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TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

AT/MB

File 30-2/1018,  
District Office,  
Central Division,  
PORT MORESBY

The Director,  
District Services and Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY

Patrol Report No. 2/47-48 - PGRT MORESBY  
Mr. E. R. Edwards P.O.

THREE (3) copies of the above-mentioned report are submitted herewith.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS : The appointment of a new village Constable at DOROMOKU will be considered when the next patrol visits the area.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE: Another visit to the DOURA villages will be conducted during December, 1947.

VILLAGE WATER SUPPLIES: The improvement of water supplies at HALMA and BOTEKA will be attended to during the systematic survey of village water supplies which is now being undertaken.

VADA in the KOIARI: Sorcery has always been rampant in the KOIARI area. The position at BEREBEI will be watched closely.

DESTRUCTION OF AGEHA VILLAGE: A patrol will be despatched to the area with a view to ascertaining the extent resulting from careless use of fire and as to whether the villagers are entitled to any assistance from the Administration.

R.P.C. on Native Land at SOGERI : The land dispute at SOGERI is still in abeyance and this office awaits some instruction in the matter. This office memoranda 34-1/551 dated 13th September, 1947, 34-1/679 dated 6th October, 1947, 34-1/984 dated 21st November, 1957, refer.

NATIVE Complaints - Nine Mile Quarry: This matter will be dealt with.

Indiscriminate Shooting in the BOTEKA Area: It is suggested that this matter be brought to the attention of the Air Force authorities as it is felt that Air Force personnel are the worst offenders. Complaints have been received that several horses have been shot in the BOMANA area.

Another well conducted patrol by this energetic officer.

NOTE: See File 34-1/ for section "The Brown River Crown Land" included in above report.

(M.C.W. Rich)  
District Officer

Patrol Report No. 2/47-48

Patrol Officers Edwards and  
Mattick.

Report by:

Patrol Officer Edwards.

To:

BROWN RIVER CROWN LANDS

Object of Patrol:

See instructions attached.

Date left Station:

23 October, 1947

Date Returned:

17 November, 1947.

Personnel:

A.C. OREHE  
A.C. MAIRE  
1 Interpreter.  
2 personal servants.

Map :

Submitted with Report.

Previous Patrols:

Patrol No. 12/46-47 E.R. Edwards.  
14/46-47 " " "  
1/47-48 " "

Medical. No record

Cost of Patrol:

160 lbs. rice.  
48 lbs. tinned meat.  
15 lbs. trade tobacco  
36 lbs salt  
2 galls. kerosene.

Porterage:

492 man-hours.

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DIARY

Thursday,  
23rd October, 1947

Departed MORESBY 0930 hrs. By truck to BOTEKA (V.C. AUDABI ORERA). Arrived 1200 hrs. War claims Night at BOTEKA.

Friday,  
24 October, 1947

Morning. To HAIMA (V.C. AUDABI ORERA). War claims and village matters. Working in BOTEKA - HAIMA area, 200' a.s.l. Night at BOTEKA.

Saturday,  
25 October, 1947

Departed 0730 hrs. N. through grassland and forest to BROWN River. Arrived MOTUMOTU (V.C. DEAGI OROI) 1400 hrs. War claims and village matters. Night at MOTUMOTU.

Sunday,  
26 October, 1947

Working in MOTUMOTU area, 200' a.s.l. Night at MOTUMOTU.

Monday,  
27 October, 1947

Away 0730 hrs. Crossed BROWN River by canoe, N. through flat forest to VANAPA River. Downstream along S. bank. Crossed by canoe at DOROMOKU (V.C. JACK GOROGO). Arrived 1330 hrs. On to VASIGOBILA (V.C. JACK GOROGO),  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr's walk along good track. Village matters. Night at VASIGOBILA.

Tuesday,  
28 October, 1947

Working in DOURA area, 200' a.s.l. Night at VASIGOBILA.

Wednesday,  
29 October, 1947

Away 0700 hrs. Returned to MOTUMOTU. Arrived 1230 hrs. Night at MOTUMOTU.

