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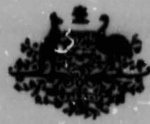
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PATROL REPORTS CENTRAL DISTRICT

BEREINA 1963/64

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-63/64	D.J.Byrne	Bush Mekeo
2-63/64	A.N.Asmussen	Kuni Census Division
3-63/64	D.J.Byrne	Nara - Kabadi Census Divisions
5-63/64	D.J.Byrne	Roro
7-63/64	D.J.Byrne	Roro
10-63/64	D.J.Byrne	Kuni Census Division
12-63/64	A.N.Asmussen	Part Mekeo and Waima Kivori and Roro
15-63/64	D.J.Byrne	Bush Mekeo Census Division
16-63/64	A.N.Asmussen	Roro and Waima Kivori C/Ds
17-63/64	A.N.Asmussen	Upper Mekeo Census Division
18-63/64	D.J.Byrne	Bush Mekeo Census Division
19-63/64	T.Heuston	Waima Kivori Census Division



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Kairuku. Report No. 1/63.64

Patrol Conducted by D.J. Byrne. C.P.O.

Area Patrolled BUSH MEKEO.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL.

Natives 1 clerk, 1 R.P.N.G.C.

Duration--From 1/7/1963 to 9/7/1963

Number of Days 9.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services 1/7/1963

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Common Roll. Tax-Census.

Routine Administration.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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*District Commissioner*

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

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

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

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Konedobu, Papua.

1st August, 1963.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1-63/64 - KAIRUKU:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report  
is acknowledged with thanks.

I think action should be taken now in the matter  
of re-siting PIUNZA as it is evident that the river will  
break through.

The absence of large numbers of both men and  
women from the Sub-District in Moresby is deplorable but  
there is little we can do about it except make their home  
life more attractive.

It is unfortunate that the cost of airfreight-  
ing oranges from MAIPA proved so expensive that it is no  
longer economic. Perhaps if there was a person capable of  
organising the marketing of the fruit at MAIPA they might  
have some success. Is there such a person amongst the local  
people prepared to undertake such a job? I agree that the  
completion of the road will assist in resolving the problem.

I think you should press for the services of a  
Land Commissioner to settle the dispute concerning the MAIPA  
airstrip under subject heading.

It is heartening to note that large amounts of  
rice were observed, bagged, along the river bank in prepar-  
ation for sale.

A very good first solo effort by Mr. Byrne.

(J.E. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby

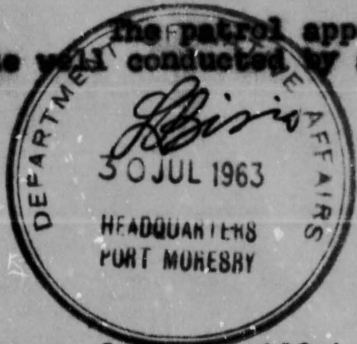
25th July, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,  
Bereina.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1. 63-64. MR. D. J. BYRNE, C.P.O.

Thank you for your memorandum 67-1-2 of 22nd July, also the above patrol report.

- 2. There appears to be no Patrol Instruction was issued.
- 3. May I suggest that you issue Patrol Instructions to any officer proceeding on patrol. These not only lay down what he is to do, but also is a very good guide to the patrolling officer, especially a cadet.
- 4. The patrol appears to have been a routine one and quite well conducted by an officer on his first solo patrol.



*D.*  
**(F.G. DRIVER)**  
**DISTRICT OFFICER.**

→ cc. Director of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

Two copies are forwarded together with census statistics, for your information, please.

*F.G. Driver*  
**(F.G. DRIVER)**  
**DISTRICT OFFICER.**  
25.7.63.

GL/ha

67-1-2

Sub-District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
BEREINA.

22nd July, 1963.

District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU 1/63-64.

1. Attached hereto please find the above report submitted by Mr. D.J. Byrne, Cadet Patrol Officer.

2. The main purpose of the patrol was to compile the Common Roll in respect of the Bush Makeo. At the same time the census was revised and Mr. Bera Baupua collected tax in the area.

3. Some comments on the report follow:

Para. 5. There are already large numbers of shotguns through out the area.

Para. 6. The village of PIUNGA is being cut by the river breaking through at the rear of the village. If the river does eventually break through the people will have to find a new village site.

Para. 7. This also applies to other areas of the Sub-District. Large numbers of both men and women from the Sub-District are absent in Moresby and as far as I can ascertain the majority of them do not work.

Para. 10 - 13.

STOL have virtually ceased all operations into Maipa mainly because they found that the costs of airfreighting oranges etc from Maipa to Moresby. This strip has been a cause for dispute among the Bush Makeo people for some time now. The land dispute was recorded with the Native Lands Commissioner some years ago.

Para. 15. This road is going to have a number of problems associated with its construction. If it can be built it will solve the problems these people experience in getting their produce to a market.

Para. 17. There are already sufficient ferrymen in the Bush Makeo. There are no vacant positions available.

Para. 21. Records of Service are forwarded under separate cover.

Para. 30. The Co-operative Officer from Kukipi has visited Apanapi and discussed this matter with the people. This village has easier access through Kukipi than Bereina, being only 3 hours by outboard from that station.



4. This was Mr. Byrne's first solo patrol and although the report is marred by typing errors he has submitted a reasonable report.

5. Claims for Camping Allowance and census figures are attached.

  
(G. Lambden).  
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 67-2-34.

Sub-District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
BEREINA.

Assistant District Officer,  
West Central Division,  
BEREINA.

DIARY PATROL REPORT No. 1/63-64. KAIRUKU.

- 1/7/63. 0930 Departed Bereina for Babanongo.  
1100 Reached farthest point of Tractor travel. Patrol gear  
carried to Makunga River, thence to village by canoe.  
Arrived village 1200.  
1300 Tax and Census conducted.  
Slept BABANGGO.
- 2/7/63. 0800. Departed for Apanaiipi by canoe.  
1330. Arrived Apanaiipi.  
1400. Tax and Census conducted.  
Slept APANAIIPI.
- 3/7/63. 1000. Departed for Piunga by canoe. 5½ hrs. upriver from  
Apanaiipi.  
1630. Tax and Census conducted.  
Slept PIUNGA.
- 4/7/63. 0800. Departed Piunga by foot to Ameiaka. 20 mins. walk.  
Tax and Census conducted.  
1100. Departed Ameiaka for Inaukina. Arriving 1200.  
1400. Tax and Census conducted, minor village troubles.  
Slept Inaukina.
- 5/7/63. 0800. Departed for Maipa. 1¼ hr. walk along good track.  
1330. Tax and Census conducted.  
Slept Maipa.
- 6/7/63. 0800-1200. Heard complaints from Maipa people concerning  
airstrip. Compiled Common Roll for all villages visited so  
far.  
Slept Maipa.
- 7/7/63. Sunday. Orbseved Maipa.  
Slept Maipa.
- 8/7/63. 0800. Departed for Ioi-1¼ hrs. along forest track.  
Tax and Census conducted.  
1100. Departed for Engefa. 2¼ hrs. along forest track, covered  
in parts by thigh deep water.  
1500. Tax and Census conducted.  
Slept Engefa.
- 9/7/63. 0800. Heard minor complaints.  
0930. Departed for Mukunga River - 1¼ hrs. walk.  
1200. A.D.O. arrived. Informed Landrover bogged.  
Gear carried to Landrover Vehicle freed.  
1600. Arrived Bereina.

END OF PATROL.

KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT No.1/63-64.

Introduction.

1. The duties of this Patrol were as follows,
  - A. Compilation of Common Roll for Bush Mekeo.
  - B. Census.
  - C. Tax.
  - D. Routine Administration.
2. The last Patrol to the area was carried out by Mr.D.Read P.O.exactly one year ago.
3. The first section of the Patrol was carried out over a savannah area, (Babanongo-Apanaipi) this area is traversed entirely by canoe. The later(upper) section of the Patrol (from Piunga to Engefa) is a flat Rain forest area.

Native Affairs.

4. The Patrol was received well in all villages and both fresh food and carriers were obtainable without request.
5. Requests for S.A.P. Permits have all but ceased, the people knowing that until their population increases, no Permits will be issued. At present game is plentiful in the region and will continue to be so, but only if Nos. of guns issued is kept to a minimum.
6. The situation of Piunga village (see parg.7.Kai.Patrol report No.1./62-63.) remains unaltered, the people showing little interest in moving as yet.
7. Little trouble was experienced in collecting Tax, many men, however are absent at Port Moresby. The majority of these it seems are just wandering around and show no interest in returning to their villages.

Laws and Order.

8. Minor complaints mainly concerning pigs were prevalent on Patrol, these were settled satisfactorily between the parties concerned.
9. Six Apanaipi men were sent to Bereina for failing to obey instructions to rebuild their houses as per instructions of D.Read P.O.
10. At Maipa a dispute concerning payment air fares had occurred, and has since grown into a land dispute concerning ownership of the now disused Maipa Airstrip. The difference between fares and charters is something that the majority of the people do not understand. This situation arose through a Maipa man chartering the STOL Cessna and then led to confusion after an Inaukina (neighbouring village) man was let on the Aircraft with his fare paid in Moresby. The pilot of the aircraft told the Inaukina man that he would have pay the Maipa gentleman the fare when he returned from Moresby. The Inaukina man stated that his brother owned the airstrip land and that he was not paying the Maipa man a penny. Since then strained relations have existed between Maipa and Inaukina.
11. As nobody knows the cost of either a fare or charter STOL air services will have to be consulted before a decision can be reached on who has to pay who. The main reason for this is that the fare could have been deducted from the charter cost.

12. An old land dispute between Maipa, Ioi and Engefa was brought before the Patrol at Engefa. The main parties Maipa and Ioi both claim ownership to the land now being used by the Engefa's. The Maipa people gave the use of the land to the Engefa's. The complaints of the Ioi people, are that they should have been consulted before such a move.

13. This land dispute is a long standing one, and as recorded regularly in the village book, neither side is prepared compromise and as usual no agreement was reached by the Patrol.

#### Roads and Bridges.

14. Canoe travel is the main means of travel around the Bush Mekeo. (lower villages only). The rest of the villages are reached by foot. Reasonable foot tracks between Ameiaka and Maipa. The remaining tracks (Maipa, Ioi, Engefa, Makunga river.) are just tracks through the forest interspersed with sections of the thigh deep water.

15. The Agriculture Extension Officer at Beipa is attempting at present to build a tractor road from Beipa to Maipa. The road at present extends to the Makunga river. Building this road is no mean task and if it can be completed with the meagre amount of machinery the Officer has it will be a tribute to his perseverance and the capabilities of a Caterpillar D 2 tractor.

16. Administration Ferryman provided good services throughout the Patrol and complaints by villagers concerning their services only occurred once. This was at the Makunga river ferry where the ferryman and his canoe have both reached the retiring age. A new Ferryman was appointed by the Patrol. This new man being an Engefa man and the old ferryman being a Beipa man, slight disagreement is expected as this section of land on which the Ferryman resides is in dispute, as with most portions of land in this region.

17. A request by the Babanongo Ferryman to have an extra Ferryman for the village was referred to the A.D.O. Bereina who disallowed the request for reason of present policy regarding Ferryman.

#### Medical and Health.

18. The Catholic Mission maintains a Hospital at Beipa, which is staffed by a trained Sister. This Hospital serves the Mekeo and the Bush Mekeo.

19. The only Government Aid Post is at Piunga. This has to serve a large number of scattered villages.

20. All people are healthy, only four deaths being recorded this year out of a total population of 1477.

#### Villages and village Officials.

21. All villages were in a tidy, clean condition when the Patrol passed through.

22. Good rest house are to be found at all villages with the exception of Ameiaka which has no rest house because of the easy access to Inaukina.

23. The V.C. at Maipa tendered his resignation and a new V.C. was appointed, The necessary forms are attached for this appointment.

#### Mission.

24. The Roman Catholic Mission is the only Mission in the region and Churches are to be found in all villages.

Education.

25. Once again entirely in the hands of the Mission, all village school teach to Standard 2. On successful completion of this standard pupils may attend either Mainohana or Yule Island schools.

Economic Development.

26. The Maipa airstrip is now at standstill, all services being ceased two months ago by STOL air services because it was uneconomic concern.

27. The main cash income of the lower Bush Mekeo villages would be through the sale of rice and vegetables to the L.M.S. Mission at Lese and to the coastal people.

28. A number of village people of Apanapi and Piunga are making a considerable amount of money shooting crocodiles and marketing the skins in Moresby.

29. The villages of Maipa and Inaukina have already planted Coffee trees in excess of 4000 trees, many of these are now bearing and the Maipa people have now purchased a hand operated machine for the separating of the Coffee nut from its outer case.

30. The Apanapi people are now a little closer to starting their Co-Operative Society, with £400 in hand they are approximately half way to the target figure set by the Kukipi Co-Op. Inspector for the commencement of their store.

Agriculture.

31. The Agricultural Extension Station at Beipa, is helping through its field workers plant more coffee in all Bush Mekeo (upper villages).

32. Their main function in the lower villages is the marking and pegging of coconut plots. These lower villages grow large amounts of rice, this was observed by the large amounts seen bagged along the river bank in preparation for a sale at the L.M.S. Mission at Lese.

Conclusion.

33. A pleasant and informative Patrol.

*D. J. Byrne.*

(D.J.Byrne).  
Cadet Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of... **WEST CENTRAL** ..... Report No... **KAI 2 of 1963-64** .....

Patrol Conducted by... **A. N. ASMUSSEN PJO** .....

Area Patrolled... **KUNI CENSUS DIVISION** .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... **NIL** .....

Naives... **1 RPNGG, 1 interpreter**

Duration—From... **3./7/63** to... **12./7/63** .....

Number of Days... **10** .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?... **NO** .....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... **4./19.62.**

Medical... **?** ...../19.....

Map Reference... **KAIRUKU SUB-DISTRICT CENSUS MAP** .....

Objects of Patrol... **CENSUS REVISION AND COMM. ROLL COMPILATION** .....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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*District Commissioner*

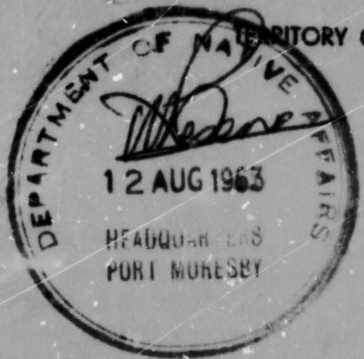
Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £.....

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

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



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-1-0

District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby.

7th August, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU 2 of 1963-64  
MR.A.N.ASMUSSEN P.O.

Two copies of the above report are forwarded; apparently only verbal Patrol Instructions were issued to the Patrolling Officer. Census figures for the area are also forwarded.

2. The completion of this sector completes the compilation of the Common Roll for this area.
3. The movement of the Kuni people is obviously not complete. They are still uncertain as to what they want but, with careful handling, I feel they could be made into quite a solid unit of economic crop producers. The older people, stayed in their ways, will naturally prefer their old haunts and it is to the younger people we must turn and try and assist them in what is virtually a spontaneous self-help programme. These people have been assisted greatly by the Rev. Fr. Ball of the Catholic Mission, Kubuna. A close watch will be kept on these people until they are in a more stable settlement.
4. The resettlement of the Kubuna area will naturally need closer administration. Unfortunately, staff at Bereina does not permit this to any great extent at present, but with staff improvements this can be done.
5. Unfortunately, the patrol was of such a hurried nature that closer observations were not possible and a more leisurely patrol is required. The A.D.O. will be asked to see that this is done next patrol.
6. Claims for camping allowance have been attended to.
8. It is still necessary for *(Signature)* to return to their original haunts every *(Signature)* at *(Signature)* and others will be a great deal of *(Signature)* and *(Signature)*.

*(Signature)*  
(F.G. DRIVER)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.



GL/ha

67-1-2

Sub-District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
BEREINA.

31st July, 1963.

District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU 2 OF 1963-64.

1. Attached please find the above report in triplicate.
2. The main purpose of the patrol was to compile the common roll in respect of the Kuni Census Division. The Kairuku Sub-District had been given a dead line of the 15th July to have the roll completed. It was thus necessary for Mr. Asmussen to complete the patrol and return to the station by the 12th July. This was important as I consider that an experienced officer should spend some time in the area assisting and guiding the people.
3. The present staff situation of this Sub-District makes this impossible Mr. Asmussen had to be taken away from the supervision of the 2 councils to complete this patrol. The only other officer available is Mr. Byrne, a Cadet Patrol Officer with under 12 months experience.
4. The theft of goods at Kubuna has been investigated by a European Police Officer but it will be necessary for Mr. Asmussen to go to Moresby sometime in the near future to give evidence.
5. As reported by Mr. Asmussen the Kuni is in a state of flux but I consider that this was inevitable and that as the Bakoi'udu scheme settles down the situation will improve. Once the area has settled down it will be necessary to revise census groupings, village officials etc.
6. It is still necessary for the Kuni people to return to their original hamlets every so often. Gardens at Bakoi'udu are still not completed and up until such time as they are there will be a great deal of movement between the old sites and Bakoi'udu.
7. I consider that this particular area of the Sub-District will, in time, become one of the richer areas of the Sub-District. The potential is there and there is a growing demand for economic development <sup>amongst</sup> the people.

3/7/53 Depart Barrow 11:30 AM company with one Danish Interpreter

8. **I agree with Mr. Amussen's comment that <sup>need</sup> Administrative assistance and attention should be paid to the area. As stated previously, the present staff situation of the Sub-District will not allow this. With the present staff level we are barely able to maintain the status quo.**

9. **Camping allowance claims and census figures are attached.**

4/7/53 Census and Census Roll of Iqoio, Isoka and Epe villages. Camp 1950, Depart Barrow 11:30 AM arriving Barrow 1900.

*Handwritten signature*

5/7/53 Census and Census Roll of Iqoio, Isoka and Epe villages present and report of theft of goods from Soldier Settler's house at Kutana at 1900. Completed regarding Mediu people and reported Barrow 1930 for 1950. Inspected site and designated several people and advised A.D.O. Barrow by mail of results. Part persons later taken into custody.

**(G. Lambson),  
Assistant District Officer.**

6/7/53 Census and Census Roll of Iqoio, Isoka and Epe villages present and report of theft of goods from Soldier Settler's house at Kutana at 1900. Completed regarding Mediu people and reported Barrow 1930 for 1950. Inspected site and designated several people and advised A.D.O. Barrow by mail of results. Part persons later taken into custody.

7/7/53 Census and Census Roll of Iqoio, Isoka and Epe villages present and report of theft of goods from Soldier Settler's house at Kutana at 1900. Completed regarding Mediu people and reported Barrow 1930 for 1950. Inspected site and designated several people and advised A.D.O. Barrow by mail of results. Part persons later taken into custody.

8/7/53 Census and Census Roll of Iqoio, Isoka and Epe villages present and report of theft of goods from Soldier Settler's house at Kutana at 1900. Completed regarding Mediu people and reported Barrow 1930 for 1950. Inspected site and designated several people and advised A.D.O. Barrow by mail of results. Part persons later taken into custody.

9/7/53 Census and Census Roll of Iqoio, Isoka and Epe villages present and report of theft of goods from Soldier Settler's house at Kutana at 1900. Completed regarding Mediu people and reported Barrow 1930 for 1950. Inspected site and designated several people and advised A.D.O. Barrow by mail of results. Part persons later taken into custody.

10/7/53 Census and Census Roll of Iqoio, Isoka and Epe villages present and report of theft of goods from Soldier Settler's house at Kutana at 1900. Completed regarding Mediu people and reported Barrow 1930 for 1950. Inspected site and designated several people and advised A.D.O. Barrow by mail of results. Part persons later taken into custody.

11/7/53 Census and Census Roll of Iqoio, Isoka and Epe villages present and report of theft of goods from Soldier Settler's house at Kutana at 1900. Completed regarding Mediu people and reported Barrow 1930 for 1950. Inspected site and designated several people and advised A.D.O. Barrow by mail of results. Part persons later taken into custody.

12/7/53 Census and Census Roll of Iqoio, Isoka and Epe villages present and report of theft of goods from Soldier Settler's house at Kutana at 1900. Completed regarding Mediu people and reported Barrow 1930 for 1950. Inspected site and designated several people and advised A.D.O. Barrow by mail of results. Part persons later taken into custody.

DIARY

3/7/63 Depart Bereina 0950 in company with one Trainee Interpreter arriving Oriopetana 1020. Arrived Inawais 1200. Pushed on to Kubuna via Aropokina arriving Rest House 1630. One R.P.N.G.C. sent to advise of coming patrol contacted at Kubuna.

Night : at Kubuna.

4/7/63 Census and Common Roll of Idoido, Lapaka and Epa villages. Completed 1500. Depart Kubuna 1530 arriving Bakoiudu 1700. Set up camp.

Night : at Bakoiudu.

5/7/63 Census and Common Roll 0800 of Inawaka and Madiu. Other villages present awaiting census also. Received report of theft of goods from Soldier Settler's house at Kubuna at 1100. Completed remaining Madiu people and departed Bakoiudu 1130 for Kubuna arriving 1230. Inspected site and questioned several people and advised A.D.O. Bereina by radio of events. Four persons later taken into custody.

Night : at Kubuna.

6/7/63 Advised A.D.O. of apprehension of suspects. A.D.O. advised that a police officer from Port Moresby would investigate. Returned Bakoiudu 1130.

Afternoon resumed census and common roll completing villages of Vale IV, Dilawa, Aijavei and Iumu.

Night : at Bakoiudu.

7/7/63 Sunday - observed. Census statistics.

Night : at Bakoiudu.

8/7/63 Census and common roll Maimai, Ilailava, Koaka and Keakamana villages. Completed 1430. Afternoon spent in discussion with village officials on re-settlement difficulties.

1515 police officer from Port Moresby arrived re. theft of last Friday (see above 5/7/63). Made statement. Heavy rain commenced 1615.

Night : at Bakoiudu.

9/7/63 Census and common roll of Vale I, Vale II, Vale III, Youaka and Iaifa villages. Work ceased 1615 due heavy rain.

Night : at Bakoiudu.

10/7/63 Census and Common Roll Deva Deva I and II. Depart Bakoiuda 1130 arriving Kubuna 1330. Set up camp. 1700 census and Common Roll Bubuni village. Completed 1800.

Night : at Kubuna.

11/7/63 Attempt depart Kubuna for Bereina. Kubuna river in flood and unable make crossing - weatherbound all day.

Night : at Kubuna.

12/7/63 Depart Kubuna 0900 - effected crossing Kubuna river and arrived Oriopetana 1430. Returned Bereina 1500.

End of Patrol

INTRODUCTION

The prime object of this patrol was the completion of the common roll for the sub-district. From the time the patrol departed Bereina on 3/7/63, there remained twelve days for the completion of the Kuni section of the Common Roll. The roll was to be forwarded to the Returning Officer, Lakekamu Electorate no later than 1<sup>st</sup> July. This explains the hurried nature of the patrol, which became more insistent after delays encountered over the "breaking and entering" reported at Kubuna.

There are a total of 20 villages in this census division, housing 2084 people.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Kuni resettlement scheme in progress at Bakoiudu is in full swing. Some 70 acres are cleared of major growth, though a great deal more must be done prior to plantings. I was informed that at least 140 acres will be required as cleared for plantings due to commence in January 1964.

However other difficulties are being experienced in the scheme. A very high proportion of the elder age groups are still in residence at the old village sites. This is inevitable, but serves as an attraction to other family groups who had been prepared to settle at Bakoiudu. Serious fragmentation has occurred in villages, sometimes down to the basic family level.

The Bakoiudu area is sparse in gardens, game and bush medicines. There is a noticeable feeling of "home-sickness" for the old areas. These groups are traditionally nomadic, and for them, this attempt at settling together in one spot is against their natural tendencies. The Bakoiudu region peoples may, at this stage, be roughly classified into three groups.

- (a) Those genuinely making an effort at resettlement.
- (b) A shiftless group, uncertain as to their wants, gyrating between the old villages and Bakoiudu, and spending about 5% of their time at Bakoiudu.
- (c) A proportion of about one third of the Kuni people who are just not interested. Some are resident at old

village sites, most have migrated to distant new sites far from Bakoiudu, eg.

- (i) Deva Deva II and others - to Auloli on the Goilala border area.
- (ii) Koaka/Iaifa fragments and others - to Upapa on Mekeo border area.
- (iii) General village fragments to Inika, bordering on Gabadi area.

It was not possible with the deadline of 15th July for Common Roll finalisation, to visit all these areas and remnants. However all Kuni people, previously recorded in the Kuni area, still appear, in the Roll, as Kuni villagers. This was necessary for completeness.

Drastic review of the village breakup and number of new villages will be necessary once this area has settled down. At present the Kuni people are in a highly unsettled state. No cohesive picture of present situation can be given with any degree of accuracy. There does, however, appear to be a social and economic awareness amongst the more stable of the settled groups. There is a desire for economic development, coupled, I feel, with a want of material goods. This appears to be one driving force.

The resettlement scheme is confused by the social upheaval caused by uprooting of social groups "en-masse", latent fragmentation, and subsequent indecision resultant from existing social ties, loyalties and emergence of new leaders.

As reported above, the area is highly unsettled and in a state of flux. There is the emergence, from this transition period, of a new cohesive picture, but this is so indefinite, as to be almost non-existent, at present. Future outlook appears promising, and the present situation should rapidly improve.

#### NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

There are few gardens in the Bakoiudu area. New gardens are under development, and until such time as these produce in sufficient quantity, permanent settlement at Bakoiudu is difficult for the populace.

Commercial crops are not out of the nursery stage at present. Coffee and rubber are to be planted in 1964, however

rubber plantings will be short, as I was informed only 35% germination was obtained.

Most village livestock is in the old villages.

#### MEDICAL AND HEALTH

The Aid Post under construction at Bakoiudu is nearing completion. One T.B. abscondee from Yule Is was returned to the hospital. On the whole, general health appeared fair.

#### EDUCATION

This is wholly in the hands of the Catholic Mission. The nearest Administration school is at Yule Island.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES

This is difficult country for road building. The recent road works completed by P.W.D. are deteriorating in many places, a result of heavy rains and traffic of timber trucks. There is little road maintenance carried out.

