. Surprisingly, GABUONI itself was found to be the worst village from a medical point of view although the Aid Post had been maintained there from Nov 44 until Apl 45. 37 patients were sent from there to hospital and 106 people found who needed treatment at the Post.

There was an epidemic of dysentery at KAPARI beginning on 11 May 45. The village was put into quarantine which was lifted by the EMA on 2 Jun 45. Two deaths resulted from the outbreak.

In the last six months there was dysentery at TUTUBU (reported in P.R. ABAU No. 8 of 44/45.) and whooping-cough at DURAMU. The results are seen in the excess of ~~births~~ deaths over births in these villages for the period. The outbreaks were reported to the EMA ABAU and medical aid was given.

People in the IMILA villages, also "bush" people, are physically inferior to the coastal people. Malnutrition is evident among them, their diet consists almost solely of baked vegetables. Largely because they do not wash much there are more sores and skin complaints among them than among the coastal people, who bathe at least once a day. Children on the coast and in the Lagoon spend hours each day in the water. The NMO at GABUONI will patrol the IMILA villages and he will now be able to use the Village Register to see that he misses nobody on his inspections.

- (7) Hygiene. In each village latrines and wells were inspected. Wherever these were not well made or needed repair the work was done, under the supervision of police, while the patrol was in the village. For instance, at GABUONI five latrines were repaired (new ramps, new roofing) and two new ones were built. At DURAMU

the road to the well was cut, the well re-fenced and cleaned out. All the villagers are by now well aware that good latrines and well are insisted on.

All pig fences and pens are in repair. The bush and grass is cut back from each village and rubbish has been burned or otherwise disposed of.

(8) Food supplies and gardens. Food supplies in all the villages are adequate. The Marshall Lagoon villages are beginning the yam season. Their staple food, a mangrove bean, seems never to fail them although the quantity available varies. The coastal people are fortunate to have plenty of coconuts, more than they can use, and they also get fish and shellfish supplying protein which is lacking in the diet of the inland people. The WANIGELA people, although close to the sea, have no ground suitable for growing coconuts. Plantations have been tried in the past, under Government direction, on land near the IMILA River. It has proved not suitable. The people therefore buy coconuts from KELERAKWA, often exchanging mangrove building timber for them. Certain foodstuffs are now available in the Trade Store at ABAU and are being freely bought but they are looked on as luxuries and the people are not dependent on them.

(9) Nature of country and timbers growing thereon. The only inland walks were from the bank of the IMILA to BURAVE (about 2 mi.) and from GABUONI to KAFARI. The country consists of dense forest with occasional breaks of open grass-land.

Some useful timbers in this area are (native names) Marawa, Bendora and Koiaua. The timbers chiefly used by the natives for housebuilding are Bendora (for floor boards) and Mangrove.

(10) Matters of interest and habits and customs of the people.

Schools are maintained by the L.M.S. at WAIORI, GABUONI, KELERAKWA, KAFARI and LALOURA and by the S.D.A. Mission at WANIGELA and DOMARA. The headquarters of the S.D.A. Mission is at present at KORELA in Marshall Lagoon and two Europeans are stationed there. Native teachers are stationed in the villages mentioned.

The teacher at DOMARA is a Solomon Islander, a fine type. He has built his own type of canoe and house in the village and he keeps two goats, the only ones I have seen in a village.

Cloth. Some labourers are being repatriated and one minor result is that new coloured cloth ramis and skirts are appearing in the villages. On Sundays, when the churchgoers wear their best clothes, the villages are ablaze with bright colours.

Language Groups. The two chief groups in this area are Aroma, spoken with local variations in the Marshall Lagoon villages and KAFARI, BILIOLU and LALOURA, and the Mailu language spoken in DOMARA and BONGUINA, the farthest west of the Mailu-speaking villages.

Pigs. The numbers of pigs in the villages are as follows: WAIORI, 5; BURAVE and MAKIRAPANA, Nil; TUTUBU, Nil; DURANU, 15. Figures for the other villages visited were given in P.R. ABAU No. 11 of 44/45. DOMARA, with 80, has far more pigs than any other village in this District.

Habits and customs. WANIGELA village has some customs peculiarly its own. The people will not inter-marry with people of other villages. No-one remembers any woman having broken the rule and only two men in living memory have done so - they were both men who were away working in distant districts. The population which in 1920 was 710 is now 1240. The WANIGELA women do not chew betel-nut and in consequence have fine white teeth, not usually seen in this District. However, married women shave their heads completely and this tends to offset any beauty lent by the white teeth.

Other patrol officers have noted the novel "mud scooters" used here. At low tide WANIGELA is surrounded by mud. It is just possible to walk in this but it is very heavy going. The problem has been solved by using a short rounded board, like a large ski. The user kneels on the board with one leg and pushes himself along with the other. They travel at surprising speed, almost at running pace. The older people use the scooters to get about on

5. P.R. ABAU No. 12 of 44/45.
 on their daily business and the children use them for play. Of course, when the tide is up all movement is by canoe.

NATIVE LABOUR. Figures obtained in accordance with ANGAU Admin. Instruction No. 53, as amended.

Village	Total Effective Male Populatn.	Effect. Males under C/S	Effect. Males in Vill.	% now in Vill.	No. to be repatr'd. to bring up to 70%
WANIGALA	219	114	105	48	26
WAIORI	76	43	33	43	13
BURAVE	23	10	13	57	1
MAKIRIPANA	1	1	-	-	1
GABUONI	151	115	36	24	57
KELERAKWA	67	45	22	33	18
KAPARI	69	45	24	35	17
BILIOLU	29	15	14	48	3
LALOURA	24	16	8	33	6
TUTUBU	10	7	3	30	3
DOMARA	89	62	27	30	26
DURAMA	15	10	5	33	4

The chief factor affecting normal village life here as elsewhere is the absence of large numbers of men at labour. Some are beginning to come back under the repatriation scheme. On 2 May 45, while at GABUONI, I received a memo from the ADO giving the text of a radio message ordering immediate intensive recruiting. The memo stated that no details had been received and that I was in the meantime to recruit from villages which had not yet supplied their percentage quota, i.e. that set out in Admin. Instruction No. 53. As the above table shows, every village has supplied more than its percentage quota of men and I therefore did not obtain any recruits. Detailed information of the new recruiting order was not received until after my return to the station.

Complaints under the N.R. Ordinance. Numerous small disputes were brought to me for "Court" but in all cases but one there was no court proceeding necessary and after discussion the matters were settled amicably between the parties in the presence of the Councillors and myself. The exception was the case of a BILIOLU Man who disobeyed the order of a Magistrate, the ADO Abau, imposing a quarantine on the village. He was convicted and sentenced to two months imprisonment.

Village Officials. With the following exceptions village officials are satisfactory.

Vil Const POTRA of GABUONI, a son of the former Vil Const, is really too young for the job which is a difficult one especially at present with many men away and much work to be done in the village.

Vil Const MAIPUA of DOMARA, although he has had experience in the RPC is not yet conversant with his duties as a Vil Const.

In villages where it had not already been done the election of men for a Council under the new scheme was carried out and the names entered in the Vil Consts' books.

Vil Const WALO'POIA of WAIORI died on 30 May 45, from snake-bite. I brought his book and uniform into the station.

Rest Houses were everywhere satisfactory. A fine effort has been made at KELERAKWA where a new "Government Centre" consisting of a Rest House, Courthouse and police barracks has been built. The buildings stand in a fenced-in area some way from the village.

Road The road from GABUONI to KAPARI is well-kept and the bridges over creeks and swamps are in repair.

MEDICAL MATTERS

Every person present in the villages was, as the census was checked, medically examined by the NMO accompanying the patrol.

Number of people inspected: 3930

Patients sent to hospital: 104

Hospital cases:

Tropical ulcers:	17
Yaws	: 20
Scabies	: 10
Malnutrition	: 2
Tinea	: 4
Injuries	: 7
Abscesses	: 5
Other	: 39

NMO ROAIA accompanied the patrol through the Marshall Lagoon area and he was left at GABUONI to establish the Aid Post there. At each village he made a list of names of everyone needing treatment as outpatients at the Post. There will be plenty of work for him. It would be of great advantage if he could give injections for yaws but he has not the equipment and all patients with this complaint have to be sent to ABAU.

NMO MAINO was with the patrol from KAFARI onwards.

Conduct of NMOs:

No. 28 ROAIA. Excellent. He can speak and write English well, a great advantage.

No. 31 MAINO. Good, could be more keen on his job.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF THE RPC ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

Reg. No. 1661 Const. KOKOIPA . Good.
Reg. No. 1687 " JIWAI. Good.
Reg. No. 2418 " ARGOPE. Fair, inexperienced.
Reg. No. 1590 " PONIBA. Conduct was good on the whole but
on return to ABAU he was convicted of failure to obey an order
arising out of an incident on this patrol.
Reg. No. 3051 Const. SARAI. Good.
Reg. No. 1286 " SAWOTA. Good. He was left at GABUONI to
assist the NMO at the Aid Post there and should do good work.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

File 50
District Office,
Abau Sub-District.
14th May 1945.

