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STATION: BOKU, 1962 - 1963

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PATROL REPORTS BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT 1962/63

BUIN

BOKU

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Conducted by:</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
Buin 2-62/63	P.L.Lyons	Paubake Census Div.
" 7-62/73	G.M.James	Eastern Paramountcy
Beku 4-62/63	K.E.Hollamby	Nagovisi Census Div.
" 5-62/63	B.G.Robins	Baitsi Census Div.
" 6-62/63	R.J.Staples	Nagovisi Census Div.
" 7-62/63	R.J.Staples	Torokina



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of **BOUGAINVILLE** - Report No. **BOX 4 - 62/63**

Patrol Conducted by **L.E. Holliday Patrol Officer**

Area Patrolled **Part Hagovisi Census Division Baka Area**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **Mr. G.G. TUMIT A/O**

Natives **2 Members R.P. & H.O.C.**

Duration—From **6/11/1962** to **12/11/1962**

Number of Days **SIX**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **SEPT./1962**

Medical **SEPT./1962**

Map Reference **BOUGAINVILLE FOUR MIL SERIES**

Objects of Patrol **MAINTAIN STATUS quo OF AREA - ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.**

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

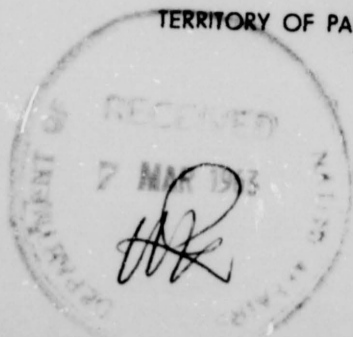
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....





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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply  
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No. 67/1/7.

Department of Native Affairs,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

5th, March, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4/62-63 - BOKU.

Reference your 67/11/9, dated 7th, February, 1963.

Attachments from the Assistant District Officer, BUIN  
are forwarded for your information please.

Mr. PAUL LAPUN also addressed the meeting of the  
Combined Bougainville District Councils Conference recently  
held at TINPUTZ. All present were very impressed with his  
address.

(A. J. ZWECK).  
A/DISTRICT OFFICER.

51-1-2

Sub-District Officer  
BUIH,  
Bougainville District.

26th February, 1963.

The District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
SONAHU.

ACTIVITIES - PAUL LAPUN

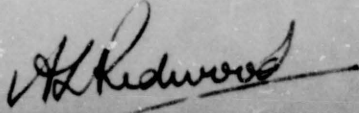
My memorandum 51-1-2 of 13th February, 1963, refers.

2. Attached please find typed copies of the listed points prepared and elaborated upon by Paul Lapun during his present Lecture Tour. A copy was handed to me by Mr. Lapun prior to his address to the SIMAI Council and people at AMIO on 19th February, 1963.
3. His address lasted one hour, and made a considerable impact on the large number of people (including Europeans) present at the Council Meeting. Although not an outstanding speaker, his sincerity and obviously intelligent grasp of his subject matter held the audience spell-bound. I for one was considerably impressed.
4. On return from his present lecture tour of BUKA, KIETA and the Combined Councils Conference, Mr. Lapun will address the assembled BUIH people - 4 meetings in the 4 Buin Paramountcies. I enclose a local circular on the matter, prepared after consultation with Mr. Lapun and the 4 Buin Paramount Luluais.
5. The opportunity will also be taken at this time for an address to be given to the Junior Technical and Primary 'T' Boarding school at Buin.
6. A further report will be forwarded in due course.

A.L. REINWOOD,  
A/Assistant District Officer

c.c. District Officer, SONAHU.

Director of Native Affairs memorandum 67-11-9 of 7th February, 1963, paragraph 3 (your minute 67/1/7 of 16/2/63) refers.

  
A.L. REINWOOD,  
A/Assistant District Officer



12th, February 1963.

Agenda Bilong ol meetings long dispela mun February.

- Item 1. Mipela i bin go long lukim wok bilong Parliament bilong bikpela gavman bilong Australia.  
Bilong wanem mipela i bin go long lukim wok bilong dispela Parliament?  
Mipela i bin go long sating ol i save kolim en (Political Education).  
Gavman bilong yumi Papua na New Guinea i laik bambai yumi ol Papua na New Guinea i kisim save kuik long wok bilong bikpela gavman tru na yumi ken redi kuik long bosia yumi yet.
- Item 2. Mipela i bin stap long Canberra long Bikpela Parliament haus inap long tripela wik ologeta.  
Mipela i bin lukim gut tru ol pasin bilong ol kain meeting bilong bikpela gavman bilong Australia long Parliament haus long Canberra.
- Item 3. Mipela i bin go long lukim tu meeting bilong MUNICIPAL COUNCIL long quenbeyan klestu tasol long Canberra.  
Na mipela i bin go tu long meeting bilong Shire Council long Goulburn, i longwe liklik long Canberra.
- Item 4. I gat tripela kain gavman long Australia.  
Federal Government, State Government na Local Government.
- Item 5. Government i save sanap strong tasol long moni.  
Moni i mas kamap long ol pipol yet.  
Ol pipol ol i no gat moni ol i ne nap long kirapim strongpela gavman bilong ol.
- Item 6. Long Australia ol pipol man na meri ol i wo hat tru long ol kain sating bilong winim moni i kam long kantri or ples bilong ol.
- Item 7. I no gat sating i save kamap mating long Australia.  
Ol gutpela haus, ol rot, kaikai na habus na ol kain gutpela sating i kamap tasol long hat-wok bilong ol pipol yet.
- Item 8. Long Australia i no gat kros na pait nabaut long graun bikos gavman tasol i bos na i putim lo long ologeta hap graun long Australia.
- Item 9. Long Australia i gat plekti ka'n man na plenti kain tok-ples.  
Tasol ol i wantok tasol na ol i laikim tumas ples bilong ol Australia.
- Item 10. Mi hamamas tru long bikpela gavman bilong yumi Papua na New Guinea i save salim ol pipol bilong Papua na New Guinea i go long Australia na lukim ol kain wok long Australia.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