#### VILLAGE OFFICIALS

For a population of two thousand people, the number of village constables (at least 20) seems excessive. With the resettlement scheme, and scattered hamlets, some Village Constables represent as few as four families. Once the area settles down, it is recommended that a review be taken of the dispersion and number of village constables. This is not possible at present.

On the whole, village officials ~~are~~ are conscientious and assisted the patrol in every way.

#### CENSUS

As a result of the resettlement scheme, present village breakup on the census sheets is a mess. The newly emerging hamlets at Bakoiudu are retaining their old village identities. Several amalgamations are in process of taking place, but the uncertainty as to future residence of breakaway groups, so

distorts the picture, that an accurate review is impossible. Some definite outline should be emerging within six months or so.

It may be possible to reorganise the census sheets for the Bakoiudu settlement on a geographical instead of group basis. It should be noted that these settling groups are scattered over several square miles, with no apparent group conformity. Further, settlement areas cannot be finalised until proposed Land Titles and Conversion legislation is dealt with by Legco, to provide a means of securing tenure for the settlers.

Village population Registers are attached hereto. Tax Census ~~ADJUST~~ Adjustment Advice sheets have been completed and forwarded.

#### LAW AND ORDER

No native complaints were received by the patrol.

As recorded in DIARY under 5/5/63, information as to breaking and entering the residence of a soldier-settler at Kubuna was received and investigated. Advice of the offence was radioed to A.D.O. Bereina, who advised that Police H.Q. Port Moresby was to be contacted. In the interim, four suspects were questioned and taken into custody, together with the stolen goods. A police officer arrived from Port Moresby, returning with two of the suspects.

I received information that offences of this nature were not uncommon in the Kubuna area.

#### CONCLUSION

The ten days spent by this patrol in the Kuni area were insufficient for effective administration. This was necessitated by the Common Roll compilation deadline of 15th July.

Frequent references have been made in the past to the Kuni census division as the "backwater" of the sub-district. With the present soldier-settler scheme in progress at Kubuna and the Kuni resettlement scheme at Bakoiudu, frequent queries were made to the writer by both European and native residents



of the possibility for more administrative attention to the area.

I would recommend more frequent visits of longer ~~max~~ duration. The unsettled nature of the Kuni people themselves, coupled with the Bakoiudu resettlement scheme, and the initial difficulties, need, I feel, closer attention and sympathy. Morale in the area is high. The Kuni people are rapidly passing the "backwater" stage - administrative assistance and attention to emerging needs of the region by an experienced officer would be of great benefit both to the area, and the Kuni people ~~ixx~~ themselves.

*A. J. [Signature]*

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..... KAIRUKU Central District Report No..... 3/63-64

Patrol Conducted by..... D.J.A. Byrne G.P.O.

Area Patrolled..... NARA - KABADI CENSU DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... NIL

Natives..... 1 R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From...11./9./1963...to...28./9./1963..

Number of Days.....17

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../12./1963...

Medical .... /...../18.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol...Tax Census, Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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Telegrams  
Telephone  
Our Reference 67-7-3  
If calling ask for  
Mr.

District Office,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby

2nd December, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT NO. 3-63/64.

Reference your 67-1-7 of 27.11.63.

2. You are surely joking in your final paragraph when you use words such as legitimate, reasonable and respectable. In fact, the loafers have gone home for economic gain but they get it by skinning the village people of their money through gambling.

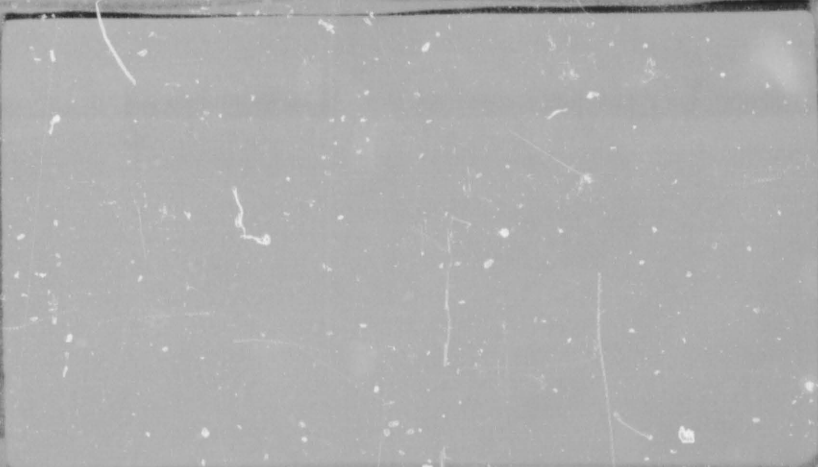
3. I do believe, however, that most people do not enjoy being loafers providing the avenues of economic gain are not too strenuous. In Port Moresby it is common for destitute people to refuse labouring work, but it is often due to the fact that they can accumulate more than £3 value per week by living off friends and relatives. The prodigal son theme is well understood and exploited by them.

4. The ruling price of sandalwood in Moresby is now 1/- per lb. Cutting is now going on at Rigo.

(E. R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

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27th November, 1963.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT NO. 3-63/64:

The above report is acknowledged.

Mr. Byrne has carried out a useful patrol, has been interested and observant and has formed opinions and expressed them in his report. This is pleasing to see, even though some of his suggestions are not acceptable, for the reasons given by the Assistant District Officer and yourself.

Your remarks about Yule Island are noted. A change will inevitably result in some inconvenience for a minority of the people of the administrative area but overall benefits must prevail. Law and order aspects would be emphasised by the people, even if indirectly, in an endeavour to force their point of view.

Where husband/wife friction exists, the aggrieved party of course makes up his or her mind on the issue of prosecution or not and outside intervention should be avoided.

I note that certain matters are being dealt with locally and I agree with you on the Council issue.

Mr. Byrne's remarks about "loafers previously in Moresby for the last few years" returning home to participate in the sandalwood boom drives home the fundamental truth of the issue, that is, these people are merely seeking legitimate economic opportunity to make a reasonable and respectable living and basically do not enjoy being "loafers".

*J.K. McCarthy*  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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District Office,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby

In Reply  
Please Quote  
~~No. 2-4~~  
67-7-3

11th October, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT NO. 3/63-64.

Report and Contingency attached.

2. Matters concerning Sandalwood, Roads and Bridges, and the establishment of a patrol post are being dealt with locally.

3. I am keen to abandon Yule Island completely and hand over buildings to health and education. A temporary post near Rogers Airstrip would meet our requirements in the general area but I consider that once the road from Port Moresby is completed, it could well be that a post is not required.

4. Law and Order is not a major source of concern in the area. What is needed more than D.N.A. supervision is Agricultural extension. I will be discussing this with the District Commissioner in our next economic development committee meeting.

5. Despite the small population I consider that we must shortly reconsider our former Local Government Council Survey Report on this area and institute a Council. We are currently resurveying the West Coast Moresby area and once this is established the only gap in coastal councils will be the Nara-Gabadi area.

(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

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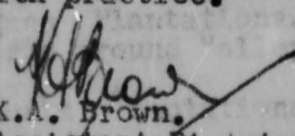
Sub-District Office,  
BEREINA.

4th October, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,  
West Central Division,  
Bereina. District Officer,  
West Central Division,  
PORT MORESEBY.

11/9/63. Departed Bereina by motor vehicle for patrol.  
1200. Arrived Port Moresby 1700.  
PATROL REPORT No. 3. of 1963-1964

- 1. Above report of patrol conducted by Mr. D. Byrne, CPO of Nara and Kabadi Census Divisions for information and comment please.
- 2. Native Affairs. Please refer my 1-4-3 of 1st October, 1963, where I asked for a ruling on the status of Kairuku. I was under the impression that ADO Kairuku was to be responsible for administrative matters brought by Nara and Kabadi natives to Kairuku. I assure you the area will not be neglected by patrols. The serious assault which was not reported will be investigated by a Patrol Officer in the near future. I agree with Mr Byrne that these people are, on the whole, law abiding. Most of their problems revolve around marital disputes.
- 3. ROADS & BRIDGES. I will pass the section on roads to District Commissioner for his information. I have already requested road maintenance funds for this section.
- 4. Economic Development. I was pleased to learn that the Nara people had at last found some way to make money. Sandalwood was taken out of the area between Ethel River and Aroa River from the turn of the century until it was worked out. Apparently seedlings from old stands have now matured. I assume officers of the Department of Forests are controlling the size of logs taken and making arrangements for reforestation.
- 5. Associated correspondence has been dealt with under appropriate files and forwarded to you for attention.
- 6. Mr. Byrne is commended for a good patrol. He carried out his instructions to the letter and as a result many outstanding routine matters were finalised. His typing is a little ragged but will improve with practice.

  
K.A. Brown,  
Assistant District Officer.

17/9/63. 1330-1430 to ...  
18/9/63. 1430-1700 by ...  
19/9/63. Slept Munda.  
2000 Departed Mission for ...  
2400 Bon Plantations.  
1000 ... Plantations.  
1100 ...  
1330 Departed for Area ...  
Inspected ...  
1400. By ...  
Slept Munda.

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Sub-District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
Bereina.

Assistant District Officer,  
West Central Division,  
Bereina.

DIARY PATROL REPORT No. 3/63-64.

- 11/9/63. Departed Bereina by Patair for Rodgers Airstrip for commencement of Patrol.  
1700. Arrived Rodgers, despatched local villager to call carriers.  
1800. Arrived Matapaili.
- 12/9/63. 0800. Tax Census Matapaili. Minor village matters discussed and T.B. abscondee advised to return to Kairuku.  
1053. Departed for Keveona.  
1123. Arrived Keveona.  
1300-1600 Inspected Aroa vehicle ferry and issued instructions for the securing of same.  
Night Common Roll Discussions.  
Slept Keveona.
- 13/9/63. 0800-1200 Tax, Census Kopuana, Keveona and Ukaukana.  
1300-1700 Discussions with Village officials and inspection of all villages.  
Slept Keveona.
- 14/9/63. 0700 by bicycle to Pinu.  
1000 Commenced Tax & Census.  
1330-1600. Minor complaints & inspected village.  
Night. Common Roll discussions with school teachers.  
Slept Pinu.
- 15/9/63. Sundry observed.  
Slept Pinu.
- 16/9/63. 0730 ~~Tou Tou~~ Tou Tou Plantation by jeep.  
0815-1000 Discussions with Mr. Kassman re tractor loans & Common Roll.  
1000. Departed by Launch for Manu Manu.  
1115. Inspected Manu Manu and thence by launch and foot to Veimauriu Plantation. (inspected Aiva Badina en-route.)  
1600. Arrived Veimauriu Plantation.  
Slept Veimauriu.
- 17/9/63. 0900. Departed for Mariboi.  
1015. Arrived Mariboi. Discussions with Manager until 1330 thence by Jeep to Rubberlands Plantation.  
1415. Arrived Catholic Mission, Kanssia.  
Slept Mission.
- 18/9/63. 0800-1200 Inspected nearby Mixed Race Plantations.  
1330-1430 To remaining Mixed Race Plantations.  
1430-1700 By boat for quick trip around Galley Reach.  
Slept Mission.
- 19/9/63. 0800 Departed Mission for Kanosia Plantations.  
0900 Doa Plantations.  
1000 Loloura Plantation.  
1100 Kanosia "  
1330 Departed for Aroa river crossing by Kanosia Landrover.  
Inspected barge once again.  
1400. By foot to Hisiu. arriving 1500.  
Slept Hisiu.

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- 20/9/63 0800 1200 Tax & Census Hisiu village.  
1330-1600 To Area Plantation to see Manager.
- 21/9/63. 0800-1200 Inspected village, and enquires re extension of land for Primary "T" school.  
1330-1600 Census figures.  
Slept Hisiu.
- 22/9/63. Sunday Observed.  
Slept Hisiu.
- 23/9/63. To Obu Plantation by tractor; discussions with Manager thence to Ala Ala.  
1130 Tax Census Ala Ala.  
1330 Departed for Orof. by tractor arriving 1600.  
1700 Tax Census Orof.  
Slept Orof.
- 24/9/63. 0600 Inspected Bridge & Road culverts.  
0800 Departed for Diumana.  
1130 Arrived Diumana.  
1330 Inspection of extension of road right to Diumana.  
Diumana.  
1500. Tax, Census Diumana.  
1530. To Kaiiau.  
1600. Tax, Census Kaiiau.  
Night Common Roll Discussions.  
Slept Kaiiau.
- 25/9/63. 0800 Departed for Tubu- arriving 0830.  
0900 Tax Census Tubu.  
1330 Departed for Vanuamai, arriving 1630.  
Night Discussions with villagers on the selling of Sandlewood.  
Slept Vanuamai.
- 26/9/63. 0700 Tax, Census, minor complaint heard re Nikuva people cutting Sandlewood in Vanuamai land.  
1000 Departed for Bereina, arriving 1230. Thence by canoe to Kairuku.  
1330-1600 Discussions with A.D.O. Kairuku.  
Slept Kairuku.
- 27/9/63. 0930 To Delena by D.A.S.F. boat thence to CU U creek Plantation by bicycle. Inspected road en-route.  
1000-1330 Discussion with Manager re- roads and Sandlewood.  
1400 To Keabada. Contacted T.B. abscondee.  
1500 To Delena. Visited L.M.S. Minister.  
1530 Return to Kairuku by canoe.  
Slept Kairuku.
- 28/9/63. 0730. Departed Kairuku for Aviana Beach. Too rough to land so landed at Mou village. Thence return to Bereina by motor cycle, foot and tractor.  
1130. Arrived-Bereina Bereina.

END OF PATROL



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PATROL REPORT No. 3/53-64.

Introduction.

1. The object of this Patrol was merely Routine Tax- Census, General Administration and a few special items as mentioned in the Patrol Instructions.
2. The last Patrol to the Kabadi area was carried out by Mr. Parker C.P.O. in December this last year, although the writer has made two brief visits to the area this year. The Nara area was last patrolled by A.D.O. Kairuku in September last year.

Native Affairs.

3. The major point brought to the attention of the Patrol in this matter was the movement of the Sub-District Office from Kairuku to Bereina. All villages voiced the opinion that it is too far to go to Bereina for Courts and other village matters and many punishable offences have occurred recently but due to the distance involved have not been reported & were not reported to the Patrol for fear of all concerned having to make the trip to Bereina.
4. It would appear that Kairuku was of a favourable distance for even the lower Kabadi villages (eg. Natapail) but that Bereina is definitely out of the question.
5. The majority of the people are somewhat dismayed that not even a Patrol Post was maintained at Kairuku for the lower region of the Sub-District, and the people concerned have a feeling that we are looking after the Council areas and casting aside the rest of the Sub-District.
6. At Vanuamai there was a request that the Mikura people cease cutting Sandlewood on Vanuamai land. On my return to Bereina through Mou village the Mikura L.G. Councillor was contacted re this matter and as this is the first he has heard of this he intends going to Vanuamai to discuss the matter. If it cannot be settled between the villages something further will have to be done soon because of the large amount of money the Sandlewood trees represent.

Law & Order.

7. Only a few minor matters were brought before the Patrol. These contained only the usual pig problems.
8. As I have already stated I think many punishable offences have been committed but not reported due to the trouble involved in reaching Bereina.
9. I know for certain that a serious case existed at Hisiu a month ago. It appears a man was slashed in ~~the arm by his wife~~ the arm by his wife with a bushknife. Only for the European schoolteacher there this man would have bled to death. He was sent to Moresby on an emergency flight and is in a satisfactory condition according to last reports. As he did not wish court action against his wife the V.C. did not bother to report the incidence. Had the distance been less than that of Hisiu - Bereina I believe the V.C. would have reported this incident.
10. Overall the Nara-Kabadi people are a law abiding crowd and have little or no complaints.
11. Requests were received from Veisauriu, Maribol, & Euberland's Plantations for the re-introducing of the Police Patrol. As these Plantations are more outlying than the Arca-Kanosia Pltns., the reintroduction of the Patrol may help settle any potential Labour Line troublemaker.

*Melby*

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Roads & Bridges.

12. In the Kabadi area, which covers all the Mariboi, Kamosia, Veimauriu and Arua Plantations, there is almost a complete network of roads linking all the Plantations and villages. Only Veimauriu Plantation is not linked by road to the other Plantations, here a reasonable foot track through undulating forest country exists. It is an 1 1/2 hr. walk from Mariboi to Veimauriu.

13. The road from Kamosia to Mariboi is trafficable only in dry weather and then only by 4 wheel drive vehicles. Two culverts between Mariboi and the Mission Station need complete rebuilding to ensure a safe crossing.

14. From the Kamosia Mission Station to Kamosia the recently completed Government road is completely rutted and washed away to reveal the uneven rock surface of the terrain. One section of the road from the Bau Bau crossing (which is an excellent example of a low level culvert- privately contracted when built) the road to the main Kamosia road is completely untrafficable after a few points of rain. The fault here is a faulty culvert. This section of road is a very touchy subject with the Plantation people and I would advise any P.W.D. representative going to the area to expect an unfriendly welcome. The point of view of these people is quite easy to understand as there are numerous 10km. wide roads built by P.W.D. which are completely and entirely unusable.

15. The roads between all Plantations are in good condition ~~having~~ and are maintained by the Plantations. The Kamosia - Rodgers road is in good condition having been completed by Roadmakers after P.W.D. had left. At present there are four 6' & four 28' culvert pipes at Kamosia Estate, these were left by P.W.D.

16. The roads connecting all the Kabadi villages are good dry weather roads and apart from a little grasscutting are quite reasonable Jeep roads.

17. The road from Piru, although passable, is a series of bogs. There are four bad sections at present, although these could be easily built up with a few loads of rock or gravel filling and the placement of a 44gal. drum causeway in one position. I believe Mr. Kessman if successful in his application for a loan to purchase a tractor could do this job at a reasonable cost.

18. The road to Hisiu from Rodgers Airstrip through the Arua ferry is still unaltered as per my road report of same (10-14-7). The Arua barge was inspected and to the laymens eye appears quite sound throughout. The barge was secured temporarily by bush canes and by posts driven into the mud to form a stockade around it. (this last method is only of very short duration as the nature of the river bed makes it impossible to sink the posts very deep). I cannot stress enough the urgency for 60' of 3" rope to secure this valuable barge for the oncoming wet season, and subsequent floods.

19. As per my Road report mentioned in the previous para. I would like to add the following clarifications re the trouble spots on the Hisiu - Helena road.

(A). Oroi Bridge.

Although the decking on this bridge is sound the three main bearers are almost rotted through and their replacement is necessary immediately to ensure the safety of the vehicles using this road. The bridge appears very sound but I was assured that it moves a great deal when even a Landrover crosses it.

(B). Ini Ini Culvert.

This needs completely rebuilding due to the fact that one pipe has been washed out and cannot be replaced until such time as the sediment which has formed in its place is removed from both its position and behind the Culvert. At present a By-Pass has been effected due to the damming effect of the culvert

At present the Culvert appears as a silted up dam and thus the traffic drives on the topside of the culvert. This position with a little heavy rain could be changed overnight and make the road impassable.

(C). Poe Poe bridge. (Hisiu side of Ou Ou creek) This requires the running decking only.

(D). Ou Ou creek culvert. This old trouble spot needs cement. Mr. Van Ryan has rebuilt the culvert so that it is passable but without cement it does not last.

(E). Delena Keabada section. One culvert requires a 44gal. drum. This is only a matter of replacement and a little rock fill to put it right.

The first bridge out of Delena is in a precarious state as all the main bearers need replacing. At present it is extremely risky taking a Landrover across because of the foot drop the bridge incurs in one corner, due to the weight of the vehicle.

The road surface is reasonably good with only a few rutted sections along the entire route.

20. All foot tracks around the Nara are in good condition.

21. At present the Diimana, Tubu and Kaiiau people are constructing the Obu - Diimana road right to the village. This was inspected and a large amount of work in cutting back the bush has already been done. The Diimana Councillor requested a few picks and shovels to help in cutting away the hill slope. I informed the Councillor that if available they will be sent immediately. After reviewing the work done and what needs to be done I believe within 10 days steady work by the village people that a tractor and Jeep track could be effected right to the village.

#### Medical & Health.

22. The Kabadi people are served by an aid post at Keveona and one at Hisiu. The Nara people have no aid post.

23. All people seem extremely healthy, especially those of the inland Nara villages. All T.S. abscondes present in the villages were contacted.

#### Villages and Village Officials.

24. There has been a further decline in the lack of authority displayed by the village officials in the Kabadi. This can only be attributed to the lack of support they receive from the Department and through the distance involved in reporting offences. As most Patrols to the area are conducted by Cadets and instructions given by these Officers (or advise) are not carried out the next Officer finds it very hard without court powers to ensure the instruction has been carried out. The visit of a Magistrate to the area on an unhurried Patrol and being ready to prosecute for instructions not carried out would improve the standing of the village officials no end.

25. A new V.C. was appointed at Ukuakana but this is not expected to relieve the situation mentioned above because he too will after an initial period of enthusiasm tire of coming all the way to Bereina.

#### Mission.

26. Both the Catholic Mission and London Missionary Society are represented in the Nara - Kabadi, both maintain churches in their respective villages.

#### Education.

Education.

27. There is a Primary "T" school at both Piru and Hisiu, the one at Hisiu being in charge of a European Teacher. There are 120 children attending the Hisiu school and absenteeism is almost unheard of.

28. The Catholic Mission School at Kanosia has 80 pupils drawn from the Nara, Kabadi and Mixed Race villages and Settlements.

29. Apart from these three centres a few children are taught by the L.M.S. pastors in the Nara villages of Diumana and Oroi and by a C.M. teacher in Vanuamai.

30. The position of the Nara villages is such that a permanent income cannot be derived from the dry country. The only thing that can be done for these few people is to educate them so as to enable them to make a living away from their own area. Obviously this cannot be done with the older generation but a Primary "T" school established for the Nara villages would be of immense help in giving these villages people a cash income.

Economic Development.

31. The Rubber and Copra Plantations that exist in the Kabadi are perhaps the greatest single example of Private Enterprise in all of Rural Papua. The Rubber Plantations especially those of Doa, Loloura, Kanosia, and Mariboi - Rubberlands are all clearing and terracing large areas of hillslopes for future development.

32. The economic development of the Kabadi people is still unaltered from the years before, the people continuing to grow and sell vegetables in Port Moresby. The Co-op Societies at Pinu-Hisiu-Matapaili and Ukaukana appear to be running satisfactorily and together with the couple of private stores provide the community with their basic Commodities.

33. Previously the Nara area of this Sub-District was the poorest, apart from abundant animal life and the usual subsistence crops little income was received except for the odd trading trip to Moresby to sell what vegetables and foodstuffs that could be spared.

34. Now however with the present demand for Sandlewood the Nara people have literally struck it rich. From my discussions with Mr. Van Ryan, who is purchasing the Sandlewood I learnt that over the past year he has purchased some 34 tons from the Nara people (mainly Diumana, Kalau, Tubu and Vanuamai). This amount at 6 d. a lb. less 10% (for dryage of the timber between Ou Ou creek and Port Moresby, loss of weight) means that approx. £1700 has been ~~distributed~~ distributed over the last year approx. 2750 people of all ages. With more Sandlewood being bought every day the amount is thus in excess of £1700. What is being done with this money is hard to ascertain; the Diumana people recently purchased 60 bags of flour, they are obviously living well. Cards are reported to be at an all time high although none were encountered by the Patrol. An interesting point is many of the loafers previously in Moresby for the last few years have returned home to join in the Boom period.

35. Mr. Van Ryan is purchasing all Sandlewood logs that are 5" in diameter and 5' long. He incurs the expense of picking and sending to Moresby.

36. As far as I can ascertain the future of this industry is definitely limited. No new planting is being done and existing uncut trees are now well back into the bush making the gathering of them a long hard job.



Agriculture.

37. Apart from the usual subsistence crops found in all villages no other crops were observed.

Tax & Census.

38. Little or no trouble was experienced in collecting tax.

39. Census figures are attached.

Conclusion.

40. From the discussions and my observations it would appear necessary to me to re-open a Patrol Post at Kairuku to look after this portion of the Sub-District. Perhaps the A.D.C. Kairuku could be given this function to perform and thus make regular visits, maintain roads and provide Government Services to this area, thus enabling the Officers at Bereina to concentrate further on the two councils in the area and the development of the Station in general.

*D. J. Byrne*

( D.J.Byrne )  
Patrol Officer.

Associated Correspondence.

- Mission Wharf Site -Galley Reach. 50-2-1.
- Land Application Hicui Native Reserve. 34-2-2.
- Application for loan- K. Kasman. 25-2-1.
- Claim for Camping Allowance.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Kairuku, West Central. Report No. 5/63-64.

Patrol Conducted by D.J. Byrne. C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Roro . ( Babiko area only)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans nil.

Natives 1 RPNGC.

Duration—From 9/10/1963 to 12/10/1963.

Number of Days 3.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Nil.

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

Medical ...../...../18.....

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol Repair Ararana road.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of Native Affairs  
Headquarters,  
KONEDCEU.

12th November, 1963

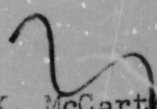
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Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL NO. 5-63/64

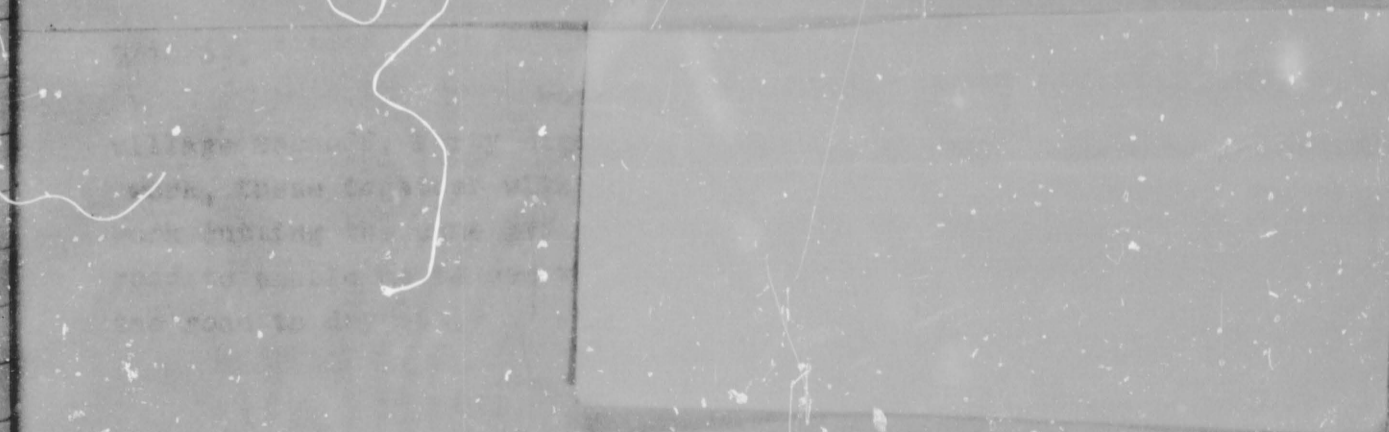
I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:

- + ~~Members of Patrol No.~~
- + Patrol Report No. 5-63/64

covering Patrol by... MR. D.J. BYRNE CPO .....

