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1969 - 1970

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PATROL REPORT OF: BOKU, KONGA &amp; BUIN

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BOUGRINVILLE PROVINCE

REPORT NO:	FOLIO	OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL	AREA PATROLLED	MAPS/ PHOTOS	PERIOD OF PATROL
[ ] BOKU					
[1] 1/69-70	01-12	C.Oaeke (Local Gov't Officer)	Area under Bana Council		15.7.69- 15.8.69
[2] 2/69-70	13-24	C. Oaeke ( )	Banoni and Nagovisi		1.12.69- 14.12.69
[ ] KONGA					
[3] 1/69-70	01-23	J.G. Steven (PO)	Council area of Savai Census Division		5.1.70-13.1.70
[4] 2/69-70	24-34	J.G. Steven (PO)	/ / / / /		10.3.70- 12.2.70
[ ] BUIN					
[5] 2/69-70	01-16	S.F.J Priestly (APO)	Oria Valley.		15.12.69- 20.3.70
[6] 4/69-70	17-41	Yaunggao. U-Yassi (TPO)	Torokina Area, Bana L.G.C, Banoni C.Division	i map	20.5.70- 12.6.70
[7] 5/69-70	42-58	P.B. Laming (CPO)	Part of Kono Census Division		19.3.70- 30.9.70

BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1969-1970

BOKU KONGA BUIN

Report no.	Officer conducting Patrol	Area patrolled
<b>BOKU</b>		
1-69-70	C Oaeke	Area under Bana Council
2-69-70	C. Oaeke	Banoni and Nagovasi
<b>KONGA</b>		
1-69-70	J.G. Steven	Council area of Siwai C.D.
2-69-70	J.G. Steven	Part Council areas of the Siwai C.D.
<b>BUIN</b>		
1-69-70	S.P.J. Priestly	Oria valley
4-69-70	Y. U-Yassi	Torokina area
5-69-70	P.B. Laming	Part of Kono C.D.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number Buin Patrol Report No. 2 of 1969/70

Subdistrict Buin

District Bougainville

Type of Patrol General

Patrol Conducted by S.F.J. Priestly. Assistant Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Oria Valley.

(Council and/or

Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol L. Uyassi, Trainee Patrol Officer.

C/I Kaio R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol--from 15/12/69 To 20/3/70

No. of Days 84 Days camped out.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :

Date Duration

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) Supervise Construction of Oria Airstrip.

Conduct Helicopter Operations. Political Education.

Routine Administration.

Total Population of Area Patrolled

Director of District Administration,

KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

20/5/1970

District Commissioner.

GFB/BT

67-11-30

Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

27th May, 1970.

The District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
KIETA.

PATROL NO. BUIN 2/69-70

Your reference 67-1-2 of 18th May, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. S. F. J. Priestly, Assistant Patrol Officer of part KONO Census Division.

The covering comments are noted. The attitudes displayed by some of the people to this work would have been extremely trying. I am pleased that Mr. Priestly worked so capably despite the setbacks encountered.

A map should have been submitted with this report.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator.

c.c.

Mr. S. F. J. Priestly,  
Sub-District Office,  
KIETA. Bougainville District.

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67.11.30

Telephone

Telegrams

Our Reference 67-1-2

If calling ask for

Mr DBM/ek

Division

xxxxxxx of District Administration,

Department of the Administrator,

District Headquarters,

Bougainville District,

KIETA.

18th May, 1970.

25 MAY 1970

The Secretary,

Department of the Administrator,

KONEDOBU.

BUIN PATROL NO. 2 OF 1969/70

Report of the above specified patrol conducted by Mr. S.F. Priestly A.P.O. is forwarded herewith together with the Assistant District Commissioner's covering comments which are quite adequate.

2. The patrol was in the nature of a standing one to the Oria airstrip site, Koro division. Its purpose was to initiate and supervise construction of a Rural Development Programme light aircraft strip at Oria. Despite the setbacks and frustrations experienced by the patrolling officer, a great deal of work has been carried out on the project and it is a long way towards its successful completion. Continued progress really depends on the tenacity of the field officer in charge and Mr. Priestly must be congratulated in this regard. The non-availability of the helicopter was most unfortunate but was occasioned by its full-time use by C.R.A. in keeping Panguna emergency services open when a series of landslides paralised road access.

(D.N. Ashton)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.



c.c Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
BUIN.

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Division of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,

B U I N,

Bougainville District,

30th April, 1970.

67-2-1

ML.ML

The District Commissioner,

District Headquarters,

K I E T A .

BUIN PATROL REPORT NO. 2 of 1969/70 - Mr. F.J. PRIESTLY  
ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

Attached please find original and two copies of the abovementioned Patrol Report. Mr. Priestly is to be congratulated for both his field work and reporting.

2. Establishment of the airstrip at Oria is not proving to be all smooth sailing, nor was it expected to be. A pronounced schism between persons of Seventh Day Adventist faith, and adherents of the Marist Mission, has led to non-co-operative attitudes in this area and has increased the difficulties of the supervising officer.

3. Seventh Day Adventist people of Oria and Pagui villages, and their energetic councillor Kolubai, have proved to be extremely co-operative, performing every task asked of them. They have been responsible for ninety percent of the works completed so far at Oria. On the other hand, the people from Catholic villages have done little to advance the establishment of a commercial strip in this area. It is pretty obvious that there is going to be trouble between Catholics and Seventh Day Adventists when the strip is completed and is used for the airfreighting of cocoa.

4. Mr. White, Co-operative Officer, of Dept. Trade & Industry, Buin, recently visited the Oria Valley and carried out a survey of cocoa production in the area. He estimates that production next year will probably be in the vicinity of 1209 tons. That figure will also just about coincide with the physical limits of carrying the stuff to the road terminus at Turutai. It therefore becomes increasingly important to have a strip operating commercially within a year or so in this area.

5. Mr. Schweighofer, Chief Mechanic, Administration Transport Branch, Buin, and myself, visited Oria for three days last week to service and try out all equipment on

the project site. All equipment is now in good working order, and the officer supervising the project now has, in my estimation, the means to complete the project. The small D.C.A. drag grader, if used by a competent operator, is particularly effective.

6. I will be returning to Oria in three weeks time or thereabouts, to see how Mr. Laming is making out with the equipment.

7. Mr. Priestly's claim for camping allowance for approval, please.

Encl.

M.Lang.)

Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,  
BUIN.  
Bougainville District.  
21st April, 1970.

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

BUIN PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1969/1970/.

Patrol Conducted by: S.F.J. Priestly.  
Designation: Assistant Patrol Officer.  
Area Patrolled. Oria Valley.  
Sub-District: Buin.  
District: Bougainville.  
Personnel Accompanying: L Uyassi, Trainee Patrol Officer.

C/1 Kaio R.P & N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol: 15/12/69 to 20/3/70.

Number of Days: 84 days camped out.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to AREA

Objects of Patrol: 1. Supervise construction of  
Oria Airstrip.  
2. Conduct Helicopter Operations.  
3. Political Education.  
4. Routine Administration.

Population of Area:

Number inside Council:

(Stuart F. J. Priestly)

Assistant Patrol Officer.

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Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
BUIN.

Bougainville District.

10th. April, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
BUIN

Bougainville District.

PROGRESS REPORT ORIA AIRSTRIP.

BUIN PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1969-1970.

INTRODUCTION.

The objects of this Patrol were as listed;

1. To supervise construction and progress of the Buin Local Government Council Rural Development Project, the ORIA Airstrip.
2. To supervise and facilitate C.R.A. hired helicopter loading unloading and lifting operations.
3. Political Education.

PATROL DIARY

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ACTIVITIES.

The activities of the Patrol comprise three categories as listed;

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  - (b) Labour. Was supposed to be provided by the peoples of the ORIA Valley who would utilise the completed Airstrip, as thier [their] contribution, to meet the cash contribution provided by the Administration and the Buin Local Government Council.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
BUIN.

Bougainville District.

10th. April, 1970.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
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This would have provided well over one hundred labour each day if they had attended and assisted. However most of the people did not co-operate and it was necessary to mount Patrols to try to persuade them to assist the project. Details of the Patrols are in category 2 following.

Consistant [consistent] labour was given by the village people from the Seventh Day Adventist denomination from ORIA and PAGUI, who provided an average of twenty five men per day.

(c) Plan of construction and progress. Work was organised in accordance with the Patrol Instructions attached and was continued from where I had left off, detailed in the Patrol Diary Buin Patrol No.2 of 1969-1970, attached.

The complete area of the surface of the Airstrip was de-forested and then cleared to grond [ground] level. Four to six inches of top soil were then removed from the strip surface, initially by pick shovell [shovel] and spade and removed by means of three wheelbarrows and some local baskets.

The operations implemented above were completed prior to my departure from ORIA and the relieving Officer Mr. Peter LAMMING, Patrol Officer was advised to continue as I was advised by Mr. R.A. HOAD the then Assistant District Commissioner of Buin as follows;

It would be necessary to strip approximately another twelve inches of top soil of the surface of the Strip in order to obtain a suitable surface [surface]. There is a plow available for this purpose.

The centre-line could be lined with a series of levels provided by P.W.D. for this purpose.

The cambre [camber] on the Strip surface is to be one foot fall in fifty feet, and may be obtained by a series of water levels pegs, and taut lines.

Remaining then would be an assesment [assessment] of any further drainage necessary, a few trees to be felled on the existing Approaches and the placement of markers and windsocks as required by D.C.A.

It is anticipated that Mr. Lamming will be assisted in these operations with machinery and equipment as at the time at the time of my departure from ORIA all the machinery had been carried from TABAGO to ORIA and re-assembled, tried and found to be operational

Machinery and Equipment available to be used at ORIA is as listed over;

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1. MASSEY FERGUSON 135 PETROL TRACTOR.
2. GRASS SLASHER.
3. DRAG GRADER
4. TRACTOR TRAILER.
5. PLOW.
6. FUEL, OIL, GREASE, MAINTENANCE TOOLS.
7. WHEELBARROWS.
8. SPADES, SHOVELLS [SHOVELS], PICKS, SHORT PEGS, SAW, HAMMER, NAILS, FISH LINE, LEVELS.

“2. Patrolling the ORIA VALLEY.

During the period of the patrol it was found to be necessary to visit all villages except ORIA and PAGUI, to request the co-operation and assistance of the men of the villages to involve themselves in the construction of operations of the project.

This lack of co-operation and assistance on the part of the people from BOTULAI, UBABOKUGO, ORIMAI, SULEKUNU, KEKEMONA AND KAUKAUSINA was most frustrating and composed the major problem and hinderance [hindrance] to efficient constructional operations and a harmonious working team spirit.

