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1965 - 1966

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PATROL REPORT OF: BUIN & BOKU

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[] BUIN					
[1] 1/65-66	01 -14	J.M. Reading (PO)	Makis Census Division	1 map	9.8.65 - 23.8.65
[2] 7/65-66	15 - 28	A. Wallensky (CPO)	Lugakei Census Division	1 map	12.1.66 - 24.1.66
[] BOKU					
[3] 3/65-66	29 - 37	J.A. Grier (CPO)	Upper Banoni Census Division		12.8.65 - 20.8.65
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BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1965/1966

BUIN

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1 - 1965/1966	J.M. Reading	Makis Census Div.
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BOKU		
3 - 1965/1966	J.A. Grier	A special patrol of the Upper Banoni Census Div,
4 - 1965/1966	R.J. Staples	Banoni Census Div.
5 - 1965/1966	R.J. Staples	Kono Census Div.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

BOUGAINVILLE

BOKU No. B0K3 of 65/66

District of Report No.....

Patrol Conducted by J.A. Grier - Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled A special patrol of the Upper Banoni Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

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

Duration--From 12/8/1965 to 20/8/1965

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

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

Medical//19.....

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Investigate rain damage on subsistence crops to ascertain
the extent of food shortage.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

7/10/1965

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund

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

67.11.4. (?)

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Konedobu, Papua.

8th December, 1965.

The District Commissioner,

Bougainville District,

S O H A N O

BOKU PATROL REPORT NO. 3 /1965-66

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Grier covered by your memorandum 67-1-2 of 27th October, 1965.

Your comments and those of Mr. Hardy have been noted.

I would have liked to have read Mr. Grier's observations about the people he has just visited. Although this was a special patrol in which the officer was trying to assess the damage to food crops by continuous and excessive rain, yet I expected him to give me more detailed observations of the people. These young officers must be taught that a patrol report is not a drudge, or a routine chore, but an important document constituting a direct link between the officer doing the job in the field and myself at Headquarters.

Mr. Grier would be advised to digest Chapter IV, "The Patrol Report" as found in our Departmental Standing Instructions. About twenty sub-headings are suggested in it and the Instructions clearly state that "the number of headings should not be drastically reduced".

(J. K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR

67. 11. 4.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67/1/2.

If calling ask for

Mr

Department of District Administration,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO.

27th. October, 1965.

The Director,

Department of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

BOKU PATROL NO. 3 OF 1965/66.

Attached hereto please find a copy of Memorandum 67/2/2 of 1st. October, 1965 from the Assistant District Commissioner at BUIN, together with a Report on the above Patrol as submitted by Mr. J. A. GRIER, Cadet Patrol Officer.

The matter of the shortage of food in the BUIN Sub-District is being closely watched and relief supplies are issued to the people when warranted.

The Village people throughout the District are gradually becoming aware of the changes planned in the currency in February next year. Regular visits to Villages by Field Staff giving explanatory talks plus the literature being distributed should all help to make the changeover go smoothly.

Once the people of KERIANA, LESIOPAIA and BETERIAPAIA become more settled in their new location, I expect that they will be quite happy to join the new BANONI/NAGOVISI Council.

Att.

(P. J. MOLLISON).

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Sub District Office,

Buin. Bougainville.

1st. October, 1965.

The District Commissioner,

SOHAHO BOUGAINVILLE.

BOKU PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1965/66.

Attached please find the abovementioned report covering a special patrol to the Upper Banoni Division of the Boku Administrative area submitted by Mr. J.A. Grier, Cadet Patrol Officer.

The main object of this Patrol was to assess the damage to food crops caused by continuous excessive rains which occurred during July and August, to ascertain the extent of the food shortage in this area.

Mr. Grier carried out this Patrol with his usual enthusiasm to do a good job. His findings have enabled the District Officer, Boku, to assess the peoples' food requirements and arrange the distribution of relief rice which has since been supplied by the Central Administration. The first shipment of 135 (112 lb.) bags of rice was received at Buin on 20th August. By arrangement with the Agricultural Officer, Boku, Mr. Christenson, 70 bags of this rice was taken overland by tractor under difficult conditions to Boku. The next shipment of rice comprising 600 bags was landed at Juba last month and has since been distributed. The Boku people now have sufficient relief food to last them until the next shipment arrives, for which arrangements are already in hand.

The District Officer, Boku, has advised that requirements for November will be 20 tons. This will be supplied from the next shipment. When this shipment arrives it is considered at this stage, that with stocks of rice on hand, we will have sufficient relief rice to meet our overall requirements.

It is suggested that the inclusion of KERIANA, LESIOPAIA and BETERPAIA people in the Banoni/Nagovisi Council be considered at a later date when they are more settled.

A claim for Camping allowance is forwarded for your approval, please.

G.P. Hardy.

Assistant District Commissioner.

attach.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams DISADM

Telephone

Our Reference 67-1

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration,

Boku Patrol Post,

Buin Sub-District,

Bougainville.

1st September, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,

BUIN.