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

+ Delete as necessary.



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Sub-District Office,  
BEREINA.

21st October, 1963

District Officer,  
West Central Division,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT No. 5. of 1963/1964  
Mr. D.J. BYRNE. C.P.O.

1. Above report for your information and comment please. Relevant Camping Allowance Claim is also attached.
2. A section of road about a mile from Oreke Crossing had become impassable due to unseasonal rain and general lack of maintenance over the past two years. This road is vital to the Administration at Bereina and other sections of the community. From a Native Affairs point of view it meant holding up transport of native produce to Ararana landing. It was therefore a matter of considerable importance that it be opened as quickly as possible.
3. I detailed Mr Byrne the task and I am pleased to report that he carried a remarkable job in three days considering his limited resources. The total cost to the Administration from road maintenance funds was £50.

K.A. Brown,  
Assistant District Officer.

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→ The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

Bereina P/R No. 5/63-64  
D.J. BYRNE C.P.O.

This was a good experience for Mr. Byrne and he did a good job. For your information, please.

(D. R. MARSH) W  
DISTRICT OFFICER.  
25.10.63.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-36

Sub-District Office,

**Sub-District Office,  
BEREINA.**

13/10/63.

21st October, 1963

Assistant District Officer,  
Kairuku Sub-District,

Bereina District Officer,  
West Central Division,  
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report No. 5/63-64.

9/10/63. 0700.

Departed by tractor for Bereitsu in company with

Station labour and pri **PATROL REPORT No. 5. of 1963/1964**

0800.

Mr. D.J. BYRNE, C.P.O.

1700.

Work ceased for day.

10/10/63

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11/10/63

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Work commenced at 0800 on the bog nearest the Babiko village turnoff. Party Eight of the Babiko village men arrived ready for work, these together with the 15 Station labour and prisoners were set to work cutting the cane grass on both sides of the bogs and alongside the road to enable me to see where the water could be drained to and to allow the road to dry out.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67.2.36.

Sub-District Office,  
Bereina.

13/10/63.

Assistant District Officer,  
Kairuku Sub-District,  
Bereina.

Dairy Patrol Report No. 5/63-64.

9/10/63. 0700.	Departed by tractor for Bereitsu in company with Station labour and prisoners.
0800.	Work commenced on road.
1700.	Work ceased for day.
10/10/63.0800.	Work commenced. Slept Babiko.
1700.	Work ceased for day. Slept Babiko.
11/10/63.0800.	Work commenced.
1700.	Work finished and road reopened. Slept Babiko.
12/10/63.0700.	Returned Bereina to collect cash advance to pay village labour.
0830.	Returned to road - all concerned paid and self and patrol gear returned Bereina.

End of Patrol.

Introduction .

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9/10/63.

Work commenced at 0800 on the bog nearest the Babiko village turnoff. Forty Eight of the Babiko village men arrived ready for work, these together with the 15 Station labour and prisoners were set to work cutting the cane grass on both sides of the bogs and alongside the road to enable me to see where the water could be drained to and to allow the road to dry out.

After the grass around the first bog was cleared , some of the labour was allocated to dig a drain to the nearby creek , clear the grass to the Poimo creek in readiness for a drain and to the removal of an old cement culvert pipe to be used in the Bridge Causeway affair to overcome the first bog.

Five Babiko men were despatched to fell two 24' Mangrove logs to be used in the first bridge.

By 1700 , with the help of Mr. Slaughters tractor the logs for the first bridge were in place and being secured , the first drain completed (which was a tremendous success) the bridge approaches and causeway all but completed , and the track to the Poimo creek was cleared ready for digging. At 1715 Mr. Brown A.D.O. in company with Mr. Slaughter inspected progress.

1900. Attempted to show films to village people but Generator Engine completely wrecked itself by busting the con-rod. 10/10/63.

0800. Station labour and prisoners arrived with extra shovels picks ,axes etc., village labour arrived on time . Five men again sent to bush to cut Mangrove saplings for bridge decking and to obtain three more large logs for the second low level bridge. Second drain commenced and remaining labour allocated to 2nd and 3rd bogs and grass cutting.

1300-1700. Old 44gal. drums replaced in second bog, dirt covering applied and corduroy placed on top. Water drained in third bog , old culvert dug out and 44 gal. drums placed in readiness for low level bridge. Grass cutting almost completed, and water flowing out of side drains through the second drain to the Poimo creek. Bridge decking secured over first bridge and tractor and trailer proceeded over first section.

1715. A.D.O. inspected progress. 11/10/63.

All the water in the side drains dropped by at least 2' over night due to effect of new outlet channels . Labour and Prisoners did not come because of insufficient work to keep them occupied .Fourth and last bog filled with Coconuts from Mission Plantation and tractor loads of fresh dirt. This was all compressed by running the tractor over it after each load. Following this the decking for the second bridge was secured and approaches consolidated.

1700. Work ceased and tractors and trailers proceeded across without hinderance. 12/10/63.

Village labour paid and all gear returned to Station.

Conclusion.

The repairs to this road are only tempory and I doubt whether they will be enable the road to be ~~travell~~

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of KAIRUKU WEST CENTRAL Report No. 7/63-64

Patrol Conducted by D. J. Byrne C.P.O.

Area Patrolled RORO

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 4/11/1963 to 12/11/1963

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? .....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol CENSUS GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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*District Commissioner*

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

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

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

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5th March, 1964.

District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
FORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 - 1963/4 - KAIRUKU

Receipt of the above-mentioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Has the Department of Forests been consulted in the sale of sandalwood? If not you should contact the Director of Forests and advise him what is going on.

3. I am pleased to note that the construction of a well for the Hikura people has had the effect of improving the people's attitude towards native local government activities. The effectiveness of the Council Constable is heartening.

4. The Department of Agriculture should be consulted in the subject of fencing of pigs. As you know, pigs if restricted in this Territory quickly contract disease and die.

5. I am pleased that the efforts in political education have borne fruit.

6. A good report revealing a particular aptitude for field work by Mr. Byrne.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

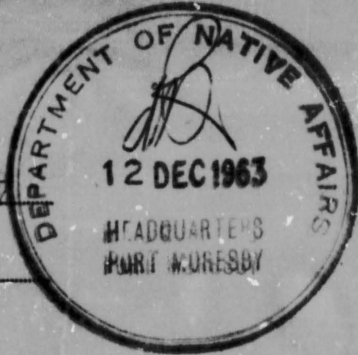
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District Office,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby

6th December, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT NO. 7 of 1963/64.

The attached report for your information,  
please.

2. Attitudes towards the council are pleasing and Mr. Byrne has done a good job. Sandalwood is being sold to agents in Port Moresby and prices are now 1/- plus per lb. We will arrange contacts for the Kairuku people.

3. The A.D.O. will need to ensure that pigs are not fenced into areas too close to village wells.

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*D.R. Marsh*  
(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

cc. A.D.O. Kairuku

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District Office,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby

15th December, 1963.


The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT NO. 7 of 1963/64.

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please.

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(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

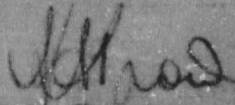
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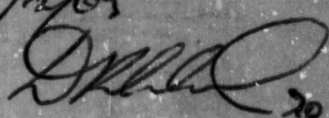
P/R 7 of 63/64  
Sub-District Office,  
BERRINA.  
3rd December, 1963.

District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL RORO CENSUS DIVISION  
D.J. BYRNE CPO.

1. Above report and relevant attachments for action and comment please.
2. The object of the patrol was census revision and electoral education. These were achieved satisfactorily.
3. Since the beginning of September Mr Byrne has spent over 40 days on patrol and is currently patrolling the Kuni Census Division. He is doing good work.
4. The most pleasing observation is the effect of the Kairuku Council.

  
K.A. Brown.  
Assistant District Officer.

5/12/63  
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 67-2-36.

Sub-District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
Bereina .

Assistant District Officer,  
West Central Division,  
Bereina.

DIARY PATROL REPORT No. 7/63-64.

- 4/11/63. 1330. Departed Bereina for Babiko , arriving Babiko 1430.  
1500. Conducted census Babiko.  
Slept Babiko.
- 5/11/63. 0800. Departed by tractor for Mou .  
1100. Conducted census Mou.  
1300. By foot to Rapa, arriving 1340.  
1500. Conducted census Rapa.  
Slept Rapa.
- 6/11/63. 0700. To Bioto , arriving 0900. Inspection of village pig  
fence and warning given to those not helping in the work.  
1500. Conducted census Bioto.  
Slept Bioto.
- 7/11/63. 0800. By outboard canoe to Nikura. Arrived 0915. Inspected  
pig fences and newly dug village well.  
1500. Conducted census Nikura.  
Slept Nikura.
- 8/11/63. 0800. By outboard canoe to Poukama. Conducted census - thence to  
Kairuku arriving there at 1215.  
1330. To Tsiria village to inform people of impending Census.  
1400-1600. Cens figures.  
Slept Residence A.D.O. Kairuku.
- 9/11/63. 0800-1200. To Tsiria village and census conducted.  
Slept Residence A.D.O. Kairuku.
- 10/11/63. Sunday observed Kairuku.
- 11/11/63. 0800. By launch to Keabada and Census conducted.  
1100. By road to Delena and Census conducted.  
1430. Returned Kairuku by canoe.  
Slept Residence A.D.O. Kairuku.
- 12/11/63. 0800. By launch to Pinupaka , \* experienced several delays and  
arrived Pinupaka 1200.  
1230. Census conducted.  
1300. Departed for Bereina via. Beach. Arrived Mairua Pltn.  
1500, thence by motor bike to Bereina, arriving Bereina 1600.  
End of Patrol.

Introduction.

1. The object of the Patrol was to do a complete Census Revision for the Roro Census Division. This being part of the Kairuku N.L.G.C. area no tax had to be collected.
2. This Census Division comprises 11 villages - situated on the coast, coastal plain and River estuaries between Bereina & Kairuku. The country is all flat and no problems concerning communications exists, this is of course, still the dry season.

Native Affairs.

3. Little is to be recorded under this heading except what was observed re the position of the Kairuku N.L.G.C.
4. Council work days are adhered to in all villages. The Council hygienic rule is effective and it is a pleasant surprise to find almost all villages with completed or partially completed pig fences.
5. The council members are convinced on the use of wells as the solution to their water problems. Nikura, by far ~~the~~ in the worst state for water a year ago have recently, after talks with Mr. Assussen, Supervising Officer and a visit from Mr. Apina (L.G. Assistant) on the tax patrol have located good well water only a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile from the village. This is of great importance to the Nikura people as previously they had to carry water some 4 miles. This well has raised the N.L.G.C. in the eyes of the Nikura people to a high position.
6. At Babiko the Local Govt. Councillor discussed the use of hoses attached to the spear pumps, for the watering of the fenced pigs. This, in his village, due to the short distances involved is a very practicable idea and I told him if his people requested it to ensue he got it included in the Capital Works estimates for next year.

Law & Order.

7. A few minor complaints were brought forward concerning Domestic custody and the welfare of children. These were dealt with accordingly or passed onto the A.D.O. Bereina.
8. At Nikura one gentleman spoke rather loudly against the Council and at present refuses to pay his tax or help in any way on Council work days. The councillor requested help in this matter and Mr. Assussen has since issued a summons on him for non-payment of tax. This should, if he refuses to appear remove him from the village for quite a few weeks.
9. There are five council constables in the area and these with the exception of the Rapa constable impressed me with their keenness.

Roads and Bridges.

10. Apart from the Bereitsu - Aranana road, the Keabada - Delena road and the foot tracks between Mou-Rapa and Rapa-Bioto no other roads or tracks exist, the rest of the area being traversible by either canoe or launch. As this is still the dry season all roads and tracks were in good condition and maintained under the council rules.

Medical and Health.

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Medical and Health.

11. Because of either the proximity to Bereina or Kairuku the general health of the people is good. I do however believe an Aid Post around the Mou-Rapa-Bioto area would not go astray. An attempt by the Council to establish one this year was squashed through the failure of the villages concerned to give land to the project.

Mission.

12. All villages with the exception of Delena and Keabada (where a small proportion of L.M.S. people exist) are predominately Catholic.

Education.

13. Both the L.M.S. and Catholic missions maintain schools in all villages, besides this the Education Dept. has a Junior Technical school at Kairuku and the Catholic Mission has colleges at Yulo Island and Mainohana.

Economic Development.

14. Over the last year, Babiko and Bereina villages have acquired tractors and are also being added to the list of Mekeo victims learning about the maintenance and costly repairs needed by these items.

15. Nikura Village, which is in the dry savannah area is also cutting sandlewood. The people here enquired whether the Dept. Of Trade and Industry could take over the handling of this product. This request was passed on to the CO-OP Officer Kairuku, who has already started enquiries in this field.

Villages and Village Officials.

16. All villages were cleaned either before the Patrol arrived or during its stay. In the Villages of Babiko and Mou there is great emphasis on the construction of good houses with corrugated Iron roofs. In Babiko a monthly tax of £1 is levied on each male to aid raise funds for the provision of corrugated iron for all new houses under construction. If the present response, after the initial collection of £80 continues then this plan should be envisaged in the near future.

17. The N.L.G.C. officials were most helpful and aided the Patrol in all the usual matters. Where the Councillor was absent during the visit it did not take long for the old V.C. to organise the recording of Census.

Agriculture.

18. Apart from the usual subsistence crops found in all villages no other crops were observed.

Census.

19. Census figures are as follows.

Education progress 1964. Elections.

20. Mr. H. Cnoi and Mr. B. Baupa , both of whom attended the school at Kerema recently , have visited all the Roro villages. Further discussions were held by myself on the Patrol. With the Kairuku N.L.G.C. elections next month , this area , if the elections are run as a practise for next year, should be well prepared first. for the actual voting procedure.

Conclusion.

21. An interesting patrol as it enabled me to make a comparison between the Mekeo Council at this time last year and the Kairuku Council after the same period of formation. I, from my observations believe that the Kairuku Council ( Roro at least) has a far more responsive attitude and has made more progress than the Mekeo Council did in its first year.

*D. J. Byrne.*

(D.J.Byrne).

Cadet Patrol Officer.

Associated Correspondence.

Claim for Camping allowance.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Central Report No. KAIRUKU 10/63-64.

Patrol Conducted by D.J. Byrne C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Kuni Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives Constable Puka Pauk/1

Duration—From 21 11 63 to 12 12 63.

Number of Days 22.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3 7 63.

Medical 10 11 63.

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Electoral Division.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please

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District Commissioner

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

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

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District Office,  
PORT MORESBY,  
4th February, 1964.

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6th March, 1964.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Kororarua,  
PORT MORESBY.

**District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.**

PATROL REPORT 10-63/64 - RAIBUKU

Another Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

Yes. Provision is being made for the type of officer you mention. He will be a generalist but will carry out the type of duties envisaged by you.

I am pleased to note that the infiltration of Fuyage people has been even temporarily resolved.

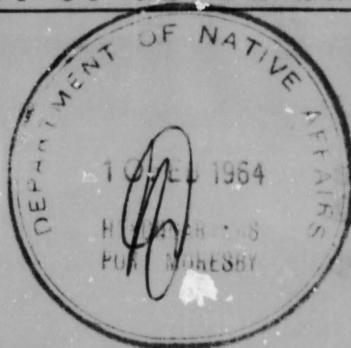
It appears that Mr. Aida's political education programme has been very successful.

**J. K. McCarthy,  
DIRECTOR.**



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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District Office,  
PORT MORESBY.

4th February, 1964.

Telegrams  
Telephone  
Our Reference  
If calling ask for  
Mr.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu,  
PORT MORESBY.

KAIRUKU P/R NO 10/63/64.

KUNI CENSUS DIVISION.

The attached report for your information please.

Another good effort by Mr. Byrne.

The A.D.O. is vitally interested in the Kuni  
resettlement and once we are clear of elections we will  
be able to do something in this area to get it moving.

I trust that in the department's re-organisation  
some consideration has been given to special projects officers  
(essentially community development) to properly handle projects  
such as this and other major resettlements in the district.

D.R. MARSH.  
(District Officer)  
3/2/64.

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P/R 10 of 63/64

Sub-District Office,  
BEREINA.

24th January, 1964.

District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT 10 of 1963-64  
KUNI CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Report of a patrol to above census division conducted by Mr. D. J. Byrne for your information and comment please. Camping allowance claim is attached for your approval.

2. The main object of the patrol was to check on progress of education programme being conducted by Mr Raphael Aida, and fill in any gaps. I am pleased to report that there were no apparent misconceptions and the Kuni appears to have a good grasp of the mechanics of voting and an understanding of the New House of Assembly.

Due to pressure of election work it has not been possible for me to spend as much time on the Resettlement area as I would like. I have already discussed the problems of housing with you. I agree the tax/census sheets should be rewritten and this will be a task for next routine census patrol.

4. The matter of Fuyuge infiltration into gardens of people who moved to Bakoiudu is temporarily resolved.

5. A good deal of work is required on the three mile section between Ikeike and Bakoiudu. Mr Byrne carried out urgent repairs from our meagre road funds. This section has been brought up at District Advisory Council for discussion on several occasions but there is no indication of a specific allocation.

6. Another good job by Mr Byrne.

  
K.A. Brown,  
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

67-2-36.

Sub-District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
Bereina.

15th December, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,  
Kairuku Sub-District.  
Bereina.

DIARY PATROL REPORT No. 10/63-64.

- 21/11/63. 0800-1000. Final preparation for Patrol, thence to Inawae crossing by tractor.  
1100. By P.W.D. Landrover to Muir's sawmill.  
1315. Arrived Kubuna.  
Slept Kubuna.
- 22/11/63. 0800. To Samarai village for Election Education.  
1100. To Catholic Mission for discussions with father-in-charge re elections and distribution of Kubuna people.  
1400. By Landrover to Bereina to discuss movement of timber with A.D.O.  
Slept Bereina.
- 23/11/63. 0800-1200. Collected police rations and various Patrol gear left in initial movement.  
Slept Bereina.
- 24/11/63. 1100. Departed for Kubuna by Mr. T. Savages Landrover, stopped at Inawabui to arrange timber transport.  
Slept Kubuna.
- 25/11/63. 0830. By Landrover to Bakoi'udu.  
0930-1200 To rubber clearings and discussions with O.I.C. D.A.S.F. Bakoi'udu. Slept Bakoi'udu.
- 26/11/63. 0800-1400. Housing and population Census.  
Slept Bakoi'udu.
- 27/11/63. 0730. Departed for Oba-Oba en-route to Deva-Deva. Arrived Oba-Oba 1500.  
Slept Oba-Oba.
- 28/11/63. 0730. Departed with carriers to Deva-Deva- Mission horse tracks heavily overgrown progress slowed considerably.  
1300. Arrived Deva-Deva. V.C. and Councillors called in from outlying hamlets and election talks given.  
Slept Deva-Deva.

- 29/11/63. 0900. Departed for Oba-Oba , arriving 1230. Gave Elections talks to 20 people in the area.  
Slept Oba-Oba.
- 30/11/63. 0800. Departed for Bakoi'udu.  
1300. Arrived Bakoi'udu.  
Slept Bakoi'udu.
- 1/12/63. 1000. Election instruction given to 400 500 people immediately following the morning Church service.  
Slept Bakoi'udu.
- 2/12/63. 0700. Forty men put to work on Ikeke -Bakoi'udu.  
1700. Work ceased.  
Slept Bakoi'udu.
- 3/12/63. 0700. Road ~~started~~ work commenced .  
1700. " " ceased.  
Slept Bakoi'udu.
- 4/12/63. 0700. Work on road safety fences.  
1700. Work Ceased.  
Slept Bakoi'udu.
- 5/11/63. 0800. Paid road labour . Remainder of day spent hearing minor matters and giving final election talks to V.C.'s and Council lo  
Slept Bakoi'udu.
- 6/12/63. 0700. Movement to Kubuna . Delayed through landslide on road .  
1000. Arrived Kubuna.  
1000-1600. Established self in rest house thence paid Courty call to nearby Plantation. P.O. Asmussen stayed overnight.  
Slept Kubuna.
- 7/12/63. 0800. Aided P.O. Asmussen in getting Motor Bike across a River. Thence to IDO IDO village for election talks.
- 8/12/63. Slept Kubuna.
- 9/12/63. 0800-0930. No work due to heavy rain .Movement ti Ineke cancell because of heavy rain and Flooding of Dilava River.  
0930-1200. Heard minor complaints concerning wages etc ., on a nearby Plantation. Thence to river to inspect possible crossing site downstream of present site.  
1230. To Epa village and Election talks given .  
1400. Returned to Kubuna and compiled Revised map of Kuni Census Division.  
Slept Kubuna.
- 10/12/63. 0800. Listened to minor complaint and despatched Police Constal to bring in all concerned. Self went to Mr. C.Dixons for discussion re- local labour.  
1200. Returned Rest house .  
1330- 1400. Settled minor dispute , no court action required. Ineke V.C. and Councillors arrived and electoral Education carried out in company with Mr. R.Aida.  
Slept Kubuna.

- 11/12/63. 0800. To F. Muirs sawmill and discussions re local labour and election information.  
1130. To Mr. L. Dexter's and received Radio message re-return transport to Bereina. Mr. R. Sullivan agreed to co-operate in the regard.  
1200-1400. To Bakoi'udu with Mr. R. Sullivan to investigate labour shortage.  
Slept Kubuna.
- 12/12/63. 0800. Departed Kubuna for Inawae crossing, Via Biote.  
1030. Arrived Inawae.  
1130. Walked from crossing to Station and arranged for Landrover to pick up Patrol Gear.  
END OF PATROL.

#### Introduction.

1. The main object of this Patrol was to carry out Electoral Education in the Kuni Census Division. As well as this task other tasks as mentioned in the Patrol Instructions were carried out.
2. The Kuni Census Division contains the only rugged topography in the Kairuku Sub-District. It may be divided into two sections, that from Aropokina to Kubuna and thence to the Gailala Sub-District boundary. Fortunately there is a vehicle road to Bakoi'udu and as this is the site of the Kuni RE-settlement little work needs to be carried out further back into the hills. Rainfall in the populated sections of the Kuni exceeds 110"p.a.
3. Unlike the rest of the Sub-District the Kuni population (apart from Bakoi'udu) is scattered in small hamlets of about 5 houses. This makes gathering the people in one sizeable group problem.
4. The last Patrol to the area was in July this year and was conducted by Mr. A. Asmussen P.O.

#### Native Affairs.

5. Of chief interest in this regard is the re-settlement of the upper Kuni people at Bakoi'udu, the distribution of the remaining population and the prevailing attitude of the Bakoi'udu people at present and their future trends.
6. The re-settlement of the Kuni people at Bakoi'udu began in 1960 and the aim I believe was to establish a Rubber Plantation as a means of economic revenue for the Kuni people and to combine the people at one place for easy for medical, religious and Administration attention.
7. From observations and information gathered on the patrol it would be safe to say that the re-settlement is a success, because it has gathered approx. 750 of the Kuni people in one central place which is accessible by Landrover. At present with the rubber progressing well the obvious abundance of food, and the supply of medical and Mission facilities the people have too much to leave behind, indeed movement.

between the old villages and Bakoi'udu has almost stopped. The only apparent factor disturbing the population is the housing conditions, (dealt with under appropriate section.)

8. In regard to the location of villages and their sizes, the present maps and village census books are completely outdated. With no migrations to the Geilala Sub-District and the movement to Bakoi'udu, the present 20 villages listed in the census register have changed considerably and the 1962 Census figures are completely unreliable as to the extent and size of the present villages. Many villages do not exist at present and new villages have been created which have not been listed, Ineke of 126 people and Samarai of 30 are definitely not listed. I believe a complete reorganisation of the Kuni Census book is required if the information as regards village sizes etc, is still of any value.

9. As regards the movement to Bakoi'udu by the remaining people at Deva-Deva and the surrounding area, only the V.C. and one Councillor are moving. This will leave about 120-150 people in the Deva-Deva area, as many of these people have intermarried with Fuyge people there is little chance of their movement down. All people seen in this area appeared quite healthy and quite happy with their lot.

#### LAW & ORDER.

10. As per Patrol Instructions the matter pertaining to the theft of Kuni Betel nut by Fuyuge's was investigated. It was found that very little was taken and that there was no proof that it was Fuyuge's who did it. The problem has now been solved by the movement back to the place of a V.C. who prefers his old home to that of Bakoi'udu.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

11. The trip from the St. Joseph river to Kubuna takes approx. 1½ hrs. in dry weather by Landrover. On the whole the road is excellent by Papuan standards.

12. Fifty men were employed for three days on the IKE-IKE Bakoi'udu road. Work carried out here included, redigging of all major drains on this section, the cutting back of the hill slopes wherever possible to prevent cave ins which may block the drains and the erections of the safety fences and two logs ballisades to prevent the erosion of the road by water run off. On the day following the completion of this work a heavy storm which yielded 3"-4" of rain all but wiped out any signs of the minor work carried out. The main trouble was the blockage of drains by landfalls and the erosion of the road surface at corners where a long downhill drain is unable to cope with the huge volume of water that tries to follow the drain around the corner. The placing of 44 gal. drum culverts would alleviate this problem unfortunately none could be located or else they would have been installed. Nine 44 gallon drums would ~~be a~~ help to help the drainage problems on this section of road.

13. Two contracts of £6 each were let to clear the drains in two places below Ikeike. This section is generally in good condition but of course maintenance by a grader would not go astray.

14. The horse tracks to Oba-Oba and thence to Deva-deva are overgrown and in places almost non-existent, but as few people are left and so little use is made of the tracks, maintenance has ceased. Any future Patrol going to Deva-Deva would be advised to send half a dozen men ahead to cut the worst sections of the track.