With the exception of KAUKAUSINA and KEKEMONA which were visited once the other villages were visited on at least four occasions, as per Patrol Diary and Field Officer's Journal to the very great inconvenience of the project. Satisfactory explanations pertaining to the lack of assistance and co-operation in the matter of regular attendance to the work on the Airstrip were not forthcoming. Despite all my efforts I was not successful in finding a solution to the problem. Invariably I received promises and assurances from the Councillors with whom I had dealings MASIU from BOTULAI and MAKAU from SULEKUNU as well as from all the people attending the discussions on the topic and with monotonous regularity [regularity] the overall response once I departed the villages was repeated. For a week a handful of men would attend at ORIA and gradually drift [drift] away again so that the same procedure on my behalf was required.

There was a lot of ill-feeling from those men who were consistently [consistently] assisting in the project directed toward those men who would not assist and who will be only too willing and eager to utilise the project once operational

I am at a loss to suggest a remedy to this situation but feel the attitude of the people involved in the work toward those not helping is quite strong and determined and will only be aggravated as the project proceeds thus developing into a sphere



for ill-feeling and possibly antagonistic behavior in the future.

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The only times when full co-operation was forthcoming was when the machinery and equipment was being carried from TABAGO Catholic Mission where it had been garaged from the weather, to ORIA, and I am of the opinion that the reason why the response [response] was exceptionally good was that all the carrying operations were paid at the rate of 20c. per man per hour. Reasons given by those people with whom I had discussions concerning their [their] lack of assistance and co-operation and their obvious lack of enthusiasm were;

(1) The major excuse put forward was that the Administration had promised a helicopter to facilitate transport operations of the Machinery and Equipment and that assistance would be rendered when this promise was fulfilled and the Machinery and Equipment was operational. Culmination of this statement should be in evidence on the project now as the Machinery and Equipment is operational now.

(2) Despite the Assistant District Commissioner, Mr. LANG'S assurances when he personally patrolled the area, and my own assurances, there are still a number of natives who contend that there will be no aircraft available to service the Airstrip when the project is complete.

(3) The largely populated villages of ORIMAI and SULEKUNU are engaged in part construction and maintenance of a United Church Mission Airstrip situated at SULEKUNU and although I was understanding with them concerning this project and suggested a number of compromises so that they could assist at ORIA and although they repeatedly assured me that the suggestions were quite acceptable to them and were reasonable, there was negligible [negligible] assistance and co-operation from the United Church faction among the two villages, My own explanation for this situation apart from those listed above given by the people themselves are;

(1) Laziness on the part of all those concerned.

(2) The lack of the drive and encouragement evident in the attitude and involvement [involvement] of the Councillors of the Villages upon whom I relied to generate enthusiasm and co-operation for the project.

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### 3. HELICOPTER PREPARATIONS.

Approximately three to four weeks of the Patrol as per Patrol Diary was spent on preparations for the proposed hired helicopter operations.

A good level area was selected and cleared in the preparations for the helicopter and constant maintenance has kept it in a constant state of readiness for operations. It is convenient in that it is adjacent the garage-workshop.

Activity to accommodate [accommodate] and facilitate efficient unloading and unloading operations of the helicopter were also necessary. It was necessary for me to be away from the Project for this period of time because of uncertain arrangements regarding the availability of the helicopter as I had been informed of estimated times of arrival of the helicopter and was requested by the Assistant District Commissioner to supervise the operations at the TABAGO end. During these periods the Project was not being supervised and consequently suffered a considerable loss of progress and continuity.

I realise these activities were necessary and that the inconvenience to the Project was unavoidable however I would point out that there is a lot of misunderstanding on the part of the people in this matter. It is evident that they strongly feel that they have been deceived [deceived] by the Administration because they were told that the helicopter would transport all the Machinery and Equipment from TABAGO to ORIA and it did not. At a latter date they were told to expect a visit from the Assistant [Assistant] District Commissioner in the helicopter and also some 44gl. drums of fuel and this also did not eventuate. All efforts to explain the situation about the helicopter were to no avail.

This misunderstanding led to a most unfortunate lapse in attendance and assistance to the Project. Repeatedly this was given as the main reason for the non-cooperation.

I would recommend even now that if a helicopter becomes available, there are still drums of fuel that could be transported, that a trip be made as it would have a very favourable impression and reception from the people.

### 4. POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Apart from the organised [organized] Political Education Patrol conducted as per attached Patrol Instructions, report included in Patrol Report Buin No.3 of 1969-1970, a conscious effort in conversation and every opportunity utilised to the best advantage in continuing and furthering the Political Education

programme as a matter of priority in accordance with various instructions by way of Ciculars from District and Headquarters levels.

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As stated in my report of Buin Patrol No.3 of 1969-1970, ignorance and misunderstanding [misunderstanding] are prevalent in the matters concerning Politics and Government and only by patient instruction and conversation coupled with concentrated Political Education Patrols will progress and enlightenment towards a remedy of this current situation throughout the ORIA valley area be achieved.

CONCLUSION.

Everything previously stated taken into consideration the Project is progressing slowly but evenly and as well as can be expected with the current problems. Weather providing even better progress may be anticipated now that the Machinery and Equipment has been re-assembled and operational because all construction operations and progress to this stage have been by hand.

It is dubious whether further assistance and co-operation from the surrounding villages may be anticipated but if so then even better progress will be evident.

It is very necessary at this stage of the project that an Advisor in the matter of business enterprises visit the area to assess the economic implications the completed Airstrip will present and advise and guide the people to their [their] best advantage. This matter has been brought to the attention of Mr Bill White the Administration's Co-Operative Officer at BUIN and he is organising a visit to the area at his earliest convenience, at the request of the people

The village people from ORIA and PAGUI led and influenced by a most progressive and impressive Councillor KOLUBAI, may be relied upon for the fullest co-operation and assistance that they are capable of rendering.

It was encouraging and rewarding to work with and for these people

For your information please, Sir  
Assistant Patrol Officer.

PATROL Rt.BURT No,2 of 1969-1970.

APPENDIX 1

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15/12/69.

Departed Buin 1400. Arrived Tabago Rest House 1600.

Slept TABAGO.

16/12/69.

Arranged with Councillor Kolubai from ORIA-PAGUI to have Machinery carried to ORIA on 17/12/69.

Transported Machinery to IRIONOKU by tractor

Slept TABAGO.

17/12/69

Departed TABAGO and supervised carriage of Machinery to ORIA.

Arranged to patrol ORIA Valley with Councillor MATSUI of BOTULAI-ORIMAI-SULEKUNU Ward on 18/12/69.

Slept ORIA.

18/12/69.

0500. Departed ORIA and patrolled to KULULA, ORIMAI, SULEKUNU, BOTULAI and returned to ORIA. Discussed and arranged to carry Machinery on 19/12/69.

Slept ORIA.

19/12/69

Departed ORIA patrolled to TABAGO and collected the Machinery and supervised carrying back to ORIA

Slept ORIA.

20/12/69

Discussions with Two Councillors concerning co-operation and planning of works programme.

Slept ORIA.

21/12/69

Sunday observed [observed]. Slept ORIA

22/12/69.

Inspection of Airstrip projet, Helicopter site, tools equipment garage and tool shed.

Slept ORIA.

23/12/69.

General inspection and familiarisation of village Aid Post, gardens and produce, cocoa driers and Co-Operative fermenery.

Slept ORIA.

24/12/69

Departed ORIA for TABAGO and continued to BUIN by car.

END OF FIRST PERIOD OF PATROL.

25/12/69

to

4/1/70

Christmas and New Year holiday period observed.

5/1/70.

Departed BUIN for TABAGO and settled into the Rest House there.

Slept TABAGO.

6/1/70.

Arranged to have the Patrol supplies carried to ORIA and proceeded [proceeded] to ORIA myself.

Slept ORIA.

7/1/70.

Organised carries from ORIA and PAGUI and carried the grass slasher to Oria from TABAGO.

Slept Oria.

8/1/70. Settled into Oria Rest House and arranged to have it cleaned, I patrolled to KULULA to investigate the station there as requested.

Slept ORIA.

9/1/70. Organised cleaning and clearing of the Helicopter Site. Slept ORIA.

10/1/70. Saturday observed. Slept ORIA.

11/1/70 Sunday observed Slept ORIA.

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12/1/70.	Commenced clearing secondary growth from the Airstrip site. Slept ORIA.	
13/1/70.	Continued clearing. Slept ORIA.	
14/1/70.	Continued clearing. Slept OR1A.	
15/1/70.	Continued clearing. Slept ORIA.	
16/1/70.	Continued clearing. Slept OR1A.	
17/1/70.	Saturday observed.	Slept ORTA.
18/1/70	Sunday ooserved. Slept ORIA.	
19/1/70.	Burnt of dry grass and stated to clear earth off the Strip surface. Slept ORIA.	
20/1/70.	Continued stripping Strip surface. —	Slept ORLA.
21/1/70.	Continued stripping Strip surface.	Slept ORLA.
22/1/70.	Continued stripping Strip surface. Slept ORLA.	
23/1/70.	Recalled to BUIN. Patrolled to TABAGO. Slant TABAGO.	
24/1/70.	Awaiting transport to BUIN. Slept TABAGO.	
25/1/70.	Sunday Observed.	Slept BUIN.
26/1/70.	Australia day holiday observed.	Slept BUIN.
27/1/70.	Mr Lang A.D.C. not returned so collected a patrol advance and returned to TABAGO. Slept TABAGO.	
28/1/70.	Awaiting Patrol carriers at TABAGO. Slept TABAGO.	
29/1/70.	Patrolled to ORLA without cargo and C/1 KAIO stayed with the supplies at TABAGO. Slept ORTA.	
30/1/70.	Settled into Rest House at ORIA and had the Helicopter site maintained. Slept ORIA.	
31/1/70.	Saturday observed.	



Slept ORIA.  
1/2/70. Sunday observed.  
Slept ORIA.  
2/2/70. Re-commenced stripping top soil of the Strin surface.  
Slept ORIA.  
3/2/70. Continued stripping the top soil.  
Slept ORIA.  
4/2/70. Continued top soil stripping. Prepared to patrol the ORIA  
valley on the marrow. Slept ORIA.  
5/2/70. Patrolled to KULULA and held discussions with men from  
SULEKUNU, KAUKAUSINA and ORIMAI on assistance and co-operation  
on the Airstrip project. Patrolled to ORIMAI and held  
discussions with men from ORIMAI and SULEKUNU Slept ORIMAI.  
6/2/70. Patrolled to KEKEMONA and held discussions there and then  
I returned to ORIA. Slept ORIA.

