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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **RIGO, CENTRAL DISTRICT** Report No. **1** OF **1958/59**

Patrol Conducted by **P.A.F. SEEFELD** P.O.

Area Patrolled **MT. OBREE CENSUS DIVISION/TAX DISTRICT**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **F.D. ANDERSON** C.P.O.

Natives **FOUR**

Duration—From **30./7./1958** to **21./8./1958**

Number of Days **TWENTY THREE**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany **NO**

Last Patrol to Area by—District **OB** vices **OCT/NOV/1957**

Medical **OCT/NOV/1957**

Map Reference **DOMORI/KEMP WELCH RIVER ARMY 1" SERIES**

Objects of Patrol **TAX COLLECTION, CENSUS REVISION and ROUTINE**

ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £

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

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

Population Register

Area Patrolled **Mt. Obree**

No. in Child Birth	MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
	In		Out		AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age	Child		Adults				
	M	F	M	F	Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45			M		F	M	F		
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1	2	2	2	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	12	21	10	21	1	25	2.6	27	29	19	23	105		
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-	1	-	-	19	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	9	24	5	17	-	18	2.3	23	12	14	21	95		
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1	2	-	-	15	-	3	-	-	-	1	1	18	35	7	33	3	28	3.3	39	35	18	40	152		
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-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	3	-	3	2.0	5	1	7	3	16		

Village Popula

Year 1958-1959

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												Females in Child Birth	MIGRAT	
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13			In	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
✓ (VABBA) (SONKORO)	14-8-58	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
✓ GURANOMU	"	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
✓ BARBEKA	15-8-58	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
✓ WATFANOMU	16-8-58	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
✓ NEIADOBU	"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
✓ NEZANOMU	"	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	
✓ BIRINOMU	18-8-58	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	
✓ TABUSOMU	"	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
✓ NEMONOMO	"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
✓ IANUMOMU	"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	
✓ BULIDOBU	19-8-58	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
✓ NEFENAROMO	"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
✓ SISTIGLO	"	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
✓ WATRADOBU	"	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	
✓ GAUCHI	20-8-58	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
✓ KUALI	"	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	
✓ KANKODOBU	"	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
TOTAL		17	12	5	0	6	2	0	16	2	0	1	0	21	0	3	16	

Population Register

Area Patrolled..... **MT COFFE**

No	Females in Child Birth	MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALE				TOTALS (excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
		In		Out		AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age	Av. No. of 1	Child		Adults			
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				M	F	M	F	M	
-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	1	4	-	4	1.5	5	4	4	7	23	
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	6	-	5	12	2	7	1	8	3.0	11	7	8	7	42	
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8	3	30	46	40	57	209	5	32	-	6	-	66	6	249	496	192	799	50	625	2.25	3	623	769	705	2328	



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 30-1-92

Department of Native Affairs.

7th October, 1958.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report No.1.1958/59- Rigo.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

I concur in your remarks to the Assistant District Officer, Rigo, concerning amalgamation of the villages. This has been tried time and again and has each time, proved unsatisfactory. Try and discourage these people from amalgamating as land quarrels will arise.

Don't try and awaken these people too quickly as their communications will have to be improved before any real development can take place.

Your covering note to the Assistant District Officer, Rigo, satisfactorily deals with the contents of the Report and I concur in your final paragraph.

A.A. Roberts

JA (A.A.Roberts.)
Director.

A.D.O.
Rigo

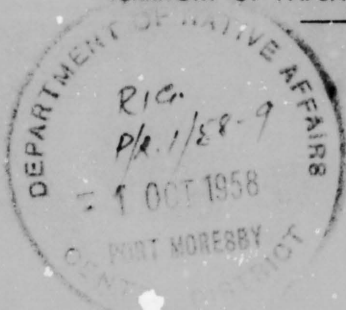
For your information, please

A.J.H.

*Adv Y.M.
15/10/58*



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
Please Quote
No. N.A.30-1-2/22.

Sub-District Office,
RIGO:
Central District.

27th September, 1958.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1/58-59.

Your memorandum Rigo P.R. No. 1-58-59/292
dated 19th September, refers.

2. Further to your comments on the extension
of coffee plantings in the northerly section of the
Mt. Obree. I feel that discussion only, perhaps
during your next visit, would clarify the position.
Shortage of staff is one of the main barriers to
extension.

3. Should you require written comment, your
advice would be appreciated.

(E.S. Sharp.)
a/Assistant District Officer.

SM
2/10/58

District Office,
FORT MERRILL.

19th September, 1958.

AJH/ER

Assistant District Officer,
H.M.C.

REPORT NO. 1/58-58
H.M.C. 58/58

Receipt is acknowledged of the above mentioned report.

Whilst amalgamation of villages is desirable from the personal viewpoint of the patrolling officer, and even more so as an indication of increased awareness of the value of larger and stronger groupings, care must be taken to ensure that:-

- (1) these villages do not become mere show places, occupied only when an officer is in the vicinity, and representing mere wasted effort;
- (ii) if genuinely occupied, they do not take people too far from their traditional land, bringing the new owners to garden on the land of their hosts, on the inevitable lease system of tenure based on the whims of the rightful owners;

The census figures are most disturbing, for an area so long under control, and so (comparatively) close to a government station. Whilst census figures show the percentage of recorded deaths in the 0-1 year age group, against births, as 19.7%, that is not necessarily the true picture, and I would say it certainly is not the true picture. The figures recorded are 69 total births and 17 total deaths under 1 year. These figures do not take into account unrecorded births and deaths under 1 year. If there were only 5 births and 5 deaths not recorded the percentage rises to 23.4. I mention this, not to disparage Mr. Seefeld's figures and conclusions, but merely to show that the figure of 19.7% is not so much the true percentage as the lowest possible true figure. In any case, the figure is much too high, and points the need for better medical coverage of this area.

As regards the percentage of absentee eligible males (34.6) there is no denying that this is too high. I feel, though, that closure to recruiting is a negative and inadequate approach, especially in an area so close to possible places of employment. These people who want employment can readily move out to take it, closure notwithstanding. A much more satisfactory procedure is to make their home area much more attractive to the inhabitants. The fact that men stay away for long periods indicates that outside employment is more attractive than life in the village, and it seems our task is to reverse that condition. In fact, the process has begun, as the comments under Agriculture show. What is the possibility of extension of planting of e.g. coffee into the most northerly part of the area? I note that so far planting has not been done beyond HAKA in the easterly sector of this area, and TIKIWI in the westerly section. From the description of "roads", these furthest inland people will need a crop (such as coffee) whose portage is economically possible. In any case, I do not recommend any closure to recruiting.

The education picture is as gloomy as ever, but, however poor, a few receiving a smattering of education is better than nothing at all; and we must be content with that until the Administration has the staff to bring education to all.

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This is a clear, well-written report, and is a credit to Mr. Seefeld,
as is the map a credit to Mr. Anderson.

J. Humphreys
(J. HUMPHREYS)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

MINUTE TO :

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
FORT MURPHY.

Forwarded, please.

No memoranda arise from the patrol.

J. Humphreys
(J. HUMPHREYS)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

EXTRACT FROM RIGID PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1958/59.

APPENDIX "A".

REPORT ON NATIVE CONSTABULARY

No. 901 CPL. MAHEWARI WARI ; Experienced and efficient.
Good control of police under
him.

No. 9729 CONST. VEKI KATUM : A competent member of the
detachment. Performed all
duties efficiently and
willingly.

No. 3499 CONST. OROORO BOHUA : A good patrol constable.
Cheerful and reliable in all
his duties.

N.B. No. 9770 CONST. WABURI DAVITA of the KIIA detachment, who was on
leave at WAIRARAPA, accompanied the patrol for the last two days.
He ably assisted the patrol complement in its various functions.

signed..... P. A. F. SENEVID
Patrol Officer

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ROUTE TO

Commissioner of Police,
FORT MCMURDO.

For your information, please.

[Signature]
(P. A. F. SENEVID)
LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICER

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

Sub-District Office,
RIGO,
Central District.

3rd September, 1958.

The Assistant District Officer,
Rigo Sub-District,
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

RIGO PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1958-59.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : P.A.F. SEZFIELD P.O.

AREA PATROLLED : MT. OHRE GENUUS DIVISION/TAK DISTRICT.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY : F.D. ANDERSON C.P.O.

DURATION OF PATROL : 30/7/58 - 21/8/58 — 23 DAYS.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING : NO. 901 CPL. MABEWARI.
NO. 9729 CONST. VEKI.
NO. 3199 CONST. OROOTO.
INTERPRETER HENARI RUMEN.

LAST PATROLS TO AREA : NATIVE AFFAIRS - OCT/NOV 1957
HEALTH - " " "

APPENDICES : "A" REPORT ON NATIVE CONSTABULARY.
"B" VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER.

MAP REFERENCE : DOMORI/KEMP WELCH RIVER ARMY 1" SERIES

PURPOSE OF PATROL : TAX COLLECTION, CENSUS REVISION AND
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

INTRODUCTION.

As the geographical position of the Mt. Obree Census Division has been adequately described in previous patrol reports, suffice it to say that the area proved to be a ruggedly interesting and picturesque part of the Sub-District.

Due to the abnormal drought, however, many of the creeks and waterfalls had dried up, and this aspect of the scenery - which so impressed previous patrolling officers - was unfortunately lacking. The main rivers were all at a very low level, making travel down the Kamp Welch River a slow process. The last few days, spent in rafting down this river, were of course the highlight of the patrol. Every bend in the river brought into view a different scene - shallow rapids rushing noisily over water-smoothed stones and boulders; still reaches of water where the river bed was lost to view in the dark shadows of overhanging rocks; acres of tree and bush-covered land, sloping gently to the water's edge, and large areas of sun-baked stones and river gravel left stranded by the receding water.

Hot sunny weather was experienced throughout the patrol, broken only twice by a negligible amount of misty drizzle. At some of the Rest Houses in the Barai area, the nights proved to be quite cool, and blankets were a necessity.

Mr. C.P.O. Anderson, who accompanied the patrol, proved himself energetic and capable of carrying out the functions associated with patrolling.

PATROL DIARY.

Wednesday, 30th July, 1958. Departed R190 by truck at 11.00 hours with all personnel and gear. Met carriers at GOBARAWERE landing. Not sufficient carriers assembled for all the gear. Crossed KAMP WELCH River by ferry at 14.00 hrs. after sending Village Council/lor for more carriers. Arrived BORBAINA Village 15.00 hrs. Made camp at excellent Rest House. Inspected village and noted well-constructed houses. Remainder of gear arrived at 18.00 hrs.

Thursday, 31st July, 1958. Dep. Rest House 0800 hrs. Patrol route crossed tree-shaded, undulating grasslands, with many steep climbs into and out of creek beds. Finally, a long steep ascent was made before reaching GVEROGORO Village at 1245 hrs. Inspected village and then continued to Rest House, arriving there at 1310 hrs. Tax/Census of GVEROGORO and KOROGORO villages during afternoon. Worked on books and finalised figures during evening. R.H. adequate.

Friday, 1st August, 1958. Departed R.H. 0815. Mr. C.P.O. Anderson compiled census and collected tax at DRBADOORO. Self proceeded with bulk of patrol to LIBUNAKOMANA, arriving there 1100 hrs. Good reception, well kept village. Ten minutes later arrived at BOKU Rest House. Made camp; Mr. Anderson arrived 1300 hrs. Tax collection and census of LIBUNAKOMANA completed during afternoon. Minor disputes heard. R.H. fair

PATROL DIARY (cont.)

Saturday, 2nd August, 1958. Left R.H. 0815 hrs. Thirty minutes to BAUKOKOMANA where Mr. Anderson completed Tax/Census work. Remainder of patrol continued to the new site of EPAIKA village, which was reached at 1030 with a final steep descent to the banks of the UMAMAI River. No R.H. yet constructed, so made camp at the Aid Post - a most effective, roomy, substitute. Mr. Anderson re-joined patrol at mid-day. Afternoon spent collecting tax and revising census of EPAIKA, WAURAIKA, AUDUIKA, GORUNAIKA and WAREIKA villages - all of whom assemble at the 'new' EPAIKA. Work completed by 1800 hrs.

Sunday, 3rd August, 1958. Patrol rested, bathed in adjacent river.

Monday, 4th August, 1958. Dep. EPAIKA 0845 after delay through non-arrival of some carriers. Long steep climb out of river bed. Arrived ADU-IKA 1220 and inspected 1 village. ARAFARA Rest House reached 1245. Tax/census of ADU-IKA and TATANOUNU villages completed by 1630 hrs. R.H. inadequate for two officers.

Tuesday, 5th August, 1958. Patrol moved off at 0820 hrs. Track mainly along boulder strewn creek beds - very rough walking. Arr'd site for new KAIKANOMU village at 1100 hrs. Then on to R.H. which was still at old village and some ten minutes further away. Village taxed and censused during afternoon. General talks about new village houses; discussions with officials etc. Rest House a little cramped.

Wednesday, 6th August, 1958. Left for TOMOROVANUA at 0830. Stopped at KOBATIKA village for 15 minutes en route. TOMOROVANUA reached at 1100 hrs. Tax/census of above two villages during afternoon. TOMOROVANUA being moved some 200 yds. from present position, further along the ridge. Fairly good Rest House.

Thursday, 7th August, 1958. Patrol departed 0830; first stop LOFAIKA (arrived there 1100 hrs.) where Mr. Anderson was left behind to complete Tax/census work. BADAIKA Rest House reached at 1215, and work finished during afternoon. A few reluctant spots of rain came down whilst census in progress. Village inspected and instructions re. housing from previous Officer followed up. Some improvement, but standard still very low. Threatening clouds shrouded Rest House and village during evening, but no further rain during night. R.H. quite satisfactory.

Friday, 8th August, 1958. Dep. R.H. at 0830. Patrol followed rock and root ~~strewn~~ covered track for 5 1/2 hours to TABU R.H. Tax/census of TABU, IMIDIRU and IBARADOKU finished by 1730 hrs. Worked on books and figures during evening. R.H. small and instructions given to rebuild.

Saturday, 9th August, 1958. TABU village inspection; houses generally to be improved. Investigation into death of old man - to be covered more fully later in report. Left village 0930. IGONAMO reached 1130 and village inspected. Arrived DOROBISORO, on banks of NIMANI River, at midday to good reception. Tax/census of IGONAMO and DOROBISORO commenced 1400 hrs. and finished at 1730. A good Rest House.

Sunday, 10th August, 1958. Patrol rested.

Monday, 11th August, 1958. Dep. 0815 for ABOVANA (45 mins. walk). On completion of Tax/census, Mr. Anderson proceeded to LALOMI R.H. (to census and collect tax from the villages of NIMAI, IPOIDUBURU, and OIDOBI) with necessary carriers and supplies for overnight stop. Self climbed steep hill to ABOVANA village and made inspection. Housing poor - 2 houses to be rebuilt and one to be completed. Returned to DOROBISORO at 1345. Book work during afternoon.

PATROL DIARY (cont.)

Tuesday, 12th August, 1958. Mr. Anderson returned to DOROBISORO at 0930. Patrol gear re-arranged; left R.H. 1030. Arrived and inspected HUAVOLA/SOMORE composite village at 1145. On to ABARA R.H., arriving there at noon. Tax/census of HUAVOLA, SOMORE and ABARA. Work completed by 1700 hrs. Rest House fairly good.

Wednesday, 13th August, 1958. Left R.H. at 0900 and inspected ABARA Village on route DODI R.H., which was reached at 1030. Tax/census of DODI, IDAGIGOLO and BORO finalised by 1400 hrs. Minor complaints heard. R.H. quite good.

Thursday, 14th August, 1958. Departed R.H. 0830. Tiring walk on hot day. Track very narrow in most parts. Good reception on arrival SORI R.H. at 1245. Tax/census of GURANOMOU and WAUSA (SORIKORI) carried out. New village of GURANOMOU completed since last patrol. R.H. barely large enough for two.

Friday, 15th August, 1958. Dep. SORI 0830. Rough and tiring 5½ hour walk on new track to BAREIKA R.H. People of TATANOMU now combined with BAREIKA; told to present themselves for census here in future. Work finished 1530 hrs. Minor disputes settled. R.H. good.

Saturday, 16th August, 1958. Left R.H. 0845 for WALFANOMU, arriving there 1015. Tax/census of this village and MEIADOBU carried out. People of MEIADOBU plan to combine with GURANOMU in future. Continued again at midday and reached MUIANOMU at 1345 hrs. Work finished at 1615; minor complaints heard. R.H. to be enlarged.

Sunday, 17th August, 1958. Patrol rested and bathed. Rafts constructed for journey down river. Talks with people during evening regarding proposed fresh-food marketing scheme - encouraging reaction to suggestions.

Monday, 18th August, 1958. Left R.H. with patrol gear and personnel divided amongst 13 rafts. Arrived DIRINOMU 1130 and completed tax/census of this village and TABANOMU by 1530. Village in good order and patrol given fine reception. Talks with people on vegetable scheme. Continued down KEMP WELCH River to BULIDOBU - 1½ hour trip. River very low. Commenced tax/census of NEMONOMO and IARUMNOMU villages. Finished work 1800 hrs; talks with people. Rest House large and in good order.

Tuesday, 19th August, 1958. Tax/census of BULIDOBU. Dep. landing 1015 and arrived NEFENANOMO 1145. Tax/census; talks with villagers. Cont. journey 1315 and arrived GUANOM 1515. Stayed in partly finished new R.H. - should be excellent when completed. Tax/census of WAIRADOBU village. Talks with people. Finished work 1830.

Wednesday, 20th August, 1958. Resumed tax/census of GUANOM at 0800, and left R.H. at 0945. Arrived KUALE 1100. Excellent R.H. here, but unfortunately patrol unable to stay overnight. R.H. attractively sited amongst trees and areas of grass, with view to the river below. On to KAREKEDOBU at 1300, arriving there 1500 hrs. Some delay in starting work, as many people at their gardens. However, all work completed by 1845 hrs.

Thursday, 21st August, 1958. Left RH. by rafts at 0800 hrs. and reached GCBARAGERE landing 0915. Truck from RIGO collected gear and personnel at 1030, and returned to Station by 1230.

END OF PATROL.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The general impression gained, was one of increased awareness by the people of the quickening tempo of activity in the Sub-District. Judging by previous reports, the villagers of the Mt. OBERE area (i.e. the BARAI region) have long been looked on, and have been content to be regarded as merely unsophisticated 'bushies'. Indeed, lacking some of the natural advantages of their more fortunate neighbours, this attitude has been only too realistic. But it can be reported, with some measure of confidence, that the people of the mountain area are beginning to stir themselves from countless years of mere 'existence'.

The first encouraging sign of this, is the move towards amalgamation of villages. Although there are still those who, steeped in tradition cannot yet see the advantages, this new phase of co-existence seems to be taking firm hold. Examples of this are as follows :-

- 1) The villages of EPAIKA, AUDUTIKA, WAURAIKA, GORNAIKA and WAREIKA, although not combined in one composite village, have drawn closer together near the banks of the UNAWAI River, and can all be censused at the future EPAIKA Rest House.
- 2) The village of TATANUNU has combined with BAREIKA village near the AROKORO Creek.
- 3) The people of MELADOBU plan to combine with GURANUNU village within the next 12 months.

4) The villages of MINAI, IPOIDIBURU and OIDOBI have joined together in the vicinity of LALONI Rest House.

It is hoped that the above moves will serve as encouragement to other villages to combine in closer-knit communities.

Reception to the patrol, although hardly overwhelming, seemed to be genuinely friendly in almost all villages visited. Some Rest Houses were provided with a variety of 'extras' - tables, chairs, mats, tablecloths, curtains and various decorations - and, generally, there were indications that some thought had been given to the arrival of the patrol.

Surprisingly few complaints were brought to the patrol, and nearly all were of a minor nature. However, at TABU, the recent death of an old man was investigated. Two men were brought before the patrol on suspicion of being involved. But it was found that the two had merely been the first on the scene after the death. It appears that the old man, who had a house in the bush some distance from the village, died through natural causes whilst asleep on the ground of his house. Evidence produced by other people on the scene shortly after, indicated that the 'suspicious' injuries on the body were actually burns received when the dead man was fell into a nearby fire. None of the evidence of other witnesses gave any grounds for suspecting foul play.

No Courts for Native Matters were convened during the patrol.

Other factors, which one hopes are indicative of an awakening amongst the people, are covered under subsequent headings.

TAL. CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

The census of 50 villages books was revised and a total of 2864 names were recorded. This is an increase of only 8 on last year's figure.

The infant mortality rate (ratio of births to deaths in the 0-1 year-old group) has dropped from last year's 24.4% to a still-too-high 19.1%. The figure for eligible males away at work, is 34.6% of the total labour potential (16-45 Yrs.). This high absentee figure is of course hardly conducive to the advancement of the area, especially when it is remembered that the remaining available labour is scattered throughout a wide area. It is therefore recommended that all villages in the Census Division, specially those in the BARAI, be closed to recruitment. In a number of villages, officials requested that steps be taken by the Administration to reduce the numbers away at work. They particularly asked for the repatriation of those who had been absent from their villages for some years. However, it was explained that no powers existed to cover this matter, provided that the people in question were legitimately and gainfully employed. The raising of this matter does indicate, though, that certain thinking members of the community realise that the continuous drain of manpower is a handicap to the future advancement of the region.

A group of seven males and seven females were recorded as 'migrations out' from MEIADOBU village, into the MORESEY KOIARI district. These people had previously formed a break-away group in the village, and represented the sole KOIARI language group found in the Census Division. As mentioned in the Diary, the remaining population plans to move to GURANOUNU and there combine with their BARAI-speaking kin.

No difficulties were experienced in the collection of head tax, and the majority of eligible males had their money with them, ready to pay. An amount of £362-10-0 was collected by the patrol.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

There are now two Aid Posts operating in the area - at EFAIKA and DOROBISORO. Both appear to be efficiently run by the respective Orderlies, and the health throughout the division is quite satisfactory. The people seem to be quite willing to seek medical attention for minor ailments, and no cases were noticed which required hospitalization or immediate treatment.

A small number of absentees were reported to be undergoing treatment at RIGO, BOREGAINA, DOROBISORO and EFAIKA.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

Going on the comment of the previous patrolling officer, a slight improvement in housing standards was evident.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING (cont).

Instructions given on the last patrol had, in the main, been carried out. But there still remains a great deal of rebuilding before houses in some of the villages could be termed satisfactory.

The above comments apply almost solely to houses in the BARAI. Elsewhere, in lower lying areas and along the KEMP WELCH, houses were generally of good construction - fairly large, airy, with reasonably sized doors and shutters, and built of solid materials.

Wherever it was thought necessary, instructions were given for further replacement or improvement of houses. Comments were noted in the respective Village Books, so that a check can be made by the next officer, and action taken if it is warranted. As there is no lack of timber supplies, especially in the BARAI, it is not unreasonable to expect greater utilization of this commodity.

The grounds and surroundings of all villages had obviously been tidied for the patrol's arrival, and no complaints could be recorded in this matter.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The best that can be said for some of the tracks in the area, is that they were passable - due only to the dry weather! The 'road' between ARAFARA R.H. and KAIKANOMU, and the stretch from BADAIKA to TABU were unpleasantly rough in parts - following as they did mainly along creek beds. But the worst section was the DODI-SORI-BAREIKA one, where the track was not wide enough to put two feet together in many parts. A new route had been cut since last year, between SORI and BAREIKA. Although longer than the old road, we were assured that it was easier. If that is so, it is suggested that no one ever tries the old track again!

As a contrast, the road from BOREGAINA to GEVEROGORO was wide enough in parts for vehicular traffic; considerable work having been done to the road approaching the latter village. Occasionally the patrol route followed sections of the old war-time Army road, which was still in excellent condition.

Enquiries were made of the WAIRADOBU people as to why no road had been cut from their village to BOREGAINA. It had been agreed previously that such a road was practicable and would be ready for this patrol. However, it was reported this time, that those who had agreed to the project last year did not know what they were talking about, and that the country presented too many difficulties for such a road. This matter has not reached a satisfactory conclusion yet, as it is felt that a road could be constructed, but probably lack of tools and manpower have discouraged the people. Further discussions on this matter are to be held at RIGO in the near future, in an effort to finalise the problem.

No great improvement can be expected in the worst sections of the patrol road, due mainly to the mountainous terrain. As mentioned just now, absence of tools, lack of manpower and also the scattered population, are further hindrances.

ROADS AND BRIDGES (cont).

The best that can be expected in the rougher areas, is that the tracks be kept open and passable in the dry season.

All bridges used by the patrol proved quite sound - although at first sight some of them hardly inspired confidence.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE, STOCK AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

As mentioned previously, the patrol encountered an unusually long dry period, and this had a noticeably adverse effect on the food situation. Although not plentiful, there was still a sufficient supply of such native foodstuffs as taro, sweet potatoes, and bananas. Pawpaws and pumpkins proved to be a boring addition to the diet, but such things as sweet corn, cucumbers, pineapples, rock-melons and citrus fruits (mentioned in last year's report) were almost non-existent. The villages along the lower part of the river provided tomatoes towards the end of the patrol, and fresh eggs were also procurable there. Fish (a type of mullet), yabbies, wild pidgeon and an occasional fowl added some variety. But from the European point-of-view, the food situation generally was not good; and even the natives agreed that the position was the worst in years.

In the field of economic development, the tempo is definitely quickening. Figures supplied by the Agricultural Extension Officer, KAPOGERE, on coffee plantings, give the following picture :-

LIBUNAKOMANA	-	1334 seeds planted in nursery
BAUKOKOMANA	-	617 " " " " 127 trees planted out into gardens
EFAIKA	-	730 and 420 seeds in two nurseries 400 trees planted out
TABUNOMU	-	600 seeds in nursery 90 trees planted out
DIRINOUMU	-	470 seeds in nursery 53 trees planted out
IARUMENOMU	-	450 seeds in nursery 28 trees planted out
EGLIDOBU	-	700 seeds in nursery 23 trees planted out
NEFENANOMO	-	30 trees planted out
GAUNOM	-	2000 seeds in nursery 612 seedlings 3 months old 101 trees planted out
KUALE	-	420 seeds in nursery
KAREKEDOBU	-	700 " " "

Nursery plots had also been prepared at KOKOROGORO (approx 2 acres),

NATIVE AGRICULTURE, STOCK, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (cont).

NEMONOMO, SISIGOLO and NEFENANOMO in preparation for a visit by the Extension Officer, KAPOGERE.

The majority of trees which have been planted out are no more than 9 months old, so any return from this coffee scheme is still some 3 years distant. Community coffee plots were in evidence in only a few isolated cases, and instructions were given to the owner of the land to make settlement with the workers concerned in the planting and preparation of the land. The people were encouraged to proceed with individual gardens, but not with community efforts as this would only lead to arguments once the coffee began to show a monetary return.

Growing of peanuts is mainly in the planning stage, and gardens are under way at EFAIKA, BULIDOBU, and KUALE. Peanuts are at present being cultivated at SORIKORO, but the garden belongs to the S.D.A. Mission teacher and the produce is only sufficient for his own needs.

Three gardens - totalling perhaps six acres - were in course of being prepared for growing pineapples, between WAIFANOUMU and MUIANOUMU. This commodity should find a ready market in future economic schemes.

The only rice growing was at TABUNOMU, where about $\frac{1}{2}$ acre could be ready in a months time. Elsewhere along the KEMP WELCH River, gardens are either ready or planned for the near future - BULIDOBU, NEFENANOMO, WAIRADOBU, NEMONOMO, IARUMENOMU, KUALE and KAREKEDOBU are the villages concerned. It would appear that areas along the river, especially towards its junction with the HUNTER River, would prove suitable for an extension of the HUNTER River rice scheme.

In accordance with patrol instructions, talks were held in all villages from MUIANOUMU to KAREKEDOBU regarding a proposed project for the growing and marketing of native-type fruit and vegetables. The immediate reaction was most encouraging, insofar as the people were willing to discuss the matter and began raising possible objections. They were told, however, that detailed talks would be held at a later date, and that all the pros and cons of the scheme would be thrashed out when all villages were assembled.