#### Medical & Health.

15. An Aid Post is maintained at Bakoigudu by the Public Health Department. The Iron roofed structure is now completed and staffed by a hard working native Medical Orderly.

16. One hundred and twenty six outpatients were dealt with in the month of November, the majority of these were either fire burns (caused by the overcrowding in houses) and bronchial Pneumonia.

#### Mission.

17. The Catholic Mission is the only Mission in the Kuni Census Division, it maintains Stations at both Bakoi'udu and Kubuna. (the latter being in the main a girls boarding school.)

#### Education.

18. This is entirely in the hands of the Catholic Mission. The main school is at Bakoi'udu, it has 197 pupils and teaches to Standard 3. A day school is maintained at Kubuna for the children of that locality. Any children attaining Standard 3 are sent to either Yule Island or Mainohana.

#### Economic Development.

19. To date 70 of the proposed 150 acres of high yielding rubber has been cleared and almost all the 70 acres has been either terraced or marked for the transplanting of the rubber. At present there is enough rubber in the nursery for the planting of this 70 acres, whilst I was there the first 116 trees (approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre) was transplanted to the terraced hillsides. I believe the aim is to plant the whole 70 acres of rubber by the end of the wet season. Another Nursery is to be prepared shortly to cater for the remaining 80 acres.

20. The allocation of rubber the first 70 acres of rubber trees has been completed, generally at first on a clan basis and thence on a family basis so that eventually every family will have its own trees. Allocation was done given on the proportion of the work done by the 11 clans to date.

21. O.I.C. DEASSET. Bakoi'udu Mr. C. Abel is working in conjunction with these clans and works in turn with all who are willing to work. This is proving to be a satisfactory arrangement and the people are reacting favourably to all Mr. Abel's advice re their future and the progress of their rubber plantings.

22. The three European Settlers at Kubuna are at present beset with labour problems, on their arrival in the area they were informed that there was unlimited labour for their

wants at Bakoi'udu. Indeed this may be the case, but with the increased tempo of work in the rubber none of the Bakoi'udu people are looking for work elsewhere. None of the Kuni's around Kubuna are reliable or willing enough to work for any length of time and so huge sums of money available for distribution through forest clearing contracts is not being availed of. The Bakoi'udu's show their willingness to work immediately the rubber is planted, although once the rubber is planted the Agricultural Department intends building another Nursery, this will keep the people busy till at least March.

23. The people of Ineke have purchased a 4.H.P. outboard motor from the sale of crocodile skins. This would appear to be their only source of income in their present location.

24. The private sawmill at Wanano, owned and run by Mr. F. Muir is at present producing 26,000 super feet per month and employs over 30 boys, although none of them are local labour. With the installation of another bench Mr. Muir hopes to raise his production to 40,000 S.F. per month.

Village Officials and Villages.

25. The no. of village officials is again a matter worth investigating when the Census book is re-compiled. Bakoi'udu with over 10 V.C.'s' can manage on less.

26. The housing situation at Bakoi'udu is acute, with the coming wet season it would not surprise me if quite a few people wandered back to their old places because of the poor, damp, living conditions.

27. From the attached map of the Bakoi'udu Re-settlement (compiled by the Catholic Mission) it can be seen that there are approx. 100 houses, only about 90 of these are actually dwelling houses, the rest are store sheds etc. With a population of 750 people living in these shacks, which leak no end when it rains, disease could spread rapidly, if a major epidemic occurs this matter could cause some embarrassment if raised elsewhere as it was the Administration who were among the initiators of the move.

28. Many solutions have been put forward to solve the housing problem, but to date nothing has happened. After investigating all recommendations so far the only practicable solution is for the £3000 housing loan for the Bakoi'udu people. At present there is ~~no~~ ~~no~~ NO roofing material in the immediate Bakoi'udu area. The collection of Nipa palm from Aropikina by tractor is ridiculous due to the fact that 140 trips would be necessary for 90 houses and in about one year's time it would have to be done again. The cost of the tractor trips would be better put into something more permanent such as roofing iron. The A.D.O.'s letter of the 4th October (file 12-3-2.) gives all details of the proposed loan. Indeed the Bakoi'udu people are expecting something to be done and shortly.

29. They themselves have taken the first step for the purchasing of roofing iron - The Kuni Club, which has £ 300 to its credit has purchased 200 sheets of 12'x2'6" roofing iron. This is distributed to members as they refund the money. When this 200 sheets has been sold (@ 30/- a sheet) and the money refunded to the Club another 200 sheets will be purchased. Unfortunately the financial status of the people does not allow the rapid replenishment of roofing iron and it will take many years before everybody has an Iron roof.

30. With regard to the location of a possible village site, all people spoken to preferred to keep their present sites if they build new permanent houses.

#### Agriculture.

31. D.A.S.F. maintains an extension station at Bakoi'udu and the Officer there is employed full time on the rubber scheme at Bakoi'udu.

32. Rice is a revenue earner for the Bakoi'udu people, £180 worth being purchased last year by D.A.S.F.. Increased planting is expected this year. Rice is also grown around Kubuna and more than enough is grown for subsistence level, but remains unsold due to the fact that they can not get it to the Agric. Officer at Bakoi'udu for sale.

#### Electoral Education 1964 Elections.

33. All eligible people of the Kuni Census Division were informed of the coming elections and prior to my arrival Mr. Raphael Aida, who attended the course at Kerema, thoroughly briefed the people in the actual voting procedure and even held mock elections. His work was checked and no misinterpretations could be discovered.

34. I personally used a recorded talk on the Elections, translated into the local dialect. The use of the Transistor Tape Recorder proved a useful gimmick in getting the peoples attention and getting the message across.

35. Common Points and questions asked raised, were;

1. Women seemed extremely interested in all said;
2. Some confusion in outlying places (eg. Deva-Deva) that Local Government was coming.
3. People who responded to the talks quickly asked who the candidates are they will be voting for, this information was unavailable at present and caused noted disappointment amongst the listeners.

#### Conclusion.

36. The main object of the Patrol was I believe accomplished, the people having a general awareness of the elections, with another follow up Patrol in January giving the names of the candidates at that time and a few visits from candidates I believe a good percentage of the Kuni people will vote in February 1964.

*D. J. Byrne*

(D.J.Byrne)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

67-7-12



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of West Central Report No. KAI 12/63-64

Patrol Conducted by A.N. ASMUSSEN P.O.1

Area Patrolled Portion MEKEO and Waima Kivori and Roro.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 Police Runner

Duration—From 20/11/1963 to 14/12/1963

Number of Days 26

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 28/5/1963

Medical ...../...../18..... ?

Map Reference Fourmil of Kairuku

Objects of Patrol Mekeo Council Projects, House of Assembly education, Kairuku Council Pre-Election

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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



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Females  
in Child  
Beds

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6th March, 1964.

District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORSBY.

PATROL REPORT 12-63/64 - KAIRUKU

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol  
report is acknowledged, with thanks.

I agree it is most desirable that con-  
centrated administration effort be made in specific  
trouble spots.

This is a valuable patrol report document-  
ing local problems and attitudes adequately.

Are the women taking any active interest  
in the forthcoming election.

When electoral boundaries were being formed  
two of the criteria used were linguistic affinities  
and geographic. However they were not the main  
principles. The main principle was - one vote, one  
value.

J. K. McCarthy,  
DIRECTOR.

67-1-22

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram

Telephone

Our Reference 67-7-12

If calling ask for

Mr.



District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby.


7th February, 1964.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

KAIRUKU PATROL No.12 of 1963-1964

The attached report for your information please.  
Mr. Brown has proved his point many times in the Mekeo.  
The officer must time his visit and stay in a particular  
trouble spot for several days.

2. Jesuabaibua is a particularly troublesome spot and  
a prolonged visit will be made shortly.
3. Otherwise the patrol has achieved a great deal.

  
(D.R. MARSH)  
District Officer.  
6/2/64.

Assistant District Officer,  
BEREINA.

Please have Mr. Asmussen settle down at Jesuabaibua  
when convenient.

(D.R. MARSH)  
District Officer.  
6/2/64.

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P/R 12 of 63/6

Sub-District Office,  
BEREINA.

3rd February, 1964.

District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

KAIRUKU PATROL No.12 of 1963-1964  
Mr. A.N. ASMUSSEN. P.O.

1. Report of a patrol to sections of Mekeo, Ross and Waima-Kivori conducted by Mr. Asmussen, Patrol Officer, for your information and comment. Camping allowance claim for certificate please.
2. The East Mekeo has been a Native Affairs problem child for at least two decades. Co-operation with any new scheme has met with initial opposition and rarely has the final outcome been one of complete satisfaction. I recall Rural Progress Societies (and the Mekeo Rice Scheme), Co-operatives, their churches and schools. Now with the introduction of Councils we have Jesuabait making a stupid stand on an issue where they would have benefited more than other villages. Their women have to walk nearly 2 miles to get water out of the river.
3. I agree with Mr Asmussen that the men must lose face over this. Inawaia and Eboa are enjoying the advantages of having water outside their houses and in typical Mekeo fashion Jesuabait women will now suffer ridicule as they carry their heavy burden of water.
4. They have offered yet another challenge to our patience but we accept it as with the others. Prompt action to get outstanding tax at Jesuabaitua (Yeku, is, I believe the more common name for this village) was important. They could not be allowed to think because their own ideas were rejected on common sense grounds, that they are relieved of their obligation to meet tax payments.
5. As you are aware the Mekeo, generally, still adheres to a lot of old beliefs and many cannot be supported by the Administration, Eg, burying of dead under houses, but a sympathetic approach was made in respect of decisions concerning water schemes.
6. Mr Asmussen achieved his greatest success at Inawaia where he spent most of his patrol time. During my past experience with these three villages I could not draw a line on who was the most unco-operative but Inawaia was just as unconcerned as the others. I believe that a solution at Yeku will be found if a patrol camps in the village for several days and endeavours to win over the leaders.
7. This was a valuable patrol and it documents some of the Council problems. It brings us up to date on progress to date and attitudes generally.
8. The Supervising Officer has a wide area to cover and it is sometimes difficult for him to stick to a rigid itinerary. Mr Asmussen is commended for his work in a difficult area.

*K. A. Asmussen*  
Assistant District Officer

PATROL REPORT No. KAI 12/63/64.

DIARY

- 20/11/63 Depart Bereina 1000 for Inawaia in company with one R.P.N.G.C. as runner. Set up camp at Inawaia 1230. Depart for Bioto 1430 to arrange onward movement to Yule on Friday. Returned to Inawaia 1700.  
Night . at Inawaia.
- 21/11/63 Depart Inawaia 0745 for Eboa re. finalising remaining installation of Eboa water scheme. Only three males present in village though village advised last week. Depart Eboa 1030 arriving Oriopetana 1100. Few people in village. Council Pig Fence not moving. Joseph Apini (L.G.Asst.) arrived 1115 with post hole digger to assist in fencing. Depart Oriopetana 1130 for Aipeana. Aipeana water scheme completed last night. Depart Aipeana for Bereina 1145 arriving 1215. Reported in. Picked up tent and several council items. Depart Bereina 1500 returning Inawaia 1600.  
Night . at Inawaia.
- 22/11/63 Depart Inawaia 0800 calling at Eboa where spoke to several villagers on well. Continued on to Bioto arriving 0915. Spoke with several villagers. Departed for Yule Island 0945 arriving Kairuku 1230.  
AM Checking arrival of council equipment, and sending piping to Tsiria for water flow test of Tsiria water supply. Arranging transport to Keabada tomorrow for Kairuku council meeting.
- 23/11/63 Depart Yule Island 0900 arriving Delena 0945. Pushed on to Geabada where Kairuku N.L.G.C. meeting to be held. Noted arrival of councillors then departed for Ou Ou Creek Plantation re. reported labour difficulties. Trouble settled before arrival. Returned Geabada 1130 where council meeting in progress. Spent at 1400 when inspected water sources of Geabada village, returning village 1500. Meeting continued till 1645 when closed. Depart for Delena thence across to Yule Island arriving 1800.
- 24/11/63 At Yule Island - Sunday observed.

- 25/11/63 At Tsiria proposed water scheme site. Siphoned water off for 3 hours (1600 gallons estimated) then checked replenishment rate and inflows till 1600. Inflow very slow, unable measure accurately, but feel sure is not more than 50 gallons per hour. Will recheck AM tomorrow.
- 26/11/63 Inspected water hole 0800, however siphoning hose shifted during the night (villagers say it was the water spirit who was angry because we took his water) but regardless replenishment just not enough. Depart Yule Is 0900 calling Delena where inspected present water source and suggested villagers dig a test hole behind the village. Continued on to Biote arriving 1345. Arrived Eboa 1445 but village still empty. Pushed on to Oriopetana - Pig Fence progressing well. Returned Bereina arriving 1615.  
Night . at Bereina.
- 27/11/63 Depart Bereina 0800 for Eboa. Only councillor and four men in village prepared to assist in well digging. Worked with them on digging further in well till 1700 when returned to Inawaia camp. Eboa well now complete. Depart Inawaia 1830 for Kubuna re Council timber orders arriving Kubuna 2015.  
Night . at Kubuna.
- 28/11/63 Depart Kubuna 0800 arriving Inawaia 1000. Went to Eboa but not a soul in village - all fishing. Returned Inawaia camp.  
1230 to 1530 in discussion with Inawaia councillors and clan chiefs re water scheme. Will start work on scheme tomorrow.  
Night . at Inawaia.
- 29/11/63 0800 to 0900 organising work on well. Working till 1730 when returned to camp.  
Night . at Inawaia.
- 30/11/63 Again working on Inawaia well till 1400 when self departed for Oriopetana to check progress on pig fence. Crossed river and returned Bereina arriving 1600.  
Night . at Bereina.
- 1/12/63 Sunday - Observed.  
Depart Bereina 1700 arriving Inawaia 1800. Discussion with villagers in evening.  
Night . at ~~Bereina~~ Inawaia.
- 2/12/63 All day at Inawaia well site. Down to 16ft.  
Night . at Inawaia.

- 3/12/63 At Inawaia well with villagers till 1000 when went to Eboa - Eboa people digging pipe drain. Depart for Bereina at 1130 arriving Bereina 1210. Spoke on radio to Kairuka, then left Bereina at 1430 for Kiveri Aid Post inspection, returning Bereina 1600. Depart Bereina 1630 returning to Inawaia 1730.  
Night . at Inawaia.
- 4/12/63 Inawaia well reported finished so test pumped at 0830 for two hours. Water level dropped from 8 ft to 5 ft, after estimated total pumping of 3500 gallons.  
PM Hired Inawaia tractor to go to Inawae crossing to collect cement. Sporadic rain in afternoon continuing into the night - first for some months.  
Night . at Inawaia.
- 5/12/63 Inawaia people finalising well site - filling earth around the well. Self departed Inawaia for Bereina 0900 for motor bike maintenance (1000 miles) - completed 1200. Depart Bereina 1330 for Kiveri Aid Post returning Bereina 1630. Returned Inawaia 1745.  
Night . at Inawaia.
- 6/12/63 Depart Inawaia for Kubuna 0800 arriving Wanono sawmill 1000. Spoke to Mr Muir on Council timbers. ~~Proceeded~~ Proceeded to Kubuna rest house where contacted Mr Byrne on patrol. Weather closed in - rain all afternoon. Unable return Inawaia.  
Night . at Kubuna.
- 7/12/63 Crossed flooded Kubuna river 0830 and left for Inawaia. Arrived 1030. Weather threatening. Depart Inawaia 1130 for Bereina - difficulties on road with increasing rain. Arrived Bereina 1330. Reported in.  
PM at Bereina.
- 8/12/63 Sunday - observed.
- 9/12/63 Weatherbound at Bereina and roads closed. Attempted to visit Kiveri Aid Post but unsuccessful.
- 10/12/63 Depart Bereina 0830 for Kiveri Aid Post - returned Bereina 1200. Rest of day in office.
- 11/12/63 Depart Bereina 1030, arriving Oriopetana 1115, . Continued on to Inawaia where met Bill Bray for work on council water schemes. Self returned to Oriopetana, and crossed river. Continued on to Bereina in search of engine bolts for water schemes. Departed Bereina

11/12/63 ... for Inawaia via Inawae crossing arriving 1815.  
Night at Inawaia.

12/12/63 Organising help on water schemes and gravel. Departed  
Inawaia 0900 for Oriopetana. Discussion with villagers.  
Returned Inawaia 1300.

Word received 1830 that Eboa tractor did not depart for  
Wanono for timber. Went to Eboa, cancelled trip, then  
went to Inawabui. Inawabui tractor to pick up timber  
tomorrow. Returned Inawaia 2030.

Night at Inawaia.

13/12/63 Working at Inawaia on council estimates. Joseph Apini  
arrived 1000 and departed 1100. Went to Inawabui to  
check arrival of tractor and timber - not arrived.  
Returned Inawaia 1400. Depart Inawaia 1500, breaking  
camp and returning to Bereina, arriving 1600.

Night at Bereina.

14/12/63 Depart Bereina 0800 for Inawaia where picked up Bill  
Bray and went to Beipa via Oriopetana. Makeo council  
in meeting and Bill Bray repairing water tank at Beipa.  
Council timbers also brought in. Council meeting  
closed 1530. Returned to Bereina 1600.

END OF PATROL

(see further patrol No. KAI 16/63-64)  
(on Kairuku council electrics )

INTRODUCTION

The prime object of this patrol was the readying and installation of several of the projects of the Mekeo Council. The main projects were the Inawaia and Eboa water schemes, with the Oriopetana pig fence in next preference. Time was also taken throughout the course of the patrol to discuss with the villagers the forthcoming House of Assembly Elections, and also, on visits to the Waima Kivori and Roro Census divisions (the Kairuku Council area) to discuss nominations for Councillors for their forthcoming Council elections (see further Patrol Report No. KAI 16/63-64).

The patrol was based at Inawaia village, from where visits were sporadically made to Oriopetana, Kubuna, Kivori and Yule Island. All were concerned with council business. It should be kept in mind that both the Mekeo and Kairuku councils were under attention. Whilst this officer was engaged in this way, the Local Government Assistant ~~was~~ Joseph Apini, was based at Beipa, checking on the Oriopetana Pig Fence, the Rarai Aid Post, the Council Canoe, and the workings of the then installed Beipa and Aipeana Water Schemes. Joseph's work was also interspersed with discussions on the coming H. of A. elections.

It is proposed to record mainly Council relevancies in this report, with observations of other aspects required under C.I. 79-48/49 where applicable.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The initial progress of the proposed works was hampered somewhat by a large "market" being held at Bereitsu between the 20th and 24th of November. This "market" caused the prolonged absence of almost 90% of the residents of the East Mekeo, during this period. The Council meeting noted on 23rd November was somewhat depleted of members for the same reason.

Difficulty was experienced in obtaining the assistance of the Eboa villagers in finishing their own well. Several attempts were made at organising some staff on the work in hand, but were largely unsuccessful. The councillors for this village themselves departed on the many fishing and hunting trips which upset the hope of making a start on the work.

I have recorded the above remarks in order to draw a comparison with the Inawaia villagers who, so to speak, got "stuck" into it.

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At Inawaia village, co-operation was sought from the Clan Chiefs to urge their groups to make a start on the lagging work, to enable Bill Bray to do the final installation before the wet season set in. The reaction of the Inawaia people can be said to be little less than startling. After one week, the site was ready for final installation, and the well had been deepened seven feet. The original work on the well had been condemned by a Health Inspector. The final scheme saw a total facelift on the original site, with the creek bed where the well was sunk being both filled in and enlarged for draining. On my first visit to this site, mosquitoes were in profusion. On a recent visit (since the ~~start~~ commencement of the "wet") the area was free of undrained water, and not one mosquito was present. I feel that this scheme has been the most successful of the four installed.

The attitude of the Jesubaibua people remains unchanged towards the Mission, the Administration and the Council. The Jesubaibua people rejected a proposed water scheme for their village (along the same lines as are now installed in Inawaia, Eboa, Beipa and Aipeana). This group hold that underground water is poisonous (possibly a view occasioned by the custom of burying bodies under their houses). They proposed that the council install a scheme to pump water from the two miles distant St Joseph river, for their village wants. It was explained ( and has been explained several times since) that the dangers from colera precluded the scheme and any P.H.D. assistance. The Jesubaibua people then proposed that the Council build them two "dubu" type buildings which would have a two-fold purpose, i.e. it would give them a place to live, and would give them a roof area for the catchment of rainwater to be held in ten galvanised tanks (which the council would also provide). They held that this was the only type of scheme which they would accept.

This attitude underwent a change some two months ago. I was informed at a council meeting, that instead of the "dubu" dwellings the people now wished the council to build them a "hotel". (the same qualification was made for the tanks to hold rainwater). The final (?) and present view has been altered slightly. They now advise that, as there are three clans in the village they would like the council to build three "hotels" - one for each clan. I would stress that the word "hotel" was used in the vernacular before translation. When I queried what would they do for water during the prolonged "dry" when galvanised tanks would be depleted in a matter of days, they replied that the women could

carry water from the river (as they have always done and are doing at present). These "hotels" envisaged by the Jesubaibua males are primarily for their own benefit. They see these constructions as a place where the chiefs will live, and where the men will chew betelnut, while the women draw water from the rain tanks. I asked them whether they would not consider the building of a school or Aidpost of more importance to the children and sick people, than the building of a "hotel". The reply was, "you have heard what we want; if the council is not going to give what we ask, they can forget all about us."

I would stress that during all these discussions, there were no comments made by the women. They are afraid to go against their men-folk, and remained silent even when asked for their opinion.

Latest reports from this village indicate that the women have advanced somewhat from their aura of silence, and are berating their men for not accepting the scheme offered (ie. the same type as installed at Inawaia and Eboa), and are regarding the refusal of the men with the contempt it deserves.

The men have lost much "face" over this issue, which may make their attitude even more rigid towards the council. I feel that the only avenue of approach to this village on the question of water schemes can be made through the women. This is a difficult situation, which is going to take some time to resolve.

The attitude of the council on this issue is one of exasperation. In closing, I would ~~pin~~ point out that the village name of Jesubaibua means "The Peace of Jesus". Most people prefer to refer to this village as IO'KU.

#### MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Since the voluntary construction of the Mission Aid Post at the junction of the Inawaia, Eboa and Jesubaibua roads, health in these three villages has improved since that noted in Patrol Report No. 14/62-63. Attendance is high and the numbers of infections and sores have diminished.

The Mekeo Council's Rarai Aid Post is ready for tenancy. This Aid Post will help to serve the upper villages of Rarai, Inawauni, Bebee and Imounga.

Whilst in the village of Keabada (Roro) mention was made of the fact that Mou and Rapa people were obtaining medical

treatment from the L.M.S. establishment at Delena. The main concern seemed to be that these "outsiders" could gain treatment at Mainohana (CM) or Yule Island (CM), and that they were "using up all the medicine so that there was none left for the Delena, Poukama and Keabada people! The people verified that often they had to travel to Yule Island as the medical supplies at Delena were exhausted.

An Aid Post was planned in the vicinity of the villages of Babiko, Mou and Rapa, which would have closed this gap. However the project has been abandoned for the present due to disputes over ownership of land offered.

On the whole, health appeared good throughout the areas visited.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Much of the visiting reported in the Diary was effected by motor bike. Roads, though badly in need of maintenance in many cases, are negotiable, and little difficulty was experienced in this regard. Perhaps the greatest drawback to travel at the stage of the dry season when this patrol was carried out, was the dust. It was necessary to clean the carburettor at least once every five days. Dust at times lies at least eight inches deep in the worse spots. Without the motor bike used on this patrol, the degree of mobility achieved could not have been gained.

#### KAIRUKU COUNCIL PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN

As reported in Patrol Report No.16/63-64, this took the form of visits to villages with nominations remaining open until the actual day of the election. Discussions on the election also included talks on the House of Assembly elections. Reception was fair.

#### House of Assembly Election Campaign

This also was interspersed with other works on this patrol, the discussions chiefly being held at night. Some confusion does exist as to why Kerema and Kukipi are included in the Lakekamu Electorate, and also the fact that there exists a good chance that, by their numerical superiority, these areas have a good chance of placing their candidate in the House. It was explained that Electorates were delineated chiefly

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on linguistic affinities and geographical proximity.

**SUMMARY**

The various and diverse objects of this patrol make it difficult to write a detailed and coherent Report. As stated earlier, Council projects were of prime concern. These were satisfactorily dealt with, to the satisfaction of the council and the villages concerned. Previous to this, the prestige of the Council was falling. The installation of the water schemes in the Mekeo area has restored this prestige and bolstered morale in the area (with the exception of Jesubaibua). The Kairuku Council is still finding its feet, so to speak. More concentrated supervision of this Council in the coming year should place it on a par with the now progressing Mekeo Council.

  
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(A.E. Amussen)  
Patrol Officer Gr. 1

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of.....**WEST CENTRAL**..... Report No...**KAI 16/63-64**.....

Patrol Conducted by.....**A.N.ASMUSSEN**.....

Area Patrolled.....**RORO AND WAIMA KIVORI CENSUS DIVISIONS**.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....**various (see p.1 of Report)**.....

Natives.....**Brea Baupua (interpreter)**.....

Duration—From.....**16 12 / 19 63**..... to.....**23 12 / 19 63**.....

Number of Days.....**seven**.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....**no**.....

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

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

Map Reference.....**Fourmil of Kairuku**.....

Objects of Patrol.....**KAIRUKU N.L.G.COUNCIL ELECTIONS**.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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*District Commissioner*

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

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

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

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6th March, 1964.

**District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.**


**PATROL REPORT 16-63/64 - KAIRUKI**

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged, with thanks.

It was a very good move to have five officers involved in this exercise in order to give them experience in the jobs of presiding officers during the House of Assembly elections.

I shall be interested to see if any "cargo" ideas result after the House of Assembly elections.

A very good report by Mr. Asmussen.

  
J. X. McCarthy,  
**DIRECTOR.**

Returned Darwin 1964.  
Report received 1964 for House/Grass elections.  
Accepted and returned to Darwin 1964.

67-1-23



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram  
Telephone  
Our Reference 67-7-16  
If calling ask for  
Mr.



District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby.