Thursday,  
30 October, 1947

Departed 0700 hrs. N. of E. through forest and grass land following S. bank of BROWN River. Low hills. Arrived KABUE (V.C. DEAGI OROI) 1230 hrs. War claims and village matters. Night at KABUE.

Friday  
31 October

Working in KABUE area, 400' a.s.l. Night at KABUE.

Saturday  
1 November, 1947

Away at 0700 hrs. Forded BROWN River. N. of E. over low timbered hills, averaging 900'. Camped AE'ERU Creek, 1130 hrs. 500' a.s.l. Night at AE'ERU Creek.

Sunday  
2 November, 1947

Rode camp 0630 hrs. N. of E. over timbered hills, averaging 1500'. Long climb up to LUMA (V.C. PAMARI DUNE), 3000' a.s.l. Arrived 1600 hrs. Night at LUMA.

Monday  
3rd November, 1947

Away 0730 hrs. Travelling S.E. Steep descent to BROWN River. Crossed by log bridge. Easy grade to KILOLOGO (V.C. TONANA TOLJA), 1200'. Arrived night at KILOLOGO.

Tuesday  
4 November, 1947

Away 0700 hrs. S. of E. Climbed to 3000'. Steep descent to BROWN (NAIRO) River. Crossed by log bridge. Easy walking to MADILOGO (V.C. MIVIVA KOROI). Arrived 0900 hrs. On through flat forest to BERWILOGO (V.C. KERIVE URIGI) 2200'. Arrived 1300 hrs. Settled KABUE - BERWILOGO. dispute.  
Nights at old NAIRO camp.

Wednesday  
5 November, 1947

Departed 0730 hrs. Returned through MADILOGO and KILOLOGO to LIMA. Arrived 1600 hrs. Night at LIMA.

Thursday  
6 November, 1947

Departed 0600 hrs. Retuned to KABUE. Arrived 1600 hrs.  
Night at KABUE.

Friday  
7 November, 1947

Away 0700 hrs. Travelling S. Low hills, forest and bamboo. Along IARACOCO Creek to IARABEAL, on N. bank of GOLDIE River. (V.C. TAMATI BABO). Arrived 1400 hrs. 400' a.s.l.  
Night at IARABEAL.

Saturday  
8 November, 1947

Away 0700 hrs. Travelling E. Following general course of TIDAL Creek. Low hills, forest. Steep climb up GOLDIE BLUFF to UNIRI, 2100'. (V.C. GIBA URINI), arrived 1400 hrs. On to UNILA, the new village of the KENEMU people, atop of GOLDIE BLUFF, 2500'. Arrived 1530 hrs.  
Night at UNILA.

Sunday  
9 November, 1947

Departed 0730 hrs. S.E. Steep descent to OANABISIKI (V.C. GIBA URINI), 600'. Arrived 0830 hrs.  
Departed 1130 hrs. S.E. through timbered hills, following general course of GOLDIE River to UNIRI (V.C. LOBU URINI), 1400'. Arrived 1400 hrs. Visited GELAVANA (V.C. LOBU URINI). Night at UNIRI.

Monday  
10 November, 1947

Returned through OANABISIKI to UNILA.  
Night at UNILA.

Tuesday,  
11 November, 1947

Returned to IARABEAL. Night at IARABEAL.

Wednesday,  
12 November, 1947

Departed 0700 hrs. Travelling S. Forded GOLDIE River. Low Hills, timber, bamboo and grassland. Arrived KOROTAWARA (V.C. TAMATI BABO) 1000 hrs. 1100'. Departed 1200 hrs. S. of W. to GUBABEGAI (V.C. TAMATI BABO). 1 hrs easy walk. Departed 1400 hrs. E. Over low hills, forest and grass to KOMBADABU (V.C. GIBA URINI). Arrived 1600 hrs.  
Night at IUDLO.