Provided an efficient organization can be set up to handle the work involved, the project seems likely to have the support of all the villages along the river. With the advent of taxation, the people no doubt realize the wisdom of obtaining some steady form of income.

MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS.

The census figures reveal that a pathetically low 28.8% of males (10-16 age group) are receiving any kind of education at all. The figure for this group is probably lower, as some of the 'schoolboys' were undoubtedly over 16 years old. The majority of education is provided by the L.M.S. and S.D.A. Missions operating in the area. Those in Government schools attend mostly outside the Sub-District - the majority at PORT MORESBY.

MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS (cont).

No recurrence of religious squabbles were encountered on the patrol, and the area seems to have quietened down since Mr. B. Anderson's visit last year.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The situation is much the same as last year, and many of the Councillors are of little use as such. On the other hand, most of the Village Constables seem to be quite capable men, and performed their various duties throughout the patrol satisfactorily. However, many of them had not taken the trouble to visit the office at RIGO for many months - some had not been to RIGO for as long as 12 months - and the offenders were duly reprimanded on that score.

The comparative lack of complaints and courts during the patrol can, it is hoped, be attributed to the effectiveness of the various Village Constables in settling minor disputes.

CONCLUSION.

Naturally cut-off from much outside contact by the rugged nature of the land, it is not surprising that development has lagged throughout the area in general. The raising of living standards, and the establishment of a cash economy, must inevitably be a slow process. But the people are now awake to the possibilities, and they must receive encouragement and guidance whilst in their present frame of mind.

Transport and communications will always prove a difficulty, and this has been accentuated by the steady drift of labour from the villages to jobs outside the area. Finally, it does seem that future advancement will depend, largely on whether the younger men can be given enough incentive to concentrate their energies within the Census Division.

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A map of the patrol route, prepared and drawn by Mr. F.D. Anderson, is attached.

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Sheepfold
P.A.F. Sheepfold
(Patrol Officer)

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APPENDIX "A".

RIGO PATROL REPORT NO.1 OF 1958/59.

REPORT ON NATIVE CONSTABULARY.

- No. 901 CPL. MAHEWARI WALI : Experienced and efficient. Good control of police under him.
- No. 9729 CONST. VEKI KATUM : A competent member of the detachment. Performed all duties efficiently and willingly.
- No. 5199 CONST OROSOTO BORUGA : A good patrol constable. Cheerful and reliable in all his duties.

N.B. No. 9370 CONST. WAHURI DAVITA of the KILA Detachment, who was on leave at WAIRADOBU, accompanied the patrol for the last two days. He ably assisted the patrol complement in its various functions.

Keefield
P.A.F. Keefield
(Patrol Officer)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **RIGO...CENTRAL DISTRICT**, Report No. **2/58-59**

Patrol Conducted by **Fergus D. Anderson, C.P.O.**

Area Patrolled **MARIA CENSUS DIVISION**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **•**

Natives **1 Interpreter, 2 Cpls R.P.C, 1 Const. 1 N.M.O.**

Duration—From **13./10./1958** to **11./11./1958**

Number of Days **Twenty**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **No**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **22./11./1956**

Medical **7./12.57**

Map Reference **Port Moresby Mil. Prov. Strat. Series, Kemp Welch, Kapa Kapa Hood Bay & Marshall Lagoon Military Milinch Series.**

Objects of Patrol **Tax Collection, Census & 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

Village Populati

Year.....1958.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS			
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	In		Out
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	
BOKUKU	18-10-58	2	1												1			2	
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GABAMANA	" " "	1													1			1	
OBABA	19-10-58	4	3	1	1		1									1		3	7
GOADA	" " "	3	2	1		1	1		1							1			
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BINIGORO	" " "								1						1			1	1
NAROKELLI	"														1	1			1
VARAKOGENA	20-10-58	4	3												2			1	
GARAMOKOGENA	"	3																	1
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GOUWO	"		1					1											1
KIRU	"	2	2					1							1	1		1	2
KAITIBA	21-10-58	1						1							2			2	3
AREMAKA	"	3	5					1	1						1	4		3	1
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UNUAGORO	"	2											1						
TABUAKOMANA	"	3	2												1			1	1
KAKIYAKOMANA	"	2	4												1	1		1	1
ORAI-IA	23-10-58	1	4										4		2				2
LI'IBA	"		2												1			1	1
KORU-ORA	24-10-58	2													1			4	5
IAURA	"	7						1			1				3				4
MARIA	"	3	5															1	2
BIGBIA	25-10-58	2	2					1								2		1	7
UWAIA	26-10-58	3	3					2										11	12
OMANAGORO	28-10-58	2													1			1	1
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Population Register

Area Patrolled.....**MARIA**.....

Females in Child Births	MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL		
	In		Out		AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults				
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Village Populat

Year.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS														MIGRATION		
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	In			
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	
TAIKOGENA	30-10-58	3	1								1				1	3		1	3	
BEVAMANA	"	1														1		1		
NAGOATEBAKA	"									1						3	1		1	
BOGARAMAKA	31-10-58	1	2					3										3	3	6
DIRIGORO	"	2	5					2	2	1					2				2	
BAGUBARA	"		3					1	1								2		1	1
MEMEKAKOMANA	1-11-58		3					1										1	1	
TOBAROKA	"		5					1												
KOBAROKO	"	4	3					1											1	
MEIROBU	"	1	1									2			3	2		1	2	
LEBUGOLO	"	1	2					1		1					3	2		2	3	
MATAIRUKA	"	5	2	1											5	4		1	4	
TOTAL		90	83	3	2	2	3	20	6	3	2	7	1	58	33	-	36	75	77	

Population Register

Area Patrolled.....

No.	Females in Child Birth	MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
		In		Out		AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				M	F	M	F	
3		1	3	1	12		1				6	5	7	27	4	17	-	18	1.0	68	4	16	19	69	
		1		1	8					1			1	12	-	6	-	6	0.8	3	2	5	6	25	
1			1		2					2			2	5	-	8	1	8	1.0	1	3	3	8	19	
		3	3	6	4	7			1	2			4	22	4	16	1	16	2.6	9	13	16	17	65	
				2	10		1			1			16	28	8	27	1	28	2.5	36	22	25	35	130	
2			1	1	8					1			5	21	5	15	1	16	1.4	16	12	15	16	68	
										1			2	6	-	6	-	6	2.2	4	6	8	6	25	
					8								8	17	5	12	-	15	2.4	16	19	11	16	70	
				1	3	9							16	33	14	23	1	30	2.8	37	33	28	34	141	
2		1	2		5								3	13	1	13	-	13	1.4	9	4	10	18	46	
2			2	3	3	6				1	1		4	15	7	14	-	17	2.3	12	19	7	19	66	
			1	4	2	9				3	2		4	36	5	26	1	32	2.0	20	23	24	32	113	
33	-	36	75	77	68	220	-	7	-	1	-	41	11	237	663	152	597	+0	65	2.0	575	471	530	714	2570

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS
P.R. NO. 2/58-59
22 DEC 1958
PORT MORESBY

In Reply
Please Quote

N.A. 30-1-97

Department of Native Affairs,
Port Moresby.

19th December, 1958.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 - 1958-1959
RIGO.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report
is acknowledged with thanks.

The covering memoranda adequately deal
with the contents of the report.

Mr. Anderson has done a good job on a routine
patrol.



22/12/58
RIG. P.R. NO. 2/58-59

Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

A.A. Roberts
(A.A. Roberts)
Director.

For your information, please.

Notes P/A. Jew. 22/12/58

J. E. Wakeford
(J. E. WAKEFORD)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

Females in Child Birth	MIGRAT	
	In	Out
1	3	
1		1
3	3	
1		1
1		2
1		2
1		2
36	75	

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. **3** Sub-District **RIGO** District **CENTRAL**
 Officer Conducting Patrol **E. S. SHARP a/ Assistant District Officer.**
 Census Division Patrolled **KOIARI**
 Objects of Patrol **1. Tax Collection. 2. Routine Administration.**
3. Distribution seed Rice. 4. Census revision.
5. To observe the effects of the recent drought
on food supplies.
 Date Patrol Commenced **23rd. February, '59** Date Completed **1st. March, 1959.**
 Duration—days **Seven.**

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

- Observation of Rock carvings, Anthropology, N.A. 14-1-5/2.**
- * **Agriculture Extension, Subsistence cropping, N.A. 17-1-1/14.**
- * *To be taken up with the District Agricultural Officer on his return from patrol etc.*

E. S. Sharp
 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.

Alwaxep
 District Officer.

Appendix "B".

Diary of Rigo Patrol Number 3.

Monday 23rd. February. : Departed Rigo for GIRABU per Land Rover. Carriers arranged on to LAGUME via GABUIA. GIRABU and GABUIA villages are to be incorporated in the proposed Rigo N.L.G.C.. LAGUME census revised, and tax collected. One pound rate for this area. No increase in population recorded. Medical Orderly reported health good. Village in good order. Departed for LONIDAIRI. Census revised and tax collected same afternoon. No increase in population.

Tuesday 24th. February. : Village of LONIDAIRI inspected. Village and the health of the people good. Departed for SEREPEWATEI and AGITANA. SEREPEWATEI Village census revised and tax collected. No natural increase in population recorded, 5 migrations in boosted figures. Health good. Food shortage noted. AGITANA village, which virtually adjoins SEREPEWATEI, census revised and tax collected. Again everything in order. Slight increase in population owing to migrations in.

Wednesday 25th. February: Departed for BOREBERE 2 hours out rock carving noticed - my N.A.14-1-5/2 refers. BOREBERE village census revised and tax collected. 5% natural increase in population recorded. Village neat and clean. Housing and health good. Food shortage again apparent.

Thursday 26th. February. : Departed BOREBERE for IOVEI via MAIANA. The Musgrave river is followed for the total journey. MAIANA census revised and tax collected. Decrease in population owing to migrations out. Village conditions and health of people only average. On to IOVEI a delightful village situated on the banks of the Musgrave R. Census revised, tax collected, 4.8% natural increase in population recorded. Village excellent, health good. Seed rice distributed. These people also suffering from a food shortage, my N.A.17-1-1/14 refers.

Friday 27th. February. : Departed for IAUDOBU. Census revised and tax collected. .8% natural decrease in population. Village clean and tidy housing of an excellent standard- health of people good. BUSALAMAGA village census revised tax collected; 3% natural increase in population. Seed rice distributed to both these villages.

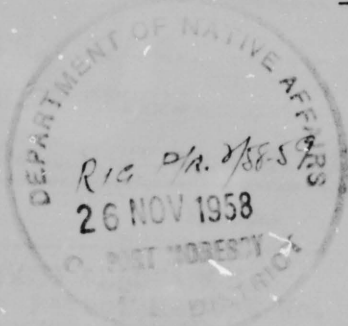
Saturday 28th. February : Departed for MEDENE village. Census revised tax collected. Increase in population owing to migrations in. Village in good order, house above average, health average. Departed for KUALE - this village in proposed Rigo N.L.G.C.. Discussions with people regarding proposed council. Rafted down Kemp Welch River to GOBARAGERE Estate. Native Labour work carried out - informal inspection.

Sunday 1st. March. : Departed for Rigo via new station site. Arrived Rigo pm.

Patrol Completed.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
Please Quote
No.N.A.30-1-2/28.

Sub-District Office,
RIGO:
Central District.

24th November, 1958.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT RIGO 2/58-59 - MARIA.

Enclosed is the abovementioned report of patrol conducted by Mr. F.D. Anderson, Cadet Patrol Officer. A map of the area is being forwarded under separate cover. Could copies be made and forwarded to this office please? As yet, copies of the MT. BROWN division map have not been received. These copies, together with the MARIA division copies will enable completion of a Sub-District map.

2. The patrol was well conducted and Mr. Anderson takes a keen interest in his work. An understanding approach to the many minor problems presented to a patrolling officer afforded prompt and satisfactory settlement. His first Patrol Report is clear and concise altogether a job well done.

3. Population trends are probably the most important features of the patrol. An increase was recorded, however the results were most disappointing. It is believed that the Medical Assistant at Rigo has been, or will be granted additional funds with which to establish two more Aid Posts in the Sub-District. I have consulted him regarding the placement of the posts and the MARIA division has been given top priority. The establishment of these Posts coupled with regular patrolling by Native Affairs and Department of Agriculture Officers should improve the position within two or three years. As stated, the bridging of the Kamp Welch river will bring the area into closer contact.

4. The amalgamation of villages appears to occupy a place in all Census Divisions with the exception of the KOIARI. Nearly all concerned with amalgamation have, in their history, been combined and have split because of petty bickering. Personally, I am not in favour of amalgamation but in an instance such as above, where the amalgamation is originated by the people themselves, I feel an exception could be made.

5. The agricultural problems of the division were discussed with Mr. T. Kleckham during his recent visit and plans were made to improve the position.

6. Camping allowance claim is enclosed for approval.

(E.S. Sharp.)
a/Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

CONTINGENCIES

(GENERAL EXPENSES)

Cash Office Registration No.	Cash Office Consecutive No.
Departmental Reference No.	

Dr. to F. D. ANDERSON, C.P.O.

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE,

RIGO, CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Date of Supply or Period of Service	Particulars	Order No.	Rate	Amount		
				£	s.	d.
	CAMPING ALLOWANCE. Rigo Patrol Report No. 2/58-59. 13/10/58 to 2/11/58 - 20 nights @ I certify that I actually camped out for the period under claim, that a cook was not provided by the Administration and that Administration accommodation was not available within reasonable limits. <i>(F. D. Anderson, C.P.O.)</i> Certified correct (<i>E. S. Sharp a/A.D.O.</i>)		10/6	10	10	0
TOTAL <u>TEN</u> Pounds <u>TEN</u> Shillings <u>NIL</u> Pence				10	10	0

Claimant's Reference: *F. D. Anderson* Signature of Claimant: *F. D. Anderson* Date: 4/11/58

TO BE COMPLETED BY DEPARTMENT

(1) Requisition No.	(2) Division	(3) Subdivision	(4) Item	(5) Amount

FOR STORES.—I certify that the stores included in this account have been received and taken on charge and that the account is correct as regards computations, castings, rates of charge, and the faithful performance of the services charged.

OTHER CASES.—I certify that this account is correct as regards computations, castings, rates of charge, and the faithful performance of the services charged.

Date:
Person Incurring Expense

Date:
Person Incurring Expense

CERTIFYING OFFICER.—I certify that this account is correct within the meaning of Section 36 of the "Treasury Ordinance 1951-1957".

RECEIVED this day of 19.....
the sum of Pounds
..... shillings Pence

Date:
Certifying Officer

Witness Signature of Recipient

Cheque No.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

CONTINGENCIES

(GENERAL EXPENSES)

Cash Office Registration No.	Cash Office Consecutive No.
Departmental Reference No.	

Dr. to.....**F. D. ANDERSON, C.P.O.**.....
**SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE,**.....
**RIGO, CENTRAL DISTRICT.**.....

Date of Supply or Period of Service	Particulars	Order No.	Rate	Amount			
				£	s.	d.	
	CAMPING ALLOWANCE. Rigo Patrol Report No. 2/58-59. 15/10/58 to 2/11/58 - 20 nights @ I certify that I actually camped out for the period under claim, that a cook was not provided by the Administration and that Administration accommodation was not available within reasonable limits. <i>[Signature]</i> F. D. Anderson, C.P.O.) Certified correct (B. S. Sharp a/A.D.O.)		10/6	10	10	0	
TOTAL..... 10Pounds					10	10	0
..... 10Shillings..... NILPence				TOTAL	£		

Claimant's Reference *[Signature]* Signature of Claimant. Date... **4/11/58**.....

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Date.....
 Certifying Officer

..... Witness
 Signature of Recipient

Cheque No.....

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

CONTINGENCIES

(GENERAL EXPENSES)

Cash Office Registration No.	Cash Office Consecutive No.
Departmental Reference No.	

Dr. to **F. D. ANDERSON, C.P.O.**

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE,

RIGG, CENTRAL DISTRICT.

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TOTAL.....				TEN	Pounds		10	10	0
				TEN	Shillings	NIL	Pence	TOTAL £	

Claimant's Reference: *Fergus D. Anderson* Signature of Claimant: *Fergus D. Anderson* Date: **4/11/58**

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the sum of.....Pounds
.....shillings.....Pence

Date:
Certifying Officer

Witness Signature of Recipient

Cheque No.

RIG. P. R. NO. 2-58-59/636

District Office,
PORT MORESBY.

10th December, 1958.

AJH/MR

Assistant District Officer,
RIGCO.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1958/59

Receipt is acknowledged of report No. 2 of 1958/59, covering a patrol to the MARIA census division by Mr. Anderson, and your covering comments.

Mr. Anderson appears to have carried out a satisfactory patrol through an area which fairly obviously is not one to evoke violent enthusiasm in the breast of a patrolling officer.

It is unfortunate that tax collection is the sole reason for regular patrolling of this backward area (see Introduction to Report); still, whatever the reason, the fact of regular patrolling is something to be pleased about.

On the face of it there does not seem to be any immediate possibilities for expensive development. It is a fact, though, that once interest is shown in people, they react and improve. The very presence of Aid Posts, and regular patrolling, as evidence of Administration interest, should cause improvement in the mental outlook of the people; add to that the physical improvement which Aid Posts will ensure, and we may very well find that the MARIA people will make their own development. In any case, I hope more frequent patrolling will be possible, and that at least one Aid Post will be established. An improvement in outlook and prospects should also result in decrease in absenteeism.

I note that cash cropping has begun on a fringe of the area, so the people are not entirely apathetic. I know you will insist that cash cropping must be in family plots, and not in communal gardens. In any case, I am sure that between yourself and the RIGCO Agricultural Extension Officer, and Mr. Kleckham, the D.A.O., the matter of cash cropping will be well handled.

I note the remarks on amalgamation of villages - voluntary amalgamation is not opposed, but compulsory amalgamation definitely is.

Copies have been made of the map, which is an excellent job, and forwarded herewith.


(A. J. HUMPHRIES)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

ACT
MANAGER

10/12/58

FILE: RIG. PR. NO. 2

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Attached is the patrol report mentioned above.

No correspondence arises out of this report.


(A. J. HUMPHRIES)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

ACT

THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

sub-District Office,
RIGO,
Central District.

14th. November, 1958.

The Assistant District Officer,
Rigo Sub-District,
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

RIGO PATROL REPORT No. 2/1958-59

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : FERGUS D. ANDERSON, C.P.O.
AREA PATROLLED : MARIA CENSUS/TAX DIVISION.
PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY
EUROPEANS : NIL
NATIVES : POLICE: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 1 Const.
INTERPRETER: Henari Reuben.
N.M.O. : Willie Billie.
DURATION OF PATROL : 13/10/58 to 2/11/58
NUMBER OF DAYS : TWENTY.
PREVIOUS PATROLS TO AREA :
NATIVE AFFAIRS : NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1956
P.H.D. : JULY, 1957.
MODE OF TRANSPORT : CANOE, FOOT.
OBJECTS OF PATROL : CENSUS/TAX COMPILATIONS, and
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.
APPENDICES : "A" VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER.
"B" REPORT ON NATIVE CONSTABULARY.
MAP REFERENCES : PORT MORESBY 4 MIL PROVISIONAL
STRAT SERIES.
KEMP WELCH, KAPAKAPA, HOOD BAY,
MARSHALL LAGOON MILITARY
NIL: IRISH SERIES.

DIARY. (cont.)

- 19th October: Departed Bokuku for Obaha, completed Census/Tax work, then moved on to Gada where all duties were carried out for the villages of Gada, Binigere, Okaukana and Narekelli. Slept.
- 20th October: Departed Gada and walked to Verakogena. Completed all duties for Verakogena and Garamekogena, then moved on to Iwateba Rest House to complete Census/Tax work for Gouwo, Kiru and Maipike. Slept.
- 21st October: Departed Iwateba R.H. inspected Kiru village then proceeded to Aremaka to complete Census/Tax work for Aremaka and Kaiteba. Slept Aremaka.
- 22nd October: Departed Aremaka for Unusgere where all work was carried out for Unusgere and Keruakemana. Moved on, short rest at Unuakemana Rest House before proceeding on to Kakiakemana. Completed all work for Kakiakemana and Tabuakemana. Slept.
- 23rd October: Departed Kakiakemana for Li'iba and Orai'ia. Census/Tax compilations and administration duties completed for these two villages at Orai'ia R.H. Camped for night.
- 24th October: Work completed for Keru-ora at Orai'ia R.H. before proceeding on to the Maria R.H. on the River. Duties completed for Maria. Camped for the night.
- 25th October: Departed Maria R.H., walked along banks of river to Bigeia. After villagers returned from gardens, census/tax compilations and administration duties were carried out. Camped for the night.
- 26th October: Departed Bigeia for Ununem R.H. where all work for Uwaia was carried out. Slept Ununem Rest House.
- 27th October: Departed Ununem R.H. for the Mt. Brown village of Maranem. Book work brought up to date. Slept.
- 28th October: Departed Maranem, walked through the Mt. Brown village of Senemaka, then on to Omanagere and Mamatagere. Census/tag compilations and administration duties completed for the latter two villages. Slept Mamatagere rest house.
- 29th October: Departed Mamatagere, walked through Didiga and villages, inspected village, then proceeded on to the combined Bidegabe and Ketagere. All work was completed for Bidegabe, Ketagere, Bokukemana and Nenemakemana. Moved on to Mumuiru and completed all work. Slept.
- 30th October: Departed Mumuiru for Taikegena. Completed duties then on through Devamana to Nageetebaka where the census/tag compilations and administration duties were completed for the latter two villages. Slept.
- 31st October: Departed Nageetebaka for Begamaka. Completed all work for the latter then proceeded on to Bagubara. All duties carried out. Slept.
- 1st November: Departed Bagubara for Memekakemana. Completed Memekakemana and moved on to Teberoka, inspected village then walked down to Meirebu. Completed census/tag work and administration duties for Meirebu, Teberoka and Keberoka. Camped for night.

DIARY (cont.)

2nd. November: Departed Meirobu for Matsiruka. Completed duties for Matsiruka, and Lebugolo. Walked to Sivigolo where truck was waiting to transport patrol personnel and equipment to Rigo.

END OF PATROL.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

For many years the only attention the Meria people have received has been the application of an apathetic type of law and order. Patrolling into the area has been spasmodic and has achieved nothing in the way of development or advancement of the natives in this area.

This neglect shows on the people and their villages. In the main, houses are of a low standard - consisting of dirty grass or adzed plank dwellings in uncared for village areas located on high ridges above creeks and rivers. The people themselves are lethargic and showed an almost studied indifference towards the patrol.

Polygamy is practised throughout the area - some men having as many as six wives. This factor tends to offset the possibilities of a decrease in birth rate which might have occurred due to the large number of men absent from their villages at work - especially in the smaller hamlets. The classical example of this is in the village of Devamana :- There are sixteen male names recorded in the village book, eight are absent at work; of the eight remaining, three are infants and two were classified as 'permanently unfit'.

One thing that stood out all through the patrol was the almost complete lack of efficient Village Officials. With the exception of one or two, Village Constables seemed content to sit back and watch their villages fall to pieces around them.

In an area such as this, the amalgamation of some of the smaller isolated villages with others on the main patrol route would be desirable for any future developmental work, but on discussing this point with the peoples of the various villages concerned, I found them most reluctant to move. However this problem might be overcome at a later date when the area begins to receive the same attention as the Mt. Brown and parts of the Mt. Obree.

The main languages in group in the area is that of Tuburamo which, with the exception of a few small pockets, extends over the whole division. The exceptions are as follows:- Mamatagoro and Onamagoro Villagers speak the Robone language, a tongue that can be understood throughout the sub-district because of the fact that its vocabulary is made up from words common to most of the main language groups.

The Uiga language is spoken only by the immigrant village of Didiga. The Mt. Brown language - Menabara - is spoken by the people of Uwala close to the division border. The people of Menemakomana, Laura, Koru-ora, Garamokogena, Kaklakomana, Tabukomana and Udiri all speak the various dialects of the Amota language.

All told there are seventeen different dialects spoken in the division.

The village of Biruma no longer exists as most of the inhabitants migrated out to Uwala after the occurrence of some unexplained disease which caused several deaths in the village. Those who did not go to Uwala amalgamated with the nearby village of Biqela.

LAW & JUSTICE:

Many minor complaints, mostly of a minor nature connected with domestic squabbles, were brought forward during the patrol and settled satisfactorily. Only two cases needed to be heard in the Court of Native Matters and these were sent to Rigo for adjudication.

FINANCE:

Taxation: A total of £532 was collected during the course of the patrol and except for a few isolated cases, all payments were proffered readily.

Before census/tax compilations were made at each village, the various reasons for personal tax and some of the uses to which the money is to be put, were explained. These explanations seemed to be understood and in some cases at least, removed some doubts on the subject.

The general attitude toward the payment of tax seemed to be: "It is something that has to be payed, so let's get it over and done with."

As mentioned in 'NATIVE AFFAIRS' there are far too many men absent from the smaller villages at work on plantations, and now that it has become necessary to pay tax, I feel that during the next few years the problem will become more serious as more and more men leave their villages to earn an income which cannot be gained in their own area with conditions as they are at present.

All Tax Collection Receipts were countersigned by the Assistant District Officer.

Patrol Advances: An advance of £50 was taken out for patrol expenses. £35. 18. 0 was acquitted on Voucher No. 176/58-59.

Banking and General: No Native Monies Trust Account payments were made and no banking business conducted during the course of the patrol.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS:

Census figures for 46 villages were completed and a total of 2570 names recorded. This increase of 151 over the total recorded in 1956 is due mainly to the fact that the villages of Omasgoro and Mamatgoro, which were previously in the Mt. Brown Census Division, are now included in the Maria.

The infant mortality rate, calculated as the ratio of births to deaths up to one year, is 5.8% - an excellent figure if it were at all probable in an area with no aid posts. This result, I think, can be put down to the fact that many deaths of unrecorded names are conveniently forgotten by census time.

The total number of deaths recorded is 135, as against 173 births, showing a natural increase of 0.7% each year - an unsatisfactory figure.

The census figures shows that 'migrations out' are greater than 'migrations in'. This is due mainly to the fact that Nenemakomana names which were previously included in Koru-ora census figures, have now been recorded as a separate unit, and have been noted down as 'migrations out' from Koru-ora to balance the census totals.

The number of men away from their villages at work as compared with the labour potential of the 16-45 age group is 35% - an unsatisfactory result when it is remembered that 50% of the villages have total populations of under fifty and that the population is very wide-spread.

AGRICULTURE STOCK AND FISHERIES:

The villages throughout the area are well supplied with the usual subsistence crops, including citrus fruits, as climatical conditions are ideal for almost everything but coconuts.

There has been little or no introduction of European fruits or vegetables except in the more advanced group of villages in the South West corner of the division, where corn, tomatoes, and beans can be found growing quite successfully. The above area covers the villages of Matairuka, Lebugolo, Memekakomana, Dirigoro and Bagubara, and it is in these villages that the growing of coffee, rice, and peanuts has been introduced as cash crops by the Agricultural Extension Officer at Kapogere. Details may be seen below.

I advised people in the villages concerned, that when the time comes to plant the coffee out from the nurseries, that it would be better to divide the trees up into family plots instead of planting the total number in a large communal garden on any one man's land. The same advice was given concerning peanut and rice planting. This is to insure that no disputes would arise over the distribution of payments when the crops begin to yield cash returns.

Regarding the upper and more isolated regions of the division, it would be undesirable to introduce new cash crops at the present time. It is hoped that early in the new year, the proposed patrols by the Agriculture Extension Officer into the area will help to improve the present subsistence gardening and land utilization methods.

A few pigs and fowls are kept by the villagers, but they are of a low standard.