7th February, 1964.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

KAIKUKU PATROL REPORT NO.16/63/64

The attached report and comment by Mr. Brown refers.

- 2. Although government officers have all met this type of rebuff and the surface attitude of these people has not changed it is apparent to me, and to Mr. Brown, that we are making headway and it would be quite wrong to revert to the old form of direct rule amongst these people.
- 3. Education, to enable logical discussion, and council achievement of practical advances by way of roads, and posts, water supplies and schools, will all contribute.
- 4. In the meantime the battle of wits against a passive (and occasionally active) resistance goes on.
- 5. I know of no better officer than Mr. Brown to handle such difficult people.

(D.R. MARSH)  
District Officer.

7/2/64.

Original Report 1700.  
Report Serials 1700 for District/Divisional circulation.  
Copies of report and returned to Serials 1710.

APPROVED



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P/R 16 of 63-64  
Sub-District Office,  
BEREINA.

1st February, 1964

**District Officer,  
Central District,  
FORT MORESBY.**

**PATROL REPORT NO.16/63-64**  
**Mr A.N. Assmussen. P.O.**

1. Above report for your information and comment please.
2. Electoral Education was incorporated with the Kairuku Council elections particularly with regard to actual mechanics of voting. Five officers were involved. As these will be Presiding Officers in forthcoming elections the experience was valuable for consistency of approach.
3. Reference to attitude of Roroaiara and Aviara/Okke was also made by Mr Houston in his report No.17. I will advise the Supervising Officer to give more attention to these villages in future in an endeavour to get to root of their attitude.
4. The tempo of election work generally meant a speeding up of Council pre-election work. However I feel that they went off smoothly.
5. Mr Assmussen has yet to submit his report on Patrol No.12 to sections of Roro and Mekeo. I have hopes of getting this to you in the next few days.

*K.A. Brown*  
K.A. Brown.  
Assistant District Officer.



DIARY

- 16/12/63 Depart Bereina on motor bike with Mr Byrne 0900 for Bioto via Inawaia, arriving Bioto 1400. Kairuku council elections held 1400 to 1700. Depart Bioto 1745 per paddle canoe arriving Nikura 1945.  
Night at Nikura.
- 17/12/63 Conducted election of Nikura councillor 0800 to 1100; departed Nikura 1200 returning to Bioto thence Bereina arriving 1700. Mr Byrne to continue on the Tairia there to conduct elections in Tairia, Pinopaka, Poukama, Keabada and Delena with Mr Healy ADO..  
Night at Bereina.
- ~~Depart Bereina 0900 in A53 Landrover for Kivori villages~~
- 18/12/63 Depart Bereina 0900 in A53 Landrover for Kivori villages in company with D.N.A. clerk Mr L. Wright. Elections completed and returned to Bereina 1700.  
Night at Bereina.
- 19/12/63 Depart Bereina 0900 for Waima villages for elections. Only Roroaiara village refused to gather (word sent previous week of exact day of election). Returned to Bereina after conducting elections in Waima Aviara, Ere Ere and Hauramiri. Arrived 1730.  
Night at Bereina.
- 20/12/63 Depart Bereina 0900 in company with Mr Fitzer (PO II) on elections in Kapa, Mou and Babiko villages. Returned Bereina 1700.  
Night at Bereina.
- 21/12/63 Depart Bereina 0930 for Bereina village and Roroaiara village elections (Aviara/Oreke village not gathered). Returned Bereina 1400.
- 22/12/63 Sunday - observed.
- 23/12/63 At Bereina in office till 1000 when departed for Tapini on report and discussion with ADO(LG) Mr Baker. Returned Bereina 1300.  
Depart Bereina 1400 for Aviara/Oreke election. Completed and returned to Bereina 1730.

END OF ELECTION

Second Elections - Kairuku Native Local Government Council.

INTRODUCTION

The second elections of the Kairuku Council were conducted between the 16th and 23rd of December 1963. Pressure of work necessitated that the elections be conducted by two patrols operating at the same time but in separated areas of the council area. The opportunity to use the council elections as an example to the people, of the House of Assembly elections to be held early this year, was not lost. Where nominations were insufficient to allow for this, mock elections were held after the closure of the Council election. This shall be described in more detail below under "Mode of Election".

The officers conducting the election and House of Assembly electoral education were :

Bioto and Nikura Villages	-	Assmussen and Byrne
Tairia, Delena, Poukama, )	-	Byrne and Healy (ADO)
Pinopaka and Keabada )		
Kiveri-Poo, Kiveri-Kui, )	-	Assmussen and Wright (DNA clk)
Herepuru villages )		
Waima-Aviara, Ere Ere and )	-	Assmussen and Fitzer
Hauramiri villages )		
Rapa, Non Babike villages	-	" " "
Bereina, Roreaiara	-	" " "
Aviara-Oreke village	-	" " "

TYPE AND DURATION OF PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

There was no true pre-election patrol as such. Word was sent to all villages some six weeks prior to the election, and in the process of Patrol No. KAI.12 of 1963-64, were advised verbally and due advice given by this officer. Nominations remained open until the arrival of the election patrol in the villages. Reception was excellent.

MODE OF ELECTION.

Small booklets of blank paper and carbon were carried by the patrol. When nominations were closed, names of nominees were written one above the other with a small box to the side of each name. Voting was of the preferential system. The people showed a great deal of awareness and this was confirmed in the voting.

One officer remained at the ballot box distributing ballot papers to those who wished to vote. The other officer remained at a table some distance away to assist illiterate voters - these were not numerous, proportionately. Care was taken at all times to ensure that every voter had complete secrecy when voting. Used ballot papers were destroyed after counting. Counting was done in full view of the electors.

#### FEMINE INTEREST IN ELECTIONS

Among the nominations received, two women had been nominated to stand in the elections in their villages. However both declined the nominations on the grounds that their household duties would not permit them the attention necessary for council work, if elected. This may be partly true, but served as a plausible excuse to decline, in any event. No women actually stood for election.

Absenteeism among the women at the elections was high, but it should be noted that when women did come forward to vote they voted at least as, if not more than, intelligently than the men. However, whereas most of the men were able to fill out their own ballot papers, this was not true for the women, the majority experiencing difficulty in holding the pen. Most knew how to write but seemed unsure of how to grasp the pen. I can only attribute this to lack of practice.

#### INCIDENTS

There are two incidents worthy of note which occurred in the course of the elections. These occurred at Roreaiara and Rereina/Aviara, <sup>OREKE.</sup>

When the patrol arrived at Roreaiara (all Waima villages were to be done the same day) there was no-one in the village, save the one of the retiring councillors, Harima Rau - the other retiring councillor Paraha Uae was absent. Harima Rau advised that although the people had been advised of the elections to be held that day, all had gone to their gardens. I later received several of the villagers during the course of the Hauramiri election, who assured me that their councillor had told them -

not to bother coming to the elections as he would see the patrol. The Councillor, who was present, denied this allegation hotly, and was supported by two committee members. From previous clashes with the Roroiara people, I am inclined to believe the story given by the outgoing councillor. The election was postponed until the following Saturday. When the patrol arrived on this day, most people were present, though they took over two hours to gather. There was a complete lock-out of the outgoing councillor, Karina Rau. I gained the impression that he was regarded as a "scapegoat" - he was not nominated. I regard this as unfortunate as, had he been nominated, I feel sure he would have been returned. This is all supposition and impression, but wish to record these remarks to supplement those made by Mr Baker (ADO) in his 41-2-2 of 23rd Dec. 1962 (from Tapini) and those of Mr Gibbins in his 44-4-2 of 22nd August 1962 (from Bereina), as to the attitude of this village group towards councils.

The second incident occurred at Bereina/Aviara village. During the final call for nominations, a question was asked as to what was happening to the tax money which had been given to the council clerk. I replied to this question. The question next raised was "We have paid our council tax. When are the aeroplanes, tractors and boats coming to take our gears to Moresby to sell". This seems a new twist on the "cargo" idea. Mr Fitzner and myself then spent the next two hours in discussion and explanation of the functions of councils. All appeared satisfied, but, I feel certain that the next officer to visit this village will be confronted with the same question. This is the "fashion" of these people.

### ABSENTEEISM

This was excessively high in many cases. I am unable to advance any explanation for this, except that these were the second elections in this council area, and many felt that the retiring councillor was satisfactory, and did not wish to vote against him, and regarded the election as a foregone conclusion.

Every effort was made to give more people the chance to gather to record their votes. The degree of interest in the election was not high, and is reflected in the % figures in the attached sheets. Absenteeism in Moresby was high, as it inevitably is during the dry season. It is suggested that the next elections be held in the "wet" when most of the people are in the village.

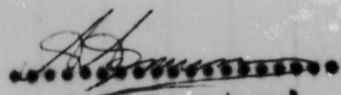
## ANALYSIS OF STATISTICS

Absentees for "other reasons" recorded in "Appendix A3" shows the numbers who were within easy reach of the village, and quite often were in the village at time of the election, but who, for reasons of their own, refused to cast votes. The number of people who would not remove from the verandahs of their houses were not a few. It is impressed that every opportunity was given to these people to cast their votes - the main answer was "you carry on, and we will be over there in a little while". This little while stretched to over two hours in some cases, without any movement from those concerned.

The number of people absent on trading ventures was exceedingly high. Although word had been sent and definite dates fixed for visits to the different villages, it was not uncommon to hear that a certain group had departed the village only that morning, of the day before.

## SUMMARY

Generally speaking, I would venture to say that interest in the council is at a higher level than last year. However, because of the varied reactions of the people no definite level can be indicated. There is a certain amount of resistance against the council (but not as much as in the Mokeo), but I would put this down to reaction against authority, rather than against the council itself. The council has inherited certain functions of Administration. Before the advent of councils into the area, there was resistance against the routine Administrative aspects carried out by patrols. Through force of habit, I feel this resistance has been also inherited by the council. Whether this will pass or no, depends on the attainments of the council over the next few years, and the realisation by the people of the elements of change.

  
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(A.N. Asmussen)  
Patrol Officer Gr. 1



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WEST CENTRAL Report No. KAI 17/64-64

Patrol Conducted by A.N. SSMUSSEN P.O.

Area Patrolled upper MEKEO Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans part by Mr Fisher O.I.C. Guari.

Natives Guari Partol only, partly.

Duration—From 23/6/1964 to 1/7/1964

Number of Days 7

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services February 1964

Medical ? / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Land boundary delineation at MARIBOI (Lavidaike) settlement, and VELEI (Iaifa) settlement, upper MEKEO.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply  
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District Office,  
Port Moresby

28th July, 1964.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

PATROL REPORT KAI. <sup>17-63/64</sup> 3/64-65.

The attached report for your information, please.

2. It is inevitable that the mountain people will migrate to the roadheads and providing we can keep land ownership regulated in this manner, the migrations should be successful socially. Economically, we have to open up roads and the A.D.O. is conscious of this need.

(D. R. MARSE)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

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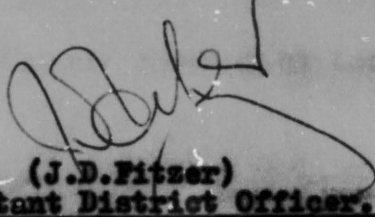
Sub-District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
BEREINA.

15th July, 1964.

The District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT KAI. <sup>17-63/64</sup> <sub>3/54-55.</sub>

1. Forwarded herewith the abovementioned report.
2. Little comments is necessary: the objects of the patrol were achieved in full and I trust will avert yet two further dead locked land disputes in five to ten years time.
3. The matter was raised by the people themselves and the request for an officer and settlement in the,now, formative stages reflects credit on the groups concerned.

  
(J.D. Fitzer)  
s/Assistant District Officer.

DIARY

- 23/6/64 Depart Bereina 1030 in company with Mr Fisher P.O. and his Guari patrol, arriving Inawauni 1300. Depart Inawauni 1315 arriving Imounga 1615. Mover into Rest House. Discussions with villagers at night.
- 24/6/64 Depart Imounga 0900 for MARIBOI (Lavidaike settlement) arriving 0950. Set up camp. Awaiting arrival of representatives from IMOUNGA and IOI to delineate MARIBOI settlement grounds.  
P.M. Mr Fisher conducted tax-census of MARIBOI. Commenced discussion with IOI, IMOUNGA and MARIBOI land owners in this area. Discussion proceeded in a friendly fashion with general agreement on boundary with MARIBOI all round.  
Night : at MARIBOI.
- 25/6/64 Depart Rest House 0900 after arrival of IMOUNGA and IOI representatives. Some discussion and betel nut and tobacco traditionally distributed and accepted. Groups repaired to KOLAUI creek approx. 600 yards south west of MARIBOI. Cairn of stones erected and trees marked. Boundary established from this point up KOLAUI creek and up the KWAPA river. All was amicably settled with no dissention.
- 26/6/64 Broke camp 0800, Mr Fisher departing for LAVIDAIKO at 0815, self departing for INAWAUNI 0820. Arrived INAWAUNI 1240 where spoke with village officials. Departed INAWAUNI 1330 leaving patrol gear at village for return Monday. Arrived Bereina 1545. Reported in to A.B.O..
- 27/6/64 Kairuku Native Local Government Council Meeting at Bereina.
- 28/6/64 Sunday - observed.
- 29/6/64 Depart Bereina 0845 arriving Inawauni 1015. Word sent to IAIFA squatters of visit to VELEI tomorrow. Rest of day spent in discussion with villagers.
- 30/6/64 Depart INAWAUNI 0815 arriving VALEI Creek 1010 where held discussions with LAVALAVA clan of IAIFA and INAWAUNI villages. Cairn of stones erected on left bank of VELEI creek at its junction with the St Joseph river.  
Departed for INAWAUNI 1300 by raft. Several crocodiles seen en route. Stopped off to chain and measure proposed INAWAUNI pig fence en route, and arrived INAWAUNI 1600.  
Night : further discussions with villagers.
- 1/7/64 Depart INAWAUNI 0810 arriving Bereina 1045. Organised transport to pick up patrol gear from Beipa'a for Angabunga, however gear not arrived. Will ensure tomorrow. Returned to Bereina 1230.

END OF PATROL

INTRODUCTION

For some 12 months there has been a felt migration towards the Mekeo Census Division from the north by people of the Kunimaipa and Kuni areas. Relations between the Mekeo people and the migrants has always (since the "pax Britannica") been one of respect and peaceful co-existence. In most instances there are legends of past friendships where clashes might have been expected, and each of the parties tends to regard the other with a wholesome respect.

This officer was sent to the upper Mekeo to delineate the accepted boundaries observed by the parties, in an attempt to forestall future disputes which are sure to be raised by the up and coming younger generations.

The areas visited were :

- (a) A new village formed by a southward migration from the Kunimaipa, namely MARIBOI, above Imounga village.
- (b) A new village at VELEI some 1½ hours west of Inawauni village, composed of migrant IAIFA (Kuni) people.

In both cases mutual agreement was reached, and the objects of the attempted delineation respected as of most value for future possible disputes between the parties. Details of the investigations are as follows :

1. IMOUNGA - MARIBOI

On 24th June I arrived at MARIBOI via IMOUNGA after calling for representatives of the IOI, MARIBOI and IMOUNGA people. A discussion was entered into with all parties at MARIBOI, the principal participants being the paramount Chiefs of each village namely, DAKAI/AUGAI (Mariboi), IVIAUVA'A/IVIAUVA'A (Imounga) and KEANGA/KEANGA (IoI), each backed by at least 15 villagers. Betel nuts were broken and distributed in the traditional manner after addresses by the chiefs. Amicable discussion followed with absolute agreement between the parties.

It was established that the Kunimaipa migrants (from INAWORENA) had absolute rights as far as KOLAU Creek (see sketch map) and that portions below, previously the property of the INAWORENA groups, had been gifted to both IMOUNGA and IOI after the failure of an INAWORENA settlement (also named MARIBOI) through sickness, possibly some 20 years ago.

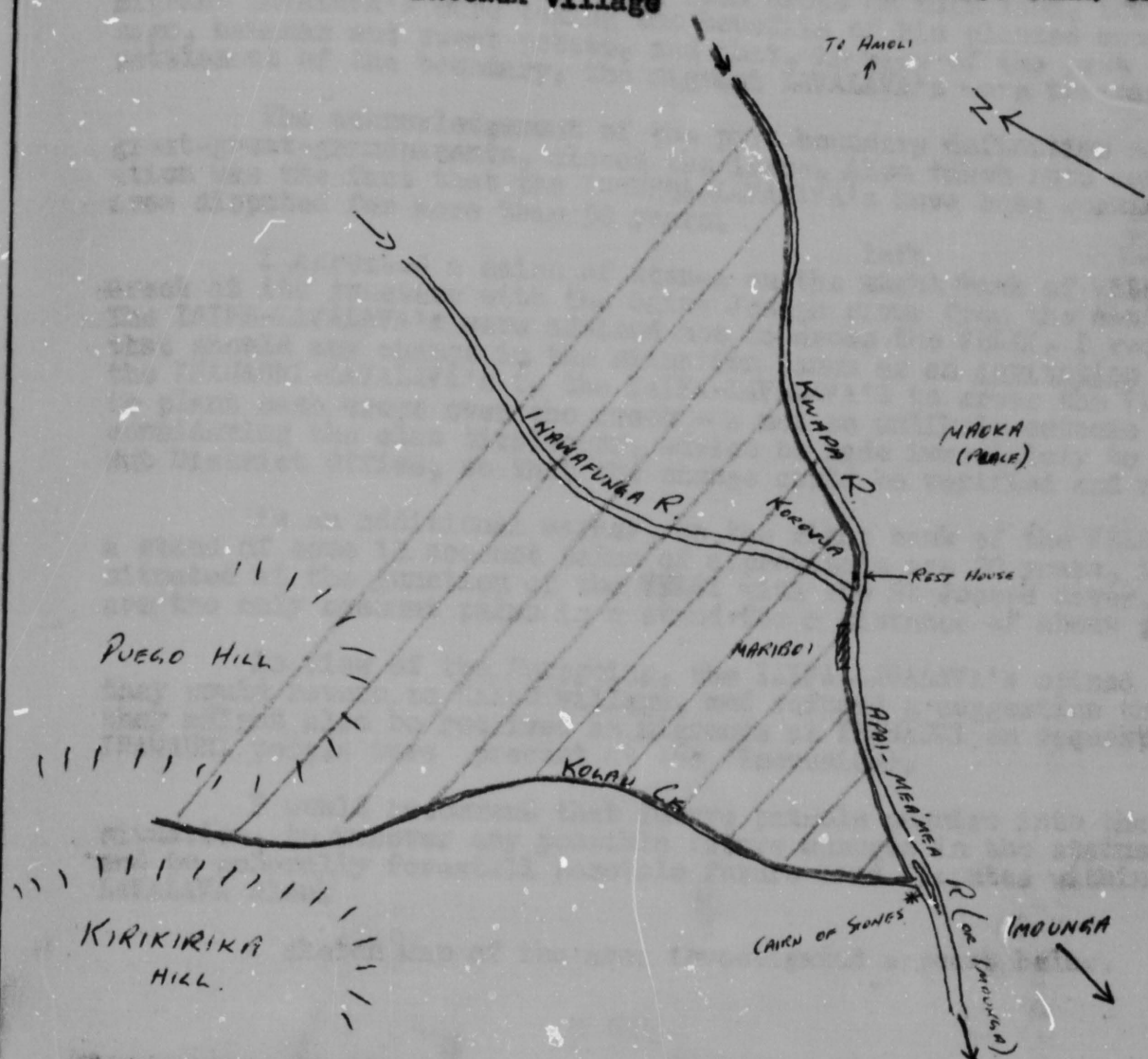
The established boundary description is as follows:

"All the land contained by the right (northern) bank of the KWAPA River to its junction with the INAWAFUNGA River, called KOROVUA, thence downstream on the right bank of the APAI-MEA'MEA (or Imounga) River for a distance of approx. 600 yards where the APAI-MEA'MEA River is joined by KOLAU Creek on the right bank. A cairn of stones was erected at this junction on the left bank of KOLAU Creek, surmounted by arrow-marked trees on either bank. The boundary then follows KOLAU Creek to its source between two hills called PUEGO and KIRIKIREKA. From here the boundary is less well defined, following the foothills to a place called IPI some two days walk from MARIBOI."

The land lying to the south of the KWAPA River known as MAOKA and AMOLI in that order travelling Eastward is claimed in the following manner (not disputed) :

MAOKA : Jointly owned by PAPI'E AINA'AU (AFANGA clan) of Imounga and AIVA KAMA (OAPENI clan) previously of LAVETIKO, now resident at MARIBOI.

**AMOLI** : Owned by PEAPAKI UEKE (INAUKUKI No.1 clan) of IMOUNGA village



**2. INAWAUNI - IAIFA**

On the 30th June I visited VELEI via INAWAUNI after complaints that the IAIFA ~~and~~ people were trespassing on INAWAUNI land. On investigation it was revealed that the dispute was between members of the one clan, namely LAVALAVA, of IAIFA village in the Kuri Census Division.

Historically, it would appear that some 50 + years ago a split occurred within LAVALAVA clan, with a small migration taking place of the breakaway section to INAWAUNI. An agreement was reached between the two sections that the breakaways should have rights over LAVALAVA land as far as VELEI creek. Sickness during the war years almost wiped out the remainder of the breakaways, who returned to the original clan. Within 12 months they had returned to INAWAUNI and have remained there in residence ever since.

The prime participants in the land difference investigated, were OKOPO KEAIKE of INAWAUNI (on his own behalf and that of his two absent nephews PINONO AUVO and AINA'A AUVO), and ITSIGA PIKI of IAIFA. Also present of IAIFA from the LAVALAVA clan were MOIJAU PIKI, AVILA PIKI, KAU'AU PIKI and PIKI KAU'AU.

The dispute commenced after a movement from KAKAU village some two miles from VELEI, to VELEI after the death of the clan chief KAVILA KAU'AU.

The settlement of the boundary at VELEI creek was admitted as legend by the disputants (ie. the IAIFA Lavalava clan members), but was disputed on the grounds that, after all, they were all LAVALAVA clan members.

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The prime complaint of OKOPO KEAIKE (Inawauni - Lavalava) was that he had plans of planting cash crops on this land, that the migrant LAVALAVA's were taking the benefits of his planted coconuts, sage, bananas and sweet potato, and that, in view of the past settlement of the boundary, the migrant LAVALAVA's were trespassing.

The acknowledgement of the past boundary definition made by great-great-grandparents, closed the issue. Also taken into consideration was the fact that the IMOUNGA-LAVALAVA's have been working the area disputed for more than 50 years.

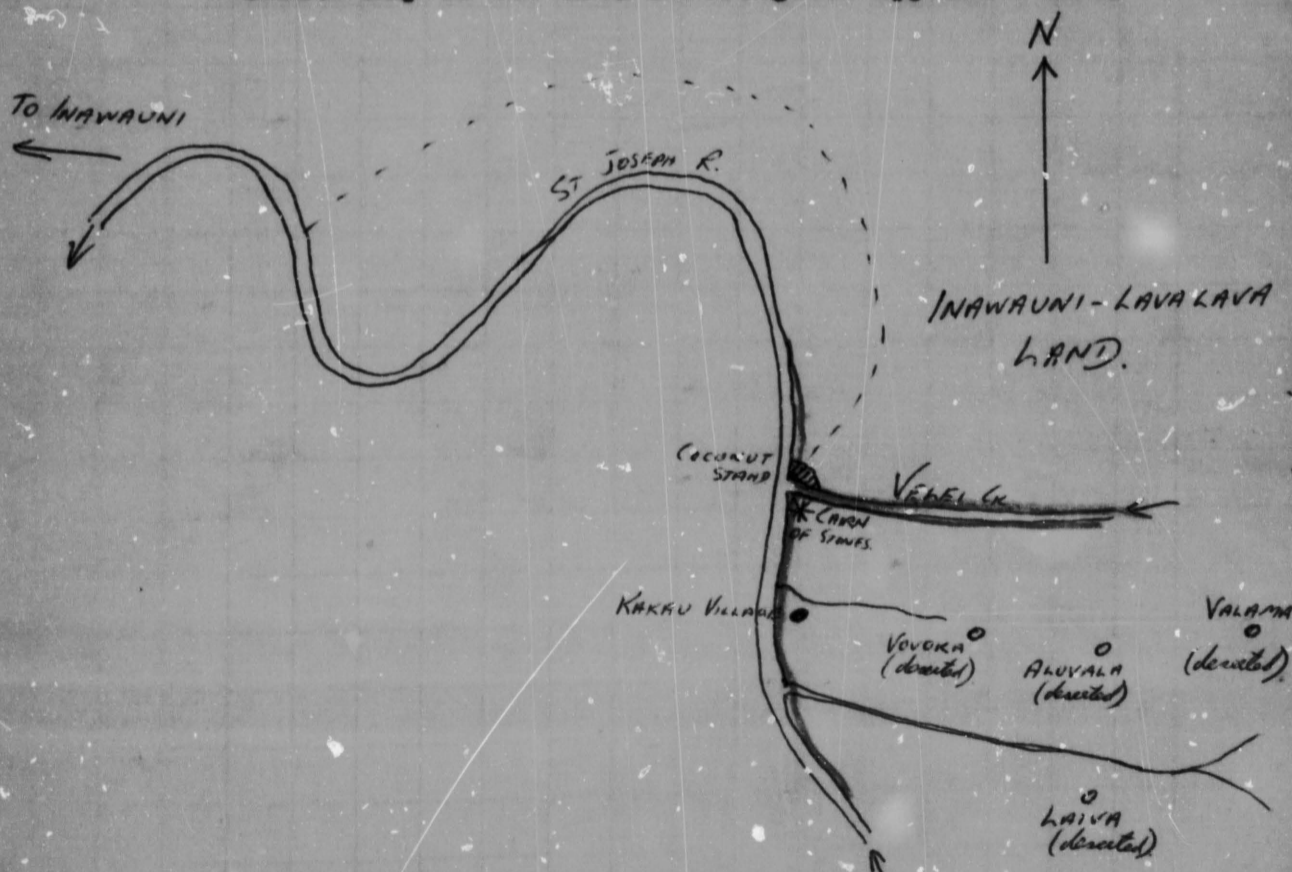
I erected a cairn of stones on the ~~right~~ left bank of VELEI Creek at its junction with the Saint Joseph river from the east. The IAIFA-LAVALAVA's were advised not to cross the VELEI. I requested that should any change in the situation (such as an invitation by the INAWAUNI-LAVAVA's to the IAIFA-LAVALAVA's to cross the VELEI to plant cash crops over the creek - a not so unlikely outcome considering the clan ties) occur, advice be made immediately to the Sub District Office, so that the change could be verified and noted.