**Thursday**  
**13 November, 1947**

Morning. Village matters at KORABADARI. Away at 1030 hrs. W. along good track to ARIDARA, 1900' (V.C. VARUTE KHAO). Arrived 1300 hrs. Night at ARIDARA.

**Friday,**  
**14 November, 1947**

Departed 0730 hrs. 1/2 hrs steep descent down N. slopes of MEROE MOUNTAIN to GURABEAI. (V.C. TAWAI BABO). Working in GURABEAI area. Night at GURABEAI.

**Saturday,**  
**15 November, 1947**

Away 0630 hrs. Travelling W. Down VERNON Creek through forest and grass land to IPIATINI (V.C. LANA HIGALDA). W. over low grassy hills to AGRA (V.C. LANA HIGALDA). Forked GOLDIE River, on through flat bush country to LANA and BOZKA (V.C. AUDABI ORRA). Arrived 1600 hrs. Night at BOZKA.

**Sunday**  
**16 November, 1947**

Village matters in BOZKA - LANA area.  
Night at BOZKA.

**Monday**  
**17 November, 1947**

Local matters in BOZKA area. Inspected Soilala pack horses at 9 Mile. Returned to MONGKOK by truck and reported to the District Officer 1630 hrs.

END OF DIARY

### 2. VILLAGES

For full descriptions of all villages concern see Patrol Reports No.s 10/46-47, 12/46-47 and 1/47-48. General conditions are unchanged. All KOLARI villages visited were clean and in good order. Several new houses have been built at BOHOMA (V.C. AKAIAI OPERA) on the new village site. Sou of the river, HADIA (V.C. A TABI OPERA) is still a most attractive village. The flower gardens here are well cared for and are thriving, despite the dry weather. New houses are being built at DUTRUMU and KABUB (V.C. DRAGI OGOI). These two villages are a credit to the villagers.

LIMA, ELOLOGO MABILCO (BOHOMA and NEI) and BIREVILOCO are in good order. TARAHYAI and CUMBICAI (V.C. TAMATI BABO), two comparatively new villages are in excellent condition. KOKOTO AKARA (V.C. TAMATI BABO) is satisfactory.

The people of KEREMU and OAWASHIKI (V.C. GIBA UCINI) have built a new village, UHLA, atop of GORDE BLUFF — a very attractive village site. These people are also planning to build a new village on the road between ILIOLO and OWE'S line. Situated near the VASICOOG Creek crossing, this village will be on the motor road and will provide a convenient starting point for Upper Kolari patrols. UENI and OBLAVANA (V.C. LORU UCINI) are in good order, and as usual KORABALABU (V.C. GIBA UCINI) and ABUDARA (V.C. VARUN KOABA) were in spotless condition.

AGERA (V.C. LAMA NICAITA) has been destroyed by fire and is reported on under a separate heading. The DOURA villages of BOHO'OKU and VASICOOGA (V.C. JACK CONOCO) were again filthy and are also dealt with under separate heading.

### 3. VILLAGE OFFICIALS

All KOLARI Village Constables and Councillors are working well and at all times co-operated with the patrol.

MUNG VENNI, Councillor at TARAHYAI (V.C. TAMATI BABO), claimed that V.C. TAMATI was at times hot-headed and tended to bully the village people and the fact that TAMATI is a TABER man and the majority of the villagers are ASIRI only added to the trouble. However, TAMATI has married into the ASIRI clan and no other villagers complained of his behaviour. TAMATI is a good V.C. and his three villages — CHABOGAI, TARAHYAI and KOKOTONAKARA — are always in good order so it is not recommended that anything be done about this complaint. It is probably only caused by personal ill-feeling resulting from an argument some months back. JACK CONOCO, V.C. of BOHOKU and VASICOOGA, in the DOURA area is not satisfactory. He is weak, and has no control over his people and his villages are in a disgusting condition. It is recommended that a new V.C. be appointed in this area. The DOURA Councillors are most unco-operative towards the government. The Councillors want TALIO MAIACA of VASICOOGA to be the new V.C. but it is felt that if this man is appointed he will only be a stooge for the Councillors and the DOURA area will not improve. TALIO has the appearance of a surly fellow and his appointment is not recommended. TANIA KOTELWA of VASICOOGA should be the best man for the appointment.