BOKU PATROL REPORT NO. BOK3 of 65/66.

Officer Conducting Patrol : Mr.J.A.Grier, C.P.O.
Area Patrolled : A special patrol of the Upper Banoni
Duration : 12th August to 20th August, 1965.
Number of Days : 9 days
Objects of Patrol : Investigate rain damage on subsistence
crops and to ascertain the extent of
food shortage.

INTRODUCTION.

The main purposes of the patrol was to investigate the effect that the recent period of sustained rains had on the subsistence gardens; ascertain the actual food shortage and the degree of assistance that will be required to support the people until the harvesting of new plantings.

The patrol also informed the people about the coming decimal currency conversion in February.

DIARY.

Thursday 12/8/65. Departed Boku 1100 hrs for Jaba. Arrived Jaba 1600 and had general discussions with 100 TB's awaiting to be shipped to Buin. Meeting of Jaba people in night about their reluctance to help unload C.R.A. cargo - Slept Jaba.

Friday 13/8/65. Departed Jaba 0700 hours for Koiari - Arrived Koiari 0745. Talks with Koiari people re 1) food situation 2) Coming council election 3) decimal currency. Patrol divided into three for inspection of Kaukau gardens.

Departed Koiari by canoe 1045 and arrived at walking track 1120hrs. The patrol walked through swamp for 1 ½ hours and arrived at Mom 1430. Inspected gardens and proceeded onto Karekopa.

Arrived Karekopa 1600- lined men of Karekopa and
Mom 1700 and discussed the above mentioned points.

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Saturday 14/8/65. Departed Karekopa 0715 hrs inspected gardens and proceeded onto Karatu. Arrived Karatu 1045 hrs. Slept Karatu.

Sunday 15/8/65. Meeting of Karatu people at 0730 hrs - discussed the three points in question. Inspected the gardens and then departed onto Korobi. Arrived Korobi 1500 hrs. Slept Korobi.

Monday 16/8/65. Meeting of Korobi people 0800 [0800] hrs - discussed the three points in question. Departed Korobi 0915 hrs and arrived Sito 1150 hrs and discussed three points in question. Departed Sito 1315 and inspected gardens. Arrived Tengerpaia 1530. Slept Tengerpaia.

Tuesday 17/8/65. Lined Tengerpaia 0730 hrs and discussed the three points in question. Inspected garded [garden] and departed Tengerpaia 0950 hrs. Met policeman from Boku with extra instruction from District Commissioner re the three Wakunai villages joining the Boku council and handicapped children Tarakina area. Proceeded to Tarakina mission - discussions with Fr.Grenier re three Wakunai villages joining Boku council and the food situation. Departed Torakina 1330 and arrived Piva mission 1430. Discussions with Sisters re food situation and handicapped children. Departed Piva 1600 hrs for Laruma Aid-Post - arrived 1720 rs [hrs]. Slept Laruma.

Wednesday 18/8/65. Departed Laruma 0745. Arrived Keriana 0830 for discussions with Keriana, lesiopaia [Lesiopaia] and Beteropaia [Beteriopaia] re coming into Boku council and the food situation. xxxxxxxx Departed Keriana 1045 - arrived Piva 1225 hrs and discussed the three points in question and inspected gardens. Arrived Torakina 1600 hrs. Slept Tarakina [Torakina].

Thursday 19/8/65. Lined Torakina village 0800 hrs and discussed the three point sin [points in] question - inspected gardeds [gardens]. Discussions with Fr, Grenier 1100 re distribution of the 40 bags of rice. Spent afternoon awaiting speedboat. Speed boat arrived 1600 hrs - delayed due engine trouble. Sea too rough to leave at this late stage. Discussions with Master of M.V. Kurwina re loading conditions Jaba. Slept Torakina.

Friday

20/8/65. Transported police and patrol equipment [equipment] on board M.V. Kurwina 0430 hrs and departed 0500 per speed boat to Jaba. Arrived Jaba 0600 and assisted with discharge of ship in morning. Arrived back at Boku 1900 hrs.

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FINDINGS OF PATROL FOOD SURVEY.

1) The following villages were found un-affected [unaffected] by the rains; Karatu, Korobi, Atangato, Keriana, Lesiopaia and Beteriopaia. All these villages are situated in mountainous areas with gardens on hilly slopes. In the case of the Keriana group they had ample supplies of Taro and Kongkong Taro higher up.

2) The gardens of Karekopa and Piva were found to be partly rotten. The people in these villages are eating the damaged Kaukau, but in the advent of hot weather their gardens will be destroyed within a week owing to the ground still being water-logged. Both places are in the process of clearing bush for new gardens and again in both places the immature kaukau plants were not damaged - only set back.

3) The gardens of the remaining villages inspected, namely Koiari, Mom, Tengerpaia and Kegeri were completely destroyed, whilst at Sito only mature gardens were destroyed. All these villages are working planting new gardens, and are at the moment eating saksak and Kumu save Sito which has been issued 1 bag of rice from Torakina mission.