As an additional marker, on the right bank of the VELEI creek, a stand of some 12 coconut palms of approximate age 20 years, is situated at the junction of the VELEI with the St Joseph River. These are the only coconut palms in a stand for a distance of about 1/2 mile.

In view of the foregoing, the IAIFA-LAVALAVA's opined that they would return to KAKAU village, and refused a suggestion that they might also be received as migrants at INAWAUNI on request (many INAWAUNI people were present at the discussion).

I would recommend that future patrols enquire into the situation, to uncover any possible future changes in the status quo, and to generally forestall possible future land disputes within this LAVALAVA clan.

A sketch map of the area investigated appears below.



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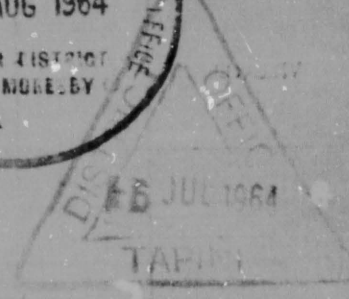
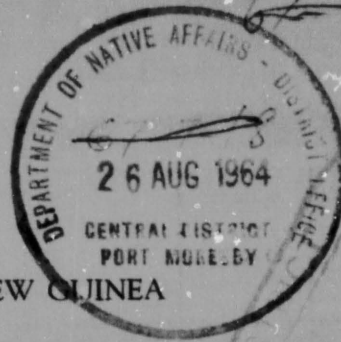
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of WEST CENTRAL Report No. 18/63-64

Patrol Conducted by D. A. Byrne, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled BUSH MEKBO, CENSUS DIVISION,

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 RPNGC, 1 Projectionist.

Duration—From 27 / 4 / 19 64 to 4 / 5 / 19 64.

Number of Days 8

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 7 / 1 / 1964.

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

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol LOCAL GOVERNMENT SURVEY.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Dept. of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu. Papua.

67-1-48

28th September, 1964.

District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 18-63/64 - BERBINA.

Receipt of the abovementioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

The content of the report in relation to the Council survey is being handled by the Executive Officer, Local Government, who will reply in all matters relating to the establishment of the Local Government Council.

I am pleased that the film unit accompanied the patrol and am sure this would assist in the maintenance of a good relationship between the Administration and the people.

J. K. McCarthy,  
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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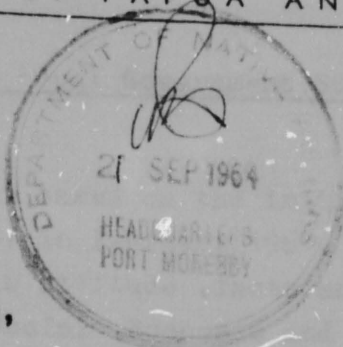
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Mr.....

Assistant District Officer,  
Kairuku Sub-District,  
Bereina.



Sub-District Office,  
Kairuku Sub-District,  
Bereina.  
7th May 1964.

Diary.. Bush Mekeo Local Government Survey.

- 27/4/64. By tractor to Makunga River, thence by ~~tractor~~ foot to Engefa village. Arrived Engefa 1400.  
Afternoon spent attending to numerous sick people in village. Extension service films shown at night followed by discussion on forthcoming Council.  
Slept Engefa.
- 28/4/64. By foot to Ioi. Arriving 1200.  
Attended to sick people and then held discussion on Council. Films shown at night.  
Slept Ioi.
- 29/4/64. By foot to Maipa arriving 1100.  
Afternoon spent in discussing Council and local village problem. Films shown at night.  
Slept Maipa.
- 30/4/64. By foot to Inaukina. Arriving 1100.  
Afternoon spent visiting coffee plots and in discussion with villages re Council matters. Films Shown at night.  
Slept Inaukina.
- 1/5/64. By foot to Ameiaka. Arriving 1000.  
Afternoon spent attending to numerous sores in village and in discussions with villages re Council. Films shown at night.  
Slept Ameiaka.
- 2/5/64. By canoe to Piunga village where Council discussion held and certain complaints heard re the use of the Akaihu river. 1300. By canoe to Apanaipi. Arriving 1600.  
Films shown at night Followed by Council Discussion s.  
Slept Apanaipi.
- 3/5/64. By canoe to Babanongo. 6½ hrs upriver from Apanaipi.  
Slept Babanongo.
- 4/5/64. 0800 held discussion re Council.  
1000 Self then departed by foot for Bereina, arriving 1400.  
Note. Film unit stayed overnight and Films shown.  
End of Patrol.



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2nd. Native Local Government Survey - Bush Mekeo.

This report is based on the initial survey of the Bush Mekeo by Mr. I.D. Gibbens P.O. in February 1961.

All changes in attitude, facts and figures have been adjusted but such things as, Social, Economic and Political Organisations and Social Groupings etc, remain the same.

Introduction.

(a) The Bush Mekeo area separates what is known as the Mekeo flood plain from the Karuama division of the mountainous Goilala Sub-District. The division between the Mekeo proper and the Bush Mekeo is marked by the Mačakunga River which joins the Beara River before reaching the coast in the Kerema District. This river together with its tributary, the Akaifu, provides the only real line of communications for the people living in the area and thus forms an important part of any survey.

Roughly two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the area is swampland and all is subject to flooding, particularly during the wet season lasting from November to July. Higher land is to be found in the rain forest areas around the Northern most villages of Maipa and Inaukina but even this is partially inundated during a prolonged "wet". Average rainfall for most of the area is believed to be in excess of 100 inches.

Owing to the swampy nature of the country the villages along the Akaifu river are forced to carry out most of their gardening activity along the levy banks peculiar to Flood plain rivers. During the wet season the river overflows, gardens are destroyed and the people are forced to depend on sago from surrounding swamps.

(b) The Bush Mekeo is approximately 95 miles N.W. of Port Moresby, 35 miles S.W. of Tapini and 35 miles North of Kairuku. Access to the farthest village is possible from Bereina (Sub-District H.Q.) in a day by use of a Landrover and outboard motor.

(c) The area has been administered for some seventy years now, since about 1890. Not a great deal could be learned of its early history. It was first controlled from the Kerema District but for the past two decades has received fairly constant attention from Kairuku and Bereina. The small population now numbering 1511 has never as yet, attained that degree of pseudo-sophistication which appears to foster cargo-cults or other similar nativistic movements and so no outbreak of this kind has been known in the area.

(d). The village constables appear to exert plenty of influence while Government backing is close on hand. Except for the V.C. of Maipa Amina Amina, the remainder of the V.C.'s are too old and too uninterested to be efficient workers when the Government is not on Patrol in the area.

Of the few educated men living in the area, Alan Eboa of Piunga village is the only one who exerts any control in the area. Previously a Mission teacher (B grade) he has just returned from two years in Moresby and at present is staying ~~at~~ in the village.

Leaders in economic activities are Guy Pioma, teacher in Maipa village and also voluntary medical orderly; George Ipipi, agricultural assistant of Ioi village. Both these men have well kept young coffee plantations.

### B. Total Population and Population Distribution.

(a) Total population- 1964 figures is 1511. Census figures are attached.

(b) Population figures indicate a population increase of 3%.

Previous Census totals.

1954	1101	1961	1334
1956	1155	1962	1415
1958	1235	1964	1511.
1959	1280		

(c) There are eight villages in the area being surveyed with Apanaipi being by far the largest having a population of 467 -almost one third of the total. Population distribution can be gauged from the accompanying census figures and maps.

(d) The general standard of living is not high yet on the other hand by general Papuan standards could not be described as low. Over the last two years more cash than ever before is coming into the area. The distribution of this cash is however limited to Maipa, Ioi, Inaukina and Apanaipi. The majority of this cash is limited to 20 or so industrious people.

About 25% of the population is literate in the vernacular, only the village school teachers being literate in English. At Apanaipi schooling to Standard 3 is available while at Piunga, Ameaka and Maipa schooling ceases at Standard 2. At Babanongo, Inaukina and Engefa only the vernacular is taught. Any child showing promise and having passed the necessary exams is eligible to attend Mainohana school and thence the De LaSalle College at Yule Island.

### C. Social Grouping.

(a) To all intents and purposes the Bush Mekeo can be regarded as a single social group. In certain respects however the villages can be divided into three social groups.

Engefa, Ioi, and Maipa belong to the Amoamo "tribe" which migrated originally from the Mekeo village of Amoamo. Inaukina, Ameaka and Babanongo belong to the Inaukina "tribe". Apanaipi is the Kuipa "tribe" while Piunga is half Kuipa and half Inaukina.

(b) A very slight dialectical difference exists between ~~three~~ these groups. It is thought by members of the Catholic Mission who have been in the area for some forty years that the present Bush Mekeo language is akin to the original Mekeo language, the latter having been altered through contact with the Roro and Waima tribes to which it is nowadays very similar.

(c) Relations with the Mekeo to the south, Karuama to the North and Kerema to the South west are reasonably good. Three land boundary disputes with the Mekeo continue to simmer as they have for ~~the~~ the past 10 years. These are namely Babanongo-Aipeana, Beipa-Engefa, and Ioi-Imunga. A fourth dispute has existed for some twenty years between Apanaipi and the coastal Kerema village of Waiapu. Trading between the Bush Mekeos and ~~the~~ Mekeos takes place, although mainly in the form of barter. (Eg., Meat for vegetables.) Apanaipi, Piunga and Ameaka sell betel nut, peppers, vegetables etc, to the Coastal people.

(d) There are two main examples of cohesion between the villages in the upper Bush Mekeo. Firstly there is the Maipa airstrip; This was built by the villages of Inaukina, Maipa and Ioi. Today all villages maintainance the strip with Maipa village doing the majority of the work. At present no airline runs services to the strip although STOL will land if requested.

The second example of cohesion was in the Piunga, Ameaka, Ioi and Inaukina canoe venture. The plan here was to build a tremendous double canoe and power it with a diesel engine. The idea was good and approx. £200 was donated to the project by the villages concerned. Unfortunately the canoe was so long in the process of manufacture that the logs went rotten. The money now has been divided back into the villages and the project written off as a failure. The fact that a little embezzelling was going on by the leaders in the project also added to its abrupt end.

#### D. Social, Economic and Political Organisations.

(a) As with the Mekeo, clan organisation in the Bush Mekeo is alone and all important both in social, economic and political spheres. Each clan has its big and little chief and on the numerical size and extent of land owned depends the degree of influence exerted by the chief in village and tribal affairs.

(b) the area is entirely Roman Catholic and each village is visited by a priest from Beipa once a month. As with the Mekeo ~~mission~~ mission influence is strong.

(c). The only attempt at forming a Co-operative Society started at Apanaipi (the largest village in the area). Numerous Officers have reported on this and I believe that the Dept. of Trade and Industry has set a target of £700. ~~before any more~~ When this is reached further discussions will be held on the matter by the Co-op. Officer at Kukipi. At present the villages state they have £500 in hand towards this target figure.

(d) No other movements are present.

### E. Communications.

#### (a) Land.

During the last 12 months much thought ~~has~~ has been given to roads in this area. To date, every action has led to a standstill. The Agric. Extension Officer at Beipa was endeavouring to build a road from Beipa to Maipa, quite a feat. This project has been ~~ab~~ abandoned due to flooding of the road from Beipa to the Makunga River and the permanent swamps between the Makunga and Ioi village. The present idea is to construct a road from Beipa to Inawauni thence Imounga - Ioi and Maipa - another ambitious project considering the meagre amount of equipment and funds available.

At present the only road in the Bush Mekeo is between Beipa and Babanongo - although the road, at present stops a mile from the village it is anticipated that this section will be completed this coming dry season.

#### (b) Sea and River.

Having patrolled this Census Division three times and having traversed it thoroughly, I am of the opinion that the answer to the Bush Mekeo's immediate transport problems lies in the rivers. On the attached map it can be seen that every village has access to the main Akaifu river, which becomes the Beara river and enters the sea at Lese. All villages are experiencing difficulty in getting their produce out - in fact this has stifled any form of economic activity at Engefa. The main problem the river could solve would be the transportation of the increasing amount of coffee being produced in the upper villages of Ioi- Maipa and Inaukina. The present method of transport is by human portage, which will be an impossibility once all ~~the~~ coffee is in production. I believe that a central buying place at Aneka (accessible by canoe from all villages) would ease the problems of these upper villages. Shipment then could be effected to Lese ~~either~~ either by double canoe or raft. At present coffee is carried to Beipa thence by truck to Bereina and thence Moresby by Plane, a very expensive proposition.

#### (c) Air.

The airstrip at Maipa is still maintained by the villages of Ioi, Maipa and Inaukina. Stol aerservices will land on request but run no services to the

strip. Previously the people tried to fly out produce and oranges but the whole scheme failed, mainly because Stol found it uneconomical and the three villages started a fight over ownership of the airstrip. Room for expansion of this airstrip to Paaggio standard exists. Perhaps the different freight costs may be able to make the flying out of coffee and produce economical.

(d) Attendance at Council meetings would definitely be effected during the wet season and the attaining of Council materials on site in the Bush Mekeo would take considerable organisation.

#### F. Present Avenues of Economic Production.

##### (a). (1) Coconuts.

Over the past year a copra drier has been built in Apanaipi village. Estimates on how much copra has been produced are hard to ascertain but I believe it to be an ever increasing figure. As at March 1963 there were ~~4~~ 4558 mature trees and 3604 immature trees in the Bush Mekeo. At least half of the above trees are to be located in Apanaipi village, perhaps the only village any room for expanding present stands exists.

##### (b). (2) Coffee.

In the 1962-63 financial year 1008 lbs of coffee were bought from the Bush Mekeo villages of Maipa, Ioi and Inaukina. Figures obtained from D.A.S.F. indicate a continuing amount of coffee being planted each year.

In March 1963 there were 1413 mature trees and 3500 immature coffee trees in the three villages mentioned above.

This year there are 5000 mature trees and 6000 immature trees in the area. All three villages each have a hand operated coffee pulping machine.

##### (3) Oranges.

The following estimates of bearing trees are submitted.

Engefa.	50
Ioi	60
Maipa	100
Inaukina	60
Ameaka	50
Piunga	60
Apanaipi	60
Babanongo	40.

##### (4) Rice and Vegetables.

Small amounts of vegetables find there way to Moresby from the villages of Piunga, Ameaka and Apanaipi, these go via Lese at the mouth of the river. Apanaipi over the last few months has made three trips to Moresby per there own large canoe and outboard motor.

Rice is grown in all villages and I believe the only villages that are selling their surplus rice is Apanapi and Babanongo. Apanapi sells their rice to the L.M.S. mission at Isaka and Babanongo sells theirs to the Catholic Mission at Beipa.

(b) Twenty Eight per cent of the male population is absent from the area. Very few work outside the District.

(c) Two small trade stores exist at Apanapi, and one at ~~Maipa~~ Maipa. All are essentially a service to their area rather than a profit making concern.

#### G. Potential for Increased New Forms of Production.

(a) and (b) General unsuitability of land in the area limits potential for increased plantings of coconuts except perhaps at Babanongo and Apanapi. Considerable potential is available for further plantings of Robusta Coffee. D.A.S.F. are at present constructing a small station at Maipa with the intention of stationing a Field Assistant there to assist permanently the planting and care of coffee.

(c) Investigations are being carried out by the Extension Station at Beipa re the possibility of starting a fishing industry (using a process of smoking fish for the Moresby market).

(d) Since the last report the wage labour field has shown a decrease of 8%.

#### H. Ability to pay tax.

(a). The absence of co-operative societies negates this section.

(b) Except for the new trade store at Maipa no books of any sort are kept by the other stores. The few books kept by the Maipa store indicate a turnover of Approx. £17 per month. This figure is only an average for the four months the store has been open.

(c) An unknown amount of copra is marketed by the Apanapi's. All of the copra produced so far has been sold either at Lese or Kukipi.

(d) No native market exists in the area. Some trading takes place between the Apanapi's, Piunga's Ameaka's and the coastal Kerema people.

(e) A gift of 5/- a family is made to the Catholic Mission each year.

(f) See F. (a) for cash crop tree counts.

(g) No reasonably accurate figures could be obtained. All persons questioned said about £10 to nil in answer to the questions asked. Distribution of income is very varied in this area.

(h) The only wage labour in the area is the Admin.

ferryman , village Police and Mission school teachers.

I. Availability of Technical Skills.

Except for the presence of a carpenter-boat builder no other skilled men are at present residing in the Bush Mekeo. No doubt there are qualified men in Moresby who would be willing to take a position in their home area. This absence of skilled men is no problem as the ~~Mekeo~~ Mekeo Council at present employs a carpenter full time and the Mekeo itself can provide any of the skilled people it is likely to require.

J. Clerical Skills.

This area will, if ~~it~~ it joins the Mekeo Council already have a Council Clerk .

K. Attitude of Population to Local Government.

The proposal for the Bush Mekeo to join the Mekeo Council was discussed in every village. Attendance by men was excellent but only at Ioi did any women desire to, address the meeting.

These people were subject of a local Government Survey in 1961. Last year the A.D.O. Mr.K.A.Brown discussed the matter on Patrol after the village people of Apanaipi approached him re joining the Council, also Mr. A.N.Asmussen , Supervising Officer discussed it with them on his recent Patrol of the area .

It is the unanimous wish of every village concerned that they join the Mekeo Council by 1965. In fact at no stage ~~were~~ did any person speak against joining the Council . Every opportunity was given for any member of the Community to express their views. The general theme in the area seems to be ; the way of the Council is new and it is progress, we have seen the Mekeo Council and think it is doing good for the people, we also wish to share in this help and work the Council is doing. Although we are a little worried about finding our tax money we would like to join the Council regardless .

L. Recommendations.

In 1961 these people expressed the wish that they did not want to join the Mekeo Council. Today after the Mekeo Council has completed numerous projects they have changed their mind.

I feel that many of the people are still worried about an exorbenant tax rate being forced on them, although they still wish to jion anyway, if a satisfactory tax rate is arrived at I feel the Bush Mekeo people will ~~whole-heart~~ give thier support to the Council.

In view of the wish of the population and the fact that this area is ~~so~~ through its own efforts demanding attention from the Administration (Maipa Airstrip) I recommend that it join the Mekeo Council in 1965.

D. J. Byrne

CHIEF PATROL OFFICER

Key to Villages.

- 1. Babanongo.
- 2. Apanaipa.
- 3. Piunga. -
- 4. Ameiaka. -
- 5. Engefa. -
- 6. Inaukina. -
- 7. Maipa.
- 8. Ioi.

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	Average
1. Babanongo.	11	12	23	1.15
2. Apanaipa.	10	11	21	1.05
3. Piunga.	9	10	19	0.95
4. Ameiaka.	8	9	17	0.85
5. Engefa.	7	8	15	0.75
6. Inaukina.	6	7	13	0.65
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8. Ioi.	4	5	9	0.45

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VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR .1964.....

MONTH JANUARY.....

VILLAGE .Bush Mekeo.....

Day of Month	POPULATION IN VILLAGE AT TIME OF CENSUS														GRAND TOTAL	Average size of Family	
	Under Year		1-5 Years		6-10 Years		11-15 Years		16-45 Years		46 & Over		TOTALS, inc ABSENTEES				
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
1	2	15	13	10	23	8	11	24	27	7	57	35	38	34	37	145	3.8
9	16	42	31	33	31	25	30	80	89	38	12	105	115	141	106	467	2.7
6	2	12	12	6	13	9	7	17	16	7	5	34	35	25	22	116	2.8
9	3	8	9	12	10	8	6	24	24	4	6	38	30	38	29	135	
4	5	14	9	14	14	14	13	33	34	8	8	43	46	59	41	189	3.0
4	1	6	14	15	6	9	8	19	22	8	4	36	30	57	32	115	3.0
7	5	15	12	15	11	6	7	27	29	11	13	43	35	54	42	174	3.8
3	6	11	10	11	12	11	9	23	22	5	2	36	37	33	24	130	3.6
	43	40	123	110	116	110	90	91	27	28	86	57	36	44	1833	1511	Av. 3.3.

BUSH MEKEO

1964

JANUARY

Under Year	1964				1965				1966			
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
2-1-64												
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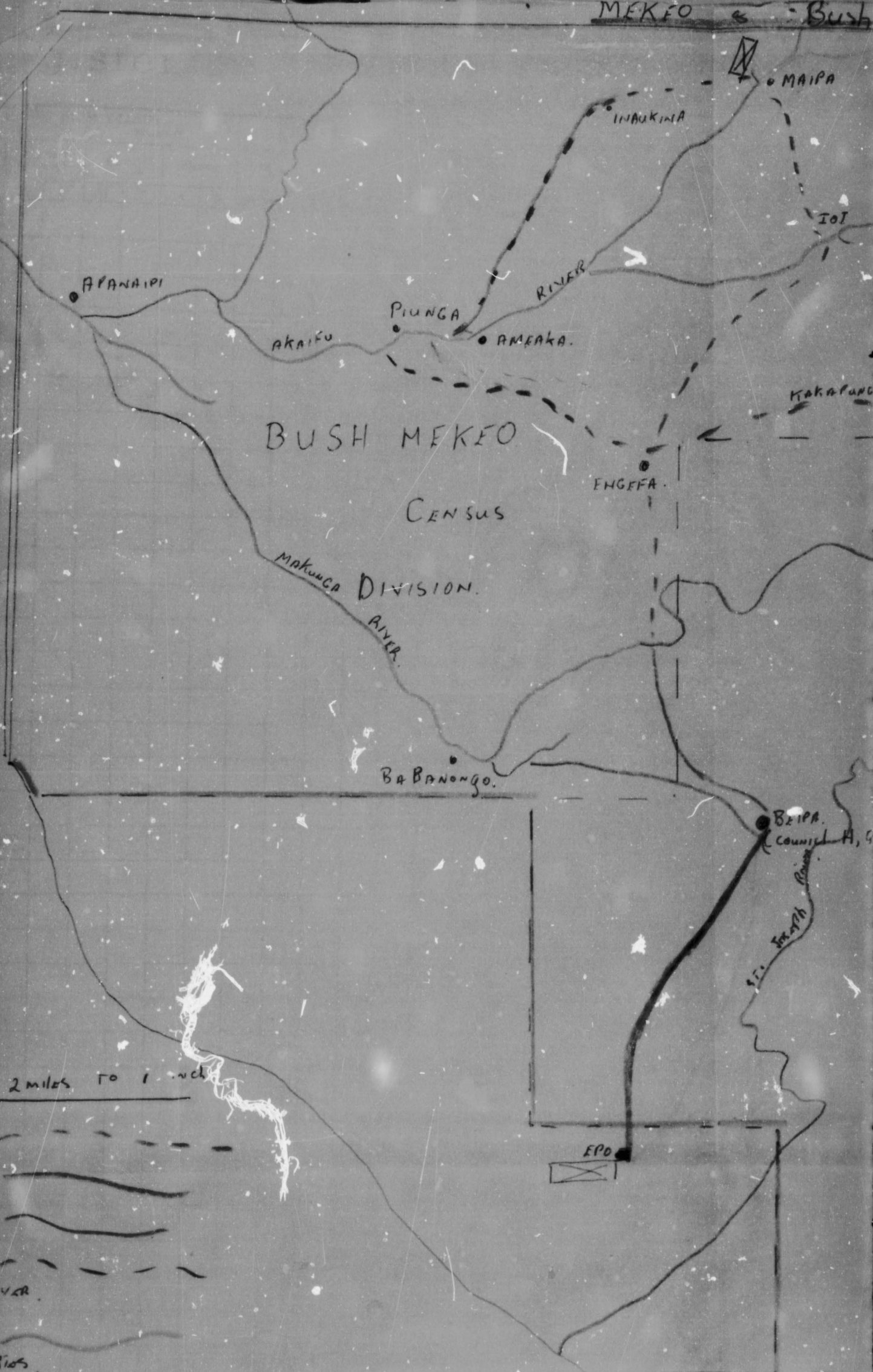
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BUSH NEKEO

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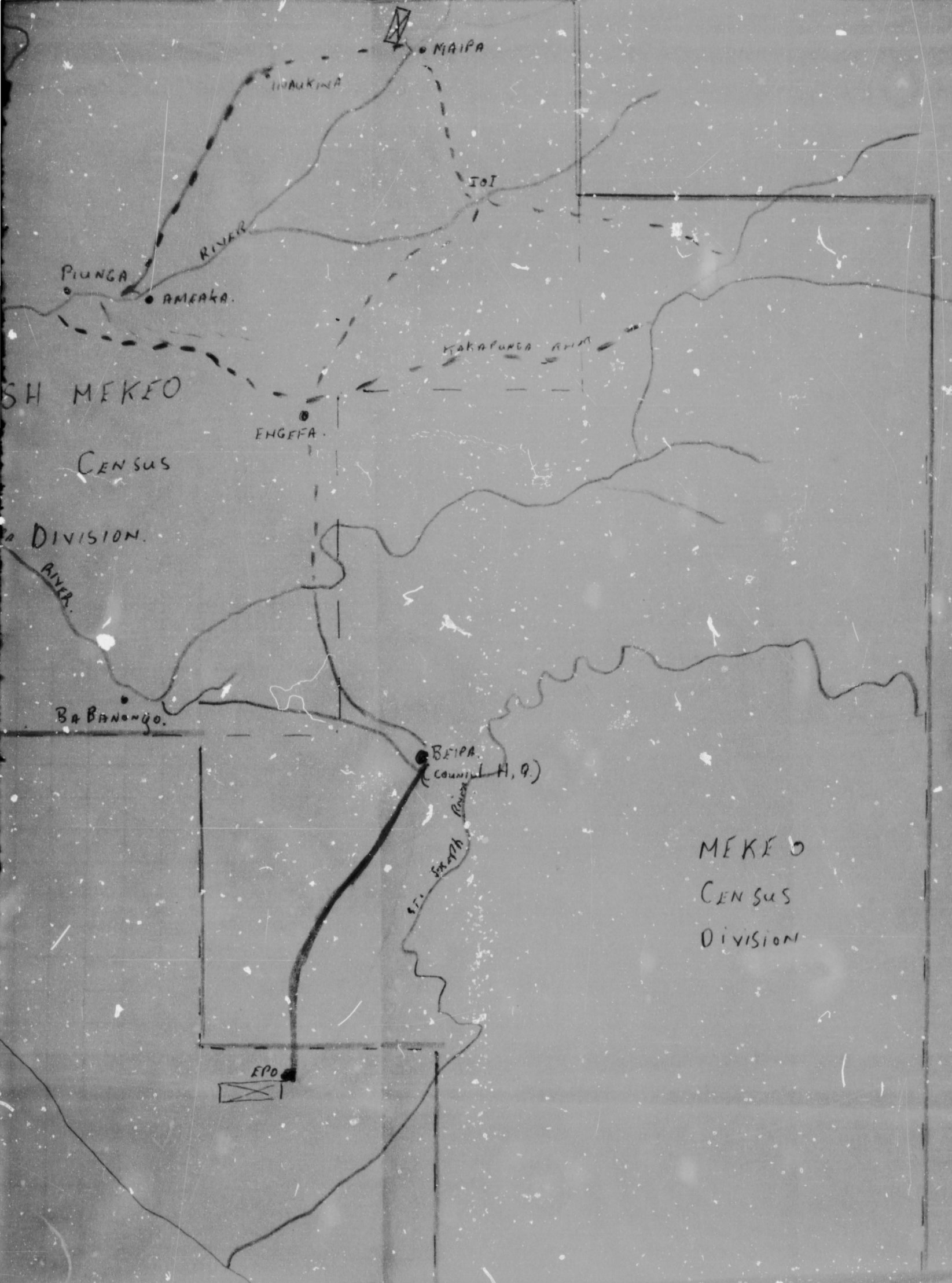
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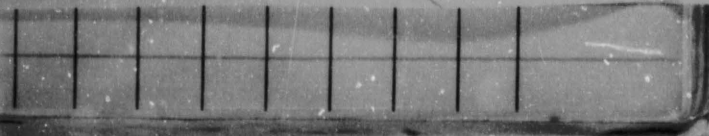
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 (Council H. Q.)