Lt Clark. PO.
ABAU.

Patrol No. 12 of 1944/45.

1. At 0800 Hours 15 May 45 you will leave in the launch "Thistle" for Vilirupu, taking with you Interpreter ARUA; Constables KOKUIPA: JIWAI: AGOPI: PONIEA: SARAI and SAWOTA and personal attendant. Constable SAWOTA is to replace Constable MANI, whom you will return to the station on the launch. Const MANI is at the RAP at GABUONI.
2. You will first proceed to Pailli Plantation and pay wages advances to the N/L employed there. You will then proceed to WANIGELA Village, from which place you will return the launch to the station.
3. Enter the Census in all Village Constables' books from, and including Vilirupu Villages back to the station. At the same time you will keep a record of the names of natives from each village under C/E, number of children or dependents; number from each family under engagement, this is for repatriation.
4. Inquire into all complaints including a land dispute which is said to exist between the villages of Lalaura and Kaperi.
5. Keep a check of the numbers of Births and Deaths during the past 12 months. On NO account are you to question the women regarding pregnancy - you will make your own observations in this respect.
6. Report on the state of houses in each village, whether you consider them suitable and give instructions for repairs ~~where~~ and rebuilding where necessary.
7. Report on the health of the people, including any epidemics and effects therefrom.
8. Report on Hygiene.
9. Report on food supplies and gardens (It will be impossible for you to visit all the gardens as they are so widely scattered and so few are communal.
10. Report on the country travelled over and the timbers growing thereon.
11. All other matters of interest which come under your notice including habits and customs of the people.
12. Rations for one month have been issued for the patrol.

Quinn
Captain.
A.D.C.

JRF

District Office,
SAMARAI
12 July 45.

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Ref No. 1224

SUBJECT:- ABAU Patrol Report 12 of 44/45 - Lieut. Clerk P/O.

ADC.
ABAU.

Ref the above received here on the 11 Jul 45.

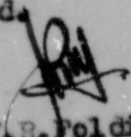
2. Page 4 Para 7. What is the use of the pig pens referred to? It is presumed that the fences are erected around the village in order to keep pigs out, is this the case?
3. Page 4 Para 10. The number of children attending school as compared with the population figures would be interesting.
4. Page 4 Para 10. The increase in population over the last couple of decades in WANIGELA is most interesting. Please make a study of the subject and advise by separate report.
5. Ref the offence by Reg. No. 1590 RPC PONIBA. No defaulters return has been received here.

Maj.

(J.R.Foldi) D.O.

HQ Southern Region,

Forwarded.


(J.R.Foldi) D.O.

Maj.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Central (Abau) Report No. 1 of 45/46

Patrol Conducted by St. J. O. Clark

Area Patrolled Dimuga

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 22/7/45 to 8/8/45

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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DIARY

(Note: Map refs are to the map attached to P.R. ABAU No. 6 of 44/45).

Jul 22 Left ABAU in launch WHISTLE for MOGUBO
 24 Arr MOGUBO
 25 to 26 At MOGUBO
 27 To NUNUMAI (933759)
 28 At NUNUMAI
 29 To BILAGA (933765) and DERIA (935769)
 30 To DOVETA (937774) and DOGON (936778)
 31 Began return journey. To DOVETA.
 Aug 1 To DERIA
 2 To NUNUMAI
 3 To MOGUBO
 4 to 7 At MOGUBO
 8 To ABAU.

VILLAGES.

NUNUMAI. Vil. Const. GABAMU (no. 38) Pop. 125.

This village is always well-kept and orders given for improvements are promptly carried out. A new Rest House is in course of construction.

BILAGA. Controlled by Vil. Const. of NUNUMAI. Pop. 50.

No faults to be found here. Latrines, roads and Rest House all in good order. Village clean and houses in reasonable repair.

DERIA. Vil. Const. KAU'U (No. 34) Pop. 99.

The village is in reasonable order but Government orders are not carried out as promptly as they might be. Some good work was done by the village people while the patrol was there.

DOVETA. Vil. Const. IAPO (No. 39) Pop. 38.

The Vil. Const. is obviously the leading man of the village. He is inexperienced but is keen and is improving. He is one of the few Vil Consts in this district who do not know Motuan. Village is in good order. Roads are good, and this means that a lot of work has been done as it is difficult country for road making.

DOGON. Controlled by Vil. Const. of DOVETA. Pop. 123.

Village in good order. The people here I found on this visit and the last are inclined to "humbug" in the matter of bringing forward sick people for medical examination. Four people were hiding in the bush on this occasion.

A separate Vil. Const. for this village might be considered.

MATTERS DEALT WITH ON THE PATROL.

(i) Checking of census and entering in new village Registers.
 Done.

An examination of the figures shows that generally births are keeping pace with deaths. This means that with the return of men from labour and other things being equal births will exceed deaths.

No epidemics were found on this patrol nor have there been any in the area since the last patrol.

(ii) Gardens and Native Foods.

Gardens are in good condition and native foods were found to be plentiful. These people live almost entirely on sweet potato, yam and taro. The food seems to be invariably boiled. Clay cooking pots from MAILU are used.

The seeds recently issued by the ADO were taken to KOMANIA village which was not visited on this occasion. Seeds distributed by me were: cabbage (three varieties) mostly at DOGON village and, at all villages, pumpkin, bean and tomato. Carriers coming down to the coast were sent back with sago plants and sprouted coconuts for DERIA village. Both do well there but very few of either have been planted.

Deficiencies in the diet of these inland people are meat, fat and salt. Salt is preferred as payment for carrying and for native foods.

(iii) Health and Hygiene.

An NMO accompanied the patrol. He examined each person in the villages as his name was called from the census.

This NMO is stationed at the KULELE Aid Post and has recently patrolled these villages himself. He has done good work and very few patients were found on this patrol.

Latrines were inspected in each village. Where they were found unsatisfactory they were rebuilt or renovated and all work ordered to be done was completed before the patrol visited the village again on the return journey.

The villages are in a clean condition but not enough house-building is being done. The people are inclined not to wash and their houses are dirty also. Sores and skin complaints are made worse by these conditions. The lack of manpower prevents the erection of new houses on a large scale but orders were given for repairs and renovation where necessary.

This is all mountain country and the villages are all on or near fine rivers which provide first class water. It is difficult to persuade the people to use this for bathing however.

(iv) Councillors under the new scheme.

These were elected in each village and their names entered in the Vil. Const's book.

On the coast, I noted, these men have become known as "umpires". How this arose I was unable to find out. Some of them find it hard to understand why they can have no Councillors' medals and all appear to think that they cannot be selected as carriers.

However they are showing interest and are always present when village affairs are being discussed with the Patrol Officer.

(v) Routine patrol matters.

It was intended that I should patrol all the DIMUGA villages but I was recalled to the station before I could do this. However half of them were visited and a later patrol can visit the other half with only one crossing of the Main Range.

C.N.M. Only one of a number of disputes brought forward developed into a "Court". It was a case of failing to carry and the defendant was convicted.

Carrying. The whole of KULELE village (on the coast) was engaged in a feast which had been going on, with intervals, for weeks. I found difficulty in getting carriers there on both the inward and outward journey. There was a tendency to try to make schoolboys do this work. In other villages I had no difficulty, in fact volunteers were numerous.

Transport by sea. In the present S. East season Table Bay is difficult to cross in a canoe or launch. I consider that I was lucky to get across in the launch THISTLE. The natives are wary of travelling across this Bay now as recently the passengers and crew of a canoe on its way to ABAU were all lost.

Roads - are good where they pass through wooded or grassy country but in the hills it is not possible to do much road-making. The rivers were not in flood and as far as possible we kept to the river-beds.

Village Officials. - were all found to be satisfactory with the exception of KAU'U Vil. Const. of DERIA. He was brought to ABAU where he will be charged with taking a second, and possibly a third, wife without the Government's consent, or approval.

Rest Houses. In all cases were found to be satisfactory. They are being kept in repair.

MEDICAL MATTERS.

All natives were inspected by the NMO at the time of the checking of the census.

Number of people inspected : 420.
Patients for hospital, ABAU : 5.
Patients for KULELE Post : 13.

The patients for the Aid Post at KULELE were left there with the NMO and the others were brought back to the Station. Complaints of those brought to ABAU hospital were respectively, burn, osteomyelitis, yaws, arthritis and tropical ulcer.

In DOGON village four people were in the bush, almost certainly to avoid medical inspection. I gave orders for them to be brought in but it was not done before I left the village nor could a Const RPC left behind find them. I was not sure whether I had the power to compel adults to come forward for medical inspection.