INDIVIDUALLY THE EXTENT OF FOOD SHORTAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:-

Koiari (Pop: 129).	These people have ample saksak to last until their gardens mature in approx. 4months [4 months] if favourable weather prevails.
Mom (Pop: 44)	The saksak here is limited and is expected to last about 6 weeks. After that they will be requiring assistance until their crops mature in approx 3 to 4 months.
Karekopa (Pop: 82).	Some of the higher kaukau gardens were saved here and it is thought with their limited sak sak [saksak] they shall have sufficient food for 2 months
Karatu (Pop: 88).	Nil Damage.
Atangato (Pop: 34).	" "
Korobi (Pop: 88).	" "
Sito (Pop: 43).	These people are completely without saksak and save one bag of rice from Torakina mission (enough food for approx 4 days) their only source of food is Kumu until their immature gardens which were'nt [weren't] affected mature in 2

months.

Tengerpaia (Pop:139)

These people have fair amounts of saksak, only it is situated a long distance away at the old village site on top of the mountain across the Tulilu river which is prone to flood after very small falls of rain. It is the opinion of the patrol that these people will require assistance in spite of their amounts of saksak.

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Piva (Pop: 39).

These people have'nt any mature saksak trees however their gardens are not completely destroy-ed. The remaining kaukau should last about 2 months if the temperature does'nt rise suddenly. In the advent of hot weather these remaining kaukau will also rot, owing to the water logged [waterlogged] codition [condition] of the soil.

Lesiopaia

Slight damage but Taro and Kongkong Taro not affected.

Beterepaia

" " " " " " " "

Keriana

" " " " " " " "

Kegeri (Pop: 102)

These people have enough saksak for approx 2 m months at their old village site some 2 miles distant. Only small amounts of fish are being caught, therefor [therefore] the people will require assistance until their new gardens mature in approx 4 months.

DECIMAL CURRENCY CONVERSION.

Small talks of approx 20 to 30 minutes duration were given in each village and the booklets in Pidgin [pidgen w/cx] English distributed. The aim of these talks was mainly to plant the idea of the money change over in the peoples' minds and set them thinking about it, rather than stress actual conversion rates. The reception to the decimal currency conversion was one of interest [interest] although very few questions were asked. This was due to the fact that as yet it is beyond their comprehension, but it is hoped that through the help of the distributed booklets and talks x amongst them selves [themselves], that the people will be in a better position to ask questions when they are visited by the council election patrol.

INCLUSION OF KERIANA PEOPLE IN BOKU COUNCIL.

The patrol contacted the Keriana, Lesiopaia and Beterpaia [Beteriopaia] people and sought their views on their inclusion into the Boku council.

It was found they were all in favour of joining the council but would prefer to get themselves established [established] in their new village site first re gardens etc. Their reasons for wishing to join were a) they were of the same people and on the same tribal ground as the Piva's, Kegeri's and Laruma's and hence wished to be in with them.

b) the Wakunai council was too

far away.

When asked whether they would still like to join the council if it was decided that they had to come in along with the rest, the answer was yes, however it took over an hour to come to this decision.

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Previously Fr.Grenier of Torakina mission informed the patrol that if LIPAI, the luluai of Lesiopaia was not present at the meeting then the conclusions which the people reached in his absence couldn't be taken as final, as his influence would sway the people either way.

As it was LIPAI was in the Wakunai area when the patrol passed through and did not attend the meeting. Although the people were very enthusiastic about joining the council it is suggested that no concrete decision is made until LIPAI can be interviewed by Boku officers.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. BOKU No. 4 of 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by MR. R.J.STAPLES. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled BANONI CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No

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

Duration--From 23/2/1966 to 30/3/1966

Number of Days 19

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services 20 /8 /1965

Medical MARCH /1966

Map Reference BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND SOUTH FOURMIL SERIES.

Objects of Patrol GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

28 / 6/ 1966.

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

67-11-17

4th August, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

BOKU PATROL REPORT NO.4/1965-66:

Receipt of Mr. Staples' patrol report covered by your memorandum 67-1-7 of the 6th July, 1966 and Mr. Hardy's memorandum 67-2-2 of the 23rd May, 1966 is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Mr. Staples appears to have conducted a thorough patrol and has made many thoughtful remarks pertinent to roads and communications generally in the Boku area.

3. It is pleasing to note that despite the geographic location of the EIVO people, they are striving towards economic prosperity, by actually transporting their cash crops by manpower to the beach.

4. A very good report.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

Att.

(P. J. MOLLISON).
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply

Please Quote

No. 67/1/7.

Department of District Administration,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

6th. July, 1966.

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

BOKU PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF
1965/1966.

I attach hereto a Report on the
above Patrol submitted by Mr. R. J. STAPLES,
Patrol Officer, and a copy of Memorandum 67/2/2
of 23rd. May, 1966 from the Assistant District
Commissioner at BUIN.

I must apologise [apologize] for the inordinate
delay in the submission of this Report. Delay in
this Office was due to the Territory Census.