51-1-2

Sub-District Office,  
BUIN,  
Bougainville District.

22nd February, 1963.

OL WAITPUS NA HATMAN: BUIN.

MITING BILONG PAUL LAMIN

Long October, 1962, PAUL LAPON bilong BOKU wantaim ol Lids bilong narapela District long Papua na New Guinea oli win go Australia bilong lukim na lainim tek bilong bik German na ol Kaunsel bilong Australia.

PAUL lain tokim pinis ol Boku pipol na Stvat Kaunsel long wanem samting emi bin lukim na lainim long Australia. Nau emi go long BUKA na KIETA. Tok emi kam bek long Kieta, bainbai emi go kamap long planti hap nabaut long hap bilong Buin.

Mi laikim olgeta pipol mas bung na harim ol gutpela tek tek bilong PAUL. Oli mas bung long ol pies mi makim aninit :-

THURSDAY 7th MARCH 1963

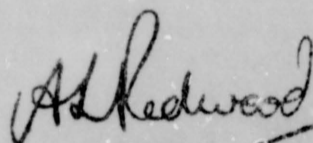
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TABAGO : Bihain.

FRIDAY 8th MARCH 1963

PARIRO : Pastaim  
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BUIN GOVT. School long bele bek.

SATURDAY 9th MARCH 1963

AKU HAUS KIAP.



A.L. REDWOOD,  
A/Assistant District Officer.

67-11-9

7th February, 1963.

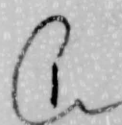
District Officer,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANG.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4/62-63 - BOKH.

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. I agree that it is necessary to find an outlet for produce prior to people being encouraged to produce. Action should be taken to make a preliminary survey of a suitable bridle path at this stage. The Executive Officer (Local Government) has suggested that the people of this area might care to join a council in an adjacent area.

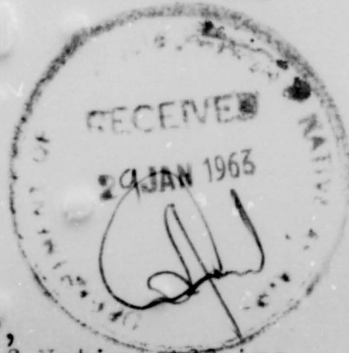
3. What was the content of Paul Lapun's talks to the people? What were the things that most impressed him and how were they described to his listeners.

  
(W. R. Dishon)  
A/DIRECTOR



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No. 67/1/7.

Department of Native Affairs,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

23rd, January, 1963.

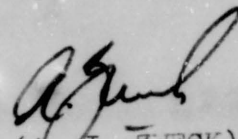
The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

BOKU PATROL NO. 4 OF 1962/1963.

Report of a Patrol by Mr. K. HOLLAMBY, together with comments by Mr. REDWOOD, Acting Assistant District Officer, BUIN, forwarded herewith.

I have no further comments to make. The Patrol was one of familiarisation by Mr. HOLLAMBY and he achieved his purpose.

Mr. HOLLAMBY was sent to BOKU to relieve Mr. A. C. ROBSON pending the arrival of Mr. ROBINS, ex. Australian School of Pacific Administration. At first it would appear that Mr. ROBINS would arrive before the departure of Mr. HOLLAMBY to the Australian School of Pacific Administration. However, there will be a short gap as Mr. ROBIN'S return is delayed through illness.

  
(A. J. ZWECK).  
A/DISTRICT OFFICER.

67-2-2.

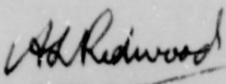
Sub-District Officer,  
BUN,  
Bougainville District.

17th January, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

BOE PATROL NO. 4 - 62/63  
NAGOVISI CENSUS DIVISION (PART)  
PATROL OFFICER K.E. HOLLAMBY

1. Attached please find the above mentioned Patrol Report submitted by the Officer-in-Charge, Boku.
2. As Mr. Hollamby's stay at Boku is of limited duration, he has been instructed to maintain the 'status quo' until his relief arrives this month.
3. This Patrol was one of familiarisation and routine administration. Mr. Hollamby's brief comments are of interest.
4. Claim for Camping Allowance is attached.