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- 7/2/70. Saturday observed.  
Slept ORIA.  
Patrolled to TABAGO in order to get an early start on transporting [transporting] the Machinery and Equipment by tractor to TURITAI.
- 8/2/70. Slept TABAGO.  
Organised the tractor with Machinery and accompanied it to TURITAI. Patrolled to IRIONOKU.
- 9/2/70. Slept IRIONOKU.  
Returned to TABAGO for second journey but due to mechanical trouble the tractor returned to BUIN so I accompanied the carriers to ORIA
- 10/2/70. Slept ORIA.
- 11/2/70. Patrolled to KULULA ORIMAI AND SULEKUNU to round up the lazy man then returned to TURITAI to supervise carrying operations and then returned to TABAGO to accompany Mr. Hoad A.D.C. to ORIA but he was unable to come so I then slept at the Rest House  
Slept TABAGO.
- 12/2/70. Patrolled to TURITAI to accompany the carriers back to ORIA  
Slept ORIA.
- 13/2/70. Declared a day of rest. I attended my F.O.J. and paid the carriers.  
Slept ORIA.
- 14/2/70. Saturday observed.  
Slept ORIA.
- 15/2/70. Sunday observed.  
Slept ORIA.
- 16/2/70 re-commenced working on the Airstrip clearing top soil  
By spade and wheelbarrows.  
Slept ORIA.
- 17/2/70. Continued stripping the Strip surface.  
Slept ORIA.
- 18/2/70. Continued strinning the Airstrip surface.  
Slept ORIA.
- 19/2/70. Continued stripping the Airstrip surface.  
Slept ORIA.
- 20/2/70. Continued stripping the Airstrip surface.  
Slept ORIA.
- 21/2/70. Saturday observed  
Slept ORIA.

22/2/70.	Sunday observed. Slept ORIA.	
23/2/70.	Continued stripping the Airstrip surface Slepy ORIA.	
24/2/70.	Continued stripping the Airstrip surface. Slept ORIA.	
25/2/70.	Continued stripping the Airstrip surface. Slept ORIA.	
26/2/70.	Continued stripping the Airstrip surface. Slept ORIA.	
27/2 70.	Patrolled to BUIN at request of Mr Head A.D.C. to aqiut [acquit] Patol Advance in his name and give progress report to MR LANG A.D.C. returned from Leave.  Slept BUIN.	
28/2/70.	Saturday observed.	Slept BUIN.
1/3/70.	Sunday observed.	Slept BUIN.
2/3/70	Completed the Patrol Advance and gave progress report and detail to both Mr LANG and MR HOAD. I then proceeded to TABAGO to await helicopter. Work on the Airstrip project continued under supervision of L. UYUASSI , Trainee Patrol Officer Slept TABAGO. Awaiting helicopter TABAGO. Work continued ORIA Slept TABAGO	
3/3/70.		
4/3/70.	Awaiting helicopter TABAGO. Work continued ORIA. Slept TABAGO.	

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- Awaiting helicopter TABAGO. Work continued ORIA
- 5/3/70. Slept ORIA. TABAGO.
- 6/3/70. Awaiting helicopter TABAGO. Work continued ORIA.  
Slept ORIA. TABAGO.  
Awaiting helicopter TABAGO. Work continued ORIA
- 7/3/70. Slept TABAGO.  
Sunday observed.
- 8/3/70. Slept TABAGO.
- 9/3/70. Awaiting helicopter TABAGO. Work continued ORIA  
Slept TABAGO.
- 10/3/70. Awaiting helicopter TABAGO. Work continued ORIA.  
Slept TABAGO.  
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- 11/3/70. Slept TABAGO.
- 12/3/70. Awaiting helicopter TABAGO. Work continued ORIA.  
Slept TABAGO.  
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- 13/3/70. Slept TABAGO.  
Saturday observed.
- 14/3/70. Slept TABAGO.
- 15/3/70. Sunday observed.  
Slept TABAGO.
- 16/3/70. Departed TABAGO and patrolled to ORIA because the  
helicopter was unavoidably [unavoidably] detained at C.R.A. KEITA.  
Slept ORIA.  
Inspection of the progress on the project under  
supervision of Mr UYASSI.
- 17/3/70. Slept ORIA.
- 18/3/70. Continued working on clearing the top soil of the  
strip surface. Was informed of reciprocal transfer  
with Mr . LAMMING from KIETA so I made arrangements  
to pack my belongings and have them carried to TABAGO.  
Slept ORIA.
- 19/3/70. Continued packing my belongings and had carriers  
take some to TABAGO where it was transported to BUIN.  
Mr LAMMING arrived at ORIA and settled into the Rest  
House  
Slept ORIA.
- 20/3/70. Introduced Mr LAMMING to the people of the project  
and showed him over the project.  
Departed ORIA for TABAGO on return to BUIN.  
Slept TABAGO.

21/3/70. Transport to BUIN

D OF PATROL BUIN NO.2 of 1969/1970.

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APPENDIX "2.

Report on R.P. & N.G.C. personnel accompanying the Patrol.

Reg. No C/1 Kaio: A good keen constable who displayed above average keenness and enthusiasm and average intelligence. This man has obviously had a lot of experience regarding patrolling and I found him very helpfull [helpful] and able to be depended upon in the performance of his duties.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA  
PATROL REPORT

Report Number BUIN No. 4 of 1969/70.

Subdistrict BUIN.

District BOUGAINVILLE.

Type of Patrol ORDINARY D.D.A. PATROL

Patrol Conducted by YAUNGGAO U-YASSI Tr. PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled TOROKINA AREA.

(Council and/or BANA L.G. COUNCIL.

Census Division/s. BANONI CENSUS DIVISION.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol NIL

MAP REF. FOUML BOUGAINVILLE SOUTH.

MILINCH MOTUPENA & TOROKINA.

Duration of Patrol--from 20/5/70 To 12/6/70

No. of Days 18 Patrolling days.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: 14/12/69.

Date Duration 1/12/69 to 14/12/69.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) FAMILIARISATION AND ORDINARY ADMINISTRATION  
PATROL COMMUNICATIONS/POLITICAL EDUCATION

Total Population of Area Patrolled 800

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

29/1/1970

District Commissioner.

HRD:EMB

67-11-31

Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. Papua.

17th August, 1970.

The District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
KIETA.

BUIN PATROL NO. 4/69-70

Your reference 67-1-2 of 28th July, 1970.

I acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of Situation  
Report by Mr. Y. U-Yassi, Trainee Patrol Officer, of part  
BANONI Census Division.

An informative and well presented report documenting  
local problems and attitudes adequately. Your comments and  
those of the Assistant District Commissioner cover the  
points of interest raising by the report. It is pleasing to  
note that positive steps are being taken with the political  
education programme in this area.

(T.W. Ellis)

Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-1-2

If calling ask for

Mr DBM/e

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In Reply

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No.

Department of the Administrator,

District Headquarters,

Bougainville District,

KIETA.

28th July, 1970.

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The Secretary,

Department of the Administrator,

KONEDOBU.

BUIN PATROL NO. 4 OF 1969/70

TOROKINA AREA BANONI DIVISION

Please find attached original and copy of the above specified report conducted by Mr. Y. U-Yassi, Trainee Patrol Officer. This was Mr. U-Yassi's first patrol since his posting to the Buin Sub-District. The Assistant District Commissioner's instructions were comprehensive and served as a sound basis for the political education survey conducted by the patrolling officer. Copy of the Assistant District Commissioner's covering memorandum 67-2-1 of 14th July, 1970, is also appended. I have the following comments to make:-

(i) The Bana Local Government Council has provided \$1,200 in its current estimates for barge hire to transport equipment to upgrade the Torokina airstrip. The project has been examined by engineers from the Department of Public Works and its estimated cost is in the area of \$6,000. This project will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the District Co-ordinating Committee on 13th August, 1970, with a view to its

inclusion as a district project. Opening of the airstrip, together with construction of a new wharf (at \$60,000) which is scheduled for inclusion in this year's Works Programme will do much to open up the fairly remote Torokina area and allow both social and economic access to the people and the rather dense coconut plantings in the area.

(ii) If the scheme is developed, it should do much to offset local criticism that the Council is not doing enough for the people of Torokina area. This criticism is fairly wide-spread in the Buin SubDistrict - the people expect the Council to do more but conservative elements within the Council refuse to raise taxes although the people are quite able to bear the cost of an increase.

(iii) The District Political Education Officer has programmed a visit to the Torokina area later in the year. This, in conjunction with his current programme of educating teachers and political leaders, may help overcome the

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ignorance reported by Mr. U-Yassi. You will note the local Member has not visited the area for two years.

2. Mr. U-Yassi has submitted a most informative report and his appendices provide a good deal of valuable statistical data.

(D.N. Ashton)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
BUIN.

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Sub-District Office,  
B U I N,  
Bougainville District,  
14th July, 1970.

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The District Commissioner,  
District Headquarters,  
K I E T A .

BUIN PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1969/70.

Attached please find original and two copies of the abovementioned Patrol Report, submitted by Mr. L. Uyassi, Trainee Patrol Officer. My Patrol Instructions are also attached for information.

2. Mr. Uyassi has, in my estimation, carried out a useful patrol in this area which, because of its isolation, is not visited as much by Administration officers as the rest of the Sub-District. I have already taken up the matter of re-opening the wartime airstrip at Piwa, in other correspondence.

3. There is little which I have to add in the way of comment to the report, as the information gleaned more or less confrims [confirms] what was already known about native attitudes in the area. It is interesting to note however, that Napidakoe has paid some attention to the area, and has even collected some moneys, even though the people appear to have little appreciation of the association's background or aims.

4. The economic situation shows promise and could be improved out of sight with a minimum of development (a) a wharf (b) re-opening of the airstrip (c) re-grading of the road from the wharf to the airstrip and beyond to the Torokas coconut plantings, and (d) establishment of a branch of the Bana Co-operative in the area.

5. Claim for Camping Allowance attached, please.

(M.Lang.)

Assistant District Commissioner.

Att. (3)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

File : 67-2-1

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Sub-District Office,

B U I N,

Bougainville District,

19th May, 1970.

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Mr. L. U-Yassi, Tr. Patrol Officer,

Sub-District Office,

B U I N .

PATROL TO TOROKINA AREA.