ST. SMITH RIVER

MEKEO  
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of CENTRAL Report No. Bereina 15/63-64.

Patrol Conducted by D.J. Byrne C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Bushy Mts Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans nil

Natives Auz. Div. clerk. Alex, Oaego.  
Constable Puka Paul.

Duration—From 2 / 1 / 1964 to 10 / 1 / 1964

Number of Days 8.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? no.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 20 / 11 / 1963.

Medical 10 / 1963.

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Census Revision, Electoral Education.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-1-19

4th March, 1964.

District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

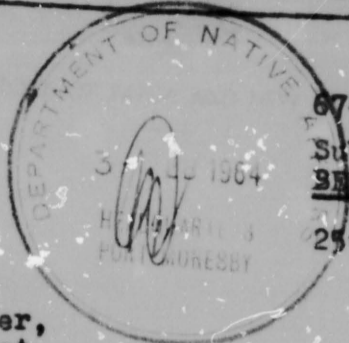
PATROL REPORT NO. 15/1963-64 - BESEKWA

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. I am very heartened with the effort being made in political education amongst the Bekeo people. Efforts should be made to bring plans to include the people in the Bekeo Council to fruition.
3. Mr. Byrne is to be congratulated on his bush work and will benefit from this experience.
4. It has been found that mock elections are the best method of demonstrating to the people the manner in which elections will be conducted - it also allows them to participate rather than just sit and listen.
5. Good work by Mr. Byrne.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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Sub-District Office,  
SERINA.

25th January, 1964.

District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

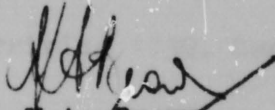
REPORT OF A PATROL TO BUSH MEKEO  
CENSUS DIVISION No.15 of 63/64

1. Above report of a patrol by Mr. D.J. Byrne is attached for your information and comment please.
2. The Bush Mekeo has received considerable attention over the past few months and I feel that nothing has been left undone in respect of electoral education. I particularly wanted attitudes checked in view of points raised in my report (9 of 63/64).
3. It appears that our Piunga canoe venture has collapsed. Simon Fangokanga will be contacted in respect of the missing funds.
4. Recommendations for inclusion of Bush Mekeo in Mekeo Council will be made as soon as elections are over. The Mekeo Council has already voted in favour of its inclusion at a reduced tax rate.
5. Mr Byrne has spent about 70% of his time in the bush since September, 1963, and although a little thin, has benefited by covering every village in the sub-district in that time. His contribution to the electoral education programme is an enviable one.
6. Camping allowance claim is attached for certification please.

by

Recd

67-7-15.

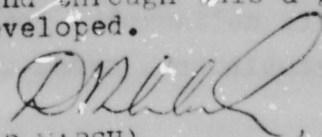
  
K.A. Brown.  
Assistant District Officer.

Minute to:-

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

Ref Kairuku Patrol Report No 15/63-64 attached.

It is very heartening to see so many young officers tackling this work in such a vigorous and intelligent manner. This work enables them to use their initiative and through this a great deal of pride in the department has developed.

  
(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.  
29/1/64.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-36.

Sub-District Office,  
Kairuku Sub-District,  
Central District.  
Bereina.  
14 1/64.

Assistant District Officer  
Kairuku Sub-District .  
Bereina.

DIARY PATROL REPORT No. 15.63/64.

~~1/1/64~~

2/1/64. 1000. Departed Station for Babanongo. Arrived at road end, thence by foot to the village.

1200-1500. Summoned people to Census, did not know of arrival due to Police Constable getting misdirected.

1500. Census conducted and election discussion till 1730.

Slept Babanongo.

3/1/64. 0700. By canoe to Apanaipi, arriving 1200.

1200-1500. Census figures.

1500-1800. Census and Election discussions.

Slept Apanaipi.

4/1/64. 0700. By outboard to Piunga, arriving 1130. Census conducted and electoral discussions held.

1300. By outboard to Ameika .

1500. Census conducted and electoral discussion held.

1600. Visited Catholic Mission Father .

Slept Ameika .

5/1/64. Sunday- Observed.

Slept Ameika.

6/1/64. 07 0. To Engefa with Police Constable. Patrol gear despatched to Inaukina with Aux. Div. Clerk, where he conducted census.

0900. Arrived Engefa.

0915. Census conducted and Electoral information given.

0930- 1030. Discussion with Mr. G. Ehava, candidate for House of Assembly.

1030-1115. To Ioi river where Ameika Ferryman was waiting. Thence down river to above Ameika where short cut was taken to Inaukina.

1240. Arrived Inaukina.

140-1615. Heard minor disputes .

1615-1800 To Maipa.

Slept Maipa.

- 7/1/64. 0800. Census and election discussions Maipa .  
 0900-1030. To Ici where census and election discussions held.  
 1200. To Imounga ,arriving 1430 ( delayed through slight hunting escapade.)  
 1600. Census Imounga .  
 Slept Imounga.
- 8/1/64. 0730. Election talks and discus ion on Council till 0900. Thence to Inawauni.  
 1230 . Census conducted and election talks given Inawauni.  
 1400. With Agric. Extension Officers to inspect Cocoa.  
 1500. By D.A.S.F. Landrover to Rarai, arriving 1530.  
 Slept Rarai.
- 9/1/64.0800. Census and election discussions Rarai. Mock election held.  
 1100. Departed to Amo-Amo where mock elections conducted,together with Census.  
 1300. To Beipa, thence by Aipeana tractor to Oriropetana.  
 Slept Oriropetana.
- 10/1/64. 0800. Mock elections and census conducted.  
 1100. To Bebeo where mock elections and census conducted.  
 1500. Returned Eereina by D.N.A. Landrover.

END OF PATROL.

#### Intoduction.

1. The objects of the Patrol were, Census Revision and further Political Education.
2. During the last 6 months this area has been Patrolled by myself twice , the A.D.O. Mr. K.Brown and Mr. D. Fitzer P.O.11. , as a result little or any troubles were encountered and anything of interest has been reported to the fullest.

#### Native Affairs.

3. From this point of view , purely a routine Patrol.with the Patrol experiencing no difficulties as regards census , carriers etc.

#### Law & Order.

4. A tax defaulter was picked up at Apanaipi and was requested to pay his tax, this he did not do, so he was despatched to the Sub District Office, where he duly arrived and left again. He will be located immediately.
5. A little embezzlement has occurred over the funds of the Piunga Cance( which has now been abandoned because it is rotten right through ). It would appear that Simon Ake was given £65-18-0. to Bank , instead of banking it he put it into N.M.T.A. in his name. In December when he drew his electoral education pay he also withdraw this £65-18-0. privately & bought a 3H.P. Seagull Outboard Motor from a local trader.
6. Unfortunately for him a member of the Cance Committee was in goal at Eereina and through devious means heard of this withdrawal of money, on his return home he fronted Simon Ake,who confessed and turned

over £23. At present he is at Kukipi selling crocodile skins to obtain the rest of the money. Even if he repays the local population the full £55-18-0 he still owes £40 on the outboard. Anyway he has been requested to appear at the Sub-District Office on his return from Kukipi to answer a few questions.

Roads & Bridges.

7. No trouble was experienced in crossing any of the rivers in the Bush Mekeo, however I would advise the Patrol to travel early in the morning, during the Election Patrol as the rivers are often flooded in the afternoon even in the dry season. Canoes have been requested to wait at Maipa and at the two Imounga river crossings.

8. The Makunga river has risen (due to the wet season) and outboard travel to Babanongo is again possible.

9. All tracks as usual, were either damp, wet, or covered in water.

Medical & Health.

10. A woman with a broken arm at Babanongo was despatched to the Beipa Hospital for treatment. I have reason to believe that this injury was received in a fight with a woman of another village and when time permits I will investigate further.

Village & Village Officials.

11. The progress of the Rest Houses which were requested by the A.D.O. to be built (if people agreeable) on his last Patrol, is as follows;

Babanongo. land cleared. V.C. asked to report January 30th. for progress report.

Ameika- Piunga. Stumps erected but Piunga people not keen on the idea and doubt whether this will be completed.

12. As usual the V.C.'s were more diligent to the Patrol than our Mekeo L.G. councillors

Mission.

13. The Roman Catholic Mission is the only Mission in the area and churches are to be found in all villages. The attitude to the mission, as far as I can observe is very responsive.

Education.

14. At present the school holidays are in progress, but those children intending going to school this year were recorded as doing so in the census.

15. All Mission Teachers are at present at Yule Island attending the annual refresher course.

Economic Development.

16. The Piunga Canoe Project has now ceased- all people concerned are trying to recoup their money and the present opinion is to chop the canoe into fire wood.

Agriculture.

Agriculture.

17. This area is constantly Patrolled by the Extension Station at Beipa. Whilst at Inawauni I accompanied 3 Agricultural Officers of the Extension Department to inspect the Community Coe a Plot of 1200 trees behind Inawauni, this project is receiving attention by Extension and is progressing well.

Electoral Education.

18. As this was, together with census the main object of the Patrol as much time as possible or thought needed was allocated to it.

19. The candidates nominated at this time were made known to the people and the notification of the date and place of elections was displayed and left in each village. All V.C.'s and school teachers present were given a copy.

20. Mock elections were held at, Rarai, Amo Amo, Oriropetana and Bebeo. Response to these were excellent, except at AMO-AMO where it takes a great deal to stir the people out of their slumber.

21. Great assistance was given to the electoral education through the presence of a candidate, Mr. Gabriel Whava. This candidate was moving on a campaign Patrol through the Bush Mekeo and Mekeo. Fortunately he stayed day ahead of the patrol and aroused Electoral interest ahead of the Patrol.

Conclusion.  
22. A very satisfying Patrol, as it is heartening to observe the amount of interest that has been created in the forthcoming elections. If the same amount of interest is shown elsewhere in the Sub-District I am sure an excellent overall voting percentage will be obtained in the Kairuku Sub-District.

D. F. Byrne  
Caret. Patrol Officer

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Returned  
to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of **CENTRAL (KAIBUKU)** Report No. **17 of 63/64**

Patrol Conducted by **T. HEUSTON, PATROL OFFICER CML.**

Area Patrolled **WALIMA KIVORI CENSUS DIVISION.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NIL**

Natives **TWO**

Duration—From **2 1** / 19 **64** to **10 1** / 19 **64**

Number of Days **9**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO**

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol **1. Electoral Education, 2. census, 3 general Administration.**

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

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

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

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

67-1-20

6th March, 1964.

District Officer,  
central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 17-63/2 - KAITUKU

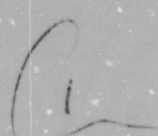
Receipt of the abovementioned report is acknowledged, with thanks.

What positive action is being taken to resolve the marriage and prostitution problems?

I am gratified to note that the electoral education programme was carried out carefully and ran smoothly in all villages. From the record it appears that the talks were particularly well prepared. The people have revealed their political consciousness by the number of questions asked.

I am particularly pleased that it was emphasised that the election of a member to the House of Assembly would not automatically ensure a welfare state.

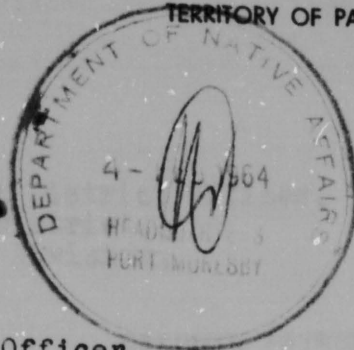
An informative and well presented report.

  
J. K. McCarthy,  
DIRECTOR.



67-1-20

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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No.

67-2-36 P/R 17 of 63/64.  
Sub-District Office,  
BEREINA.

25th January, 1964.

District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

REPORT OF PATROL BY MR. T. HEUSTON

WAIMA KIVORI CENSUS DIVISION.

1. The attached report by Mr. Heuston, Patrol Officer is an interesting one and I was pleased; considering the limited time at his disposal, that he added the valuable sections on Native Affairs and Attitudes.
2. The main purpose of the patrol was to round off the general education programme and the report indicates considerable success in that sphere.
3. The need for an Administration school in the Waima Kivori area is a real one and I have prepared a separate submission for your consideration.
4. Your approval to let Mr. Heuston assist me with my electoral programme is much appreciated and it released an officer for vital station work.

K.A. BROWN  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

67-7-17.

Minute to:-  
The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDORU.

For your information, please.

(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

The Assistant District Officer,  
BEREINA.

29/1/64.

Your 67-2-36 (P/R 17/63-64) of 25/1/64 refers. I am seeking opinion from the DEO on school needs in the area and will advise. Mr. Heuston's comment on attitudes towards Indonesia are relevant and I would like you to follow this up and submit a fuller report. All in all a good effort by Mr. Heuston. We are conscious of the marriage and prostitution problems. The latter is difficult to contact when parents encourage it and our welfare staff have more than a full time job coping with the associated problems which arise from this sort of behaviour.

(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

Sub District Office,  
Kairuku Sub District,  
BEREINA .

12th January, 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Kairuku Sub District,  
West Central Division,  
BEREINA.

KAIRUKU PATROL NO. 17/63-64.

1. Your verbal instructions refer.
2. This patrol was conducted to the Waima-Kivori Census Division with the following objects:
  - (1) To conduct a comprehensive electoral education programme in all villages.
  - (2) To complete an accurate census adjustment.
  - (3) To obtain information for a current area study, particularly in the aspects of literacy, technical and clerical skills, economy, and attitudes towards Administration, Missions etc.
  - (4) General Administration.
3. For the purpose of assessing conveniently the times spent on electoral education, this was carried out in the mornings, and the afternoons devoted to Native Affairs business. (See Patrol Diary).
4. The Waima-Kivori Census Division is a sophisticated area, comprising two dialect divisions of the coastal Roro peoples, and is included in the sphere of the Kairuku Local Government Council, which first met in 1963. Although the soil is poor, and the rainfall low there is a relatively high level of economic development in this area, all villages being connected by vehicular roads, and the land supports a population of approximately fifty-five persons per square mile. The main production is in copra, supported by trading in Port Moresby, and in the Gulf District in native foodstuffs and ceremonial artefacts.

PATROL DIARY.

- Thurs. 2nd January From Bereina arriving Kivori-Poe village 0830. Commenced electoral education 0900. Continued till 1300. Lunch. 1400 commenced Census till 1700. Complaints etc., till 1800. Left for Kivori-Kui village, arriving 1900. Slept at Kivori-Kui rest house.
- Fri. 3rd. 0800 commenced electoral education Kivori -Kui. Continued till 1200. Lunch. 1300 commenced census till 1600. Complaints and discussions until 1900. Tea. Evening invited as a guest to a dance at Hereparu village. Returned 2300 slept Kivori-Kui rest house.
- Sat. 4th. 0800 commenced electoral education Hereparu village till 1200. Lunch. 1300 census till 1500. Complaints and discussions till 1700. Returned Bereina station by Catholic Mission landrover, bringing one woman with broken arm, and her husband for court for assault. Slept Bereina station.
- Sun. 5th. Observed Bereina.



- Mon. 6th 0800 left Bereina station arriving Hauramiri Rest House 0830. 0900 commenced electoral education Waima-Aviara village. Continued till 1300. Lunch. 1400 commenced census Waima-Aviara till 1700. 1700 to 1900 discussions and complaints etc. Slept Hauramiri Rest House.
- Tues. 7th. 0800 commenced electoral education Hauramiri village, till 1200. Lunch. 1300 census till 1600. 1600 till 1800 complaints and discussions. Slept Hauramiri Rest House.
- Wed. 8th. 0800 commenced electoral education Ere'ere village, till 1200. Lunch. 1300 census until 1600. 1600 till 1800 complaints and discussions. Slept Hauramiri rest house.
- Thurs. 9th. 0800 commenced electoral education Roroaiara village, till 1200. Lunch. 1300 commenced census, till 1600. 1600 till 1730 discussions and complaints. Executed one court order of Mr. Sanderson's which decision caused much friction. Departed 1730 with disputants who were cause of friction, taking them to Bereitsu from whence they departed on foot for Mou village. Returned to Bereina station 1800. Slept Bereina station.
- Friday 10th. 0800 left station for Bereina village. Aviara-Oreke people walked to Bereina as the road to their village was under water and impassable. 0900 commenced electoral education Aviara-Oreke village, till 1300. Lunch. 1300 till 1400 census. 1400 till 1600 complaints and discussions. 1600 to Bereina station. Slept Bereina Station.  
End of patrol.

#### ELECTORAL EDUCATION.

5. The programme of electoral education was carried out carefully and smoothly in all villages. Talks given from prepared material were given and followed by discussions in which all persons were invited to participate on an informal basis to enable all preconceptions and misconceptions to be ironed out, and thus to satisfy the patrolling officer that the materials had been fully assimilated. A helpful aid was found to be the pretaping of materials in the local dialect, on the patrolling officer's own personal tape recorder, which was used to supplement other materials, and the talks which were given in police motu, and interpreted. (Although a majority of persons in this area understand Police Motu).

6. This area has been subject to previous electoral educat. by a number of patrols, so there was comparatively few misconceptions, remaining in the minds of the people, but nevertheless there was an astounding variety of questions, and points brought up in discussion which were of importance covered all of the following.

- complete details of the work and duties of a successful candidate, including time expected to be spent in Port Moresby, and time travelling in his own electorate.
- details of payment of members, and allowances.
- electoral boundaries, and numbers of peoples of different "tribes" comprising both the Lakekamu open electorate and the West Papua Special Electorate.
- what was the reason for, and by what authority had Special (reserved electorates) been created?
- comprehensive details of the differences between the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly, including composition, law making powers and the powers of disallowance of the Australian Governor General.
- the relationships of the Legislative and executive arms of Government.
- what are the qualities to be looked for in candidates?
- could the House of Assembly if it wished reimpose general Head Taxation?
- could the Hof A make laws relating to land?
- some requests for clarification and repetition of the method of preferential voting.

7. At Roroaiara village it was found necessary to stress that the election of a member to the House of Assembly would not automatically ensure that the welfare state, with extras, would be laid on. The significance of these misconceptions would seem to be related to the existence of "cargo cult" ~~assumptions~~ latent in this area. Every possible means was taken to bring the reasoning behind the elections, and possible results down to practical reality. This is by no means an easy task, and amongst these people I am loth to state that the attempt was 100% successful. I feel that similar comments can be made for Aviara-Oreke village, and this small village perhaps proved itself the most unresponsive of all to the continued argument, exposition and discussion.

8. Despite reservations in the case of the above two villages I consider that the electoral education material was understood and assimilated to a very great extent. This was due not only to the efforts on this patrol, but to the considerable previous effort that has been put in, in the Waima-Kivori, by earlier patrols. However the gaps that did exist in various aspects of the ~~missions~~ understanding of the people definitely warranted this patrol. Attendance at all the meetings was maximal, and all had the opportunity to participate in the discussions, as many took the opportunity to do so. The people seemed to show an enthusiastic interest in all these proceedings and I have no doubt that similar audiences could be found on any occasion to discuss political matters.

#### NATIVE AFFAIRS.

9. The Roro peoples of the Waima-Kivori census division are remarkable for their tenacious clinging to various aspects of their traditional culture, whilst overtly they adopt various aspects of European material culture rapidly, once their efficiency or status value is proved.

10. Invariably housing design, and culinary and sleeping arrangements show strong European influence - there being a marked preference for sawn timber houses, saucepans, tin plates, mosquito nets etc. In the two years since I last patrolled the area there has been a noticeable adoption of factory made clothing in preference to the "grass" (coco fibre) skirts and tapa cloth sihi. This is proving to be mildly distasteful and untidy, as cloth is more difficult to clean and repair than native materials, but I was informed by a number of people that although they recognise the disadvantages of cloth, that there is strong mission pressure on them to affect "modesty" in dress, as well as in behaviour. However the highly decorative feast skirts renowned in this area are still in abundance, and form the basis of a steady trade with Port Moresby.

11. In the Kivori villages rather more than in the Waima complex the traditional tattooing of marriageable girls (waho) from head to foot is still continuing, although some of the better educated girls are managing to escape having their faces tattooed although the rest of their bodies are tattooed. There is no evidence that the continuance of this custom is hampering the gradual rise of the Roro women to something approximating equality. Roro women have always been outspoken in village affairs, and had a relatively high status, this trend seems to be increasing, and the women seem to be more outspoken than ever. Women's clubs and welfare societies, have established themselves in competition with men's clubs in a number of villages.

12. The traditional dances are still clung to with all the trappings, and the New Year period was an excellent time for observation as there were dances and parties in all villages. However a growing proportion of younger people are turning towards the guitar, and westernised dancing of modern waltz, jive, rock and roll, twist and even stomp has been recently adopted from Australia via Port Moresby.

13. With the growing popularity of modern dancing amongst the younger people, replacing the traditional games (ei'a ei'a) there has come an attendant social problem of an increasing illegitimacy rate, and in every village, but particularly Waima, there are many children that have been adopted from unmarried girls.

14. It also seems that a number of girls from Waima, and from Aviana-Orake have been acting as courtesans amongst the transitory European population in Port Moresby, and it seems that a number of parents ensure that their daughters know enough English so as to make this business successful.

15. A high rate of marital infidelity and divorce has always been noted in Waima, and many difficult disputes arise as to the custody of children of these broken marriages. One aggravating factor is the high rate of absentee labour, and a number of complaints were made of husbands who had been absent for five years, without visiting their wives, requesting them to come to them, or providing adequate maintenance. (See my memoranda 76-3-1 enclosed with this report). The divorce rate seems also to be increasing as married women seek to assert their independence. Many of the disputes arising out of these seem to indicate that there is a trend for the multilateral sanctions involved in "bride price" to be breaking down, without being effectively replaced by the religious or supernatural sanctions of church marriages.

16. It was surprising to find in this area, which has been subject to strong mission influence (both M.M.S. and Catholic), a number of polygamous marriages, with all the attendant troubles, even amongst educated people. But this is the exception rather than the rule.

ATTITUDES

17. As a major part of the working time of the patrol was taken up with the rigours of electoral education and census taking, and information collecting it is not possible to comment on attitudes except superficially. Generally the patrol was received favourably, and the administration seems to have a favourable image in the area, the matters of discontent that were noticeable a few years ago, having been dissipated, either by the increased local administration that has been carried out this year, or through involvement in the local government, or through increased local economic activity, which it is hard to say but probably the former.

18. On the other hand the missions seem to be losing in popularity, as economic opportunity increases, and as area administration has changed greatly over the past few years, the approach of the Missions has not kept pace. The M.M.S. mission is still bedevilled by the same ideological disputes (with some new twists) from village to village, as it was two years ago. The people still realise their dependence upon the missions for educational purposes, for the supply of schools, materials and teachers, but an increasing proportion, particularly at Kivori wish to sever their connection with mission education, on the grounds that it causes too much religious strife within the village, and that they are unable to afford to pay fees. (See my 26-1-1 on the request for an Administration teacher at Kivori village school).

19. Attitudes to non-Administration Europeans are often far less complimentary, and while there are still old people in the villages who half believe that Europeans are ghosts, and that Australia is a dreamland, and not real, there are on the other hand a sufficient number of young men who have spent some time in Australia and who, make unfavourable contrasts between the treatment they receive in Australia, and real, or imagined slights they receive from Europeans in the Territory. Thus whilst in this area there is a vocal anti-Indonesian sentiment, amongst the younger educated or semi-educated men, who spent a great amount of their time in Moresby, there is a group, with Lumumba-like beards who covertly approve of "brown brother" Mr. Soekarno. At the moment they merely form a dissatisfied clique, amongst the traditionally irresponsible young bachelor class (hibito'i).

T. Heaslop  
Patrol Officer

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

## PATROL REPORT

District of WEST CENTRAL Report No. KAI. 19/63-64 (Special)

Patrol Conducted by A.N.ASMUSSEN P.O.

Area Patrolled NARA and KABADI Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 RPNOC, 1 Projectionist

Duration—From 11/5/1964 to 22/5/1964

Number of Days 12

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 16/1/1964

Medical April/1964

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol Revised Local Government Survey - NARA KABADI

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

Popu

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67-1-52

Department of District Administration,  
Konedobu Papua.

3rd November, 1964.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY

PATROL REPORT NO. 19 - 1964/65 - KAIRUKU

The content of the report will be dealt with  
on a subject file relating to local government.