  
A.L. REDWOOD,  
A/Assistant District Officer.



NATIVE AFFAIRS.

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Many people put questions to both myself and Mr. Tually which were intelligent and interesting. These questions ranged from Local Government Councils to Economic developemnet.

The native situation was found to be good.

HEALTH AND SANITATION.

The people of the area were noted to be healthy with only a few minor sores and other complaints.

Even though the people appeared to be healthy their villaged, or rather those visited, were, in comparison to other areas I have visited, comparatively poor. Housing was noted to be in a state of disrepair in most cases.

ROADS AND WALKING TRACKS.

Walking tracks in the area are of a good standard. They are muddy in places but this is only to be expected due to the low drainage and the high rainfall of the area.

The vehicular road from Mosigetta to Beretemba presented a different picture. This is a muddy track which has never been formed with jungle encroaching on both sides. There are now two road gangs working on this at the present. These are each of ten men and they are cutting back the jungle and removing the waterlogged ground on the top. Drains are being dug along the sides to carry the water.

Instructions were left to the effect that the Govt. 'work day' (monday) be devoted to helping out on these roads.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT.

Cash cropping has reached the point where an established outlet to a market must be found before it can go ahead. The people are eager to move ahead with their cash crops but are reluctant to do so for fear that they cannot get their produce out. The lack of a good outlet is the first thing that strikes the eye in this area. The potential of cash cropping is very high but needs a good reliable outlet to the markets. Even the people closer to Boku Patrol Post are having difficulty in getting their produce out and these people who live farther out have no chance improving.

(Handwritten notes in left margin, including a signature and some illegible text)

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The people in the Nagovisi appear to be ready for a Local Government Council.

CONCLUSION.

The most important object of the patrol was, I feel, achieved; that is I now have a small knowledge of the area and the type of people whom I am going to be in contact with. Nothing was achieved Administratively and no policies of my own were brought into it.

The whole area has its problems which will, I feel, take a long time to solve but never-the-less the people are trying to bring themselves up to a better standard in most cases.

*K.E. Hollamby*  
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Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....BOUGAINVILLE..... Report No.....BOK 5-62/63.....

Patrol Conducted by.....B.G. ROBINS, Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....BAITSI C/D BOKU.....

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

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

Duration—From 6 / 3 / 1963 to 10 / 3 / 1963

Number of Days.....FIVE.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 2 / 7 / 1962

Medical .... August / 1962

Map Reference.....Sketch Map Attached.....

Objects of Patrol.....1) Tax/Census.....

.....2) Compilation of Common Roll.....

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY. *Kenedy*

Forwarded, please.

*1 / 5 / 1963*

*[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 ....



67.11.21

Minute To :

Sohano File : 67/1/7.  
1st, May, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

Forward for your information please. The Patrol was one of a routine nature and calls for little comment. The problem regarding land is one which is common to the District.

Because of Transfers of Staff from the District it was necessary to Post Mr. ROBINS to HANAHAN Base Camp. BOKU is now manned by a Cadet Patrol Officer, Mr. R. J. STAPLES



*A. J. ZIECK*  
(A. J. ZIECK).  
A/DISTRICT OFFICER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Patrol Post,  
Bougainville District  
BOKU.

6th. April, 1963.

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

PATROL REPORT NO. BOK 5-62/63

REPORT OF A PATROL OF

THE BAITSI CENSUS DIVISION.

Officer Conducting Patrol : B.G.ROBINS, Patrol Officer.  
Area Patrolled : BAITSI CENSUS DIVISION.  
Personnel Accompanying : ONE (I) R.P.& M.G.C.  
Duration : 6/3/63 - 10/3/63.  
Number of Days : FIVE  
Last Patrolled : D.N.A. July, 1962  
P.H.D. August, 1962.  
Objects of Patrol : 1) TAX/CENSUS  
2) COMPILATION OF COMMON ROLL.

INTRODUCTION.

The sole objects of this very short patrol were to conduct the annual tax/census and to begin the compilation of the Common Roll for the area. The reason for such a concise, objective trip to the area with little concentration on political or economic development was mainly due adherence to the District Schedule for compilation of the Common Roll. Because of very recent staff changes at Boku Patrol Post the Schedule has dropped behind somewhat and the idea was to catch up as quickly as possible, complete the entire area, and then concentrate on consolidation patrols pressing economic and political development in a manner adhered to in the past.

Additionally, the five villages patrolled are in close proximity to the station and are in constant contact. Thus there is little worthy of report that has not already been covered in previous reports.

DIARY OF PATROL.

Please refer to Field Officer's Journal, folios 8,9 and 10; paragraphs 44 to 49.



NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Throughout the area the patrol was received with quiet enthusiasm and co-operation. To each village visit was accepted as very routine due to the constant contact with the patrol post.