The BANONI/NAGOVISI Council is now
functioning and a number of Meetings have been
held. The people generally are in favour of the
Council but the Council itself still seems not clear
on its functions.

Roads in the BOKU Area are a continual
headache and the position is agravated [aggravated] by the heavy
rainfall in the South East section. A new road over
a new route is planned from BUIN to BOKU. This has
been recommended by the Standing Committee on Public
Works to the House of Assembly and has been accepted
by the House. It has been included in the Draft
Works Programme for 1966/1967. There is, however,
no move to reconstruct the road from BOKU to JABA
and this is the main outlet for produce from the BOKU
Area. Until such time as the BOKU/JABA road is made
a separate project we will have to do what repairs
we can with Roads Maintenance Funds.

Att.

(P. J. MOLLISON).

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

67-2-2

Sub-District Office,
BUIN. BOUGAINVILLE.
23rd May, 1966.
The District Commissioner,
SOHANO.

BOKU PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1965/66.
BANONI CENSUS DIVISION.

Attached please find the above mentioned submitted by Mr. Staples,
Officer-in-Charge, Boku Patrol Post.

The Patrol was well conducted and Mr. Staples has submitted an
interesting report covering the social, economic and political activities
of the peoples in this area.

It is pleasing to know that the Patrol was well received by the
majority of the people in this area and that progress is being made despite
the lack of suitable communications. Comments on the latter will be
covered by a special report covering the Boku Administration Area as a whole.

Claims for Camping Allowance are also attached for your approval,
please.

My apologies for the delay in forwarding this report, but I was
recently absent at Bou and since my return have been fully committed with
urgent matters and numerous visitors.

(G. P. HARDY)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Patrol Post,
Bougainville District,
BOKU.

27th. April, 1966.

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

PATROL REPORT BOKU No. 4 1965/1966

Attached please find Patrol Report for the
above mentioned Patrol.

Mr. A. Wallensky accompanied the Patrol for a
broken period of 10 days but due to medical reasons had to venture to
Rabaul. As Mr. Wallensky was with the Patrol for only a short period
I have exempted him from completing a patrol report.

Claims for camping out allowance for both
Mr. Wallensky and myself are attached.

Respectfully submitted for your information and
comments, sir.

Officer in Charge.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams DISADM

Telephone

Our Reference 67-1

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration,

Patrol Post,

Bougainville District,

BOKU.

6th. April, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,

Sub-District Office,

BUIN.

BOKU PATROL REPORT No. BOKU 4 of 1965/1966.

Officer Conducting

Patrol

:	Mr. R.J.Staples, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled	
:	Banoni Census Division.
Duration	
:	23/2/66 to 30/3/66
Number of Days	
:	19 days.
Objects of Patrol	Introductory Patrol. Supervise the collection of Council Tax. Organise the collection of Marsden Matting for use on BOKU roads.

INTRODUCTION: The reason for this patrol to the BANONI Census Division was to introduce myself, once again, to the people of the BANONI Region and for the people of this region to familiarise themselves with the Officer conducting the Patrol.

The Patrol was met cordially by the majority of the people of the BANONI Census Division and also by the people of the Villages of LESIOPAIA, BETEREOPAIA [Beteriopaia] and KERIANA of the ROTOKAS Census Division and no difficulties whatsoever

were encountered.

This Patrol was conducted at a leisurely rate thus enabling myself to become aware of the immediate problems confronting the people in various villages.

DIARY: Please refer to Field Officer's Journal

Folios 6 to 14 Paragraphs 38 to 73.

NATIVE AFFAIRS: The Native Affairs situation in the Banoni Census Division at the time of this Patrol was favourable. Very few complaints were brought to the attention of the Patrol, those that were were settled amicably by the parties concerned.

The Banoni Census Division could be divided

into three complete sections, they are the Lower Banoni consisting of five villages, the EIVO Area which comprises of four villages

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and the TOROKINA area which consists of five villages. The people of the Lower BANONI Area and the TOROKINA Area are both BANONI by descent and language but the people of the EIVO Area are EIVO speaking and are related to the people of the EIVO Census Division in the KIETA Sub-District.

Of these areas both the Lower BANONI and the TOROKINA regions are both sophisticated in the spheres of politics, education and social welfare and are self supporting economically. The EIVO area is the backward area of this Census Division, this I think, is because of its topographic and geographic location with respect [respect] to the other two areas and Bougainville as a whole. The geographic location of the EIVO people has not daunted their striving for economic prosperity and political awareness. They have planted coconuts, coffee and cocoa and they are transporting this produce by manpower to the beach at KOIARE, four walking hours distant from their area. they are also trying to become more politically enlightened and this they are achieving through the forceful efforts of the vice-President of the Banoni/Nagovisi Local Government Council, who resides at KOIARE Village. They are grateful to this person for his efforts and perseverance and the people of the EIVO Area hold the vice-President in high regard.

HEALTH AND SANITATION: In the Banoni Census Division there are three Aid Posts. During the Patrol only one was in operation due to staff problems but now all three are in operation.