Tomorrow, you and I will depart for Torkina on M.V. 'Isis'. I wish to inspect the airstrip at Piwa, and will return to Buin the next day. I want you to remain in the area for approximately a month to carry out a communications patrol. This means I want you to talk to the people and find out what they are thinking, what their problems are, and what sort of assistance they require from the Administration. To assist you, I have prepared a questionnaire, which is set out hereunder.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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1. What crops are you planting ?
  2. What problems are you encountering with your crops?
  3. Do you have enough shipping to transport your crops?
  4. Do you have enough roads to get your crops to the beach?
  5. Do you know that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs may build a whark [wharf] at Torokina?
  6. Do you want more visits from officers of Dept. Agriculture, or from other departments?
  7. Do you want an airstrip at Torokina?
  8. Are you willing to make land available if the Administration decided to re-open the wartime airstrip at Torokina?

9. Are you aware that if there was an airstrip in the area :-

- (i) More government officers could visit your area to help you?
- (ii) Sick people could be sent to hospital?
- (iii) People would be able to travel to Kieta and other centres to work or to buy things?
- (iv) You could send fresh vegetables and fruit to Kieta which will be a big market for these things?

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

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- 1. What do you think about the work of local government councils?
- 2. Do you think that your council is doing enough to help you?
- 3. What would you like your council to do to help you?
- 4. What do you know about the work of the House of Assembly?
- 5. What work do the Members of the House of Assembly do?
- 6. Do any of the Bougainville Members ever visit you?
- 7. Have you heard of the Napidakce Navitu at Kieta?
- 8. Have you heard of Barry Middlemiss?
- 9. What do you think of self-government?
- 10. Do you think that the Territory or Bougainville is ready for self-government yet?
- 11. Have you heard about the Bougainville secession movement?

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12. Do you think that the island of Bougainville should secede or stay with the rest of the Territory?
13. Have you heard about the referendum which Napidakoe Navitu is holding in Bougainville about secession?
14. Has Napidakoe distributed any ballot papers in your area?
15. Have Napidakoe officials visited your area?
16. Have you heard of Hahalis Welfare Society?
17. Have you heard of John Teosin, the Secretary of Hahalis?
18. Have any Hahalis men visited Torokina to tell you about the Society or to collect money?

MINING ACTIVITY.

1. What do you know about C.R.A?
2. Do you think it is a good thing or a bad thing?
3. Do you think that companies should be allowed onto your land for prospecting or mining?
4. Do you know that more than half of C.R.A's profits will be paid to the Administration in taxes and that this money can be used to help develop the Territory?
5. Do you think all the money should be kept in Bougainville?
6. Do you know that in a few years time Kieta will be a town almost as big as Rabaul?
7. Do you know that this will make a lot of jobs available?
8. Do you think other companies should be allowed to look for minerals in Bougainville?
9. Would you be afraid if a mining company came to the Torokina area?

OTHER THINGS.

1. Are there any problems between you and the Rotokas people?
2. Are there any arguments about land?
3. Are you interested in starting cattle projects?
5. Do you listen to Radio Bougainville?

5. Do you like the programmes?

The above questions should provide a basis to get talks going with most people. Aim for informal discussions or gatherings rather than formal meetings with the people. They will probably be interested to know what part of the Territory you come from and you should tell them something about your own District when the opportunity arises. I want you to regard this type of patrol as important, because too often the Administration acts without really knowing what the people think. The objects of your patrol are to learn what the people think about current economic and political developments particularly, and when we know this it will help us to plan our future approach. This is an isolated area, and where you encounter misunderstanding or lack of comprehension, you should do your best at explanation.

(M.Lang.)

Assistant District Commissioner.



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PATROL REPORT COVER INFORMATION.

REPORT NUMBER Buin No. 4 of 1969/70.

SUB-DISTRICT BUIN.

DISTRICT Bougainville.

COUNCIL AREA Bana Local Government Council.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY Yaunggao U-Yassi Tr. Patrol Officer.

AREA PATROLLED Part Council Area.

Part of Banoni C/D Administered from

Boku Patrol Post.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL NIL

DURATION OF PATROL 20th of May to 12th of June, 1970.

Total of 18 Patrollin days.

OBJECTS OF PATROL Familiarisation and Ordinary Administration

Patrol.

TOTAL POPULATION OF THE

AREA PATROLLED Approximately 800.

MAP REFERENCE FouMil Bougainville South.

Milinch Motupena & Torokina.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER. Not Enclosed.

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BUIN PATROL No. 4..of 1969/70.

PATROL DIARY.

Wednesday (20/5/70)	Approximately 0550 departed Buin by vehicle to Kangu. About 0630 left Kangu for Torokina by Isis(bout). [boat] Roughly 8 hours travel. Arrived Torokina 1430 and proceeded by tractor to Piva Rest House. Slept Piva R.H.
Thursday (21/5/70)	Had a look at the new airstrip and slept Piva R.H..
Friday (22/5/70)	Stayed at the airstrip and slept Piva R.H.. Stayed at the airstrip. Slept Piva R.H.
Saturday (23/5/70)	Stayed at the airstrip. Slept Piva R.H.
Sunday (24/5/70)	Stayed at the airstrip. Slept Piva R.H.
Monday (25/5/70)	0800hrs left the XR. H. for Kenaya and Miskori. About 2hrs walk. Track, an old army road. Stayed at the two villages. At 1100 hrs returned to Piva R.H.. Slept Piva R.H..
Tuesday (26/5/70)	0800hrs departed the Rest house for Kenaya. In about 1 hr arrived kenaya. Stayed with the people for dis- cussions and returned to the Rest house in the after- noon. Slept Piva R.H..
Wenesday (27/5/70)	About 0800 departed Piva R.H. for Kavakagasu. Arrived Kavakagasu in 2hrs time. The track, an old army road. Spent the rest of the day in the village. IN the evening when everyone got back from work gathered with the people from Koromakito and Kavakagasu. Finished discussion at 22 hrrs. Slept Kavakagasu.

Thursday  
(28/5/70)

About 0900 hrs departed Kavakagasu for Tsito. Arrived Tsito within 30 minutes. The rest of the morning talked with the people. The track an old army road. Returned to Kavakagasu 1300 hrs. Slept Kavakagasu.

Was ready to go to Korovi but there was a heavy rain

Friday  
(29/5/70)

for several hrs so had to postpone the visit for the following day. Slept Kavakagasu.

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Saturday  
(30/5/70)

0600 departed for Korovi. A four hour walk.  
Two hours expired on the old army road and the other 2 hours on the bush track. Arrived Korovi  
1000 hrs and stayed with the people for discussion.  
1300 left Korovi for a 4 hour walk on the return journey to Kavakagasu. Arrived Kavakagasu 1700.  
Slept Kavakagasu.

Sunday  
(1/6/70)  
(31/5/70)

Stayed Kavakagasu. Slept Kavakagasu.

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Monday  
(1/6/70)

0900 departed Kavakagasu for Piva R. H. 2 hours walk.  
1100 got to Piva village informed the people of my visit to the village the next day. Slept Piva R. H..

Tuesday  
(2/6/70)

0900 took a stroll down to Piva village, not the people and had discussion with them for the rest of the morning. 1430 returned to the R.H.. Stayed at the Rest house. Slept Piva R.H..

Wednesday  
(3/6/70)

0800 departed Piva for Koromokina village. Had to wait for carriers to turn up. Walked on the main road. Arrived Koromokina 0930. Stayed Koromokina. Slept Koromokina in a shed for there is no rest house.

Thursday  
(4/5/70)

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At 0800 had a meeting with the people of Korokina for about 1 ½ hours. When finished with Koromokina, proceeded to Kegiri where I met the People from Laruma for a meeting. In the middle of my discussions a Mission teacher interrupted me because he claimed that I was stealing his time. After a bit of quarrel we settled the problem. 1500 returned to Koromokina. Slept Koromokina.

Friday  
(5/6/70) Had to wait for the wind to change its direction.  
About 1100 the wind blew from South Westerly so we  
left Koromokina by canoe to Koiare village. Arrived  
Koiare by 1530. 1900 to 2100 stayed with the people  
for discussions. 2400 departed Koiare and arrived  
Koromokina 0400hrs.

Satday  
(6/6/70) Stayed Koromokina. Slept Koromokina.

Sunday  
(7/6/70) Stopped and slept Koromokina.

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Monday  
(8/6/70) 0800hrs visited father Frenier for some discussions.  
0900hrs departed Torokina Mission. 1 ½hrs walked to  
Piva R.H.. Slept Piva R.H..

Tuesday  
(9/6/70) Stayed at Piva R.H. and brought my Field Officer'  
Journal up to date and got my camp organized. Slept  
Piva R.H..

Wednesday  
(10/6/70) 0900 hrs walked to Biaterepaia hamlets to collect  
census [census] figures for cash crops. Returned to camp x  
about 1200hrs. Slept Piva R.H..

Thursday  
(11/6/70) 0900hrs departed Piva R.H. for Tegerepaia to select [select]  
figures for cash crops. Returned to Piva R.H. by  
1400hrs. Slept Piva R.H..

1400 hrs departed Piva R.H. for Piva village to col-  
lect more information on cash crops. 1600hrs returned  
to Piva R.H.. Slept Piva R.H..

N.B. From 13 th of June to the 30th of June, stayed  
at the Piva Rest House and waited for the ship  
to pick me up. While waiting, strolled around  
to Kenaya, Miskori, Piva and Koromokina and had  
a conversation with some villagers on various  
topics at an informal level. And on Mondays  
inspected the roads and urged them to cut grass  
and repair the roads.

Finally on the 1st of July returned to  
Buin by Isis (bout). [boat] Left Torokina at 6:oclock  
in the morning and arrived Buin 1400 hrs. The  
travelling time of 8 hours.

Friday

THE END OF PATROL DIARY  
( Y. U-Yassi)

TRAINEE PATROL OFFICER

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR,  
Sub-District Office,  
B U I N .

3rd of July, 1970.

PATROL REPORT 4 NO. 4 of 1969/70.

## SITUATION REPORT

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## POLITICS

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

7. The area is governed by the BANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL which was set up in 1966. Therefore the Torokina people were under local government administration for about 4 years.

8. As a whole the people think it is a good thing to have local government Council, for it is one of the important [important] steps on the way to self government, they say. However, they do not appreciate the works of their own Council, the BANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL. People are by and large dissatisfied with the return they get for their taxation. Incidentally the tax rate for this area is \$3.00 per adult male and .20¢ per adult female. There are a total of eight villages and the two villages Tegeripaia and Biaterepaia each have three hamlets. This brings the total of villages up to 12.