At no time was any trouble reported to the patrol. However, a number of visits have been made to the station by people of this area concerning land problems. This question is becoming more acute as more and more land is cleared and planted with cacao. The old system whereby a man marries into his wife's area and holds claim to her land seems to be breaking down somewhat. People are returning to their father's land to plant up in their own home area. There have been a number of recent cases where land cleared and marked out for planting has been spoiled and the marks cut down. Efforts in the past have been directed at helping the people to solve these land problems themselves, but in effect, the same old disputes come back again in a rehased form to any new officer. It appears that some more definite form of delineation of land is needed in the area.

Apart from this complex problem of land the native situation in the BAITSI is good and probably the most stable in the entire Boku Area.

HEALTH AND SANITATION.

The people have a good appreciation of the benefits of the Aid Post at Boku Station and take full advantage of it. All people seen appeared in very good health, although a fairly high percentage of the Boku T.B. patients come from the area.

Sanitation in all villages is adequate. The houses and surroundings are clean, but a number are dilapidated and have been condemned. A programme of new house building is continuing throughout.

ROADS, WALKING TRACKS AND BRIDGES.

Apart from the villages of BOKU and PIKEI the others are all situated alongside the main road which is continually well maintained. Recent downpours have made this difficult, however. Walking tracks are well kept and bridges are intact and as yet show no signs of the need for replacement.

CENSUS, TAX AND COMMON ROLL.

The tax/census of the area was conducted without incident. However, with the exception of MOSIGETTA Village very few people appeared to be able to pay the full amount of £2, and partial exemptions were made in most cases. MOSIGETTA is the most economically well off due to the MOSIGETTA CO, which has a fairly large cocoa plantation in the area.

The Census figures show a rise of 10 people throughout the area. This was due to the high number of births(13) compared with only 4 deaths. Migrations accounted for a rise of one(1).

Compilation of the Common Roll posed no problem. The BAITSI Division having been completed means that approximately 89% remains to be done. Of the total population of 544 censused, 258 were entered on the Common Roll.

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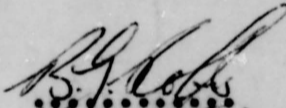
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CONCLUSION.

As stated earlier the objects of the patrol were simple and few. The aim was to conduct the tax/census/common roll as quickly as possible and return to the station in order to prepare for the longer Nagovisi T/R Patrol. However, subsequent staff transfers have altered this to some degree and it is estimated that a patrol will not be able to enter the field for approximately two weeks.

The Baitsi Patrol was completed without incident and was of a routine nature only. Generally the situation in this small group of villages appeared very good. If there is any criticism to be made of the attitude in this area it should be to say that the people are somewhat apathetic and lazy.

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(B.G. ROBINS.)  
Patrol Officer.

Amount  
Returned  
to Store



TERRITORY OF PAFUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. BOKU No. 6-62/63.

Patrol Conducted by R.J. STAPLES C.P.O.

Area Patrolled NAGOVISI CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. G.P. HARDY A.D.O.

Natives 3 R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 29/4/1963 to 27/5/1963

Number of Days 26

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12/1962

Medical 4/1963

Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol COMMON ROLL COMPILATION, 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 .....

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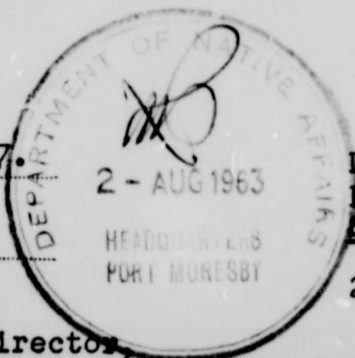
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Department of Native Affairs,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

29th, July, 1963.

The Director  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOPU. PAPUA.

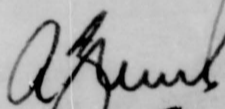
BOKU PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1962.1963.

Forwarded herewith is a Report of a Patrol to the NAGOVISI Census Division, conducted by Mr. R. J. STAPLES, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with comments of the Assistant District Officer, BUIN.

Generally speaking, affairs in the Division are satisfactory. However, there is a growing feeling amongst the people that the Administration could do more to help in the field of economic development, mainly in Road Construction. Unfortunately all available equipment is being used elsewhere. However, the sum of £800/-/- has been made available for maintenance of Roads. This would have been since the date of the Patrol.

Coverage by an Officer of the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries is also adequate. One Officer looks after the SIWAI Council Area and the BOKU Area. Actually at present these people have very little cause to complain of neglect.

For the time being Mr. STAPLES will have to remain as Officer in Charge at BOKU. Mr. REDWOOD proceeds on Leave shortly - actually he deferred his Leave to start the BUIN Council and there is no prospect of a relief for him at present.

  
(A. J. ZWECK).  
A/DISTRICT OFFICER.

Att.

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Sub-District Office,  
BUIN.

22nd July, 1963.

The District Officer,  
SOHANO.

BOKU PATROL REPORT NO.6 OF 1962/63.

NAGOVISI CENSUS DIVISION.