#### 4. REST HOUSES

Rest houses are at the following villages — BOTOKA, MOTUMTU, KABIE, BOLOGO, MADILAGO, URETI, ABIDARA, CUBARIAI and VAKICOBILA. The MADILAGO Rest House badly needs repairing but all other KOIARI Rest Houses are in good condition. The DOURA Rest House at VAKICOBILA was badly in disrepair and in a filthy condition. However repairs have now been carried out and when the patrol left the DOURA area the Rest House was quite habitable. The Rest Houses at ABIDARA, CUBARIAI, BOTOKA, MOTUMTU and KABIE were paid for in trade tobacco and salt during the course of the patrol.

#### 5. ROADS AND BRIDGES

The majority of the inter-village tracks covered by the patrol were satisfactory. The stepped track between LIMA and MADILAGO needs repairing. Most of the steps have broken away and unless they are soon repaired the heavy rains of the Wet Season will complete the damage and make travelling on these steep slopes slow and difficult. Instructions have been left with the villages concerned to start this work as soon as possible. The track between KABIE and LIMA is at the best only a rough foot-pad. The country is rugged and water is scarce along this route. The track between KABIE and LIMA is at the best only a rough foot-pad. The country is rugged and water is scarce along this route. The MOTUMTU-DORZOKU track is bad. It is a faint pad winding through thick jungle. However it is anticipated that when the GOILLALA pack team moves through this area, a good track will be cut and it is suggested that the DOURA people be made responsible for its maintenance. MOTUMTU has not sufficient population to do this work. The log bridges across the BROWN River between LIMA and BIRSVILOGO are only temporary structures and will wash away in the first flood. A high suspension type bridge is badly needed at the LIMA crossing. Plenty of material is obtainable near-by and the sides of the river gorge are suitable for the construction of a bridge of this type.

#### GOILLALA PACK TEAM

A reconnaissance was made for a suitable track for these horses as far as the VANAPA River. Good fording places across the BROWN and VANAPA were located. It will be necessary to cut a track for the horses between the BROWN and the VANAPA.

#### 6. NATIVE AGRICULTURE

New gardens are being prepared in the KOIARI districts. This involves a great deal of hard work, especially on the heavily timbered river flats. Food is plentiful in most areas — exceptions are the LIMA and BOLOGO areas. However the sweet potato crop here will be sufficient for most needs until the new gardens come into production. The banana and pineapple crops in the KORAPADABU and BOTOKA areas are excellent. Traces of fruit fly were again seen in the HACHO VALLEY at BIRSVILOGO. The only hope of eradicating this pest in the KOIARI district seems to lie in the possibility of discovering an insect that will exterminate the fruit fly. The normal methods of spraying and crop destruction are impracticable here.

7. HEALTH AND HYGIENE

No serious cases of sickness were seen during this patrol.

Skin trouble is prevalent in the DOURA area minor cuts and bruises and occasional ulcer are the main complaints in the KOLARI village visited.

Once again, there was a strong demand for iodine, sticking plaster, bandages and cough medicine.

Koiari villages were all very clean but the DOURA villages were in a most unhygienic state.

8. CONDITIONS AT DOURA

Conditions at the DOURA villages of DORONOKU and VASIGORILA had not improved since the last patrol to that area — Patrol No. 1/47-48 — Excretment — human, pig and dog — littered the village areas and piles of stale and rotting fruit and vegetables were in and under the houses. Lice and snails were very bad. Visiting natives and their pigs had occupied the Rest House, which was in a dilapidated condition. No effort had been made by either the V.C. (JACK GOROGO) or the three Councillors to remedy this situation. However the villages and Rest House were all in order when the Patrol left the area.

It is felt that these DOURA villages need strict supervision.