No sign of any epidemic was seen in any of these villages.

The NMO stationed at KULELE is hampered by the fact that transport by sea is difficult in this season. Few, if any, canoes will make the trip. He has therefore to keep patients at the Post for long periods when they should be at ABAU. This also keeps him at the Post when he should be on patrol. A way out of the difficulty might be to arm him with a paper requesting the captains of ANGAU ships which call at MOGUBO to take patients to ABAU when they are able to do so. All these vessels call at ABAU.

From this patrol there were three patients who were unable to walk. I put it to the MAILU people that they could carry along the beach or take me and the patients by canoe, as they chose. They decided to go by canoe, and the trip was made without incident. At this season it is one day by canoe as against three to four days walk along the beach.

Conduct of No. 251 NMO AOBA on this patrol was excellent.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF RPC ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

Police accompanying patrol were:

Reg No.	2311	L/Cpl	OG EPAUE
"	"	1595	Const LIPORO
"	"	3051	" SARAI
"	"	1661	" KOKOIPA
"	"	2418	" ARGOPE.

Conduct of all police was uniformly good.

JRF

District Office,
SAMARAI
1 Sept. 45.

Ref No. 1468

HQ Southern Region ANGAU

P/R ABAU 1 of 45/46 Lieut Clarke P.O.

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1. The P.O. has been advised that his diary is too brief. Some concise information should be included about places, roads or anchorages.
2. The ref. in para iv to the new scheme for Councillors is not quite understood and further information has been requested. Councillors should not be expected to carry, in any case, they are generally older type of man and would not be considered. It is assumed that ABAU is short of medals. No req. for same has been submitted through this office.

J.R. Foldi
(J.R. Foldi) D.O.

Maj.

Copy to ADC ABAU for further information.

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Reg. Comd.

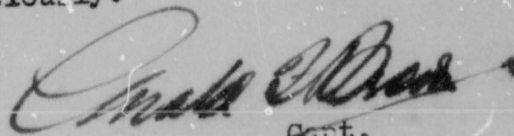
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P/R. No.1/45/6
ADO OFFICE,
ABAU,
25 Aug, 45.

District Officer,
Samarai.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 of 1945/46.

1. The abovementioned patrol report was inadvertently forwarded you without cover of an accompanying memo by the ADO.
2. The following remarks on the patrol are offered:
 - (a) It is a pity the patrol officer could not have completed the patrol before going on leave. The balance of DIMUGA villages will be inspected as soon as possible.
 - (b) VILLAGES. The appointment of a separate Village Constable for DOGON will be investigated.
 - (c) CENSUS. The fact that the population is not decreasing in the area patrolled is gratifying. Generally in the coastal villages you find large increases in population but the same cannot be said of inland villages.
 - (d) DIET. I am advised there is a prevalence of New Guinea mouth amongst the DIMUGA people due to a deficiency of Vitamin C. Sepporas or any other citrus fruits would be most beneficial and the next patrol will be instructed to find out if any of these are available; if not, they should be planted. Coconuts may compensate in a small way the lack of animal fats.
 - (e) VILLAGE OFFICIALS. V.C.KAU'U of DERIA has been told that he must either give up this new second wife or be dismissed. He chose the former course.
 - (f) The suggestion that the NMO at KULELE aid post be given authority to request passage for patients on ANGAU vessels is a good one and will be put into effect.
 - (g) Lieut. Clarke has carried out the patrol, in my opinion, very conscientiously.


Capt.
(G.F.X. Brown, ADC).



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Central (Albau) Report No. v of 45/46
 Patrol Conducted by G.F.X. Brown Capt.
 Area Patrolled Coastal Villages as far as Eastern Boundary & Adjacent Islands.
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 3/9/1945 to 8/9/1945.

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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PATROL REPORT NO 2 of 45/6.

REPORT OF PATROL CONDUCTED BY CAPT. G.F.X.BROWN
TO COASTAL VILLAGES AS FAR AS EASTERN BOUNDARY
AND ADJACENT ISLANDS.

DATE OF DEPARTURE: 3rd September, 1945.
DATE RETURNED: 8th September, 1945.

PURPOSE OF PATROL:

- (a) To investigate to the whereabouts of three members of R.P.C. who are searching for escaped prisoner, KAMU, in the DERIA District.
- (b) Routine inspection of villages.
- (c) Make advances to Mogubu Plantation labour.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY: R.P.C. 1 N.C.O. and 4 Consts.
Native interpreter. 1 Pers.boy.
Launch crew of two.

COST OF PATROL: 45 lbs rice
24 pkts Biscuits
8 tins fish

TOBACCO: Village Constables and Councillors 47 sticks
Hire of canoes 13 "
Purchase of native foods 21 "

LAST PATROL OF AREA: 11 March, 1945. Lt.J.O.Clark.

DIARY:

- Sep. 3. Departed from Abau in launch ANN at 1600 hours with the intention of anchoring at Table Point and sleeping in Magaubo village. Owing to engine trouble I was forced to turn back and reached Dedele plantation at 1930. Stayed the night with Mr. Dyer, Manager.
- Sep. 4. Departed Dedele 0535 and arrived at Mogubu at 1330. A slow trip through heavy weather and engine breakdowns. Made advances in afternoon.
- Sep. 5. Visited the villages of Derebai, Aroana, Worwora, Selai and Kulele.
- Sep. 6. Visited islands of Lopom, Lалуouro and Mailu.
- Sep. 7. At Mailu.
- Sep. 8. Departed Mailu 0600 and after visiting the villages Mogaubo (Baxter Bay) and Buramai, reached Abau at 1650 hours.

Villages:

DEREBAI. Pop: 118. 4 births 2 deaths since last check. Situated in Amazon Bay. The village constable from this village, V.C.AUREVA, was drowned recently in a canoe mishap when seven people lost their lives. At the time of my visit there was not a suitable man present who could be elected to the position but a man will be chosen on my next visit as by that time more natives may have returned from labour. Rest house, barracks and latrines were inspected and found in good condition. The latrines are hygeinically situated over a tidal creek. Fresh water is obtained from an adjacent swift flowing stream. Village quite clean.

AROANA.

Pop. 65. 1 birth and 1 death since last check. Also situated on the coast in Amazon Bay about two miles from Derebai. No road connects the two villages and people travel to and fro in canoes.

KULELE.

Pop. 241. 3 births and 2 deaths since last check. This is the biggest coastal village in the area and is a nice clean looking village with a pig fence on three sides, the two side fences running out into the sea. V.C.Const. Noge (No.31) has a good conception of his duties and nearly all the houses were in good shape. Many of the natives from this village are employed at Mogubu plantation, which is only about a mile or so away.

LOPOM.

Situated on a small coral island about 3/4 mile from the mainland. This village is ideally situated and very clean and has a population of 203, including 23 men away under indenture. There are 28 houses in two groups about two hundred yards apart. Rest house, barracks and latrines are in good shape. The Lopom people make sun dried copra which is purchased by Mogubu plantation at a rate of 12d per lb. There are no gardens on the island and the people must cross to the mainland to get their produce. V.C.Bogaru has only held office for a month or so but is shaping very well - he also cares for Laruoro.

LAROURO. This village, like Lopom, is also situated on an island about midway between the mainland and Mailu. And like Lopom, the village is clean and the housing reasonably good. No gardens are on the island which, however, is covered with coconuts. The population of this island is 178, exclusive of 18 away at labour. There are only 17 houses to house this population but it was explained they had recently pulled down several houses and had not as yet been able to rebuild. Both Lopom and Larouro as well as Mailu have to transport the building materials from the Mainland and in the S.E. this is no mean task.

MAILU. The biggest village in the district with its population of 513 and 49 houses. Of the male adult population of 163, 65 are away at labour but in spite of this, there are quite a number of young men in the village. Many of these of course have been recently paid off. There is an air of decay about the village but the people and Councillors explained it is their ambition to rebuild the whole village as soon as more men return. This would be really a major undertaking as all materials must be imported from the mainland but the canoes used by these people are massive vessels and capable of carrying great loads. Fresh water is obtained from a well and there are a few small gardens on the island but the bulk of the food comes from gardens maintained on the mainland. One was struck by the number of fine healthy children in this village; there is 202 of them and they attend school run by the L.M.S. on the island. V.C. WAIDE is a pretty weak link and unless he shows improvement will have to be replaced.

MOGAUBO. Situated on the shores of Baxter Bay this small village of 11 houses and with a population of 84 was visited on the way home. There is no anchorage here and you go through the surf in a canoe. The Village Constable was away and I was unable to check the census. The village area was clean but the houses are very poor but here again the excuse of no labour to build them was put forward. Extensive gardens are maintained close to the village and the people have ample food. The rest house and barracks have recently been rebuilt. The village latrines are clean and situated on a creek which enters the sea within a few hundred yards of the village.