Details of the distribution of cash crops in the area:

Matairuka : Preparing coffee - none planted.
 Lebugolo : Ditto.
 Meirobu : Two small coffee nurseries (numbers unknown)
 Toboroka : Four beds coffee (approx 1000 seeds)
 Koboroka : Two beds coffee (approx 550 seeds)
 Memekakomana: $\frac{3}{4}$ acre peanuts (poor germination)
 Bagubara : $\frac{1}{2}$ acre peanuts (Ditto)
 Bogamaka : 1 acre peanuts (good germination)
 Dirigoro : $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres peanuts (Ditto)
 1 bed coffee (approx 124 seeds)
 Approx 200 coffee trees planted out.
 Taikogena : Two coffee beds. (numbers unknown)

Dirigoro have planted their second crop of rice - about $\frac{1}{2}$ of an acre, and as with the last crop it is doing quite well.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING:

As mentioned in the Introduction, housing in the upper areas generally was of a low standard and seemed to typify the attitude of the people themselves. The worst case in the division was the small hamlet below Orai'ia where each house is merely a tiny box built of roughly adzed planks; poorly constructed and built close to its neighbour. Potential fire risk is high because of the villagers habit of stockpiling bundles of firewood underneath their dwellings.

Housing in the lower regions and close to the more advanced areas of the sub-district were quite good and no instructions for repair and improvements were necessary.

Village areas had obviously been tidied up for the patrol's visit and no complaints good be made on this point.

ROADS & BRIDGES:

Tricks in the low lying areas were excellent, but on the higher and steeper ground the wet weather experienced throughout the patrol made walking an awkward and sometimes difficult job. In some places the track consisted merely of foot and hand holds in the sides of steep mountain slopes.

The longest, though by no means the hardest walk, was from Blgeia village to the Umnom rest house near Ueala village which took seven and a half hours altogether.

Because of the rough terrain I do not think any improvement to the patrol tracks could be expected. Villages are generally of low population and widely separated; because of this, road improvement would prove to be a neverending and almost impossible task.

Bridges were sadly lacking in the area and the crossing of numerous creeks and rivers often became a tedious and difficult procedure.

On the completion of the Kemp Welch River Bridge the intended road to the Ormond Division will pass through the villages of Kuteleka and Leigolo, but apart from this and a probable extension through Melrebu to Teboroka, it will be an impossible to build vehicular roads in the area.

Details of walking times and conditions.

<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Palle Ptn.	Bavoku	1 hr. 15 min.	Flat easy walking, excellent track.
Deikulu	Obeha	2 " 20 "	Ditto.
Obeha	Goeda	3 " 40 "	Good track - shaded.
Goeda	Vorakogema	2 " 0 "	Ditto.
Vorakogema	Iveteba R.H.	45 "	Good walking Crossed Ormond.
Iveteba R.H.	Arenaka	2 " 0 "	Fair walking, after Kira crossed stream several times.
Arenaka	Imagoro	2 " 0 "	Undulating track - followed stream most of the way.
Imagoro	Kakalakorene	1 " 30 "	Steep climb.
Kakalakorene	Orel'ia	3 " 30 "	Hard walking - steep climb up to village.
Orel'ia	Taura	1 " 0 "	Difficult walking on slippery tracks.
Taura	Harla R.H.	1 " 45 "	Long steep climb down to Tole Creek.
Harla R.H.	Blgeia	1 " 30 "	Followed Tole Creek - crossed many times.
Blgeia	Umnom R.H.	7 " 30 "	Fair walking along some of the highest ridges on the Patrol.
Umnom R.H.	Maranom	3 " 30 "	Easy walking along well cleaned tracks.

ROADS AND BRIDGES (cont)

<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Maranom	Mamatagoro	3 hr. 30 min.	Easy walking along well cleaned tracks
Mamatagoro	Bidonagobu	2 15	Flat well cleaned tracks.
Bidonagobu	Mumuiru	45	Ditto. Crossed Ormond three times.
Mumuiru	Taikogena	1 0	Easy walking along well cut tracks. Crossed Ormond three times.
Taikogena	Nagoetebaka	1 15	Easy walking - excellent track along course of the Ormond. No shade.
Nagoetebaka	Bogamaka	45	Ditto.
Bogamaka	Bagubara	1 0	Ditto. Crossed Ormond near Bagubara.
Bagubara	Memekakomana	1 0	Good walking for twenty minutes, then a long gradual climb to village.
Memekakomana	Toboroka	2 0	Well cleared track. fair walking.
Toboroka	Meirobu	20	Easy climb down to villege.
Meirobu	Matairuka	2 30	Flat, shadeless well cleared track.
Matairuka	Sivigole Ptn.	1 30	Ditto.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

The general health throughout the area was surprisingly good at the time of the patrol; the only complaints being tropical ulcers, sores and a few cases of pneumonia. However during the census it was discovered that many deaths were caused by a fairly wide-spread disease which, from the description of the symptoms, was probably Tuberculosis.

Because of the fact that there are no Medical Aid Posts in the division very few illa are ever treated properly; the result being that those people at present living in the area are those who have never suffered from anything more serious than a tropical ulcer or a mild case of yaws.

Willie Billie, an experienced Native Medical Orderly accompanied the patrol to inspect people present at the time of the census and to treat minor complaints on the spot. Those with complaints requiring more expert attention were instructed to report to the Rigo Hospital as soon as possible.

TRADE AND COMMERCE:

There are no Co-operative Societies in the division and there are very few possibilities of there being one established in the foreseeable future, because apart from the limited area of cash cropping as stated earlier, the potential for economic development is low.

The present means by which the Maria people can gain a cash income is by working in Port Moresby or on plantations in Rigo, Abau, and Sogeru.

On making inquiries it was found that little or no inter-village trading of native produce is carried.

MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS:

The Seventh Day Adventist Mission predominates in the Maria Division and mission schools are scattered throughout. With the exception of the S.D.A. school at Aremaka, instruction is mainly of a religious nature.

A few London Missionary Society Schools have been established and the teaching of basic reading, writing and arithmetic is carried out.

In the main, children who wish to receive educational instruction cross over to the L.M.S. schools in the Mt. Brown division.

There are no Government Schools in the area.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Very few Village Constables or Councillors stood out as being exceptionally strong minded or energetic, in fact the standard of village officials throughout the area was very low. Most were co-operative at the time of the patrol, but village standards proved that in most cases officials were not carrying out their duties.

The worst offender was the Aremaka V.C. who seemed to have no control whatsoever in his village, and was more of a hinderance than a help to the patrol. If he has not improved at the time of the next patrol, I would recommend that an election should be held to replace him.

CONCLUSION:

There is much to be desired in the Maria division, but I think that it would be useless at this stage to introduce economic schemes and large scale cash cropping before present living conditions are improved.

The establishment of aid posts and instructions in village hygiene and house construction would be the first steps in the right direction, but if patrolling in the future will be as spasmodic as it has been in the past, any efforts made in the Maria Division will be wasted.

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Fergus D. Anderson
(FERGUS D. ANDERSON.)
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

1959/1960

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

MARIA TAX/CENSUS DIVISION

Govt. Print.—3002/2.60.

YEAR.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS										MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL				
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth		IN		OUT		At Work		STUDENTS		MALES		FEMALES		Pregnant	No. Child bearing age	Average Size of Family		Child		Adults	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F					M	F	M	F
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M		F	M	F	M
UDIRI CR18	1960	TRANSFERRED TO MARSHALL LAGOON COUNCIL AREA																																			
BOKUKU CR19		TRANSFERRED TO MARSHALL LAGOON COUNCIL AREA																																			
OBAHA CR20		TRANSFERRED TO MARSHALL LAGOON COUNCIL AREA																																			
GABAMANA CR21		TRANSFERRED TO MARSHALL LAGOON COUNCIL AREA																																			
GOADA CR22	14/1	1	2													1 1						1 14		- 9		1		81.3		7 4		13 9		34			
NAROKELLI CR23	"	1												1 2								1 6		- 1		- 13		3 -		8 1		12					
OKAUKANA CR24	"	1																2				- 4		1 5		51.8		2 5		4 5		18					
BINIGORO CR25	"	1												1 3		5						- 8		1 8		1		71.4		4 3		4 11		27			
GAROMOKOGENA CR26	"	3	1											3 2		5						1 14		2 16		162.3		11 8		11 21		56					
VORAKOGENA CR27	"	2	3											2		13						2 23		6 22		232.6		10 22		17 27		89					
GOUWO CR28	15/1	1	1											1 2		1 2						1 12		1 11		111.8		5 8		11 15		41					
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UNUAGORO CR34	"	2												1 3		3						4 7		- 7		73		9 6		7 8		33					
TABUAKOMANA CR35	"													1 1		1 3		7				1 12		2 11		111.2		6 6		7 13		39					
KAKIAKOMANA CR36	"	2												1 3		4 5		1 3				3 16		2 19		212		19 9		17 21		70					
ORAI'IA CR37	19/1	3	1	1		1		1		1		5 3		7						6 12		8 25		4		273.5		17 18		13 30		85					
LI'IBA CR38	"	2												1		2 6						2 8		1 8		93.2		10 6		9 9		40					

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR 1959/1960.

MARIA TAX/CENSUS DIVISION

Govt. Print. 002/2.60.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS										MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL			
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	IN		OUT		At Work		STUDENTS		MALES		FEMALES		Pregnant	No. Child bearing age	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				M		F	M	F
		10-16		16-45		10-16		16-45																												
KORUORU	CR39 19/1	1	1									2	1			2	2	2	8							3	12	6	17	1	173.4	15	12	620	61	
IAURA	CR40 20/1	1	1			2						3	1			5	3	1	4	1			1	1			5	17	4	22	1	222.325	7	18	24	77
MARIA	CR41 21/1	3	1									1				3	5		6							9	28	6	30	2	302.121	19	27	32	105	
BIGEIA	CR42 "	1	2			1						2	3			1	3	3	7			1				6	18	4	16	1	173.313	15	11	18	65	
UWAIA	CR43 22/1	3	1						1			3	1			1	1	1	3	6			7	1			7	18	1	14	1	122.515	11	17	18	75
BIDONAGORU	CR44 25/1											1							5							2	9	1	6		62	6	2	6	25	
KETOGORO	CR45 "		1									1							2							1	6	2	5	1	51.5	3	3	5	19	
BOKUKOMANA	CR47 "	1	1									1	1						9							3	16	2	18	1	161.811	7	9	19	55	
DIDIGA	CR48 "	1														1			5			2				3	11	1	11		12.6	3	2	7	30	
MUMUTRI	CR49 29/1	3	2									3	1			1			11			2	2			5	27	3	23	1	201.515	12	18	22	82	
TAIKOGENA	CR50 "	1				1						2				2	3		21							3	30	3	21	1	211.210	7	11	23	72	
DEVAMANA	CR51 "					1						1							16							1	11	-	5		51	2	2	5	22	
NAGOATEBAKA	CR52 28/1		1													1			2			1				1	6	2	6		61.2	1	4	6	19	
BOGAMAKA	CR53 "	2	2			1			1			3				1	2	1	14			1				5	19	3	19	2	171.411	11	11	16	65	
BAGUBARA	CR54 "	2				2						4	2					2	10							8	19	4	12	1	122.216	9	10	13	58	
DIRIGORO	CR55 29/1	1	3									1				1			8			1				12	32	10	28	1	302	31	24	34	134	
MEMEKAKOMANA	CR56 "		1																3							1	6	-	6		52.4	4	7	6	26	
KOBAROKA	CR57 "	5	3	1												1	3		9							14	4	13	34	2	302.133	32	37	41	152	
TOBAROKA	CR58 "	3	1													3	2	3	7	6							5	17	2	14	1	142.518	13	14	18	64
MEIROBU	CR59 "	2										3				1	2		14							3	14	1	10	1	91.410	5	13	15	47	
LEBAGOLO	CR60 12/1		2					1	1	1						1	1		9					1		3	17	8	18		182.612	17	8	20	67	

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

MARIA TAX/CENSUS DIVISION

YEAR 1959/1960.

Govt. Print.—3002/2.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS														MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES	Average Size of Family	TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL																	
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	IN		OUT		At Work		STUDENTS		MALES		FEMALES		Child			Adults																					
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M			F	M	F	M		F																
MATAINDUKA	CB61 11/1																											1				1	1			3	13			2		1	8	3	11	2	1	28	2	17	23	2228	107
MAMATACOROK	CB78 04/1		1													1		1																		2	13	2	12	1	12	1.2	5	7	8	13	40						
GMANAGORO	CB80 " 1																	3		2																2	11	1	18	1	17	1.4	7	8	13	19	49						
NENEMAROMANA	CB143 25/1		1													1		1																2	2	5	1			9	13	4	12	1	14	3.7	22	8	9	13	58		
TOTALS		49	43	1		5	4	1	3	3	1	3	4	29		33	61	33	56	2	3	1	4	3		16	5	152	126	29		597		478		406		656	599	692		2362											

Total number of deaths: 94

Total number of births: 92

Migrations in: 94

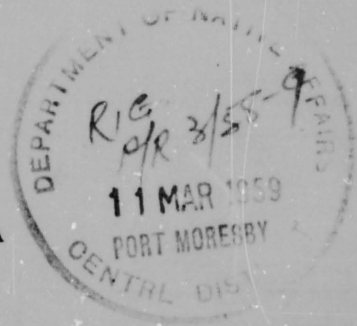
Migrations out: 89

POPULATION INCREASE of .12%

Amount
Returned
to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



UNCLASSIFIED

PATROL REPORT

District of... **CENTRAL - RIGO** Report No... **PR 3/58-59**

Patrol Conducted by... **E. S. SHARP**

Area Patrolled... **KOIARI CENSUS/TAX DIVISION**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... **F. D. ANDERSON**

Natives... **4**

Duration—From **23**.../**2**.../19**59**... to **1**.../**3**.../19**59**....

Number of Days... **SEVEN**

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **17**.../**2**.../19**58**....

Medical -...../**5**.../18**58**....

Map Reference... **MILINCH GALLE & KEMP WELCH RIVER**

Objects of Patrol... **ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION, CENSUS & TAX COLLECTION**

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

13 13 1959.

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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

Amount Returned to Store

Village Population

Year.....**1958/59**.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS														MIGRATION					
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	In						
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F					
LAGUME	23/2/59																						
LOBIDAIRI	23/2/59	1															1	1	-	-	1		
SEREPHWATAI	24/2/59		1																		3	2	
AGITANA	24/2/59																					2	
BOREBERE	25/2/59	2	1						1													3	2
MAIANA	26/2/59																						
IOVEX	26/2/59	4																	1			2	
IAUDBU	27/2/59	2																			1		
BUSALAMAGA	27/2/59	1																					
MEDENE	28/2/59																					2	
TOTAL		10	2						1										3	2	8	11	

Population Register

Area Pa rrolled..... **KOLARI**

Females in Child Birth	MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
	In		Out		AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age	Child		Adults				
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			M		F	M	F	M + F	
					2						4	-	1	12	1	5	1	5	1.7	4	3	8	5	26	
1	-	-	1	-	1									8	7	3	6	-	7	2.9	12	9	11	9	42
		3	2		3						9	6	9	10	8	8	-	9	2.9	7	10	9	9	53	
			2								4	2	3	6	2	7	-	5	2.6	1	2	7	7	23	
		3	2	-	1						1	-	2	11	1	10	-	9	2.5	13	5	15	11	45	
				4	2						4	3	2	7	4	5	-	6	2.2	2	5	11	6	31	
1		2		2	1	5					3	1	3	14	3	10	1	9	2.0	14	10	14	16	63	
					2	1					4	-	8	8	2	10	-	9	2.2	11	6	11	13	46	
					3						-		3	7	1	6	-	8	2.3	8	4	7	7	29	
			2	.	.	2	2				1	4	8	1	8	-	7	1.8	4	2	10	9	30		
2	8	11	4	6	17	2					29	13	43	90	26	75	2	74	2.3	76	56	103	92	388	



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Rigo Central District Report No. 4758-59

Patrol Conducted by D.M. Speakman, P.O.

Area Patrolled CR7 - ORMOND CENSUS/TAX DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 3 Police 1 NMO

Duration—From 13/4/59 to 25/4/59

Number of Days 13

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services April/1958

Medical August/1857

Map Reference Milinch provisional army strat. Series Hood Bay, Marshall Lagoon. Kemp Welch and Oveau

Objects of Patrol.....

Tax Collection, Census revision & routine administration.

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

N.M.T.A. £5-16-10

Village Population

Year.....**1959**.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS													MIGRATIONS				
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	In		Out		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	
Namalo	15.4.59	2	2						1									1	1		1
Koro	"	1	2					1								1					1
Babaga	"	1	1								1				1			3			1
Kwaike	"	1						1		1	1				2	1			2		1
Vansa Vasona	17.4.59	2	2													1			1		
Inaira	"	2	1					2	1						2	1					
Petuna	"	.	1					1							1						2
Urigo	"	2	2															1	2		
Alepa	18/4/59	4	1					1	1							2			1		1
Geregaga	"	3	4						1						2	1					
Bagugole	20/4/59	2	1												2				1		
Molegole	"	1						1	1												
Kouake	21/4/59	2	1													2	1				
Geregoruna	"	1	1						1												1
Dubanatebea	"	2	1																		
Bagi Bagi	"	1														1					
Beligoro	"	1	1																		
Keagole	24/4/59	2	3			1									2	3			1		
TOTAL		30	23	.	.	1	.	7	6	1	2	.	.	12	13	1	5	9	2	7	

Population Register

Area Patrolled.....**INLAND ORMOND**.....

13 F	Females in Child Birth	MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL			
		In		Out		AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults					
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Rigo Central District Report No. 4/58-59

Patrol Conducted by D.M. Speakman, P.O.

Area Patrolled CR7 - ORMOND CENSUS/TAX DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO.

Natives 3 Police 1 NMO

Duration—From 13/4/1959 to 25/4/1959

Number of Days 13

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services April/1958

Medical August/1857

Map Reference Milinch provisional army strat. Series Hood Bay, Marshall Lagoon. Kemp Welch and Oveau

Objects of Patrol Tax Collection, Census revision & routine administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

N.M.T.A. £5-16-10

Pop

Village Population

Year.....**1959.**.....

Females in Child Birth	VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												Females in Child Birth	MIGRATIONS			
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	Geregagea	"	3	4						1										2	1
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	Dubanateboa	"	2	1																	
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Population Register

Area Patrolled **INLAND ORMOND**

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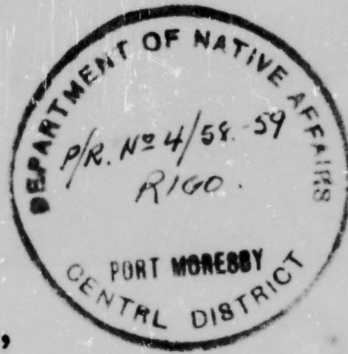
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No NA 30/1/107



Department of Native Affairs,
~~Port Moresby~~

Konedobu

27th August, 1959

District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report RIGO 4/58.59 ORMOND.

Although of a routine nature the report reveals that the officer has taken pleasure in his work and has done a thorough job of what could have been a boring experience to a less enthusiastic person.

No further comment is required as you advise you are able to handle all matters raised, locally.

[Handwritten Signature]
Director

A.D.O.
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Please advise Mr Spatman of the contents of this memo.

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HM/m

13th May, 1959.

Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

LABOR REPORT NO. 4/50-59 - OKKEND
D. R. MARSH

Your JD-1-2/56 of the 11/5/59 refers.

Mr. Speakman has done a good patrol and it is becoming apparent that the OKKEND people, because of their geographic and trading ties with the coastal people, will have to be considered as potential council members.

To me, it would appear that if the people desire a Council, all villages from POTUNA west should be in the RIGO Council and all villages from ALEPA eastwards should be in the MARSHALL LAGOON Council. In considering this, I assume that the HULA group will ultimately be in the RIGO Council.

You will please let me have your views and advise if the people have themselves suggested a Council.

Please let me know the outcome of the establishment of the aid post.

I have referred the matter of rice mills to the District Agricultural Officer.

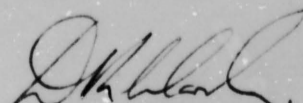
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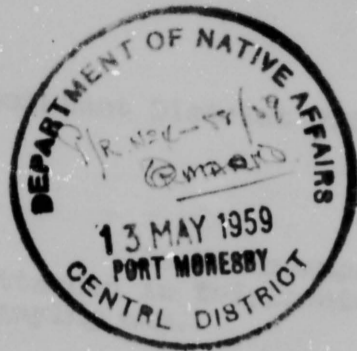
(D. R. MARSH)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KOROROE.

The attached report is of a routine nature and outstanding matters will be attended to locally.


(D. R. MARSH)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.



File : N.A.3G-1-2/36.

Sub-District Office,
RIGO:
Central District.

11th. May, 1959.

The District, Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT RIGO 4/58-59 - ORMOND.

Enclosed is the above mentioned report of a Patrol conducted by Mr. D.M. Speakman Patrol Officer to the ORMOND Census/Tax Division. A sketch map of the area patrolled is enclosed in the report.

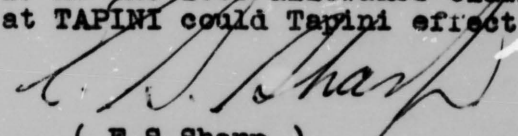
2. A satisfactory liason was established between the L.M.S. - Saroa, and this office regarding Education during the last year. It is pleasing to note that the Education facilities in this area have increased slightly. It is to be hoped that this improves over the next year, there being no reason why it should not providing the backing at present given is maintained.

3. Rice is taking an ever increasing place in the diet of the Rigo people. In accordance with economic progress in the Rigo Sub-District this division is next on the list for the introduction of Rice subsistence cropping. I notice that last year a request was made to D.A.S.F. for the supply of hand rice mills, however nothing has been heard since.

4. Health still remains a problem in this division, and it is hoped to be able to establish an Aid Post at LEBOGOLO in the near future. This post will then be able to serve the Ormond as well as the Maria division. Discussions to this effect have taken place between myself and the Medical Assistant. With poor health facilities available it is more than pleasing to note an increase in population. Housing has never ever been a pleasing feature of the Ormond, and I am glad to see that Mr. Speakman has concentrated on this item.

5. Mr. Speakman has carried out a routine patrol in an efficient manner, a good start to his term in the Rigo Sub-District.

6.. Also enclosed are claims for Camping and Boot allowance for your approval. As the Boot allowance claim covers Mr. Speakman's term at TAPINI could Tapini effect payment.


(E.S. Sharp.)
a/ Assistant District Officer.

Encl.

Sub District Office
RIGO C.D.

5.5.59.

The Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

In accordance with your instructions please find attached in triplicate patrol report 4/58-59 and accompanying map.

Also enclosed is my claim for Camping Allowance and a claim for Boot Allowance for the years 1957 and 1958.

Rigo Patrol Report. No. 4/58-59.

Patrol conducted by : D.M.SPEAKMAN P.O.
Area Patrolled : Ormond Census/Tax Division
Patrol accompanied by
 Europeans : Nil
 Natives : Police, 1 Lt/Cpl; 2 Const. 1 N.M.O.
Duration of Patrol : 13.4.59. to 25.4.59.
No. of Days. : Thirteen
Mode of Transport : Boat, canoe and foot.
Object of Patrol : Vide. N.A. 30-I-2/32.
 : Tax collection, census revision
 : and routine administration.
Appendices : 'A' Report on Native Constabulary
Map reference : Attached.

(David M. Speakman)
Patrol Officer.

PATROL REPORT.

INTRODUCTION.

Over the last few years the Inland Ormond Census Division has been visited frequently by Officers from the Departments of Native Affairs, Public Health and Agriculture.

No outstanding events have occurred in this area, all patrols being of a purely routine nature amongst a quiet and friendly people. This Patrol was no exception.

It is the only Rigo patrol undertaken in the wet season, as the area is well drained and affords dry walking conditions. However, this year excessive rains fell in March and April which caused the Kemp Welch and Ormond rivers to flood, hence areas of swamp were traversed at the commencement and towards the completion of the patrol. In fact I had to deviate from the usual route (see map) and go through Paili plantation and Marshall Lagoon Patrol Post to get to Keagole village, instead of going direct from Bagibogi. In this case the Ormond river was in full flood as heavy rain fell the day before I was due to cross it.

This was my first patrol in the Rigo Sub District, and although short I found it interesting and enjoyable. I was also pleased to have the opportunity of visiting the Marshall Lagoon Local Government Council headquarters and some villages to see for myself the work being done and its various functions. It is hoped that the Rigo Local Governme nt will be Gazetted in the near future.

PATROL DIARY

Monday 13th. April, 1959.

Departed Rigo 0730 hrs. and boarded outboard motor powered canoe 0800 hrs. at Kapakapa. Proceeded to Hula village arriving midday. Hired co-op tractor, Hula village to Kalo village arriving 1400 hrs. Heavy rain and swollen river halted patrol here for this day.

Tuesday 14th. April, 1959.

Departed Kalo village by canoe at 0700 hrs. Left canoe and proceeded on foot through swamp to Kore village. Left Kore village for Kwaibo R/H. Track overgrown and a steep hot climb encountered. Arrived Kwaibo R/H 1300 hrs. Spent afternoon making rest house livable.

Wednesday 15th. April, 1959.

Conducted Tax/Census of Mamalo, Kwaibo, Babagu and Kore villages. Compilation of census figures and heard minor complaints.

Thursday 16th. April, 1959.

Departed Kwaibo R/H 0700 hrs. Hot walk over open undulating grass country to Imairu R/H. Passed through and Vanua Vamona village en route. Arrived Imairu

inspected

R/H 1130 hrs. Inspected village, all in order, conducted routine administration afternoon.

Friday 17th. April, 1959.

Tax/Census Urigo, Vama Vama, Imairu and Potuna villages conducted. Compilation of census figures and inspected Urigo and Potuna villages.

Saturday 18th. April, 1959.

Departed Imairu R/H 0700 hrs. for Alepa village. Good track, easy walking with many creek crossings. Arrived Alepa R/H 1000 hrs. Conducted Tax/Census Alepa and Geregagae villages. Compiled statistics pm.

Sunday 19th. April, 1959.

Inspected Alepa village and gardens. Being S.D.A. followers the people agreed to carry to Bagugolo village. Departed Alepa R/H 1400 hrs arrived Bagugolo R/H 1700 hrs. Inspected Geregagae village en route.

Monday 20th. April, 1959.

Tax/Census Bagugolo and Molegore villages, inspected villages and supervised completion of rest house and barracks. Left Molegore R/H 1400 hrs. arrived Goregoruna R/H 1600 hrs. Inspected Konako village en route. Good path easy walking.

Tuesday 21st. April, 1959.

Conducted Tax/Census of Konako, Goregoruna and Dubanatabea villages. Compiled statistics. Departed Goregoruna R/H 1400 arrived Bagibogi R/H 1600 hrs. Tax/Census of Bagibogi and Belegore villages. (Total population only 65 people.) Heavy rain this night.

Wednesday 22nd. April, 1959.

Departed Bagibogi R/H 0700 hrs. Arrived Ormond river 0800 hrs. after having passed through swamp 1-4ft. deep. The Ormond river being impassable the patrol headed Eastward towards Paili plantation. After a further four hours in swamp and teeming rain arrived at Paili at midday. Departed Paili 1400 hrs, and arrived at Marshall Lagoon Patrol Post at 1600 hrs.

Thursday 23rd. April, 1959.

Departed Marshall Lagoon by canoe and headed for Maopa village. Rough seas caused us to land at Paramana village and walk back along the beach to Maopa R/H. Heavy rain again accosted during afternoon and night.

Friday 24th. April, 1959.

Visited Kogolo village, conducted Tax/Census and routine administration, returning to Maopa village the same day. Travel by canoe on the Maurele river and a short walk to the village.

Saturday 25th. April, 1959.

Departed Maopa village 0900 hrs. and arrived Kapakapa wharf 1700 hrs. Travelled via M.V. Kuluu this being the most practicable mode of transport, as carriers are hard to obtain in this area and the sea was too rough to attempt the trip on canoe. The Kuluu was in the Aroma area collecting co-op copra. Departed Kapakapa 1730 hrs. arriving Rigo 1800 hrs.

Flag honours all camps.

END OF DIARY.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Native Affairs.

The Native situation in this area has been previously described as satisfactory. This is quite true, the people are contented and peaceful, however the area is static in matters pertaining to economic and social development.

The communities, who are only just inland to their rapidly advancing contemporaries in the Marshal Lagoon Local Government Council, are content to remain in their traditional way of life. Although the area has little potential, suggestions as to improvement, development or advancement, are met with bland smiles more or less inferring that we are quite happy as we are.