9. Six of the villages received some form of material benefits. The Council installed water tanks at Koromokina and Koiare and a transistor radios at Piva, Koromakito, Kenaya besides spending \$600.00 on the Piva airstrip. By this it is evident that people have cause to be dissatisfied with the work of the Council.

10. A teacher at Koiare had another cause. He said, the Council should help people in more lasting projects such as helping them to form Savings and Loan Societies and roads and bridges and wharfs.

11. There are four wards in the area and 4 Councillors accordingly. Councillor Seakara of Kareana looks after Kenaya, Miskori besides his village. Councillor PIRIRI looks after PIVA, KOROMAKINA and LARUMA. Councillor MOME looks after KOIARE andVAITO looks after KOROMAKITO, KAVAKAGAUS, TSITO and KOROVI. To the visiting Officer non [none] of these Councillors seem to arouse the interests of the people to look after themselves. They are not active at all in persuading people to work and look after themselves.

### 12. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Most of the people have no idea whatsoever of the nature of the House of Assembly and its functions. This could be attributed to the fact that no political education patrol was carried out in these villages. It would be of great help to these people for Officers at BOKU PATROL POST to conduct a special POLITICAL EDUCATION PATROL. During this patrol it was briefly explained to the people what the House of Assembly and what it does. Three villages out of the 12 villages visited gave an answer that House of Assembly is the government of Papua & New Guinea. It is the step to self government. These came from a Mission teacher and a Councillor and a village man in the above 3 villages.

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## 13. MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The member for this area is PAUL LAPUA of NAGOVIS [NAGOVISI] CENSUS DIVISION. The

last visit by the member was about two years ago after the second House of Assembly General Elections. People complain as every where else that their members do not visit them often. They express their concern that the members should visit them and explain to them things such as the nature of House of Assembly and what is self government and independence. Some even state that because they do not come around to villages they do not really express the views of the people in the House at all.

## 14. SELF GOVERNMENT &amp; INDEPENDENCE

It was explained to the people that one of the most discussed issues at present in Papua New Guinea is that whether Papua & New Guinea is ready for Self Government or not. The 8 villages visited were equally divided on the issue. See Appendix D. Some people from 3 villages gave positive opinions such as "We have partial Self Government through the Local Government Councils and the House of Assembly so why not get early full Self Government." Others also stated, " We have enough of our people educated, so why not get early Self Government and our own government can help develop our country to such a stage where we will gain Independence."

15. On the other hand three other villages contradicted the above opinion.

They said, Papua & New Guinea was not economically self supporting so the Self Government is still a fair way to go yet.

16. I had an impression that most of the people are not able to reason the political issues because politically they are not sufficiently educated to be able to discern the prerequisites of Self Government and Independence. A more vigorous political education could bring the people up to political awareness.

## 17. BOUGAINVILLE SECESSION &amp; NAVITU NAPIDAKOE

Regarding the above matters, especially the Bougainville secession I was not able to get clear implications as to what the people actually want. When I prompted them to enter into discussion with me on the subject of NAVITU NAPIDAKOE and the BOUGAINVILLE SECESSION movement, people were suspicious of me. I felt that if this was discussed with an expatriate Officer, they would have given their full views concerning the matter. But as it was I was a New Guinea mainlander so people hesitated to give me their full views.

18. Four of the 8 villages visited did not want the idea of Bougainville brea-

king away from the rest of the territory at all. It would be better for Bougainville to remain with Papua & New Guinea. Being a small Island it would not be able to defend itself in case of attacks from other strong nations. Two of the above four villages thought if such thing is to happen, it would be better for the Trust territory of New Guinea to leave Papua. The remaining four villages could not make up their minds at all. They did not show interest at all to discuss it with me. See Appendix "D".

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22. Non [none] of the referendum [referendum] ballot papers of the Association reached the area.

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24. Unlike the immediate vicinity of Buin the coconuts seem to do very well in this area. So the future cash income of this area will solely depend on copra. People have not shown interest in cocoa plantings yet. Only a handful of people have few cocoa trees. See Appendix "A".

25. The alternative source of cash income for the area would be cattle, but they have not thought of an alternative source of cash income yet. I think once they make more money from the sale of their copra in 2 to 5 years time, they might think of entering into cattle projects.

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27. I think, this renewed interest in new coconut plantings are greatly due to the stationing of an Agricultural Extension Office at Boku. There is one Agricultural Field Assistant at Tegeripaia who looks after the whole agricultural activities in the area. I think he is doing his job very well. Through his verbal and technical assistance a lot of people have entered into cash cropping.

28. Also the Catholic Mission at Torokina is to be complemented for their assistance in providing young coconuts by buying them from plantations in Buka Passage. Most of the inland villages obtained young plants from the Mission.

29. Two water buffaloes were provided by the Mission to assist the inland villages to transport their copra to the beach. Father Franier at Torokina says , If the people repair roads, the Mission will be willing to let the people use the Mission tractor to shift copra down to the wharf.

### 30. PROCESSING AND MARKETING

As stated above a few people from the coastal villages sell their copra to the Chinese traders at Buka passage and few individuals; Peter of Tsito, Viro of Koiare and Suake of Koromokina sell to copra MARKETING BOARD at Ravaul. See Appendix " B ". Those who sell to C,M.B. charter their own boats. All the rest iether [either] sell

direct to Chinese or sell it through the Kuraio Mission Boats.

31. The possibility of of the BANA CO-OPERATIVE PRODUCER'S SOCIETY to establish a branch in the area. This would provide the facilities for the sale of their copra was discussed. Most of the villages would be willing to become a share holder to the society.

32. When the proposed wharf at Torokina is built this area will then have a reasonable facilities to trade with.

33. Would like to recommend to theBANA CO - OPERATIVE PRODICER'S [PRODUCER'S] society to

see if it can establish its branch in the area. At present Father Franier does the book work for those who need help.

34. Many of the villages could be easily reached by roads iwth the exception of Korovi , if the existing army roads were reconstructed and maintained regularly. People are requesting the Council and the Administration whether the old army roads could be reopened for them. If the Administration and the Council or the villagers decide to reopen these roads, not much money or work will be required, only the filling of pot holes, cutting the grass and building a number of small bridges to small creeks and rivers would do. During the course of this patrol I pointed out to them that it [is] their task to maintain these roads, if they want any progress.

35. Also asked whether there would be any possibility [possibility] of stationing a speed boat iether [iether] at Yaba or Koromokina, by the Administration or the Council. I was told that previously there was one at Yaba, but it was taken away from them by the Administration. This will benefit both the people as well as Administration Officers.

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36. Two WATERBUFFALOS have been provided by the Mission to help the inland villages in transporting copra down to the coast.

### 37. AIRSTRIP

There is no objections to the reopening of the army airstrip at Piva.

Councillor Piriri and his people have allowed the Administration to reopen the one at Piva but they say, they will not make any more land available to the Administration than the airstrip itself and the little piece of land where the Rest house is existing.

38. Besides flying of sick people in emergency cases, people cannot see any more benefits to be gained from the airstrip. The other advantages were explained to the people but seem not particularly interested. For this reason obtaining of free labour for the project would be undesirable [undesirable]. It was explained to the people that in any parts of the territory, people are building airstrips and roads without much financial help from the Administration. However, as usual people like to sit back and expect the Council or the Administration to do all the work for them.

39. The airstrip is 2,600 feet in length and 250 feet in width. All the tall pitpits (type of grass) were removed last year and since then there is a regrowth of about 2 feet grass and thorny vines.

40. If a grader is used, the airstrip could be regraded with a minimum of effort and the whole job could be completed within less time. Moreover, If the Administration decided to reopen the airstrip, there will be no problem in shifting the equipment up to the site, because the site for the airstrip is about 4 to 5 miles inland from the harbour.

41. Refer you to the rough sketch of the airstrip attached. See Appendix "E".

### MINING & CONZINC RIO TINTO OF AUSTRALIA

42. It was explained to the people the benefits the trritory [territory] and Bougainville will gain from the copper mining at Panguna. How the proceeds from the project will double the export income of Papua & New Guinea and other advantages such as providing jobs and employment for the people of Bougainville as well as people form the other parts of the trritory [territory]. And how the establishment of a big town at Arawa will boost

the economy of the district.

43. Inspite [In spite] of these hurrare words, people still claim that the activities of the company is causing lasting destruction to arable land. So they do not want any

other mining company or the C.R.A. to cme [come] into their land or any other part of the dis-

trict. They say, " C.R.A. at Panguna would do for us." See Appendix " D " for the attitudes of each village regarding mining activities.



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44. People also express their concern that the mining at Panguna will not last that long, so what will happen to the land at Panguna and the proposed big town of Arawa. During the discussions, some people pointed out that it would be better for copper to be refined and smelted in the territory in order to make more money for the country.

45. Koiare people have asked me to report the matter that the company, C.R.A. by dumping debris [debris] into the two rivers: Yaba and Mariropa is causing water pollution, so could the appropriate authorities at Panguana be notified to look into the matter, please.

#### SOCIAL

##### 46. CULT & UNREST

There is no incidents of cult and unrest in the area. People have heard of the Hahalis Welfare Society and its secretary John Teosin, but they do not like the society and its activities.

##### 47. LAW & ORDER

There is enough land available to everyone, because of this there is little or no disputes regarding the ownership of land. The Rotokas and Piva people have settled down peacefully because the Rotokas have some claim of right to the ownership of the land which the Piva people agreed to let them have. While I was there, the Rotokas and the Piva people established the boundary and placed the Demarcation

#### Commit-

tees' permanent concrete markers. As to other social disorders, they seem to be at bay.

##### 48. EDUCATION

The only school in the area is run by the Catholic Mission, Our Lady of Lourds at Buka. The school teaches classes from standard I to Standard VI and it is staffed by all indigeneous [indigenous] teachers.

49. Children have xx negative attitudes [attitudes] to school and there is a lot of absenteeism and lateness. The parents do not encourage regular attendance of their children. While I was there I spoke to the teachers about the matter so they took a prompt action by organising a parents meeting. During this meeting they decided to introduce a boarding system. This system will greatly improve [improve] the attendance of classes by the children.

##### 50. COMMUNITY EDUCATION [EDUCATION]

A sister at Piva hospital runs a women's club. Here the women are taught simple lessons in sewing and cooking. It was observed that the women are quite interested in the activities of the club.