9. MISSIONS

Mission activity in this area is not very great. There is a R.C. mission teacher at VASIGORILA. A L.M.S. teacher at GURANGAL.

Throughout the KOLARI area there seems to be a growing dislike of the S.D.A. mission and their converts. This dislike seems to be based on the meat and dancing ban, and many previous converts have reverted to pig keeping and meat eating.

10. NATIVE EDUCATION

Native education in the area is confined to the mission schools at BOTNA, GURANGAL and VASIGORILA. Quite a few grown men are attending the S.D.A. school at GURANGAL, much to the disgust of the other village men, who complain that these scholars do not work, neglect their gardens, have no money and are always asking for help either in food or money.

11. NATIVE COMPENSATION FOR WAR DAMAGE

A total amount of £275-13-6 was paid for war damage compensation during the course of the patrol.

Payments to the following villages are now completed.

— BOTNA, HADIA, MOTOMOTU, KANIE, KIENIEMU, GAWASIKI, KORABADABU, ADIDARA, GURANGAL, LARABGAL, KUNOTO AKARA, IFTIATIRI.

Several claims for damage to gardens and trees were collected in the DOURA area.

12. VILLAGE WATER SUPPLIES — HADIA AND BOTNA

HADIA villagers are sinking a well on the outskirts of their village. The well is now approximately ten feet deep and it is expected that another two feet will find good water. BOTNA villagers have asked for assistance in obtaining a pipe line and pump for their village water supply. The new village is 100 yds. from good water and it is believed that suitable piping is available in nearby American dumps. The villagers are prepared to put money into this project.

#### SORCERY IN THE KOIARI

VADA is always present in the KOMANI area but recently there have been several outbreaks and the area may need ~~surveillance~~. For some time now the NADIA people have been complaining of Vada activities by the HEBBI people and the recent death of a young woman in NADIA was immediately blamed on CHITA BANI of HEBBI. However no evidence was available and the situation was smoothed over. DEVIA MANA of HEBBI is alleged to have promised to kill by Vada all the people of KORABADABU, OMASIKI and GUMALAL. This threat allegedly arose from a quarrel over a woman. DEVIA was arrested by the KORABADABU V.C. acting under orders from the local Councillors, and brought to MELNEY. But no witnesses accompanied the V.C. and prisoner, so he was not charged as no evidence was available, and he has now returned to HEBBI. These KOIARI do not fully understand the law, and so look upon this as a victory for Vada. The villagers concerned are worried and frightened, many of them are hiding in the bush for fear that DEVIA will carry out his threat. Soon after DEVIA returned, to his village, two deaths occurred. A woman died of sickness at OMASIKI and a young boy died of snake bite at GUMALAL. These deaths were blamed on DEVIA and the father of the boy worked himself into such a state during the mourning ceremonies that he took his axe and spear and set out to kill DEVIA. However he was stopped in time but there is still a very uneasy feeling in the air in this area. The village of KOLOCO was deserted when the patrol arrived in the area. A young woman had died the previous night and the people had fled to the bush, fearing further deaths. The KEM people were blamed for this death. KAHIE people complained that the BENELOCO villagers had made magic against the KAHIE hunting dogs, and as a result they would not catch game anymore. Several KAHIE people accompanied the patrol to BENELOCO and this and several other matters were straightened out.

#### D. DESTROYATION OF AGITA VILLAGE

On approximately Friday, 31 October, 1947, the village of AGITA, in the GOLDIE River area was completely destroyed by fire. Seven houses were destroyed, large quantities of food, axes, knives, garden tools, blankets, stretchers, pots, pans, buckets, personal possessions, were all lost. It is believed that the fire was caused by flying sparks from a large grass fire carelessly lit by police from BOHANA GAOL whilst hunting in the area. The burned village was inspected on 15 November, 1947, and the damage is certainly considerable. It is a serious loss to the people. At the time of the fire all the villagers were away dancing at HEPPI. AGITA was the pre-war village of the MUSHE people. It is in a fertile area and the MUSHE people were moving back, after recently repairing all the houses, as soil at MUSHE is poor and crops had failed in the last two seasons.