The introduction of personal tax caused some considerable upheaval amongst these people. The taxable males in order to get money joined the labour market, and went to work at surrounding plantations and in Port Moresby. It can be seen in the section 'Census and Statistics' the large rise in absentees at work. Actually it is far too great, as insufficient numbers are left in the village to utilize the potential available for gaining money in things such as cash cropping and general trade with the coastal villages. The absence of the labour potential, in some villages, is disturbing as unnecessary hardships are being encountered by the remaining people.

There are six linguistic groups in this division namely the Kwaibe, Memeka, Alepa, Ganimarupu and Galirubu dialects. Friendly relationships and intermarriage between these groups is prevalent.

No anthropological data was collected this patrol.

Native complaints.

One Native was charged under section 84(2) of the Native Regulations Ordinance and sent to Rigo for court hearing. He was subsequently sentenced to 5 months I.H.L. at Rigo jail. A few minor disputes were adjudicated in various villages, the main complaint being pigs destroying fences and gardens.

Villages and Housing.

A contrast in living conditions was noticed within the area patrolled.

The semi coastal villages of Kore, Kwaiho group Molegolo and Bagugolo were most unsatisfactory. Housing was dilapidated, the village surroundings filthy and litter strewn. The rest houses inhabitable except for pigs and fowl which had apparently been housed there prior to the patrols arrival. In these villages orders were issued to the Village constables and Councillors to clean the villages, rebuild various houses, rest houses and barracks. The cleaning of Kwaiho village was personally supervised whilst at Bagugolo a rest house was rebuilt.

The semi inland villages, on the other hand, presented a pleasing disposition. Villages, housing and patrol paths were excellent, the rest houses comfortable and comparatively new.

Village Officials.

The overall standard of the Village constables and Village councillors was poor, few having an active influence in village affairs. The younger and more versatile men do not wish to be tied down in the village as an official, being able to leave the village as one wishes to find employment has far more glamour. The existing officials than are getting on in years and their sole visits to Rigo station per annum is to receive their pay, and their activities in the village is limited to the old mens house.

A councillor was appointed at Kore Village, the previous appointee having discarded his badge and gone to Port Moresby to find work. Also a recommendation for the appointment of a Village constable was made at Duhanebeba Village. This matter has been referred to the Assistant District Officer at Rigo.

Census and Statistics.

This year Kore Village has been included in the Ormond patrol. Previously it was visited for Tax/Census purposes during the Kolsel patrol, but having no affiliations with this area it has been excluded. See also Patrol instructions MA 30-I-2/32.

A total of 1610 people were recorded, this being an increase of 63 people since last census. That is a natural increase of 17 people as 46 are from Kore Village. 10 Villagers have increased their numbers, 4 have decreased and 3 have remained static. Births (53) exceeded deaths (43) by 10.

A total of 184 males and 8 females are absent at work this census, this is an increase of 46 from last census, a rise of 30%.

The infant mortality rate is very low, however, I think the people did not report the children who were born and since deceased between census taking. In the 1-4 years age group 13 deaths were recorded, again an increase on previous figures. The main causes of death- all age groups- were, old age, malaria, influenza/pneumonia and snake bite in

approximately that order.

Finance and Taxation.

i. Finance.

A cash advance of £50.0.0. was fully used for hire of canoes etc. and payment of carriers.

A total of £5-16-10 was paid from the Native Monies Trust Account.

No banking transactions or other collections were partaken.

ii. Taxation.

£174-0-0 personal tax was collected. Part exemptions were given to persons with numerous dependents. Total exemptions were given for impecunious old age, village officials and meritorious unavoidable hardship cases.

Ability to pay : In 1958 the tax assessment was £2, however the area has now been gazetted for £1. This is reasonable and the people can afford this amount without suffering any financial difficulties.

Attitude to payment : Taxation has been accepted by these people, and there is an understanding as to why the tax is being levied. There were no cases of reluctance to pay or any adverse talk as to its imposition.

In February this year, Alepa village was destroyed by fire. The villagers lost their possessions, houses and gardens in this tragedy. Accordingly a total tax exemption was given covering all eligible taxpayers in this village for the year 1959.

Trade and Commerce.

No co-operatives have been formed in the Ormond division, and there is little prospect for one being initiated during the coming year. Finance is earned mainly from the sale of labour and cash cropping on a small scale. Necessities such as clothing, tools and household equipment are purchased from trade and co-operative stores in the Marshall Lagoon local government council area.

HEALTH & MEDICAL MATTER.

The patrol was accompanied by Native Medical Orderly Kotana, a native of Maopa village. I cannot speak too highly of his enthusiasm and the manner in which he approached his work. Although he has not had a great deal of experience or any advanced training he performed his medical duties satisfactorily. His local knowledge was of assistance to the patrol.

The health of these people was found to be below average. Numerous tropical ulcers, sores, scabies and grilles were treated. More serious cases were requested to report to Rigo hospital, and others to Hula or Maopa aid-posts.

There are no aid-posts in this division, and as distances to medical centres are great the people do not seek attention until a case becomes serious. At the time of writing this report very few of the people told to come to Rigo have done so.

One female death in childbirth was recorded, the child survived and is being cared for by the father. He received fresh milk from the S.D.A. mission, who in turn get it from Paili plantation.

The last medical patrol through the Ormoni was in 1957 conducted by Mr. D.Natt EMA, who conducted the anti-yaws campaign, another patrol would not go amiss.

EDUCATION

The nearest Administration school is at Paramana village in the Marshall Lagoon local government council area, however no students from this area attend.

Education is gained through either the London Missionary Society or the Seven Day Adventist missions. L.M.S. village schools are at Kwaibe and Keogole villages, whilst S.D.A. teachers are stationed at Urigo, Alepa and Dubanatabea villages. A total of 18 boys and 3 girls have graduated from these village schools and are in attendance at mission higher schools, the majority going to Bautama (Bootless Bay) S.D.A. high school.

MISSIONS & RELIGION.

The area is fairly evenly divided between the L.M.S. and S.D.A. missions. Adherence to the churches is confined mainly to the younger generation, the elders conforming only when it suits their ends.

A better and cleaner standard of living was noticed in villages supporting a mission teacher and relations between followers of each faith are quite friendly.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

No vehicular roads are contained within this division. The patrol route followed native paths, which were generally good. However, due to short notice of my arrival and the lack of labour in the villages some paths were overgrown but quite passable. Instructions were left with village officials to keep these tracks at least four feet wide, as the long grass harbours snakes which have caused numerous deaths recently.

Possible road routings were borne in mind throughout the patrol. An internal road system could be considered containing the semi inland villages, with a view to connect this system to K Lebugolo from Urigo. Lebugolo is the end of the road from the site of the Kemp Welch river bridge. The general topography is undulating grass foothills, well drained but therefore many culverts and creek crossings would be encountered. On leaving the semi inland belt, approaching the coast very flat country is encountered. The Kemp Welch and Ormond rivers drain into this area and flooding is not uncommon, it would not be possible to consider vehicular roads through this particular area.

No bridges or administration ferries are located in this area.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

An exceptionally high rainfall was recorded in March/April this year. As a result flooding has occurred on the coastal flats. Many native gardens have suffered, especially those adjacent to the larger streams.

Further inland, however, where the ground is more absorbant and better drained the rain has been beneficial. Prior to this wet season, near drought conditions existed and subsistant crops were declining. At present there is an abundance of foodstuffs and the patrol was well supplied with the following items :- Fruit ; Bananas (cooking and eating) Mango, pineapple, watermelon and citrus fruits. Vegetables:- Pumpkin, echalots, taro, sweet potato, yams, corn and tomatoes.

Cash cropping is slowly being introduced. In the past each village group had a weekly rendezvous place with a coastal village and exchanged vegetables etc. for sea foods. The latest trend is to plant extra gardens for this purpose and in addition to sea foods the people receive cash payments. The coastal people in turn sell this produce at Koki market.

This has been a natural process and as yet is in its infancy, there are indications however that it will expand.

The semi inland area appears suitable for the introduction of peanuts, some have been grown successfully but they are not popular with the people. All prefer to grow bananas and other staples with which they are more intimate.

Rice has been tried previously (see Rigo P/R 5 57/58) but I saw no evidence of this during the patrol. As I am not conversant with rice production I cannot say whether suitable conditions prevail. Mr. J. Nitch the A.E.O. has visited this area recently and has probably investigated the matter thoroughly.

Report on members of the Native Constabulary.

One lance corporal and two constables accompanied the patrol.

L/Cpl. DURA. Reg. No. 1863.

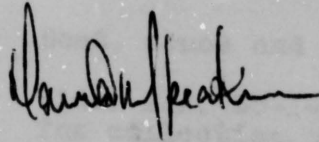
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(David M. SPEAKMAN.)
Officer R.P. & N.C.C.

Sub District Office
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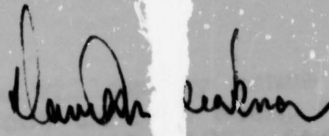
The Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

In accordance with your instructions please find attached in triplicate patrol report 4/58-59 and accompanying map.

Also enclosed is my claim for Camping Allowance and a claim for Boot Allowance for the years 1957 and 1958.

Rigo Patrol Report. No. 4/58-59.

Patrol conducted by : D.M.SPEAKMAN P.O.
Area Patrolled : Ormond Census/Tax Division
Patrol accompanied by
Europeans : Nil
Natives : Police, 1 L/Cpl; 2 Const. 1 N.M.O.
Duration of Patrol : 13.4.59. to 25.4.59.
No. of Days. : Thirteen
Mode of Transport : Boat, canoe and foot.
Object of Patrol : Vide. N.A. 30-I-2/32.
Tax collection, census revision
and routine administration.
Appendices : 'A' Report on Native Constabulary
Map reference ; Attached.


(David M. Speakman)
Patrol Officer.

PATROL REPORT.

INTRODUCTION.

Over the last few years the Inland Ormond Census Division has been visited frequently by Officers from the Departments of Native Affairs, Public Health and Agriculture.

No outstanding events have occurred in this area, all patrols being of a purely routine nature amongst a quiet and friendly people. This Patrol was no exception.

It is the only Rigo patrol undertaken in the wet season, as the area is well drained and affords dry walking conditions. However, this year excessive rains fell in March and April which caused the Kemp Welch and Ormond rivers to flood, hence areas of swamp were traversed at the commencement and towards the completion of the patrol. In fact I had to deviate from the usual route (see map) and go through Paili plantation and Marshall Lagoon Patrol Post to get to Keagolo village, instead of going direct from Bagibogi. In this case the Ormond river was in full flood as heavy rain fell the day before I was due to cross it.

This was my first patrol in the Rigo Sub District, and although short I found it interesting and enjoyable. I was also pleased to have the opportunity of visiting the Marshall Lagoon Local Government Council headquarters and some villages to see for myself the work being done and its various functions. It is hoped that the Rigo Local Governme nt will be Gazetted in the near future.

PATROL DIARY

Monday 13th. April, 1959.

Departed Rigo 0730 hrs. and boarded outboard motor powered canoe 0800 hrs. at Kapakapa. Proceeded to Hula village arriving midday. Hired co-op tractor, Hula village to Kalo village arriving 1400 hrs. Heavy rain and swollen river halted patrol here for this day.

Tuesday 14th. April, 1959.

Departed Kalo village by canoe at 0700 hrs. Left canoe and proceeded on foot through swamp to Kore village. Left Kore village for Kwaibo R/H. Track overgrown and a steep hot climb encountered. Arrived Kwaibo R/H 1300 hrs. Spent afternoon making rest house livable.

Wednesday 15th. April, 1959.

Conducted Tax/Census at Mamalo, Kwaibo, Babagu and Kore villages. Compilation of census figures and heard minor complaints.

Thursday 16th. April, 1959.

Departed Kwaibo R/H 0700 hrs. Hot walk over open undulating grass country to Imairu R/H. Passed through and ^{inspected} Vanua Vamona village en route. Arrived Imairu

R/H 1130 hrs. Inspected village, all in order, conducted routine administration afternoon.

Friday 17th. April, 1959.

Tax/Census Urigo, Vanua Vamona, Imairu and Potuna villages conducted. Compilation of census figures and inspected Urigo and Potuna villages.

Saturday 18th. April, 1959.

Departed Imairu R/H 0700 hrs. for Alepa village. Good track, easy walking with many creek crossings. Arrived Alepa R/H 1000 hrs. Conducted Tax/Census Alepa and Geregagae villages. Compiled statistics pm.

Sunday 19th. April, 1959.

Inspected Alepa village and gardens. Being S.D.A. followers the people agreed to carry to Bagugolo village. Departed Alepa R/H 1400 hrs arrived Bagugolo R/H 1700 hrs. Inspected Geregagae village en route.

Monday 20th. April, 1959.

Tax/Census Bagugolo and Molegoro villages, inspected villages and supervised completion of rest house and barracks. Left Molegoro R/H 1400 hrs. arrived Gorogoruna R/H 1600 hrs. Inspected Konako village en route. Good path easy walking.

Tuesday 21st. April, 1959.

Conducted Tax/Census of Konako, Gorogoruna and Dubanataboa villages. Compiled statistics. Departed Gorogoruna R/H 1400 arrived Bagibogi R/H 1600 hrs. Tax/Census of Bagibogi and Molegoro villages. (Total population only 65 people.) Heavy rain this night.

Wednesday 22nd. April, 1959.

Departed Bagibogi R/H 0700 hrs. Arrived Ormond river 0800 hrs. after having passed through swamp 1-4ft. deep. The Ormond river being impassable the patrol headed Eastward towards Paili plantation. After a further four hours in swamp and teeming rain arrived at Paili at midday. Departed Paili 1400 hrs, and arrived at Marshall Lagoon Patrol Post at 1600 hrs.

Thursday 23rd. April, 1959.

Departed Marshall Lagoon by canoe and headed for Maopa village. Rough seas caused us to land at Paramana village and walk back along the beach to Maopa R/H. Heavy rain again accosted during afternoon and night.

Friday 24th. April, 1959.

Visited Keagolo village, conducted Tax/Census and routine administration, returning to Maopa village the same day. Travel by canoe on the Maurele river and a short walk to the village.

Saturday 25th. April, 1959.

Departed Maopa village 0900 hrs. and arrived Kapakapa wharf 1700 hrs. Travelled via M.V. Kulau this being the most practicable mode of transport, as carriers are hard to obtain in this area and the sea was too rough to attempt the trip on canoe. The Kulau was in the Aroma area collecting co-op copra. Departed Kapakapa 1730 hrs. arriving Rigo 1800 hrs.

Flag honours all camps.

END OF DIARY.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Native Affairs.

The Native situation in this area has been previously described as satisfactory. This is quite true, the people are contented and peaceful, however the area is static in matters pertaining to economic and social development.

The communities, who are only just inland to their rapidly advancing contemporaries in the Marshal Lagoon Local Government Council, are content to remain in their traditional way of life. Although the area has little potential, suggestions as to improvement, development or advancement, are met with bland smiles more or less inferring that we are quite happy as we are.

The introduction of personal tax caused some considerable upheaval amongst these people. The taxable males in order to get money joined the labour market, and went to work at surrounding plantations and in Port Moresby. It can be seen in the section 'Census and Statistics' the large rise in absentees at work. Actually it is far too great, as insufficient numbers are left in the village to utilize the potential available for gaining money in things such as cash cropping and general trade with the coastal villages. The absence of the labour potential, in some villages, is disturbing as unnecessary hardships are being encountered by the remaining people.

There are six linguistic groups in this division namely the Kwaibo, Memeka, Alepa, Ganimarupu and Galirubu dialects. Friendly relationships and intermarriage between these groups is prevalent.

No anthropological data was collected this patrol.

Native complaints.

One Native was charged under section 84(2) of the Native Regulations Ordinance and sent to Rigo for court hearing. He was subsequently sentenced to 5 months I.H.L. at Rigo jail. A few minor disputes were adjudicated in various villages, the main complaint being pigs destroying fences and gardens.

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Villages and Housing.

A contrast in living conditions was noticed within the area patrolled.

The semi coastal villages of Kore, Kwaibo group Molegolo and Bagugolo were most unsatisfactory. Housing was dilapidated, the village surroundings filthy and litter strewn. The rest houses inhabitable except for pigs and fowl which had apparently been housed there prior to the patrols arrival. In these villages orders were issued to the Village constables and Councillors to clean the villages, rebuild various houses, rest houses and barracks. The cleaning of Kwaibo village was personally supervised whilst at Bagugolo a rest house was rebuilt.

The semi inland villages, on the other hand, presented a pleasing disposition. Villages, housing and patrol paths were excellent, the rest houses comfortable and comparatively new.

Village Officials.

The overall standard of the Village constables and Village councillors was poor, few having an active influence in village affairs. The younger and more versatile men do not wish to be tied down in the village as an official, being able to leave the village as one wishes to find employment has far more glamour. The existing officials then are getting on in years and their sole visits to Rigo station per annum is to receive their pay, and their activities in the village is limited to the old mens house.

A councillor was appointed at Kore village, the previous appointee having discarded his badge and gone to Port Moresby to find work. Also a recommendation for the appointment of a Village constable was made at Dubanateboa village. This matter has been referred to the Assistant District Officer at Rigo.

Census and Statistics.

This year Kore village has been included in the Ormond patrol. Previously it was visited for Tax/Census purposes during the Koiari patrol, but having no affiliations with this area it has been excluded. See also Patrol instructions NA 30-I-2/32.

A total of 1610 people were recorded, this being an increase of 63 people since last census. That is a natural increase of 17 people as 46 are from Kore village. 10 villages have increased their numbers, 4 have decreased and 3 have remained static. Births (53) exceeded deaths (43) by 10.

A total of 184 males and 8 females are absent at work this census, this is an increase of 46 from last census, a rise of 30%.

The infant mortality rate is very low, however, I think the people did not report the children who were born and since deceased between census taking. In the 1-4 years age group 13 deaths were recorded, again an increase on previous figures. The main causes of death- all age groups- were. old age, malaria, influenza/pneumonia and snake bite in

approximately that order.

Finance and Taxation.

1. Finance.

A cash advance of £50.0.0. was fully used for hire of canoes etc. and payment of carriers.

A total of £5-16-10 was paid from the Native Monies Trust Account.

No banking transactions or other collections were partaken.

ii. Taxation.

£174-0-0 personal tax was collected. Part exemptions were given to persons with numerous dependents. Total exemptions were given for impecunious old age, village officials and meritorious unavoidable hardship cases.

Ability to pay : In 1958 the tax assessment was £2, however the area has now been gazetted for £1. This is reasonable and the people can afford this amount without suffering any financial difficulties.

Attitude to payment : Taxation has been accepted by these people, and there is an understanding as to why the tax is being levied. There were no cases of reluctance to pay or any adverse talk as to its imposition.

In February this year, Alepa village was destroyed by fire. The villagers lost their possessions, houses and gardens in the tragedy. Accordingly a total tax exemption was given covering all eligible taxpayers in this village for the year 1959.

Trade and Commerce.

No co-operatives have been formed in the Ormond division, and there is little prospect for one being initiated during the coming year. Finance is earned mainly from the sale of labour and cash cropping on a small scale. Necessities such as clothing, tools and household equipment are purchased from trade and co-operative stores in the Marshall Lagoon local government council area.

HEALTH & MEDICAL MATTERS.

The patrol was accompanied by Native Medical Orderly Kotana, a native of Maopa village. I cannot speak too highly of his enthusiasm and the manner in which he approached his work. Although he has not had a great deal of experience or any advanced training he performed his medical duties satisfactorily. His local knowledge was of assistance to the patrol.

The health of these people was found to be below average. Numerous tropical ulcers, sores, scabies and grille were treated. More serious cases were requested to report to Rigo hospital, and others to Hula or Maopa aid-posts.

There are no aid-posts in this division, and as distances to medical centres are great the people do not seek attention until a case becomes serious. At the time of writing this report very few of the people told to come to Rigo have done so.

One female death in childbirth was recorded, the child survived and is being cared for by the father. He received fresh milk from the S.D.A. mission, who in turn get it from Paili plantation.

The last medical patrol through the Ormond was in 1957 conducted by Mr. D. Nat̄t EMA, who conducted the anti-yaws campaign, another patrol would not go amiss.

EDUCATION

The nearest Administration school is at Paramana village in the Marshall Lagoon local government council area, however no students from this area attend.

Education is gained through either the London Missionary Society or the Seven Day Adventist missions. L.M.S. village schools are at Kwaibo and Keogolo villages, whilst S.D.A. teachers are stationed at Urigo, Alepa and Dubanatabea villages. A total of 18 boys and 3 girls have graduated from these village schools and are in attendance at mission higher schools, the majority going to Pautama (Bootless Bay) S.D.A. high school.

MISSIONS & RELIGION.

The area is fairly evenly divided between the L.M.S. and S.D.A. missions. Adherence to the churches is confined mainly to the younger generation, the elders conforming only when it suits their ends.

A better and cleaner standard of living was noticed in villages supporting a mission teacher and relations between followers of each faith are quite friendly.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

No vehicular roads are contained within this division. The patrol route followed native paths, which were generally good. However, due to short notice of my arrival and the lack of labour in the villages some paths were overgrown but quite passable. Instructions were left with village officials to keep these tracks at least four feet wide, as the long grass harbours snakes which have caused numerous deaths recently.

Possible road routings were borne in mind throughout the patrol. An internal road system could be considered containing the semi inland villages, with a view to connect this system to X Lebugolo from Urigo. Lebugolo is the end of the road from the site of the Kemp Welch river bridge. The general topography is undulating grass foothills, well drained but therefore many culverts and creek crossings would be encountered. On leaving the semi inland belt, approaching the coast very flat country is encountered. The Kemp Welch and Ormond rivers drain into this area and flooding is not uncommon, it would not be possible to consider vehicular roads through this particular area.

No bridges or administration ferries are located in this area.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

An exceptionally high rainfall was recorded in March/April this year. As a result flooding has occurred on the coastal flats. Many native gardens have suffered, especially those adjacent to the larger streams.

Further inland, however, where the ground is more absorbant and better drained the rain has been beneficial. Prior to this wet season, near drought conditions existed and subsistant crops were declining. At present there is an abundance of foodstuffs and the patrol was well supplied with the following items :- Fruit ; Bananas (cooking and eating) Mango, pineapple, watermelon and citrus fruits. Vegetables:- Pumpkin, echallots, taro, sweet potato, yams, corn and tomatoes.

Cash cropping is slowly being introduced. In the past each village group had a weekly rendezvous place with a coastal village and exchanged vegetables ect. for sea foods. The latest trend is to plant extra gardens for this purpose and in addition to sea foods the people receive cash payments. The coastal people in turn sell this produce at Koki market.

This has been a natural process and as yet is in its infancy, there are indications however that it will expand.

The semi inland area appears suitable for the introduction of peanuts, some have been grown successfully but they are not popular with the people. All prefer to grow bananas and other staples with which they are more intimate.

Rice has been tried previously (see Rigo P/R 5 57/58) but I saw no evidence of this during the patrol. As I am not conversant with rice production I cannot say whether suitable conditions prevail. Mr. J. Nitché the A.E.O. has visited this area recently and has probably investigated the matter thoroughly.

Report on members of the Native Constabulary.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of CENTRAL RIGO Report No. 5/58-59

Patrol Conducted by D.M. SPEAKMAN, P.O.

Area Patrolled MT. BROWN CENSUS/TAX CR9 DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 3 MEMBERS RP&NGC 1 NMO

Duration—From 25/5/1959 to 12/6/1959

Number of Days 19

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6/1958

Medical 9/1958

Map Reference PT MORESBY 4 MIL PROVISIONAL STRAT. SERIES

Objects of Patrol TAX COLLECTION, CENSUS REVISION AND
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

N.M.T.A. £24-16-8

Population Register

Area Patrolled **MT. BROWN** **CR9**

Females in Child Birth	MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
	In		Out		AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age		Child		Adults		
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Village Popula

Year.....**1959**.....

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BOLAKMANA	"	1	1																			
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TAUKOMANA	"	2				1																
KORAKOMANA	"	2	1	1																		
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GAVAGORO	"	2		1																		1
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Population Register

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No.30-1-112

Department of Native Affairs,
ROCKHAMPTON,
KONEDOBU.

1st September, 1959.



The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report - RIGO - 5/58-59.

The improvement in the attitude of the Mt. Brown people is noted with pleasure.

The Report discloses that Mr. Speakman has concluded much hard work with efficiency, and has reported his findings in a clear and concise manner.

As you suggest, economic development together with improvement in communications could result in a better standard of living for these people.

(A.A. Roberts)
A.A. Roberts
DIRECTOR.

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For your information

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10th July, 1959.

DMR/MR

Assistant District Officer,
HIGG.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5/52-59 - MR. D. M. STAMMAN

A good routine patrol which gives a very clear picture of the coming awareness of these people.

There does not appear to be much hope of a surveyor for the land dispute at present, and you should ask Mr. Rosser to forbear from any precipitous action with his bulldozer.

I am perturbed about the lack of support from the medical orderly. Please try and establish better relations between him and the people. Medical aid is basic if we wish to advance them.

The Agricultural Extension Officer will, I hope, take a very direct interest in the BONGAIWA lesson. It is imperative that these people set a good example for other natives to follow in the future.

(D. P. MARSH)
DISTRICT OFFICER

c.c. Mr. D.M. Spelman, ABAM. (att).

DMR/MR

10/7/59

FILE FIG. P. R. NO. 5-52/59

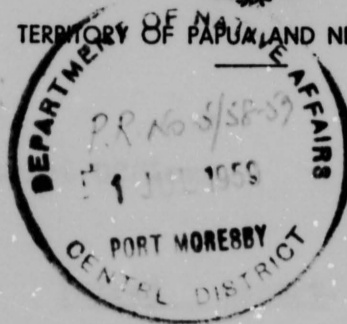
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
WINDHOLE.

For your information, please.

(D. P. MARSH)
DISTRICT OFFICER

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No. NA: 30-1-2/40.

Sub-District Office,
R I G O.
Central District.

25th June, 1959.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT RIGO 5/58-59
- MT. BROWN.

Enclosed is the above mentioned report of a Patrol conducted by Mr. D.M. Speakman Patrol Officer to the Mt. Brown Census/Tax Division.

2. In my Annual Report of 1957-58 I made mention that owing to Agricultural frustrations etc. this Division could become a problematical one. It is pleasing to note in Mr. Patrol Officer Speakman's report that the effects of the introduction of rice, peanuts and produce sales have had an ameliorating effect and the area is once more in the satisfactory and happy state generally associated with the Mt. Brown people. With the commencement of the Kemp Welch River Bridge a greater impetus will be placed on roads which will enable these people to play a bigger part in the economy of Rigo.
3. The position in regards to the incorporation of Baukomana and Libunakomana into the Mt. Brown will be looked into during the next patrol of the Mt. Obree which is due to commence in July. Another pleasing feature is the housing position in the villages. Slowly but surely living conditions are being raised and it shouldn't be long before these people are enjoying comparable conditions of living with the lower Mt. Obree villages. An increase in population was again recorded and although it is only a small increase any increase is an achievement in the Mt. Brown.
4. Requests from this Office and from Mr. T.F. Rosser regarding the Sivitatana, Sivigolo land dispute have not been successful in obtaining the services of a Surveyor. I feel that under the existing circumstances a Surveyor, rather than an Officer of Native Affairs, is required. I have heard that Mr. Rosser intends putting his Bulldozer to work clearing the boundaries of his property during July. I have advised against such action, until a Surveyor has located the boundaries.
5. The report has been well presented and all told Mr. Speakman has carried out a routine patrol in an efficient and capable manner. Camping Allowance Claim is attached, Mr. Speakman is proceeding to Abau and it would be appreciated if the approved claim could be forwarded to Abau.

(E. S. Sharp)
a/Assistant District Officer.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Sub District Office
R I G O. C.D.

19th. June, 1959.

The Assistant District Officer,
RIG O.

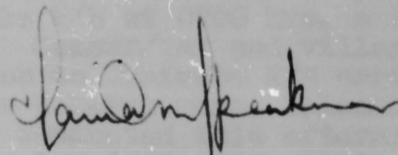
Patrol Report.

In accordance with your instructions please find attached in triplicate Patrol Report No. 5/58-59 and accompanying map.