Attached please find the abovementioned report submitted by Mr. H.J. Staples, Cadet Patrol Officer, Officer-in-Charge, Boku Patrol Post.

I accompanied this Patrol from the 16th - 27th of May; Memorandum of Patrol No. 18 of 1962/63 refers.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Native situation in the area was quite favourable at the time of the Patrol. During discussions the people's attitude varied from enthusiasm to indifference. In some areas the people are obviously keen to progress whilst others are content to move along in the normal traditional manner and have not made much of an effort to improve their lot. Increased development in the area will doubt change the attitude of the latter in due course.

Economic Development.

It was evident during the Patrol that quite a number of enterprising men had made the effort to plant cocoa or were preparing new areas for planting. The latest figures supplied by the Agricultural Officer at Konga, Mr. Tually, are as follows:-

Estimated total trees as at 30/6/63	-138,580
Total No. of immature trees	- 96,025
Estimated No. of trees planted during year	- 50,000
No. of seedlings in nurseries	- 25,022

N.B. These figures include Baitsi and Banoni Divisions, but the bulk of the planting are in the Nagovisi Division.

Economic development in the area has increased considerably during the past few years, especially last year. Comparative figures with the Sivai Division are as follows:-

Estimated total trees as at 30/6/63	-115,249
Total No. of immature trees	- 50,901
Number of trees planted during year	-13,089
Number of seedlings in nurseries	- 49,938

As can be seen by the abovementioned figures there is a good economic potential in the area, but the successful output of this potential will depend on improved communications with emphasis on road communications in the first instance.

### Political Development.

Opportunity was taken during the Patrol to ascertain the attitude of the people towards the establishment of a Local Government Council in the Boku area. Although the majority were indifferent on the subject there were quite a number who expressed the opinion that there should be a Council in the area; others thought they would like a Council, but at this stage they did not understand the functions of a Council.

The people were advised that Political Education Courses would be arranged and that a number of leading men would be invited to attend the Siwai Council Meetings and the opening of the Buin Council.

### COMMUNICATIONS.

A good network of roads can be developed in the area. However, to achieve this, Administration assistance will be necessary. A good deal of work has been done by the people over the years, but there is a lot to be done before roads can effectively be used by vehicular traffic.

The road which impressed me most was from Kupen near the Catholic Mission at Moratona to Panam which is trafficable by Land Rovers in fine weather. This road follows a ridge which gently rises from the Boku Plains to the foothills of the Crown Prince Range and serves a large number of villages situated on or nearby this route. Most of the work has been done by the people in the vicinity of the WARUWARU area which is indeed a credit to them. Unfortunately there are sections in a bad state of repair owing to the fact that there are not many able bodied men in the vicinity. I consider that maintenance funds should be used to improve these sections.

The extension of the abovementioned road has been stopped by a deep ravine near the headwaters of the Pungara River. A suitable route could possibly be found by extending the road further up the ridge towards the Pungara Headwaters. From Lambalam there is a good wide walking track for most of the way which I consider could be developed into a vehicular road to link the main road at Borioko.

Referring to the attitude of the people from villages beyond Mosigetta via Sovelle there are various factors which I feel have brought about their reluctance to work on this section of road. In the first place there are sections of this road which have never been brought to the stage when it could be reasonably maintained by the people. It is the 'main road' to Moratona and is consequently subjected to more vehicular traffic than other roads. Finally, very little maintenance funds have been made available to improve these roads.



My overall assessment concerning communications in the Boku area is that the Administration must start giving more assistance to improve the roads, otherwise we will be faced with large quantities of bearing cocoa throughout the area and poor communications. If this happens ultimate frustration will follow; the people have already expresses the feeling that the Administration is neglecting the Boku area in so far as developmental action is concerned. The people can do so much, but their efforts alone cannot bring all the roads to the stage where they will withstand normal vehicular traffic.

GENERAL.

The objects of the Patrol were satisfactorily achieved. Unfortunately the Patrol was rather hurried owing to the urgency to complete the Common Roll. However, all immediate matters were attended to including the Census and Tax collection. The Patrol gave Mr. Staples and myself a good insight to the general activities, feelings and requirements of the people in the area.

Mr. Staples carried out his work with keenness and efficiency, and has submitted a neat and well documented report.

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

*G. P. Hardy*  
(G. P. Hardy)  
Assistant District Officer.

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Patrol Post,  
Bougainville District,  
BOKU.

28th. June, 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,  
BUIB.

PATROL REPORT No. BOK 6-62/63.

Officer Conducting Patrol : R.J.Staples C.P.O.  
Area Patrolled : Nagovisi Census Division.  
Accompanying Personnel  
    Europeans : Mr. G.P.Hardy A.D.O.  
    Natives : 3 Members R.P.&N.G.C.  
Duration of Patrol : 29/4/63 to 27/5/63.  
Last Patrolled by  
    D.N.A. : December, 1962.  
    P.H.D. : April, 1963.  
Objects of the Patrol : (1) Compilation of the Common  
    Roll  
    (2) Tax Collection, Census  
    Revision, Routine  
    Administration.  
    (3) To introduce myself to the  
    people and to acquaint  
    myself with layout and  
    problems of the area.