BURUMAI. Situated on Burumai Point which is the Western extremity of Baxter Bay. This village of 13 houses is a breakaway village from Boru. Here again the V.C. was away at Boru and I could not check the census. Houses are in poor condition. Water is obtained from a well and big gardens are being cultivated near the village.

MATTERS DEALT WITH ON PATROL.

(a) Although one of the prime purposes of this trip was to investigate the whereabouts of three members of R.P.C. from Samarai, in response to a signal from the D.O. I found on arrival at Mogubo Patrol Officer Turner from Samarai had left the day before to make those investigations. Under the circumstances I considered it unnecessary for two of us to go inland. However, I did send my L/Cpl and one constable up to the Dimuga area with instructions to assist in the search.

(b)

MATTERS DEALT WITH ON PATROL.

- (1) The census was checked at DEREMAI, WOWORA, AROANA LOPOM, LOROURA, MAILU. Births and deaths were posted to the books and it is noted that births exceed deaths by six to one.
- (2) A Court of Native Matters was conducted at Mailu and one KOPA-GOVIRI was sentenced to 3 months on a charge of adultery. Several trivial matters were settled amicably out of Court.
- (3) Mailu was the only village where instructions were given for the repair and construction of houses. Two houses are to be repaired forthwith, two to be rebuilt within three months and one, a humpy belonging to a man doing 5 years for murder, to be pulled down.
- (4) As stated before, the Lopom, Loroura and Mailu people all travel to the mainland to their gardens. On the point near Mogubu I noticed a great crowd of women and children loaded down with food sitting in the rain. I discovered they were waiting for canoes to take them across to the islands. Not infrequently, I am told, they are forced to spend the night on the beach in all sorts of weather when the canoes cannot get across. The three villages concerned have now been instructed to erect a shelter house on the beach at the point of embarkation. I might add that this instruction was received with enthusiasm, especially by the women, and work is to commence immediately on the building. It will also serve as a shelter for natives who are passengers on small boats that anchor at Mogubu for the night.
- (5) Advances of wages were paid to Mogubu labour and one native paid off on compassionate grounds.
- (6) The recruiting efforts were a complete failure and I had not one volunteer.

REST HOUSES. All rest houses seen were in good condition as most of them have been recently rebuilt and repaired.

GARDENS. Gardens are extensive along the coast and the people have ample food. Majority of gardens consist of taro, yam, sweet potato, bananas, manioc and sago is also prepared.

ROADS. The whole patrol was carried out by launch and only a few garden tracks were covered.

HEALTH. All the people seen were very healthy and well fed. I managed to find three cases for hospitalisation however. One, a young girl suffering from a nasty abscess on the leg, I took to Kurele aid post and two other women I brought to Abau for treatment. The aid post at Kurele, in charge of N.M.O. AUBA, is doing good work.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS. There seem to be dozens of Councillors in the areas visited and it appears they have been appointed under a misunderstanding of an order from H.Q. The village books show them as 'Councillors under New Scheme'. What it all means I am at a loss to understand but it now appears we have Councillors and New Councillors. I have just returned from leave and am not au fait with this instruction. I could not find a copy in the office. The Village constables, with the exception of Mailu, are doing their work satisfactorily.

G.F.X. Brown
Capt. 10/9/46.
(G.F.X. Brown, ADO).

Amount
Returned
to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Central (Abau) Report No. 3 of 45/46

Patrol Conducted by D.M. O'Connor

Area Patrolled Western Boundary (Coastal)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 27/5/1946 to 21/6/1946

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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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-NEW GUINEA

30/5/46 ✓
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File.P.R. 3-1945/46
District Office
ABAU. East Central District
21st May. 1946.

Mr. D.M.M.O'Conner, P.O.
ABAU.

Patrol.No.3-1945/46 - Western Boundary

1. Weather permitting, please arrange to leave by whaleboat on Friday next, 24th. May, on patrol to the Eastern boundary of this District
2. You will take L/Cpl. OGEPAUE and three A.C's. of your own choosing, also Interpreter VARIVA; a N.M.O. will not be required from here as there is an R.P.C. at GABUONE in the VILIRUPU District.
3. The matter of rations and patrol gear for the party will be arranged by you to suit the purposes of the patrol; allowances where necessary should be made for the fact that the patrol will pass through closely settled areas where native foods are plentiful.
4. For your information, the last patrol to this area was carried out during May, 1945 by Lieut Clarke, P.O. (See P.R.No.12 of 1944/45)
5. The objects of the Patrol will be:-
 - (i) Vital Statistics:-
 - (a) Enter census amendments in Village books
 - (b) Check census generally and endeavour to ascertain rise or fall in birth rate.
 - (ii) Gardens and Plantations:-
 - (a) Inspect gardens where practicable and note types of food available, whether adequate to village requirements, any apparent deficiency in vitamin contents as evidenced by e.g., New Guinea mouth due to lack of Vitamin C;
 - (b) Inspect native plantations and report on their condition; instruct people to take a census of palms (i) planted under Government supervision i.e., in orderly plantations and (ii) planted "native fashion" or self sown, (is thinning out of these required?) - these particulars are required for estimating the copra-producing potential of this District. Instruct people that all plantations must now be thoroughly cleaned and kept in good condition; disciplinary action will be taken where this order is disobeyed in future.
 - (iii) Health and Hygiene:-
 - (a) View latrines and correct any faults found. Take disciplinary action in cases that have failed to carry out previous instructions in this regard.
 - (b) Ascertain source of water supply, inspect and note likelihood of contamination by pigs, nearby latrines etc.

(iii)

Health and Hygiene.

- (c) Watch for any signs of illness likely to assume the nature of an epidemic and, if necessary, call on the N.M.O's at the VILURUFU R.A.F. to assist you.
- (d) The people of this District have had ample opportunity to rebuild or repair their houses. They have been warned during the past four months that their villages, roads etc, must be in good order. See that this order is carried out.

(iv)

Village Administration:-

- (a) Check carefully the aptitude and suitability of Village Councillors for the position that they hold and report on the matter without taking any immediate action. I have reason to believe that some Councillors were appointed to that position under circumstances which do not conform to the original intention of the scheme; find out if they are men of standing in the communities e.g., are they the heads of their particular DUBU (clan)
- (b) Warn Councillors against taking upon themselves powers and duties which are not theirs- e.g. the "trial" and punishment of offences, the settling of offences which are of such a nature that they should have been brought before a Magistrate etc.
- (c) Note and report on the work of the Villages Constables you contact.

(v)

District Administration:-

- (a) Select suitable men at KELERAKWA (Entrance to Marshall Lagoon) and KAPARI-HULA for appointment as Ferryman - rate of pay 5/- per month with uniform. Their responsibility is the ferrying of bona fide travellers and, or mails across the Entrance in the first place, and the River mouth in the other.
- (b) Endeavour to recruit an English-speaking Interpreter for the Western Sub-District. VARIVA is from the Eastern Sub-District and cannot speak the other languages.
- (c) Bring in any natives who have money due to them in the Trust Fund A/c so that payment can be made here; it is unsafe to take money on patrol with you until a strong box (requisitioned for) arrives from Port Moresby
- (d) Deal with any complaints and adjudicate on any property disputes brought to your notice.
- (e) Note conduct of patrol personnel and report on same in the usual manner.

Quidaletop
DISTRICT OFFICER
(S.G. MIDDLETON)
21.5.46.

Report of patrol to Western Boundary (Coastal) Abau District
made during MAY.. JUNE 1946. By D.M. O'Connor A./A.D.O.

Left Abau Station;.. Monday 27th. May 1946

Returned to Station;.. 21st. June 1946.

- Purposes of Patrol:
- (1). Check Census and make amendments
 - (2). Inspect Gardens and Plantations (Govt.)
 - (3). Inspect Water wells, Latrines
 - (4). Inspect Villages, Rest Houses etc.
 - (5). Deal with any Native Complaints under N.R.O.
 - (6). Enlist the services of two Ferryman.. and also obtain an interpreter for Abau to deal with the languages spoken in the country to the West of Abau. along the coast as far as Marshall Lagoon.
 - (7). Obtain Recruits for Casual work at Abau as general Labourers.

Patrol Accompanied by following personnel:..

L/Cpl. Ogapane	. 2116.	RP.C.
AC. Poniba	. 1590.	" "
" Harori	. 1672.	" "
" Sawota	. 1286.	" "

Interpreter.. WARIVA

Personal Servant.. VINO.

Total:.. 6 native Personnel.

Cost of Patrol Issues to Native Personnel

Rice; 90 lbs.
Meat 12 tins
Fish 12 tins
Biscuits 56 lbs.
Tobacco (trade) 19 lbs.
Matches 24 boxes
Soap 4 lbs.
Sugar 12 lbs.

Approx. particulars of Tobacco Issues;..and Expenditure.