##### 51. HEALTH

The Dispensary at Piva and the Aid Post at Baitaguna look after the health

of the people in this area. During the patrol it was found out that the dispensary run by the sisters at Piva is more centrally [centrally] located so the people prefer to

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receive treatment there rather than at Baitaguna Aid Post. The Aid Post at Baitaguna

looks after the Biaterepaia villages. Due to this fact it would be better for the

P.H.D. to reconsider relocating [relocating] or removing the Aid Post to other census divisions. There is still an old lack of trust in medicine [medicine] and other modern cures.

During the Patrol it was found out that there were people with tropical ulcers

and yaws but never report to the Aid Post. This instance took place at Biaterepaia villages, although the Aid Post is closest [closest] to them they very turn up.

## 52. MISSIONS

The only Mission in the area is the Roman Catholic Mission. All the villages are adherents of the Catholic faith. It was found that the people put more trust in the Mission than the Administration [Administration]. This is because of the more practical help they

get from the Mission. See paragraph 23, 29, and 33 5th page.

## MISCELLANEOUS

## 53. RADIO BOUGAINVILLE

Not many people listen to Radio Bougainville because they do not xxx have one. However, there are a number of individuals who have radios mentioned that it would be a good idea to lengthen [lengthen] the programme known as " SINGSING B'LONG PLES." Councillor

Mome of Koiare pointed out that there should be a programme for local government Councils' news. In reply he was told that the Local Government Association of Papua & New Guinea has decided to prepare a 20 minute programme which will be broadcasted from all Administration Radio Stations.

## 54. RADIO RELAY STATION

For the proposed Radio Station by the Department of Post and Telegraphs, people have nothing against the set up. This station will affect the Koromokina village in some ways, but still this will not create any problem because the land on the proposed site belongs to the Mission. They, the people of Koromokina assured me that they would not make any land available if the Administration decided to acquire more land for the project.

(Y. U-YASSI )

TRAINEE PATROL OFFICER.

THE END OF THE PATROL REPORT

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## APPENDIX "A"

## NUMBER OF COCONUT TREES AND COCOA TREES

VILLAGE	Number of Coconut Trees	Number of Cocoa Trees
Kareana	10,977	4,943
Kavakagasu	7,563	145
Tsito	6,925	110
Korovi	Not Available	399
Koiare	11,805	Not Available
Karekopa	142	190
Karato	250	169
GRAND TOTAL	37,689	5,965

N.B. The above figures were obtained from the Agricultural [Agricultural] Field Assistant at Tegeripaia. Unfortunately the figures for the other six villages were not available.

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## APPENDIX " C "

## RECEIPIENT [RECIPIENT] OF PAPUA &amp; NEW GUINEA DEVELOPMENT BANK LOAN.

Receipients [Recipients]	Village	Amount	Remarks
Peter Saliman	Tsito	\$245	To increase Coconut plantings
Makoi	Koromakito	245	To plant 3 ½ acres xx of Coconuts
Viro	Koiare	820	To plant 13 acres of Coconuts
Tatsi	Kegiri	100	To increase Coconut plantings

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APPENDIX " D "

A SUMMARY OF PEOPLE'S ATTITUDES

Villages	Immediate Self Government	Bougainville Secession	Navitu Napidakoe	Administration Visits	Expansion of Mining Activities
Koromakina	infavour	Opposed	Neutral	Satisfied	Opposed
Piva	Opposed	Neutral	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Opposed
Tegeripaia	Infavour	Opposed	No Idea	Satisfied	Opposed
Korovi	Opposed	No Idea	Pro	Satisfied	Opposed
Laruma	No Idea	No Idea	No Idea	Satisfied	Opposed
Bere timba	NO Idea	No Idea	No Idea	Satisfied	Opposed

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APPENDIX "E."

A ROUGH SKETCH MAP  
OF TOROKINA AIRSTRIP

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Scale : 1" Rep. 260'

B U I N PATROL No. 4 OF 1969/70.

LEGEND

SUB DISTRICT

BOUNDARY

CENSUS DIVISION

FOOT TRACK

LEGEND  
SUB DISTRICT  
BOUNDARY  
CENSUS DIVISION  
FOOT TRACK



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA  
PATROL REPORT

Report Number BUIN NO. 5 of 1969/70.

Subdistrict BUIN

District BOUGAINVILLE

Type of Patrol SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by P.B. LAMING

Area Patrolled PART OF KONO CENSUS DIVISION

(Council and/or (BASED AT ORIA AIRSTRIP)

Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol L. UYASSI, TRAINEE PATROL OFFICER.

CPL. KAIO. DRIVER PAUL TEBORO,

LAWRANCE KAUORI.

(PART ONLY)

Duration of Patrol--from 19/3/70 To 30/9/70 (BROKEN)

No. of Days 161 DAYS

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: CONTINUATION OF LAST PATROL.

Date Duration

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) CONSTRUCTION OF ORIA AIRSTRIP.

Total Population of Area Patrolled 1072

Director of District Administration,

KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

5/11/1970.

District Commissioner.

HRD:HC

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Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA  
30th November, 1970.

The District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
KIETA.

BUIN PATROL NO. 5-1969/70

Your reference is 67-1-2 of 4th November,  
1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special  
Report by Mr. P.B. Laming, Patrol Officer, of part  
of the KONO Census Division.

An informative report adequately covered  
by your comments and those of the Assistant District  
Commissioner.

It is pleasing to note the excellent work  
carried out by Messrs. Van Staveren and Laming on the  
ORIA Airstrip.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Departmental Head.

c.c.

Mr. P.B. Laming,  
c/- District Office,  
KIETA. Bougainville District.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams

In Reply

Please Quote

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Telephone

Our Reference 67-1-2

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If calling ask for

Mr NJG/vh

Department of the Administrator,

District Headquarters,

Bougainville District,

KIETA.

4th November, 1970.

The Departmental Head,

Division of District Administration,

Department of the Administrator,

KONEDOBU.

Buin Patrol Report No. 5 1969/70

Herewith original and one copy of this report by  
Mr P. Laming, covering the time spent at Oria airstrip.

It is pleasing to note that Mr Laming took the opportunity  
to engage in political education talks while at Oria. It is  
when an officer is camped for a longer period at the one spot  
that the opportunity presents itself for more worthwhile political  
education discussions.

The problem of the young people and their changing ideas  
and attitudes to village and customary life is present in many  
areas.

The partial solution put forward by Pastor Max Simi at  
Irunioku (Page 12 of report) seems worthy of support.

(D.N. Ashton)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Atts:

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

In Reply Please

Quote No. 67-2-1

Department of the Administrator,

Sub-District Office,

B U I N,

Bougainville District,

19th October, 1970.

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The District Commissioner,

District Headquarters,

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BUIN PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1969/70 -

ORIA AIRSTRIP.

Attached in triplicate, original and two copies, please find the abovementioned report. This report covers the period from 19/3/70 to 30/9/70, representing the time spent by Mr. Laming, Patrol Officer, as supervising officer of Oria Airstrip, a Buin Local Government Council project.

2. Mr. Laming has supervised the construction of the runway phase of the project, and as at 30/9/70, it was estimated by the writer that the earthworks on this project were approximately 75 percent complete. Taking into account the relatively small work force available in this area, it is felt that this is a quite creditable performance.

3. Mr. van Staveren relieved Mr. Laming as supervising officer, and excellent progress has been made during the past three weeks during which time the weather has been extremely favourable for this type of work. Daily attendances on the project have risen to 70 men, and only one more major cut remains to be done on the strip. Other works still to be completed are finishing touches to an area 50 feet in width on the runway centre line which will be done mainly with the grader, parking area which is almost complete, drains which have to be deepened and widened, some more timber to be cleared from the splay areas on the approach, and windsock and markers.

4. Mr. Van Staveren will be required to assist with Buin Local Government Council general elections to commence in mid-November, and it is anticipated that the officer's departure will coincide with a general slowdown of activity until after Christmas and New Year. At the present level of activity it is estimated that there is about two month's more work left in this project, and it is hoped to have it completed by

February or March of 1971.

5. This office is in receipt of a letter of intent from Missionary Aviation Fellowship in respect of the carriage of cocoa from Oria, which is quite satisfactory. M.A.F. is waiting on D.C.A. approval for a licence to import into the Territory a Norman Britten Islander, which would be able to uplift close to 2000 pounds from Oria. The economic of the operation would work out to a little over once cent per pound, not including backloading, which if utilised, would reduce costs to below one cent per pound.

6. Oria was visited recently by the C.R.A. representative at Buin, Mr. Macnamara, who spoke to the people about the

opportunities involved in the supply of vegetables to Kieta.

7. Mr. Laming's Claim for Camping Allowance attached for signature, please.

(M. Lang.)

Assistant District Commissioner.

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## BUIN PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1969/70.

## PATROL DIARY

- 19/3/70. Departed Buin 0800.  
Arrived Oria 1610.  
Discussed progress and future plans with Mr. S. Priestley,  
A.P.O. Attended farewell dinner for Mr. Priestley at Oria  
village.  
Slept Oria.
- 20/3/70. Inspected airstrip and equipment with Mr. Priestley before  
he left for Buin.  
No work attempted, rained most of the afternoon.  
Slept Oria.
- 21/3/70. Received courtesy call from Councillor Masu of Botulai village.  
Visited Aid Post thence returned home to sit out afternoon rain.  
Slept Oria.
- 22/3/70.  
Sunday Observed. Slept Oria.
- 23/3/70. 0800 Some 15 men from Oria and Paghui villages arrived for work  
under direction of Councillor Korobai. This work which consisted of  
grass, weeds and assorted rubbish with spades and wheelbarrows  
continued until about 1530. In the meantime all attempts to start  
the tractor failed.  
Slept Oria.
- 24/3/70. Work continued as previously. Nearly all the top 1,00 feet (i.e.  
half the length) is strippedbare. Discussed visit of Mr. Barnes to  
Kieta with Councillor and a few others.  
Slept Oria.
- 25/3/70. Work continued as previously in the morning but was halted by steady  
showers in the afternoon .  
Slept Oria.
- 26/3/70. 0800 Departed for Buin. En route inspected equipment waiting at Tabago  
Mission to be carried up to Oria.
- 27/3/70,  
to  
31/3/70. Easter holidays.  
Observed Buin.
- (?)/4/70,  
to  
(?)/4/70 Arranged for equipment to be taken up the road towards Oria and  
prepared self for similar journey.
- (?)/4/70. Saturday Observed Buin.
- (?)/4/70. Sunday

(?)/4/70.

1130 Departed Buin, arriving Oria about 1600.

Slept Oria.

Attempted to start tractor, by pushing it, without success. A number of men from Kaukausina village went down to carry up some more equipment (wheelbarrows, plough) left at Luilau village on the road. Some men from Oria and Paghui villages began cutting grass and digging up roots on strip. Rural Development Officer Mr. Frost, arrived about 1600.