INTRODUCTION.

The main objects of this patrol were to compile the Common Roll and also to introduce myself to the populace of the Nagovisi area and to acquire some knowledge of the problems facing the people. As a result of the patrol I was also able to familiarise myself with the positional layout of the Villages, Roads and Rivers.

Mr. G.P.Hardy, the Assistant District Officer BUIB, who accompanied the patrol from 16/5/63 to 27/5/63 was of great help to myself and a great incentive for the people and was assuring them by his presence that they are not forgotten because they are situated such a great distance from the Sub-District Headquarters.

As the main purpose of the patrol was to compile

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the Common Roll little time was left for other matters such as the promoting of economic development and social welfare. Owing to the rushed nature of the patrol another patrol will be conducted to this area in September. The purpose of this patrol will be to maintain the status quo of the division and to stimulate both economic and social development to the best of my ability.

DIARY of PATROL.

Please refer to Field Officer's Journal folios 16 to 20, paragraphs 12 to 3.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Native Affairs situation in the Nagovisi area was favourable and the patrol was received in some villages with enthusiasm by the people.

The Nagovisi Census Division is divided into ~~to~~ smaller areas by the geographical formation of the land and by the two spheres of religious administration by the two Catholic Missions in the area. For the sake of simplicity we will call these two divisions the Sovele Division and the Moratona Division after the two Missions.

The Sovele Division is an area of steady economic development mingled with places of practically no development at all. The development is seen of the Villages which border the Mission and which are situated on the main Boku to Sovele road. These Villages are BERETEMBA and LORO principally who are giving the lead in this upward surge of economic wealth and many of the smaller Villages are following the example of these two above mentioned.

Then again there are Villages which have not tried to better their economic position and have been left behind in the gradual upward trend of their neighbours. This is very noticeable in the two Villages LOTARE (2) and SIPI. These two Villages are situated at the foothills of the Crown Prince Range and are about four hours walk from the Mission and about six hours from Boku. Thus one would think that it followed that these Villages did not receive the attention that the Villages situated on the road received. It certainly is correct to say that these Villages do not receive the attention as often as those on the main Government road, but this is not the reason for the backward tendency of these Villages. This point is clearly brought out in the fact that three Villages within a radius of a half an hours walk from the above mentioned are also in the

trend of this steady economic rise.

The Moratona<sup>Division</sup> is the other fictitious Division and is under the auspices of a Father Moore. The people in this area are well above their neighbours in the Sovele Division as regards economic development, social development and even political thinking. This was the sector where one could say that the patrol was met by some Villages with enthusiasm.

The Villages at the foothills of the Crown Prince Range, in this area, are really looking forward to an increase in economic wealth. These Villages have built themselves a good Landrover/Tractor road from the foothills to within a couple of miles of Moratona Mission. This road was constructed without any financial help from the Administration and needed little supervision from the Officer in Charge at Boku.

It is easily seen that some Villages of the Nagovisi Division are willing to go ahead with the help the Administration has to offer. Then again ~~that~~ there are the Villages that want the Administration to do all the work while they reap the benefits.

#### COMPLAINTS.

Numerous complaints were put before the patrol of which only one needed court action.

SIPI Village was the place at which the first couple of complaints occurred. NORU a male native of SIPI was charged with child neglect and sentenced at Boku to two months imprisonment, case no. BOKU 116.

There were five cases of persons who had evaded Native Affairs and Public Health patrols over the years. One case was an old woman who had not been recorded by either D?N.A. or P.H.D. since the war. The other four were a mother and her three children who had not been recorded since they migrated out from their previous Village four years ago.

One land matter was brought before the patrol by the inhabitants of OSIANGI and LAMBALAM Villages. This dispute was amicably settled by the parties concerned with the aid of Mr. Hardy's presidency.

All the relevant details concerning the various disputes were recorded in the Village Books of the Villages concerned.

#### HEALTH and SANITATION.

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The inhabitants of this Division were noted to be reasonably healthy with only a few cases of 'grille'. One alarming factor in the health situation of the area was the number of cases of conjunctivitis affecting the eyes of the children. This problem had already been noticed by the European Medical Assistant at Boku and the nursing sisters at Sovele and Moratona Catholic Mission Hospitals, and the children are being treated accordingly for this virus. Another disease which seems to have a foothold in this area is T.B. This infection is being treated adequately at the Boku T.B. Sanitarium.

Due to previous meetings and talks by Patrol Officers and Medical Assistants the standard of housing has risen considerably. The majority of the Villages have built an adequate number of pit latrines to service the inhabitants of their Villages and all the people are slowly acquiring the habit of using the latrines instead of the bush or river.

The majority of the Villages are well serviced by rivers and in some cases springs for their water supply and there was not one Village that seemed to have a shortage of drinking water. In some places rainwater drums were used in obtaining drinking water, this occurred when the natural water supply was a reasonable walking distance from the Village or Rest House.