The majority of the Villages are in a good state of repair, adequately supplied with either fresh spring water supplies or rain water drums and latrines. Instructions had to be given to only one Councillor regarding the state of his village and the village latrines. This I think points to the fact that the Council has been accepted with respect by the majority of the villages and seems to be functioning reasonably well in the Banoni Census Division. The various councillors throughout the Banoni Census Division have accepted their duties of improving environmental sanitation within their respective villages and so village living conditions are on an upward trend.

ROADS AND WALKING TRACKS: The Lower Banoni Area; There is an adequate road network system in this area but this road system is in urgent need of repair. The road commences at BOKU Patrol Post and runs to KONGARE Village, there is a branch road system from this road which connects the villages of MABIS and JARARA to the main BOKU to JABA road. This system is adequate for this area, adequate for the

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task of economic development.

This road network in the Lower Banoni

Area is a feeder road system for the main BOKU to JABA road but for the people of the Lower Banoni Area to benefit from the main BOKU to JABA road their road system must be trafficable. At present it is not.

The manner in which cash produce from the Lower Banoni Area will be transported will be along their road system, if trafficable, to the main BOKU to JABA road and then transported along the main road to the beach head at JABA for transshipment by sea. If this feeder road system is not trafficable manpower will have to be employed to carry produce to the main road juncture from there it will be transported by road to the beach head. This will be laborious and will constitute a considerable amount of double handling and produce loss.

The EIVO Area; There is not a vehicular road network system in this area, nor is there ever likely to be such a system. This is due to the topography and the population quantity in the EIVO. There are a considerable number of walking pads all of which are in a good state of repair.

The TOROKINA Area; This area has a vast vehicular road network system which would rate as one of the best in the Bougainville District. This road system was constructed during the war and is still in a state of good repair.

COMMUNICATIONS: The two means of communication in this Census Division are by road and sea. For this Census Division the sea mode of transport is of the more important. This is only for the majority of the Banoni Census Division and is not so for other Census Divisions of the BOKU Area.

For the Lower BANONI Area as stated in the paragraph headed 'Roads and Walking Tracks' the main form of communication is by road but in the EIVO and TOROKINA Areas the main form of efficient transport is by sea.

This, therefore, constitutes a twofold problem for the BOKU Area; the depreciating road network system and the lack of available sea transport for the transporting of cash produce. Therefore, for this area to prosper economically both the road system will have to be made an all weather road, due to the fact that the cocoa season is during the wet season, and shipping will have to become more regular and reliable. The people of the BOKU Area are aware of both the above mentioned factors and because of the fact that neither are adequate for the economic development of this area the people are slowly lapsing into

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a state of economic stagnance. To put it mildly the people are becoming dissatisfied with what the Administration is doing for them, this is with regard to capital works programmes [programmes] - road construction with heavy equipment instead of the medieval [medieval] shovel- the people are also gathering the impression, thanks to the Missions, that the Administration and Europeans in general are exploiting both them and their properties. (An example of this is the C.R.A. mining rights and the disputes that have evolved due to the difference in American and Australian Laws.).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Economic development in the Lower BANONI Area off [of?] the BANONI Census Division is at an advanced stage in comparison with other areas of the BANONI Census Division but would rate average with other areas of the BOUGAINVILLE District.

The main cash crop which has been planted is cocoa and it is really thriving in this area. There is one cocoa fermentary now under construction and it will service the whole of this Lower BANONI Area. Under construction with this fermentary is a Ceylon type hot air/sun drier which can be used for both copra and cocoa.

The people of this area have developed economically due to the efforts of Mr. Paul Lapun, the M.H.A. for the Bougainville District. This area is his home area and he has been ceaseless in his efforts to develop this area.

The only difficulty affecting the Lower Banoni Area as regarding economic development is the depreciating road system. This problem could be overcome, I think, with a small amount of financial assistance from the Administration.

The EIVO Area contains a vastly different situation. the people are trying to develop themselves economically, they have planted all three cash crops, cocoa, coffee and coconuts, though all three crops are still in the non productive stage.

A cocoa fermentary and drier similar to that under construction in the Lower Banoni Area is also under construction in this area. When this fermentary/drier has been completed it will be able to cope with all the cocoa and coffee that has been planted and requires processing. Numerous small private copra driers have been constructed throughout this area and they are quite adequate for the coconut plantings in this area.

The difficulty effecting these people is the topography. They are situated well up in the mountains, four walking hours distance from the coast. There are no [illegible]

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roads due to the topography so the people of this area have to manhandle their processed produce to the coast.

The other difficulty is the marketing procedure. It is no mean feat for these people to carry their produce to the beach but when their produce rots or deteriorates on the beach due to the lack of consistent shipping it is a catastrophe. Therefore, the requirement here is a consistent and regular shipping service to the Bougainville West Coast.

The TOROKINA Area is on a par with the development in the Lower Banoni Area. The cash crop in this area is coconuts and the majority of landholders have planted this crop.