Issues to Native Patrol Staff; ... 54 sticks
Gratuities to V.Cs. & Councilmen etc... 38 sticks
Gratuities to natives counting coconut Palms;.. 23 sticks
Purchase of Native Food;... 12 sticks
Payment for Villirupa Interpreter for 10 days;.. 20 sticks
Payment to Carriers, and canoe paddlers, and hire of canoes;..
..327 sticks

Last Patrol to Area;... made by
District Services Staff in May 1945.

DAIRY;

Map References are to I272. Marshall Lagoon, I Inch Series
2042. Durama . . . " . . .

- 27.5.46; Left Abau in whaleboat, and 7.20 a.m. sailed West
Reached Gabuone(991683) at 5.20 p.m.
- 28.5.46; At Gabuone, Census work.
- 29.5.46; At Gabuone, village inspection, plantation inspection etc.
crossed lagoon at 1.40 p.m. and camped at Kelelakwa(983685)
Checking census.
- 30.5.46; Kelelakwa
At ~~Gabuone~~, completed census check; inspected Village, wells
plantations etc. Sent 14 N/Labourers with AC. AU'U to Abau.
- 31.5.46; Left Kelelakwa at 8.a.m. in two canoes and reached Waiori (032751)
at 10.a.m. Camped in Rest House; Checked Census, inspected
village;
- 1.6.46; Left main party with gear at Waiori i/c.AC. Sawota and
self with Lt/Cpl. Ago'pau and interpreter Wariva went per
canoe to Upulima Ck. running into Marshall Lagoon from West
bank. Inspected Copra Plantation of Waiori people on banks
of creek. Returned and inspected another similar plantation
on Kawa Ck. Returned down stream, landed and walked for
3 miles and came to Paile Plantation(975759) and met the
Manager Mr. T. Miller and his wife.
Signing on N.Labour during afternoon, and in C.N.M.
- 2.6.46; Sunday); At Paile
- 3.6.46; Left Paile at 7.15 a.m. picked up my main party at Paile
wharf, and proceeded per 2 canoes up Imila River to
landing, and took road to Burave. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from landing
Reached Burave(05380. of Map 2041. Oveau. I Inch Series) at
11-45 am. Camped in Rest House. During afternoon inspected
village, Latrines, and water supply; Checked census; also
inspected proposed site of New village.
- 4.6.46; Left Burave at 7-50 am. and returned per road and canoe.,
and coming again to Marshall Lagoon, proceeded direct across
the Lagoon to Wanigela(032729), arriving at 4 p.m.
Before reaching Marshall Lagoon, inspected Copra Plantation
of Wanigela people situated on banks of creek.
Camped in Rest House at Wanigela.
- 5.6.46; At Wanigela; Checking Census.
- 6.6.46; At Wanigela ; checking census, and in C.N.M. during morning.
In afternoon went to Corela Mission station(012717)S.D.A.
and met Mr. and Mrs. Stocken. Returned to Wanigela at 6 p.m.
- 7.6.46. Left Wanigela and proceeded per canoe and road to Kapari, as
follows;.. left Wanigela at 7am. per 3 canoes..travelled
N.N.East. entered Kolukopa Ck. at 7-20 am(running into Lagoon
from S. East)..05747)... reached highest navigable point in
Creek at 8-30 am.;. Landed packed loads for 26 carriers;..
Left this point at 9 am.. walked $\frac{1}{2}$ mile across Mangrove
swamp and found track on hard ground. walked to Kapari
(166630) at 1-15 pm.. Camped in Rest House;
arriving
- 8.6.46: At Kapari; Checking Census of Kapari & Biliolu,.. inspected
Copra Plantations of Biliolu people.

9.6.46. (Sunday); At Kapari

- 10.6.46. At Kapari; engaged in Census work; Office work; In C.N.M. . Inspected village latrines of Kapari and Biliola, .. and water wells.
- 11.6.46. At Kapari; Dispatched 4 prisoners and II hospital patients to ABAU i/c. AC. Ando, who had brought mail from Abau... these went in 2 canoes.
Left Kapari at 10 am. and walking along the beach, came to Lalaura at 11-20 am. Camped in Rest House.
During afternoon checked census of Lalaura, inspected wells and village.
- 12.6.46. Left Lalaura at 9 am. walked along beach.. inspected 2 copra plantations of Lalaura people; situated along the coast. called in at OTAMATA Plantation.. met Mr. Bruce managing the plantation. AC. Ando reported here with the II patients sent to hospital on previous day from Kapari . his canoe had almost foundered. and he was forced to run into the beach ~~same~~ at this point.
Mr. Bruce agreed to allow these patients to camp in his native hospital building, until another canoe should pick them up. Walked along beach after accepting a lift in lorry through the plantation, given by Mr. Bruce. . came to Tutuba village. and had lunch.
During the afternoon checked census, heard claims of natives re. Pre-War wages. etc. etc.
- 13.6.46. At Tutuba ; In office work... hearing claims re local matters from natives.
- 14.6.46. Left Tutuba at 8-20 am... after having first inspected the village,.. the water supply in Tutuba creek, and a small copra plantation on banks of Tutuba Ck. Walking along beach came to Baramata Plantation at 9 am. and had breakfast with Mr. Jenkins.. the owner. Here made advances to some N/Labourers,.. signed on 7 N/Labourers to work at Baramata. Moved on,.. walking along the beach.. crossed the mouth of the Bomguina River.. at low tide (Ref. Durama. 2042; (338567) Came to Domara R. and crossed per canoe and reached Domara village at 5 pm. (small village of Bomguina was passed soon after crossing Bomguina R.)
- 15.6.46. In Domara; In census work of Domara and Bomguina people. hearing talks of natives re pre-war claims for. Wages etc.
- 16.6.46. (Sunday); Inspected village of Domara.
- 17.6.46. In C.N.M. early; then leaving AC. Sawota and the L/Cpl. with my gear at Domara.. moved off at 10-20 am. with interpreter and VC. of Domara.. making up Domara R. per canoe inspected Copra Plantation of Domara en route.. came to Kaura Plantation at 12-40 pm. Had lunch with Mr. Speedie and his wife; walked 1 mile to MESPANI village (334609). checked census; inspected village, water wells. Latrines and walked back to Kaura and stayed the night. During the evening signed on 9 n/Labourers for Kaura Plantation.
- 18.6.46. Left Kaura at 9 am. called on Mr. Brewster at Baia.. and returning to Domara took canoe across MORI River. and walked along beach to DURAMA.. and there found the balance of party in camp. In crossing Mori river met Mr. Mitchell

(18.6.46 Continued)

and party of S.D.A. Mission.

During afternoon checked census of Durama, inspected village, and well, latrines.

- 19.6.46: Hearing talks from various natives in morning, and in C.N.M. during afternoon. AC. Sawota dispatched to inspect Durama portion of road to Amau, ... some distance up Amau R.
20. 6.46. During morning in C.N.M. AC. Sawota sent to arrest escaped prisoner, ... who ran away during the night.
- 21.6.46. Left Durama with my party in 2 canoes for Abau Station at 8-15 am. Sailing into the S. East Wind made slow progress, ... and reached Abau Station at 1 pm. and reported to the D.O.

VILLAGES:

Gabuone, Vilirapu D. Marshall Lagoon (991683); VC. Potea; Population 325

Houses in village 123; Village situated on the Eastern shore at the entrance to Marshall Lagoon; .. the village is strung out along the shore on the cliffs above the lagoon, .. in 3 separate groups of houses 4 houses on the headland at the mouth of the lagoon, .. the main village some 200 yds. back and overlooking the lagoon, .. and another group of 12 houses on the cliffs still further up the lagoon; ..

The village is very clean, and well kept. the water supply drawn from wells, .. Latrines on stagings over the water of lagoon.

The L.M.S. Mission have a school in the village, doing good work.

The S.D.A. Mission have recently put a teacher in the village.

In the main village thick short grass, as a lawn, covers the ground. The village and the houses, .. mostly of the DUBU type, are in excellent order.

Kelelakwa (on the Western side of the lagoon, opposite Gabuone (983685) VC. Abajaba; Population .. 410; Houses in village .. 85.

Another splendidly kept village, .. clean grounds, .. houses, .. nearly all of Duba type in good order with few exceptions; Latrines over water of lagoon. Water drawn from one well in village for washing, and another well, .. some distance from the village (1/2 mile, at least) .. in the Copra plantation, .. supplies good fresh water for drinking.

The Rest House, Court House, .. with sanded floor, .. and Police Barracks are all situated in well fenced piece of land some 200 yds from the village; .. a splendid effort this.

Village has a school under LMS. control doing good work.

Waiori (C32751); built on piles over the lagoon, .. on Western edge of water; VC. Gemo Galema... Population: .. 408; Houses in village: .. 48.