15. R.P.C. CUTTING LAND AT KOKARI

Several KOIARI natives complained to the patrol that the R.P.C. was still cutting timber and bamboo on native owned land in the KOKARI area.

16. NATIVE COMPLAINT AGAINST HIGH MILE QUARRY PERSONNEL

BOTNA natives complained that HIGH MILE QUARRY personnel were in the habit of cutting bamboo in the Mt. LANDS area for buildings at the quarry. The BOTNA people regard the Mt. LANDS area as part of their land and have been asked by the Quarry people for permission to cut the bamboo. No payment has ever been made.

Several new houses with bamboo walls were seen at the quarry.

17. INDISCRIMINATE SHOOTING IN THE BOTNA AREA BY EUROPEANS

BOTNA and HADIA people complained that parties of Europeans are in the habit of coming to the area at week-ends on shooting trips. Most of these visitors are armed with .303 rifles and shoot indiscriminately at birds in the near-by swamps and bush. Quite often stray shots whine close to the villages and the people are afraid that someone may be hit. They do not object to people using shotguns in the area.

On Sunday, 16 November, 1947, the patrol was in the BOTNA area and many rifle shots were heard. One stray bullet even hit the Rest House.

18. HANABADA NATIVES IN THE BOTNA AREA

Reference Patrol Report No. 1/47-48.

HANABADA natives are still coming to the BOTNA-HADIA area. Councillor RAVATANI HEMI of KIVALA went out to BOTNA and abused the BOTNA Councillors and villagers for reporting the ~~excessive and unnecessary~~ Hannabada activities. He stated that he had been a Councillor for 25 years, was a friend of the Administrator, and that he would brook no interference with his plans by a crew of bushmen.

HEMI HEMI and HADI HEMI, both of TANGABA, are at present building gardens in the HADIA area. Approximately 12 HANABADA natives are helping them and are camped in an old house on the HADIA-BOTNA track. The local KOIARIS object to their presence and allege that they are stealing from the gardens and making general nuisances of themselves.

19. SPECIAL ARMS PERMIT

The two Councillors at BOTNA have requested that the BOTNA V.C. (AUDANI ORUA) be issued a special arms permit so that he can use the Councillors' gun on hunting trips for the village. AUDANI is an energetic man and a good shot and would probably make more use of the gun than either of the Councillors, as both are elderly men.

20. GENERAL REPORTS

All objects of the patrol were fulfilled. No trouble was experienced. Weather conditions were excellent, rain falling on only one occasion. All rivers and creeks are very low and the KOIARIS are making the most of these conditions by fishing in the water holes. Fish, crayfish and prawns are plentiful. The feasting and dancing season in the KOIARI has now practically finished.

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CAPTION

Village.	Total Male adult pop'n	Total Female adult pop'n	Total male child pop'n	Total female child pop'n	Total Pop'n
DUPERA	19	19	5	6	49
HARUA	12	6	3	2	23
MOTOMOTU	8	5	6	1	12
KABUE	15	8	5	5	33
LIMA	12	11	12	12	49
ELOLOCO	24	26	16	18	84
UBERI	12	10	8	4	34
OBALAVANA	6	4	3	1	14
QARASISEKI	7	4	7	3	21
PENEMU	8	7	9	7	31
TARABEGAI	6	4	3	2	15
KOROTOMAKARA	4	5	2	1	12
GUBABEGAI	12	11	9	6	38
IFIATINU	2	3	2	3	10
DORGOGGU	11	9	7	5	32

Total Population : 463

This population appears to be reasonably steady.