The people of this area have no marketing problems due to the consistency of the Mission ships to the TOROKINA Area.

For the economics of the people of the BOKU Administrative area to develop the following must be overcome: (a) Road systems will have to be improved and an all weather road must exist between JABA and BUIN. Until this completed the people of the BOKU Area cannot be expected to develop past what they are at this present time.

(b) Shipping will have to be improved or it may be more correct to say commence. Shipping to the Bougainville West Coast at this time is just about negligible therefore, it must be able to improve.

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

All three areas are reasonably well developed both politically and socially. This social and political development is due to the efforts of the Councillors, Mami of KOIARE Village, Namoso of KAREKOPA Village and MAGOSI of MABIS Village. They seem to have accepted their positions as councillors with pride and responsibility and are now out to better their individual areas. A spirited form of competition and village pride has developed. This, I think, is a credit to the BANONI/NAGOVISI Local Government Council.

A womens club has been established at TOROKINA and is functioning reasonably well considering that there has been very little supervision over them by either BOKU Patrol Post Officers or the Bougainville District Welfare Officer.

Much of the political controversy that

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has become present in the Boku area over the last couple of years is, I think, due to the lack of adult education in the political sphere. To rectify this an adult education centre will be constructed at BOKU Patrol Post when funds become available.

CONCLUSION: Out of this Patrol three points have emerged, three points which vitally effect development both political and social in the BOKU area.

(1) Financial assistance will have to be made available to rectify the depreciating road network system in the BOKU area.

(2) Shipping on the Bougainville West Coast will have to become more consistent and regular.

(3) Funds will have to be made available to commence an adult education centre at BOKU Patrol Post in order to better the people of this area both politically and socially.

This, in my opinion, could solve the majority of the problems now present in the BOKU Area.

R.J. Staples
Patrol Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. BOKU No. 5 of 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by R.J. STAPLES. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled KONO CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. W.Fulleton. Agriculture Officer.

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

Duration--From 16/5/1966 to 3/6/1966

Number of Days 18

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services /5/1965

Medical / / 19

Map Reference BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND SOUTH FOURMIL SERIES.

Objects of Patrol Pre-Census Education campaign.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

67-11-16

27th July, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
BOHANO.

BOKU PATROL REPORT NO.5/1965-66:

Thank you for your memorandum 76-1-2 of the 17th June, 1966, together with Mr. Staples' patrol report.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Hardy were noted.

3. It is a pity to note that the indigenous Member of the House of Assembly for Bougainville is fighting indirectly against the economic development of his people.

4. Mr. Staples seems to have done a thorough job of instructing the people of the Kono Census Division about the Territory wide Census and has submitted a lengthy and illuminating report.

(J. K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 76/1/2.

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

June 17th., 1966.

The Director,

Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU - PAPUA.

BOKU Patrol Post Report No. 5 of 1965/1966 -

KONO Census Division - BUIN Sub - District.

Herewith please find attached a Patrol report submitted by the Officer in Charge, Mr. R.J. Staples, Patrol Officer, of his Patrol of the KONO Census Division between May 16th. and June 3rd. 1966. Also attached is a covering memorandum 67-2-2- of the 11th. June 1966, from the Assistant District Commissioner, BUIN Sub-District Mr. G.P. Hardy, which deals at some length with the report.

Mr. Staples was accompanied on this patrol by the Agricultural Officer stationed at BUIN, Mr. W. Fullerton.

As you will see the main purpose of the patrol was to hold preliminary discussions and advise the people in regard to the imminent taking of the Census.

The opportunity was taken however by the two Officers to examine the area in regard to social, political and economic development.

Mr. Paul Lapun, M.H.A., since his course in English and Social Studies and a visit to Australia has not been helpful toward the Administration's hopes of attracting large scale investment to the Territory, and thereby through large timber and mining operations and the like building up the economic stability of the country and ensuring increased revenues for the present and future governments. Whether he has indeed made such statements during private talks to the people or whether the people have [cross out] misinterpreted his meaning during these talks, the fact remains that both in this Division and the Guava Division in the Kieta Sub-District in which the copper prospecting is taking place, the people held the same view as a result of Mr. Lapun's statements.

Forwarded please for your perusal and comments.

(P.J. MOLLISON)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-2-2

Sub District Office,

Buin, Bougainville.

11th June, 1966.

The District Commissioner,

SOHANO BOUGAINVILLE.

BOKU PATROL REPORT No. 5 of 1965/66. KONO CENSUS DIVISION.

Attached please find the above mentioned submitted by Mr. R.J. Staples, Officer-in-charge, Boku Patrol Post.

This was a special Patrol covering the Villages selected in the Buin area for the Territory Census to explain to the people the reasons for the Census and the information they were required to submit. Please see page one (1) of the Patrol Report. To date no objections have been raised by the people regarding the census and I am of the opinion they will give their full co-operation during the Census.

A copy of this Report has been handed to Mr. Fowke, the Sub-Enumerator of the Buin Sub-District.