Village, Rest House and Barracks, built entirely on piles sunk into the mud of the lagoon: .. at low tide surrounded by mud, .. at high tide surrounded by 2 to 3 feet of water. There are platforms, .. or bridges running through the village linking up the houses, .. as streets. Water is drawn from some distance away on shore. Latrines are over the water of lagoon. Condition of the houses fairly good, .. houses of Duba type. The L.M.S. Have a school in the village.

Burave; (05380, of Map 2041. Ocean); VC. Kawai (and VC. Karawa from Kuru) Population: .. 100. Houses in village: .. 18. This village is

situated in the bush, .. almost a mile from the banks of the Imila Cr. Burave is situated on a slightly elevated plot of ground, is well drained; .. there are three well constructed Pit Latrines, on outskirts of the village; .. some of the houses were in need of repairs.

(Burave; continued)

The Burave people appear to have ample land for gardening purposes. These people wish to transfer their village to a new site, ... some $\frac{3}{4}$ mile away from the present site, ... and right on the banks of the Upulima Ck. (the water is quite fresh at this point), ... as at present the place of permanent water is some distance from the village.

I went out and inspected this proposed new village site; ... a ridge of land at present under garden cultivation... and admirably suited for a village site. I gave approval of this idea, and the transfer will take place, as soon as the garden has ceased to produce food. The Burave people are a mixture of Vilirupu and inland folk, ... who came from KURU, ... which is in the foothills, N.N. West of Burave village and they have been under the joint care of TWO V.Cs... KAWAI of Burave and KARAWA of KURU village; I was informed that KURU village had ceased to exist as a regular village, ... save for the residence there of a few old people, ... and I instructed the Kuru V.C. Karawa to report to Abau in the near future, as I think it likely that the D.O. will decide to dismiss him, ... as there is not really work for this man now.

The Burave people have no canoes, ... do not know how to make them, ... so they say; ... and now depend on the WAIORI folk to ferry them down to the mouth of the lagoon, when they wish to travel to the coast by River and lagoon.

Wanigela; (032729). built on piles OVER the water 300 yds. off East shore of Marshall Lagoon. V.C. AU'GEREGA; Houses..164; Population..1255.

A well kept village, ... with good Rest house, Police Barracks and Court House. Exactly the same local conditions apply at Wanigela as at Waiori, ... though in the centre of the village there is a small circle of land which is only under water at very high tide. On this centre most of the village activities take place ... as I saw it in June this small plot was a hive of canoe making activity. The Wanigela people have considerable tracts of land on the Western shores of the lagoon, ... extending far some distance up the Imila and Upulima waterways.

Sanitation in Wanigela, ... as in Waiori, is a simple matter, ... as each tide takes excreta from Latrines away, ... and generally 'Flushes' the mud on which the village is built; While the patrol was at Wanigela

there were no mosquitos; ... the people appear healthy, ... The VC. Au'Gerega is an exceptionally good type, ... and handles his quite full time job of caring for 1255 people very well.

The Wanigela people are good canoe makers, ... good canoe and sailormen.

KAPARI; (I66630). situated on Beach on Eastern side of the mouth of Araki R.; V.C. Lewaraka. Houses..~~121~~⁵⁵ Population..~~122~~³⁸⁵;

Kapari is a well kept village; fenced to keep out pigs; The people have ample garden land for food production. Latrines built out over the mud in front of the village, ... and not satisfactory, ... all these I have instructed to have moved and placed over the water of the current of the river. The water supply is taken from a well, ... situated some distance in from the village; well needed covering and a new fence round it. There were some bad cases of ulcers and Yaw found in this village; the V.C. inclined to be slack, and has not much control.

Biliolu; (I66630). V.C. Lewaraka; houses..28; Population..214. village is built out in the mud shore, immediately on the seaward side of Kapari village, ... and about 150 yds. from that village; the VC. Lewaraka looks after this village as well as Kapari.

Village generally not in very good state of repair, ... some houses needed renewing. The Latrines are built right out over the water of the ~~river~~ and satisfactory. I was informed that the Biliolu people have (bay) been given land by the Kapari folk, sufficient for their needs; ... The Biliolu people came, originally, from Hala in the Rigo District and settled here alongside the Kapari Village.

Lalaura.; (I91579); V.C. John. Houses..26; Population..154. Village situated on the beach. Good Rest House & Barracks

and Court House. There are 6 old houses in the village, and the owners are now getting in timber to build new houses to replace these... the new houses will all be built in the European Style..as are all Govt. Rest Houses;.. the rest of the houses in the village are built on European Lines... and are good houses;.. giving much more light to the interiors than the old style DUBU. The people of Lalaura appear to me to be years ahead of the Kapari or the Vilirupu people in the process of advancement,.. both as regards to cleanliness, and manner of living; they are really a fine lot of natives. Much of the credit for this advancement must, I think, go to the influence of the L.M.S. Mission;.. the present teacher is a half caste Samoan-Papuan,.. and a good type of man; The Mission here have trained a choir of boys and girls, who sing beautifully;.. they gave me a concert during the evening of my stay at Lalaura.

Tutubu; (276565); V.C. Ini'lase; situated on the beach near the creek of that name. Houses..12; Population..63. A small village, whose people speak the Mailu language naturally, ~~xxxx~~ and who, most of them, also speak the language of Vilirupu area. The Tutubu land lies inside, back of the coast,..and practically adjoin the lands of the DOM ~~page~~ people. The Tutubu are to a large extent from the inland,.. not truly a coastal people... many of them appear to spend half their time in MERANI village(335609)..which is some distance up the Kauru Ck... VC. Ini'lase lives at MERANI, and looks after both Merani and Tutubu.

Tutubu is rather a bedraggled looking village,.. save for one house belonging to Councillor Daura, which is a really well built house. The water supply is taken from a well,.. reached by canoe.. some 400 yards up the Tutubu Ck.

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MERANI: (335609); V.C. Ini'lase. Houses ..12; Population..63. Merani is a bush village,..situated about 1 mile walk from Kauru Ck. on the Western boundary of Kauru Estate. The houses are in good order the 3 latrines, sunk as Pit latrines, contained a good deal of water.. and were, simply 3 wells,..of fifth,.. as the water at this place is very close to ground surface;.. I instructed that these pits be filled in and abandoned, as they were nothing but a ~~xxxxxxx~~ potential source of disease,.. and also a breeding place for mosquitos. Like the TUTUBU folk, these Merani people are very largely BUSH people but speaking Mailu language.

Bomguina; (371569); V.C. Maipua. Houses..7; Population is included in the Domara village count... This small village is situated on the beach about 3 miles West of Domara. a couple of houses needed renewing Latrine over the water of a creek near the village. Water supply from a point up a branch of Mori R... at the back of the village.

Domara; (407586); V.C. Maipua. Houses..47. Population(including that of Bomguina)..528. Village situated on a sand spit..of some size,.. between the mouths of Kauru Ck. and the Mori River. ..fenced round, and a good well kept village,.. clean, and houses in good order mostly of the old DUBU type. Water drawn from a point up the Mori River; Latrines over a branch of the Mori R... satisfactory. Rest House and Barracks in a fenced in enclosure some distance to the East of the village;.. very excellent arrangement. The Domara and Bomguina people have land inside from the coast.. on the banks of the Kauru Ck. and Mori R. The Bomguina and Domara people spring very largely from a settlement of Mailu people who came to this point many years ago, drove the then inhabitants, away after killing many, and settled here. These people, like their Mailu cousins, are excellent sailors.. and handle their sailing canoes with great skill.

Durama; (439576); V.C. Lapau; Houses..12. Population..117. Village situated on the beach on Eastern side of mouth of Mori R...and close to the Amau River. Village fenced round,.. but rather untidy some houses needing repairs; Water well. situated 300 yds. from village.. amongst the gardens.. good water. Latrines over beach

well washed by tide, ... but the Latrines of this village all in a broken up condition, ... and not ~~xxxxxx~~ in use now. Three new Latrines over the beach ordered to be built forthwith. The Durama people have garden lands up the Amau River, ... and appear to have ample land for their requirements. This village, like Kapari and Biliolu villages, not in very good order, ... as I saw it.. due to slackness on the part of the V.C.

Missions

With the exception of the bush villages of BURAVE, MERANI, and Makiripana, ... and the coastal village of Tutubu, ... all the villages the patrol visited are under Mission influence, ... and enjoy the advantage of schools for the children. All, I think, are doing good work. The L.M.S. control the school in the following villages:.. Gabuone, Kelelakwa, Waiori, Kapari, Biliolu, Lalaura. The S.D.A. Mission have schools in the following villages.. Wanigela, Bomguina, Domara, Durama. The S.D.A. Mission have their District Hqs. at Corela, ... a point of the Eastern shores of Marshall Lagoon (DI2717).. Mr. Stocken and his wife S.B.A. are in residence there.