Also enclosed is my claim for camping allowance covering the period I was absent on patrol.

Rigo Patrol Report. No. 5/58-59.

Patrol conducted by : D. M. Speakman P.O.
Area patrolled : Mt. Brown Census/Tax Division
Patrol accompanied by
 Europeans : Nil
 Natives : Police, 1 L/Cpl; 2 Const. 1 NMO.
Duration of Patrol : 25.5.59 to 13.6.59.
Number of Days : Nineteen.
Mode of Transport : Lorry and foot.
Object of Patrol : Vide NA 30-I-2/37
Tax collection, census revision
and routine administration.
Appendices : Report on Native Constabulary.
Map reference : Attached.



(David M. SPEAKMAN)
Patrol Officer.

PATROL REPORT.

INTRODUCTION.

Prior to 1957 the Mt. Brown census division was visited only at infrequent intervals.. However, over the last three years the Departments of Native Affairs, Public Health and Agriculture Have conducted regular patrols.

The initial Census/Tax patrol was conducted in May-June 1958 by Mr. B. Anderson C.P.O. This patrol was then the second tax collection, and the people were fully prepared and conversant with the new procedure.

The Mt. Brown division is a fully inland area reaching into the ranges of the Owen Stanley mountains. It is the catchment area for the Ormond River, and walking conditions vary from slightly timbered foothills to heavily timbered mountain slopes.

The patrol was of a routine nature, the people friendly and co-operative, one Court for Native Matters was adjudicated and a few domestic disputes settled. Patrol roads and tracks were all found to be in good condition.

PATROL DIARY.

Monday 25th. May, 1959.

Departed Rigo station at 0800 hrs. by government vehicle. Crossed the Kemp Welch River by canoe near Sivigolo plantation and proceeded on foot to Sivitatana village arriving at noon.

Conducted Census/Tax of Sivitatana people and inspected village. Village clean and tidy, Rest House good but police barracks in poor condition. Light rain in evening, slept here this night.

Tuesday 26th. May 1959.

Departed Sivitatana R/H at 0700 hrs. Route ascended steeply to Mukunaroکا village. Arrived R/H at 1030. Inspected village and gardens. Afternoon conducted census and collected tax. Heavy rain in evening, remained night at R/H.

Wednesday 27th. May, 1959.

Left Mukunaroکا R/H at 0700 hrs. a hard 1 hr. 40 mins to Obakigolo village. Census/Tax and village inspection at Obakigolo conducted, then on to Kwairobu R/H arriving at 1130. Kwairobu is the R/H for Dakevakomana, Bolenoma and Ganigiu villages. Census/tax conducted this afternoon for these villages, and the latter two inspected. All satisfactory, no disputes a very pleasant spot.

Thursday 28th. May, 1959.

Departed Kwairobu R/H at 0730 hrs. passed through

and inspected Dekevekomena village, then on to Dirikomena village. Conducted Census/Tax of people in village then proceeded to Bobogoro R/H.

Afternoon conducted Census/Tax of Galgoro, Mulmagoro and Bobogoro villages at R/H. Inspected village and Wige Aid-Post. All in good order, some minor disputes settled.

Friday 29th. May, 1959.

Left Bobogoro R/H at 0830 hrs, steep descent to river then vertically up to Onemagoro village arriving at 0930. Conducted Census/Tax of this small hamlet and departed at 1030. Deviated from patrol route to inspect Ioromakomena village, a poor track but the village compensated this. A relatively new village, very clean with excellent accommodation and surrounded by colorful flowers and shrubs. Another 1 1/2 hrs. from here to Bumegolo R/H.

Census/Tax of Wibogoro, Aruo-Idu, Bumegolo, Ioromakomena, Ub/regoro and Kemokomena villages conducted at Bumegolo R/H. Stayed here this night.

Saturday 30th. May, 1959.

Morning spent at Bumegolo R/H compiling census statistics. One court for Native Matters heard. Left Bumegolo R/H at 1330 hrs. for the Marounom group of villages. Passed through and inspected Senemake village en route and arrived Marounom R/H at 1550 hrs. Slept.

Sunday 31st. May, 1959.

All Patrol rested at Marounom. Self, visited villages and gardens, all found to be in good order.

Monday 1st. June, 1959.

Census/Tax of Senemake and Marounom group (Gorugoro, Karatvoro and Amuramu) conducted at R/H. Afternoon departed Homenomu, conducting Census/Tax at Igula village en route. Arrived Homenomu R/H at 1600 hrs. An excellent R/H just finished, stayed here this night.

Tuesday 2nd. June, 1959.

At Homenomu. Census/Tax of Gunala, Homenomu, Senoum and Mararoum No. 1. P.m. compilation of statistics and routine administration. Villages inspected, accommodation poor standard yet clean and tidy. Slept at Homenomu.

Wednesday 3rd. June, 1959.

Left Homenomu R/H at 0730 hrs. for Alriauka village arriving at 0815. Village inspected and Census/Tax conducted of the Alriauka and Himel'ia peoples. Moved on to Balidoburu R/H, a three hours walk on a steep track. Arrived Buridoburu, inspected village and garden sites. A few minor disputes settled. Heavy rain in evening, stayed here this night.

Thursday 4th. June, 1959.

at Balidoburu R/H. Census/Tax of

Bulidoburu, Mararoum No.2 and Waburaika people. Compiled statistics and other routine administration conducted. Remained here this night.

Friday 5th. June, 1959.

Departed Bulidoburu R/H at 0800 hrs. Followed river for 2½ hrs. then sharp climb to Kaikonom village in the Mt. Obree census division. Changed carriers here then another 2½ hrs. over bad track to the Doroum group of villages. Arrived Amuraika R/H at 1420 hrs. Routine administration and remained here this night.

Saturday 6th. June, 1959.

At Amuraika R/H. Conducted Census/Tax of Aramaika, Taburaika and Amuraika people. Afternoon compiled census statistics and attended minor disputes. Rain in evening, slept here this night.

Sunday 7th. June, 1959.

Patrol rested at Amuraika R/H. Some gardens visited and village inspected by self. All found to be in good condition. Discussions with village officials.

Monday 8th. June, 1959.

Departed Amuraika R/H at 0800 hrs. arriving Karaikomana R/H at 1130. En route passed through Baukomana and Libunakomana villages and Boku mission (at present vacated). These people request to be included in the Mt. Brown patrol -see notes on Native Affairs. All villages inspected and found satisfactory.

Afternoon Census/Tax of Karaikomana and Gobukomana people. Some minor complaints attended to. Slept here this night.

Tuesday 9th. June, 1959.

Left Karaikomana R/H at 0800 hrs. Carriers went direct to Nogomaka R/H. N.M.O. and self went via the hamlets of Taitokomana, Koworokomana, Lautakomana, Gogorekomana and Bolokomana. Each village is very small, and within 20 minutes walk of each other. All hamlets in satisfactory order, Census/Tax conducted at each. Arrived Nogomaka R/H at 1500 hrs. Stayed here this night.

Wednesday 10th. June, 1959.

At Nogomaka R/H. Census/Tax of Nogomaka, Tuakomana and Korakomana villages conducted. Compilation of census statistics. Inspected villages and conducted routine administration. Slept here again this night.

Thursday 11th. June, 1959.

Departed Nogomaka R/H at 0700 hrs. arrived Wainom village at 0800. Census/Tax conducted then on to Alebagiu R/H arriving at 1000. Census/Tax of Alebagiu and Gavagolo people. Departed at midday and arrived at Daroakamana village at 1430. A long hot walk through open grass hills. Compilation of census figures etc. Slept here this night. A new Rest House constructed here as well as many new houses in the village. Village Councillor told to go to Rigo for payment of R/H on completion of police quarters.

Friday 12th. June, 1959.

Census/Tax of Darookomana people conducted. Left for Boregaina Village arriving at 1030. Met Mr. J. Nitsche A.A.O. of Kaperege and Mr. F. Anderson C.P.O. here. A meeting of surrounding Villages was held re the supply of foodstuffs for Port Moresby. Afternoon returned to Rigo by motor bike.

Flag honours all camps.

END OF DIARY.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

General.

Throughout this division it was pleasing to find the interest being taken by the people in all facets of administration. All matters pertaining to the Department of Native Affairs were found to be satisfactory.

The Mt. Brown' has been regarded in the past - and still is by some coastal Villages- as an unintelligent and backward person from the bush. This however, is no longer true. The majority of the people have at some time worked and travelled around the Territory, and have brought back many ideas which they are putting to work in their 'bush' Villages. I would like to make special mention of the various Mt. Brown Village constables and councillors, who during 1957-58 officially toured the New Guinea highland areas to see various agricultural schemes functioning there. They have without exception gained much valuable knowledge, which they could have gained through no other medium. More important I think is that this group of people, who are more or less obliged to stay in their respective Villages, are developing many garden plots with emphasis on coffee, peanuts and rice. New buildings and Villages are being constructed and it was noted that many traditional methods are being discarded for more progressive ideas.

Naturally the people in the areas closer to the Kemp Welch River are progressing at a rate faster than the upper Mt. Brown region. The main reasons being plain, they are able to transport produce by road both in and out of the area, thereby having continual first-hand experiences in economical procedure and various developments. Boregaina Village is included in the proposed Rigo Native Local Government Council, and from present indications the lower Mt. Brown can be considered as the next in line for future council expansion.

There are seven linguistic groups found in the division, and friendly relations and social intercourse exists between each dialect. No anthropological data yet recorded previously was collected.

Native Complaints and Inquiries.

Many requests for the issue of Special Arms Permits were made through the course of the patrol. Only four deserving cases were found, in each case a recommendation was made to the Assistant District Officer Rigo for the issue of same.

The Natives of Sivitatana village complained that Sivigolo plantation is encroaching on their property, removing timber and destroying gardens. This was investigated and it is doubtful that the complaint has any foundation. The matter is subject to previous correspondence which has not been finalized to date.

A number of domestic troubles were brought forward and invariably a peaceful solution was found and accepted by the people concerned.

One Court for Native Matters was conducted at Bumegolo rest house. A brawl involving three natives had occurred prior to my arrival at Mamatagoro village, the Village Constable subsequently laying the complaint. Two males were sentenced to three months and a third to two months IHL at Rigo Corrective Institution.

Villages and Housing.

Having been given over a weeks notice of my arrival, the villages and their surroundings were meticulously cleaned and in many cases decorated. The standard of accommodation within the villages was generally very good, and previous instructions by patrolling officers had been carried out fully.

Rest houses, with one exception at Buridoburu, were excellent. At Homenomu, Daroakomana and Nogomaka villages new rest houses have been constructed, a very creditable job by these people, especially Homenomu villagers who have erected probably the best rest house in the Sub-District. Unfortunately the same cannot be said for the police barracks, the comfort of the police and other patrol personnel is not considered. Requests were made in various villages to repair and reconstruct some of the existing barracks.

Amalgamation of smaller hamlets is progressing rapidly by natural processes. Karaiworo, Gorogoro and Amuraimu villages have joined to form Marounom village; Taburoika, Amuraika and Amaraika hamlets have joined to form Amuraika (or Doroum) village. In the latter case the people have requested the census books be recorded into one book and a Village Constable elected for the village. There are now 156 people in the village and no V.C. At present the village is under the control of the Efaika V.C. from the Mt. Obree census division.

Representations were made by the people of the villages of Baukowena and Iibunakowena, who are at present in the Mt. Obree census division, to be included in the Mt. Brown census division. The reasons being (i) They are closely affiliated with Gobukomana, Karaikonana and other Mt. Brown villages. (ii) the present system requires two rest houses within half an hour walking time of each other, whilst one would suffice if these villages were included. (iii) The route of the Mt. Brown patrol at present goes through these two cases. (iv) The people desire the change and say it would alleviate road clearing and carrying for themselves, also it would make the Mt. Obree patrol route shorter.

Village Officials.

A responsible and hardworking man, is typical of comments recorded of a Mt. Brown village official. All village Constables are conducting their duties well and councillors

controlling the hamlets are reliable. Only one incident of a councillor being absent was noticed, usually they joined the patrol the day before its arrival at their village and followed on for the next day or two.

As mentioned previously, a lot of village officials are at present using ideas they gained from their visit to New Guinea, many queries were received as to the chances of another tour.

A recommendation was made for the appointment of a Village Constable at Amuraika village, the matter has been referred to the Assitant District Officer at Rigo.

Census and Statistics.

This year Boragaina village was excluded, and the census figures not taken. This village will be included in the Rigo Native Local Government Council which should be started shortly, hence census and tax collection has been deferred until the council is functioning.

A total of 3015 people were recorded, this being a natural increase of 40 persons since last census. 24 villages increased their numbers, 15 decreased whilst 9 remained static. Births (105) exceeded deaths (56) by 39. As can be seen there is an overall upward trend in population.

A total of 4 375 men and 45 women are absent from the area at work. This is a rise of over 50 since last year. For males the percentage of the labour potential absent is 44% , a rather high number. However, as many are working at various plantations on the Kemp Welch River, they visit their villages regularly during the course of a year.

The Infant Mortality rate as far as can be ascertained of this area is 11%. This is a decrease from previous figures, however it is likely that some children who were born and since deceased between census taking were not recorded.

TAXATION and FINANCE.

Taxation.

The Mt. Brown area has been divided into the Upper and Lower regions, the tax recommendations for 159 was £1 and £2 respectively. It was found that £2 was too much for the people in most villages, and many part exemptions were issued. The taxable males remaining in the the villages, are usually village officials, elderly or supporters of large families, that is people who have very little income. The younger men with no obligations go to work and can well afford £2.

A total of £326-10-0 personal tax was collected and a total of 260 exemptions (Part and Total) issued. Total exemptions were given for impecunious old age, village officials and the permanently unfit. Part exemptions were given for meritorious cases of unavavoidable hardship and gardians of large families.

Attitude to payment: Taxation has been accepted by these people, and there is an understanding as to why the tax is being levied. There were no cases of reluctance to pay or any adverse talk as to its imposition.

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Finance.

A cash advance of £40-0-0. was taken for patrol expenses. £37-2-0. was acquitted by voucher and the remaining cash returned.

A total of £24-16-8 was paid from the Native Monies Trust Account. No banking transactions or other collections were partaken.

TRADE and COMMERSE.

The Sinagoro co-operative society is opper-ating in parts of the lower Mt. Brown region. Mr. M.Keary made investigations in the Boragaina area in April this year for the commencement of a new society. There are indications that co-operative movements will spread further inland in the near future

Finance is earned mainly from the sale of labour and cash cropping. Necessities such as clothing, tools and household equipment are purchases from trade and co-operative stores in the Rigo area.

HEALTH and MEDICAL MATTERS.

The patrol was accompanied by Native Medical Orderly Jack Boiga, a native from Bobogoro village. At all times he conducted himself well and did a sterling job. He has had considerable experience and his local knowledge was of assistance to the patrol.

In the lower Mt. Brown the health of the people was generally good. However, in the upper regions this was not so. Numerous people were treated and many told to report to Wiga and Boragaina Aid-Posts or to Rigo hospital. Tropical ulcers, septic sores, goitre, lacerations and tinea imbricator were prevelant.

The ECHO6 virus has raged through the area, returning labour and the close proximity of Port Moresby gave them little protection from the sickness. A few cases of whooping cough were reported.

Aid-Posts are situated at Boregaina, Wiga (Bobogoro) and Marounom villages. The Boregaina post is functioning well. The same cannot be said of the cther two. At Wigo the NMO has many complaints. Firstly he does not not like the area and secondly the people are not co-operating with him. The villagers have not organized trips to Rigo for medical supplies or rations for quite a long time. This is the reason that the Morounom Aid-Post was closed down earlier this year.

At both Bobogoro and Marounom villages, meetings were held of all the people and discussions held re the upkeep of these Aid-Posts. It was agreed that the people want and need the posts and in return they are willing to loan land to the orderly to grow food, and make monthly trips to Rigo for medical supplies.

MISSIONS.

The London Missionery Society is the only active mission in the Mt. Brown division. Most villages have at least one representative and a mission teacher (usually a coastal man) at each school. Most people take an active interest in the mission and church attendance is regular.

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EDUCATION.

No Government schools have been opened here. There is a move afoot to establish one at Boragaina, and when started many children would attend from the Mt. Brown division.

L.M.S. schools are situated at the following villages :- Boragaina, Sivitatana, Bobogoro, Dakevakomana, Marcounon, Homenomu, Bulidoburu, Efaika, Libunakomana and Nogomaka. On attaining standard II at one of these schools the pupil either continues at a mission higher school in Port Moresby or the Government intermediate school at Rigo.

It was pleasing to note the large percentage of children at village schools and also the numbers continuing on to higher standards.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

Mr. J. Nitsche the Assistant Agricultural Officer of Kapergere, patrolled the Mt. Brown division a week or so ahead of my patrol. His report will be submitted shortly.

From my own observations I found evidence of a growing interest by these people towards crop production. Many villages have garden plots exclusively for rice, coffee and peanuts, after harvesting the produce is being taken to the Agricultural station for various processes. In most villages the A.A.O.'s instructions and suggestions are being carried out fully.

There has been an abundance of foodstuffs this year, and the patrol was well supplied with the following items :- Sweet potatoes, tomatoes, yams taro, eschallots, bananas, pineapple, paw-paw, oranges, mandarins, lemons and other seasonal crops.

A co-operative movement is being formed in the lower Mt. Brown to supply Port Moresby with a quantity of fruit and vegetables. The scheme is at present being instituted by the A.A.O. and Mr. F. Anderson CPO.

At Boku village a number of rubber trees were planted some years ago. The people have been given the necessary tools for tapping and a market for latex has been offered by Gobaragere plantation. Most of the people have had plenty of experience with rubber tapping, yet they have done absolutely nothing towards commencement of production. The people were told that there is money to be made here for the minimum of effort.

Generally speaking I think the Mt. Brown area has considerable agricultural potential, and with continued supervision and encouragement the people could become large producers with an aim to supply coastal areas with vegetables and fruit.

ROADS and BRIDGES

At present the only road in this division is from Kapergere Agricultural station to Boragaina village, and in part to Darokomana village.

The patrol route follows native tracks, usually straight lines between villages, hence most walking is up and down steep grades. With one or two exceptions the patrol tracks were well kept and afforded good walking conditions for the nature of the country traversed.

(Roads and bridges cont.)

Future road routings will not be an easy job, as creeks and large streams drain the area. The only bridges at the moment are native structures which disappear downstream each flood.

APPENDIX 'A'

Report on members of the Native Constabulary.

One Lance Corporal and two Constables accompanied the patrol.

Reg. No. 5129 L/Cpl. BAGANI.

Conducted his duties well. A satisfactory N.C.O., conduct and bearing good.

Reg. No. 8021 Const. KELEMU.

Not impressive, but carried out all allotted duties. Conduct good.

Reg. No. 9915 Const. BENIAS.

A real asset to the patrol. Always enthusiastic and capable. Conduct and Bearing excellent.

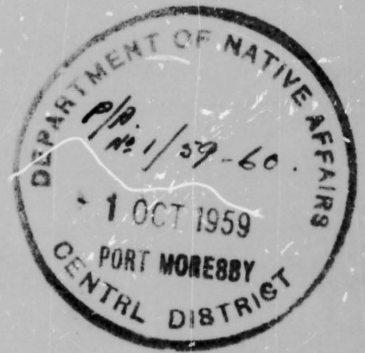
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Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of CENTRAL - RIGO Report No. RIGO 1/59-60

Patrol Conducted by G.F. BOOTH, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled MOUNT OBRBE

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 3 POLICE, 1 INTERPRETER, 1 MEDICAL ORDERLY

Duration—From 29/7/1959 to 18/8/1959

Number of Days 19

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services AVE /1959

Medical OCT/NOV /18 1959

Map Reference PORT MORESBY 4 MILE SERIES

Objects of Patrol TAX COLLECTION

CENSUS REVISION AND ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

8/10/1959

[Signature]
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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DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 2/59-60 Sub-District RIGO District CENTRAL
 Officer Conducting Patrol G. F. BOOTH Patrol Officer
 Census Division Patrolled MT. OBREE
 Objects of Patrol Tax collection; Census Revision and Routine Administration.
 Date Patrol Commenced 29th July, 1959 Date Completed 16th August, 1959.
 Duration—days Nineteen days.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

Coffee Planting: 17-2-1/35 of 24th August, 1959.

Aid Posts: 16-1-1/24 of 24th August, 1959.

Co-operatives: 41-1-1/37 of 24th August, 1959.

G. F. Booth
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.

D. K. ...
District Officer.

DIARY:

Wednesday 29th July: Departed RIGO for BOREGAINA by Land Rover. Crossed Kemp Welch River near Gobaragere Estate, then along a good track to BOREGAINA. Inspected village - housing large and substantial, area quite tidy. No census revision or tax collection here, this village has been included in the newly formed RIGO Native Local Government Council. Arranged for carriers for to-morrow.

Thursday 30th July: Departed BOREGAINA at 0720 for GEVERAGORO. Track overgrown and neglected until GEVERAGORO mark reached. Instructions given for the track to be maintained regularly. Arrived GEVERAGORO at 1015. New village being constructed, work proceeding very slowly. Some orders re housing given. People encouraged to complete their village with a minimum of delay. On to KOKOROGORO Rest House by 1105. Census and tax collection - GEVERAGORO £8 collected; population static. KOKOROGORO £16 collected. Population increase of 5.3%. 50% of able bodied males away at work. Inspected KOKOROGORO - quite satisfactory despite the very poor nature of the site. Health generally satisfactory - several goitre cases directed to RIGO Hospital. Lot of coffee under cultivation - people have only a meagre knowledge of the crop. Technical assistance needed urgently. My 17-2-1/35 of the 24th August, 1959 refers.

Friday 31st July: Away at 0710 along a good track to DEBADAGORO. Arrived at 0745. Village tidy and housing adequate. Census and tax - £9 collected. Population increase of 2%. 63% of able bodied males away at work. Many communal coffee plots here - people keen to plant coffee in individual plots. Some uncertainty about how to plant coffee, and no appreciation of the need for shade. 0905 on to LIBUNAKOMANA. Arrived 1000. Good track. Tax/census - £13 collected. 48% able bodied males away at work. Population increase by 3.4%. Village satisfactory. Site very poor. Health good. Many requests for shotgun permits. Coffee cultivation beset with the same problems, lack of knowledge about the crop. People keen to increase plantings.

Saturday 1st August: Departed at 0720 for BAUKOMANA. Arrived at 0750. Village clean and housing satisfactory. Tax/census - £9 collected; 1.7% increase in population. 0900 on to EFAIKA, arrived at 1000. Village ideally sited on flat ground near river. Housing very good but other aspects of village poor. Instructions given to bring the area up to standard. EFAIKA village now combined with GOBUNAIKA and AUDWIKA. Villages of WAUBAIKA and WAREIKA now combined on a new site near to EFAIKA. Combined tax/census - £15.10.0 collected. 1.4% population increase. 62.7% able bodied males away at work.

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Saturday 1st August: Contd.

Several children with suspected T.B. glands directed to RIGO Hospital otherwise general health satisfactory. Substantial Aid Post maintained here but is at present un-manned. Considerable group activity in this area. Large numbers of men away at work and the balance combine in most work. Coffee being grown.

Sunday 2nd August: Remained at EPAIKA.

Talks with the people about cash crops. Encouraged the planting of coffee in individual plots. Several minor disputes settled amicably.

Monday 3rd August: Away at 0715. Passed through the villages of TABUROIKA, AMURAIKA and ARAMAIKA. No tax/census as these villages are in the Mt. Brown Division. Discussions with village officials. Issued instructions about the disposal of rubbish.

More requests for shotgun permits. On to KAIKANOMU at 0855, arrived 1005. Village in good order. Rest House in poor condition. Not much manpower here and roads in surprisingly good state. Tax/census - £5 collected. Population increase of 15%. 66% of able bodied males away at work. Coffee being grown here, same problems encountered.

Tuesday 4th August: Departed at 0720 for TOMOROVANUA. Road in very poor condition near KABATIKA hamlet. Instructions given for road to be recut and regularly maintained. Arrived TOMOROVANUA at 0910. Village in very satisfactory order. Good Rest House here. Tax/census - £13 collected. Population increase of 1.3%. 54% able bodied males away at work. Court for Native Matters held - three men convicted. Coffee being grown here.

Wednesday 5th August: Away at 0720 to LOFAIKA. Followed good track until village reached at 0920. Tax/census - £10 collected. 10.3% increase in population. 18% able bodied males away at work. Village clean and attractive, housing adequate. 1020 moved on to the composite village of BADAIKA, ADARAICA and ERENAIKA. Arrived at 1045. Tax/census - £16 collected. 3.3% decrease in population. 20.8% able bodied males away at work. Village in most satisfactory order. Housing apparently much improved. Good Rest House and Barracks maintained. People keen to increase their coffee plantings.

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NEMONOMO village situated nearby.

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BULIDOBU village is being moved a short distance up river and NEMONOMO is being moved closer to this new site.

Lot of cash cropping in this area; peanuts, rice and now coffee.

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Village in satisfactory order.

Tax/census - £9 collected. 2% population increase. 35.7% of able bodied males away at work.

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Village very clean, housing quite good.

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Rafted on to GAUNOMU; WAIRADOBU village nearby.

Tax/census - £21 collected. 4.4% increase in population. 39% of able bodied males away at work.

Villages in very good order.

Lot of uncertainty here about which roads should be maintained.

The position was clarified and definite instructions given.

Many disputes brought forward. Some were settled satisfactorily, others held over for further action at RIGO.

Coffee being grown here; people have little appreciation of the need for shade.

Sunday 16th August: Departed by raft at 0650. Arrived KUALE at 0750.

No census or tax here, this village is in the Rigo Native Local Government Council.

Rafted on to KAREKADOBU...similar position here.

Conditions quite satisfactory at both villages.

On by raft to Gobaragere landing by 1100.

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---End of Patrol---

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Mt OORE - RICO

Year... 1959/60

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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL						
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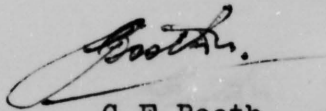
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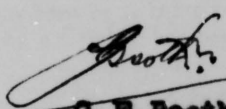
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Officer Conducting Patrol G. F. BOOTH Patrol Officer.
Census Division Patrolled MOUNT OBREE.
Objects of Patrol Tax Collection.
Census Revision.
Routine Administration.
Date Patrol Commenced 29th July, 1959 Date Completed 16th August, 1959.
Duration—days Nineteen (19).

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

Coffee planting: 17-2-1/35 of 24th August, 1959
Aid Posts: 16-1-1/24 of 24th August, 1959
Co-operatives: 41-1-1/37 of 24th August, 1959

G. F. Booth
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.

[Signature]
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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27th July, 1959.

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RIGO.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - MT. OBREE CR11.

You will prepare for a routine Census/Tax patrol to the Mount Obree Census/Tax Division. Departure date should be Wednesday 29th July.

During the course of the patrol, which should be of approximately 20 to 21 days duration the following is to be achieved or followed:-

- (a) Revise census and collect tax, refer to me re rates.
- (b) Attend to outstanding queries and/or complaints.
- (c) Hear any Native Courts within your jurisdiction.
- (d) Ascertain existing economic crops planted, and approximate acreages or numbers.
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- (f) Take a N.M.O. with you for Health inspections.
- (g) Investigate position regarding Aid Post at Dorobisoro, and work out a Village roster for carrying of Medical supplies.
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- (m) Obtain a monetary allowance of fifty pounds (£50) for carrier payment.

Wishing you a successful and enjoyable patrol.

Sgd. E. S. Sharp
a/Assistant District Officer.

DIARY:

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Sunday 2nd August: Remained at EFAIKA.

Talks with the people about cash crops. Encouraged the planting of coffee in individual plots.
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Rafted on to DIRINOMU by 1215. Village in good order.

IARUMENOMU village nearby - much improvement needed here, necessary instructions given.

Tax/census - £16 collected. 9.2% increase in population. 28% of able bodied males at work.

Rafted on to BULIDOBU, arrived at 1430.

NEMONOMO village situated nearby.

Tax/census - £10-10-C collected. 1.2% increase in population. 38.1% of able bodied males at work.