INDENTURED LABOUR

Village.	Total Male Adult pop'n	Total eligible for indenture	Total No. indentured at date of this census.	Page of eligible males absent from village under indenture
B TUKA	19	12	1	8.3
BAIMA	12	9	3	33.3
MOTUMOTU	8	7	3	42.8
KABUE	15	10	1	10
LIMA	12	8	1	12.5
ILOLOGO	24	18	4	22.2
UBERI	12	9	4	44.4
CHLAVANA	6	4	nil	nil
OANASISIKI	7	4	4	100
ENENMU	8	6	6	1.0
KARABEGAI	6	4	1	25
KOROTOMAKARA	4	2	1	50
GUABREGAI	12	9	3	33.3
IMATINU	2	nil	nil	nil
DONOKOKU	11	8	nil	nil

From the foregoing it will readily be seen that SEVEN villages are over-recruited.

BAIMA	All at MORNEBY
MOTUMOTU	All at FIVE MILE (OPA)
UBERI	All at KOTTAKI
OANASISIKI	All at KOTTAKI
ENENMU	All at KOTTAKI
KOROTOMAKARA	All at ILLOLO
GUABREGAI	All at ILLOLO

A.B. Please note that where I have put "INDENTURED", same is to be read as "SIGNED-ON LABOUR" or "CONTRACT LABOUR".

REPORT ON POLICE

A.C. ORME

The ideal patrol policeman. Competent. Shows initiative. Clean in his personal habits. Is experienced and should make a good H.C.O.

A.C. MACE

A good policeman. Experienced. Shows initiative and carries out orders well. Has an ideal attitude towards village natives.

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LAND MATTERS - LAOKI

Owing to the fact that the patrol was recalled this matter was not attended to. However the locations of the places required are known to several natives in the BOHKA area.

All points can be reached by jeep, so it is suggested that this matter can be finalised in a single day's trip.

TERITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA

File 3-1/72

District Office,  
Central Division,  
PORT MCMILLAN.

AZ/AB

21st October, 1947

Mr. R. E. Edwards, Patrol Officer,  
NEW GUINEA

BROWN RIVER CROWN LANDS

Please make preparations to conduct a patrol of the Brown River area for the purpose of ascertaining the needs of the KOLAMI natives who are now domiciled on what is referred to as the Brown River Crown Lands.

You will be accompanied by Mr. Mattick and arrangements for police Escort and Transport have already been attended to.

The villages concerned are BOTKA, TAHIA, MURAMU, KABUR, LIMA, BLOKCO, UNIK, CHALAVANA, OATASIDU, MEGGU, LARIBECA, KOROTAKARA, CHACBAL, IUPINGI and DONGERI. During your investigations endeavour to ascertain when the villagers concerned occupied the Crown Land and how much land is required by them for gardening purposes. It would be appreciated if you could, at the conclusion of your patrol, indicate on a 1" Series map the extent of land now used and likely to be required by the KOLAMI natives.

Verbal instructions will also be given to you in this regard.

(R.W. Rich)  
District Officer

TERITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA

File 3-1/750  
District Office,  
Central Division,  
POLY MUNSHY

A/A

21st October, 1947.

Mr. R.P. Edwards, Patrol Officer,  
POLY MUNSHY

LAND PATTERNS - LALOKI

Attached hereto is a description of boundaries pertaining to land purchased many years ago.

In order to assist the Department of Lands, Survey and Mines to fix the true position of the portion referred to, it would be appreciated if you could ascertain the location of the names of places referred to in the description. Please mark the position of such places on the attached map.

(H.G.W. Rich)  
District Officer

TERITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA

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510 SQUARE MILES EAST AND SOUTH LAKE

It is required that you complete your investigations  
at the earliest possible moment.

The attempt to obtain pack animals in the KULAWA area  
has been successful and as saddlery and other leather equipment  
has arrived from Australia it is necessary that an immediate endeavour  
be made to drive the animals to the GOOLALA Sub-District.

(H.C.W. Rich)  
District Officer

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510 SQUARE MILES WANTS AND YACHT LAND

It is required that you complete your investigations  
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The attempt to obtain pack animals in the BEAM area  
has been successful and as saddle and other leather equipment  
has arrived from Australia it is necessary that an immediate endeavour  
be made to drive the animals to the GOLALA Sub-District.

(R.C.W. Rich)  
District Officer