Village Constables;

Of the 11 V.Cs. whom I contacted on this patrol; I would say as follows;.. VCs. AUGGEREGA of Wanigela; MAIPUA of Domara & Bomguina. are both outstandingly good;.. they both handle large villages and do the job well. VC. John of Lalaura does his work well and is a very good intelligent type. VCs. Lapau of Durama and Lewaraka of Kapari & Biliolu both slack, and need to improve in their work. The three 'Bush' Vcs. Ini'Lese of Tutubu & Merani, and KAWAI with the KUKU VC. KARAWA of Burave and Makiripana.. both doing a fair job but limited in their intelligence, ... as for the balance of the VCs. they are a fair average lot, ... and doing their work moderately well.

REMARKS etc.;

This patrol No. 3. of 1945/46. is the first along the Western coast since the Civilian Govt. took over from ANGAU. I wish we had been able to do what boat work was necessary by a launch, ... instead of by canoe and whaleboat; The night the patrol arrived at Gabuone. the whaleboat sank at her moorings; ... we had to bale her out continuously during the run down from Abau. I do not think that the local natives were much impressed (favourably) by this.

While moving about in Marshall Lagoon, ... and up the rivers & creeks I patrolled & used canoes all the time, ... a launch would have done the work much more quickly.

When I sent two canoes loaded with prisoners and patients for Abau hospital from Kapari village, ... these canoes ran into rough weather and the canoe containing the hospital cases were ~~was~~ nearly sunk, and had to be run ashore at Otamata;

The Native of Papua is as much a 'snob' as anyone else, ... and I cannot think that the local people could be very favourably impressed by the present means of sea transport that patrols are forced to take, i.e. limping along the coast in a whaleboat, which is years and years older than many of the native children, ... or crawling about rivers in hired native canoes, ... COMPARED with the means of transport at the disposal of ANGAU, during the War years in this district.

Apart from these considerations .. canoe and whaleboat travelling

on this coast during the S. East Trade Season can be definitely dangerous.

I cannot too strongly urge that this station be allotted a good strong, seaworthy launch, .. as soon as practicable. Right through the area I patrolled, which in the past has supplied many hundreds of native labourers for plantations and other pre-War activities, .. there appears to be a general apathy towards HARD WORK; .. I wanted N/Labourers for Abau, .. for a short term as casuals as per instructions from the D.O.; .. I wanted a few men to sign on as Copra makers at Abau, ... but even at the recently increased rate of pay I was not rushed by volunteers. I think that a couple of good trade stores in the district would do much to create a desire for money, and so for work; .. at present most natives has more money than they ~~are~~ use, .. because there is nothing for them to spend this cash on locally...except gambling.

Matters attended to on Patrol;

19 N/Labourers signed for plantation work at Kauru, Baramata & Paile
Numerous complaints heard and attended to Out of Court

6. Cases heard in Courts for Native Matters.

2 Ferrymen sent in for Marshall Lagoon, and Kapari respectively.
Count taken of Village and Govt. planted coconut Trees

Census checked, .. and all those present in villages medically examined (superficially). for signs of Yaws, scabies and other obvious complaints.

Question on S.D.A. Mission's desire for some land in the DURAMA village area, discussed with the SDA, Missionary MR. Mitchell, at Durama, .. and discussion of this matter with the V.C. Lapau of Durama separately also.

110 case of minor medical cases sent to Gabuone R.A.P. Stations
30 cases sent to Abau Hospital, .. including some case of Yaws.

General inspection of Villages, .. water supply, latrines,
Inspection of Copra Plantations of villages planted under NRO. 121.

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(D.M. O'Connor) A/ A.D.C.

Abau. 3.7.46.

Report of Inspection of 9 Copra Plantations seen on patrol No. 3.
 1945/46; including those planted under WRO. 121.; and village
 Plantations, showing number of trees in each.

Village	Old Plant.	New Plant.	Village Plant.	
Gabuene	5152	710	2036	Old Plt. near village; not bearing heavily. recommend thinning.
			(also 4836 at Kalalakwa)	NEW Plt. near village, badly need cleaning.
Kelelakwa	3041	540	7806	Both Old and New Plts. on shore near village. OLD Plt. not bearing heavily recommend thinning. NEW Plt. needs cleaning; some on damp ground; better to abandon that on damp ground.
Waiori	145	366	298	Old Plt. on banks of Upulima Ck. fair condition. NEW Plt. adjacent to this; fair; both need cleaning.
				Old Waiori Plt. on banks of Karawa Ck. not shown in count; almost non-productive; natives told to abandon as Plt. is situated on crown of dry ridge from which rain water drains off too quickly to allow absorption.
Wanigela	352 (Not counted)		800	OLD and NEW Plts. both on banks of Ilima Ck. Old. Plt. fair; needs thinning; NEW plt. not counted, as covered by jungle, and many trees beyond recovery. Both Plts. badly need cleaning. (Fresh water at this point 5 miles N.W. in from Marshall Lagoon.).
Kapari	1890	740	2002	Both OLD and NEW Plts. on beach. Old Plt. needs thinning; NEW Plt. much overgrown with scrub. Both need cleaning.
Bilielu	418	977	Nil.	Both old and new Plts. need cleaning same, as applies to Kapari Plts.
Lalaura	1058	526	3513	Both Plts., situated along beach; doing well, but need cleaning.
Tutubu	500	137	32	Old Plt. on banks of Tutubu Ck. fair only; NEW plt. situated adjacent to Old Plt. in Tutubu Ck. Old Plt. of 259 trees in bush off beach near Baramata. All need good cleaning.
Bomguina	Nil.	391	814	New Plt. Situated along beach in fair order; needs cleaning.
Demara	1614	1037	2065	Both NEW & OLD Plts., on beach; New Plt. should do well; but both need cleaning.
Durama	1210	286	256	Both plantations need cleaning of scrub; NEW Plt. would be about 14 years old. Both situated on beach near village, and adjoining Demara Plt. on Eastern side of Meri R.
TOTALS	15380	5710	24458	
Total:				of Producing Coconut Trees (including Village trees)..39838

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REPORT ON COPRA PLANTATIONS (continued)

From the attached tabulated report it will be seen there are, in the villages visited by the patrol, 5710 new coconut trees planted under Govt. instruction as per NRO. 121. All these young plantations appear to me to be about 7 or 8 years old (except the young plantation at Durama, which could be 14 years old). All these young plantations are worth carrying on with, and cleaning, with the possible exception of the young plantation in the bush up ILIMA Ck. planted by the Wanigela people which has been badly neglected. None of the plantations, old or new, have been cleaned during the War except in the immediate vicinity of one or two villages, as there has been little labour to do this work;... Now, however there is ample labour in most villages, to clean these plantations up;... in the case of some of the old plantations, I recommend thinning, as most of these older trees have been planted too close together, even so, most of these old plantations are not bearing heavily, and one sees a good few trees, which appear to be almost sterile;... this is much more pronounced in the case of the plantations in the bush OFF the coast.. I.E. these of WAIORI, and WANIGELA, in fact with the prospects for Copra sales as they are to-day, it is doubtful whether it worth while expecting the people of these two Villages to carry on and cut these plantations, as its some distance up the Upulima and Karawa creeks respectively for these people to go before reaching the plantations. In the case of the old Plantation up Upulima Ck, of the Waiori people.. I have told the people to leave this for the present.. and concentrate only on cleaning up their new plantation;.. as the old plantation is almost non-productive, and I am sure will never justify efforts spent on it any further.

Native Gardens. From my observations there is ample land for N/feed cultivation;... the people of WAIORI and WANIGELA villages, which are built over the waters of Marshall Lagoon, own considerable tracts of land on the banks of the Upulima and Iula, and Karawa Creeks.. and appear to have all they need for the present. Most of the people in the Marshall Lagoon area have done away with their domestic pigs in the villages.. and so these villages do not have the age-old trouble, common in this country, of damage by pigs to gardens.

LANGUAGE:
Generally speaking the strip of country the patrol passed through is peopled by natives of two language groups; These who speak the Vilirupu language of Marshall Lagoon, and these who speak the MAILU Language of Mailu Island and Amazon Bay (50 miles East of Abau) Vilirupu language is spoken from LALAURA.. as far WEST as AROMA, in the Rigo District; The MAILU tongue is spoken by these coastal folk living East of LALAURA .. as far East as MAILU Island and Amazon Bay. The villagers of BURAVE, and Makiripana, the only two BUSH villages visited by the patrol, speak a MIXTURE of Vilirupu and INLAND Rigo dialect, as many of this small group have come from the forest hills from a group of villages called by them KURU, which lies to the North West of Marshall Lagoon.

SCHOOLS

As mentioned in the patrol diary, most of the villages are under Mission influence, which has given them schools, The children in these villages are definitely the better and happier for this;.. they were clean, and unafraid, and during the census 'fall in' in their respective villages, these children appeared to me to be very well cared for, and by their good discipline, and ability to stay in line in one place during the census work, they much help the patrol.