#### ROADS and WALKING TRACKS.

Many of the Villagers have come to realise that the only manner in which they are able to transport their cash crops from the area to the available market is by road. In result of this many of the Villages are trying to better their own Village vehicular road network. This is clearly evident of the Villages of the WARJWARU area who have constructed a road from the foothills to within five miles of Moratona Mission with no assistance from the Administration with regards to finance in the paying of labour.

With the Villages which have been allotted large sections of road to maintain, either because of the size of the Village or the factor that they are the only Village in the vicinity of the road, there is a completely different road labour system which has been worked out by the natives themselves. Their system is to wait until the Administration is in a position to pay for labourers to work on their section and not to do any work until this is done. The Villages concerned in this policy are the Villages bordering the road from MOSIETTA to MORATONA via SOVELE.

In all there are six Villages concerned in this uprising of which the leader is BERETEMBA. These Villages were spoken to concerning their policy and were urged to use the Government work day (Monday) in the maintenance of their sections of the road.

Another excuse for not maintaining the roads is that the Villagers wish to plant Cocoa first then they will work on the road when they think it is necessary in order to transport their crops. The stupidity of this policy was pointed out to the Villages concerned and it is now hoped that the people have realised their mistake and are endeavouring to look after their sections.

Apart from the few rebellious Villages the road work is developing very slowly, and it is hoped that a road network will be completed by the time the crops are due for transportation.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

As was mentioned before the main purpose of the patrol was to compile the Common Roll thus there was not much time to explore the economic plantings of the area. It was noticed that a great deal of Cocoa had been planted ~~in~~<sup>so</sup> during the September patrol to this Division a counting of the new plantings will be made.

As a side interest all were urged to bring the worthwhile baskets to Boku Station and then they could be sold to the BUIN Marketing Society through the O.I.C., in the same manner as it was achieved before when Mr. Robson was at the Station. All seemed keen at the sound of this but as yet no baskets have arrived at the Station.

#### POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

In all the Villages that were visited a mentioning of a Local Government Council was made, from the various questions that were put forward by the people concerning this point it was evident that many did not understand the function and structure of a Council. Although the populace did not wholly understand the workings of a Council, they are in favour of having a Council in their area. This, I think, is because they have seen the progress of the Siwai Division since a Council has been established in the area.

Mr. Hardy had discussions concerning Local Government Councils and he suggested to many of the people that they go to the meetings of the Siwai Council

so that they can gain knowledge of the procedure of a Council meeting. It was also suggested that some of the more influential Villagers should come, and will be invited to, the opening of the BUIN Council. It is hoped that in the near future discussions can be held at Boku on the subject of Local Government Councils, their structure and function.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The majority of the Village Officials are competent men, although they are not the most influential men of the Village, and are doing their job to the best of their ability.

One Village, POMALETTI, was without both Luluai and Tul Tul, another Village, SIPI, was without the services of a Luluai. To the position of Tul Tul of POMALETTI, PARANU was elected. To the position of Luluai of POMALETTI, KARINAMBA was appointed and of SIPI, XES TU'IE was appointed. These positions are pending approval from PORT MORESBY.

TAX COLLECTION, CENSUS REVISION and COMMON ROLL COMPILATION.

The total amount of tax collected from the Nagovisi Division was £393.0.0. . Attached to the cover of this report are the Census figures for the Nagovisi Division for the year 1963.

The Common Roll was compiled for this area and was completed without incident.

... *Rapapapa* .....  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. BOKU NO. 7 62/63

Patrol Conducted by R.J. STAPLES C.P.O.

Area Patrolled TOROKINA (Part)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

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

Duration—From 17/6/1963 to 20/6/1963

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6/1963

Medical 8/1962

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol PURCHASE LAND FOR THE CATHOLIC MISSION AT TOROKINA AND THE METHODIST MISSION AT BAKUPA.

Director of Native Affairs, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

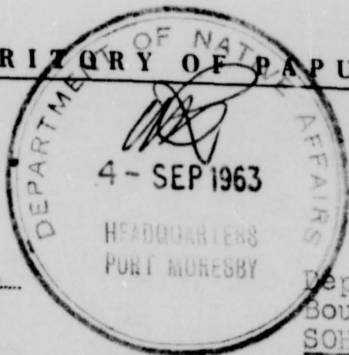
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67/1/7.

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of Native Affairs,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

23rd, August, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

BOKU PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF  
1962/1963.

Forwarded herewith is a Report of a Patrol to the TORAKINA Area conducted by Mr. R. J. STAPLES, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with comments of the Assistant District Officer, BUIN.

The activities of PAUL LAPUN are currently being investigated and will be the subject of a separate Report later on. Briefly, the people wish to commence the Producer/Consumer Society in place of the former Rural Progress Society which has been in recess for some time.

*Deal with in separate correspondence*

*[Signature]*  
(A. J. ZWECK).  
A/DISTRICT OFFICER.

*P/R/Carha H.W. Lamb 14/10/63 B/A.*

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Sub-District Office,  
BUIN.