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Slept Oria.

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- 8/4/70. Once again attempted to start tractor pushing, Mr. Frost assisted again no success. Called off grass cutting as unnecessary.  
1930 Mr. Frost held a meeting at rest house the main topic being Cocoa, the care, drying and marketing of same. The latter particularly in regard to Oria airstrip.  
Slept Oria.
- 9/4/70. R.D.O. left for Buin: Explored Oria and land adjoining airstrip.  
Slept Oria.
- 10/4/70. Arranged small supply of tools and drums of petrol and oil in garage with tractor.  
Slept Oria.
- 11/4/70 Saturday Observed Oria.
- 12/4/70 Sunday
- 13/4/70 Joined working- bee on Cocoa dryer whilst waiting for a mechanic from Buin. Slept Oria.
- 14/4/70 Work on Cocoa dryer suspended due to rain.  
Slept Oria.
- 15/4/70 Attended meeting held by Councillor Korubai to discuss agenda of coming meeting. Visited Paghui village and nearby places of interest. More afternoon rain.  
Slept Oria.
- 16/4/70 Waited patiently for mechanic.  
Slept Oria.
- 17/4/70 Waiting was interrupted [interrupted] by the arrival of Mr. White, Co-operatives Officer from Buin. Slept Oria.
- 18/4/70 Tour of nearby Cocoa dryers with Mr. White. In the evening attended Mr. White's meeting which discussed various alternative schemes for buying Cocoa in the area and shipping it out via airstrip.  
Slept Oria.
- 19/4/70 Sunday. Mr. White departed for Buin.  
Observed Oria.
- 20/4/70 Waiting as before.  
Slept Oria.
- 21/4/70 Attended meeting held by Councillor Korobai to explain and report on visit to Buin by the Committee on Constitutional Development.  
Slept Oria.



22/4/70 Assistant District Commissioner Mr. Lang and Mr. Schweinghofer,  
Mechanic arrived. Tractor as made operational and experimental  
earthworks began.  
Slept Oria.

23/4/70 Work continued with tractor cutting grass and myself and Mr. Lang  
putting in levels with dumpy level. Also more experimentation with  
equipment.  
Slept Oria.

24/4/70 Earthmoving continued. A.D.C. and Mechanic departed for Buin about 1300  
Slept Oria.

25/4/70 Saturday Observed [Observed] Oria. Afternoon rain.

26/4/70 Began working with grader until 1200 when rain become heavy.  
Slept Oria.

27/4/70 Grading continued until 1130 when heavy rain began.  
Slept Oria.

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28/4/70 to 30/4/70.	Grading continue with only a few interruptions [interruptions] by rain and some tree felling as done on the approach to the strip.
1/5/70	Slept Oria. Used plough [plough] for the first time on sections which need to be cut down by a foot or more. Slept Oria.
2/5/70	Saturday. Observed Oria.
3/5/70	As on friday until rain began at 1200. Slept Oria.
4/5/70	About twenty men from Oria and Paghui villages began shifting ploughed [ploughed] ground with wheelbarrows. Men from Orimai and Suleknunu [Sulekunu] were expected but failed to arrive. Slept Oria.
5/5/70	0630 Departed Oria for Sulekunu and Orimai Villages. Spoke to men at both these villages and small hamlet and returned to Oria about 1600. Slept Oria. Shifting ploughed [ploughed] ground continued with assistance of about ten
6/5/70 to 8/5/70	men from Sulekunu NO. 2 & Orimai. Also began moving grass on bottom half of strip.
9/5/70	Saturday. Observed Oria.
10/5/70	Tried with little success to shift ploughed ground with grader. Slept Oria.
11/5/70	Departed for Buin 0700 arriving, after long delay caused by lack of carriers, at 1630.
12/5/70 to 13/5/70	Buying supplies, learning to use Dumpy level, and collecting other necessities.
14/5/70	0745 Departed Buin for Oria arriving 1330. Slept Oria.
15/5/70	Two extra wheels were fitted to tractor which then began grading. Self and Mr. L.UYASSI began putting in levels with Dumpy level. Slept Oria.
16/5/70	Saturday. Observed Oria.

17/5/70  
to  
31/5/70

Continued putting down levels with Dumpy level and later with Baring Rods. Further ploughing and grading as well as manual earthmoving continued as before.

During this period Mr. Uyassi returned to Buin; Cpl. KAIO arrived from and later returned to Buin ; tractor suffered a puncture and broken fan-belt, replacement tube was dropped by air; and finally Councillor Masu came to discuss recruitment of workmen from his Ward.

Slept Oria.

1/6/70  
to  
10/6/70

Manual earthmoving, grading and ploughing continue; Councillor Masu's men carried a 44 gallon drum of petrol up from Irunioku.

Rural Development Officer Mr. J. Adams arrived (1/6) leaving a new fan-belt. Tractor suffered another puncture; Masu brought ten of his constituents to work during the week allotted to him (3/6); Korobai held another meeting to discuss agenda of coming Council Meeting; and a few showers interrupted [interrupted] work.

Slept Oria.

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11/6/70  
to  
17/6/70

0700, Departed for Buin arriving 12.30 (11/6)  
Spent long weekend in Buin, purchased supplies  
and dealt with various other matters. Departed  
Buin for Oria arriving 16.30(17/6).

18/6/70  
to  
30/6/70

Men led by Councillors Makau (12), Korobai  
(20) and Masu (15) continued earthmoving (and  
some tree felling) during their respective  
allotted week.  
Also continued grading, ploughing and grass  
cutting despite frequent interruption [interruption] by rain.  
Another drum of petrol was carried up; Cpl. Kaio  
and replacement driver arrived from Buin (29/6).

1/7/70

Grading, earthmoving and some tree felling.  
Tax collection committee passed through.  
Tractor breakdown (9/7 - 15/7).  
Interruptions [Interruptions] in grading and lesser extent  
earthmoving due heavy rain, grass cutting instead.  
Workforce of Masu increased to 25 (22/7) ith  
inclusion of more Orimai people  
Piece of grader holding front heels in place  
broke off (23/7).

24/7/70

To Buin until 27/7.

28/7/70

Still hampered by rain and lack of support from Makau  
's Sulekunu NO.1.  
Earthmoving and grass cutting continued.  
Some more ploughing to keep pace with manual  
earthmoving.

18/8/70

Rural Development Officer Mr. Adams arrived from Buin, continued on to Orimai (19/8) and returned to Oria on 20/8 homeward bound.

Mr. Wohlers, A.D.O., also arrived in the afternoon of 20/8.

A meeting was held on 23/8 to determine wheterh [whether] or not the local populace is in favour of Buin L.G.C. becoming multi-racial.

Mr. Wohlers departed 24/8 to return to Buin.

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As before grass was cut, earth moved with shovels and wheelbarrows and petrol carried up from Turitai (now in 13gallon drums).

Toward the end of this period less working time was lost through rain.

28/8/70  
1/9/70

Departed for Buin until 31/8.

The repaired part from the grader was replaced and grading began again on cleared sections; Other cleared sections were re-ploughed and grass cut during comparatively [comparatively] brief periods of rain.

A.D.C. Mr. Lang and Mechanic Mr. Hil arrived(7/9). Petrol was carried up from the Turitai.

11/9/70

Departed for Buin to spend long weekend in Town.  
Returned 16/9.

17/9/70

Earth moving and grass cutting continued as before.  
Mr. Van Staveren A.P.O., arrived 21/9.  
23/9 Mr. Van Staveren accompanied Councillor Masu to Orimai to begin the campaign for an increased effort by all the villages concerned.  
Began grading completed centre section 27/9).

28/7/70

Councillor [KOROBAL] answered the call for increased effort with 41 men working on the airstrip and carrying petrol.  
Similarly on the 29/8.

30/9/70

Departed Oria for Buin.

End of Diary.

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BUIN PATROL REPORT NO. 5, 1969/70.

Situation Report.

Oria Airstrip.

Prior to the beginning of this patrol an area of land 2000 by 200 feet had been cleared of all trees and undergrowth and a tractor, pull grader and grass slasher had been assembled at the site, although the tractor was not yet operational. A plough and other items were also waiting at Tabago Mission to be carried up to Oria. Men from Oria and Paghui villages were working with shovels [shovels] and wheelbarrows to clear the last of the grass, weeds and sweet potatoes from the top half of the surveyed area. Approximately 5-10 men from various other villages were also working spasmodically which made a work force of 25-30 men daily.

Since then all the equipment has been assembled at Oria and put to work which consists of moving earth, where necessary, to establish a camber of one foot in a hundred. A fifty foot grid has been measured over the entire area and with the aid of a Dumpy level and boning rods the appropriate levels have been marked. At the 30th June an area of nine hundred by two hundred feet has been completed as required, however, this area does not form a continuous section. A further three hundred by one hundred feet has been dug to a depth of one foot or more has not yet reached the required level.

On sections where the required level is not too deep (i.e. less than a foot) the plough and grader alone are used, however, where this depth exceeds one foot the plough is used to break up the ground which is then removed using [using] shovels [shovels] and wheelbarrows. It has been arranged that people from each of the

three Council Wards directly concerned with this project should work one week in three, in rotation, to perform this task. This system is producing, at June 30th, an average daily work force of about twenty men and is slowly growing. Another task performed manually is the felling of timber on the approach to the airstrip and this area is approximately half cleared.

The task of support from Orimai and Sulekunu NO.1 villages at the beginning of this patrol was evidently due to the indecision of many of these people over which airstrip they would eventually use for the uplifting of their produce. People of these two villages, under the direction of the United Church Mission have built a small rough airstrip between their villages and expected to use it commercially. This hope reports say, was strengthened by statements made by Mr. Harold Morton, M.A.F. pilot. The result of this indecision is that people from Botulai, Sulekunu NO.2 and NO.3 villages, all of whom have economic plantings closer to the Oria airstrip, came to work at Oria at irregular but reasonably short intervals. Unfortunately the two villages with their own airstrip are by far the largest of these five mentioned. Men from Kaukausina and Kekemona villages, have also been working apparently out of loyalty to their Councillor. These two small

villages are situated in the mountains between Buin and Kieta Sub-District, furthest from Oria, and have little land which is suitable for any commercial venture.

They may also have hopes of obtaining land from villages further down the Luluai river valley, such land would probably be closer to Oria than Orimai.