Health & Hygiene:

At Gabuone in Marshall Lagoon (Vilirupu) there is a R.A.F. Post, under control of the E.M.A. Abau N/Hospital; At present N.M.O. LAURA is

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(Health & Hygiene) continued;

in charge at the Gabuone R.A.P. and he appears to be doing fair work while patrolling the Marshall Lagoon villages I had the services of the NMO... in treating minor cases of sores, scabies etc. After leaving the Vilirupu Area, L/Cpl. Age'pue RPC. with one of the Police examined the people, before me, as they were called up, one by one, for the census check; While in the Vilirupu area I sent to the Gabuone R.A.P. 120 Minor cases, .. mostly scabies cases, and to ABAU Hospital I sent 2 cases (both bad cases of Yaws)

During the rest of the patrol along the coast I found, in all, 20 cases for treatment and these were dispatched per local canoe to Abau Hospital.

At the bush villages of Makiripana and Burave, the general health of the people appeared to be not as ~~good~~ ^{good} it was in the case of the coastal dwellers, .. the bush people lack the fish and shell fish diet which helps so much to balance the diet of the coastal people.

Hygiene; Everywhere there are now latrines, built and in use, with the exception of the small village of MERANI; these people had made good pit latrines, .. but the result was just a filthy well of stagnant water, .. as the water is very close to the service in that area, .. and I instructed that these be filled in; .. and for the present no alternative seems possible but to defecate well in the bush, .. away from their village, for these Merani people, .. as the local pigs clean up all excreta thus dropped.

The coastal villages all have latrines over the water.. some of these were in need of repair.

The villages were very clean, and the houses, with few exceptions in good order. We came in contact with One Only case of Dysentery

(mild form) at Kelelakwa; .. this was treated locally by NMO. Laura the patient being isolated in a house over the water of the Lagoon; .. the patient had recovered from the crucial stage before the patrol had returned to Abau.

As the tabulated Report re. census figures will show, .. the total during the past TWELVE MONTHS (since patrol of May 1945) of Deaths is 109, .. and the total of Births during that period is 134; these figures would indicate that the population, generally is not on the decline; .. though both the bush villages, Burave and Makiripana do show a decrease in Population; ..

Available Native Labour;

Most of the labour, working under ANGAU regime, has now been back in the villages for some months; .. but of all the fit young men now available in the villages very, very, few wish to go to work, as yet .. consequently local plantations have been hard put to it, to recruit sufficient labour to carry on; .. of course the same re-action is at present worldwide, .. and no doubt, will in time swing back to what may be called normal. I think that a good trade store in the district would do something to stimulate ambition to work and to gain money, once the present stores of cash now in the possession of most natives have been spent.

REPORT ON CONDUCT OF NATIVE STAFF, taken on patrol No. 3. of 1945/46

No. 2311. L/Cpl. Ogepau; of Kiwai Isl.; excellent young N.C.O. quiet well mannered, takes responsibility and carries it well; energetic.

No. 1286. AC. Sawota; of Kokoda D. good reliable type of Patrol AC.

No. 1672. A.C. Harari; good type of AC. young, speaks some English.

No. 1590. AC. Poniba; of Cape Nelson; Energetic, Intelligent, good patrol AC. some knowledge of English.

Interpreter; WARIVA; of Luluoro, (Nr. Mailu Island); .. really the interpreter for the Mailu language, Eastern part of the Division; .. and so a little out of his element in the Vilirupu District, .. but did his best, .. and took live interest in the patrol.

(D.M. O'Connor); A/A.D.O.

Abau. 3.7.46.

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List of Villages visited giving Names of VCs. Population Data etc. showing Births, Deaths, and increase or decrease in Population in ^{year} past

Village	V.C's. Name & Number	Number of houses	Spppabana Population	Since May 1945.				
				Births	Deaths	Incr.	Decr.	
Gabuone	Potea. No. 6.	123	835	17	18		1	
Kelalakwa	Abalaba. No. 5.	85	410	6	15		9	
Waiori	Gemo 'Galema. 3 no. 3.	48	408	15	7	8		
Wanigela	Au 'geroga. No. 4	164	1255	25	22	3		
Burave	Kawai. No. 2. & Karawa. No. 1.	18	100	3	10		7	
Makiripana	Kawai. No. 2.	2	10	1	2		1	
Kapari	Lewaraka. No. 7	55	385	14	12	2		
Biliolu	Lewaraka. No. 7	28	214	6	6	
Lalaura	'John' No. 8.	26	154	6	4	2		
Tutabu	Ini 'lese. No. 10.	12	63	1	2		1	
Merani	Ini 'Lese, No. 10.	10	63	(4)	Not recorded; New census taken on this patrol; 17/6/46			
Domara	Maipua. No. II.	47	528	31	9	22		
Bomquina	Maipua. No. II.	7	Census figures included with those of Domara... only 3 miles between these two villages.					
Durama	Lapau. No. 12.	12	117	5	2	3		
<u>TOTALS;...</u>		637	4542	134	109	40	19	



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

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CROWN LAW OFFICE,
PORT MORESBY,
5th August, 1946.

The Director of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Native Coconut Plantations.

Receipt is acknowledged of your DS30-5-1 dated 31st July, 1946, relating to the destruction of coconuts planted too closely. I am unaware of any provision empowering the destruction of such coconuts.

It is noticed that Native Regulation 121 provides that coconuts shall be properly planted at distances not less than five fathoms from tree to tree. If the present coconuts have been allowed to grow into sizeable trees it would indicate that the amount of supervision has been little.

In my view it should be possible to explain to natives the need for removing some of the trees which should be indicated to them, and get them to remove the surplus coconuts voluntarily. As the thinning out of the coconuts is purely, I suppose, for the purpose of obtaining a yield or a greater yield, it may well be that to forgo the yield is better in the interests of the native than that they should be thinned out against the will of the natives which, if the trees are old, could quite properly be regarded by the natives as very unreasonable; but as I said before, I do not know where the power lies to compel them.

S. B. Squid
A/Crown Law Officer.

DS. 30-5-1.

Handwritten note: Some for Do of Coconuts for guidance

MINUTE TO:
District Officer,
East Central District,
ABAU.

Forwarded for your information and guidance.

[Signature]
for ACTING DIRECTOR
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DS 30-5-1.

Department of District Services
and Native Affairs.
PORT MORESBY.

31st. July, 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

District Officer,
East Central District,
ABAU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3/45-46.

I refer you to Department of District Services and Native Affairs Circular Instruction No. 5/46 and request that in future you submit your comments on such Reports and not your instructions for the Patrol as you have done in this instance.

In his Report the A.D.C. states that 28 people were despatched per canoe to Abau for hospital treatment. Were these people ordered to go to hospital or were they quite free to follow their own wishes in the matter?

W.R.H.

(W.R. Humphries)
A/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

DS 30-5-1.

Department of District Services
and Native Affairs.
PORT MORESBY.

31st. Jul , 1946.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Crown Law Officer,
Port Moresby.

In the Abau District there are many small coconut plantations which were planted by the Natives under instructions from former District Officers under the provisions of the Native Regulation Ordinance.

It is said that in many cases the trees are planted too closely together and it has been suggested that the Natives be ordered to thin them out - cut down scores or even hundreds of coconut trees.

The Coconut trees are the property of the Natives.

I doubt the legality of such an order and shall be glad to have your views concerning it.

W.R.H.
(W.R. Humphries) A/ASSISTANT

From the attached tabulated report it will be seen there are, in the villages visited by the patrol 5/10 new coconut trees planted under Govt. instruction as per NRO 121. All these young plantations appear to me to be about 7 or 8 years old (except the young plantation at Durama, which could be 14 years old) all these young plantations are worth carrying on with, and cleaning, with the possible exception of the young plantation in the bush, up ILIMA Ck. planted by the Wanigela people which has been badly neglected.

None of the plantations, old or new, have been cleaned during the War except in the immediate vicinity of one or two villages, as there has been little labour to do this work. Now, however there is ample labour in most villages, to clean the plantations up. In the case of some of the old plantations, I recommend ~~thinning~~, as most of these older trees have been planted too close together, even so most of these old plantations are not bearing heavily, and one sees a good few trees, which appear to be almost sterile, this is much more pronounced in the case of the plantations in the bush OFF the coast, I.E. those of WAICRE, and WANIGELA, in fact with the prospects for Copra sales as they are to-day, it is doubtful whether it is worth while expecting the people of these two villages to carry on and cut these plantations, as it is some distance up the Upulima and Karawa creeks respectively for these people to go before reaching the plantations. In the case of the Old Plantation up Upulima Ck, of the Waicre people I have told the people to leave this for the present, and concentrate only on cleaning up their new plantation, as the old plantation is almost non-productive, and I am sure will never justify efforts spent on it any further.

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Total; of Producing Coconuts, Trees (including Village trees)....39838