27th July, 1963.

The District Officer,  
SOHANO.

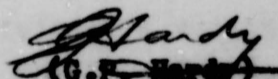
BOKU PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1962/63.

Attached please find the abovementioned report submitted by Mr. R.J. Staples, Cadet Patrol Officer, Officer-in-Charge, Boku Patrol Post.

The main purpose of this patrol was to purchase land for the Catholic Mission at Torokina and the Methodist Mission at Bakupa before the end of the financial year.

A report has already been forwarded to you concerning the collection of money by Mr. Paul Lapun for the proposed Co-operative Society. Since then discussions have been held on the subject with the District Agricultural Officer and the Agricultural Officer at Konga who patrols the Boku (Nagevisi) area. The District Agricultural Officer advised me he would contact you upon his return regarding proposed action resulting from these discussions. Meanwhile this latest development is being closely watched by the O.I.C., Boku, and the Agricultural Officer, Konga, who have been asked to keep me informed. I shall be visiting Boku as soon as possible to hold a meeting with the people concerned. Since my report Mr. Lapun has been absent in Kieta, but I understand he is due back shortly. The O.I.C., Boku, and the Agricultural Officer, Konga, are due to depart on patrol on 5th August to Torokina and are not expected back until the end of the month.

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

  
G.F. Hardy  
Assistant District Officer.

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Patrol Post,  
Bougainville District,  
BOKU.

18th. July, 1963.

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

PATROL REPORT No. 7 62/63.

Officer Conducting Patrol : R.J.Staples. Cadet Patrol Officer:  
Accompanying Personnel  
Europeans : Nil.  
Natives : 1 Member R.P.& N.G.C.  
Duration of Patrol : 17/6/63 to 20/6/63.  
Objects of the Patrol : To purchase land for the Catholic  
Mission at Torokina and the  
Methodist Mission at Bakupa.

INTRODUCTION

The reason for this short patrol was to purchase land for the Catholic Mission at Piva in the Torokina Area and the Methodist Mission at Siangara in the Nagovisi Census Division. This patrol was of a rushed nature due to the closing of the financial year, in which, these purchases had to be completed.

LAND PURCHASES.

Both of these purchases were completed without incident or difficulty and the Land Purchase forms are now in the process of completion.

PROPOSED NAGOVISI SOCIETY.

Whilst en route to Torokina with the Agricultural Officer from the Siwai Division a meeting with Paul Lapun occurred. Paul Lapun was in the Nagovisi Census Division collecting funds from the common populace so that a Co-op Society could be opened in the Nagovisi. This Society was to be a Co-op Society and not a Rural Progress Society and Paul Lapun stressed this fact.

Questions were asked by both the Agricultural Officer and myself in the Villages which had given willingly of their hard earned money.

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to this cause and it was clearly evident that the majority did not know what was going on. The majority, I think, were giving their money to a cause which they did not completely understand.

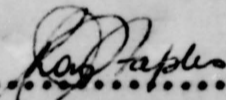
One point that was stressed to me by the people was that this new Society was not a Rural Progress Society but a Co-op Society. The populace differentiate between the two in this way: a Co-op Society is one that can survive on the selling of food stuffs and can really flourish when rural crops come into production but the foundation is the selling of groceries. A Rural Progress Society, similar to the one which collapsed in the Nagovisi Area, is one which depends on the Agricultural output of the area. Thus, according to the populace, the foundations of a Rural Society are built upon the Cocoa and rural produce of the area. This last deduction is correct but it does not mean that a Rural Society cannot sell food stuffs. In actual fact both Societies are the same but with different names, the populace do not realise this point although it has been pointed out and stressed. The people openly state that they will have nothing to do with a Society similar to the one they had before but are willing to trust their fortunes to a Co-op Society.

The manner in which Paul Lapun is collecting the funds for this Society is one which could stimulate resentment. The Villages which border both the Sovele and Moratona Catholic Missions are the only Villages which have been included in this collection. The Villages at the foothills of the main dividing range in the Nagovisi Area and all the Villages adjacent to the Station, the money holders of the area, have been excluded. This policy of discrimination could cause resentment especially with the people of the Nagovisi area who are situated at the foothills above Moratona Catholic Mission. These people have tried hard against enormous odds to better their economic position and now they are omitted from a collection, which is being made to better the economic position of the Division, by their countrymen.

The people of the Baitsi Census Division, the money holders of the Boku area, are willing to just sit and wait. If the proposed Society flourishes they will join the Society and if it fails they will not lose any of their hard earned money.

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One factor, I think, that could hinder the progress of such a Society in this area is the condition of the vehicular roads. At the moment all the Cocoa produced in the upper Nagovisi is dried at Taruba and Mendai Villages then man handled to Mosigetta Village for shipment from there to the available market. The reason for this is because the condition of the road to the upper Nagovisi is such that when it digests 100 points of rain it is untrafficable. It therefore follows that the road to the upper Nagovisi is impassible for 50% of the year for tractor travel.

  
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Cadet Patrol Officer.