*(Signature)*  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

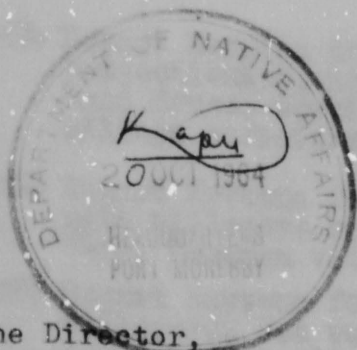
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply  
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No. 67-7-19

District Office,  
Port Moresby

13th October, 1964.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU NO.19/63-64.

Your 67-1-0 of the 1st inst. refers.

The above report forwarded herewith, please.

(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

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REVISED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SURVEY - NARA/KABADI

DIARY

- 11/5/64 Depart Bereina in company with 1 RPNOC and Andrew Opu, Projectionist, arriving Keveona village 1500. Moved into Rest House. Remainder of day spent in discussion with village officials.
- 12/5/64 Depart Keveona for Matapalli arriving 930. Discussions with villagers on Local Government. Returned Keveona 1400. Keveona villagers not in village for discussions.
- 13/5/64 Depart Keveona for Pimu arriving 0900. Discussions with villagers. Not very interested. Returned Keveona 1300, where held meeting and discussions with Keveona and Kopuana people.
- 14/5/64 Finally arranged meeting with Ukaukana people which was held at 1300. This group, though hard to pin down, showed some interest, and discussion was reasonable.
- 15/5/64 Depart Keveona 0900 for Kanesia Rubber Estate for service of summonses on two Kanesia employees. Duly effected and returned Keveona 1500.
- 16/5/64 Depart Keveona for Hisiu via Agevairu crossing, arriving 1030. Moved into Rest House.
- 17/5/64 Sunday - observed.
- 18/5/64 Discussions with Hisiu people. Very surprisingly, this group were against joining with the Council, voting 82 for, 95 against, with 4 abstentions. Prime reason appears to be the fear of an increase in village work.
- 19/5/64 Depart Hisiu for Ala Ala where held discussions with the Ala Ala, Tubu, Kaiu and Diwana groups. No interest whatever evinced. Absentism from villages ~~is~~ high.
- 20/5/64 Depart Ala Ala for Orai. Discussions held. Conditions the same as recorded for previous day.
- 21/5/64 Depart Orai for Vamamai. Difficulty in finding carriers for this stretch. Village apathetic, absentism high, and people disinterested.
- 22/5/64 Depart Vamamai for Bereina via Kairuku and Ararana arriving Bereina 1730.

END OF PATROL

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Sub District Office,  
West Central District,  
BEREINA.

2nd June 1964.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub District Office,  
KAIRUKU.

NATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SURVEY - NARA/KABADI.

Preamble

1. The above Local Government Survey was conducted between the 11th and 23rd of May. Personnel accompanying the patrol were Andrew Opa (Information and Extension Services Projectionist) and one R.P.N.G.C.

1. During this patrol I held meetings and discussions with all villages. Representation at these meetings was poor and absenteeism from the area was very high. The meetings held lasted from one hour to six hours in length. Difficulty was experienced in keeping these discussions in the Local Government vein, and when I showed reluctance to be drawn off into the never ending land disputes, pig killings and shotgun applications, (though attempted to after the meetings) there was a flagging of interest and more often than not, a large exodus from the meeting.

2. I feel that were it not for the Dept. of Information and Extension Services Films shown in the villages, it would have been extremely difficult to arouse interest in anything.

3. Unfortunately this was this officer's first visit to this area, however from the information gleaned during meetings, and from various informations available from files at Kairuku and Bereina, I feel a fair assessment of the area can be made and of its potential.

4. The area surveyed comprises the whole of the NARA and KABADI Census Divisions totalling 12 villages in all.

Structure and Size of Unit

(a) Total Population Involved

Total population of the area surveyed was 2535 from the 1962 Census figures.



(b) Population Distribution

Population Distribution can best be seen by the following figures, read in conjunction with the map attached.

KABADI Villages

KEVBONA	158
UKAUKANA	261
PINIU	377
MATAPAILI	289
KOPUANA	192
HISIU	637
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NARA Villages

OROI	207
ALA'ALA	98
DIUMANA	83
TUBU	47
KAI'AU	52
VANUANAI	134
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TOTAL NARA/KABADI 2535

There are thus only two concentrations of population within the area, and both are in the Kabadi area. They are:-

- (i) The Kabadi group east of the AGEVAIRU (literally AGEVAIRU means the meeting of the two rivers)
- (ii) Hisiu village.

The whole of the Nara area is sparsely populated with possibly two mediocre concentrations at OROI and at DIUMANA/TUBU/KAI'AU.

(c) No. of Village Groups Represented

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(d) Number and Type of Social Groups

There can only be seen three distinct social units :

- (1) KABADI - MATAPAILI, KEVBONA, KOPUANA, UKAUKANA, and PINIU villages.

These are a fairly closely knit social group with the UKAUKANA, KOPUANA and KEVBONA groups

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claiming migration from the KUNI and FIUGI, and the  
PINIU and MATAPAILI migration from Oroí and Manu Manu.  
All villages are intermixed, with a common language.

(11) HISIU Village This is the largest village in the area.  
These people are the descendants of expatriate WAIMA  
natives. The original settlers were given land in  
the Hisiu Beach area by Kabadi people ; they are now  
settled on a Government Reserve.

(114) NARA ; ALA'ALA, DIUMANA, KAI'AU, TUBU, OROI and  
VANUAMAI.

This is an integral language group. These small  
villages have their origin inland, independent of the  
Keabada villages.

(e) Degree of Social Cohesion and Unity of Outlook

There is some degree of inter-travel between the NARA  
and KABADI groups (excluding Hisiu village). Socially, outside  
these three general groups NARA, KABADI and HISIU a great  
degree of inter-marrying to Roro, Mekeo and even Motuan groups  
exists. An overall feeling of "oneness" is lacking, though  
all groups appear to exist on friendly terms with one another,  
instilled no doubt, by affinal obligations incurred through  
marriage.

I found the HISIU village group rather socially unstable.  
I would surmise that this has evolved with the migration of  
this group from their WAIMA home. As stated above (see (d)ii)  
The Hisiu people live on a Native Reserve. I submit that this  
has caused a breakdown in the traditional authority of the  
clan chiefs and land owners, insofar as they are thus unable  
to with-hold land rights to a non-conformist of reactionary <sup>elements</sup> in  
the group. This lack of respect to traditional village authority  
has also been accompanied by a revival in sorcery and a total  
contempt for village officials. Whether the banding together  
of this village by instituting area Administration will do  
anything to rectify the badly shaken social framework, I would  
not feel qualified to comment.

KABADI  
The ~~KABADI~~ villages show possibly the strongest feeling  
of a single heritage in the area, compared with that shown  
throughout the rest of the area surveyed. When approached and  
asked if they wished to join either the Kairaku Council of the  
Galley Reach Council, the majority vote was for the Kairaku  
Council. They were then further asked if these villages wishing  
to join with the Galley Reach Council should indeed join with  
the balance joining the Kairaku, they unanimously agreed that  
to make any kind of a split in their present

It will be seen from the  
clan names occur in several villages within the group, showing  
well defined inter-village ties. (14)

The people of the area surveyed have some experience of  
non-traditional organisations with a certain degree of social  
and political content. Their co-operative societies (presently  
only four still exist) have given them some experience in  
group activity and the conduct of meetings.  
It is impossible to contend that there is any such thing in  
the area as unity of outlook, at best the majority of the  
native people think no further ahead than the limits of the  
social groups mentioned.

The KKKABADI villages are entirely L.M.S. There are no  
Jehovah Witnesses apparent in the area and this Mission has  
withdrawn.

The social and political organisation of these groups  
is centred around a well defined system of named patrilines.  
The names of the clans found in the various villages together  
with the clan chiefs have been listed and are attached as  
Appendix A.

Of the NARA villages, ALA'ALA, TUBU and VANUAMAI are  
controlled by the Roman Catholic Mission, and DIUMANA, KAIAM  
and OROI by the L.M.S.  
It is difficult to assess to what extent the inherent  
authority of the clan leaders remains today, but it possibly  
not inconsiderable. (refer also my remarks re. HISIU on p.3).

It will be seen from the lists attached that some of the  
clan names occur in several villages within the group, showing  
well defined inter-village ties.

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non-traditional organisations with a certain degree of social  
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only four still exist) have given them some experience in  
group activity and the conduct of meetings.

There are no women's clubs in the area surveyed. There is  
a Boy Scout and Girl Guide movement at HISIU.

#### (g) Missions

The KKKABADI villages are entirely L.M.S. There are no  
Jehovah Witnesses apparent in the area and this Mission has  
withdrawn.

HISIU village is in the vicinity of 75% L.M.S. followers,  
and 25% Catholic. Interdenominational feuding still occurs,  
and must be kept in mind.

Of the NARA villages, ALA'ALA, TUBU and VANUAMAI are  
controlled by the Roman Catholic Mission, and DIUMANA, KAIAM  
and OROI by the L.M.S.

Any change in Mission power in this area in the past  
few years has apparently favoured the Catholics. Incidents  
and clashes between the two denominations are not frequent.

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(h) Possibility of Expansion of Proposed Unit

This area is now bounded on the East by the newly-formed Galley Reach Council, and on the West by the Kairuku Council. As it is envisaged that the NARA and GABADI will be joining with the Kairuku Council, there is no room for extension of the unit under survey.

II GEOGRAPHICAL AND ORGANISATIONAL FACTORS.

(a) Topography.

The villages are contained in a coastal strip extending some ten miles inland running from Hall Sound to Galley Reach. The NARA area contains a number of minor watercourses, draining the grassed hill country inland. In the KABADI, some stretches of swamp land do occur.

Rainfall is low and is estimated to be in the vicinity of 30 to 40 inches per annum (no records available). The soil ranges from poor in the NARA to fair in the Kabadi.

(b) Communications

The existing vehicular roads are shown on the attached sketch map. These roads can be taken as passable, even to four wheeled drive vehicles, only during the dry season (with the possible exception of the Hisiu Beach plantation roads). A C.D.W. survey team is presently in the area for the purpose of mapping the proposed road from Moresby to Delena (Hall Sound), thence to Aropkina Landing. They have progressed to Kanesia at time of writing.

There is a barge (suitable for Landrovers) stationed at the mouth of the Area River, however the absolute impassability of the Tote Pt. to Pizu link during the wet season, nullifies the advantages of this means of crossing the river during the greater part of the year. The barge was originally stationed at Agavairu, which point is now served only by a Government employed canoe ferry.

The proposed road to Moresby will make communications more realistic in this area. I am unable to report when work will commence on this road.

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(c) Natural Leaders

Clan chiefs and elders appear to hold a considerable amount of sway, except as noted above in HISIU. In the main, the clan members will follow the decisions of the chiefs.

(d) Other Prominent Natives

Prominent personalities other than those displayed amongst the natural chiefs, are sadly lacking. The only one worthy of mention is MOSES IKUKU of Hisiu village. However, sad to relate, he is almost ignored in the village, possessing only a very small band of adherents.

(e) Ability of Field Officers to Supervise Implementation of Policy.

This area has been in a state of neglect administratively for ~~many~~<sup>few</sup> years. Lying in the area bordering on the Moresby Sub District, the transfer of the Sub District headquarters from Kairuku to Bereina has not made the area more accessible. There is little economic activity and there are only four co-operative societies functioning throughout the area, which are inspected from Kairuku, from which access may be more easily gained.

The joining of the NARA/KABADI with the Kairuku Council will thus place a total of 8994 people within the single area administration of the Kairuku Council. The Kairuku Council will then embody an area of some 502 sq miles, stretching along 70 odd miles of coastline, from KIVORI in the North West, to Kabadi in the South East.

~~REMARKS~~  
The KABADI area is approximately equidistant from both Moresby and Bereina, and is possibly just as difficult of access from both stations.

It is submitted that as the island of Yule is almost geographically central to the proposed extended Kairuku Council, it would be also the most effective point for supervision of the whole Council area.

There is presently only one officer stationed at Bereina in the supervisory capacity of councils. This officer is already responsible for the Mekeo and present Kairuku Councils. With the extension of the Kairuku Council to include the NARA/KABADI, it is felt that the full time services of a Supervising Officer with the extended Kairuku Council is paramount, and that the Mekeo Council be placed in the hands

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of another officer stationed at Bereina. The Meko Council is shortly envisaged to include the Dush Meko within its borders. With these advances, it is imperative that the supervision of these councils be handled separately, if both are to advance, i.e. I recommend that each Council come under the direct supervision of two separate officers, one based at Bereina the other at Kairaku.

The ideal situation would of course be an A.D.O. (12) stationed at Bereina, with a Patrol Officer also engaged solely on I.O. duties. This would of course be in addition to normal Administrative requirements of an A.D.O. Sub-District, two Patrol Officers, and two Cadet Patrol Officers.

#### (2) Native Attitude Towards Local Government.

It is regretted that throughout the whole area covered by this survey, the only people who evinced any interest at all in the prospects of local government were the Kabadi villages, and theirs was merely mild curiosity.

In HISBU village, long the reputed centre of requests for area Administration, the poll conducted in these KADADI villages was the most disappointing of all. Of 181 people who were invited to vote for or against a Council, 95 voted against, 82 were in favour with 4 undecided.

In the NARA I was unable to obtain any views or opinions whatsoever on joining the Council. They evinced no interest whatsoever, were completely lethargic on any attempts to promote discussion, and talked (among themselves) of the price of sandalwood and other local interests.

It may possibly be a reflection on this officer's reception by the village people. However I requested the people to give the matter some thought and to discuss the proposal amongst themselves, and that I would return again in two to three months to answer any questions they may wish to raise.

To summarise, I found vague interest in Kabadi villages, degenerating to a complete and utter disinterest amongst the NARA people.

### III ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT.

#### (a) Present Form of Economic Production

Oryza was, until recently the only produce marketed from the area, most if not all is marketed through the four co-operative societies in the area; a good idea of the volume produced can be had from Appendix B where information

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available has been recorded.

There has recently been a revival in the sandalwood industry in this area. A local trader Mr Van Rijn, of OuOu Creek, has been purchasing sandalwood from the local natives. No figures of prices paid are available, but I do believe that at least two shipments have been sent to Moresby, of 25 tons and 5 tons respectively.

In addition to this is the trade which the natives carry out independently, shipping their sandalwood direct to Moresby. I have no figures for this either, but would report that some very large sums of money have been absorbed into the Nara villages. I also believe that the sandalwood industry is now on the down grade and that supplies bought in Moresby are diminishing.

There is also some traffic in betel-nut and native type vegetables to Port Moresby, especially from the Kabadi area, and quantities of wallaby meat (smoked) is traded from the Nara villages. There is also evidence that some of the Kabadi people get a small income from Highways labourers on the nearby rubber plantations through the sales of Bird of Paradise plumes, gambling schools, and by prostituting their women.

Absentism from the area is high, almost 50% in some villages, mostly trading in Moresby. There is a not unreasonable reluctance of the local plantations to employ local natives, as most refuse to work and usually desert together with their issues. However some are employed as tractor drivers, carpenters and other craft callings, mostly on the Hisiin Beach plantations.

#### (b) Potential for Production and Marketing

There is no doubt that copra production could be greatly increased from present bearing palms; in all villages production could be increased, and is far below possible levels.

There are no agricultural reports available on the area surveyed, but my own impressions gained are that the Kabadi people have potential for expansion of their economic activity, the Hisiin people are restricted by rather poor agricultural land and the boundaries of the Native Reserve, whilst the Nara people occupy one of the poorest areas in the sub District.

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(c) Present Standard of Living

In HISIU and the KABAPI villages, standard of living is fair to good. However that in the NARA villages is little short of shocking.

(d) Ability of People to Pay Council Tax

The personal tax rate throughout the area is £2. Some difficulty appears to be experienced in gathering this amount of tax especially in the NARA, but the sandalwood industry has overcome this temporarily at least.

There is little investment by the native people into capital goods such as tractors etc. There is one delapidated tractor in HISIU village and a Norton '500cc' motor cycle (also delapidated and U/S) in Keveena village. These people lead a hand-to-mouth existence money-wise, with little or no idea of saving.

At time of writing, the whole area could afford a higher tax rate. This could change at any time, especially in the NARA should the sandalwood industry collapse, as appears likely in the future.

(e) Degree of Literacy

This varies, much along the same lines as the standard of living. The better villages would be in the vicinity of 40-50% male adults literate; among children of school age it is higher.

The Administration schools at PINIU and HISIU, and those run by the Catholic Mission maintain a high standard of education, and have some support from the local villages. The L.M.S. schools range from fair to below standard.

(f) Technical Skills Available

Compared with the size of the population, there are ~~relatively~~ a relatively large number of skilled workers domiciled in the area and working elsewhere. Of these several are employed on plantations in or near the area, particularly carpenters, who often work on a contract basis. Others contacted possessed knowledge in metal work, painting, plumbing, and mechanics. There were two ex-Aid Post Orderlies and any number of alleged tractor and truck drivers.

(g) Potential Council Clerks

No potential Council Clerks were seen in the area, though



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for higher standards of education it must be realised that pupils are transferred. Publicity of the need for Council Clerks may obtain results at the close of the school year when students return to their villages.

#### IV. Assessment and Recommendations

It has been reported that as far back as 1959, Local Government had been promised these people. The prime reason for its non-introduction to date has been the poor economies and the limited potential of the area under survey. These conditions have not changed to any appreciable extent.

I do not intend to recommend the area surveyed, join with the Kairuku Council. I feel that a renewal of propaganda activity on aspects of Local Government, coupled with an intensive patrol programme, be instituted in the Nara and Kabadi. The area is not capable of moral and political support of Local Government at this time. Interest has, in some way, to be reawakened.

Perhaps the most satisfactory means of accomplishing this, would be by the establishment of a Patrol Post (temporary if necessary) at one of the following three points - Agavatu, Keveca or R Hisiu. If established on a temporary basis, an officer could visit the area say, once a month for a period of ten days. It would be necessary that he be provided with a motor cycle which would be invaluable in contacting and maintaining a close association with all villages.

However should the area be deemed suitable for the introduction of Local Government I submit the following recommendations.

##### (a) Population and Council Representation

Total population of the area surveyed, at 1962 census, was 2535. Combination with the Kairuku Council would place a figure of 899+ in the Kairuku Council.

The people are scattered over a fairly extensive geographical area, and many of the villages are relatively small. I would propose that the split-up of electorates be as follows:

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Matapaili village	1 Councillor
Keveona/Kopuina	1 Councillor
Ukukana	1 Councillor
Pima	1 Councillor
Hisiu	2 Councillors
Ala Ala	1 Councillor
Oroi	1 Councillor
Tubu/Kaiou/Diuana	1 Councillor
Vanranai	1 Councillor

Total 10

Coupled with the present representation on the Kaiuku Council, this would give a strength of 32 Councillors.

(b) Finances

Assuming the tax rate would be the same as for the whole present Kaiuku Council area, i.e. £3, the tax recovery from this area could rise as high as £1000. This would be a welcome addition to the Council's revenue, if realised. That a blanket exemption be given, would, I feel, be a mistake. These people have paid Personal Tax of £2 for some years, and it is not outside their capacity to pay full Council Tax, if they are to join the Council.

(c) Possibility of Economic Advancement

Little evidence was found of any interest in economic development, at least as far as cash cropping is concerned. I was approached with a request for a loan to purchase a tractor and trailer, to assist in transporting betel nut and vegetables to shipping points and canoe landings. However the deal was rather one sided with the people envisaging the Administration pay fully for the tractor and trailer, with no contribution from themselves, as they have no money. I explained the principles of self-help which were taken into consideration on any loan application.

Potentially, the area is relatively poor, with little chance of any increase in production except in the fields of copra production, and betel nut gathering. Expansion is restricted both by environmental factors, coupled with the adverse attitude of the people towards muscular exertions.

On the basis of the ~~most~~ observations outlined in the previous pages, I would decline to recommend the immediate inclusion of this area in the Kaiuku Council.

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CLANS AND CLAN CHIEFS

KABADI VILLAGES

PINIU

- OVIAKUBUNA - A'O URE  
KOKOSI BO'I  
URE VADO
- IRAMANA - OVIA BUE
- IDIBANA - ARA HOU
- URE'EMU - ARA OA
- EME'EKENA - UME RAVQA
- IVE'E - PO'I HAIMI
- VANUA'IRAMA (1) - KESORE URE
- " No.2 - CAPE BARAI
- GO'IDU - BARU PARU
- AGORENA - RHE HOU
- KEREKUBUNAI 1 - KERE HOU
- " 2 - VANEA BUE

Ruling clan of the Kabadi - these men have hereditary chieftainship over the whole Kabadi group.

UNAU KANA

- BOEKUBUNA - KERE KERE
- MORIDUBU - HOU OA
- AUFUBU - A'O MOKU
- MAYA - BARU MAIANE

MAXAPALEI

- IVE'I No.1 - A'O VAGI
- " " 2 - OVIA BARU
- " " 3 - UME ABAYA
- RARAI - BO'I BO'I
- GAURA - RORE BARQA
- VANUA'IRAMA - A'O VAGI

KOFIANA

- IVE'E - A'O A'O
- IDIBANA - ROVE GUBA
- IRIKA - OVIA NIU
- MURITUBU - ENK UBAMA UBAMA

KEURONA

- OVIAKUBUNA - UME ANUA
- SINAVA - GAUDI OVIA
- HAYARANGA - SA'I OVIA
- MAGANA - A'O HAIMI
- MAGBADINA - RAKIA OVIA
- KAURAMA - OARA SA'I

HISIE

- RORQAIARA - UME OA
- KOMOKUPUNA - LO'I AIHI
- KORINA - AIHI UME
- HEREKUPUNA - ANUA PARU
- OPIKUPUNA - VAKI MIRIA
- ERE'ERE - IKUPU VAKI
- BARAIKUPUNA - UPUA PARU
- OA'OVIA - AHI LO'I

NARA VILLAGES

OROI

- LUMARATA No.1 - BO'E HAIMI
- " " 2 - SAM HAIMI
- AVO No.1 - ATA AYA
- " " 2 - ADA AIVA
- CEG'OLANA - NEME UME
- MAVALA - OA KOLOKA
- BABU - UME KAMA (small boy)
- MIAKEINA - OA UME

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<b>ALAJALA</b>	LUMABATA KOROKA KUKURU HAURANI	- KOROKA ARUA (2) - OLGA PO'E - UME UME - OVIA IKUPU (young boy)
<b>TUBU</b>	LARIMEI TUBU	- ALUA NEME - MA'A MA'A
<b>KALAH</b>	HEVAI LUMABATA	- UME MEMERA - UME AU
<b>DIEMAJA</b>	LUMABATA BAURIA AHAKUPUTA ORGA	- AVA KERIBU - VAUNIA - UME KERU - ALGA GA
<b>YANUMAI</b>	not known.	

1. KUKURU - 1000  
 KOROKA - 1000  
 HAURANI - 1000  
 LUMABATA - 1000

2. KUKURU - 1000  
 KOROKA - 1000  
 HAURANI - 1000  
 LUMABATA - 1000

3. KUKURU - 1000  
 KOROKA - 1000  
 HAURANI - 1000  
 LUMABATA - 1000

4. KUKURU - 1000  
 KOROKA - 1000  
 HAURANI - 1000  
 LUMABATA - 1000

NARA KABADI CO-OPERATIVES - 1963

- Key**
1. Store Turnover
  2. Copra Production
  3. Number of Members
  4. Share Capital

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1.	PINU	-	£1500
	UKAUKANA	-	£1000
	MATAPAILI	-	£1000
	HISIU	-	£2000

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2.	PINU	-	nil
	UKAUKANA	-	20 tons
	MATAPAILI	-	200 "
	HISIU	-	500 "

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3.	PINU	-	100 members
	UKAUKANA	-	60
	MATAPAILI	-	60
	HISIU	-	160

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4.	PINU	-	£650
	UKAUKANA	-	£700
	MATAPAILI	-	£650
	HISIU	-	£1500

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PROCLAMATION

Native Local Government Councils Ordinance 1949-1960

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION OF KAIRUKU NATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Whereas by Proclamation (hereinafter called "the said Proclamation") dated the first day of May, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-two and published in Gazette No. 22 of the tenth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and sixty two, the Kairuku Native Local Government Council (hereinafter called "the said Council") was established in and for the area described in the Schedule to the said Proclamation :

AND WHEREAS in the said Proclamation certain directions were given concerning the constitution of the said Council :

AND WHEREAS it is desired to extend the area in and for which the said Council is established and to amend the directions given concerning the constitution of the said Council :

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sir Donald Mackinnon Cleland, Knight Bachelor, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Officer of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Administrator of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, by virtue of the powers ~~vested~~ conferred by the Native Local Government Councils Ordinance 1949-1960 and all other powers me enabling, hereby proclaim and declare that the said Proclamation is amended -

(a) By omitting paragraph (a) therein contained and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :-

"(a) the said Council shall be composed of thirty two (32) Members, being two representatives each for the four (4) village groups of Tairia, Roroaiara, Kiveri-Poe and Hisiu, and being one representative each for the twenty three (23) Village Groups of Pinupala, Bioto, Rapa, Kou, Babiko, Bereina, Nikara, Poukama, Delena, Keabada, Aviara-Oreke, Aviara-Weina, Ere Ere, Hauramiri, Kiveri-Kui, Hereparu, Matapaili, Ukaukana, Pimu, Ala Ala, Oro and Vanuamai and one representative each for the two (2) Village Groups of Keveona-Kopuana and Tubu-Kaiuu-Diumana."; and

(b) By omitting from the Schedule thereto the words "and Hereparu" and inserting in their stead the words "Hereparu, Matapaili, Keveona, Kopuana, Ukaukana, Pimu, Ala Ala, Oro, Tubu, Kaiuu, Diumana and Vanuamai and further those lands occupied as a Native Reserve by the inhabitants of Hisiu Village Groups."

AND I further proclaim and declare that the President, Vice-President and Members of the said Council in office immediately before the date of this Proclamation shall continue in office as President, Vice-President and Members respectively of the said Council for the balance of the term for which they were elected.

Given under my Hand at Port Moresby, this ..... day of ..... One thousand nine hundred and sixty ....., and in the ..... year of Her Majesty's reign.

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Administrator.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !