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NORTHERN PROVINCE.

KOKEDA

1963/64.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. KOK. NO 3/63-64

Patrol Conducted by P.A.J BENTINCK ADDY MR. R. JENKINS TEACHER (EDUC.)

Area Patrolled COUNCIL AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 23/2/1964 to 4/3/1964

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

Director of 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

DISTRICT OFFICE
14 APR 1964

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SUB DISTRICT OFFICE
KOKODA

BF.MIW.
14/11/64.
10.30.

7/6

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PLANE	PURPOSES	TAX	PATROL	STOP
BRINGING	FOOD	AND	CLOTHES	ONLY
STOP	WILL	NEED	TO	DRAW
ON	YOUR	STORES	FOR	ALL
GEAR				

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-16-5

Department of Native Affairs,
Headquarters,
KONEDOBU.

Date: 27/4/64.

The District Officer,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL No. KOKODA 3/63-64

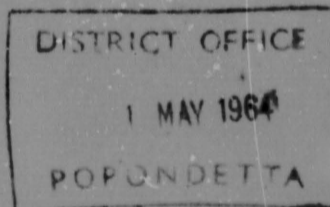
I acknowledge with thanks receipt of :-

- * Memorandum of Patrol No. KOKODA 3/63-64
- * ~~Patrol Report No.~~

covering Patrol by R.A.J. BENTINCK. ADO.

J. K. McCarthy
J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

* Delete as necessary.



WJJ.MIW.

No.3/63/64.

Department of Native Affairs,
POPONDETTA, Northern District.

15th April, 1964.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

DISTRICT OFFICE

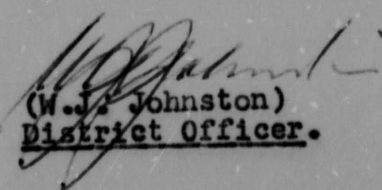
27 APR 1964

POPONDETTA

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL - KOKODA
NO. 3/63/64.

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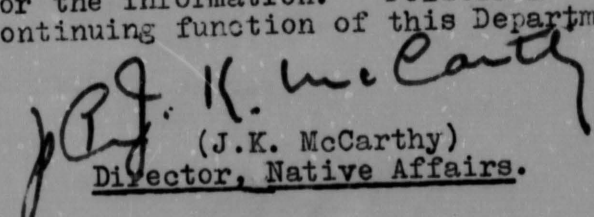
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(W.J. Johnston)
District Officer.

MINUTE TO - The District Officer,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

Thank you for the information. Political education will be a continuing function of this Department.

22/4/64.


(J.K. McCarthy)
Director, Native Affairs.

WJTHW.

No.3/63/64.

Department of Native Affairs,
POPONDETTA, Northern District.

15th April, 1964.

The Director,
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(W.J. Johnston)
District Officer.

Minute to:-

The Assistant District Officer,
KOKODA.

For your information please.


(W.J. Johnston)
District Officer.

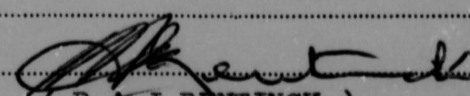
MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

KOKODA No3/63-64 Kokoda Northern
 Patrol No..... Subdistrict..... District.....
 Officer Conducting Patrol..... R.A.J. BENTINCK. ADO. Accompanied by Mr R. Jenkins
 European teacher.
 Census Division Patrolled..... Council Area.
 Objects of Patrol.....
 1. House of Assembly Election patrol through the Council
 area.
 2. Talks were given to assembled gatherings on Self Govt
 and Independence following the lines as set by Mr Fenbury.
 Date Patrol Commenced..... 23/ 2/ 64 Date Completed..... 4/3/64
 Duration—days..... Camped out in Village Rest Houses for 10 nights.

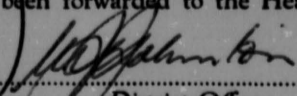
SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

- 1. House of Assembly Elections in Kokoda sub district. ✓ 1 - 2 - 2.
- 2. Talks to indigenous people on the Role of the House of Assembly. ✓ 1 - 2 - 2.

DISTRICT OFFICE
 17 MAR 1964
 PORT MORESBY


 (R.A.J. BENTINCK.)
 Assistant District Officer.
 Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.


 District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference.....

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Mr.....

Sub District Office,
Kokoda.

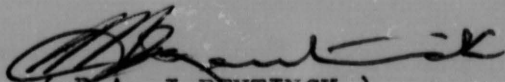
10 th April, 1964.

The District Officer,
Northern District,
Poonndetta.

Talks to Indigenous People on the Role
of the House of Assembly.

1. On the recent Election Patrol through the Ilimo Council Area, as soon as the main body of voters had finished their voting, I had them assembled and gave them talks on the role of the House of Assembly and Independence. My talk followed the lines set out by Mr D. Fenbury. The people seemed very interested in the "questions and answers re major misconceptions". Some of the people seemed glad to hear that the Australian Government will not leave Papua and New Guinea as soon as an indigenous majority obtained in the House of Assembly.

2. I shall continue to give these talks on my other DNA patrols through this area.


(R.A. J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.

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Sub District Office,
Kokoda.

10th April, 1964.

The District Officer,
Northern District,
Popondetta.

House of Assembly Elections in Kokoda Sub District.

1. Election Education patrols had visited every village in the Council Area and I am quite sure that the people understood a fair amount of the purpose of these Elections. The people seemed very keen to record their votes. About 60% of the people whose names were on the Common Roll registered their votes. Of the people who did not vote, the majority were women and old, sick folk. It was a shame that these elections coincided with the time when the Council Clerk was patrolling the same area, trying to pick up Council tax, because quite a few young men had run away from their home villages with the idea of picking up some money for their taxes.
2. Frequently difficulty was experienced by the Polling Officer in finding the names on the Common Roll. It seems quite easy for a DNA Officer on Census patrol to find the names of the people on his Census Register. But as soon as natives are allowed to call their names, great difficulty is experienced in finding those names on a Register. They seem to have so many names, that they forget which one was originally given and recorded in the Census Register.
3. I would say that these natives living in the Council Area understood and appreciated to a degree these Elections. They knew that they were trying by their votes to select one man to represent them in the House of Assembly. These people have experienced three Council Elections so this one was not something absolutely new. The people seemed to show that they knew what they had to do. They did not seem to pick a candidate just because his name appeared first or last on the Ballot paper. They picked a name because they seemed to have decided for some time that that was the name of their choice. The old and more illiterate folk did not quite understand why they had to pick names as second and third choices. As a matter of fact all the people in this area cannot grasp the basic rules employed in preferential voting. We all know that there are many Europeans who would not be able to explain clearly the machinery of preferential voting, so we cannot expect these people to grasp this concept so quickly.
4. These people had very little knowledge of the Candidates for this Election and they cannot be blamed for it. Only Mr Sturtz and Arek sent posters to this area and even there Arek sent most of the papers to me personally instead of some native friends. I was not allowed to discuss these posters less someone felt that I was favouring one candidate more than the other. Candidates should learn to use this form of advertisement.

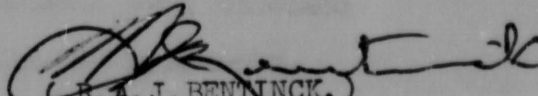
5. The only candidate who campaigned in this area was Conway Sesewo. This campaign of his brought him I am sure quite a few first preference votes from people in this area.

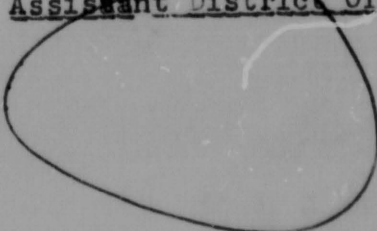
6. I have a few suggestions to make for improvements at the next Elections :-

- a) that there should be concentrated education programmes for months before the Elections.
- b) people who nominate themselves as Candidates should be taught that to win votes and finally a seat, they should send posters about themselves to the various corners of their Electorate and also go to the villages and address the people themselves. Let the people hear their platform.
- c) candidates should be taught never to send posters to an ADO of a sub district, because invariably that officer is a Polling Official. These posters should be addressed to private people.
- d) in the last Elections the general public only knew about who were their candidates 4 to 6 weeks before the Elections. I think the public should be notified about candidates 3 to 4 months before the Elections, to give these men time to go around and see their people.
- f) it was ashame that photos of the candidates were not sent out this time. This should be a " must " in other elections.

7. If an education programme was not followed the response would have been very poor. The vast majority of people in this area are illiterate and therefore it is only by constant education will the Central Government be able to get new ideas across to them. Audio - visual aids should be used on education patrols.

8. Everything went of smoothly on this patrol. No untoward incidents to report. Very very few people filled in their Ballot Papers. Not being used to writing those who tried to fill their own papers invariably spoilt the first copy.


(R.A.J. BENNINGCK.)
Assistant District Officer.



ation Register

Area Patrolled.....

ATIONS		ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL		
AT WORK		STUDENTS		Govt.		Mission		Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing AGE	Average Size of Family	Child			Adults	
Out	Inside District	Outside District	M	F	M	F	M	F	10-16	16-45	10-16				16-45	M		F	M

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Department of Native Affairs,
POPONDITTA, Northern District.

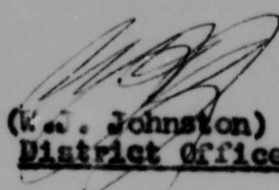
3rd April, 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,
KOKODA.

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL NO. 3 - 6/64.

Please submit a report covering the election patrol. The following points should be touched upon:-

1. The peoples understanding and appreciation of the election.
2. Comprehension of voting system.
3. Knowledge of candidates.
4. Campaigns by candidates.
5. Suggestions for improvements next election.
6. Value of Election education programme.
7. General.


(W.S. Johnston)
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **NORTHERN** Report No. **KOKODA 4** of 1963/64.

Patrol Conducted by **B.M. Fischer, P/O Gr.1**

Area Patrolled **LOWER CHIRIMA VALLEY.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....No.....

Natives.....2.....

Duration—From **16**./...**4**./19**64** to **22**./...**4**./19**64**...

Number of Days.....**7 days.**.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....**No.**.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....**May** **63**.....

Medical **April**...../19**64**.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol **1. Census Re. for 2. 1964 Tax Collection. 3. General Adm.**

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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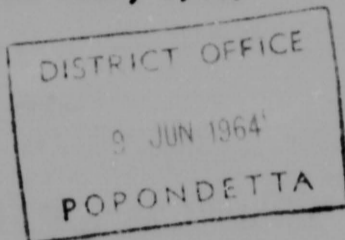
Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Sub District Office,
Kokoda.

5th June, 1964.



The District Officer,
Northern District,
Popondetta.

Kokoda Patrol Report No ⁴ of 1963/64.

1. Please find enclosed Mr (Patrol Officer) B.M. Fischer Kokoda Patrol Report No ⁴ of 1963/64. It is well written and covers all the points I discussed with Mr Fischer just prior to his patrol.
2. As the Roman Catholic Mission extends its work as far as Asimba, it would be a marvellous idea if the Administration could see its way clear to subsidise the Mission in some way to get a bridle path as far as Asimba or even right down to the Keme. As Mr Fischer remarks, this Mission has built some very good bridle paths through the Kumi country. It is true if this area is to progress, the problem of communications is to be tackled.
3. The problem described of Aid Posts and Aid Post Orderlies is a very real one in this area but I think with education it will disappear.

(R.A.J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
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Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Dept. of Native Affairs,
Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA,
26th. May 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
KOKODA.

KOKODA REPORT No.3 of 1963/64.

INTRODUCTION.

The following is the first of a group of three reports covering patrols I conducted in the Kokoda Sub-District during a period of four weeks from the middle of April to the middle of May 1964.

I feel that the effectiveness of the three reports, and the patrols, must be coloured by the fact that I had only taken up my posting in Northern District two and a half months previously, after gathering rust for twelve months at ASOPA, and that I had no knowledge at all of the Kokoda area before commencing the first patrol. The fact that all recent patrols in the area had been conducted by Assistant District Officers who covered their patrols via memorandum also hindered my gaining a picture of the areas I was to patrol and in fact it was only my talks with you shortly before the commencement of the Chirima patrol which enabled me to draw some picture of conditions that prevailed.

Owing to the situation as outlined above I do not feel qualified to make many suggestions or offer any criticisms even though one of the objects of the patrol was 'General Administration'.

The area covered by the patrol was the Lower Chirima Census Division to the west of Kokoda station. The outstanding aspect of the Division which struck me is its relative isolation from Sub-District Headquarters even after such a long period of contact (see heading 'Roads'); the main barrier to improved communications being the stretch of track linking KANGA and SEIBA, a distance of five hours walking time.

The Division is also a representative of those group of areas which census figures over the years show to steadily declining in population: 1964 figures give a total of 370 with the influenza epidemic just entering valley and bound to cause more deaths in the coming two to three weeks.

The patrol was well received in all villages and foods needed for the accompanying carriers was readily forthcoming and paid for at the set rate.

The eastern-most village of the Division, KANGA, is now included in the Ilimo Council area and here only the census was conducted while census and tax-collection was held in all other villages. Prior to 1964 the tax rate for the Chirima was set at ten shillings but this was recently changed when the gazetted tax rate for the whole Northern District was set at two pounds. (see heading 'Personal Tax')

DIARY.

16th. April. Morning spent re-packing boxes brought from Popondetta and arranging patrol gear. Carriers from villages close to Kokoda arrive in by 1100 hours and are despatched to KOMO Rv. with gear via tractor and trailer. After lunch with ADO and Mrs. Bentinck I proceed KOMO Rv. via landrover at 1300 hours - arrive KOMO 1325. Dept. KOMO on foot at 1345 - arrive KANGA village at 1545 hours. People

DIARY (Cont'd.)

advised of census for morrow and arrangements made for food and shelter for carriers. Slept Kanga.

17th. April. Census of KANGA starts at 0730 hrs and finishes at 0800. Find that there are many people in village from villages further up valley en route for medical treatment at Kokoda (mainly yaws) so these are checked off census and men pay taxes. Dept. KANGA at 0930 hrs for SEIBA where arrive at 1405 hrs after hard walk. All carriers in by 1500 and then arrange for repairs to Rest House and Barracks and food and shelter for carriers. Late afternoon fourteen carriers arrive in from KARUKARU and a dozen or so Gailala en route Mamba Estate - difficult to arrange adequate accommodation. Slept Seiba.

18th. April. Kokoda carriers paid off. Census and tax of SEIBA from 0745-0815. Dept. SEIBA at 0845 for KARUKARU where arrive at 1050 hrs - Tax and census KARUKARU from 1130 to 1230 hrs. Dept. KARUKARU at 1345 hrs for ASIMBA where arrive at 1515 hrs. Food and shelter arranged for carriers and minor trouble arbitrated. Slept ASIMBA.
During night Interpreter Dick comes down with influenza.

19th. April. Observed ASIMBA.

20th. April. People slow to come in for census - start at 0815. I had intended going on to SAMANA and KOROGO but both villages arrive in while census of Asimba proceeding so tax/census these villages conducted ASIMBA - finish 1230 hrs. At 1330 dept. ASIMBA and return KARUKARU - inspect Pinupaka and Kcia villages en route - arrive rest house at 1610 hrs. Slept KaruKaru.

21st. April. Dept. KARUKARU at 0800 for SEIBA - carriers not enthusiastic and arrive after slow walk at 1100 hrs.. Carriers claim they would rather do KANGA stretch on morrow so decide to spend night Seiba - some work on figures etc. during afternoon.

22nd. April. Dept. SEIBA at 0700 hrs for KANGA where arrive at 1130. Dept. KANGA at 1230 hrs for KOMO Rv. where arrive at 1430 hrs. Landrover arrivers from KOKODA at 1515 hr - pay off carriers and collect remaining taxes - proceed KOKODA where finish patrol at 1610 hrs. Slept Kokoda.

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OBSERVATIONS & COMMENTS.

An impression I gained while patrolling the villages of this division was that the people seemed to be under the influence of the mission(Catholic) much more than the Administration. Some may hold that the fields of these two bodies should not and do not clash but it my experience that the people will follow and listen to those who work with them to bring about progress - the staffing and communication problems of the Sub-District have prevented the Administration from throwing out a serious challenge to the mission. While the mission is tackling the education and communications ~~of~~ problems of the valley the Administration concerns itself with the problems of improving health and agriculture; in both of these fields the natives are traditionally very conservative and hold that their methods and practices evolved over the years are sufficient for their needs.

Villages.

As I had no time to send word to the people before the commencement of the patrol the cleanliness of the village sites did leave something to be desired - particularly Seiba and KaruKaru.

Villages of the Division are built on broad ridges and with planning could be quite attractive but the prevailing tendency is for the houses to be built very close together. The worst village in this regard was found to be Koia the main village of the KaruKaru rest house group. Here many houses adjoined one another and this even after a fire a couple of years ago destroyed fourteen houses in the village - it was suggested to the people that alternate houses be removed as they deteriorate and be rebuilt on a series of smaller ridges within a couple of hundred yards of the present village ridge.

At ASIMBA the people recently made a move from the old village site across the Asimba River from the rest house to a new site on the same ridge as the Catholic Mission and only three minutes walk from the rest house. The new village has been given the name of Pinupaka after a village on the mainland across from Yule Island; here the design of housing has been greatly improved and enlarged, and houses are built a little further apart from each other.

Village Officials.

Both the Seiba and Korogo Village Constables were found to be absent from the valley at the time of the patrol's visit - the former having gone to the Mambare River with an Hydrographer party while the V.C.Korogo was an inmate of the Kokoda Corrective Institution.

All remaining officials seemed to be performing their duties efficiently although none seemed to have any real influence with the people they controlled.

Political Situation.

My main impressions under this heading have already been recorded earlier under 'Observations & Comments'.

The communication factor is the main barrier to any rapid advance in this field. As policy now envisages rapid advancement of a small elite there is a real danger that such areas as this will tend to become more and more a backwater and if an Australian withdrawal eventuates such areas may come to be exploited - this may be a big 'if' but it cannot be overlooked and we as administrators as opposed to politicians should continue to see that any spare 'emphasis' in any field is given to such areas. This may sound like a bit of a speech but I do feel that this is now the greatest question we have to face as Native Affairs Officers.

Until communications can be improved I do not think it feasible to attempt to have the Lower Chirima Division join with the Ilimo Council. From the people's point of view their joining with the Council hinges on the economic problems, and apart from the income derived from plantation labour this aspect has little hope of sufficient improvement in the near future.

There would appear to be a steady passage of Gailala passing through the valley en route to visit their relations on the Kokoda plantations - relations with these transients appear to be friendly although old reports mention some trouble over gardens and houses. I would think that these visits would be taken into account when the Chirima people repay these visits to the Woitape area.

Agriculture.

At this time of year the staples sweet potato and taro were seen to be plentiful and in fact 288 pounds of fresh foods were purchased to provide food for carriers.

Any growth in cash cropping must depend on the development of transport and marketing facilities.

Land.

The people were informed of the forthcoming purchase of the Komonod Block but showed no desire to leave their villages in, what is to them, such a gamble, at this stage. This matter should continue to be pressed by subsequent patrols to the valley as I feel it may prove to be the only solution to their problems concerning advancement and development.

Complaints.

The only matter brought forward concerned a charge of adultery at Asimba - an enquiry into the matter showed no basis for the charge.

Rest Houses & Walking Times.

KOMO Rv. - KANGA (X)	=	2	hours	steady	walking.
KANGA - SEIBA (X)	=	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"
SEIBA - KARUKARU (X)	=	2	"	"	"
KARUKARU - ASIMBA (X)	=	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"

KOROGO & SAMANA VILLAGES NOT SEEN.
(X) = Rest House.

Asimba and KaruKaru rest houses were found to be in good condition and their sizes judged to be adequate for two officers, however those located at Kanga and Seiba were both on the small side and in addition that at Seiba was found to be dirty and in need of maintenance - appropriate advice was given.

Carriers.

Initially, carriers for the patrol were obtained from villages surrounding Kokoda. Word was sent to the Chirima people the day before the patrol set out to meet the patrol at Seiba and this was done on schedule. No difficulty was experienced with the carriers and volunteers came forward freely. On this patrol Kokoda carriers took the patrol as far as Seiba where KaruKaru carriers relieved and conveyed us to Asimba - the return journey as far as the Komo River was made with Asimba carriers. Rate of payment was at rate of one shilling per hour - food was supplied. Both the Kokoda and Asimba carriers would need to be away from home for two days. Fractions of hours were paid for with tobacco which seemed to be more welcome than fractions of a shilling.

Health.

As shown in diary a medical patrol being conducted through the lower Chirima was met with at Kanga - the leader of this medical team was the senior Medical Orderly at Kokoda Native Hospital. The senior Medical Orderly informed me that he was taking 22 people for treatment to Kokoda hospital - most of these were yaws cases and the remainder were children with skin complaints.

The only Aid Post located in the Lower Chirima is to be found at Asimba and serves the villages from Seiba to Korogo. The Kanga people attend the Aid Post on Mamba Estate.

When talking with the Aid Post Orderlies and the people it became evident that the Orderly expected the people to come on to him while the people expect him to come and visit them. This state of affairs has arisen because the people have the habit of describing a person always as 'dying' when they need treatment and as the 'Boy who Cried Wolf' found out this goes against your best

Health(Cont'd.)

interests in the long run.

Added to this is the reluctance of the people to take any person with an unexplainable illness to the Aid Post, until they reach the stage where it is admitted that he cannot be cured with 'native medicine'. All in all this makes the Orderlies tasks quite unenviable but then in all probability his patrolling of the area is not as frequent as it should be.

Kokoda Interpreter Dick came down during the patrol with influenza and was very ill for quite some time after returning to Kokoda - he was advised to sit down at Asimba for a week to recover but insisted on returning with the patrol. To me it appears that Dick, who is now getting on in years, should not be detailed for any more Chirima, Biage or Wawonga patrols and that a younger Interpreter be recruited to accompany patrols to these areas. Policeman Saga claimed to be too fatigued to accompany me on the following Biage patrol.

Education.

Census figures reveal that 19 boys and 9 girls from the Division attend school - all but two or three of these attend Asimba mission school, while those two or three, are receiving higher education at Iongai in the Waitape area. No children attend Government schools.

Roads & Bridges.

The communications problem of the Division centres around the closing of the/between Kanga and Seiba villages which takes, now, ^{gap} up to six hours to walk. To construct a bridle path here would not be easy but it could be done - when stationed in Kairuku Sub-District I had a chance to see what the Catholic Mission had achieved with their bridle paths in the Kuni Census Division of the Sub-District. I understand that the mission has been engaged already in some road-work around Samana and Korogo but I had no chance to see it this trip.

Unless the new House of Assembly sees fit to bring in future legislation making carrying compulsory I cannot imagine the people of these areas being content to carry indefinitely and additionally I would think they would be happy to have a means of getting cash-crops to a market.

In the first instance I think the priests at Iongai mission should be contacted to see if they have plans to extent their bridle path system as far as Kokoda. Here there is some question of a government subsidy. If the mission shows no interest in the scheme then perhaps the Administration should see its way clear to construct the paths - I myself would like to see the Administration get closer to the people by undertaking such a concrete scheme.

The two cane bridges of the Division, those crossing the Seiba and Asimba rivers, were seen to be in good condition at the time of the patrol's visit.

Labour.

1964 Census figures reveal that of the 28 adult males absent from the villages of the Division 25 are employed within the Sub-District - nearly all of these would be working at Mamba or Kokoda Estates. These figures are satisfactory. All these 25 would be casuals.

Personal Tax.

A total of £46 was collected.

Personal Tax (Cont'd.)

This was the first year that the gazetted tax rate of two pounds for the whole of Northern District came into operation and thus I found the onus on me to set a new rate for the Chirima people. Prior to 1964 the rate for this area had been set at ten shillings. In addition to the 28 men absent at work at the time of my visit others go down from time to time during the year to find casual employment on the nearby plantations at Kokoda and thus the money is near to hand if they want it. A rate of £1 was set for 1964 but all were warned that the patrolling officer next year may consider that they can pay more.

Because of what I considered an unsatisfactory situation in health, child care and population, I instituted a scheme I have seen working in other areas of the Territory whereby a man with five children obtained a full tax-exemption on the grounds of family obligations - a man with four children received a half exemption and those with three paid the full rate - it is to be hoped that this will be an incentive to the men to look after their families more carefully and see that they get medical aid when necessary.

All men present in the villages were able to pay the £1 rate and it was unnecessary to institute court proceedings against anyone.

I would suggest that it may be unwise to raise the rate any higher in the next three or four years as the people may interpret this as pressure on them to join the Local Government Council.

Census.

1963 figures 371:370 Figures show a decrease of one over

Births were 12 against 8 deaths but here it should be mentioned that the influenza epidemic was only just reaching the valley and its effects will not be revealed until the next census.

A few duplications were unearthed and must be taken into account when reconciling the 1963 and 1964 figures.

Personnel.

R.S. form 1 has been completed for Const. SAGA who accompanied the patrol and forwarded to the appropriate authorities. Saga is a young man with only three years service, he performed all duties asked of him and it is anticipated that he will develop. It was a bit of a surprise that he did not wish to carry on and do the Biage patrol but I would put this down to Kokoda being a relatively easy posting for a policeman and patrols to the valleys relatively exhausting however it could be that other police wanted a break from station life.

Interpreter Dick performed his duties well up until the time of the onset of his illness.

Conclusion.

A routine patrol of only seven days duration by an officer with little prior knowledge of the Sub-District. Area contains population of only 370 -outstanding problem that of communications.

B. M. Fischer
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(B.M.Fischer)
Patrol Officer Gr.1.

1963 Census in May VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR 1964 (April)

KOKODA REPORT No.3 of 1963/64. (LOWER CHIRIMA)

Govt. Print.—10935/9.63.—10,000.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE						LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL								
				0-1 mnth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child-Birth	IN		OUT		AT WORK		STUDENTS		MALES		FEMALES		Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing age	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults											
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KARUKARU	18/4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2A	2A	-	1A	5A	-	1C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4C	7C	12	30	12	29	2	24	29	15	29	31	71+53 124
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KOROGO	20/4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1C	-	-	5A	1C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6C	1C	8	12	2	12	1	10	4	10	10	15	26+26 52
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. KOKODA ⁵ ~~1~~ of 1963/64.

Patrol Conducted by B.M. Fischer, P.O. Gr. 1

Area Patrolled BIAGE VALLEY (Part)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 2.

Duration—From 24./4./1964 to 28./4./1964.

Number of Days 5 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services May 63.

Medical Jan 1964.

Map Reference BUNA FOURNAL

Objects of Patrol 1. Census revision. 2. General 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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Sub District Office,
Kokoda.

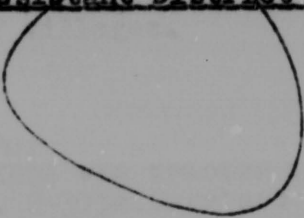
20th July, 1964.

The District Officer,
Northern District,
Porondetta.

Kokoda Patrol Report No 45 of 1964/64.

1. Please find enclosed a patrol report by Mr (Patrol Officer) B.M.Fischer. It is as usual well written and covers all the points I discussed with him just prior to his patrol.
2. There are very few villages in the Biage area and that is why the patrol lasted only for 5 days. Kovele and Savaia villages being so close to the Kokoda station was done by myself. Mr Fischer's work was simplified into just a Census Revision, because all these Biage people are now included in the Ilimo Council.
3. These people bring quite regularly English potatoes to be sold in the Kokoda area. Mr Kienzle has made a deal with them (namely - that he will take all the potatoes they offer for sale at 3d a lbs.) We usually buy these potatoes at 7d or 5d a lbs but just in small quantities enough for various households.
4. I just could not say how long PHD will be able to man this Aid Post at the Biage. They seem to be short staffed always, and the men sent out into the bush seem to grow restless after awhile.


(R.A.J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
Popondetta,
Northern District,
28th. May 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
KOKODA.

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PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1963/64.
UPPER BIAGE VALLEY.

Introduction.

This report is the second to be submitted covering a group of three patrols I conducted in the Kokoda Sub-District during the period 15th. April - 15th. May 1964.

As stated in report number three of 1964 I experienced some difficulty in obtaining a clear picture of the areas I was to cover, prior to commencing the actual patrol, and most of the information I did pick up was gained during private talks with you. Fortunately the patrol was of a routine nature and my lack of knowledge did not handicap me as much as it could have if the patrol was of the rare, pure administrative type.

The villages of the Biage are now all included in the Ilimo Council area and thus the purpose of the patrol was confined to census revision and General Administration. The villages of Savaia and Kovelolo were not visited by the patrol. I gathered that as both villages may be reached by vehicle your back injury will not prevent you from reaching them and that revised figures may go forward with this report.

The area covered by this patrol was the Biage Division to the south-west of Kokoda station. The Division is an area of 242sq. miles at the headwaters of Iora Creek leading up to the landmark known as 'The Gap'. All villages are located in the middle reaches of the valley at an approximate altitude of 4,000 feet a.s.l. - tracks joining the villages are well graded but in poor condition.

The economic advancement of the Division is being retarded by lack of suitable communications and the potatoes, fruits and vegetables grown by the people have inadequate marketing facilities, mainly as a result of the remote position of the area but also due to the high air-freight charges out of Kokoda. It is to be hoped that the road link Popondetta-Kokoda when finished will open up new avenues for the marketing of such produce.

The people towards the upper end of the valley are members of the Seventh Day Adventist mission and the effects of this influence are seen in such things as improved village lay out, use of superior building materials and beautification of villages.

Diary.

24th. April. Morning at Kokoda completing arrangements for patrol. Dept. KOKODA via tractor and trailer for KEPARA where arrived approx. 2-30pm. Carriers waiting to convey patrol to PELAI -dept. KEPARA 2-45pm. - arrive PELAI 4-15pm.. Slept Pelai.

25th. April. Census PELAI 8-30am till 9-45am - talks on various matters and dept. 10-30am for HAGUTAWA where arrived 1-0pm. after stiff walk - Census till 1-20pm and then on to ABUARI where arrive 3-45pm.. SDA sabbath. ANZAC day.

26th. April.

As SDA area, conduct census from 9-30am

Diary (Cont'd.)

till 10-30am - talks on various matters till 11-0am. and then remainder of day observed by patrol party.

27th. April. Dept. ABUARI 8-0am for ALOLA where arrived 9-30am after hours climb from Iora River. Rest till 10-0am and then in company with Alola Councillor and Interpreter descend again to coffee of Gote to inspect reported cache of hand-grenades - at least 50 there and also see four 4" mortars - return to rest house 10-45am and from 11-0am till 11-30am conduct Alola census. Lunch until 12-30pm and then proceed ISURAVA where arrive 1-30pm.. Census ISURAVA from 2-15pm. till 3-0pm. - talks on various matters till 4-0pm. Rain and clouds close in for night. Slept Isurava.

28th. April. Dept. ISURAVA at 8-30am after little difficulty securing carriers - arrive KOVELO government school at 1-30pm.. Kokoda tractor arrives 2-0pm. and after paying off carriers dept. KOVELO and arrive KOKODA 3-10pm.. Slept Kokoda.

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Observations & Comments.

Following are briefly summarized Impressions I gained of the Biage Division.

Development in the area hinges on improvement of communications. The Kokoda Trail is well graded at least as far as ALOLA and there should be little difficulty in constructing bridle paths to this village - perhaps the SDA mission would be interested in undertaking such a task.

The people are tending to lose interest in the production of english potatoes as a cash crop. This is the main crop effected by the lack of transport to the area other than human portorage. The fluctuation and fall of prices from sevenpence to fivepence and a possible threepence per pound over the years is responsible. The road to Popondetta seems to offer the only possibility for a regeneration in marketing facilities and as a direct consequence, production.

Reception of Patrol.

Friendly in all villages. The SDA people to the upper end of the valley and to a lesser extent the Anglicans of the lower valley were most generous with gifts but could not receive tobacco in return ; salt was asked for but had not been taken. Future patrols should take salt for exchange gift making.

Villages.

Seen to be clean with housing of generally good standard. Woven pit-pit is used to good affect and presents a neat appearance. Flowers, colourful shrubs, and bamboo clumps enhances appearances of most villages particularly ABUARI.

It was suggested that greater use be made of trees to act as wind-breaks, as the winds must contribute to illnesses such as common colds, influenza, pneumonia, etc. particularly with new-born babies and younger children.

Both Alola and Isurava villages tentatively stated they intended moving the villages to new sites nearby the present villages - both were advised to stay where they now are and try and improve present conditions.

Political Situation.

All Biage villages are now included in the Ilimo Council area.

Here, as in the Chirima, I gained the impression that the mission (SDA) because of its closer day to day contact with the people has usurped some of the

Political Situation (Cont'd.)

functions of the Administration i.e. education and improved housing. These examples are not as clear as those that could be pointed out in the Anglican Wawonga and Popondetta areas or the achievements of Kwato or the work done on roads by the Catholics in the Kairuku and Tapini areas, but will serve. It is true that the two bodies are complementary to one another and as both have the best interests of the people as their only guide there should be no conflict. In fact there is not, but as routine work has increased and paper-warfare become heavier, Native Affairs because of short staffing and increasing and widening responsibilities, has tended to withdraw from the field leaving the missions as the only organised widespread welfare type body.

Agriculture.

Apart from the potatoes and vegetables mentioned earlier there are also a few men with aribica coffee gardens. Gardens are only small, the ones I noticed having only up to 250 trees or so. Again the difficulty is markets.

Land.

Here again it was explained to the people that the ADO Kokoda was on the verge of completing the transaction for the Komondo Block, and that they should seriously consider applying to take up land in such a location where transport and marketing would present no problem. It was explained that it could be many years before it became easier for them to get produce out of the Biage and indeed something may never be done - not one person of the division showed any interest in the scheme. This matter should continue to be pushed by future patrols.

Complaints & Courts.

Nothing brought forward.

Rest Houses & Walking Times.

KEPARA - PELAI (X)	=	1 hour	easy walking.
PELAI - HAGUTAWA	=	2 1/2	Hard "
HAGUTAWA - ABUARI (X)	=	1 1/2	" "
ABUARI - ALOLA (X)	=	1 1/2	" climb.
ALOLA - ISURAVA (X)	=	1 1/2	easy walking.
ISURAVA - KOVELO ?	=	4 1/2	good "

(X) = Village with Rest House.

Rest House at Pelai seen to be in poor condition and also inhabited by swarms of wasps - people asked to get rid of wasps and make repairs before next patrol.

Carriers.

Initially were recruited from Kepara and carried as far as Abuari where was able to secure reliefs - Kepara men made very slow time but track was difficult - no trouble given.

The Isurava - Kovelolo stretch was covered with the aid of the men of Isurava and Alola - late start made because carriers slow to turn up; they said there were not enough men in the villages - no trouble after start - three women used this leg.

Salt could be given as something extra as people SDA's and 'don't want' tobacco.

Health.

At the time of the patrol's visit the people had just completed construction of the first Aid Post in the Upper Biage area. The Post is located on the Alola side of the Iora River about half way between Alola and the River on the track connecting Abuari and Alola.

Health (Cont'd.)

The position has been well chosen as this places the Post about 50 minutes from Abuari, 20 minutes from Alola and 45 or so minutes from Isurava.

When talking with the Native Medical Assistant in charge of the Kokoda Native Hospital it was stated that the new Aid Post should be able to be staffed in a month or so. In such an area most deaths occur as a result of untreated pneumonias and serious influenzas - the new Post should go a long way to improving health and saving lives in the Biage - if it remains staffed.

At the time of my visit the influenza epidemic had not yet entered the valley but was bound to eventually reach there - it's effects will be revealed in the census figures for next year.

At the completion of this patrol clerk Simon Peter who had been acting as interpreter claimed he had hurt his back and was unable to accompany on the Wawonga patrol.

Education.

At present there is a Government school located at Kovelolo at the lower end of the valley, but indications are that it may shortly be closed down. Census figures reveal there are 16 boys and 2 girls from the division attending Government schools - these would be either the Kovelolo or Kokoda schools.

SDA mission schools are located at Abuari and Isurava but have little or no standard.

Roads & Bridges.

As stated under 'Observations and Comments' the Kokoda Trail appears to be well graded and should present little difficulty to the construction of a bridle path at least as far as Alola. The agricultural potential of the valley - potatoes, tomatoes, passion-fruit, onions, cabbage, oranges etc. cannot begin to be realised until the transport and marketing difficulties are solved.

That part of the Kokoda Trail for which the village of Kovelolo is responsible had obviously not been cleaned for months - except for a short distance from the village - and warnings had to be issued to the people to pay greater attention to their 'mark'.

Missions.

Pelai, Hagutawa, Savaia and Kovelolo are Anglican adherents while the people of Abuari, Alola and Isurava are SDA's.

Churches are established in most villages but services are given by mission teachers of both denominations. Relations between the two missions appear friendly and indeed a great deal of intermarriage between the two groups continues to occur.

Census.

As the complete Division was not censused no comparison will be drawn with last year's figures.

Births numbered 12 and there were 12 deaths.

Personnel.

R.S. form 1 was completed and forwarded to the appropriate authorities with respect to the constable who accompanied, Constable Iabe. Iabe displayed little initiative on this short patrol and was little help in organizing carriers however he did do all that was asked of him. Perhaps it is his ill appearance that gets him off on the wrong foot.

Kokoda clerk Simon Peter who acted as interpreter on this trip was found to be too slow for this position and as he does not relish walking he is not seen as a successor to the old interpreter Dick who fell ill on the Chirima patrol and was thus unable to

Personnel (Cont'd.)

to accompany me to Biage.

House of Assembly Elections.

Lists were drawn up before the commencement of these Kokoda patrols of all absentee voters whose names could not be located on the Common Role and another of all section 130(1) voters who had declared that they were in fact not on the role and that they were entitled to vote - these lists were taken to the villages and an attempt was made to ascertain whether the person's name was in fact on the role or whether he was entitled to vote.

It was found that nearly all absentee voters on the list who had not been previously traced had in fact used a different name when voting to that recorded in the census book and the Role - in a couple of cases the people knew the name but stated that that person(s) name(s) had not been called in the census - these names were then recorded in the census book.

The majority of 130(1) cases involved women of nineteen and twenty years of age - as estimated in the census book - although one voter was shown as having been only fourteen years old. How democratic can you get?

Explosives Alola Area.

As directed, the reported presence of a quantity of explosives in the vicinity of Alola village was investigated by the patrol. People of Abuari, Alola and Isurava were asked if they knew of any war-time dumps but all said that they only knew of caches found when making new gardens and only the Alola people had anything to report. The following explosives were seen; - at least 50 but could be up to 100 hand-grenades in a coffee garden owned by L.G. Councillor Gote ten minutes walk downhill from Alola village towards Iora River; 4 x 4" mortars located at new Aid Post site twenty minutes walk downhill from Alola towards Iora Rv..

These mortars had been carried from out of the bush to the Aid Post site while the grenade dump had been cleared of grass for my inspection by a swinging bush-knife - both most dangerous operations and it was easy to see that the people had no appreciation of the risks they took. They were informed that old ammunition was most dangerous and was to be left strictly alone, however they probable still retain the idea that after twenty years these things could do little harm - further representations should be made to the Army to have these dumps removed at the earliest.

It was also stated that there are many dumps in the vicinity of Templetons Crossing but I had not the means to reach there as it is said to be over a days walk from Alola.

Conclusion.

A routine patrol of only five days duration to an area hampered in it's attempts at economic development by lack of communications.

B.M. Fischer
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(B.M. Fischer)
Patrol Officer Gr. 1

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

1963 = May
 YEAR.....1964 (APRIL).....

KOKODA REPORT No. 4 of 1963/64 (BIAGE)

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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (excluding absctee)				GRAND TOTAL									
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... **NORTHERN** Report No. **KOKODA No. 6** of 1963/64.

Patrol Conducted by..... **B.M. Fischer, P.O. Gr. 1.**

Area Patrolled..... **WAWONGA VALLEY.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... **Nil.**

Natives..... **1**

Duration—From..... **1./5./1964** .. to **13/5/1964** ..

Number of Days..... **13 days.**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... **No.**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... **June** /19**63** ..

Medical **7** /19.....

Map Reference..... **BUNA FOURMIL.**

Objects of Patrol..... **1. Census Revision 2. Tax Collection 3. General 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 £.....

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Sub-district Office,
KOKODA, Northern District

14th November, 1964.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

KOKODA PATROL NO. 6 of 1963/64

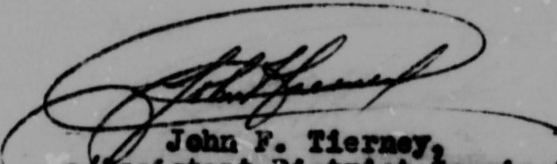
Please find attached, in duplicate, report covering the above-mentioned patrol carried out by Mr. B. M. Fischer, Patrol Officer, in the WAWONGA Census Division. Although this report is dated 29th May, it was not received at this office until 11th November.

No map accompanies the report. If required would you please request Mr. Fischer to submit to you at Popondetta.

Apparently no patrol instructions were issued to Mr. Fischer as none accompanied this report on receipt and I am unable to locate a copy of same on Kokoda files.

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John F. Tierney,
Assistant District Commissioner

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Sub-district Office,
KOKODA, Northern District

14th November, 1964.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

KOKODA PATROL NO. 6 of 1963/64

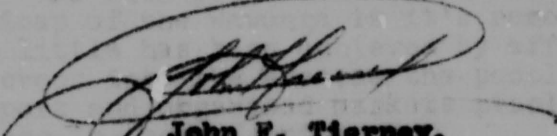
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
Popondetta,
Northern District,
29th. May 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
KOKODA.

PATROL REPORT KOKODA No.5 of 1963/64.
WAWONGA VALLEY.

Introduction.

This report is the third to be submitted covering a group of three patrols I conducted in the Kokoda Sub-District during the period 15th. April - 15th. May 1964.

As stated in reports numbers three and four of 1963/64 I experienced some difficulty in gaining a clear picture of the areas to be covered owing to fact that I had only been in Northern District for two and a half months after being out of things for twelve months at ASOPA. All of this two and a half months was spent at Popondetta.

Objects of the patrol were defined as Census Revision, Tax-Collection and General Administration.

The area covered by the patrol was the Wawonga Division to the south-east of Kokoda station. The Division is somewhat difficult/the patrol being able to proceed as far as Asisi via vehilce where it needs to to continue for one and a half hours on foot to Sirorata and then from Sirorata to the first of the Wawonga villages is a further five hours difficult walking.

As with both the Chirima and Biage Divisions the handicap of the Wawonga is it's remoteness and to the present little has been achieved by efforts to introduce cash-crops into the area, as the people see that lack of transport and organized markets preclude any chance of success in such a venture.

Communications within the valley itself are adequate and all social intercourse seems to take place between the villages of the valley. At the time of writing this it is anticipated that the Anlican Mission has now completed construction of a small air-strip located at Emo River Mission station. (see heading 'Airstrip')

The people of all viälages were again sounded out on whether they now wished to join with the Ilimo Council - the Anglican villages of Namanaiia (Wora), Managube and Emo showed a desire to join with the council while the SDA villages of Ujilo, Awoma and Kovio were against joining on economic grounds.

Diary.

1st. May. Dept. KOKODA via landrover 8-30am.- arrive Asisi 1-0pm. after visits to Ilimo Agriculture Extension Station and Eiwo Mission - find that policeman despatched Asisi yesterday to arrange for carriers arrived too late this morning to ask people to stay in village - influenza epedemic here - set up camp in rest house. Slept Asisi.

2nd. May. Dept. Asisi 7-45am and proceed Sirorata where arrived 9-30am..

Diary (Cont'd.)

After Asisi men had been paid off I find that many Sirorata men down with flu and that funeral being held for old woman who had died - decide to stay here till Monday. Slept Asisi.

3rd. May. Observed Sirorata.

4th. May. Dept. SIRORATA at 7-45am for NAMANAIA where arrived after hard walk at 1-30pm.. Find that all men of village absent EMO RIVER working on mission airstrip site. Message sent for fourteen carriers. Slept Namanaiia.

5th. May. Carriers and other men, women and children arrive in from EMO RIVER at 11-20am.. Census and Tax NAMANAIA till 1-15pm. when patrol depts. for MANAGUBE where we arrive at 2-45pm. - all people absent EMO RIVER working on airstrip so decide to hold Census/Tax this village at EMO. Dept. MANAGUBE at 3-15pm. and proceed EMO where arrive 4-15pm. in drizzly rain. Slept Emo.

6th. May. Census and Tax MANAGUBE and then EMO till 12-30pm.. Talks on various matters and paperwork during afternoon. Carriers arranged for morrow. Slept Emo.

7th. May. Dept. EMO at 7-45am. - called in at new mission airstrip sited at EMO RIVER and inspected - many people busy working - dept. airstrip at 9-45am and proceeded EJARO - arrived 10-15am - Tax/Census till 11-15am thence to UJILO where arrived 11-40am - work there until 12-45pm. and then to AWOMA arriving 1-30pm.. Census of AWOMA from 2-45pm. till 4-45pm. and of TETEBI till 5-10pm. Arrange for trip to KOVIO tomorrow and Tax of AWOMA and TETEBI on Sunday morning (people SDA's) Slept Awoma.

8th. May. Dept. AWOMA at 8-0am and walk to KOVIO where arrived 9-15am. - Tax/Census KOVIO from 9-45am till 10-30am.. Talks on various matters and *village inspection till 11-30am* when start made on return - arrived AWOMA 12-45pm.. Remainder of day work on figures and village books. Slept AWOMA.

9th. May. People here SDA's so day taken off - some work on figures etc..

10th. May. Tax of AWOMA and TETEBI from 8-15am - 10-30am.. Dept. AWOMA at 11-0am. for EMO - again inspect airstrip en route - many people working even though Sunday - arrived EMO at 12-30pm.. AWOMA (SDA) carriers not keen to continue onto NAMANAIA so camp for night. Slept Emo.

11th. May. Dept. EMO at 7-45am for WORA (Namanaiia) where arrived 10-0am.. People absent gardens after Sunday rest - word sent out for carriers - men arrive at noon but point out that heavy rain is about to fall - take their advice and decide to spent night - heavy rain starts at 2-0pm. and continues rest of afternoon and night. Slept Wora.

12th. May. Dept. WORA at 7-30am. - arrived SIRORATA at noon - Census of SIRORATA from 1-0pm. till 2-15pm. Dept. SIRORATA 2-30pm. for ASISI where arrived 4-15pm.. Arrangements made for message to Kokoča for Landrover but Mr. A.O. Kimber seen at 4-45pm. and is asked to arrange transport - no carriers available to take cargo to unsafe bridge tonight. Slept Asisi.

13th. May. Dept. ASISI 7-45am and proceed EIWO - have talk with Fr. Sharp re Emo strip and have ~~look~~ at new PAKKI strip being built by mission - 400-500 people busy working - landrover arrives 1-30pm. and via this to KOKODA where arrived at 3-50pm.. Slept Kokoča.

Observations & Comments.

The following are briefly summarized impressions I gained of the Wawonga Division.

It is another area where development has been impossible because of communication difficulties. It would not be possible to construct a bridle path up the final hill to Wora village and unless another route can be found the hope for improved communications and more frequent contact is the new mission airstrip at Emo River.

Cash-crops such as coffee, potatoes, passion-fruit, etc. have been introduced to the area although present transport and marketing is impossible - this situation has caused some loss of faith in the Administration and the people have turned to the mission for more practical/which has been supplied in the shape of an airstrip. help

As already stated the villages to Emo were all in favour of joining with the Ilimo Council but those from Ejaro to Koviio were against joining on economic grounds. Here it was suggested that their main chance of being in a position to join the Council lay in the solving of the transport difficulty and then they could work out a scheme together with the Council whereby they were exempted from a proportion of the tax for as many years as it took the most suitable cash crop for the Wawonga to come into bearing - they would then become liable for the full rate. No opinions were expressed on this idea. Unless something similar to this scheme is worked such areas are more of a liability to Councils.

Reception of Patrols.

Friendly in all villages.

It is I think interesting to note that I found Local Government Councillor David of Sirorata village to be a man who was a Councillor in all senses of the word and therefore quite a rarity in the land. Without raising his voice he got things organized and done and he seemed to have the respect of his people - however according to Fr. Sharp of Eiwo it is possible that most of this 'respect' comes from the great amount of land David's family owns in the village - whatever the reason it was a pleasure having things organized by someone else.

As with the SDA's of the upper Biage the SDA people of the upper Wawonga were found to be most generous with gifts of food and unfortunately they could not receive tobacco in return - future patrols should include a small bag of salt instead of all tobacco for return gift making. The 1965 patrol can give the Awoma people something extra for me.

Villages.

For the last six months or so the people of the Wawonga valley have been devoting a great deal of their time and labour to the construction of the Emo River airstrip and as a consequence such things as maintenance of houses and roads has tended to lapse. As it was very evident that a great deal of work had been put into construction of the airstrip I only gave a warning that both the airstrip and the 'Government' work had to be done and that action would be taken by the next patrol if the people continued to neglect such important things.

Housing at Wora (Namanaiia), Ejaro, Ujilo, Awoma and Tetebi was seen to be of a quite good standard while that of Managube and Koviio was not up to standard mainly because of small size - such orders as necessary were made in the village book.

Flies were found to be particularly

Villages (Cont'd.)

bad in Awoma and Koviio villages and it is obvious that either rubbish is being left about or the latrines are not covered - the people were ordered to amend this state of affairs.

Here could be mentioned admendments which need to be made to the Village Directory. Firstly Namanáia village no more exists and has been succeeded by Wora - this is the name used throughout the Wawonga.

Warobila 'village' consists of one house at present and I was told that even this is to be moved - these people now live at Wora and the Warobila census here.

The people of Rumara now reside at Emo.

Airstrip.

The new Anglican mission airstrip still being built at the time of the patrol's visit to the Wawonga, should now have been completed and if all went according to plan the first plane should have already landed. This strip has been the brainchild of Fr.Sharp of Eiwo Mission and Dik Songer the mission pilot and with the complete co-operation of the Wawonga people they have completed a monumental undertaking - it still remains to be seen however just how feasible the strip is.

The strip is a one-way approach, take-off type measuring 1,500 feet by 100 feet with a steep uphill run over the last three hundred feet or so as an extra safety measure. The top end of the strip runs along the steep bank of the Emo River and is blocked off for an approach by a large and close hill. The approach direction to the strip is from a general easterly direction and appears to me quite difficult. One approach run could be made from straight down the valley from the general direction of Mt.Lamington but would involve a steep right hand bank before the strip could be sighted and would give the pilot only about half a minute to finally decide whether to land or not. The alternative approach would be on an approximate 180 degree line to that of the approach already described and would give the pilot twice as long a sight of the strip but it could involve quite a detour from the direction of Popondetta. Pay-loads would be very restricted as the take-off faces a high range. I have asked Fr.Sharp to endeavour to get Dik Songer to forward his impressions of the strip to you.

I had the feeling, from the way the Wawonga people approached this work, that they were expecting a lot more from an airstrip than could possibly be expected. As I understand it the main aim, from the mission's point of view, is a means of ready access to a difficult area and a secondary aim being the establishment of a small trade store at Emo Mission. I think the Wawonga see a third aim as being a means of marketing coffee, potatoes, etc. but because of the strip's limitations they are doomed to be dissapointed.

Agriculture.

Aribica coffee was introduced to the Division some 4-5 years ago but variable policies followed by Kokoda A.O's. have confused the people no end and at present the majority of gardens are overgrown with weeds and little attention is paid to them. It was a definite mistake to start off coffee in the Wawonga as marketing from such a place is nearly impossible, however as the crop has been introduced it/ should receive follow-up action from the Agriculture Department.

Land.

As in the Chirima and Biage the people were told of nearly completed transaction being made by the Kokoda for the Komondo Block. It was explained that unless the new airstrip made it possible for them to get out heavy loads of produce the Wawonga may find themselves being left behind in the race for advancement and as it was probable that the new strip could not handle such loads the people should consider taking up areas of land which could be reached by motor-transport. Little or no interest was shown in the Komondo Block.

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Complaints & Courts.

Nothing brought forward.

Rest Houses & Walking Times.

(X) = Rest House.

ASISI (X)	-	SIRORATA (X)	=	1 1/2	hours	easy	walking.
SIRORATA	-	NAMANAIA (X)	=	5 1/2	"	hard	"
NAMANAIA	-	MANAGUBE	=	1 1/2	"	"	"
MANAGUBE	-	EMO (X)	=	1	"	easy	"
EMO	-	EJARO	=	3 1/2	"	"	"
EJARO	-	UJILO	=	4 1/2	"	"	"
UJILO	-	AWOMA (X)	=	4 1/2	"	"	"
AWOMA	-	TETEBI	=	4 1/2	"	"	"
TETEBI	-	KOVIO (X)	=	2	"	"	"

Though not in the Wawonga Division it should be mentioned that the Asisi rest house leaks badly and there is nowhere that the bed can be put without a person getting wet. Perhaps this could be taken up in a Council meeting - I mentioned the matter to the Asisi people but it is doubtful that anything will be done.

At Namanaia (Wora) the rest house is found set in amongst many dead tree stumps - the people were asked to grub these out and set about a beautification program - pigs here also are a nuisance and people were told to either keep them away from the rest house or if they cannot do that, construct a fence .

The rest house at Emo needs quite a deal of maitenance and people were told to see to it as soon as airstrip completed.

The Awoma rest house is the best I have yet seen in Northern District and even approaches some of the Milne Bay giants - unfortunately flies are still bad and spoil a very nice setting.

The Kovio rest house while small serves it's purpose and as not every patrol uses it no improvements are needed.

Carriers.

Some difficulty was experienced in obtaining men to carry at both Asisi and Sirorata owing to many being down with influenza.

In the Wawonga itself it was found difficult to arrange for carriers as most able bodied men were engaged on airstrip construction work.

The only trouble experienced was when I attempted to get the Awoma SDA's to carry me on a Sunday as far as Namanaia, when they saw their mark as Emo. The SDA's pointed out that as the Anglicans had no objection to working on the airstrip on a Sunday they should have no objection to carrying but I considered that whereas the airstrip work was 'up to them' they were not obliged to carry on their sabbath. The SDAs could not be brought to see this so the patrol stopped over at Emo.

My walking times and payments to carriers have been entered in the Namanaia village book.

Health.

The Wawonga Division is relatively well served by the following Aid Posts;- An Administration Post located at Awoma and an Anglican Mission Aid Post located at Emo River.

The main health problem appeared to me to be that of skin deseases, especially in the children. The incidence of skin-deseases seems to coincide with the location of the SDA adherants and the consequent wearing of clothes, many of which are dirty. However when I approached the Awoma pastor on the matter he stated that this problem had been recognized by the mission and indeed they had been attempting to combat it - I was asked to give the people a talk on the health problems engendered by the wearing of filthy clothes and did so. Should this problem be tackled

Health (Cont'd.)

in co-operation with the mission or via prosecutions?

The widespread influenza epidemic had only just reached the Division as the patrol was preparing to leave - on my arrival at Kokoda the senior Native Medical Orderly was advised of the outbreak and asked to do what he could.

To my way of thinking there is a distinct possibility that personnel of the patrol may very well have unwittingly introduced the disease to the area. Intercourse between the Wawonga and peoples of such villages as Sirorata and Asisi in Kokoda Sub-District and Iaure village of the Musa in Tufi Sub-District is very restricted and only two or three a week may do the trip.

Education.

Centres around the Anglican Mission school at Emo River and the SDA school at Awoma - standards were not enquired into.

Roads & Bridges.

The cane bridge across what the maps show as Embeta Creek between Asisi and Sirorata - people call it Ifoi'e - has not yet been replaced with the wires and cables supplied by Sub-District Office.

Here it should also be mentioned that the bridge crossing the creek just before Asisi has just been repaired and now appears safe for landrover traffic, however the steep hill just over the bridge towards Asisi is still deeply rutted and the clayey surface would prevent any vehicle but those with near new tyres from reaching the village - the people were asked to do something about the hill as quite some inconvenience is caused when carriers have to be located to carry for twenty minutes over what is otherwise a good road.

As already mentioned the problem of the Wawonga proper is the finding of a more suitable route from Sirorata to Namanaia. Most of the present track is fairly good but the last hill before Namanaia could rightly be described as a 'killer'. Perhaps another route could be found or, if not, the grading of the track could be vastly improved.

The road from Namanaia to Managube is a little difficult and I should think a better route could be located following the right-hand range looking down the valley - at present the road proceeds to the bottom of the valley where it then is obliged to cross many small ridges running from the right-hand range to the Kumusi River gorge area.

From Managube right on to Kivio the road is well graded and offers little difficulty.

With the Administration, private and Army population at Popondetta these days I would say that there is scope for good sales of 'European' type fruits and vegetables, and of the areas I have seen so far in Northern District either the Biage or Wawonga areas could go a long way towards supplying this market. With the bridging of the Kumusi and other flood-prone creeks and reconstruction of the road from Oro Bay to Kokoda by the Army, economic and reliable markets should be able to be established. The difficulty is of course that any work towards such an end is certain to fall into Native Affairs lap and you don't receive much co-operation from others. As you now may have to pay up to 1/8d. for a pound of potatoes in Popondetta I should think all except the management of two certain monopolies would welcome the working of this scheme.

Missions.

The valley is divided up amongst the Anglicans- to Ejaro, and the SDA's Ujilo to Kovio. Little or no friction exists between the two denominations.

The Anglican villages receive periodic visits from a priest based at Eiwo and these would I think become more frequent if the Emo strip proves feasible. The SDA people receive infrequent visits from a native pastor based at Kokoda.

Education provided by both missions in the valley is of a very low standard however the Anglicans do attend a school of some standard located at Eiwo.

Personal Tax.

Throughout the Division the people were able to pay the new tax-rate assessed by me at £1 and no collection difficulties were encountered. In previous years the tax rate was set at 10/- but earlier this year the District Officer had the District gazetted at a £2 rate. The people were warned that the officer conducting the 1965 patrol may consider them eligible to pay the full rate.

Personnel.

RS form 1 submitted for accompanying policeman.

Conclusion.

The delay in completing this report is regretted but has been occasioned by difficulties caused by staff movements at Popondetta.

B.M. Fischer
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(B.M. Fischer)
Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of KOKODA N.D. Report No. KOK NO 7/63-64

Patrol Conducted by R. A. J. BENTINCK, A.D.O.

Area Patrolled KAHINAEMBO, FAHINAEMBO, UMOIKOMBA, SONGE

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 16/6/1964 to 30/6/1964

Number of Days 15 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

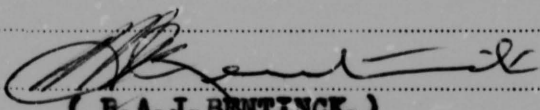
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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

KOK No 7/63-64 **KOKODA** **NORTHERN**
Patrol No.....Subdistrict.....District.....
Officer Conducting Patrol...**R.A.J BENTINCK**..... **ADO.**
Census Division Patrolled...**Kahinaenbo, Fahinaenbo, Umokombu and Songe.**
Objects of Patrol.....**1. Census Revision.**
.....**2. Persuading Council people to pay their 1964 taxes.**
.....**3. Checking names of people who used Sec130(1) during**
.....**recent Elections for the House of Assembly Elections.**
.....**4. Gave talks to people based on Mr Fenbury's Memo.**
Date Patrol Commenced...**16.6.64**.....Date Completed...**30.6.64**
Duration—days...**15 days.** **9 nights camped out in Village Rest Houses.**

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

- 1. Talks to people in the Council area based on Mr Fenbury's Memo regarding Independence and Self Government. (1-1-1)**
- 2. Special Arms Permits 38-2-2.**
- 3. Education 26-1-1.**
- 4. Census and Statistics 14-2-1.**
- 5. Ilimo Council - general talks 41-1-1.**
- 6. Corrections to the Common Roll. 1-2-2.**
- 7. Survey of Aid Posts at Sairope and Kepara 41-1-1.**


(R. A. J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.

Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

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District Officer.

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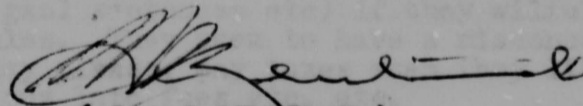
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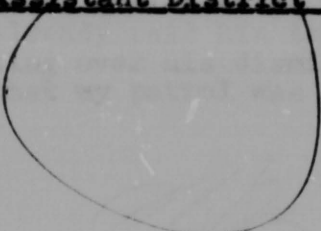
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Kovele Classroom - Asset of the Ilimo Council.

1. I wish to report that the District Education Inspector closed the Kovele school down about two months ago. The parents are sending the children to the Administration school at Kokoda.
2. The point that affects me about this business is that the Kovele Classroom, worth about £ 250, was built by the Ilimo Council.
3. As there is no hope of this school being reopened may I submit these suggestions :-
 - a) that you recommend to The Director, DNA, that I be allowed to delete this classroom from the Ilimo Council Assets Register.
 - b) that you give me permission to remove the timber, flat iron and corrugated iron from this building and use it in improving the Classrooms put up by the Administration at the Ilimo and Ajeka schools.
4. Kovele village has only 159 people and I do not think the Health Department would be eager to convert this classroom into an Aid Post.



(R.A.J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.



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Sub District Office,
Kokoda.

17th July, 1964.

The District Officer,
Northern District,
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Ilimo Council Affairs in General.

1. On all these patrols in the Council area, with all the tax payers present, I discuss Council matters. I try my best to make it quite clear to them why the Administration has started these Councils among them, why they pay taxes and what happens to the Tax money collected.

2. I wish to report that I struck some trouble with the Butemu people over non payment of taxes. As I finished Census work in each village I usually made enquiries if there were any men present who had not paid their taxes. I found twelve such men at Butemu. While I was talking to these twelve and explaining to them that the Council could not wait all ~~year~~ the year round for their taxes, a man named Kingsley, a man who had been thrown out of the RPC after seven years service, took it into his head to incite these twelve men to behave rudely. Each one of these men threw their tax money on the Rest House floor ~~and~~ turned and walked away shouting, "You now have your tax money, what more do you want? We are not going to gaol." The air was tense for a few minutes and with the help of the old men in the village I managed to get these people back to listen to reason. From what I gather there was silly talk of assaulting me and the police boy who accompanied the patrol. The whole incident passed off by everyone apologising to me for their rudeness. The point I wish to make is that these people will have to learn that ^{they} will have to work hard to find their tax money and that just idleness is not good for their progress. They will also have to learn to accept punishment (in the form of gaol sentences etc) if they wilfully break their Council Rules. They seem to have a misconception that they can do as they please, pay taxes when they like, refuse to pay the various late fees etc, etc.

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3. I took no Court action after the people apologised. This man Kingsley had already paid his taxes, but somehow or the other must be smarting over his dismissal from the RPC and therefore thought that my patrol was an opportune moment to cause trouble.


(R. A. J. BENTINCK.) ADO.

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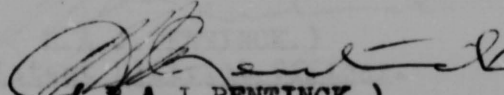
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Census figures and Statistics.

1. Nothing untoward to report with regard to Census revision among the Ilimo Council villages. People who were at home presented themselves at the Census table.
2. I had to explain to the parents how important it was for them to present to the Census Officer the Birth cards given them by the Council. In quite a few cases people are not reporting the births to the Council Clerk and when told that they had to pay a late fee, they grew annoyed and refused to do so. Others are reporting to Sister Sharpe at the Eiwo Mission and not to the Council Clerk.
3. I expected to find more deaths due to the recent epidemic that spread through this area, but I think the Health Department beat this with its organisation.
4. The grand total for 1962/63 was 4033, but this year the figure has risen to 4169 - an increase of 3%.
5. From the recent figures of men absent from the villages, there is nothing to really worry about. Most of them go away to work only for a year or two and then return.


(R.A.J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.



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Sub District Office,
Kokoda.


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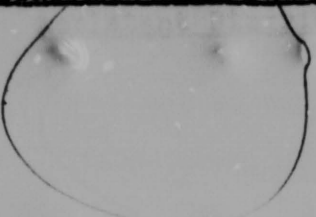
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Education in the Council Area.

1. If one will glance at the Census figures submitted with this report on the Council Area, one will notice that a large number of children are attending either Mission or Administration schools. Only in a few cases have I had to talk to parents to see that they send their children regularly to school. Slowly but surely the people are getting the message that schooling is important for their children in this modern age.

2. I was very pleased to note that the Haki and Hamara people are sending their children to the Administration school at Ilimo, once the Administration school at Hamama was closed down. There was some talk of boycotting the Administration school at Ilimo, just after the District Inspector closed down the school at Hamara. The Administration school at Ilimo now has an attendance of about 120 children.


(R.A.J. BENJAMIN.)
Assistant District Officer.



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Sub District Office,
Kokoda.

17th July, 1964.

The District Officer,
Northern District,
Popondetta.

Talks to Council people based on Mr Fenbury's
Memorandum regarding Independence and Self Government.

1. I decided on this patrol to translate Mr Fenbury's "Notes for talks to indigenous communities on the role of the House of Assembly" so that all people present for the Census patrol could listen and discuss this subject.
2. The portion that really interested the majority of people were "The questions and answers re major misconceptions." After my talk, in every village visited a spokesman stood up and expressed the idea that they wanted the Australian Government to stay in New Guinea for many years to come. They seemed pleased at the reassurance of Sir Robert Menzies, that Australia would defend Papua and New Guinea as if it was part of Australia.
3. I shall continue to give this same talk at Council Meetings and on other patrols, because I think the subject is very important and these simple people need guidance. I think that it is a good thing for us to get in first and open these people's eyes to what is going on around them.


(R.A.J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.



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Kokoda.

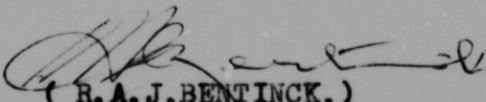
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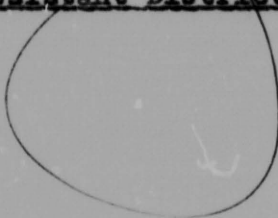
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SPECIAL ARMS PERMITS - KOKODA.

1. Whilst on this recent patrol through the Council villages I have had the following applications investigated:-
- a) Korene - Horena, the mission teacher at Gorari, asked me what had happened to his application submitted on 8.6.64. (See my Memo to you 38 - 2 - 2 of 8.6.64.)
 - b) Kaika - Fofu of Sisireta village makes application to use Emi's gun and thus get an SAP. Emi is quite willing that Kaika use his gun. Kaika is a married man with 7 children. His clan is " Pausa " and the men who have SAPs in Sisireta village come from different clans. I recommend that Kaika get an SAP.
 - c) Handu - Esiko of Kanandara village makes application that as he is too old to continue getting an SAP for himself, could you please give permission that his nephew Haonga - Tiniambu of Kanandara get an SAP from now on. I recommend that Haonga get an SAP.
 - d) Anasi - Akove of Kepara village makes application to use Hojavo's gun. Hojavo comes from the same village, he is Anasi's brother and does not object to him using his gun. Anasi is a married man with 2 children. I recommend that Anasi get an SAP.
 - e) Mai - Anawa of Kepara village makes application to use Susa's gun. Pusa and Mai are uncle and nephew and Pusa has given his consent that Mai could use his gun if a permit were granted. Mai has a wife and 2 children. I recommend that Mai be given an SAP.
 - f) Simon Peter Jovu of Sengi makes application to use his father, Jovu's gun. Jovu is quite willing at this arrangement. Simon is a clerk at the office, Kokoda. He is married and has 3 children. I recommend this application.
 - g) Edwin Jovu, Simon's brother, also makes application to use his father, Jovu's gun. Jovu is willing that this be made. Edwin works for Mr Ross. He is a married man with 2 children. I recommend this application.

- h) Ojho - Evari of Sorape village makes application to use the gun of Viambu - Evari, his brother. Viambu is quite willing to let him have his gun. Ojho is married and has one child. I know nothing detrimental about him. I recommend that he be given an SAP.
- i) Haumu - Kakeni makes application to get an SAP. His village is Hanjiri. Now Hanjiri has a total population of 173 and it has only 2 men with SAPs. Haumu is married and has 5 children and his clan is "Sorihane" - a different clan to those who already hold permits. I recommend that this man get an SAP. Hanjiri village according to its population can stand 3 gun permits.
- j) Emi - Kakeni of Hanjiri village makes application to use his father, Kakeni's gun. Kakeni is agreeable if you grant the permit. Emi is married and with 2 children. I recommend that he be given an SAP.
- k) Bagu - Searo of Savaia village makes application to use Councillor, Simuha's gun. Simuha is agreeable to this arrangement. Bagu has a wife but no children. I recommend that he be given an SAP.
2. I learned from Mr District Officer Johnstone that these days SAPs were being granted to people who made application to use other people's guns. Could you please let me know if you will grant permits to applicants that I recommend or will you grant them to only special cases? I ask this question because you have not replied whether Lolio could be given a permit (see my memo 38-2-2 of 3.6.64.)
3. Could you please let me know if I can issue permits to the three applicants from Saga village (See my memo 38 - 2 - 2 of 11th May 1964.) I have recommended these applications. Saga's population of 229 can stand 8 SAPs.


(R.A.J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.



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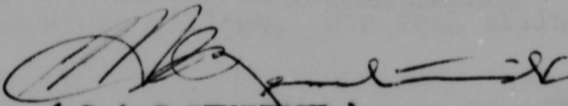
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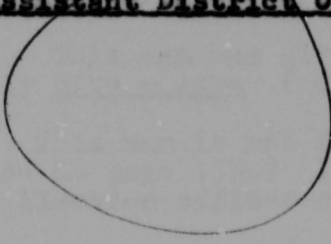
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Survey of Aid Posts - Sairope and Kepara.

1. On this recent patrol I made compass and chain traverses of the two Aid Posts (one at Sairope village and the other at Kepara village.) For so many years these Aid Posts are standing on native owned ground. I thought I would change the situation. I have the owners names and will be submitting the application forms very shortly.

2. I explained the position to the native owners in great detail and although they do not exactly understand why this should be done so, they are agreeable to transfer the land to the Crown, so that the Ilimo Council could get a firm lease of it.


(R.A.J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.



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Sub District Office,
Kokoda.

17th July, 1964.

The District Officer,
Northern District,
Popondetta.

CORRECTIONS TO THE COMMON ROLL.

1. Using the list supplied to me by Mr Patrol Officer Fischer, I made investigations whilst I was on this recent patrol in the Council area. The official lists supplied to me by your office were not for the Kokoda area but for Tufi and Popondetta. These are my findings:-

1. Homba - Jorirari of Ajeka Found on page 11 of C.R.
(cannot understand why there was a query)
2. Aisila - Tikai of Ajeka. In CR she is Paura - Tikai
found on page 12.
(If wrong names are given no one will be able to find them.)
3. Godwin - Evvari of Asisi In C.R as Haoni - Evvari (p413.)
(This man has given the wrong village. His real village
is Sorapa.)
4. Vako (Fabian) - Isoro of Asisi. Found page 24 of C.R.
(Cannot understand why the query.)
5. Jove - Sive of Hamara. This man has given his father's
name first. He is really Sive - Jove (CR page 153.)
6. Waki - Waki of Hamara. This man is not from Hamara village
but Haki village. (See CR page 152.) If wrong villages
are given no wonder the Election officer could not find his
name in the CR.
7. Oru - Karuwari of Hamara. This woman was married to a
Kerema man years ago. Her name has been removed from the
Census book here. She should register under her husband's
village.
8. Kiamu - Suma of Hanjiri. This man is not known by his own
people. He does not belong to Hanjiri village.
9. Kori - Jaupa of Hanjiri. This woman's father is really
Abute found on page 161 of CR. These wrong names are causing
a lot of trouble. These people when allowed to call their
names to a stranger will 99 times out of 100 give another name
than the one found on a list.
10. Kepa - Macha of Kahinaembo. Kahinaembo is the name of a
Census district or division in this area not the name of a
village. Therefore not known.

11. Pandaen - Amboru of Ombisusu. This man's real name is HAMBORO - VAREWO found on page 33rd of CR.
12. Rodney - Isari of Sairope. His name is not found in the CR. His Papuan name is Kimo (Rodney) - Isari. This name is to be inserted in the next list.
13. Roderick - Taylor of Sairope. This man is really Pangota (Roderick) - Hoivo found on page 374 of CR. If men just give so many Christian names how is one to find their name on a list compiled from the Census Register.
14. Ure - Orovu of Sairope. This man is really Ure (Samuel) Ure found on page 375 of the CR. By giving a wrong father's name he could not find his name on the CR.
15. Anesius - Ongare of Sisireta. This man is really Isara (Athenasius) - Pororo. Not found in the CR, as Isara but as Sara on page 408 of CR.
16. Ongari - Makupi of Sisireta. This man is really Ongari - Manoupi in the Cr page 408.
17. Akembo - Oivo of Sairope. This man is really Taimbari - Hoivo found on page 375 of CR. This man reported his village as Sorape- This is incorrect- it is Sairope.
18. John Chrysostom Evari of Sorape. This man is really Hamboro (John) Evari found on page 413 of the CR. Just ones Christian names will not be sufficient for an officer looking at a list.
19. Steven - Seho of Sorape. This man is really Haona (Steven) Saha. Tungate on page 413 of the CR.

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20. Haire - Tohane (Evertius) of Sorape. This man is really Tohani (Evertius) Haire of Sairope. Please see the great difference between what he gave the officer and what really is his name and village.

2. These New Guinea people seem to be adept at giving various names to worry people. I really do not know what suggestions to make so that we will not get these faults next time. When an officer calls these peoples' names from a list or register they answer to them alright, but the minute you ask them to call their names and you try to find it in a register or list, you are up against this problem of them calling all sorts of names.


(R.A.J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.



VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR 1964

KAHINAEMBO TAX/CENSUS DIVISION

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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		TOTALS (excluding absence)				GRAND TOTAL M + F								
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YEAR 1964

FAHINAEMBO TAX/CENSUS DIVISION

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YEAR 1964

UMOKOMBU

TAX/CENSUS DIVISION

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BOTHU	19/6	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	1	2	-	-	-	8	9	5	8	3	19	13	16	-	20	3.5	8	9	22	26	97
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SONGE TAX/CENSUS DIVISION

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