After the tractor was put into operation and serious work began again at Oria further attempts were made by Councillors Masu and Makau, the A.D.C., Buin and myself to explain, to all concerned, that only Oria Airstrip could attain the commercial standards required by the Department of Civil Aviation. The opposing side in this debate was apparently led by 1 Kanuai of Sulekunu NO.1 who has been in charge of work on the Orimai - Sulekunu airstrip and Pais a befuddled ex-Pastor of the United Church both of Sulekunu NO. 1. From the slightly improved attendances at work on the Oria airstrip it would appear that this opposition is losing ground, particularly in predominately [predominantly] Roman Catholic Orimai but also among the Sulekunu, United Church, people.  
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As the cocoa flush gained momentum during June the men of Oria and Paghui, understandably, became most reluctant to spend all their time at work on the airstrip. For this reason and to help stimulate support from the villages mentioned above the present rotation system was devised. Increased rain during the month of June has also slowed down all forms of work.

As at the 30/9/70 a total of 1400 x 200 feet of the airstrip has been combered to the specified levels and work has begun on shifting earth the on the remaining section. Other work to be done includes clearing trees on the approach, digging drains and possible improvements to the 50 feet runway area along the centre. Over the last two months grass on the finished sections has been cut regularly to promote [promote] growth of suitable grass and eliminate weeds. By September 25th the minimum number of men at work on any day under the three Councillors had increased as follows; Korobai 25 to 33, Masu 15 to 27, Makau 15 (no increased).

Thus although the minimum [minimum] number of men working on any day had not increased significantly the workload had been spread considerably and, in particular, to include number of people from Orimai village whose support had lapsed completely. The main reason for Councillor Makau's poor numbers is that Sulekunu NO.1 village, along with their fellow United Church adherents from Orimai, are still working on their on airstrip and do not feel they should be required to work at Oria also. On September 28th, in answer to our requests for an increase in the workforce to at least 40 men per day, Councillor Korobai mustered 41 men for his weeks work. This is not surprising as the Oria - Paghui people who make up the bulk of his constituency are the most interested in the completion of the airstrip, the most responsive to requests of Administration Officers and the most willing to accept an increased workload for the purpose of improving their economic on material status.

In the case of Councillor Masu it is unlikely he will be able to reach the 40 men required although he will probably increase his present numbers. Therefore it will probably be necessary to have Councillors Masu and Makau working during the same week as it would at present appear impossible for the later to increase his workforce let alone muster 40 men per day for a week. Such a re-arrangement would necessitate working one week in two instead the present on in three; this increased burden will fall on those who are already working and thus will not be a popular innovation. However, if this level of activity can be maintained for only two months this should be sufficient to complete the airstrip.

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The fact the cocoa flush is now waning should assist the position slightly. If the required numbers cannot be obtained on a full-time basis these people could be left to proceed at their own pace with only occasional visits from an Officer from Buin.

With the exception of the Oria-Paghui people there is generally no sense of urgency as regards the completion of the airstrip. At present the volume of Cocoa produced from the Orimai -Sulekunu area is not so great as to occupy a large proportion [proportion] of their time in carrying dry bean to the road-head at Turitai. Besides the women are usually made responsible for this arduous and unpleasant task. Nobody in the area denies that the airstrip will be very beneficial, even an absolute [absolute] necessity in time, but the feeling of urgency to have it completed varies from impatience with the normal rate of progress to an, any-time will do; attitude

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## POLITICAL:

Political ideas generally reach this area of Buin second hand and are debated with little sense [sense] of involvement [involvement] and understanding, Oria-Paghui people, predominantly Seventh day Adventist, are staunch supporters of the Administrations policies and adamant in their criticism [criticism] of its opponents regardless of their lack of understanding of both. This area is sometimes call "Number Two Buin" which reflects a certain amount of mutual suspicion misunderstanding between these people and those living on the Buin Plain. These people in the foothills are consequently quite conservative and generally more intent on improving their economic position to match that of the rest of Buin, and, considering their topographical disadvantages, are doing so with considerable success.

Directly concerned with this project are the people of three Council Wards and their interest, or lack of it, is largely determined by the efforts or standing of their respective Councillors.

Korobai of Paghui; S.D.A.; Councillor for Oria, Paghui and Ububakogu villages. A very conscientious [conscientious] and enthusiastic Councillor, however displays little initiative of his own, reflects [reflects] the mood and opinions of his constituents and echos faithfully Aloysius Noga. Thus he is strongly anti-Napidakoe Natitu, early P.N.G. self-Government, Bougainville independence and pro-Administration.

At his regular meetings to discuss agenda of forthcoming Council meetings it has been stated that Self-government should not be given until such countries as Australia, America and New Zealand and the United Nations declare P.N .G. sufficiently advanced. This rather naive suggestion reflects their satisfaction with past and present progress (Social, Economic and Political) and trust that future progress in the European mould will be equally beneficial and appropriate [appropriate].

Masu of Botulai (now living below Sulekunu among newly planted Cocoa), Councillor for Botulai and Orimai , R.C., ex-mission teacher, an independent thinker capable of making up his own mind about relevant political questions, although, at present appears uncommitted. Apparently respects Aloysius Noga and has expressed doubts over early self-government, Bougainville independence and Napidakoe Navitu.

Makau of Kaukausina (now living near Sulekunu NO. 2 among his Cacao), Councillor for Sulekunu, Kekemona and Kaukausina, R.C.

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willing worker with little imagination and apparently no definite opinions the various political issues. Although he commands respect in Kekemona and Kaukausina villages his lack of success in Sulekunu NO.1 (predominantly United Church) is presumably, in part, responsible for their attendance for work at Oria.

During the latter stages of this patrol a number Political Education and summaries of business conducted by the House of Assembly were distributed and almost without exception accepted with enthusiasm. This enthusiasm was dampened slightly when it as discovered that same of the material didn't have any pictures although most of the recipients could read Pigin [Pidgin] they still prefer to have some pictures to look at which suggests that the most effective format for Political Education material would be a comic strip arrangement. Another comment was that the booklet "Loa i kamap tisa", was, "tok piksa tasol", implying that there was not story on theme to the dialogue. Perhaps such publications seriously underestimate the obility [ability] of, lease this avedience, to follow a logical but involved polt through to its conclusion.

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## Economic:

Cocoa planting in this area is going ahead at a furious rate despite a relatively small population and lack vehicular road access. It would seem these people are intent on putting all their orable land to some commercial use, usually cocoa production which this year, is expected to reach 50 tons dry bean. At present five fermentories, one constructed by the Buin Producers Co-operative, deal with this crop which is sold to Mr. P. Baylis of Tobornai Plantation and the Co-operative mentioned, above.

To facilitate the further planting several people have obtain or applied for Development Bank loans through the Rural Development Officer, Buin. These loans are used to employ men to assist in clearing vrgin [virgin] forest and, therefore provide the opportunity for men without a source a cash income to earn at least enoughto pay their Council Tax. Moreover it has helped to stem the mass escduo to Buin and Kieta around June each year. Young men still leave home to seek fare and fortune, particularly in Panguna, but in a number of cases this has a similar effect to the Development Bank loans as money earned outside area is sent back to maintain or extend present plantings.

A Tabago Mission sponsord [sponsored] cattle project has, in the last two years, changed its site three times and apparently has not yet gained complete social acceptance. There is also a Dolmar Saw, another Mission venture sitting in the bush under a leaky shelter waiting for ne spark plugs and presumably a market for its products.

The opening of the airstrip will extend the range of possibilities further but what is made of these possibilities will depend on increased guidance and supervision by Administration.

During the patrol both the Rural Development Officer form Buin have held discussions on the proposed system from marketing cocoa when the Oria airstrip is complete. Such discussions invariably produce two opposed factions. One consistes [consists] of the people who are at present members of the Buin Marketing Society are wish to remain that way thus thrwing [throwing] the burden of buying cocoa and arranging aircraft charters on this organization. The second faction consists of people of the predominantly Seventh Day Adventist villages of Paghui and Oria. Their attitude is that they will have no part whatsoever of the  
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Society, their reasons being the dishonesty of previous Society Clerks. Thus they are attempting to form a Society of their own and to this end collecting money, reportedly at \$100 per man. The Registrar of Co-operatives has said that his Officers cannot accept responsibility for another Society in Buin, however, Mr. White, Co-ops Officer has expressed his willingness to give first ADVICE to these people if they can first make their plans a reality.

Although most people in Buin stopped planting rice after a brief period of activity some years ago a number of people in the Orimai area have continued it to a small extent. One DUAKI, who has been trained in animal husbandry and care by D.A.S.F. and is in charge of the abovementioned Mission cattle project has a diesel powered rice winnowing Machine, purchased with the assistance of a few friends. His charge for this service is \$1 and the rice apparently sels locally for \$4 per bag. About 6 to 8 people in the area have crops of approximately 3 or 4 bags of winnowed rice at the present time.

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Social:

Initial primary schooling in this area is provided [provided] by two teachers schools at Oria (S.D.A) and Sulekunu (U.C.) and a one teacher school at Kulula (R.C.). At present plans are being made to move the S.D.A. "Area School" (Stds 3 and 4 ( at Irunioku up to Oria thus bringing [bringing] it closer to its main source of students.

The permanent materials Council Aid Post at Oria is doing a brisk business particularly in headaches and children's ailments.

Among these villages are many young men and women, mainly women, who have left school at about standard six for reasons of finance and/or lack of interest or ability. Such young people could benefit greatly from the work of a trained Welfare Officer. Council appointed Truancy [Truancy] Officer may have some effect as regards those lacking interest but none in regard to the other two categories. The young women in particular are causing problems for Councillors while in the village and for parents when they leave the village to go to Buin Town in search of relief from the dull routine of village existence.

Young men have more freedom to work and travel outside of Buin and, most, if not all, take advantage of it but at some stage find it preferable or necessary to return home, usually to marry. Marriage makes it, at least, difficult [difficult] to leave Buin to find work but does not lessen the obvious interest in people, places and a better standard of living to be gained from new innovations. These observations are more obviously true of Oria and Paghui villages but also apply to the other villages in this North-east corner of Buin.

In August a new S.D.A. Pastor Mr. Max Simi of the B.S.I.P arrived at Irunioku. One of the first things he has done, or to be exact his wife is to conduct classes for selected women, 2 from village who, it is intended, will set up a Womens Club in the village. As has already been pointed out there is definite for some activity of this sort in the area and Mr. Simi has been advised to approach the Buin L.G.C., Through Councillor Korobai, for financial assistance once his project is in operation.

The S.D.A. people are at present also organizing a Parents and Citizens Association to run their schools after Administration support is withdrawn.

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