Number of disputes brought forward. Some of the people greatly concerned about their investments in co-operative scheme. My 41-1-1/37 of the 24th August, 1959 refers.

BULIDOBU village is being moved a short distance up river and NEMONOMO is being moved closer to this new site.

Lot of cash cropping in this area; peanuts, rice and now coffee.

DIARY: Contd....page 5.

Saturday 15th August: Off by raft at 0745. Arrived SISIGOLC at 0840.

Village in satisfactory order.

Tax/census - £9 collected. 2% population increase. 35.7% of able bodied males away at work.

On by raft to NAFFENANOMU, arrived at 0945.

Village very clean, housing quite good.

Tax/census - £5 collected. Population static. 33% of able bodied males away at work.

Rafted on to GAUNOMU; WAIRADOBU village nearby.

Tax/census - £21 collected. 4.4% increase in population. 39% of able bodied males away at work.

Villages in very good order.

Lot of uncertainty here about which roads should be maintained.

The position was clarified and definite instructions given.

Many disputes brought forward. Some were settled satisfactorily, others held over for further action at RIGO.

Coffee being grown here; people have little appreciation of the need for shade.

Sunday 16th August: Departed by raft at 0650. Arrived KUALE at 0750.

No census or tax here, this village is in the Rigo Native Local Government Council.

Rafted on to KAREKADOBU...similar position here.

Conditions quite satisfactory at both villages.

On by raft to Gobaragere landing by 1100.

Travelled by truck to RIGO, arrived at 1245.

----End of Patrol----

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Mr. O'Brien - 2160

YEAR 1959/60

Govt. Print.—5438/1.54.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK				STUDENTS				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			Size of Family	TOTALS (excluding absentees)				GRAND TOTAL	
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth		IN		OUT		Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		MALES		FEMALES		Pregnant		Number of Child-bearing age	Child		Adults		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				M	F	M		F
		10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45																																				
BORO	198	10.8.59				1							1									2	6		3		5	2.5	5		6	3	14	22							
WAUSA	199	11.8.59										1						2	1			4	4				4	1.6	5	3	5	6		22							
GURANOMU	200	"	1															4	4			4	1	8	14	3	7	7	2.9	9	6	8	7	43							
BARSIKA	201	12.8.59										1					2	4	2			1	7	2	9	10	.7	2	3	4	12	27									
WAIFANOUMU	202	13.8.59														1	4	2				2	11	2	9	9	2.1	7	6	6	9	34									
MEIADOBU	203	11.8.59																				1	3	1	3	2	1.3	3	1	4	3	12									
MJIANOMU	204	13.8.59											1				1	2	1	5	1				10		8	1	2	2	5	11	26								
TABUNOMU	205	14.8.59	1										1				1	2	1	2	1				1	8	8	1.2	2	3	3	9	22								
DIRINOMU	206	"	1	3			1										2	2	1	1				3	6	13	6	1.3	12	17	17	16	66								
IARUMENOMU	207	"	1				1	1	1				1	2			2	2	1	4	3				2	15	1	1.1	3	2	8	11	37								
BULIDOBUBU	208	"																	3	3			1	4	15	3	12	1	1.3	3	6	9	14	43							
NEMONOMU	209	"	1	1									1						1	1			3	8	4	7	8	3	12	6	9	8	36								
SIGIGOLO	210	15.8.59	1	2												1	1	1	5				2	2	14	5	10	10	2.2	5	13	12	12	49							
NAFENANOMU	211	"																	3	3			2	3	10		5	5	2.2	5	2	8	6	26							
GAUNOMU	212	"	1	3			1	1			1		1	1			3	1		8	1			5	28	5	26	26	1.8	18	21	26	29	103							
WAIRADOBU	213	"	1	1													2	2		6	1			1	5	13	3	14	15	2.2	14	11	10	17	61						
TOTAL		44	46			1	7	7	2	4	1	1	14	28			25	38	14	26	25	1	23	1	39	11	24	35	20	57	17	57	2.55	92	55	54	67	2687			

Previous Population excluding KUALE and KAREDAOBU...2642

Births..90 exceed Deaths 72.

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NA:41-1-137

Sub-District Office,
R I G O.
Central District.

24th August, 1959.

Assistant District Officer,
R I G O.

CO-OPERATIVE INVESTMENT - MT. OBREE
PATROL NO. 1/59-60.

A number of people in the GAUNGM area reported to the patrol that they had invested money in a co-operative movement that is being sponsored by Dirona Abe of Boregama. These people made payments of £10 each during the first half of 1958 and are now wondering if their money is safe, and if so, when they are likely to get a dividend or their investment. These people have no receipts or other papers to prove that they made payment to Dirona.

For your information and action, please.

G. F. Booth
(G. F. Booth)
PATROL OFFICER.

25th. August, 1959.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

The above for your information.

I think that this may have something to do with the last deficiency incurred by the Sinaugoro Native Soc.Ltd. On DIRONA's return to Rigo I will enquire further and inform you of the outcome of the discussions.

E. S. Sharp
(E.S.Sharp.)
a/ Assistant District Officer.

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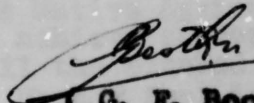
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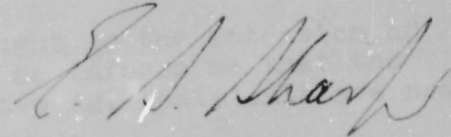

(G. F. Booth)
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PORT MORESBY.

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(E. S. Sharp.)
a/ Assistant District Officer.

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NA:17-2-1/35

Sub-District Office,
R I G O.
Central District.

24th August, 1959.

Assistant District Officer,
R I G O.

COFFEE PLANTING - MT. OBREE
PATROL NO. 1/59-60.

I am concerned at the haphazard manner in which coffee is being grown in the Mt. Obree area. Almost all the Obree villages are either growing coffee or clearing ground preparatory to planting at the end of the dry season. Unfortunately much of the planted coffee is poorly spaced, often badly sited, and in almost all cases planted without any real thought to the need for adequate shade. I feel that now is the time when skilled advice must be given the people if their coffee is to have any real chance of succeeding.

Would it be possible for the Agricultural Officer Kapogere to give these people the help they need. Neglect at this stage will result in poorly matured crops that will only turn the people against further coffee planting. I suggest that Native Agricultural Assistants be sent into the area. They would best achieve success if they spent some days in each village, examining all the planted coffee, pegging out where necessary and giving advice. What I feel is most important; the assistants should work with the people and stress that coffee must be grown in accordance with instructions or it will fail.

For your information and action, please.

G. F. Booth
(G. F. Booth)
PATROL OFFICER.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

The above for your information.

This matter has been brought to the attention of the Extension Officer Mr. Nitsche, and he informs me that the problem is now under control. Two Native Ag. Assistants are now ready to patrol the area.

F. S. Sharp
(F. S. Sharp.)
a/ Assistant District Officer.

dec 1959 28/1/59
ADO Rigs.

Ref your 17-2-1/35 of 24/8/59.
Please keep me informed on this matter
D. K. H.
27/8/59

GFB/PT.



NA: 16-1-1424.

Sub-District Office,
R I G O.

24th August, 1959.

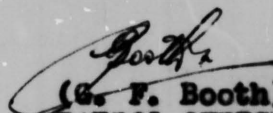
Assistant District Officer,
R I G O.

AID POSTS - MT. OBREE
PATROL NO. 1.59-60.

The patrol arranged for the villages near the DOROBISORO AID POST to carry medical supplies on a roster system when the Aid Post is re-opened.

At present the only other Aid Post in the Obree area, at Efaika, is also unmanned. Would it be possible for you to approach the European Medical Assistant Rigo with the view to getting at least one of these posts staffed as soon as possible. I feel that preference should be given to the Dorobisoro Aid Post as it is further from Rigo and the people when ill are inclined to neglect obtaining treatment rather than face the trip.

For your information and action, please.

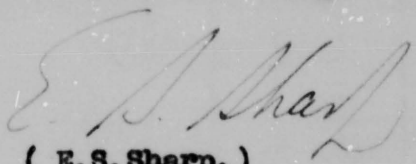

(G. F. Booth)
PATROL OFFICER.

25th. August, 1959.

The Medical Assistant,
Native Hospital,
RIGO.

We have already discussed the above matter, and I believe it is your intention to re-man the DOROBISORO Post. It would be appreciated if you could inform me as to when the post can be expected to be opened to enable this Office to inform the people to ensure a continuity of carriers etc.

I feel sure that you realise the importance of this Aid Post.


(E. S. Sharp.)
a/ Assistant District Officer.

→ cc. District Officer,
Port Moresby.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....CENTRAL - FIGO..... Report No.....3/59-60.....

Patrol Conducted by.....Barrie C. Byrnes..... CPO.....

Area Patrolled.....KOIARI CENSUS/TAX DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....-

Natives...2 Members RP&NGC, 1 NMO.

Duration—From...2./2./1960...to...8./2./1960...

Number of Days.....Seven.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....-./2./1959...

Medical-./5./1958...

Map Reference.....MILINCH GAILE & KEMP WELCH RIVER.....

Objects of Patrol.....CENSUS REVISION, TAX COLLECTION AND ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.....

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

Village Population

Year.....1960.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS					
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	In		Out		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	
MEDENE	7.2.60	1																1			1
SEREPEWATEI	4.2.60														1						
IOVEI	6.2.60	1	1														2		1		
BOREBERE	5.2.60		1																		1
LONIDAIRI	3.2.60														1						1
LAGUJE	3.2.60	1					1								1						
BUSALAMAGA	7.2.60	1															1		1		
IAUDOBO	7.2.60	4	1															1	1		
MAIANA	5.2.60														1						1
AGITANA	4.2.60																1		1		1
TOTAL		8	3				1				1				4	3		3	3	2	3

Population Register

Area Patrolled.....KOIARI.....

Females in Child Birth	MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
	In		Out		AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age		Child		Adu'ts		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				M	F	M	F	
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				5						7		9	10	9	7	1	7	2.4	9	16	8	8	53	
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			1	4						2	1	2	7	5	5		5	3.1	4	7	5	6	29	
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VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR 1959/1960

KOIARI TAX CENSUS DIVISION

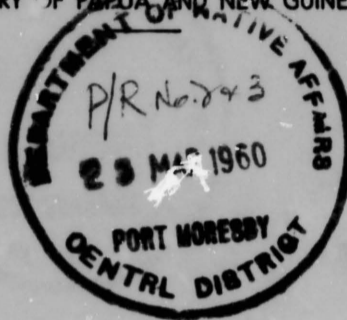
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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		TOTALS (excluding absence)		GRAND TOTAL				
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SEREPEWA-TEI	4.2.60										1					5				7		9	10	9	7	1	7	2.4	9	16	8	8	53			
IOVEI	6.2.60	1	1								2			1		4				2		6	15	3	11		11	3.7	15	11	15	17	64			
BOREBERE	5.2.60		1												1	1							3	11	1	9		10	3.9	13	6	13	21	44		
LONIDAIRI	3.2.60										1				1	3					4		8	8	4	6	1	6	3.2	7	9	10	7	40		
LAGUME	3.2.60	1				1					1					1				6		2	11	1	5		5	2.2	4	3	6	5	25			
BUSALAMA	7.2.60	1													1	1						3	7	1	7		7	3.7	9	3	9	8	30			
IAUDOBO	7.2.60	4	1										1	1		2				2		11	8	2	12		13	3.5	17	7	11	14	53			
MAIANA	5.2.60										1				1	4				2	1	2	7	5	5		5	3.1	4	7	5	6	29			
AGITANA	4.2.60										1		1		1					1	1	3	2	7	6		6	3.1	2	2	8	7	23			
TOTAL		8	3			1		1				4	3			3	3	2	3	22		26	2	50	86	33	75	2	77	3.285	66	95	93	389		

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 30-1-2/56.

Sub-District Office,
RIGO.
Central District.

23rd March, 1960.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTERS
RIGO PATROLS NOS 2/59-60 & 3/59-60.

Your P/1338 of the 29th February, 1960 and
my 30-1-2/55 of the 14th March, 1960 refer.

A supply of Village Population register forms
has now come to hand. As requested, I enclose herewith
completed registers in triplicate for the Maria Census Tax
Division, Patrol No. 2/59-60, and the Koiari Census Tax
Division, Patrol No. 3/59-60.

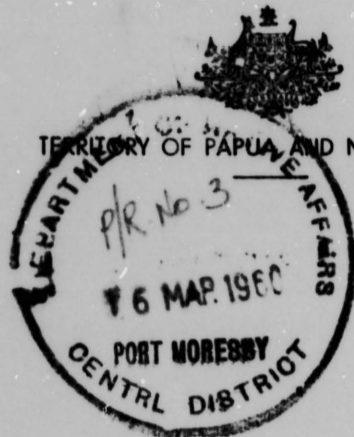
For your action, please.

E.S. Sharp,
s/Assistant District Officer.

Encl:

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Your copies herewith
Kb.

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 30-1-2/55.

Sub-District Office,
RIGO.
Central District.

14th March, 1960.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3/59-60 KOIARI
CENSUS TAX DIVISION.

Your P/1338 of the 29th February, 1960 refers.

During the last 18 months I have made three unsuccessful attempts to obtain a supply of Village Population Register forms, on each occasion my requisition was returned, marked no stock. The last attempt to obtain these forms was just before Mr. Byrnes submitted his report, and again I was advised that there was no stock.

I have enclosed a further requisition, would you please endeavour to obtain some of these forms for Rigo, and upon receipt of same I will ensure that three copies of the Koiari census figures are immediately forwarded in accordance with your instructions.

For your information and action, please.

D.N.A.
P.M.

Can you assist the ADD RIGO.
My memo P.R. 1337 of 29.2.60 refers

Encl:

E.S. Sharp,

a/Assistant District Officer.

*Departed Sydney 2700 hrs. Arrived Rigo 1000 hrs.
Departed Rigo by raft at 1000 hrs. Arrived Koroia at 1215 hrs.
Proceeded from Koroia to also get other details.*

KID/HR

F/138

29th February, 1960.

Assistant District Officer,
KID.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 of 29-60 NIYANI CENSUS
TAX DIVISION.

For your information, please. Mr. Rynnes should submit three (3) copies of the Village Population Register. One is required for this office and two (2) are required by Headquarters. Please have him submit these without delay.

2. Please inform Mr. Rynnes that I am very pleased with the way he has submitted this report. His Camping Claims are returned herewith for payment.

KL
(K.L. Chester)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

Att./ Camping Claims.

Departed Kandioko 1000 hrs. Arrived Kandioko at 1230 hrs. Revised Census and collected Tax (2).

Departed Kandioko 0700 hrs. Arrived Kandioko 1000 hrs. Arrived Kandioko by raft at 1030 hrs. Arrived Kandioko at 1215 hrs. Arrived Kandioko to Kandioko per motor vehicle.

JIC/BR

PR/1337

29th February, 1960.

The Director (2),
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MERSBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3 of 52-60 - KOIAR.
CENSUS TAX DIVISION.

Attached, please find copy of the abovementioned patrol report submitted by Cadet Patrol Officer Byrnes.

2. This is a pleasing report, well presented, neatly typed and reporting all well in the area patrolled. However, no copies of Village Population Registers were received. The Assistant District Officer has been requested to submit three copies of same.

K.L.
(K.L. Chester)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER.

Att./ Patrol Report.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
R I G O.
Central District.

10th. February 1960

The Assistant District Officer,
R I G O.

Patrol Report.

In accordance with your instructions please find attached in triplicate Patrol Report No. 3/59-60.

Also enclosed is my claim for camping allowance covering the period I was absent on patrol.

Rigo Patrol Report No. 3/59-60.

Patrol conducted by : **Barrie C. Byrnes CPO.**
Area patrolled : **Koiari Census/Tax Division.**
Patrol accompanied by
Europeans : **Nil.**
Natives : **2 members RPANGC, 1 NMO.**
Duration of Patrol : **Seven days. (2.2.60 to 8.2.60)**
Object of Patrol : **Census revision, Tax collect: and routine administration.**
Map reference : **Milinch Galle & Kemp Welch B.**

Barrie C. Byrnes
(Barrie C. Byrnes)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

PATROL REPORT.

INTRODUCTION.

Previous to 1957 the Koiari Census/Tax Division was infrequently patrolled; however, since the 1957 Patrol there has been a yearly visit to the area, this last being the fourth consecutive annual Patrol. Of very short duration, this Patrol covers mostly hilly country, sparsely populated, the population being spread between ten villages varying in size from twenty persons to the largest at a little more than sixty persons.

DIARY.

Tuesday 2nd. February 1960.

Departed from Rigo Station by truck at 1200 hrs., arrived at Girabu bridge at 1415 hrs. and as the bridge looked inadequate, sent the truck back, waited for carriers from Girabu and set off for Gobuia at 1600. Arrived at Gobuia at 1735 hrs.

Wednesday 3rd. February 1960.

Departed Gobuia at 0645 hrs. Arrived Lagume at 0815 hrs. Revised Census and collected Tax (£6).
Departed Lagume at 0920 hrs. Arrived Lonidairi at 1035 hrs. Revised Census and collected Tax (£4).

Thursday 4th. February 1960.

Departed Lonidairi at 0635 hrs. Arrived at old site of Serepewatei Village at 1025 hrs. (Rested)
Departed old Serepewatei at 1230 hrs. Arrived Agitana at 1442 hrs. Revised Census and collected Tax of both Serepewatei and Agitana (£7.10)

Friday 5th. February 1960.

Departed Agitana 0648 hrs. Arrived at Borebere 0835 hrs. Revised Census and collected Tax of both Borebere and Maiana (£9.10.)

Saturday 6th. February 1960.

Departed Borebere 0650 hrs. Arrived Maiana at 0805 hrs. Inspected Maiana and departed for Iovei at 0830 hrs. Arrived Iovei at 1220 hrs. Revised Census and collected Tax (£9).

Sunday 7th. February 1960.

Departed Iovei 0700 hrs. Arrived Iaudobo at 0840 hrs. Revised Census and collected Tax (£7).
Departed Iaudobo 1025 hrs. Arrived Medene at 1135 hrs. Revised Census and collected Tax (£8).

Monday 8th. February 1960.

Departed Medene 0700 hrs. Arrived Kuale 1000 hrs. Departed Kuale by raft at 1030 hrs. Arrived Kapogere at 1215 hrs. Proceeded from Kapogere to Rigo per motor vehicle.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

There would appear, on the surface, to be no cause for alarm with regard to the situation in this area. From visual impressions the village officials seem to be completely 'au fait' with their responsibilities and sufficiently enthusiastic to at least have their villages in good order at the time of the patrol. The only failing of the village officials seems to me to be their tendency to meddle in extremely petty affairs and bring such to village level and to the attention of the Administration when they should be confined to sub-family level; however, this seems to be a universal failing of the native mind and apparently stems from a desire to please, ie by being over-conscientious the village official feels he is fulfilling his role as the Administration wants it.

The size of this area was cut down considerably by the formation a while ago of the Rigo Native Local Government Council, which Council's area now abuts onto the Koiari Division. Throughout the Koiari there is interest in the Council but no place openly expressed a desire to be a part of the Council except for one village, Busalamaga, whose people have not in so many words said that they wish to join the Council, but have merely gone to the trouble to shift the site of their village to a new position very close to Gegofi village, which is in the Council, very likely with the underlying intention of joining the Council at a later date (if possible).

Co-operation was the keynote on this patrol, despite the sparse population, sufficient carriers were always available and there appeared to be no ill feeling from any source. Receptions on arrival at villages were invariably enthusiastic, usually with the whole population turned out in their best clothing.

All things considered, the area is very satisfactory from a Native Affairs point of view.

LAW AND JUSTICE.

Several minor disputes were brought to me for discussion and were settled amicably and satisfactorily to all concerned. There were no matters which would have warranted a Court for Native Matters as, because of the proximity of this area to the Station, anything that does arise is promptly brought down to the office.

AGRICULTURE.

Food is plentiful throughout the whole of the area, numerous European vegetables being grown alongside native crops. Three villages are also growing rice in a limited way, Iovei, Iaudobo and Medene, the seed being obtained from Kapogere Agriculture Station and the crop carried to Kapogere to be milled. Medene is also growing Coffee but has not yet got it to the stage where it can be cropped. Because of the rugged terrain it is very difficult for the majority of the villages to bring produce down for sale so the high productivity of the area is wasted as far as cash cropping is concerned.

Livestock is very limited, being mainly fowls with a very limited number of pigs. Quite an amount of fish is caught from mountainstreams and makes a welcome addition to a principally vegetable diet although it would never be in sufficient quantities to become commercial.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

The health of the population was quite good, no apparent serious illnesses, only a number of sores of a minor nature and several bad ulcers were seen. The minor sores were all attended to and the serious cases were instructed to go down to the hospital at Rigo.

The medical attention was given by TORE FUTUA, a Native Medical Orderly from the Rigo hospital, who appeared to be very capable.

ROADS AND TERRAIN.

Roads in the accepted sense are non-existent, that is, there are no vehicular roads, and it is my opinion that the area does not warrant such roads as the population is so sparse and the expense would be prohibitive because of the very nature of the country. Walking tracks in good condition abound, although many are very steep; bridges over streams, when present, consist of one narrow log but most streams are unbridged; this may not sound significant to anyone who has not walked over this area, but in some sections, as many as twenty crossings are made per hour and the ensuing discomfort can be considerable.

ANTHROPOLOGY.

The only item of anthropological interest was the rock carving situated between Agitana village and Borebere village. This I believe has been previously noted and reported.

EDUCATION.

Throughout the area there are several schools, all mission run, and a good proportion of children attend. The subjects taught are basic English and Mathematics, although the standard of the English spoken by the mission teachers is not very high. Despite the inadequacies of the teachers some little progress is made and children are at least given a start which is invaluable to them if they attend a higher school at a later date.

MISSIONS.

There are two principal missions in the Koiari Division, the London Missionary Society being in the majority, closely followed by the Seventh Day Adventists. There is a mission establishment in each village and the mission teachers are rendering not only religious and educative instruction, but are doing a good job as regards improvement of housing and sanitary hygiene.

COMMERCE.

No commercial interests are at present functioning in the Koiari. Previous to the formation of the Rigo Council, the whole of the commercial centre of Rigo was situated in the large Koiari division but now the Council area covers all commerce.

POPULATION AND STATISTICS.

The overall population of the Koiari has held steady since the last census, there being a total overall increase of one person, bringing the total now to 389. For some

POPULATION. (cont.)

unexplainable reason there is an obvious difference between the numbers of males and females under the age of sixteen years, there being a greater number of males. The female figure is nearly 80% less than the male figure and in three villages there is only one girl between the ages of ten and sixteen years while in another village of 38 persons there was not even one girl in that age group. There appears to be a trend in the proportion of live male births to female live births, tending to an overwhelming number of males, the total overall number of males born over the last two years is 18, compared to a total of 5 females born. I can visualize this leading on to a distressing decrease in population in the not too distant future if the scale does not even up over the next few years.

figures

The individual for the villages are all shown on the accompanying Village Population Register and from the figures shown one can see that, like the overall figure, differences, for the most part, are very slight and consist principally of increases or decreases of one or two persons, the greatest difference being at Isudobo village where an increase of seven persons is shown. Isudobo is admittedly one of the larger villages and the increase is such a high figure because of the fact that there were no deaths or migrations out over the last year.

The overall percentage of males away from their villages at work is 33% while the individual figures for each village show no similarity, ranging from nil to as high as 78% of able-bodied males away.

CONCLUSION.

Conditions in the Koiari Division do not appear to be markedly different from the way things stood as at last year's patrol, that is, good. It is a very pleasant area but I doubt if it will ever go ahead to any great extent because of (a) the lack of population and (b) the very nature of the approaches to the area. I can visualize no real future for the whole of the Koiari, located as they are, which is indeed a shame as they appear a well adjusted lot and are as industrious as any communities I have seen.

Dennis J. [Signature]

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Ref: 67-16-1

Department of Native Affairs,
Headquarters,
KONEDOBU.

12th December, 1960

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of...CENTRAL.....:.....RIGO..... Report No... 6-59/60.....

Patrol Conducted by.....WILLIAM EDWARD VENABLES..CPO.....

Area Patrolled.....MARIA TAX/CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL.....
TWO MEMBERS OF THE RP&NGC.
Natives.....ONE INTERPRETER.....
ONE NMO.

Duration—From...II/.5.../1960...to...27.../...5.../1960....

Number of Days...SEVENTEEN.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...II/.1.../1960..

Medical /...7.../1960...

Map Reference.....RIGO SUB-DISTRICT...TWO MILES TO THE INCH.....

Objects of Patrol...FOLLOW-UP ON PATROL No. 2-59/60.....

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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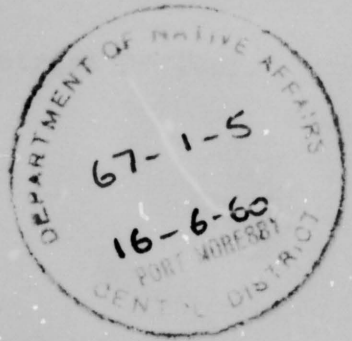


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No. 30-1-2/70.



Sub-District Office,
RIGO:
Central District.

11th. June, 1960.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT - RIGO 6/59-60

MARIA CENSUS DIVISION.

11
Enclosed is the above mentioned Patrol Report covering a patrol to the Maria Census Division conducted by Mr. W.E. Venables Cadet Patrol Officer. Also enclosed are 3 copies of Census figures as requested by your memo. P/R/1846 dated 3 June.

2. In a way the Report answers your above quoted memo.. I do not think that restricting this Census division to recruiting would be beneficial. On the contrary it would have harmful side effects such as halting what little economy exists. To successfully overcome the gloomy situation it would be first necessary to re-establish existing unmanned aid posts and establish a new one at AREMAKA village in the division. My previous memoranda refer on this subject. This would then adequately cover the area as far as health facilities are concerned. Once increased Medical facilities are given it will then be our concern to increase the economic potential of the area with cash crop plantings. This will be possible as these people will benefit greatly from the completion of the Kemp Welch River Bridge. If the area is closed without the Administration providing the above benefits the results would be disastrous to say the least.

3. The recent patrol has shown a marked improvement in the area, and enthusiasm previously lacking is gradually coming to the fore. I am sure that with continued patrolling and the present interest shown by the Administration the results of this interest will be shown and felt in the next year or so. The "incident at BIGEIA" commented on by Mr. Venables under Law and Justice was what was thought to be a wrongful arrest. This proved to the contrary and the offender was suitably reprimanded (not warranting imprisonment), and sent back to his village. The patrol was well conducted, and Mr. Venables has done a good job. The patrol obviously had the anticipated effect on the people. Camping allowance claim for the period is enclosed for your approval.

4.. For your information and action please.

(E. S. Sharp.)

a/ Assistant District Officer.

Sub-District Office,
R I G O.
Central District.

June the 6th, 1960.

The Assistant District Officer,
R I G O.

PATROL REPORT.

In accordance with your instructions, please find attached in triplicate Patrol Report No6-59/60, together with camping allowance claim for the covering period.

RIGO PATROL REPORT No. 6-59/60.

Patrol conducted by	:	William Edward Venables CPO.
Area patrolled	:	Maria Tax/Census Division.
Patrol accompanied by	:	Nil.
Europeans	:	Two members of the RP&NGC.
Natives	:	One Interpreter.
		One NMO.
Duration of the Patrol	:	Seventeen days, II-5-60 to 27-5-60 Inc.
Object of Patrol	:	Follow-Up on Patrol No.2-59/60
Map reference	:	Rigo Sub-District, two miles to the inch.

Last patrol ~~June 59.~~
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(William Edward Venables)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

ESS/PT.

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Sub-District Office,
R I G O.
Central District.

9th May, 1960.

Mr. W.E. Venables,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
R I G O.

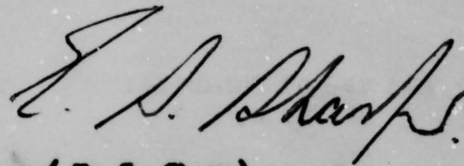
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - MARIA DIVISION.

You will prepare for a routine Administration patrol of the Maria Census Division. Departure date should be Wednesday 11th May. The route of your patrol should be the same as the previous patrol.

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3. Owing to the shortage of Police you will only be able to take two - namely Constable 1st Class Dura and Constable Eyo's. Any matters that require to be sent back to Rige use the Village Constables. Investigate the incident at Bigia and if the Councillor is too ill to travel send as many witnesses as possible back. On completion of the patrol submit your report and claims in accordance with Circular Instructions 217 & 267.

4. Wishing you a successful and enjoyable patrol.



(E. S. Sharp)
s/Assistant District Officer.

I.
PATROL REPORT

DIARY.

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PATROL REPORT.

DIARY (cont)

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END OF PATROL.

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PATROL REPORT.

INTRODUCTION.

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The area is a most pleasant one to Patrol, and as tracks have been established for many years, walking is made quite comfortable even on some of the steepest slopes.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

In the January Patrol a twenty five yard mark had been given to each Village Constable to be used as a standard in the cleaning of rubbish from his village. Everywhere this order had been observed. In some cases Village Constables had made their marks from Native hemp so as to make them permanent. I foresee that at the time of the next Patrol, each Constable will come forward with the village book in one hand and this mark in the other.

Previous Patrol Reports have stated that there is a lack of efficient Village Officials. This could be attributed to the fact that there seems to be no "esprit de corps" among them, and on this Patrol effort was made to create such a feeling. Village Officials who had carried out their duties well and who had good villages were praised, and as small recompense given a double issue of tobacco for their fellow Officials to see. Another factor contributing to inefficiency is that some villages had never been

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NATIVE AFFAIRS(cont)

visited up to the time of the No 2-59/60 Patrol and thus have had no incentive to improve.

Continual shifting of village sites is another practice which I attempted to discourage. In some cases they have valid reasons for this in that their gardens have become too removed from the village so that gardening hours are lost in travelling, but in many cases they seem to shift for no apparent reason which creates work better spent improving the present site. At the village of Omanogoro, the people preferred to shift rather than re-site a body which had been buried in close proximity to the houses.

In the past, lack of permanent sized dwellings made moving an easy task but they could not grasp the futility of the fact that they rarely moved more than a distance of two to three hundred yards from the old site.

Attempts were made to induce further planting of decorative shrubs in and about the village. In the higher more mountainous areas, citrus trees lend themselves admirably for this purpose.

As according to Patrol Instructions, informal discussions with the people were held where possible. Questions on personal tax, choice of employment, and Administration matters in general were answered readily, and although the "loaded" question was avoided, replies showed little original thought, expressing simply what they thought I wished to know. However in some of the discussions it was brought to light that the middle aged adults of the villages were forced to borrow from their younger relatives, who had returned from work, in order to pay their tax. In this instance they were told that a market awaited them at Rigo Station for their foodstuffs if they were prepared to carry their produce down.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS(cont).

General matters concerning village and garden brought a poor response and rather negative replies, and I felt that to achieve any positive result a longer stay in the village was necessary, and this was impossible because of the nature of the Patrol.

ROADS & TERRAIN.

A great improvement in the road system was noted on this Patrol. Previous attempts at making tracks along mountain sides had left much to be desired. However at present, paths have been dug from the slopes and re-inforced with saplings.

There has also been a tendency to use creek beds as roads which are most unsatisfactory, especially during the wet, where such places are hazardous. There are no bridges in the true sense of the word, but ditches and small creeks have been breached quite adequately in the form of logs bound with cane.

Because of the shortage of manpower, complete maintenance of Patrol tracks would be an almost impossible task, but instructions for terracing on some of the steeper grades were given. This work demands picks and shovels and these will be loaned to those villages that have need of them.

As the majority of villages are situated high on mountain ridges, roads are well drained even after the heaviest shower, but in the lower coastal belt several long stretches are subject to swamping, and the laying of the proposed vehicular road to the Ormond Division may meet with trouble in these sections.

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PATROL REPORT.

MEDICAL & HEALTH.

There were innumerable tropical ulcer cases sent to Rigo for further examination and treatment. The last area inspection was made in January this year, and considering the short space of time between these two Patrols, it would seem imperative that an Aid-Post be stationed in the area. The peoples of Maria, Bigeia, Iaura and Oraia prefer to attend the Mission Aid-Post at Korella, rather than undertake the long trip to Rigo hospital which is their closest Government medical centre.

The re-staffing of the London Missionary Society's Aid-Post at Maranom village may alleviate the situation, but from 1957 to date, medical attention in the area has been limited to Patrol inspections only.

Many tubercular suspects were also referred for examination - mainly children.

LAW & JUSTICE.

Very few disputes and complaints were brought forward as most of them had been heard on the previous Patrol three months ago.

The incident at Bigeia was investigated and as many witnesses as possible were sent to Rigo including the Counsellor.

Only three cases of noncompliance of orders in village books were referred to Rigo for hearing. In the villages of Lebagolo, Aremaka and Bogaramaka, houses had not been built as ordered.

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PATROL REPORT.

AGRICULTURE? LIVESTOCK & FISHERIES.

(A) NATIVE FOODS.

In the lower regions staple native foods were plentiful, but in the more mountainous areas ground crops were still in the growing stages and at many villages food for carriers had to be purchased. Luxury foods such as pineapples and Pawpaws were not common but citrus trees were bearing well.

(B) EUROPEAN CROPS.

Commercial crops such as coffee and peanuts had been planted by those villages situated along the bank of the lower Ormond River but not in great quantities. At one stage the Patrol was accompanied by two Maranom villagers who were transporting their crop of peanuts (about 80lb) to the Agricultural Station at Kapogere.

(C) WILDLIFE.

There was a plentiful supply of fresh meat in the form of Cassowary, birds, pigs and marsupials to be caught as it appeared to be the season for game. Fish too were plentiful as the small mountain streams flow all the year round.

MISSIONS.

Those villages in close proximity to Rigo Station are in the main L.M.S., but in the more inland regions the Seventh Day Adventists have a strong following, their headquarters being at Korella in Marshall Lagoon which has easy access to the Maria Division.

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PATROL REPORT.

CONCLUSION.

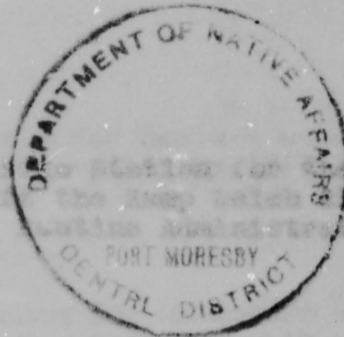
Already on this Follow-Up Patrol there has been greater co-operation from the people as a whole. Perhaps with more regular routine patrolling and greater familiarity with Administration aims by the people, it would be possible to extend the services of Agriculture and Health to an area which is sadly lacking in both.

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Sub-District Office,
R I G O.
Central District.

June the 6th, 1960.

The Assistant District Officer,
R I G O.



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Duration of the Patrol : Seventeen days,
11-5-60 to 27-5-60 Inc.
Object of Patrol : Follow-Up on Patrol No. 2-59/
Map reference : Rigo Sub-District,
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The area is a most pleasant one to Patrol, and as tracks have been established for many years, walking is made quite comfortable even on some of the steepest slopes.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

In the January Patrol a twenty five yard mark had been given to each Village Constable to be used as a standard in the cleaning of rubbish from his village. Everywhere this order had been observed. In some cases Village Constables had made their marks from Native hemp so as to make them permanent. I foresee that at the time of the next Patrol, each Constable will come forward with the village book in one hand and this mark in the other.

Previous Patrol Reports have stated that there is a lack of efficient Village Officials. This could be attributed to the fact that there seems to be no "esprit de corps" among them, and on this Patrol effort was made to create such a feeling. Village Officials who had carried out their duties well and who had good villages were praised, and as small recompense given a double issue of tobacco for their fellow Officials to see. Another factor contributing to inefficiency is that some villages had never been

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visited up to the time of the No 2-59/60 Patrol and thus have had no incentive to improve.

Continual shifting of village sites is another practice which I attempted to discourage. In some cases they have valid reasons for this in that their gardens have become too removed from the village so that gardening hours are lost in travelling, but in many cases they seem to shift for no apparent reason which creates work better spent improving the present site. At the village of Omanogoro, the people preferred to shift rather than re-site a body which had been buried in close proximity to the houses.

In the past, lack of permanent sized dwellings made moving an easy task but they could not grasp the futility of the fact that they rarely moved more than a distance of two to three hundred yards from the old site.

Attempts were made to induce further planting of decorative shrubs in and about the village. In the higher more mountainous areas, citrus trees lend themselves admirably for this purpose.

As according to Patrol Instructions, informal discussions with the people were held where possible. Questions on personal tax, choice of employment, and Administration matters in general were answered readily, and although the "loaded" question was avoided, replies showed little original thought, expressing simply what they thought I wished to know. However in some of the discussions it was brought to light that the middle aged adults of the villages were forced to borrow from their younger relatives, who had returned from work, in order to pay their tax. In this instance they were told that a market awaited them at Rigo Station for foodstuffs if they were prepared to carry their pro-

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NATIVE AFFAIRS(cont).

General matters concerning village and garden brought a poor response and rather negative replies, and I felt that to achieve any positive result a longer stay in the village was necessary, and this was impossible because of the nature of the Patrol.

ROADS & TERRAIN.

A great improvement in the road system was noted on this Patrol. Previous attempts at making tracks along mountain sides had left much to be desired. However at present, paths have been dug from the slopes and re-inforced with saplings.

There has also been a tendency to use creek beds as roads which are most unsatisfactory, especially during the wet, where such places are hazardous. There are no bridges in the true sense of the word, but ditches and small creeks have been breached quite adequately in the form of logs bound with cane.

Because of the shortage of manpower, complete maintenance of Patrol tracks would be an almost impossible task, but instructions for terracing on some of the steeper grades were given. This work demands picks and shovels and these will be loaned to those villages that have need of them.

As the majority of villages are situated high on mountain ridges, roads are well drained even after the heaviest shower, but in the lower coastal belt several long stretches are subject to swamping, and the laying of the proposed vehicular road to the Ormcnd Division may meet with trouble in these sections.

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MEDICAL & HEALTH.

There were innumerable tropical ulcer cases sent to Rigo for further examination and treatment. The last area inspection was made in January this year, and considering the short space of time between these two Patrols, it would seem imperative that an Aid-Post be stationed in the area. The peoples of Maria, Bigeia, Iaura and Oraia prefer to attend the Mission Aid-Post at Korella, rather than undertake the long trip to Rigo hospital which is their closest Government medical centre

The re-staffing of the London Missionary Society Aid-Post at Maranom village may alleviate the situation, but from 1951 to date, medical attention in the area has been limited to Patrol inspections only.

Many tubercular suspects were also referred for examination - mainly children.

LAW & JUSTICE.

Very few disputes and complaints were brought forward as most of them had been heard on the previous Patrol three months ago.

The incident at Bigeia was investigated and as many witnesses as possible were sent to Rigo including the Counsellor

Only three cases of noncompliance of orders in village books were referred to Rigo for hearing. In the villages of Lebagolo, Aremaka and Bogaramaka, houses had not been built as order

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AGRICULTURE? LIVESTOCK & FISHERIES.

(A) NATIVE FOODS.

In the lower regions staple native foods were plentiful, but in the more mountainous areas ground crops were still in the growing stages and at many villages food for carriers had to be purchased. Luxury foods such as pineapples and Pawpaws were not common but citrus trees were bearing well.

(B) EUROPEAN CROPS.

Commercial crops such as coffee and peanuts had been planted by those villages situated along the bank of the lower Ormond River but not in great quantities. At one stage the Patrol was accompanied by two Maranom villagers who were transporting their crop of peanuts (about 80lb) to the Agricultural Station at Kapogere.

(C) WILDLIFE.

There was a plentiful supply of fresh meat in the form of Cassowary, birds, pigs and marsupials to be caught as it appeared to be the season for game. Fish too were plentiful as the small mountain streams flow all the year round.

MISSIONS.

Those villages in close proximity to Rigo Station are in the main L.M.S., but in the more inland regions the Seventh Day Adventists have a strong following, their headquarters being at Korella in Marshall Lagoon which has easy access to the Maria Division

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CONCLUSION.

Already on this Follow-Up Patrol there has been greater co-operation from the people as a whole. Perhaps with more regular routine patrolling and greater familiarity with Administration aims by the people, it would be possible to extend the services of Agriculture and Health to an area which is sadly lacking in both.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of CENTRAL - RIGO Report No.

Patrol Conducted by G.F. BOOTH, Patrol Officer P.J. Power, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled MOUNT OBREE

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 3 Police 1 Interpreter

Duration—From 17./8./1960 to 2./9./1960

Number of Days 17

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 29./7./1959

Medical OCT./NOV/1957

Map Reference PORT MORESBY 4 MILE SERIES

Objects of Patrol TAX COLLECTION,

CEMUS REVISION and ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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INTRODUCTION :

The Mt. Obree C.D. lies to the North East of the KWIKILA Government Station, commencing at the foothills of the Owen Stanley Ranges and extending back to the border of the TUFU Sub-District.

The topography of the area is thus very rugged, but proved to be both interesting and picturesque country. The main watershed of the Sub-division is the Kemp Welch River, on which the last four days of the patrol were spent rafting.

The route traversed by the patrol included the watershed of the UMAMAI River, the main tributary of the Kemp Welch, then crossing into the LARAI area and the upper valley of the MIMANI River, then following down the MIMANI Valley where the patrol contacted the bulk of the population of the C.D.

Although light rain persisted for the first week, the rest of the patrol was conducted under sunny conditions.

The highest altitude reached was at 3,500 feet, where nights proved to be rather cool. However, the latter part of the route found most villages situated on the river and conditions were much more pleasant.

PATROL DIARY :-

Wednesday, 17th August.

Departed KWIKILA Government Station with Mr. Booth, Patrol Officer, at 0845 by truck to Kemp Welch River. Arrived GOBARAGERE ESTATE at 0945 and crossed river by canoe. Proceeded on foot along good track to BOREGAINA. Arrived 1010. No tax/census as this village has been included in the RIGO Native Local Government Council. Left at 1035 and arrived WAIRADOBU at 1225. Tax/Census. Village in good order. Proceeded on at 1340 along fair track, then climbed steeply to GEVERAGORO, arriving at 1510. Inspected village and proceeded to R.H.1525. Arrived 1550. Tax/census postponed until tomorrow.

Thursday, 18th August.

Tax/census of KOKOROGOGORO and GEVERAGORO taken, and problems concerning land and coffee were discussed with the people. Departed 1125 along a well-cleared track to DEBADAGORO, arriving at 1150. Tax collected and census revision of village, then proceeded on at 1230 to LIBUNAKOMANA. Arrived 1355. Tax/census taken. New R.H. in good condition.

Friday, 19th August.

Inspected village which was in a satisfactory condition and discussed one land dispute. Departed at 1010 and arrived BAUKOKOMANA at 1030. Tax/Census. Village in fair condition. Away at 1550 and proceeded through rain to EFAIKA. Arrived 1255. Tax/Census of 5 villages which are all closely situated :- EFAIKA, WAURAIKA, WAKEIKA, GOBUNAIKA and AUDUIKA.

Saturday, 20th August.

Left at 0710 passing through TABUROIKA, AMURAIKA and ARAMAIKA. No tax/census as these villages are in the Mt. Brown division.

On to KAIKANOMU at 0840, arrived 1015. Tax/census and change carriers. On at 1125 climbing to KABATIKA, hamlet of TOMOROVANUA, arrived 1155. Departed at 1200 and climbed steeply to TOMOROVANUA. Arrived at new R.H. at 1300.

Sunday, 21st August.

At TOMUROVANUA Tax/Census. Village found to be in a satisfactory condition. Collected notes for Anthropology Assignment.

Monday, 22nd August.

Departed at 0720 along well cleared track to LOFAIKA. Tax/Census of village. Moved on at 1020 to composite village of BADAIKA, ERENAIKA and ADARAIKA. Arrived 1055 to good reception. Tax/Census. Village generally was in a satisfactory condition.

Tuesday, 23rd August.

Left at 0745 and walked along fair track over undulating country to TABU. Arrived 1230. Tax/Census and village inspection. Several houses were found to be too small and orders were given to rebuild.

Wednesday, 24th August.

Departed at 0745 and proceeded along undulating track, then descending steeply into IGONAMO. Arrived 0920. Orders given to rebuild several houses of inadequate size. Moved on at 0940 and arrived DOROBISORO at 1000. R.H. was very attractively decorated and village laid out well.

Thursday, 25th August.

Away at 0730 and walked along fair track for 45 minutes until reaching ABOWANA. Tax/Census of village. Proceeded on at 0930 along rocky track to composite village of OIGOBI, IBOIDUBURO and MIMAI. Tax/Census. R.H. proved to be rather small for two men.

Friday, 26th August.

Returned to DORIBISORO at 0915 and proceeded on at 0945 along good track to composite village of ABARO, MUAVALO and SOMORE. Arrived 1045. Tax/Census. R.H. inadequate for overnight stay so moved on at 1230 to group village of DODI and BORO, arriving at 1335. Tax/Census. Village in fair condition. R.H. was big improvement on previous one. Native Court heard. One man convicted.

Saturday, 27th August.

Departed at 0720 and walked over bad track for 3 hours 10 mins. until reaching composite village of WAUSA, GURANAUMO and SERAMINA. Tax/Census. Village in fair condition.

Sunday, 28th August.

Departed at 0720. Hard days walk over fair track. Arrived composite village of BAREIKA, TATUNOMU and ADUIKA. Arrived 1110. Tax/Census. Village in fair condition but some houses were a little small. Orders given to improve floor of rest house and improve condition of road.

Monday, 29th August.

Away at 0715 along good track for WAIAFANUMU and

arrived for Tax/Census at 0830. Inspected village which was in good order and moved on to MUIANOMU R.H. Arrived at 1045. Tax/Census of Village. Village Inspection revealed some well constructed houses. Made preparation for raft construction for next day.

Tuesday, 30th August.

Left at 0720 with gear and personnel divided among 10 rafts and proceeded along the Kemp Welch River to TABUNOMU. Arrived at 0920. Tax/Census of village. Proceeded down river to DIRINOMU. Arrived at 1030 to good reception.

Tax/census of DIRINOMU and ARUMENOMU. Both villages in good clean order.

Wednesday, 31st August.

Departed by raft at 0710 and arrived BULIDOBU R.H. at 0740. Tax/Census of BULIDOBU (which is in the process of moving a little upstream) and NEMONOMO. Some new houses built by BULIDOBU People were of a good style but those constructed at NEMONOMO were of poor design. Well planted coffee and peanuts was noticed in these village

Thursday, 1st September.

Departed by raft at 0700 and arrived at SISIGOLO at 0735. Tax/Census. 10 minutes by raft to NAFENOMU arriving at 0900. Houses in village of poor design. Away at 0930 and arrived GAUNOM at 1040. Tax/Census. Village in clean condition but several houses were only half finished. Slept overnight in excellent R.H.

Friday, 2nd September.

Left by raft at 0700 and proceeded downstream to GOBARAGERE Estate. Arrived 1000. Thence by truck to KWIKILA Government Station.

.....END OF PATROL.....

NATIVE AFFAIRS :-

It is unfortunate that only one patrol a year can be devoted to the MT. OBREE C.D. as it is evident that all villagers are in continual need of advice and assistance Also "follow-up" patrols would keep check of the work being done, resulting from orders given by the previous visiting officer.

There was a certain willingness of the people to bring any disputes to the patrol for settlement but the trend seems to be towards requests for S.A.P.'s. In almost every village visited, at least one person requested either a re-newal of, or initial shotgun permit.

It was noticed in previous patrol reports that there was a move towards amalgamation of villages, and it is apparent that the advantages of living in a composite village have been seen by many of the people, as those places already amalgamated are continuing to remain so. However, there is one exception, MIMAI, whose inhabitants wish to be excluded from the composite village of OIDOBI and IPOIDUBURU.

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In almost every village, the reception towards the patrol was satisfactory, especially in those villages where Mission Schools existed. It was evident that greater efforts were being made to make the Rest Houses more attractive and comfortable by a few villages which provided chairs, tables etc.

One Court of Native Matters was convened during the patrol.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS :-

The census of 48 village books was revised and a total of 2694 names were recorded - an increase of 7 on last year's figures.

The births which number 112 exceed deaths, 87. Since last year, there has been an increase of .93% on the birthrate and an increase of 15 deaths.

As in previous years, the trend is for men to obtain work from nearby plantations in the District, but there is a slight decrease in this number since last year and it is possible that a few eligible males may be staying in the villages and paying more attention to cash crops.

The majority of those 83 who have migrated out are females who have married men of other villages. Such is the case of those 65 who have migrated in.

No difficulties were experienced in the collection of head tax and the majority of eligible males had their money with them ready to pay.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH :-

Apart from a few tropical ulcers and the illness of one baby who was ordered to be taken into Rigo Hospital, the health of the people was quite satisfactory.

Two Aid Posts exist in the sub-division but unfortunately are not manned, and with this in mind, and the fact that the last Medical patrol was carried out in 1957, it appears that the area has been somewhat neglected in this respect.

Steps should be taken at least for aid posts to be sufficiently staffed with medical orderlies.

VILLAGES AND HOUSES :-

As mentioned in my Patrol Diary, all villages visited were inspected thoroughly and the majority found to be in a satisfactory condition. In most cases, it appeared that the people had gone to some trouble in cleaning their village in preparation for the patrol. However, orders were given in anticipation that this tidyness would be continued.

Generally the houses were of a good style and of adequate size but there was the odd village which included a rather small and poorly built house. It is understandable that, in the cooler mountain areas around TABU and TOMOROVANUA that the dwellings should be built in accordance with the climate, but there is no excuse

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for those houses in villages along the river to be of the same style. Fortunately, only a few places had houses of poor design and it was suggested that they follow the example of their lowland neighbours by building their houses in accordance with the climatic conditions.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Apart from the excellent road to Boregaina, which, in many places proved to be wide enough for vehicular traffic, the rest were in fair condition. However, a very bad stretch was encountered en route from DODI to GURANAUMO. Also little work had been done on the road from GURANAUMO to BAREIKA, but this is largely due to the small labour force of the area.

Any bridges which were seen, on appearance looked rather shaky but when proceeded over were found to be in satisfactory condition.

MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS :-

Referring to my section on Census and Statistics, it is obvious that only a small majority are taken advantage of the schooling offered to them by the Mission. Admittedly, the education is not of a very high standard but the fact that English is taught is surely one good reason for a larger attendance.

It was noticed too that some schools had persisted too long in trying to teach adult men who obviously had little hope of learning, and it was suggested that these should leave and more attention be given to the younger children, and encourage them to attend the schools.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS :-

On the whole, the work of the Village officials in the MT. OBREE was unsatisfactory, but it is evident that some are aware of the work expected of them. Possibly, the apparent lack of complaints brought before the patrol can be attributed to their effectiveness. Apart from keeping the R.H. in fair condition, they are of little use when keeping roads in good condition and other jobs which require management and co-operation from the people.

Three new Councillors were appointed by their respective villagers during the patrols. All were aware of the duties which lay before them.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE :-

An abundant supply of Native foodstuffs such as taro, sweet potatoes, bananas, pumpkins, sweet corn, cucumbers, pineapples, were available while small quantities of citrus fruits existed.

The villages along the lower part of the river provided fresh eggs, but tomatoes which were mentioned in previous reports were non-existent.

Wild pidgeon, fowls and wild pig added some variety to the diet, but none of these were found in great numbers.

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Since the newly planted coffee by the Agricultural Extension Officer at KAPOGERE, coffee growing in the area has increased appreciably.

It was suggested in a previous report that agricultural assistants should patrol the area and assist the people with their planting.

This has apparently been done as some well-planted coffee, especially in the EFAIKA area, and around the villages of BULIDOBU and NEMONOMO, was noticed.

Peanuts, a crop which is also increasing, is comparatively in its early stages, as is rice, but both crops appear to be progressing well and interest in both is increasing rapidly among the people.

Those gardens which included pineapples, especially along the lowland regions were an encouraging sight and should produce a fair income for the villages in the near future.

Part from those villages which extend along the river and have access to raft transport, the rest have no means of taking goods to the markets. This reduces any chance of developing a cash cropping scheme on a large scale and is rather unfortunate for those mountain people who produce large quantities of food. At the moment the only solution to the problem is the construction of an airstrip which also has its apparent difficulties.

CONCLUSION :-

Due to the rugged nature of the land, we cannot expect progress in the area to develop in leaps and bounds, but according to previous reports, pleasing progress has been made in such trends as Agriculture and village amalgamation.

Naturally, transport is the main difficulty here, but the possibility of fewer males leaving their villages to find work elsewhere may offset this problem to a certain extent. This, of course, will largely depend on the younger generation and if they have enough incentive to concentrate their energies within the Census Division.

Peter J. Power
(Peter J. Power)
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

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9th December, 1960.

The Assistant District Officer,
Rigo Sub-District,
MIKILU.

Patrol Report No. 7. Mt. Brown Census
Division - Land Disputes - Road Area.

Patrol Officer Booth's memorandum 14-2-1/44
of the 23rd June, 1960, to you, refers.

What was the outcome of your discussions, please?

(K.I. CHESTER.)
Acting District Officer.

c.c. Land File No. 35-5-3.

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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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5th December, 1960.

The Assistant District Officer,
Rigo Sub-District,
NIKILA.

Patrol Report No. 7. Mt. Brown
Census Division.
Better Tapping - Boku Area.

Patrol Officer Booth's 14-2-1/43 of the
22nd June, 1960, to you, refers.

What is the present position please.

(K.I. CHESTER.)
Acting District Officer.

c.c. Copy on Lands File - 35-7-1.

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8th December, 1960.

The Assistant District Officer,
Rigo Sub-District,
NIKILIA.

Patrol No. 7/52-6) - Mt. Brown.

Patrol Officer Booth's memorandum 32-1-1/6
of the 24th June, 1960, to you, refers.

Have the 'tent' Missionaries left the Rest
House at DAROKONANA yet?

(K.I. CHESTER.)
Acting District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

Appendix A

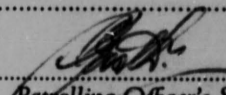
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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. **7/59-60** Subdistrict **RIGO** District **CENTRAL**
Officer Conducting Patrol **G. F. Booth, Patrol Officer**
Census Division Patrolled **MOUNT BROWN**
Objects of Patrol **Annual Revision of Census;**
Tax Collection;
Routine Administration.
Date Patrol Commenced **1st June, 1960** Date Completed **16th June, 1960.**
Duration—days **Sixteen (16)**

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

Special Arms Permits: 36-1-1/42 of 22/6/60
Aid Posts: 16-1-1/63 of 24/6/60
Native Requests: 14-1-7/198 of 20/6/60
New Village Constable: 14-1-8/25 of 20/6/60
Change of Village Name: 14-1-1/97 of 22/6/60
Rubber Tapping Libunakomana: 14-2-1/43 of 22/6/60
Land Dispute Libunakomana: 14-2-1/44 of 23/6/60
T.B. Patients Rigo Hospital: 16-1-1/62 of 22/6/60
Extension of Rigo N.L.G. Council: 14-2-2/113 of 24/6/60
Co-operative Investments: 41-1-1/41 of 24/6/60
Mission occupied Rest House: 32-1-1/6 of 24/6/60
Roads - vehicular: 24-1-1/104 of 24/6/60

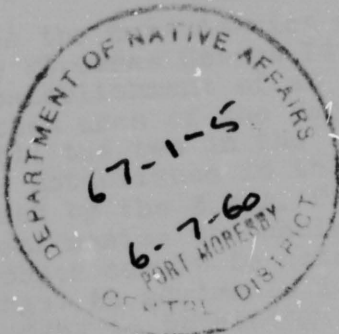

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District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 30-1-2/72.

Sub-District Office,
RIGO:
Central District.

30th. June, 1960.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL - RIGO 7/59-60

Mt. BROWN CENSUS DIVISION.

Enclosed is the above mentioned Memorandum of a Patrol into the Mt. Brown Census Division, conducted by Mr. G. F. Booth, Patrol Officer.

2. Correspondence Arising from Patrol.

- 36-1-1/42. - Will be handled locally.
- 16-1-1/63. - Please refer my 16-1-1/46 dated 6 February. I feel that the opening of new Aid Posts without re-staffing the existing posts is both futile, and disappointing, especially to the villages who are waiting for their Posts to be re-established. My comments on 16-1-1/46 are still applicable. Also refer my 30-1-2/70 in reply to your P/R/1846 dated 3 June.
- 14-1-7/198. - Forwarded to the District Officer, Gulf District Kikori, for his information, and possible action.
- 14-1-8/25. - Forwarded to you for your approval and action.
- 14-1-7/97. - Forwarded to you for your advice.
- 14-2-1/43 and 44. - It is intended to "thrash" these matters out with the Rev. E. L. Gray, as the Rubber is definitely on Mission Freehold land. Mr. Booth Patrol Officer, Mr. Nitsche Agricultural Officer, and myself will be in attendance at the proposed meeting.
- 16-1-1/62. - Forwarded to the E. M. A. Rigo for his advice.
- 14-2-2/113. - For Mr. Lang's information. It is not my intention of recommending an extension of the Rigo Council for some time yet.
- 41-1-1/41. - Minuted to the Co-Operative Officer for his action.
- 32-1-1/6. - Will be handled locally. It appears as though I must amend my idea of "tent missionaries" as per my 30-1-2/64 in reply to your P/R- 1465.
- 24-1-1/104. - For my information only.

3. The patrol was conducted in an efficient, and orderly manner, Mr. Booth handling the situation well. I do not think that the patrol conducted by the E. M. A. Mr. Greer into this area (part only) achieved very much. It certainly achieved the re-staffing of two Aid Posts however this was counteracted by his recommendations to establish two more posts in the immediate vicinity of the present posts.

This still leaves the Sub-District with 2 un-manned Aid Posts in the Mt.Obree Census Division, and no plans for the future establishment of an Aid Post in the medically forgotten area of the Maria. I am not in favour of extension until the two in the Obree are re-established and at least one established in the Maria. I have since received a request by the E.M.A. for the Council (Rigo) to loan sufficient monies to enable these four posts in the Mt. Brown to purchase cement to construct concrete floors in their buildings. An admirable idea - however one given without much thought to obtaining the cement, the supervision of construction, and the maintenance of enthusiasm. If the cement is to be purchased I fear it must be from the Village people themselves, as it is a Village Aid Post, and my present commitments will not allow me to construct Aid Posts as yet. Knowing the size of the buildings and the economy of the area it will in all probability be beyond the resources of the people to collect sufficient monies to enable them to purchase sufficient cement for the project. This then means that the Department of Native Affairs once again has the unhappy duty of informing these people that a promise once again can not be kept. The Census figures are most disappointing, and reveal that not only are Aid posts required but that constant patrolling coupled with these is an essential. This is necessary in the Mt. Brown as it must be remembered that various areas in this Division have been restricted for employment.

4.. Attached is Camping Allowance claim, for your approval and action please.

E. S. Sharp

(E. S. Sharp.)
c/ Assistant District Officer.

DIARY:

1st June, 1960. Departed Rigo at 0945 by truck. Crossed Kemp Welch River to Sivigolo Estate. Collected carriers and moved along a well cleared track to SIVITATANA. Arrived at 1310. Rest House in very poor order - village officials advised that they intend to replace it shortly. Tax/census - £14 collected and 8 exemptions granted. 46.9% of able bodied males absent at work. Village in good order - houses of the traditional style but very substantial. Several minor matters discussed with the people. E.A.A. Greer passed through the village during the late afternoon en route Sivigolo ex Mt. Brown area.

2nd June, 1960. Departed SIVITATANA at 0725. Along a good track to MUKUNAKOKA. Arrived at 0935. Tax/census - £15 collected and 9 exemptions granted. 51.4% men at work. Village in three parts, people encouraged to form a single village. Inspection: houses of good style but shoddily constructed. Villages clean. No disputes.

3rd June, 1960. Away at 0715. Well cleared track to OBAKIGOLO. Arrived at 0825. Village consists of two hamlets - ORANIGOLO and BALAGOLO. Tax/census - £12 collected and 5 exemptions granted. 54.8% of men at work. Villages in semi-satisfactory order, houses of an even but generally poor standard - instructions given to improve the area. Sick child ordered to hospital. Several requests for shotgun permits - my 36-1-1/42 of 22nd June, 1960 refers. £15 moved on along a good track. Arrived KWAIROBU Rest House at 1110. Tax/census for DAREVAKOMANA, BOLENOMU and GANIGIU - £22 collected and 7 exemptions granted. 45.5% at work. Inspection of GANIGIU - generally in fair order. People advised that they wished to combine with NAGOATEBATAKA village in the Maria Division - move encouraged. Other villages to be inspected to-morrow. More requests for gun permits.

4th June, 1960. Departed at 0700. Good track to DAREVAKOMANA - village combined with BOLENOMU. Arrived at 0740. Village to be cleared and cleaned - instructions given. Housing satisfactory. On at 0820. Arrived at DIRIKOMANA at 0850. Tax/census - £13 collected and 5 exemptions granted. 60% at work. Village similar to DAREVAKOMANA. Departed at 1010. Well cleared track to BOBOGORO. Arrived at 1035. Tax/census for BOBOGORO, MUIAMAGORO and GAIGORO - £19 collected and 12 exemptions granted. 56.2% at work. Village inspection - conditions generally fair. Inspected WIGA Aid Post - buildings in poor order, cement to be used in re-construction programme - my 16-1-1/63 of the 24th June, 1960 refers. One complaint - my 14-1-7/198 of the 20th June, 1960 refers.

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5th June, 1960. Departed at 0740. Fair track to ONEMAGORO, arrived at 0845.
Tax/census - £6 collected and 1 exemption granted. 53.8% able bodied males at work.
Village in fair order - houses small but quite substantial. Moved on at 0925. Rough track to combined village of IOROMAKOMANA and ARUO-IDU. Arrived at 0950.
Tax/census - £7 collected and 5 exemptions granted. 53.3% of men absent at work.
Village in good order, houses new and of sound design. Continued on at 1105. Along a better track to BUMEGORO. Arrived at 1155.
Tax/census for BUMEGORO, UBEREGORO, KEMAKOMANA and WIBEGORO - £24 collected and 13 exemptions granted. 39.6% of men at work.
Inspected BUMEGORO and UBEREGORO - conditions generally satisfactory.
Several minor matters settled amicably.

6th June, 1960. Away at 0740 in heavy rain. Unable to visit the combined village of KEMAKOMANA and WIBEGORO. Passed through UBEREGORO village and then along a good track to SENEMAKA. Arrived at 0930.
Tax/census - £5 collected and 2 exemptions granted. 20% of men at work.
Village in satisfactory order, housing good. Big improvement since the patrol in January 1960.
Continued on at 1010. Good track to MARANOM, arrived at 1040.
Tax/census - £20 collected and 10 exemptions granted. 32.7% of men at work.
Village inspected - also much improved since visit in January 1960.
Inspected Aid Post - buildings in need of repair. Discussed the Aid Post with village officials - my 16-1-1/63 of the 24th June, 1960 refers.
Several minor disputes settled.

7th June, 1960. Departed at 0740. Slow work crossing flooded river. Then along a good track to IGUIA, arrived at 1030.
Tax/census - £13 collected and 4 exemptions granted. 35.7% of men at work.
Village Constable of IGUIA requested permission to resign due to old age. Approval granted subject to confirmation and a replacement chosen - my 14-1-8/25 of the 20th June, 1960 refers.
Village in satisfactory order.
Moved on at 1140. Again some trouble crossing river. Continued along a well cleared track to HOMENOMU. Arrived at 1335. Very good Rest House here.
Tax/census - £28 collected and 16 exemptions granted. 27% of men at work.
HOMENOMU village combined with GUNAIA.
Village conditions generally satisfactory. Houses of poor style and crudely built - good building materials not readily available in this area.
A number of petty disputes brought forward and settled amicably.
An Aid Post to be built here.

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8th June, 1960. Departed at 0800. Carriers sent direct to AIRIAUKA. Good track to SANOUM. Arrived at 0850.

Tax/census - £18 collected and 8 exemptions granted. 9.3% of men at work.

Village consists of three hamlets. Conditions generally unsatisfactory - village areas dirty and houses poor, instructions given to improve the area.

Continued on at 1030. Rough track to MARAROUM No. 1. Arrived at 1100.

Tax/census - £8 collected and 8 exemptions granted. 6.3% of men at work.

Village to be shifted to a new site several hundred yards from the present site - instructions given about the clearing and cleaning of this new site.

Moved on at 1215. Fair track to AIRIAUKA, arrived at 1330.

Tax/census - £10 collected and 12 exemptions granted. 51.3% of men at work.

HIMAI'IA village combined with AIRIAUKA.

Village in semi-satisfactory order - instructions given to improve the area.

Rest House very small and in poor order - village officials advised that they intended to replace it but were waiting until after the patrol.

Several petty disputes settled.

9th June, 1960. Away at 0735. Fair track to BULIDOBURU, arrived at 1040.

Tax/census - £15 collected and 12 exemptions granted. 37.1% of men at work.

Village combined with WABURAIKA and MARAROUM No. 2.

Conditions generally satisfactory - houses of the poor style typical of the area.

Good Rest House.

A number of children not attending the local mission school; interviewed the parents and encouraged them to send their children to school regularly.

10th June, 1960. Away at 0730. Fair track to KAIKANOMU, arrived at 1035.

This village in the Mt. Obree Division - no tax or census here.

Inspection - village in satisfactory order.

Continued on at 1130. Good track to AMURAIKA, arrived at 1245.

Tax/census - £25 collected and 2 exemptions.

This village combined with ARAMAIIKA and TABUROIIKA.

Village in satisfactory order - better style of house here.

Another good Rest House here.

A large number of minor matters discussed.

11th June, 1960. Departed at 0850. Well cleared track to BAUKOMANA, arrived at 1005.

This village also in the Mt. Obree Division - no tax or census.

Several minor matters brought to the attention of the patrol.

Request by the people that the village name be changed - my 14-1-1/97 of the 11th June, 1960 refers.

Village in satisfactory condition.

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11th June, 1960. Contd.

Continued on at 1050. Arrived LIBUNAKOMANA at 1140. This village also in the Mt. Obree Division - no tax or census. Attractive new Rest House here. Village in semi-satisfactory order. Instructions given to improve the area. 1230 moved on along an excellent track. Arrived KARAIKOMANA at 1305. Another good style Rest House here. Tax/census - £31 collected and 12 exemptions granted. 30% of men at work.

12th June, 1960. Remained at KARAIKOMANA.

Inspected village - area generally fairly clean but several houses to be replaced. Also inspected GOBUKOMANA - conditions satisfactory. Number of disputes brought before the patrol. A lot of dissatisfaction about the rubber tapping business being conducted by the LIBUNAKOMANA people - my 14-2-1/43 of the 23rd June, 1960 refers. Also a complaint about the LIBUNAKOMANA people gardening on the land of the NOGOMAKA and GOBUKOMANA people - my 14-2-1/44 of the 23rd June, 1960 refers.

13th June, 1960. Away at 0750. Carriers sent direct to NOGOMAKA.

Proceeded to TAITOKOMANA, arrived at 0810. Tax/census - £2 collected and 2 exemptions granted. Village rather poor, not very many people to do the work. Housing adequate. 33% of men at work. Continued on at 0850. Good track to combined village of KOWOROKOMANA and LAUTAKOMANA, arrived at 0935. Tax/census - £10 collected and 5 exemptions granted. Village in generally fair order, some extra work to be done. 38.1% of men at work. 1100 continued on to combined village of GOGOREKOMANA and BOLAKOMANA. Arrived at 1140. Tax/census - £7 collected and 7 exemptions granted. 33% of men at work. Village conditions satisfactory. Large, new Rest House maintained here. Query received from the people about T.B. patients at Rigo Hospital - my 16-1-1/62 of the 22nd June, 1960 refers. 1310 moved on to NOGOMAKA. Poor track - to be improved. Arrived at 1410.

14th June, 1960. Remained at NOGOMAKA.

This village combined with TAUKOMANA. KORAKOMANA village nearby. Tax/census - £20 collected and 12 exemptions granted. 23% of men at work. Village inspection - all satisfactory here. Several houses of very progressive style here. Talked with the people. Lot of concern that the Rigo Native Local Government Council is to be extended to include this area - my 14-2-2/113 of the 24th June, 1960 refers. A number of other matters brought forward, mostly of a very minor nature and able to be settled readily.

APPENDIX "B".

RIGO PATROL NO. 7/59-60. 15 29

DIARY:.....page 5.

15th June, 1960. Departed at 0720. Fair track to WAINUMU, arrived at 0750. Tax/census - £6 collected and 4 exemptions granted. 27.3% of men at work. Village in good order, houses old but quite substantial. On at 0830. Track poor in parts, to be re-located. Arrived ALEBAGIU at 0930. Tax/census, also for GAVAGORO - £12 collected and 4 exemptions granted. Village in excellent order, well cleared and very clean. Query by the people about their investments in the Sinaugoro Native Society - my 41-1-1/41 of the 24th June, 1960 refers. Several other minor matters discussed. People in this area also concerned that the Rigo Council will be enlarged to include them - my 14-2-2/113 of the 24th June, 1960 refers.

16th June, 1960. Away at 0720. Well cleared track to DAROAKOMANA. Arrived at 0930. Tax/census - £6 collected and 3 exemptions granted. 32.1% of men at work. Patrol had planned on stopping here but members of the mission body the Christian Assemblies of God in Australia were occupying the Rest House - my 32-1-1/6 of the 24th June, 1960 refers. Inspected village - in satisfactory order, several new houses being built. 1105 continued on to BOREGAINA. Track very muddy - my 24-1-1/104 of the 24th June, 1960 refers. Arrived BOREGAINA at 1210 - this village is part of the Rigo Native Local Government Council. Talked to the Village Councillor. Continued on at 1235. Arrived Kapogere Agricultural Station at 1300. Continued on to the Kemp Welch River, crossed and proceeded to Sub-District Office, arriving at 1455. Truck sent to collect patrol personnel.

END OF PATROL

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Sub-District Office,
RIGO.
Central District.

22nd June, 1960.

Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

SPECIAL ARMS PERMITS.

During the Mt. Brown patrol there were numerous requests made for Special Arms Permits. Many of the applicants had all the qualifications necessary for the issue of a permit, but unfortunately, in almost all cases, their villages already had a seemingly adequate quota of permits on issue.

In each case I explained the situation, made an entry in the relevant village book, and advised each applicant to proceed to Rigo and interview the A.D.O. for his final decision.

For your information, please.

G.F. Booth
G.F. Booth,
Patrol Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
RIGO.
Central District.
24th June, 1960.

Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

AID POSTS - MOUNT BROWN.

It is difficult to get a clear picture of the health situation in the Mt. Brown area. This patrol recorded 114 births as against 108 deaths. Comparison of these figures with those of preceding years fails to reveal any definite trends. The figures are as follows:-

1959 - 105 births and 66 deaths;
1958 - 131 births and 132 deaths;
1957 - 238 births and 200 deaths.

Just prior to this patrol, the Medical Assistant Mr. D.G. Greer patrolled through part of the Mt. Brown area and re-opened the aid posts at WIGA (BOBOGORO) and MARANOM. These posts were closed during 1959 after trouble was experienced in getting the village people to carry drugs and rations for the orderlies from the coast.

The people have now signified their willingness to carry medicine for the posts, and as the orderlies are now being paid money in lieu of rations, the people have been relieved of some of their carrying worries. The Medical Orderly at WIGA reported to me that he had been left there by Mr. Greer on the understanding that the village people would feed him until such time as he could get a garden planted and bearing. He complained that the people were not very free with their help and that he was hungry. I gave him what assistance I could.

The buildings at both aid posts are in need of renewal or at least major repair. The village people are quite prepared to carry out this work. Mr. Greer told the village officials at both posts that he would obtain sufficient cement to enable all new buildings at both posts to have cement floors. Accordingly the people are now collecting materials for the quarters, and will begin the re-construction work when the cement arrives. I asked the people about this cement, and was assured that they were quite willing to carry it from Rigo, and that they knew how to mix it.

I don't know where Mr. Greer intends to procure cement for this work. I was not aware that P.H.D. made funds available for village aid posts. The Mt. Brown people told me that Mr. Greer intended to ask the Rigo N.L.G. Council for assistance with this work. I could see no connection between the Council and these aid posts, especially as the Council is now embarking on its own programme of aid post construction, but perhaps Mr. Greer will be able to supply more details.

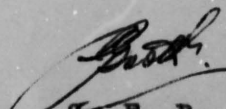
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With both these posts staffed, the people of the upper Mt. Brown have, in my opinion, adequate medical facilities. MARANOM Aid Post is 4½ hours walk from WIGA Aid Post for a patrol with carriers. From MARANOM a patrol can reach even the remotest Mt. Brown village in 5½ hours. The local people generally do not follow the patrol route, they prefer to use small village tracks that are rougher but much shorter, and it can be safely assumed that patrol walking times may be reduced by at least one third when estimating the distance of the various upper Mt. Brown villages from the two aid posts.

The Medical Assistant obviously does not agree with my thoughts on the adequacy of the two aid posts. He has arranged for the HOMENOMU people - 4½ hours walk for a patrol from MARANOM - to clear a site for an aid post, gather material, and when cement becomes available, erect an aid post. The HOMENOMU people very enthusiastically told me of their aid post, and it is to be hoped that they are not too disappointed if an orderly is not available for them.

In my opinion the health position in the Mt. Brown area may be considered satisfactory with the manning of the two aid posts. If the two closed aid posts in the Mt. Obree area are to be re-opened shortly, then the overall health situation in the mountain areas, apart from the Maria which is apparently the forgotten area, may be viewed most optimistically. If however, the Obree posts are to remain closed for an indefinite period, I recommend that the WIGA Aid Post be closed and the orderly transferred to the Obree.

For your information, please.


G. F. Booth,
Patrol Officer.

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Central District.

20th June, 1960.

Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

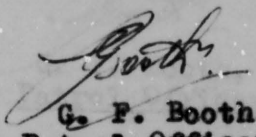
NATIVE REQUEST - BUNA KALO of BOBOGORO.

BUNA KALO of Bobogoro Village, Rigo has requested that his son, TUNA BUNA, who is employed as a carpenter at Middletown, be asked to return home and see him as he is now an old man.

BUNA stated that TUNA has been absent from home for at least 12 years, the last 6 being spent at Middletown.

BUNA does not know the name of TUNA's employer, but if possible, would like TUNA to be located and advised of his wishes.

For your action, please.


G. F. Booth,
Patrol Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
RIGG.
Central District.

20th June, 1960.

The Assistant District Officer,
R I G G.

VILLAGE CONSTABLE'S RECORD OF SERVICE.

No. 28 Village Constable EARI ERE of Igua village, Mt. Brown tendered his resignation to the patrol. EARI is an old man and he feels that he can no longer adequately perform his duties.

I enclose a recommendation that HUMA U'URE of Igua be appointed to replace EARI. HUMA appears to be a most suitable type.

For your consideration, please.

G. F. Booth
G. F. Booth,
Patrol Officer.

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22nd June, 1960.

Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

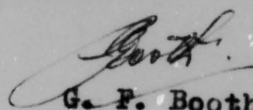
REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF VILLAGE NAME.

The people of BAUKOMANA village approached this patrol and requested that their village name be altered to BOKU.

It was stated that "Bau" in the local dialect is an exclamation of anger or disgust, and that the village had gained this name (BAUKOMANA) when its members had quarrelled and broken away from the village of BOKU, which is now called GOBUKOMANA.

The ill feeling between the two groups has now completely ended and both parties consider that the name BAUKOMANA should be altered.

For your consideration, please.


G. F. Booth,
Patrol Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
RIGO.
Central District.
22nd June, 1960.

Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

RUBBER TAPPING - BOKU AREA.

While at Karaikomana the patrol received a number of complaints about JACK GOBONA tapping rubber trees between Libunakomana and Gobukomana.

As you are aware of much of the background to this matter I will not go into excessive detail. Initially the complaints were made by men from Nogomaka and Gobukomara, who claimed that the rubber trees were growing on their land. While I had only a limited knowledge of the area, I told the people that I considered the land to be Administration owned, as I knew that the Agricultural Officer, Kapogere had been encouraging the people to tap the trees. This explanation was accepted without any trouble.

I was then requested to explain why, if the land was Administration owned, JACK GOBONA and a few chosen friends had sole rights to tap the rubber trees. The people considered that they had a right to share in the profits, providing of course that they worked. At this stage I was caught for an outright answer. I could see no reason why all the neighbouring villages should not share in the enterprise, unless of course a contract had been let out to a specific village - this I knew had not been done.

I told the people that I would check on the rights to the land, and endeavour to arrange through the Agricultural Officer Kapogere for all the villages to be represented, so that they could all get a share of the profits. This answer was very well received.

The attitude of the people was simply one of jealousy. For many years the rubber trees have been completely ignored, and not until JACK GOBONA began operations about two months ago and realised some £45 from the sale of cured rubber to Gobaragere Estate, was there any interest. But the point was that they had a right to participate unless there was a contract.

Upon my return to Rigo I was informed that the land was not Administration owned, and was in fact freehold land held by the London Missionary Society. The Administration had encouraged the people to tap rubber because of a verbal authority from the mission.

The position is now that there is intense ill feeling between the Libunakomana people (they are at present tapping) and the other neighbouring villages. Unless a satisfactory settlement is arranged then there could be serious trouble. I have instructed the Karaikomana Village Constable to carefully watch the situation and immediately report any developments.

For your information and action, please.

G.F. Booth
G.F. Booth, Patrol Officer.

14-2-1/44.

Sub-District Office,
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Central District.

23rd June, 1960.

Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

LAFD DISPUTES - BOKU AREA.

Apart from the trouble between the Libunakorana people and the neighbouring villages over rubber tapping as reported in my 14-2-1/43 of the 22nd June, 1960, there was other trouble over land.

Several Nogomaka and Gobukomana men claimed that the Libunakomanas were gardening on their land. They stated that these trespassers (squatters) had refused to move, though reportedly they have extensive landholdings of their own.

This land dispute is quite simple in itself, but coupled with the ill feeling created by the trouble over rubber tapping rights there is at present a lot of unpleasant inter-village rivalry.

The position of Libunakomana village and the gardening habits of the people are in some way to blame for the trouble. The village is situated on the edge of the Libunakomana landholdings, next to their land boundaries with the Nogomaka, Gobukomana and Bukomana people. The Libunakomanas are content to garden in close proximity to their village, rather than use the main section of their land, which is some distance away. As the land belonging to all the neighbouring groups is very close to the village it is simple to understand how gardens have been put on the wrong land.

To further aggravate the position, Jack Goboua has erected a rubber smoke house on land owned by the Nogomaka/Gobukomana people. This action was both senseless and unnecessary. No action was taken by this patrol as it is hoped that the rubber dispute can be amicably settled, and therefore it will be unnecessary for the smoke house to be removed.

Unfortunately I had passed through the Libunakomana area before the complaint about illegal use of land was made. As I did not feel that it would be possible to settle the matter without an inspection of the land, I advised both parties that the Obree patrol, next month, would investigate the matter fully.

For your information and action, please.


G. F. Booth,
Patrol Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
RIGO.

Central District.

22nd June, 1960.

Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

24th June, 1960.

T.B. PATIENTS - RIGO HOSPITAL.

While at Gogorekomana and Bolakomana villages a number of the people requested advice about three of their fellow villagers who have been at Rigo Hospital for quite some time receiving treatment for T.B.

These patients are: TUARI IAGERE, M/A, GOGOREKOMANA
LALE IBANA, M/A, "
DINIMA TARU, M/A, BOLAKOMANA.

Would it be possible for the Medical Assistant, Rigo to be asked to advise the present position regarding these men, the likelihood of them being discharged etc.

For your consideration, please.

G. F. Booth

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Patrol Officer.

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Patrol Officer.

14-2-2/113

Sub-District Office,
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Central District.

24th June, 1960.

Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

MT. BROWN ATTITUDE TO LOCAL GOVT.
COUNCIL.

Throughout the entire Mt. Brown area there were expressions of concern that the Rigo Native Local Government Council was to be extended to include them. In the lower areas this attitude was particularly noticeable and the patrol received several delegations who requested that the Council be restrained from taking over their areas. The common plea was: "we wish to remain with the Government and not go with the Local."

These delegations were told that I knew of no immediate intention to even consider their villages for inclusion in the Council, and that the Administration would always give consideration to their wishes and not forcibly place them in a council.

The principal objection to the Council is the higher tax rate. At present the Mt. Brown area is assessed to pay £1 per annum in contrast to the Council tax of £3 per annum. The Mt. Brown area has no satisfactory avenue for economic development due to the lack of roads and the poor terrain. Wage labour in the Moresby area provides the main source of money.

For your information, please.

G. F. Booth
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Patrol Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
RIGO.
Central District.

24th June, 1960.

Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.


CO-OPERATIVE INVESTORS - MT. BROWN AREA.

A number of people in the Boku-Nogomaka area requested the patrol to check on the money that they had invested in the Sinaugoro Native Society.

These people stated that they gave money to Toa Abe at Boregaina several years ago, and were given handwritten receipts. They were told that in due course they would be issued with official receipts and society membership cards - they were never received. I attach several of these preliminary receipts for your information.

As the Society has apparently failed to officially acknowledge the receipt of their money, these investors want to know if their money was ever passed on to the Society.

For your information and action, please.


G. F. Booth,
Patrol Officer.

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Central District.

24th June, 1960.

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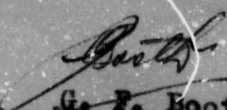
MISSION OCCUPIED REST HOUSE - DAROAKOMANA.

This patrol intended to stay overnight at Daroakomana, but upon arrival at the village a change of plans became necessary as it was found that the Rest House was being occupied by two "tent" missionaries of a mission sect, named I believe the Christian Assemblies of God in Australia.

I knew that these men were established at Daroakomana, but I was under the misapprehension that they lived in tents, thereby acquiring the name of tent missionaries. However it is now quite obvious that the tent missionaries are not as hardy as reports had indicated, and that they prefer the relative comfort of a Rest House.

As it eventuated there was not a great deal of work requiring my attention at Daroakomana, but I consider that as these men have been occupying the Rest House for several months, and can no longer be classed as transients, they be requested to vacate it.

For your consideration, please.


G. F. Booth,
Patrol Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
RIGO.
Central District.

24th June, 1960.

Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

VEHICULAR ROAD - MT. BROWN AREA.

The patrol unsuccessfully looked for a suitable route that could be developed into a vehicular road.

The barrier of small, steep-sided hills behind Sivitatana and Darokomana do not lend themselves to vehicular roads, and even if these obstacles could be overcome, the terrain further north is very rugged. Near Boku it would be possible for a road to be made along the tops of the ridges, but with the manpower and equipment available it could not be extended further towards the Mt. Brown area.

For your information, please.


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G. F. Booth,
Patrol Officer.

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 7/59-60 Sub-district RIGO District CENTRAL
Officer Conducting Patrol G. F. Booth, Patrol Officer
Census Division Patrolled MOUNT BROWN
Objects of Patrol Annual Revision of Census;
Tax Collection;
Routine Administration.
Date Patrol Commenced 1st June, 1960 Date Completed 16th June, 1960.
Duration—days Sixteen (16)

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

Special Arms Permits: 36-1-1/42 of 22/6/60
Aid Posts: 16-1-1/63 of 24/6/60
Native Request: 14-1-7/198 of 20/6/60
New Village Constable: 14-1-8/25 of 20/6/60
Change of Village Name: 14-1-1/97 of 22/6/60
Rubber Tapping Libunakomana: 14-2-1/43 of 22/6/60
Land Dispute Libunakomana: 14-2-1/44 of 23/6/60
T.B. Patients Rigo Hospital: 16-1-1/62 of 22/6/60
Extension of Rigo N.L.G. Council: 14-2-2/113 of 24/6/60
Co-operative Investments: 41-1-1/41 of 24/6/60
Mission occupied Rest House: 32-1-1/6 of 24/6/60
Roads - vehicular: 24-1-1/104 of 24/6/60


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.