Unfortunately Mr. Staples did not elaborate on the misconceptions listed in page two (2) of the Report. He did, however, discuss these matters with me at the conclusion of the Patrol. Comments on these misconceptions are as follows:

(a) The story about tinned fish containing snake, snowballed when someone obviously spread such a rumour when a recent collector who was staying at one of the stores in Buin Town was seen dissecting and preserving the specimens collected from the local people. Probably in conversation, mention was made that snake is like fish and so the story became misunderstood. As soon as I heard of this story I informed prominent local people such as Councillors and others, that the rumour was of course, quite incorrect. Some have been convinced, but the fact is that the sale of tinned fish has declined.

(b) A Coroner's Inquest of the unfortunate drowning of the Malaria Control Field Worker was carried out by myself. My finding was Accidental drowning, which was caused by the man concerned endeavouring to cross a flooded river against the advice of the Medical Orderly at Konga Rural Health Centre. Full details may be obtained from my Inquest, if required. Arrangements were made for representatives of the deceased to visit the area in question and obtain first hand information from the Medical Staff at the Health Centre when the incident occurred.

(c) I have already brought the matter to the attention of Mr. Paul

Lapun, M.H.A. I certainly did not hear Mr. Lapun make such statements to the people, that they were to refuse entry to any Company representatives during his talks to the people. The people, on the other hand, may have interpreted this meaning from talks in their area. Owing to the fact that there have been no confirmed statements of remuneration to the peoples' satisfaction if a Company did commence extracting large quantities of copper ore, etc., the people are inclined to lean towards any indication which might suggest that they should NOT allow any further natural resources to be exploited in their area. Any change in attitude will depend, I feel, on future policy regarding such matters. The people are constantly advised that large companies operating in their area would bring about advantageous development, but the peoples' opinion is that they need to have a direct interest in the operation of any such company by way of remuneration for any natural resources removed from their area.

- 2 - Boku Patrol Report No. 5 of 1965/66.

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Other matters concerned in the report indicate and confirm that there is room for improvement towards general development in the KONO area. Certain sections of this community are reluctant to accept any changes which are considered to be advantageous to their overall development. Even the enthusiasm shown by their leader, Mr. Moikui, Vice President of the Buin Local Government Council, has so far failed to engender a spirit of desired progress amongst these recalcitrant groups. These people have the available land and the offer of technical assistance and encouragement by Administration Officers, but they will have to realise that more self-help and acceptance of good advice, is necessary before they can progress and prepare themselves for the future.

The main objects of the Patrol were achieved, and I am glad that the Agricultural Officer was able to accompany this Patrol. I consider that combined Patrols of this nature are more advantageous to the people and the officer concerned.

A Claim for Camping Allowance is also attached for your approval, please.

G. P. Hardy

Assistant District Commissioner
attach.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams DISADM

Telephone

Our Reference 67-1

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration.

Patrol Post,

Bougainville District,

BOKU.

7th. June, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,

Sub-District Office,

BUIN.

BOKU PATROL REPORT No. 5 1965/1966.

Officer Conducting Patrol: R.J.Staples, Patrol
Officer.

Area Patrolled : Kono Census
Division.

Duration : 16/5/66 to 3/6/66

Number of days : 18 days.

Objects of Patrol : Conduct pre-Census
Education discussions
with Villages selected
for
Territory Census.

INTRODUCTION.

The reason for this Patrol to Kono Census Division was to conduct discussions with the occupants of the various villages selected for the Territory Census. These discussions were in the order of:

- (a) Telling the people that the Census would take place in their area in June.
- (b) Explaining to the people exactly what a Census was and what the Central Government did with Census statistics.
- (c) Why this Census was occurring only in their area and not in other areas of the Buin Sub-District.
- (d) Giving examples of the questions that would be asked by the Census party.
- (e) Explaining to the people that the Census will be compulsory and that what is entered

on the Census sheet is confidential.

(f) Explaining that the Census was not an election, and the difference between a Census and an election.

(g) The fact that this Census will be multi-racial.

(h) Birth date cards were distributed to all persons apparently over the age of fourteen.

The reason for the issue of these cards was explained.

DIARY: Please refer to the Field Officer's Journal Folios 21 to 26.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The Native Affairs situation at the time of this patrol to the Kono Census Division was favourable. No complaints whatsoever were brought to the attention of the patrol.

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(a) That in the tin fish that one buys from the stores there is not fish but snake.

This misconception was prevalent throughout the whole of the Kono Census Division.

(b) That the Malaria Control Field Worker that was recently drowned in the Mo(?)ai River at Konga was not in fact drowned but murdered. It seems as though this lad that was drowned came from the Kono Census Division.

It was suggested to the people that the Medical Assistant who actually witnessed the drowning patrol through this area of the Kono Census Division and so inform the people of what actually did happen.

(c) That Paul Lapun M.H.A. did tell the people of the villages of the Kono Census Division which border the Kieta Sub-District that if private enterprise, of company standard, requested to exploit resources in their area they were to refuse entry of such an enterprise into their area.

The patrol was met cordially by all throughout the whole Census Division.

Collectors Workload Q:

All the villages included in this workload were visited and discussions were conducted with all concerning the Territory Census. The Collection Programme for this workload is as follows:

By landrover to the Rest House at KAMORO.

From KAMORO the collector will conduct the Census for the following villages in accordance with the workload listing sheet on file 14-1-2;

Kamoro Village

Lakoei Village

Tubaro Village

Kikibatsiogu Village

Komai Village

Tabago Cathalic [Catholic] Mission

Pililalo Village

Parero Village

By landrover to MOGOROI Rest House where the collector will conduct the Census for the following villages:

Mogoroi Village

Kowikuru Village

Orumoi Village

By landrover to the end of the road. On foot to Pauroko Village where the collector will conduct the Census. Then on foot to Ororoi Village where the collector will also conduct the Census. From Ororoi Village the collector will proceed on foot to BOGISAGO Rest House. All patrol effects could be transported by manpower direct from MOGOROI Rest House to BOGISAGO Rest House via a direct walking pad.

By foot from Bogisago Rest House to Lukauko Village where the collector will conduct the Census. From Lukauko village to Kaitu Village by foot where the collector will also conduct the Census. By landrover from Kaitu Village to TABAGO Rest House.

From TABAGO Rest House the following villages will be visited by the collector;

Luilau Village

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Collector's Workload R:

By landrover to TABAGO Rest House where the collector will visit the following;

Tabago Village

Tobago Catholic Mission

Turitai Village

By landrover to the end of the road thence on foot to Ububakogu Village where the collector will conduct the Census. From Ububakogu Village the collector will proceed to Ori Village where he will conduct the Census. There is a Rest House at ORIA Village which the collector will have to utilise.

By foot to SULEKUNU Rest House and village where the collector will conduct the Census.

From SULEKUNU Rest House the collector will proceed by foot to TURITAI Village and thence proceed by landrover to BUIN Town.

From BUIN Town the collector will proceed to Kangu by landrover and thence to ORAVA Village and Rest House by water Transport.

This then completes this workload, with the exception of one village, KOGOSAGONO, in the MAKIS Census Division which was not visited on this patrol. This village will have to be included in workload R.

All the villages which will be enumerated in the Territory Census in the BUIN Sub-District, with the exception of KOGOSAGANO, were visited and the Census was explained to all. No difficulties were confronted, and not one question was asked by the people concerning the Census. If the number of questions depicts the interest rate in the Territory Census then the interest in the Census is nothing to write about.

HEALTH and SANITATION:

The majority of the villages in this Census Division, with the exception of the Seventh Day Adventist faction of the Division, are in a deplorable condition. The majority of instructions given by previous patrols have been ignored and thus the state of most of the villages are really at a low ebb.

In every village that the patrol entered and in every village book that the patrol perused mention had to be made and had previously be made by other patrols (but ignored) regarding latrines. Thus in

every village discussions were conducted regarding diseases that arise out of the lack of toilet facilities. The people have heard these discussions numerous times but it seems as though they are going to wait till the bitter end (death of children) before they even consider constructing suitable latrines.

ROADS and WALKING TRACKS:

Though the people of this Census Division have neglected their villages they have certainly looked after their vehicular roads and walking tracks. All the vehicular roads are well above average for the Sub-District, whilst the walking tracks would rate average.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Accompanying the patrol was the Agricultural Officer, BUIN. Throughout the whole of Kono Census Division the people are more in favour of planting Coconuts than Cocoa. When asked by the patrol why they preferred coconuts to cocoa the answer was as follows;

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the people told the patrol that cocoa was the crop planted by all the Europeans, and seeing that they could not compete with the Europeans, they decided not to plant cocoa but coconuts, which they told the patrol was the crop of all indigenous people. The people were told of the high price of cocoa but this did not impress them any, they said that they would still rather plant coconuts.

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT:

The Kono Census Division is incorporated in the Buin Native Local Government Council. The Council seems to be operating quite efficiently in this Division. Regarding the work of the various committees operating in the Kono Division, well to be frank they just not operating.

The Agricultural Committee: Throughout the majority of the Kono Division the Agricultural Officer had to speak to just about every village regarding the cleaning of cash crop plots. A routine job such as clearing already planted gardens should be a job supervised by the Council's Agricultural Committee not the Agricultural Officer.

The Health Committee: As stated earlier the villages throughout this Division are deplorable with the exception of the Seven Day Adventist Villages. What has the Health committee been doing? If this is not the job of the Health Committee what has the Councillor been doing?

From the above it can be clearly seen that the Committee system that is operating within the Buin Local Government Council is not operating very effectively.

CONCLUSION:

The purpose of this patrol was to give the people of the Kono Census Division a foundation for understanding the Territory Census which will commence in June. This aim was fulfilled but how effectively is any one's guess. As was stated earlier if the number of questions asked about the Census depicts the interest rate and the understanding rate of the Census then both rates would be low, in fact they would be nil.

Patrol Officer.