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KOKODA SUBDISTRICT

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Kokoda (Mentawai) Report No. 52/46/47

Patrol Conducted by F.A. Champion ADO

Area Patrolled Autumbo & Warope districts

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Native.....

Duration—From 21/8/1946 to 27/8/1946

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol General inspection and investigation of war damage claims.

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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Sub-District Office,  
KORODA.  
7 Sept. 46.

District Officer,  
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT No.5 of 46/47.

Report of Patrol by:-

To:-

Date left Station:-

" rtd to "

Purpose of Patrol:

Patrol accompanied by:-

Patrol Map:-

Last Patrol to area by:-

F.A.Champion. ADO.

AUTEMBO & WAIROPE DISTS.

21 Aug. 46

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General inspection and  
investigating claims for  
war compensation.

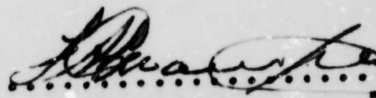
3 RPC

1 Interpreter

Carriers average 14

Sketch map attached.

F.A.Champion. Aug. 45.

  
.....ADO  
F.A.Champion.



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PATROL DIARY.

Wed. 21 Aug.

Left Kokoda at 0825 hrs for PIRIVE arriving 0950. Investigated compensation claims and left for KEPARA via MAINAGARI, KANANDARA No. 1 & 2 arriving KEPARA at 1300 hrs.

Thurs. 22nd.

Left KEPARA at 0710 hrs for WAJU via PAINTEMBARI, SENGI No.1 & 2, WAJU No.2 arriving WAJU No.1 at 1110 hrs.

Fri. 23rd.

Left WAJU at 0700 hrs for WAIROPE via WARAFI, AMBENI, MARAU, and INGI arriving WAIROPE at 1230 hrs.

The afternoon was spent with the D.O. in a Court of Inquiry.

Sat. 24th.

At WAIROPE all day. In CNM all the morning, and working on a Jeep for Kokoda during the afternoon. This vehicle was sent to me by the District Officer. A considerable amount of work on it was required before it was ready for the road. A large gathering of natives at Wairope enabled me to have the vehicle carried across the Kumusi River. A complete rear assembly had to be fitted, together with wheels, generator, starter, universal joints and a general check up of the whole vehicle.

Sun. 25th.

Investigating compensation and working a jeep. It is now ready for the road.

Mon. 26th.

Left WAIROPE at 0700 hrs. for HAMARA via HAKI village where further claims were investigated, returned to Wairope at 1130 hrs.

Had lunch and left for ILIMO via PAPAKI No.2 & 1 where further investigations were carried out.

Tues. 27th.

Left ILIMO for KOKODA via AFA, EI, ANJIRI, NAMBISODA, SISIRETA and ~~VI~~ OIVI Villages. Arriving at Kokoda at 1200 hrs.



SUMMARY.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

Roads were found to be excellent ~~throughout~~ throughout the entire patrol. Well cleaned and drained. Bridges are of the log type and all had been renewed.

RESTHOUSES & BARRACKS.

All found to be in good condition. A new one had been erected at KEPARA and quite a fine effort.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

All districts have an abundance of food and large quantities were brought forward for sale.

VILLAGES.

All were found to be very clean and tidy and it was noticed that the people are gradually getting more pigs in their villages.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village constables are carrying out their duties quite well. Two new appointments were made. One at KEPARA, it was considered that the Kanandara VC had too big an area to control, hence the new appointment. The AMBENI VC resigned owing to age.

HEALTH.

Only two very bad ulcers were encountered. These were despatched to HIGATURU hospital.

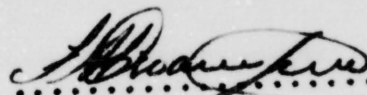
CRIME.

Only cases dealt with were for adultery and gambling. Many trivial cases were dealt with out of Court to the satisfaction of all parties.

NATIVE COMPENSATION CLAIMS.

All claims were thoroughly investigated and the total amount was approximately £3800. In no instance were any extravagant claims put forward.

Claims yet to be investigated are the local Kokoda villages and the BIAGI tribe in the Owen Stanley Range.

  
.....ADO.  
F.A. Champina.

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District Office,  
Northern Division,  
Higaturu.  
5th October, 1946.

D.D.S.  
FORT MORESBY.

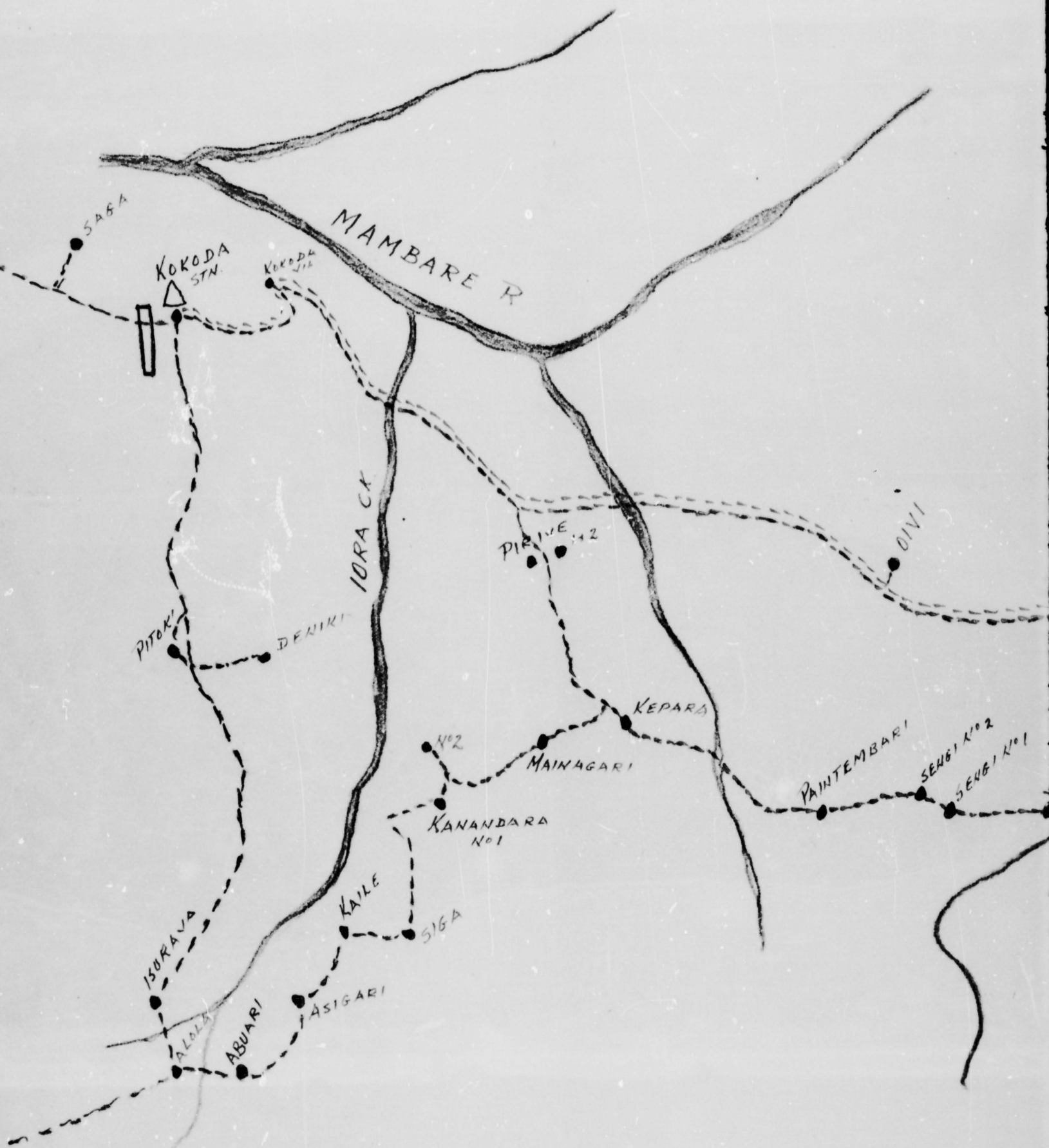
KOKODA Patrol Report No.5 of 46/47.

The a/m report is forwarded for your information. It reveals a very satisfactory state existing in the area visited.

O.J. Atkinson.  
DO. ND.

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PATROL	
RIVERS.	
CREEKS.	
VILLAGES.	
MOTOR RD.	
PATROL ROUTE	
OTHER TRACKS.	



PATROL KOKODA No 5-46/47

- RIVERS.
- CREEKS.
- VILLAGES.
- MOTOR RD.
- PATROL ROUTE
- OTHER TRACKS.

F.A. CHAMPION. A.D.C.  
AUG. 46





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Kokoda (Northern) Report No. 6 of 46/47

Patrol Conducted by F. A. Champion

Area Patrolled Biagi district

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 8/10/1946 to 11/10/1946

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol General inspection and investigation of war damage claims.

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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Sub-District Office,  
KOKODA.  
22 Oct. 46

District Officer,  
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT No.6 of 46/47.

Report of Patrol by:

F.A.Champion. ADO

To:

BIAGI DISTRICT. O.S.RANGE

Date left Station:

8 Oct. 46

" Returned:-

11 Oct. 46

Purpose of Patrol:

General inspection and  
investigating claims for  
War Damage.

Patrol accompanied by:

2 RPC

1 Interpreter

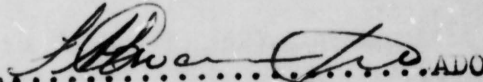
12 Carriers.

Patrol Map:

See Patrol Rpt. No.5

Last Patrol to Area by:

F.A.Champion.ADO

  
.....ADO  
F.A.Champion.



PATROL DIARY

Tues. 8 Oct. 46.

Despatching my patrol gear to DENIKI in charge of one constable I left Kokoda at 0815 hrs, crossed the drom and proceeded to SAVAIA Village arriving at 0905 hrs. Inspected village and investigated claims for war damage.

Left SAVAIA at 0935 for KOIASI arriving at 1025 claims investigated and left at 1100 for PITOKI arriving at 1135, investigated claims and left at 1215 for DENIKI arriving at 1230 hrs. Investigated claims and camped in a good Rest House for the night.

Wed. 9th.

Left DENIKI at 0650 hrs, and proceeded to climb into the Owen Stanley Range arriving at ISURAVA at 1145 hrs. One of the coldest spots on the range. Camped. Investigated claims.

Thurs. 10th.

Left ISURAVA at 0700 hrs for ALOLA where the overland mail from Moresby was met, started a steep descent to the IORA Creek, crossed and climbed up to ABUARI arriving at 0930 hrs. Investigated claims and left for ASIGARI arriving at 1115 hrs. Investigated claims and left for KAILE arriving at 1230hrs. Camped.

Fri. 11th.

Left KAILE at 0645 hrs. for KOKODA via SIGA, KANANDARA, and PIRIVE villages arriving at KOKODA at 1030 hrs.

*F.A. Champion*...ADO

F.A.Champion.

SUMMARY.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

Considering the nature of the country traversed the roads were excellent, with the exception of several stretches in the ISURAWA area. These people have the habit of letting their roads become so overgrown with grass that they prefer to cut a new road ~~road~~ altogether thus making a lot of unnecessary detours.

Bridges are of the log variety with cane hand rails. This type of bridge is easily replaced when washed away by the frequent floods.

RESTHOUSES & BARRACKS.

With the exception of DENIKI the rest houses are rather poor and small. Roofing material is very scarce in the areas and have to be built with bamboo leaves, a long and tedious job.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

No difficulty was experienced in purchasing food for the patrol. Vegetable seeds were distributed to each village en route.

VILLAGES.

All were found to be clean and tidy.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

A new Village constable for the Isurawa district has been recommended, the old one being rather useless.

The KANANDARA constable resigned owing to ~~illness~~ and a ~~warder~~ from KOKODA was recommended to fill the vacancy.

HEALTH.

Very good.

NATIVE COMPENSATION CLAIMS.

All claims were thoroughly investigated. ~~The results of the investigation are as follows:~~  
~~1. The claim of the Isurawa people for compensation for the loss of their land to the Government is not valid.~~  
~~2. The claim of the Isurawa people for compensation for the loss of their land to the Government is not valid.~~  
~~3. The claim of the Isurawa people for compensation for the loss of their land to the Government is not valid.~~  
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SUMMARY.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

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With the exception of DENIKI the rest houses are rather poor and small. Roofing material is very scarce in the areas and have to be built with bamboo leaves, a long and tedious job.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

No difficulty was experienced in purchasing food for the patrol. Vegetable seeds were distributed to each village en route.

VILLAGES.

All were found to be clean and tidy.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

A new Village constable for the Isurava district has been recommended, the old one being rather useless.

The KANANDARA constable resigned owing to deafness and an ex-warder from KOKODA was recommended to fill the vacancy.

HEALTH.

Very good.

NATIVE COMPENSATION CLAIMS.

All claims were thoroughly investigated and amounted to a total of £2906.7.0. This area was in the direct line of military operations during the Gen Stanley Campaign and 49 natives lost their lives during that period. All the people were informed that they would receive compensation for loss of property and lives and were advised to bank their money when it was paid.

*F. A. Champion*  
.....ADC  
F.A.Champion.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

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District Office,  
Northern Division,  
Higaturu.  
20th Novr., 1946.

D.D.S.  
FORT MORESBY.

Kokoda F/R No. KOKODA 6 of 46/47.

The above-mentioned report is forwarded for your information  
please.

C.J. Atkinson.  
DO. ND.

*See  
to comments  
12/12.*

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Kokoda (Northern) Report No. 7 of 46/47

Patrol Conducted by F.A. Champion

Area Patrolled Nawanga district

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 21/11/1946 to 29/11/1946

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol General inspection and investigation of war damage claims.

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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Ref. 30/2

Report of patrol by:

In: WAKABU DISTRICT.

Date left Station:

District Office,  
Northern Division,  
HIGATURU.

16th December 1946

Articles of patrol:

D.D.S. & N.A.,  
PORT MONESBY,

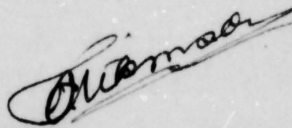
Patrol accompanied by:

PATROL REPORT KOKCDA, No. 7 of 46/47

Patrol by:

The attached report is forwarded for your information,  
please.

It is a pity that bad weather compelled the  
officer to abandon what promised to be an interesting patrol.



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District Officer,  
Northern Division.

Sub-District Office,  
KOROPA.  
5 Dec. 46.

District Officer,  
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT No.7 of 46/47.

Report of Patrol by:

F.A.Champion. ADO

To: WAWANGA DISTRICT.

Date left Station:

21 Nov. 46

" rtd. to Station.

29 Nov. 46.

Purpose of Patrol:

General Inspection &  
War Damage Claims.

Patrol Accompanied by:

4 RPC  
1 Interpreter  
16 Carriers average.

Patrol map:

Sketch map attached.

*F.A.Champion*.....ADO.  
F.A.Champion.



PATROL DIARY.

Thurs. 21 Nov. 46.

Having despatched 4 constables to Papaki yesterday to inform the people of the intended patrol, I left Kokoda at 1100 hrs by Jeep arriving at Ilimo at 1230 hrs. Intended proceeding to Papaki Vill. but was informed that the road was completely blocked by trees after the whirlwind had struck on Tuesday last.

Had lunch at Ilimo and left at 1300 hrs. for Asisi arriving at 1420 hrs. Inspected Papaki village en route, the whirlwind had gone through the village destroying seven houses and many coconut, betelnut and banana trees.

During the remainder of the afternoon took and investigated war damage claims for ASISI, JEVAHAMBO, and BOTHU villages.

Very little food available, but sufficient was bought for the patrol.

Fri. 22nd.

Left ASISI at 0645 hrs and climbed up to PAIWA Village, which is now deserted, the people having gone to live at Sirorata, proceeded to Sirorata No. 2 then onto SAWARIHAMBO via Sirorata No.1 arriving at 0850 hrs.

Sat. 23rd.

Left SAWARIHAMBO at 0635 hrs, crossed the Kumusi River and climbed steeply to GORABUNA Village arriving at 0835 hrs. Had a spell and changed carriers and left for WAIROBILA arriving at 1145 hrs.

Sun. 24th.

Heavy rain all day. Stayed in camp.

Mon. 25th.

Heavy rain all day. Stayed in camp.

Tues. 26th.

Left WAIROBILA at 0635 hrs. for ABOMA arriving at 1335 hrs. via MANAGUBE, EJARO, RUMARA and RUABA. All bridges washed away and had considerable difficulty in crossing some of the large streams.

The people informed me that it would be impossible for me to go to KOVIO the next day as the river was in high flood.

Wed. 27th.

Left ABOMA at 0640 hrs. on the return journey to WAIROBILA arriving at 1220 hrs. Word had come through that ~~that~~ the Kumusi River had broken its banks in several places and washed out all the bridges so the patrol had to be abandoned. I was unable to cross the Kumusi to visit the Managalasi Dist.

Thurs. 28th.

Left WAIROBILA at 0640 hrs. and on arrival at the Kumusi found it a raging torrent, with Sawarihambo completely cut off, I detoured round through the bush and made for SIRORATA arriving at 1200 hrs.



Investigated war damage claims and proceeded back to ASISI where I was informed that all bridges between Wairope & Kokoda had been washed out, including the Wairope Bridge. Proceeded to ILIMO arriving at 1710 hrs. Completely exhausted. Had tea and left by jeep for Wairope to inspect the damage returning to ILIMO at 1900 hrs  
Fri. 29 h.

Left ILIMO at 0630 hrs by Jeep and proceeded to GORARI where it was found that the centre span of the bridge had been washed out. With the aid of 20 village natives we cut a bearer and after three hours work I managed to crawl across the weakened bridge, after many washouts and land slides we reached Kokoda arriving at 1430 hrs.

*F. A. Champion*  
.....ADD  
F.A. Champion.

SUMMARY.

Roads & Bridges.

The roads and bridges suffered enormously through the floods and a lot of work will be required to get them in shape again.

Residences & Barracks.

All were found to be in very good order.

Five Agriculture.

The people in this district are between seasons now and food was not very plentiful. Sufficient was available for the patrol. Large garden areas were seen in each district traversed. Vegetable seeds were distributed to each village en route.

Villages.

All were found to be very clean and tidy.

Village Officials.

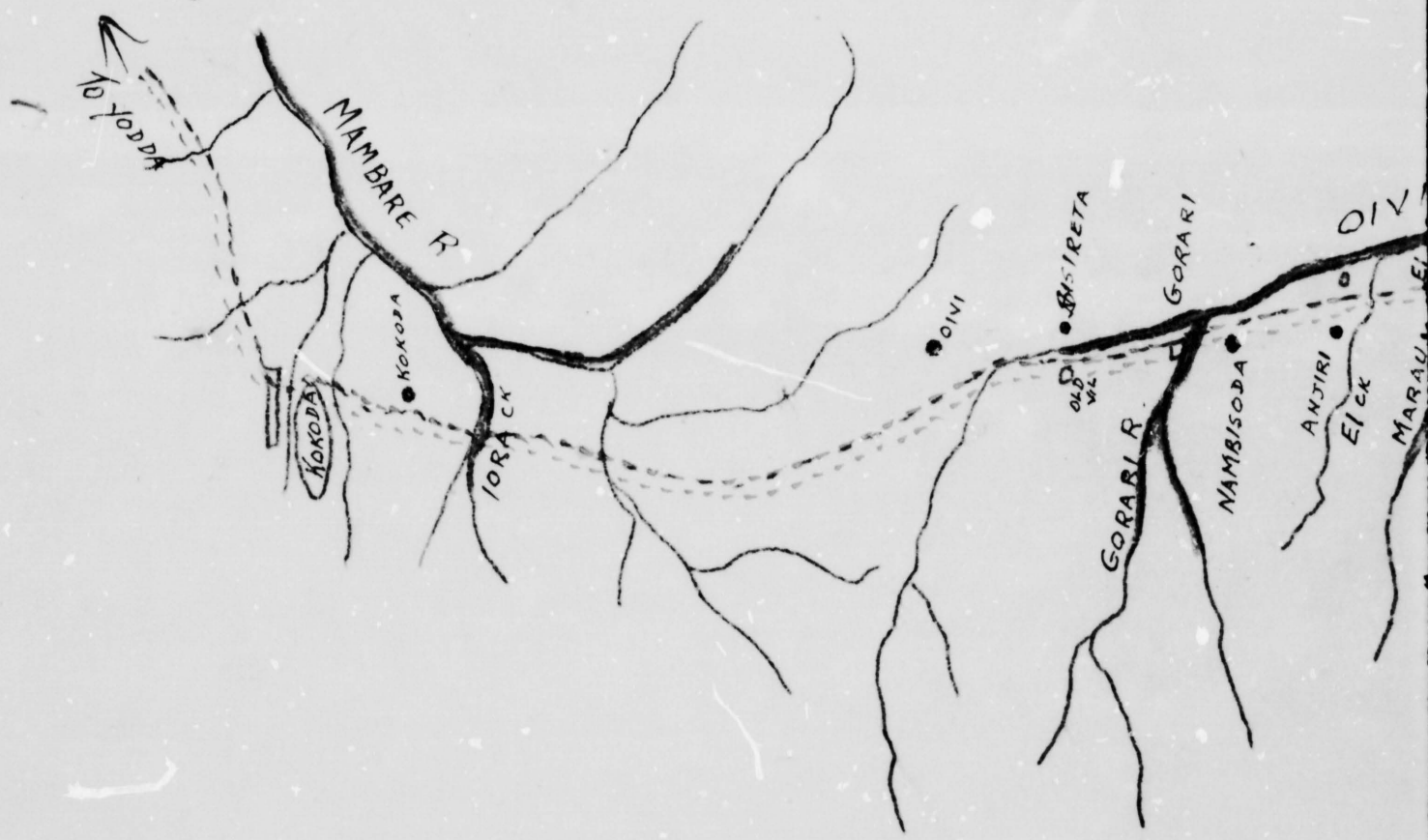
All doing an excellent job. It is perhaps the best kept district in the whole of the Kokoda sub-district.

Health.

Very good. One very bad ulcer case was brought to Kokoda for treatment.

It is regretted that the T on this machine has broken.

*F. A. Champion*  
.....ADU  
F.A. Champion.



PATROL. N° 7. of 46/27.

KOKODA.

□ Rest Houses.

• VILLAGES.

⌒ SUSP. BRIDGES

⋯ MOTOR RD.

⋯ PATROL ROUTE

⋯ OTHER TRACKS.

▬ RIVERS

⋯ CREEKS.

*J. B. ...*  
NOV. '26.







TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Kokoda (Northern) Report No. 8 of 46/47

Patrol Conducted by R.S. Bell P.O.

Area Patrolled Antembo and Waisope Koropata

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 14/5/1947 to 20/5/1947

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol general inspection

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 .... £.....

Sub-District Office,

KOKODA.

21st May, 1947.

District Officer,

HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT No. 7 of 46/47.

Report of Patrol by:-

To:-

Date left Station:-

" rtd to "

Purpose of Patrol:-

Patrol accompanied by:-

R.S.BELL. P.O.

AUTEMBO & WAIROPE

KOROPATA DISTRICTS.

14 May, 47

20 May, 47

General inspection.

Reg.No. 2539 L/Cpl SARA

3348 Const AMBURE

2346 HAITA

2464 HANAPA

3079 KAPUNU

1665 SOURO

1573 KABINA

Interpreter DIBAI

N.M.O. BESOSO

Carriers averaged 10.

F.A.CHAMIONADO. 7 Sept 46

KOKODA 1" to 1 mile.

Last Patrol to area by:-

Map:-

.....P.O.  
R.S.BELL.

Carriers 175 sticks. 10lbs salt

V.C. etc. 55 "

R.P.C. 30 "  
260 "

Cost of Patrol



PATROL DAIRY.

WEDNESDAY 14th May, 1947.

Left KOKODA by jeep for PIRIVE at 1000 hours. Met by V. Const. HAUDU who accompanied the patrol through the villages under his control. PIRIVE No. 1 & 2 were the first inspected. These were clean but the houses are very poorly constructed. Proceeded along a good road to MAINAGARI, KANADARA No. 1 & 2. Clean and shady villages, 30 houses in all of the same poor type. At KANADARA No. 1 Vill. Council. ATA appointed by S. ELLIOTT-SMITH resigned his position owing to old age. PUNDANA was made Councillor in his place subject to approval. Back along our tracks to the KAPARA resthouse situated on the banks of the KAILI CK. Here Vill. Const. HOJAVO reported and his first village of KEPARA, 6 houses, was inspected. Camped here for the night.

During the day all villages seen were without both latrines and refuse pits, the numerous creeks being used for this purpose. Village officials were instructed to build latrines etc. immediately.

Numbers of minor disputes were heard in the afternoon and all settled satisfactorily out of court.

THURSDAY 15th.

Departed from KEPARA and proceeded to KOMONDO along a wet and slippery road caused by rain the previous night. This village has only recently moved from PAITEMBARI on orders of the ADO. At present the village is in a poor state. The people were told to plant shade trees as soon as possible. Good stands of corn were seen surrounding the village. Continuing on over rough country until the deserted village of PAITEMBARI was reached. Crossing numerous creeks the patrol climbed up to SENGI No. 1 & 2, consisting of 19 houses. SENGI No. 1 asked permission to change the site of their village to the opposite side of the SENGI CK. This was granted after a dispute about the land in question was settled. Instructions were given as to the type of houses to be built.

Vill. Const. MAROVI of WAJU met the patrol and guided it to his area. Outside WAJU No. 2 was the first latrine sighted. However this had been dug the previous day and had not been used.

THURSDAY 15th cont.

WAJU No. 2, 3, consisting of 25 houses in poor condition were inspected. Camped at a ramshackle resthouse for the night. Again heard numerous disputes which were all settled.

Roads were all in good condition with newly built log bridges over even the smallest water. One native was sent to KOKODA for two offences of failure to clean roads. Village officials were instructed in their duties mainly in the building of houses.

A medical inspection was carried out in all villages. Many sores and minor injuries were attended to on the spot. One Tropical Ulcer and one Yaws sent to hospital at KOKODA.

There being no shortage of food an abundance was sold to the patrol.

The resthouse is to be pulled down and another to be built across the river from the village. This will have to be an improvement on the present one to be at all inhabitable.

FRIDAY 16th.

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Reached KOKODA at 1300 hours.

Times could not be included as there were no watches available.

*Bill*

*PO*

## SUMMARY.

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These at present have no control over their people. They need a patrol through regularly so as to give them the required authority.

Vill. Const. HAUMI and his councillors were the only ones who showed signs of initiative.

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The two best resthouses were at KERAR and WAIROPE. WAJU RH. is to be rebuilt out of the village. WASIDI and HUNGIRI RH. have been used for many other purposes than what they should.

Vill. Const. were instructed to repair all RH. and keep them clean.

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In the whole area there are only 120 pigs and 30 fowls.

There were numbers of inquiries for tools with which to make gardens and build houses.

### CRIME.

Two cases were returned to KOKODA, one of failure to clean roads and the other for maintenance.

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Hygiene is non-existent in all the villages. Some had latrines and refuse pits to show but these were very rarely used. The rivers were where all rubbish was disposed. All villages were ordered to build these pits immediately.

*R. Bell P.O.*



REPORT ON ROYAL PAPUAN CONSTABULARY.

Reg. No. 2539 L/Cpl. SARA. Carried out his duties in a satisfactory manner.  
Reg. No. 3348 Const. IMPURE. Obeyed orders, not outstanding.  
Reg. No. 2346 Const. HAITA. Obedient. A good man on patrol.  
Reg. No. 2464 Const. HANAF. Not outstanding.  
Reg. No. 3079 Const. KANUNU. Very intelligent and uses initiative. A good allround AC.  
Reg. No. 1665 Const. SOURO. A good AC. Handy to have on patrol. Obedient and intelligent.  
Reg. No. 1573 Const. KAMIN. Excellent AC. Very intelligent. Understands English.

*R.S. Bell*  
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R.S. BELL. PO.

REPORT ON NATIVE MEDICAL ORDERLY.

NMO. BESOSO. Carried out his duties satisfactorily. With so few opportunities offering it is hard to judge the standard of his work.

*R.S. Bell*  
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

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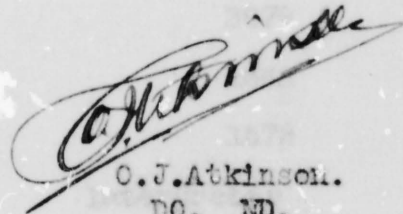
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KOKODA F/Report No.7.

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C. J. Atkinson.  
DC. MD.

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Sub-District Office,

KOKODA.

21st May, 1947.

District Officer,

HIGHTURU.

PATROL REPORT No. 7 of 46/47.

Report of Patrol by:-

R.S.BELL. P.O.

To:-

AUTEMBO & WAIROPE

KOROPATI DISTRICTS.

Date left Station:-

14 May, 47

" rtd to "

20 May, 47

Purpose of Patrol:-

General inspection.

Patrol accompanied by:-

Reg.No. 2539 L/Cpl SARA

3348 Const AMBURI

2346 HAITA

2464 HANAPI

3079 KANUNI

1665 SCURO

1573 KABINA

Interpreter DIBAI

N.M.O. BESOSO

Carriers averaged 10.

Last Patrol to area by:-

F.A.CH M IONADO. 7 Sept.

Map:-

KOKODA 1" to 1 mile.

*R.S.Bell*  
.....P.O.  
R.S.BELL.

Cost of Patrol

Carriers 175 sticks. 10lbs salt

V.C. etc. 55 "

R.P.C. 30 "  
260 "

PATROL DAIRY.

WEDNESDAY 14th May, 1947.

Left KOKODA by jeep for PIRIVE at 1000 hours. Met by V. Const. HAUDU who accompanied the patrol through the villages under his control. PIRIVE No. 1 & 2 were the first inspected. These were clean but the houses are very poorly constructed. Proceeded along a good road to MAINGARI, KANADARA No. 1 & 2. Clean and shady villages, 30 houses in all of the same poor type. At KANADARA No. 1 Vill. Counc. ATA appointed by S. ELLIOTT-SMITH resigned his position owing to old age. PUNDANA was made Councillor in his place subject to approval. Back along our tracks to the KAPARA resthouse situated on the banks of the KAILI CK. Here Vill. Const. HOJAVO reported and his first village of KEPARA, 6 houses, was inspected. Camped here for the night.

During the day all villages seen were without both latrines and refuse pits, the numerous creeks being used for this purpose. Village officials were instructed to build latrines etc. immediately.

Numbers of minor disputes were heard in the afternoon and all settled satisfactorily out of court.

THURSDAY 15th.

Departed from KEPARA and proceeded to KOMONDO along a wet and slippery road caused by rain the previous night. This village has only recently moved from PAITEMBARI on orders of the A.D.O. At present the village is in a poor state. The people were told to plant shade trees as soon as possible. Good stands of corn were seen surrounding the village. Continuing on over rough country until the deserted village of PAITEMBARI was reached. Crossing numerous creeks the patrol climbed up to SENGI No. 1 & 2, consisting of 19 houses. SENGI No. 1 asked permission to change the site of their village to the opposite side of the SENGI CK. This was granted after a dispute about the land in question was settled. Instructions were given as to the type of houses to be built.

Vill. Const. MAROVI of WAJU met the patrol and guided it to his area. Outside WAJU No. 2 was the first latrine sighted. However this had been dug the previous day and had not been used.



THURSDAY 15th cont.

MAJU No. 1, 2, 3, consisting of 25 houses in poor condition were inspected. Camped at a ramshackle resthouse for the night. Again heard numerous disputes which were all settled.

Reeds were all in good condition with newly built log bridges over even the smallest water. One native was sent to KOKODA for two offences of failure to clean roads. Village officials were instructed in their duties mainly in the building of houses.

A medical inspection was carried out in all villages. Many sores and minor injuries were attended to on the spot. One Tropical Ulcer and one Yaws sent to hospital at KOKODA.

There being no shortage of food an abundance was sold to the patrol.

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HEALTH AND HYGIENE.

In the KOROBU district there is a lot of gonorrhoea. Towards WAIROPE dysentery seems to have infected 50% of the people. 6 Tropical Ulcers, 3 cases were sent to the hospital at NIGATU. There were numerous cases of scabies which were treated in the villages.

Systems of law exist in all the villages. There are no courts and no law books. There were very few cases. The cases were mostly of a minor nature and were disposed of. All villages were advised to keep their law books up to date.

REPORT ON ROY L. P. FOLEY CONSTABULARY.

Reg. No. 2539 2/201. PARA. Carried out his duties in a satisfactory manner.

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*R. S. Bell*

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R. S. BELL, PC.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

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District Office,  
Northern Division.  
Higaturu.  
29th May, 1947.

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PORT MORESBY.

KOKODA P/Report No.7.

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O.J. Atkinson.  
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30/2

District Office,  
HIGATURU.  
Northern District.

17th July, 1947.

The Assistant District Officer,

KOKODA.

Patrol Report No. 7.

Would you ask Mr. Bell to write answers to the following questions:-

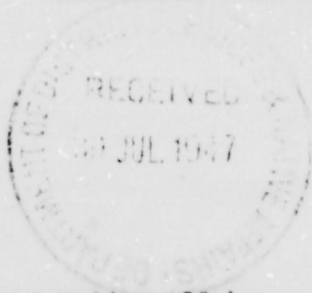
- (a) Why dig refuse pits when the refuse can be thrown into a fast running stream?
- (b) What type of latrine is suitable for native villages?

Mr. Bell's replies should be such as to indicate his capacity to assist primitive people to progress in matters of health and hygiene, and to convey to them the reason behind his methods.

*Atkinson*  
(O. J. Atkinson)  
District Officer,  
Northern District.

J.J.M.

30/2 - 412/47



District Office,  
HIGATURU,  
Northern District.

17th July, 1947.

The Director,  
District Services & Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Kokoda Patrol Report No. 7.

Receipt of your DS 30/8/30 is acknowledged.

(1) The education of the Field Staff has been under way for the last two weeks - a series of District Circular Instructions being prepared. We have no clerical staff, however, and these circulars and directions on various matters do not reach the Field Staff with that despatch and regularity to which in former times we were accustomed.

(2) Frankly I haven't the heart to pass the brusque rebuke contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 on to Mr. Bell. I have, however, asked Mr. Bell the two questions in another form and will forward you his replies. I take this action because knowing Mr. Bell more intimately than he is known at headquarters I am not only assisting you but assisting Mr. Bell, which is obviously your intention also.

(3) Your last paragraph: the extra police were sent with the patrol as there were no rations on the station to feed them. This should have been alluded to in the commentary accompanying the patrol report.

(4) I trust you will be gratified with the improvement in the field staff at the end of the year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Atkinson".

(J. Atkinson)  
District Officer,  
Northern District.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

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DS.30-8-30

Department of District Services  
and Native Affairs  
PORT MORESBY

2nd August, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR:

District Officer,  
Northern Division,  
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT NO.7 - KOKODA.

Your memorandum 30/2 - 412/47 of 17th instant refers.

My questions were not intended as a rebuke at all, but were put to ascertain if Mr. Bell had gone into the matters mentioned before giving orders.

In a civilised and populous area the throwing of refuse into a fresh water stream would likely be unhygienic but not necessarily so in parts of this country.

Mr. Bell's report gave one the impression that he had been taught that the burial of refuse and the construction of latrines were necessary, but local conditions may alter the necessity of doing so, and young officers are inclined to issue certain orders by <sup>Rule of</sup> thumb without first making enquiries.

Patrol Reports, from other districts, show that large numbers of police are being taken on patrol and I believe that many stations are far in excess of an establishment necessary to carry out ordinary police duties. District Officers maintain that these police are necessary but several A.D.O.'s in charge of sub-stations, who have been individually questioned, say they have too many police.

I would be glad of your views and would like to know what work the police would have done at KOKODA had there been a sufficiency of rations there.

(J.H.Jones)  
ACTING DIRECTOR



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District Office,  
HIGATURU,  
Northern District.

1st August, 1947.

The Director,  
Department of District Services  
and Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Kokoda Patrol Report No. 7.

Reference is made to our 30/2-412 of 17th July, 1947,  
and attachment.

Attached is Mr. Bell's reply to the questions.

(G. J. Atkinson)  
District Office,  
Northern District.

D.O.

Please inform Mr. Bell that instructions  
given to primitive people to construct  
latrines & to dispose of refuse are  
generally regarded <sup>by them</sup> as ~~Western~~ <sup>European</sup>  
fads and that he should <sup>always</sup> fully  
explain to these people the reasons  
behind the instructions.

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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOLA.

29th July, 1947.

Assistant District Officer,

KOKOLA.

Patrol Report No. 8 30/2 - 415/47.

In reply to the questions asked, I can only state that all my information on the subject is taken from notes on lectures by Dr. Tyrer, Hygiene and Sanitation, whilst at the Australian School of Pacific Administration. Extracts from these read:-

"In the absence of proper systems both human excreta and refuse should be deposited directly into the ground. It must be strongly emphasised that the occurrence of such diseases of the alimentary tract as dysentery, typhoid fever etc. very largely reflects the hygiene of the community. Waters most likely to be contaminated by such diseases are those on or immediately below the surface of the earth, such as streams, rivers, ponds and shallow wells. The purity of water in streams and rivers varies greatly; houses or villages near their banks are dangerous sources of contamination and may pollute the river for many miles downstream. It should be remembered that while natives in a village may be sufficiently educated and supervised not to pollute their own water supply, another village some miles up stream may be polluting it for them."

Throughout the area patrolled there has been numerous outbreaks in diseases of the alimentary tract. Before proceeding on patrol I read all the previous patrol reports by experienced officers from 1943/1947. In these there were continual reference to the construction of latrines and refuse pits. Also I inspected village books to see that "Instructions to Village Constables" had been carried out, and if not, repeated the orders made previously. On 1st August, 1944, District Officer Higatari, Mr. S. Elliott-Smith, made shovels available for the expressed purpose of digging latrines and refuse pits.

In this sub-district there is usually more than one village situated on the same stream. As these streams are for the most part small and slow running, the lowest villages would receive highly polluted water.

Complaints were made in Korapata that villagers were using the stream 50 yards above where the drinking water was drawn for washing, disposal of human excreta and refuse. As this is an offence under the Native Regulations Ordinance Section 101/11, the offenders were warned that in future they would be charged.

The only type of latrine suitable for native villages is the deep pit. This should be at least 9' deep. With the exception of 31 village the soil permits this to be done successfully. The Department of Health, Higatari, have given instruction that this be done.

(signed) R. S. BELL  
Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of *Kokoda (Northern)* Report No. *9 of 46/47*

Patrol Conducted by *R.S. Bell P.O.*

Area Patrolled *Chiima Valley*

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From *11/6/47* to *26/6/47*

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol *General inspection*

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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Sub-District Office

KOKODA.

27th June, 1947.

District Officer,

HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT No.9 of 46/47.

Report of Patrol by :- R.S.BELL.P.O. KOKODA.

to CHIRIMA VALLEY.

Date left Station:- 11th June, 1947.

Date returned to Station:- 26th June, 1947.

Duration of Patrol :- 16 days.

Purpose of Patrol :- GENERAL INSPECTION.

Patrol accompanied by :- R.P.C. 6

Interpreter 1

N.M.O. 1

, Carriers. 20 average.

Map:- Sketch map attached.

Last Patrol to Area made by:- F.A.CHAMPION. ADC. June 1946.

.....*R.S. Bell*.....P.O.

R.S. BELL.

PATROL DIARY.

Wednesday 11th June, 1947.

Two constables were sent to KARU KARU on Monday to warn the Chirimas of the coming patrol.

The carriers left KOKODA for YODDA at 1000 hrs. I left by jeep at 1200 hrs and proceed to KOMO plantation, arriving at 1400. Commenced walking crossing three sections of the KOMO creek and the EBEI which fortunately were low as there were not any bridges. Climbed onto the plateau and made camp at 1235 hrs.

One fly had not been returned from KANGA plantation and as it rained during the afternoon and night the police had a wet time. Rice was issued as native foods could not be bought.

Time 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  hours.

Thursday 12th.

Left the plateau at 0720 hrs. for MAIGU. Crossed the YODDA creek at 0730 and KURU creek 0750 hrs. Then EMORO and VISINI creeks by 0815 hrs. After leaving KANGA creek behind the patrol climbed until the KANGA village turnoff reached at 0940 hrs. This village will be inspected on the return trip. Came out on top of the hill at 1000 hrs. where a view of KOKODA and MAMBA can be seen. Descended to the LASA creek at 1045 hrs. Vill. Const. LOUVE of KANGA met the patrol and a rest till 1115 was made. Continued on to the MAIGU. R.H. after traversing a few ridges.

Camp was made at 1200 hrs. and the KANGA people brought a quantity of food for sale. The day march was done in drizzling rain which had no effect on either roads or rivers.

Time 4.40 hours.

Friday 13th.

Departed MAIGU 0730 hrs. and went down to the TOA creek. Climbed steeply then descended to the Kasi creek at 0840 hrs. continued on at 0850 hrs. Over a few steep ridges and the OROA creek was crossed at 1120 hrs. A short walk of 10 minutes and the KARU KARU R.H. WAS reached.

The patrol was met by Vill. Const. TATAFI of KOGA and Vill. Const. FVONDA of FOFOA. They had brought in a supply of taro and sweet potato. These Vill. Const. supplied carriers for the onward trip so the KOKODA carriers returned to MAIGU same day.

Time 4 hours.

Saturday 14th.

Left KARU KARU. R.H. at 0710 hrs. over a slippery track caused by the rain the previous night. Along a flat stretch of road until the SESI creek was passed then the road went up and over a steep hill to IOMAEA R.H. at 0830 hrs. Spelled here until 0845. This R.H. although in good condition is not required, being too close to KARU KARU. The ASIMBA was crossed by a cane suspension bridge and the patrol commenced climbing once more. At 0910 hrs the track wound up the bed of a small creek, MADUSI, for 10 min. Up steeply to the crest of the hill then down to the JU creek at 1000 hrs. A spell was called till 1015 hrs. before continuing over a succession of small hillocks to the BURE creek at 1115 hrs. The R.H. was reached 5 min later after crossing the creek by a shaky bridge.

Vill Const. TOBA of BURE presented himself with his people who exist in a shambles across from the R.H. They sold a sufficient amount of food for the patrol requirements.

Time 4.10 hours.

Sunday 15th.

The Vill. Const. reported that the bridge had to be repaired across the CHIRIMA RIVER before the patrol could start. This was finished at 0735 hrs. and the patrol crossed then commenced climbing immediately. Continued climbing steadily with the usual rests for the next 3.30 hrs. Then the track descended slightly and curved around the mountain side. Rain commenced falling heavily here and continued for some time. The BOFU. R.H. was reached at 1135 hrs.

Although the village consists of four houses the area under cultivation is enormous. Large amounts of food were purchased. Carriers for the following days march had to be brought from the other side of the valley.

Vill. Const. SIVINIGI, GORE of BOFU and GIAGIGO respectively met the patrol. SIVINIGI presenting a pig to the patrol and this



Sunday 15th cont.

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The police ate in fine style.

The road whilst climbing was very good but the remainder consisted of logs staked to the hillslope.

Time 4 hours.

Monday 16th.

After raining continuously for 24 hours the road was in a very bad state. As the police were leaving their barracks it collapsed and partly burnt before the inhabitants could scramble out. The Vill Const. was told to erect another for the following patrols. Moving off down hills at 0820 hrs. the patrol followed a faint trail around the mountain side until the JU-O creek was reached. Crossed by a log bridge at 0905 then continued to climb very steeply until 0940 when a rest was called. Continued at 1000 hrs. and at 1020 hrs. passed the road through AIKORA to IOMA. Vill Const KAMO of KAGO reported and accompanied the patrol to EVESA. Descended to and crossed the TU creek at 1035 hrs. then climbed up to the R.H. at EVESA 1045 hrs.

Inspected the surrounding villages of EVESA, BASALABU, ANDABARISA, MASA, UTURU, and GELAWATE. These consist of a few houses in a very poor state. It is evident that the people favour the garden houses and only use villages for dances or Gov't visits. The people were not in their villages as they had been caught out by the rain. Due to this, food was a long time coming to light. When the rain had finished two police were dispatched to round up the villagers and bring them in for medical inspection. Some arrived at 2000 hrs. but the remainder refused. The Vill. Const. SINE has no control over his area in the least.

Today was the first time that a good view of the valley was obtained. The whole area is covered by old and new gardens. There were no villages of any size to be seen but the valley was dotted with garden houses.

Time 2.25 hours.

Tuesday 17th.

Before leaving this morning the remainder of the villagers reported for inspection. The previous days carriers were returned home and new carriers obtained at the last moment. Started over the worst road encountered as yet. The Vill. Const. admitted that the roads had not been touched for one year. At 0720 hrs passed through EVESA then descended to the INAMBA creek at 0810 hrs., after crossing numerous small streams. Commenced climbing at 0820 hrs. through good gardens until FORU was reached at 0855 hrs. Inspected the village of SUFINGA (KAMBESI) and found it to be rather neat and compact. Gardens completely surround their village and this accounts for the fact of all the people living in the village. IRIFENDA is now deserted the villagers having move to AIKORA. Continued on at 0920 hrs. crossing the small streams of GUNGO and ENAGU at 0930 and 1025 hrs resp. Arrived at the deserted village of BERUDENI, 2 houses. Left the road and went down the spur to EMBABO. This a large village but it also was uninhabited. The reason being that a dance was on at AIKORA and these people were attending it. Back to the road then down to the SONGO creek and up a short but very steep hill to the GARIMA. R.H. at 1105 hrs.

Vill Const. IWORA of FORU had reported at his village then gone down into the valley to round up a few of his stray natives. He returned later in the day saying that he and Vill. Const GORE had been threatened by three men. These had dropped their weapons on the approach of A.C. SURUBA, then gone bush. Another 2 A.C.'s were sent out but could not find the culprits.

The local women were waiting for the patrol with a large amount of food. A few cabbages were bought this being the first change from the everlasting sweet potato.

Inspected the villages of KELAU, GARIMA and SER. KELAU is being rebuilt and the people are living in GARIMA whilst this is being done. SER has been deserted for some considerable time.

Thirty boys from KUAMA were rounded up lower down in the valley and brought into the resthouse. They were planting up the gardens belonging to the natives gone dancing. Although they were doing all the work the GARIMA people would have the garden when it came into production. This is the first time I have seen any co-operation between villages.

Time 3.45 hours.

Wednesday 18th.

Set off at 0720 hrs. after rounding up carriers. Started descending around the hillside until KALA village which is below the road was inspected at 0735 hrs. Crossed HE creek and followed it till the CHIRIMA river was crossed at 0810 hrs. Continued along the southern side of the CHIRIMA then crossed the SINDAPA creek at 0840 hrs. Commenced climbing an extremely steep hill until 1010 hrs. when the R.H. at KUAMA was reached.

Village consists of TIORA of GUAM and KOGA of BELAVISA reported. All the villagers were present and up to date were the only ones who appeared pleased of the patrol coming. Practically all the women brought in an amount of food. European produce in the form of potatoes, cabbages and passionfruit made their appearance in large quantities.

The old resthouse used by the spotters has been replaced by a new building which is the best seen as yet. A good shelter is needed here due to the amount of rainfall and intense cold experienced.

Time. 2.50 hours.

Thursday 19th.

Two A.C. were sent to stay at IONGAI to endeavour to arrest the three natives wanted for threatening behaviour. A further two accompanied me to the summit whilst the remainder guarded the equipment at KUAMA. Shortly after two natives had been dispatched to the shelter No 1. to accomplish repairs, the patrol set out with 10 lightly loaded carriers, at 0750 hrs. Passed through garden areas for some time before commencing the ascent. After 1.30 hrs of bush the patrol started to climb sharp spurs covered with bracken and later with grass. The everlasting rain commenced at this point and continued for the remainder of the morning. Came out onto a grass plain after passing through occasional belts of stunted trees. Crossed this at 1050 hrs. walking through 3" of water. Left the main road to GOILALA and travelled into the bush for a few hundreds yards and arrived at the SHELTER, 1130 hrs.

This is only an inverted V resting on the ground and about 30' long. It is a case of all in together and with the wind whistling in one end it is extremely cold. The night was spent very uncomfortably and everyone was glad to see the sun rise.

Time 3.40 hours.

Friday 20th.

Left this morning at 0630 hrs. for the SUMMIT. Descended to and crossed the GOILALA road then over a swampy plain and four small streams. the headwaters of the CHIRIMA, before starting to ascend. Continued over small hillocks climbing gradually until the SHELTER at 11500' was reached at 0730 hrs. Rested for a short time then continued climbing up and over the CENTRAL DOME. Kept along the ridge and headed for the N.E. DOME. Turned for the SUMMIT then descended and walked alongside a large lake before making the last stage. Saw the cross for the first time at 0920 hrs. Climbed the last 20 min. up a sharp razorback ridge. Reached the SUMMIT at 0940 hrs. in pouring rain. Put my name in the bottle with all the others but as it was so cold, left the SUMMIT 13000' approx. at 0950.

On the return journey the weather cleared up for a short time and a view of the coast to the N.E was seen. Continued down by the same path passed numerous lakes both big and small until SHELTER 11500' was reached at 1130 hrs. Rested until 1145 then proceeded back to SHELTER No.1. arriving at 1240 hrs.

After a meal was had the camp was struck at 1340 hrs and the descent commenced. Once more it started to rain and it continued for the remainder of the day. The descent is the best part of this trip. KUAMA was reached at 1610 hrs.

More European vegetables had been bought making a very respectable amount.

Time 9.40 hours.



Saturday 21st.

This morning there was a complaint lodged against the Mission which will be dealt with in the summary.

Left KUMBA R.H. at 0720 and descended to the village of KIKORI at 0740. This was inspected as was GU which was very close. These two villages, 23 houses all told, are the remaining villages controlled by the Vill. Const. TIORA as IUMBA is now deserted. Returned to the R.H. at 0830 hrs., finalised a few trivial complaints, then departed for IONGAI at 0845 hrs. Descending the south side then passing through JORIBA before crossing the SINDARA creek at 0915 hrs. Climbed up to BELAVISA which is a large village at 0945 hrs. The people of both these villages had crossed the range for a dance at GOILALA. Vill. Const. KOGA was warned to have everyone present for all Gov't visits. Continued climbing to KOIPUKU No. 1 then around the hill to KOIPUKU No. 2 at 1000 hrs. Along a level road passing through GAU then down ladders to the KALA creek at 1025 hrs. Climbed out of the gully and after crossing numerous small creeks reached SCUMBA at 1100 hrs and MANIGURENDA 1110 hrs. Passing through large gardens around the hillsides the IONGAI R.H. was reached at 1230 hrs. Here Vill. Consts. HAVI of IONGAI, GUSI of GAG and KAWA of GARIMA, reported. Vill. Const. KAWA was reprimanded about leaving his village on previous occasions. He was also warned that his people could not use the ground belonging to the AIKORA village.

The three men mentioned earlier had not been captured so all the remaining police were sent out with village guides to comb the surrounding countryside. They returned after dark and in the pouring rain, to report an unsuccessful attempt. Names of these three were entered in the village book and the Vill. Const. told to bring the culprits into KOKODA when they were found. Another man was arrested for an assault and brought to KOKODA, see summary.

In the afternoon the villages of KOFU above the road SURI on the road and MIRI below. The last two named are large villages of 15 and 16 houses resp., in very good condition. Another complaint lodged against the mission, which was inspected, will be dealt with in the summary.

Large amounts of sweet potato were supplied to the patrol. Also a little corn, beans, potatoes, cucumbers, tomatoes and cabbages were supplied. Gardens along the road were in excellent condition.

Time 5.10 hours.

Sunday 22nd.

Left IONGAI R.H. at 0720 hrs and after passing through the small village of GAGA descended to the WAMBI creek over an overgrown and muddy track. Crossed by bridge at 0805 hrs. then climbed sharply to the villages of MITUBA, SESENGI, BUNUNDA and SONGAKU which are all above and parallel to the WAMBI creek. Continued around the spur crossing three small creeks and arriving at KAGO R.H. at 1000 hrs. This R.H. is in good condition but is not really needed as it is too close to GIAGIGO. Inspected the villages of KAGO No. 1 and 2 which are above the R.H.. Returned and proceeded along the road at 1030 hrs. Food was purchased here and the patrol had lunch. After crossing two small creeks ANGORIBA and UWALA were passed at 1050 and 1110 hrs. Descended to the KUE creek by ladders then climbed a practically perpendicular cliff up to GIGGIGO R.H. at 1150 hrs.

An enormous amount of food was sold to the patrol with a few bananas which were the first seen in the valley. After a minor dispute had been settled Vill. Const. KAMO presented half a pig to the patrol.

The R.H. and barracks are in good condition. Roads travelled during the latter part of the day were very good.

Time 4.30 hours.

Monday 23rd.

Departed from GIAGIGO R.H. at 0715 hrs. over a very slippery track. This continued through a swamp which was crossed by logs. Then up a steep hill by means of steps. The top was reached at 0810 hrs. and GORAWAKU a large village off the main road inspected. Down the hill at 0830 hrs. passing through GONOUBI and reaching the junction of the BURE and KI creeks. Crossed same and after a short rest proceeded to ascend at 0910 hrs. The road led up the spur remaining parallel to the BURE creek. RESTED on top of this long climb from 1030-1050 hrs. The downhill track was overgrown and very

Monday 23rd.

see and follow. This descent continued until the Ju creek was reached at 1145 hrs. Vill Const. KOREA of SUIDA reported at the rest house with food for the carriers. The R.H. was in good condition but decided not to stay as there was not enough food for the patrol overnight stay. Left the R.H. at 1245 hrs. leaving a small amount of food for the returning carriers. Once again the patrol climbed until 1330 hrs when the descent to FOLEGABE R.H. commenced. This was long and gradual with the track graded in some spots and steps built in the remainder. This district is a pleasant change as there is a wide good road lined with trees on either side. Reached FOLEGABE village after crossing numbers of small streams. Inspected this village at 1430 hrs. then proceeded to the R.H. which is immediately below.

Large amounts of the everlasting sweet potatoes were bought with a little sugar cane and bananas. Had already met Vill. Const. FONDA at KARU KARU and since then he had accompanied the patrol throughout as an interpreter.

Time 7.15 hours.

Tuesday 24th.

Left the R.H. at 0715 hrs. to inspect the villages of ASANGA and KIRU which are up the valley. Arrived at ASANGA 0735 and KIRU 0805 hrs. These are good villages after the style of FOLEGABE. Returned to the R.H. at 0900 hrs. and departed for KARU KARU, descending to the ASIMBA creek at 0920 hrs. Crossed and started a gradual climb down the valley. KUMA and OU creeks crossed at 0950 hrs and 0955 hrs. After a short rest at 1020 hrs continued over a bad road to the new village of KOGA at 1130 hrs. This is a disgraceful village of four humpies built on the ground. The Vill. Const. TATAFI was ordered to build proper houses as soon as possible. Commenced the descent and arrived at KARU KARU 1340 hrs after crossing the SESI creek at 1220 hrs.

Small amounts of food were brought in but were not enough for the patrol so rice had to be issued.

Time 6.25 hours.

Wednesday 25th.

Sent two A.C.'s off early this morning to take a fly from KANGA plantation to YODDA. Left at 0720 hrs. marching over rough country until a short rest was made at KASO creek 0915 hrs. Crossed the VAILA creek at 1005 hrs. and the TOA creek at 1025. Reached M.IGU R.H. at 1030 and rested to 1050 hrs. Continued on arriving at the LASA creek at 1110 hrs. and followed it till 1150 hrs. Climbed up for a short time until KANGA village was reached 1255 hrs. Inspected this village which has lately been shifted down from the hills. This new village mainly consisted of houses built directly onto the ground. Vill Const. LOUVE was instructed in the type of village which to build and the patrol started the gentle slope down to the KANGA creek arriving at 1325 hrs. Stopped here for lunch and set off for YODDA at 1420 hrs. arriving after following a flat road at 1600 hrs.

Time 8.40 hours.

Thursday 26th.

Struck camp at 0705 hrs. descended off the plateau and crossed the ENEI creek. Continued along a good road through a rubber plantation until the MAMBA ESTATES were reached. Stopped here for breakfast from 0810-0840 hrs. Restarted along the motor road arriving at KOKODA 0945 hrs. Reported to Mr. CHAMPION. A.D.C.

Time 2.40 hours.



SUMMARY.

VILLAGES.

Villages on the whole are very small. The largest consists of 16 houses and there are four like this. Usually they are only about four houses. Houses are long, thin, high and raised off the ground about 5'. The eaves of the houses reach practically to the ground to help keep out the winds. Down the centre of the floor runs a strip of packed earth on both sides of which are the sleeping accommodations. Fires are burnt on this hearth all night to keep out the intense cold. All the houses are grouped around a rectangular dancing area enclosed by a palisade.

If there village are close to the current gardens then they are inhabited. Otherwise they live in garden houses which are sometimes on the other side of the valley. Villages are few but hundreds of garden houses dot both sides of the CHIRIMA Valley. The main use of the villages is for dancing sessions. In the large villages there are separate pig houses built well away from the community. However in small villages the pigs use the enclosure below the houses. Two villages KOGA and KANGA just rebuilt are the worst in the area. They are made of slabs of wood stuck into the ground with pandanus leaves thrown on top. Most villages were in a clean condition but the continual fires keep the houses dirty.

NATIVE SITUATION.

In the lower CHIRIMA the people shy about the meeting the patrol. At BOFU and EVESA especially police had to be sent out with the Vill. Const. to round up the people. They said that as they had supplied food that was all that required of them and also that the patrol, did not give them anything. Further up the valley they appeared quite pleased to see the patrol and would gather at the resthouse all day. This may be due to Spotters being stationed there for a number of years.

The villagers go in for dancing in a big way. There were two dances in progress, one at GOILALA and the other at AIKORA. Whole villages would go en mass across the ranges travelling up to four days. They were instructed that in future all were to remain in their villages for Gov't patrols.

There is great difficulty in speaking to these people. Interpreters from KOKODA do not understand the language and it has to go through two interpreters before the people can understand. Vill. Const. FONDA and TOBA accompanied the patrol throughout as they understand a certain amount of MOTU. However they are not the best and questions and answers become greatly distorted. It takes a long time to get any satisfaction this way.

In the whole of the area there were only two crimes committed. One case of assault was brought into KOKODA for trial. He presented himself to the patrol and did not appear at all worried. The other case of threatening behaviour by three men, to the Vill. Const. IWORA. The names of KAWASA, EA and EUARI were entered in the village register and the Vill. Const. instructed to bring them into KOKODA when they were apprehended. Other than these there were very few trivial complaints brought forward.

In between patrols there is no communication whatsoever between the CHIRIMAS and KOKODA natives. Quite a few natives of the lower CHIRIMA accompanied the patrol around the valley. Numerous inquiries were made at KOKODA to go with the patrol mainly for trading purposes. After the patrol returned droves of CHIRIMAS presented themselves at the local trade store. Their main requirements are axes and knives.

VILLAGES OFFICIALS.

In this area there are only Village Constables as the villages are not big enough to warrant Councillors. The yearly pay was distributed and it was noticed that they still had the last year's pay in their books. On the whole they are good average in comparison to the KOKODA officials. The EVESA V.C. cannot control his people and needs a patrol through to get them to work at all. Vill Const. FONDA is the pick of the bunch and has accompanied a number of patrols as interpreter. All the others stay with the patrol for a number of days. Vill. Const KOGA acted as guide to the summit.

ROADS AND RESTHOUSES.

Roads in the lower part of the valley are in excellent condition. They are very wide and clean. All the rivers have to be forded as they are too wide and swift for any bridges to be built. Leeches are very bad over this stretch and gradually taper off until at 4000' they disappear altogether. Sipora was used by police to stop these from biting. When the road started into the mountains it became much worse due to the terrain. In places the ascents and descents were made either by steps or ladders. Here bridges are of the cane suspension type which are excellent for this kind of country. When the roads proceed around the face of the hills most of the road consists of logs staked to the hillsides. The continuous rain does not improve the condition of the roads. Most of them become small streams after a heavy downfall. At two places, KOGA and SUIDA the roads were completely overgrown. Their excuse was that they had a long stretch of road and very few people.

Resthouses throughout were good with the outstanding ones at KUAMA and FOFOA. The main trouble is that the walls are too thin for the altitude. At KUAMA an extra wall of pandanus leaves had to be constructed. At the head of the valley all have fireplaces in the main room. IOMAFU, KAGO and SUIDA R.H. were not used this trip as they are too close to the main ones. However they have to be kept in repair as they will be used in cases of emergency. FORU has been pulled down by instructions of the previous patrol. Floors give a lot of trouble as they are built of a poor material and are rather weak.

Most places have two barracks built. One for the police and the other for the carriers who usually have to spend the night after they carry. They are excellent structures the best in the district. The BOFU barracks collapsed and a new one will have to be built. Shelter No. 1 at 10500' on the GOILALA track is in a bad state and will not last very much longer.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

During the patrol there was always enormous supplies of sweet potatoes to be bought. This is the main part of the CHIRIMA's diet. They have a great variety of other crops planted but in small amounts. Yam, Taro, Pumpkin, Corn, Bananas and Cucumbers are mainly planted to supplement the diet. At KUAMA a quantity of European Potatoes, Tomatoes, Cabbages, Onions and wild Passionfruit can be obtained. Lower down on the southern side both dwarf and climbing Beans are grown.

They are mainly agriculturists and have learnt the main points of farming. There are large areas of land under cultivation of secondary growth. Gardens are usually on a communal basis, one large garden to each village. After the primary growth has been cut and the undergrowth burnt off, they stack all the large timber and debris such as stones, in long lines following the contours of the slopes. As these are spaced about 30 yards apart down the slope, they would stop the terrific run off which must occur in their gardens, as they are anything up to 70 degrees from the horizontal. Another method they have of stopping erosion is to plant a cover crop of sweet potatoes immediately on clearing. Amongst this they then plant all their other crops enumerated above. This would maintain the fertility of their land much longer. After one crop the land is allowed to lay idle for a number of years depending on the amount of land available.

The Vill. Const. at KUAMA wishes to make a garden alongside the resthouse for the use of the visiting officers. In it would be planted European vegetables which grow very well at that altitude. However his seed is very poor and all the other inquiries about new seed, by previous patrols is endorsed.

Pigs and Pandanus nut are the only sources of fat for the balancing of their diet. Pigs are very numerous and are of good breeds. At KUAMA they plant special gardens without fences just for the use of the pigs which are treated like domestic animals. Two pigs were purchased for food for the patrol and two were brought back to KOKODA.

Purchases are made of food through the medium of salt. One "kiapa" costs two tablespoons of salt. As tobacco is grown throughout the valley it has no value to them.



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MISSIONS.

The people of KUAMA complained that the Catholic Mission at ONONGE are trying to make them build a road along the shoulder of Mt. ALBERT-EDWARD up to the cross at the SUMMIT. There is quite a good road up to the SUMMIT but there were sticks in the ground to indicate where to build the new one. It would be practically impossible to build this road as it is two days march from KUAMA without rations. Also it would serve no purpose.

At ICNGAI there was another complaint lodged. The mission had moved in against the wishes of the people. However the villagers had built three houses and a compound for them. It is hard to understand why they do this and they cannot give a sensible answer to the question. The mission teacher was absent at the GOILALA dance.

All the CHIRIMA people said that they wanted the mission to come up from KOKODA, also that previous officers had said that this would be done.

Two boys came back with the patrol to go to the Anglican Mission at ISIVITA.

HYGIENE AND HEALTH.

These natives cannot appreciate the usefulness of building latrines and refuse pits. There was a bad outbreak of dysentery in 1944 in which hundreds died. They built latrines then and are still showing these as their current ones. Once again villages near the headwaters make the best showing. All villages were ordered to build these pits at regular intervals.

A medical inspection was held in every village. At the present time the health is very good in this area. Only relative minor complaints were treated:-

Tropical Ulcers	9
Small sores	64
Scabies	20
Coughs	1
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Total	<u>94</u>

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..... R. S. Bell ..... P.O.  
R.S. BELL.

REPORT ON N.M.O. ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

ROGER. is rather useless and very lazy. He does not appear to know his work at all well. Half way through the patrol ran out of essential drugs and supplies. Continuous complaining is to be expected when he is around.

*R. Bell*  
.....P.O.

R.S.BELL.

REPORT ON R.F.C. PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

Reg. No.1665	Const.	SOURO.	an asset on any patrol.Excellent A.C. can use his own initiative.
" "	3348	" AMBURE.	Very good A.C.Works well and is efficient.
" "	2346	" HAITA.	an average A.C. with no outstanding points.
" "	3184	" SORUBA.	Average A.C. works well when under orders.
" "	3672	" KANUNU	Loud mouthed, to fond of using his hands.Works well under constant European supervision.
" "	1320	" HUJARI.	Useless A.C. The only thing he has learnt in 9 years service is how to avoid work.

*R. Bell*  
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R.S. BELL.



No. 30, *30/2*

Sub-District Office, *12*

KOKODA.

23 July 47.

District Officer,  
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT No.9.

Herewith the a/m report returned to you in quadruplicate. I was unaware that four copies were required.

It will be seen that the Chirima natives live in their gardens and only use their villages for ceremonial purposes. As their lives consist of dancing and feasting no doubt they wish to be near their food supplies, which are usually long distances from settled villages.

I agree with Mr. Bell re the making of a road to the top of Mt. Albert Edward, it serves no useful purpose.

It is hoped that EMA will be able to accompany the next patrol to the area.

*Alvan F. H.D.O.*

27 AUG 1947

NATIVE AFFAIRS

District Office,  
MEBAMURU,  
Northern District.

13th August, 1947.

The Director,  
Department of District Services  
and Native Affairs,  
FORT MORESBY.Kokoda Patrol Report No. 9.

Page 6, Native Situation, Paragraph 2. One or two natives should be obtained from this area and trained as an interpreter and or a local constable. There should be no difficulty as many of the Chirima people have worked at Yodda, also the people should be encouraged to visit the Station.

Page 6, Village Officials. The Patrol Officer says, on page 6 under heading "Villages" - "the largest village consists of 16 houses, and there are only 4 like this. Usually there are only about 4 houses". However small the village a councillor should be appointed. If the people will not elect one then the head man of the village should be appointed by the Patrol Officer. On every subsequent patrol to this area a meeting of the councillors should be held and the reasons for their appointments and their duties should be explained to them. I have always been under the impression that they had village councillors. The Patrol Officer should remember that these people are not as far advanced as in more civilised parts and they cannot be expected to have reached the same degree of efficiency.

Page 7, Native Agriculture. This is very interesting. Supplies of vegetable seeds from the Department of Agriculture should be sent to them and the people encouraged to grow all they can.

Paragraph 4. The Gailala people also plant up gardens for their pigs. The improved breed of pigs mentioned by the Patrol Officer was probably introduced there from Gailala where these people own a Southern breed of pigs (introduced, I believe, by a Lutheran Mission in T.N.G.).

Page 8, Missions. I agree with the Assistant District Officer that this road is not a necessity and the natives should not be expected to build and maintain it.

This was a very interesting patrol and well carried out.

*G. J. Atkinson*  
(G. J. Atkinson)  
District Officer,  
Northern District.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

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Department of District Services  
and Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY

2nd September 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR:

District Officer,  
Northern Division,  
HIGATURU

KOKODA PATROL REPORT NO.9

This is an interesting report.

The policy is not to encourage natives living in non malarious areas to come into malarious areas.

Councillors are not appointed but should be elected by the village people. I would not unduly worry about them.

The main thing is to improve crops and give these people medical attention.

Requisition should be submitted for seeds.

(J.H.Jones)  
ACTING DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Mountain (Kokoda) Report No. 1 of 47/48

Patrol Conducted by R.S. Bell P.O.

Area Patrolled Mawanga, Chakawa, & Kokoda Managalasi.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 16/7/47 to 24/7/47

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol General Inspection

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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Sub-District Office,  
KOKODA.

25th July, 1947.

District officer,  
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 47/48.

Report of Patrol by:-

R.S. BELL P.O.

To:-

WAWANGA, ORAKAIVA and  
KOKODA MANAGALASI.

Date left Station:-

16th July, 1947.

" rtd to " :-

24th July, 1947.

Duration of Patrol:-

9 Days.

Purpose of Patrol:-

General Inspection.

Patrol Accompanied by:-

4RPC.  
1 Interpreter  
1 NMO.  
16 Carriers average.

Map:-

BUNA and PT. MORESBY STRAT.  
4 miles to 1"

Last Patrol to Area:-

Mr. CHAMPION ADO.  
Report No7 46/47.

*R.S. Bell*  
.....P.O.  
R.S. BELL.





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Friday 18th. cont.

at 1355 hrs. Climbed a steep hill then continued around the hill face to MANAGUBE arriving at the resthouse 1500 hrs.

This resthouse was also in a bad state being an emergency one. The villagers brought in a large amount of yams for the patrol.

Time 7.30 hrs.

Saturday 19th.

Left MANAGUBE at 0720 hrs. and descended to the EWA creek then up to RUMARA at 0730 hrs. Through and down to the EWA creek crossing at 0750 hrs. From here the road follows the banks of the KUMUSI on a gradual incline till EHERO, a new village on the EMU creek, was reached, 0820 hrs. Climbed up to URABO at 0835 hrs. then leaving at 0850 hrs. Proceeded down to the JORAI creek, crossed and climbed up to EJARO at 0920 hrs. Left at 0930 hrs. crossed the LUMUMI creek, climbing up to UJILO at 1020 hrs. Continued over the crest, crossed a small stream and arrived at ABOMA 1045 hrs. The carriers stayed here whilst the remainder continued on to KOVIO at 1100 hrs. Down to the KUMUSI creek which was crossed by an excellent causeway then over a number of small creeks and ridges to KOVIO arriving 1215 hrs. This the end of the KOKODA area and from here tracks go to both TUFI and ABAU. Stayed until 1400 hrs making inspections and having lunch. Returned along the same track to ABOMA, inspecting VIJAMBE, and arriving at 1530 hrs.

This village is the biggest seen as yet and the resthouse could be classed as the best in the district. The village is in excellent condition the main reason being the go ahead village officials.

Yams were the only food to be bought with the exception of a few sticks of sugar cane.

Time 8.10 hrs.

Sunday 20th.

Rain which had continued all night made what had been good roads into quagmires, due to the type of soil.

The return journey was done making inspections of all villages checking the progress made on the instructions given. Left ABOMA at 0730 hrs. arriving at UJILO 0750 hrs., EJARO 0825 hrs. URABO 0920 hrs., RUMARA 1020 hrs. and MANAGUBE 1040 hrs. Lunch was made here off the remainder of the food bought two days before. Departed at 1140 hrs. and WAIROBILA was reached at 1250 hrs. as the rain commenced.

An enormous amount of food was now available as a dance had started and expected to last for the next two months. This is another good village and resthouse and the villagers seem to be a good type. Quite a few complaints were lodged but they were not of a serious nature.

Time 5.20 hrs.

Monday 21st.

Left at 0730 hrs., crossed the ESA creek then climbed steeply till 0805 hrs. From here the track descends very steeply to the KUMUSI river which is crossed by a cane suspension bridge. Continuing on after crossing at 0850 hrs. the track follows the river for some distance and the terrain becomes very broken. From this point a

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Monday 21st. cont.

steep climb over a very bad track continued until 0955 hrs. then down a gentle grade to the HUI creek at 1040 hrs. Climbed once more till 1130 hrs. and arrived at ENJORA after a gradual descent, 1210 hrs

These people depend on a small soak for their water supply. Although it had rained heavily the two previous nights it took them 20 min. to fill one bucket with water. In periods without rain it dries up altogether. Officers in the past have tried to get them to move to a more regular water supply but without success.

A few varieties of food were purchased which is a change from the WAWONGA area where it is all yams.

The road today was in a terrible state. It is very hard for one village to clean and repair 4.00hrs. of mountainous road. However close to their village they had done some good work and the road was quite presentable.

Time 4.50 hrs.

Tuesday 22nd.

Departed ENJORA at 0720 hrs. and descended to the MAMAWA river at 0730 hrs. Crossed by a cane suspension bridge and climbed up a steep spur parallel to the river until ENJORA No2 was reached at 0800 hrs. Continued climbing then along a flat stretch to the GIAWA creek arriving at 0840 hrs. Up another hill, down to ASABA creek and BUJUNUMU 0920 hrs. Left at 0950 hrs and arrived at OMBOFU 1000 hrs. Continued along a good flat stretch of road crossing small streams until the SIRIWA was reached at 1130 hrs. A short climb and arrived at ANESA 1150 hrs. Left at 1205 and arrived at PUTEMBO 1215 hrs. Continued on at 1250 hrs. on a wide gradually descending road to SAIROPE arriving 1340 hrs.

This is the centre of quite a large community and consequently disputes were attended to all the afternoon. There is a big doubt in the minds of these people just to which district they belong. They were instructed that they are in the HIGATURU district.

Along the final stretch of road were the first big gardens sighted and they contained a wide variety of foods. A quantity of these were purchased for the patrol.

Time 6.20 hrs.

Wednesday 23rd.

Once more it rained heavily all night and the patrol set off in a slight drizzle. Departed at 0715 hrs from SAIROPE and arrived at FEMBI at 0800 hrs. Left 0815 and continued on inspecting the villages of JEVAHAMBU and BOTHU arriving at WARINA at 0930 hrs. Left WARINA at 0945, passing through AJEKA arrived at WAIROPE 1015 hrs.

All the peoples of the surrounding villages were assembled and for the remainder of the morning trivial complaints were dealt with. At 1230 hrs started along the motor road arriving at ILIMO 1330 hrs. Camped here for the night.

Time 6.15 hrs.

Thursday 24th.

Carriers sent off at 0800 hrs for KOKODA. Mr. CHAMPION arrived at 1000 hrs. and we proceeded to WAIROPE to load rations. Left at 1400 hrs and arrived at KOKODA 1545 hrs. The carriers had arrived and they were immediately paid off.

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R.S. BELL.



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SUMMARY.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND RESTHOUSES.

Throughout the whole area the roads were in excellent condition with the exceptions of the KUMUSI river to ENJORA and SIRORATA to ANGARA. They are all of regulation width but some parts are good enough for vehicular traffic. However the soil is such in the mountains that a small amount of rain makes them very slippery. Hills have been graded as much as possible and steps made in the steepest parts of the road. The villagers seem to take a pride in their roads.

Across all the larger rivers cane suspension bridges have been built. As most of the bridges were destroyed in the last flood the newly built ones are of solid construction and in good condition. On the smaller creeks a variety of bridges are seen. Where possible causeways have been built and at other places all types of log bridges are in use.

Resthouses on the whole were good. ABOMA has one newly built and it is the biggest yet seen. Other new resthouses are at KOVIO and ANGARA. As ANGARA is a new village the people have not been able to make a good resthouse, having to concentrate on their gardens. Resthouses at SAWARIHAMBU and GOROBUNA have been dismantled on instructions and repairs on MANAGUBE are not being carried out. All barracks were in good order and are usually large enough for any party.

VILLAGES.

ANGARA and EHERO were the only two villages in a poor state. All the remainder were of a high standard. From village to village the type of houses change. In the lowlands they are made of bark with sago roofs and in the mountains of wood slabs with pandanus roofs. All were clean and in good state of repair. Surroundings had been cleaned and throughout all villages were shade trees such as coconuts. The largest villages are in the SAIROPE area and these people appear to be the most advanced in all matters. ABOMA is the best WAWONGA village.

The villagers were very pleased to see the patrol and turned out in full strength to greet us. At the present time dances are in progress at WAIROBILA and SAIROPE. For the past six months the people have been wandering from one village to another and in most cases returned only for the patrol.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

At present there is no shortage of food in the area. The staple diet of the WAWONGAS is yam. Besides yams they have large supplies of pumpkin, bananas and sugar cane. The gardens are rather small in comparison to the ORAKAIVA but they get a good yield. In the ORAKAIVA district their main crop is taro with bananas, pumpkin, sweet potatoes and yams secondary. As the population is much greater and more centralised, their gardens in consequence are larger, it taking 30 min. walking through the biggest. Pigs and fowls are still in very short supply, probably due to the amount of feasting.

All villages supplied enough food to supply the patrol throughout with ration. In this area salt is the main purchasing power as the people grow their own tobacco

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Most officials in this patrol were carrying out their duties in a most competent manner. Some accompanied the patrol throughout to have a look at the other villages. Vill. Const. DEGOVI and JOHU of ABOMA and WAIROBIA in conjunction with their Councillors were doing the best work. The yearly pay was distributed to all Vill. Const.

CRIME.

The people encountered on this patrol were very law abiding. This is due to the excellent Vill. Const. who stop any lawlessness. There were large numbers of trivial complaints attended to mainly in the ORAKAIVA area. These were all settled out of court, satisfactorily. One case of assault was sent to HIGATURU.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE.

All villagers were subjected to a medical examination. EMA. BEATSON had found a number of cases of V.D. amongst the KOKODA labour many of whom come from the area patrolled. He gave instructions for all males to be inspected for this disease. All natives with V.D., Tropical ulcers or Yaws were despatched to HIGATURU hospital for treatment. The following are the numbers treated:-

V.D.	14
Tropical Ulcers	6
Yaws	6
N.G. Mouth	2
Small Sores	11
Scabies	13
Malaria	1
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Total	53
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Acting under instructions from EMA. BEATSON all villages were examined for hygiene works. With very few exceptions the villages had deep pit latrines and refuse pits. They had signs of being used regularly. All natives were given talks on the reason for such disposal of refuse and the subsequent disease to be expected if it was not carried out. This has been the method of all officers patrolling this area in the past.

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Report on R.P.C. personnel accompanying patrol.

Reg. No. 2539 L/Cpl. SARA. An average man but has not the ability to command his constables.

Reg. No. 3348 Const. AMBURE. Continued to give excellent service. A good man on patrol.

Reg. No. 2464 Const. HANAPA. Carried out orders. An average AC.

Reg. No. 2248 Const. IPUMI. Not outstanding in any way.

.....P.O.  
R.S. BELL.

Report on N.M.O.

NMO. ROGER has improved greatly after receiving instructions from EMA. BEATSON. However he requires a new patrol medical kit very badly.

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R.S. BELL.

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No.30/1 - 71,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOKODA.  
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District Officer,  
HIGATUNU.

PATROL REPORT No.1 of 1947/48.

Attached herewith please find the a/m report in quadruplicate.  
The district patrolled is probably the best in the Kokoda Sub-Dist.,  
and is always kept in good condition.

Sawarihambo Village suffered greatly during the floods of Oct. last  
and the people have decided to abandon the site, and have now moved to the  
new village of Angara, which is on higher ground. It also eliminates the  
maintenance of two large suspension bridges across the Kunusi River.

I do not approve of the appointment of another Vill. Const. to control  
the new village of Angara.

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District Office,  
HIGATUVU,  
Northern District.

17th September, 1947.

The Director,  
Department of District Services & Native  
Affairs,  
PORT LOUISA.

Kokoda Patrol Report No. 1, 1947/48.

Page 3, under the heading "Monday 21st, paragraph 4." This is a long stretch of road (four hours' walk) and the natives cannot be expected to keep the whole length in order. If it can be arranged for them to make a reasonable track over the whole area then they should be compensated for their work.

The officer has made a good and interesting patrol. For his own personal benefit I would like him to study and describe the habits and customs of the various peoples met with on his patrols. Later on he will realize the value of this.

S/c South notes  
be sent D.P.H.  
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*G. J. Atkinson*  
(G. J. Atkinson)  
District Officer,  
Northern District.

Copy to Assistant District Officer,  
PORT LOUISA.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Northern (Koroba) Report No. 2 of 47/48

Patrol Conducted by R.S. Bell P.O.

Area Patrolled Biagi, Antembo and Vairape, Korapata

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 6/8/1947 to 14/8/1947

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol General inspection

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

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*District Commissioner*

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

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Sub-District Office,

KOKODA.

15th August, 1947.

District Officer,

HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 47/48/

Report of Patrol by:-

R.S. BELL. P.O.

To:-

BIAGI , AUTEMBO, WAIROPE  
and KOROPATA DISTRICTS.

Date left Station:-

6th August, 1947.

" rtn to " :-

14th August, 1947.

Duration of patrol:-

9 days.

Purpose of patrol:-

General Inspection.

Patrol Accompanied by:-

3 P.P.C.

1 Interpreter.

1 N.M.O.

Map used:-

KOKODA 1" to 1 mile.

Last Patrol to Areas:-

Mr. CHAMPION. BIAGI DISTRICT  
P/R No.6 46/47  
R.S. BELL. AUTEMBO etc.  
P/R No.8 46/47

... *R.S. Bell* ... P.O.

R.S. BELL

Wednesday 6th.

Carriers and escort were depatched directly to DENIKI

at 1000 hrs. The patrol left KOKODA at 1100 hrs and proceeded & along the motor road until 1120 hrs then cut into the FALA creek, 1125 hrs. Crossed this creek then climbed up the ridge to SAVAIA at 1145 hrs. Village inspections of houses, latrines, refuse pits and gardens with a medical examination were made in all villages throughout the patrol. Left at 1245 hrs. and continued along a flat road until KOIASI was reached at 1330 hrs. On at 1410 hrs crossing the MADI creek, 1420 hrs by bridge and arriving at PITOKI 1445 hrs. Continued on at 1530 hrs to camp at DENIKI by 1545 hrs.  
Time 4.45 hours.

Thursday 7th.

Commenced from DENIKI at 0740 hrs then crossed the WARA-WARA creek at 0750 hrs. Started climbing gradually up to OLD DENIKI arriving 0840 hrs. There is no village here now so continued climbing to BOROGO creek where a rest was made from 0945 to 1000 hrs. From here there are a few ascents and descents and small creeks to be crossed before ISURAVA resthouse is reached at 1230 hrs. Inspected ISURAVA village which is some distance from the resthouse then camped for the night. The overland mail arrived at 1800 hrs from PT. MORESBY.

Time 4.50 hours

Friday 8th.

Left ISURAVA at 0715 hrs. and proceeded to ALOLA over broken country arriving at 0810 hrs. Descended steeply to the IORA creek which was crossed by log bridge at 0840 hrs. Climbed up to KUNESI creek 0855 hrs., passing the waterfall and continuing uphill to ABUARI 0905. Left at 0940 hrs and arrived at ASIGARA 1105 and stayed to 1130 hrs. The road continues over a number a spurs before KAILE is reached at 1155 hrs. As the village was deserted the patrol had to continue on to the next resthouse. Left KAILE rest house at 1245 after lunch, along a good road to SIGA which was also deserted, before descending sharply to KANANDARA No.1. Inspected No.1&2 villages, MAINAGARI and proceeded to KEPARA arriving at 1435 hrs. then camped.

Time 7.20 hours.

Saturday 9th.

Left the resthouse at 0720 hrs. crossed the KAILE creek passed through the village of KEPARA and continued along to KOMONDO, 0750 hrs. On at 0810 hrs. climbing up to SENGI No.1 & 2. arriving at 0850 and departing 0920. Along to ITARU creek, crossed, and arrived at WAJU No.2 at 1005. Food was supplied for the patrol which moved on at 1045 and descended to the ASUA creek at 1055 hrs. Continued on to WAJU No.3 then down to WAJU No.1 arriving at 1125 hrs then camped for the night.

Time 4.05 hours.

Sunday 10th.

Departed from WAJU at 0715 hrs., descended to and crossed LUWUNI creek at 0730 hrs then climbed up to UNJIKI at 0735 hrs. Left at 0800 hrs. and continued over rough country crossing JERU creek at 0840 hrs and EI creek at 0900 hrs. before arriving at AMBENI 0905 hrs. Continued on at 0920 hrs. down a gentle slope to MALOU arriving at 0945 hrs and leaving at 1010 hrs after the patrol had eaten the food supplied. Arrived at INGI 1040 then proceeded along to EI 1100 hrs. then by motor road to ILIMO 1200 hrs. after passing through AFA. Continued on by motor road inspecting PAPAHI No. 2 and arriving at WAIROPE at 1300 hrs.

Time 5.45 hours.

Monday 11th.

Left WAIROPE at 0715 hrs. crossed the OIVI river at 0725 hrs. and reached HAKI No. 1 0755 hrs. Continued on at 0830 hrs and arrived at HAKI No2 0845 staying till 0915 before proceeding on to HAMARA No.1 & 2 at 0940 hrs. Left at 1015 hrs. and after climbing over one range of hills arrived at KROPATA resthouse 1200 hrs. The villages of WASIDA and KOROPATA No.1 were inspected after lunch.

Word was sent to HUNGIRI to have a canoe ready for the following days trip.

Time 4.45 hours.



Tuesday 12th.

Departed from KOROPATA at 0735 hrs. walking along a flat road until the KUMUSI river was reached at 0900hrs. Here there were two canoes waiting to take part of the patrol downstream. The carriers continued on by road whilst the remainder embarked. As this is the dry season the KUMUSI river was very low and slow running necessitating the paddlers to drag the canoe over numerous banks. Both the canoes crossed to the eastern side some distance downstream. From here it was a short walk to ORARISUSU arriving at 0945 hrs. Leaving at 1045 hrs. the river was reached at 1100 hrs. Continuing downstream the mouth of the ETA creek was reached at 1130 hrs. and the patrol disembarked. Continuing up this creek HUNGIRI was reached at 1150 hrs. and camp made for the night as the carriers had already arrived.

Time 4.15 hours.

Wednesday 13th.

At 0720 the patrol commenced from HUNGIRI for WAIROPE. The ETA creek was crossed at 0740 hrs. and the road from there follows the western side of the KUMUSI over flat country until arriving at KOROPATA 0925 hrs. Rest was made here and the food supplied was eaten. Left at 0945 hrs. and after climbing the hills HAMARA was reached at 1110 hrs. Again food was supplied and eaten before leaving at 1140 hrs. Continued on crossing the OIVI river and arriving at WAIROPE at 1300 hrs.

Time 5.40 hours.

Thursday 14th.

The ADO. Mr. Champion out carrying rations arrived so the return trip to KOKODA was made by jeep. The villages along the motor road of ANGIRI, NAMBISODA, GORARI, SISIRETA, OIVI and PIVIVE were inspected en route and KOKODA reached at 1300 hrs.

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SUMMARY.

RESTHOUSES.

The resthouses used were mainly good. The new RH. at DENIKI is a good effort. ISURAVA RH. is very rough being made of slabs of wood roughly lashed together with bamboo leaf roof. They intend building a new one closer to the village. Army RH. at OLD DENIKI, both sides of ISURAVA and ALOLA have long since collapsed. ABUARI RH is a small one room affair which is not being repaired as the people are concentrating on ISURAVA. The RH. at KAILE is small and clean overlooking the MAMBARE river valley. KEPARA is still one of the best in this area and to this a new barracks has been built. WAJU RH., built since the last patrol is an excellent one and very spacious. AMBENI RH. is not needed and is slowly falling down whilst ILIMO is at present being repaired. Both KOROPATA and HUNGIRI are in need of repairs and a good cleaning.

ROADS.

KOKODA - DENIKI.

There are two roads to DENIKI, one through the rubber plantation, a motor road part way and the road via the local villages. The road to SAVAIA is new and as yet still rough. From SAVAIA to DENIKI is an old, well worn flat road which is very good.

DENIKI-ISURAVA.

This is another good road considering the state of the country. There is a continual climb for the most part and steps have been cut where ever needed. They want to leave the old road and cut a new one directly to ALOLA which they say will avoid all the hills. However it was later found that they are always wanting to change the old roads.

ISURAVA-KEPARA.

The road to ALOLA is rather good but the descent to the IORA creek is very slippery and needs grading and steps cut.

SURAVA-KEPARA.

From ABUARI the road is good and goes around the face of the slopes so is relatively flat up to KAILLE. The road commences to descend steeply to KANANDARA in a series of switchbacks. From there it is a wide flat road to KEPARA.

KEPARA-WAJU.

The road is mainly flat and regulation width. Work had been done very recently and it was clean and dry.

WAJU-WAIROPE.

The first stretch to AMBENI is over rough country but the road is a good effort. To ILIMO the road slopes gradually and is in excellent condition. All rivers had been bridged with logs which can easily be replaced if washed away. The remainder of the road to WAIROPE is a ~~jxxx~~ motor road which is lasting very well.

WAIROPE-KOROPATA.

Throughout the road is in perfect condition and is a credit to the villagers.

KOROPATA-HUNGIRI.

This follows the KUMUSI river and is washed out by every flood. The road is very muddy and generally in poor condition but there is nothing that can be done to improve it.

WAIROPE-KOKODA.

This is a motor road in fairly good condition but in need of topdressing.

VILLAGES.

There is a decided improvement in the villages since the last patrol to this area. All villages have either new houses built or in progress. The houses which were built directly onto the ground have been destroyed and all new ones are on piles. Most people have a mania for building new villages for which areas have been cleared. The KEPARA and MAINAGARI are moving closer to each other. SENGI No1&2 Have a site cleared midway between the present ones and are going to combine. AMBENI are to build on the MALOU site which has been extended accordingly. ANGIKI are moving onto the motor road, HAKI No2 and KOROPATA have areas cleaned close to the old villages and will be building shortly. HUNGIRI is the best village in the area patrolled. They have built five new houses of good design with improvements such as windows, large verandahs and shelves. With the exception of the BIAGI DISTRICT there is any amount of building materials the commonest of which is sago.

GROVES AND GARDENS.

Food was plentiful in all districts visited and consist mainly of taro, sweet potato, banana, corn, pumpkin and sugar cane. There are large areas under cultivation and numbers of others being cleared of trees. Some of the surplus from the villages surrounding KOKODA is being sold to the Administration. With the exception of two meals native food was used as rations throughout the patrol, for which payment was given in both salt and tobacco.

In the WAIROPE, KOROPATA and HUNGIRI areas all villages have a grove of rubber planted near the villages. These were tapped during the war but with the present price of rubber they are uneconomical to work as they are so scattered and so few. There are numbers of younger trees three and four years old surrounding the grove which have been self sown. Talks were given in conjunction with those given by the ADO. Mr. CHAMPION to all these villagers and they have decided to increase their rubber holdings as soon as the building program has finished.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The officials are doing a much better job since the last patrol through this area. They all met the patrol and accompanied it through their villages. Councillors have a lot of power in the villages, more so than the Vill. Constables. The most outstanding Vill. Const. was KAGIRA of HUNGIRI who is doing excellent work.



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KOROPATA-HUNGIRI.

This follows the KUMUSI river and is washed out by every flood. The road is very muddy and generally in poor condition but there is nothing that can be done to improve it.

WAIROPE-KOKODA.

This is a motor road in fairly good condition but in need of topdressing.

VILLAGES.

There is a decided improvement in the villages since the last patrol to this area. All villages have either new houses built or in progress. The houses which were built directly onto the ground have been destroyed and all new ones are on piles. Most people have a mania for building new villages for which areas have been cleared. The KEPARA and MAINAGARI are moving closer to each other. SENGI No 1 & 2 have a site cleared midway between the present ones and are going to combine. AMBENI are to build on the MALOU site which has been extended accordingly. ANGIRI are moving onto the motor road, HAKI No 2 and KOROPATA have areas cleaned close to the old villages and will be building shortly. HUNGIRI is the best village in the area patrolled. They have built five new houses of good design with improvements such as windows, large verandahs and shelves. With the exception of the BIAGI DISTRICT there is any amount of building materials the commonest of which is sago.

GROVES AND GARDENS.

Food was plentiful in all districts visited and consist mainly of taro, sweet potato, banana, corn, pumpkin and sugar cane. There are large areas under cultivation and numbers of others being cleared of trees. Some of the surplus from the villages surrounding KOKODA is being sold to the Administration. With the exception of two meals native food was used as rations throughout the patrol, for which payment was given in both salt and tobacco.

In the WAIROPE, KOROPATA and HUNGIRI areas all villages have a grove of rubber planted near the villages. These were tapped during the war but with the present price of rubber they are uneconomical to work as they are so scattered and so few. There are numbers of younger trees three and four years old surrounding the grove which have been self sown. Talks were given in conjunction with those given by the ADO. Mr. CHAMPION to all these villagers and they have decided to increase their rubber holdings as soon as the building program has finished.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The officials are doing a much better job since the last patrol through this area. They all met the patrol and accompanied it through their villages. Councillors have a lot of power in the villages, more so than the Vill. Constables. The most outstanding Vill. Const. was KAGIRA of HUNGIRI who is doing excellent work.

NATIVE COMPLAINTS.

The BIAGI peoples are very law abiding in comparison to the natives in the other districts. There was only one complaint in three days which dealt with marriage customs so advice only was given. The numerous complaints heard in the remaining districts was mainly money troubles. These people when they received their compensation so called "rubbish money", they gave it away as loans gifts or for safe keeping. Now that money is scarce they are remembering all these amounts and they desire pay back. Advice was given in all cases which was readily accepted by the natives concerned as if it had already been settled before hand.

One case of stealing was brought in to KOKODA and the native charged and sentenced.

CARRIERS.

The carriers in this district are in most cases very slow. They need rests after even short periods of carrying loads of 30 lbs. An average of 14 carriers a day was used with a total man hours of portage --- 574.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The relations between the natives in this area is excellent. The different tribal groups do not mix over much with each other but when they do there is no friction. There are big movements under way and the tendency is for villages to combine rather than split up, which has been the way in the past. As they are so keen on their villages and plantations that tools, shovels, picks and mattocks were issued to all villages to assist them in their work of reconstruction.

Attitude to the Administration is good and as the natives say "we are building our villages all together and close to the roads so the Patrol Officer will not have to walk so far."

NATIVE CUSTOMS.

Natives are at present moving from one village to the other participating in the dances. A local custom is being carried out for the first time since the war commenced. It is for the initiation of the single boys and girls into adults and marriage. Two houses are built close together in the bush, the boys and girls being separately confined. Food is brought by the parents, who sleep under the house, and left on the steps. If the boys or girls are sighted by their parents during the two months for which they are confined the initiation has to be recommenced. On the visits to the latrine, the only occasion they leave the confines of the hut, they cover themselves with a blanket to hide themselves from sight.

At the end of the period of isolation, all the men and women of the village make a "devil devil" dance around the huts. Those confined watch this from inside and after it has finished they emerged as fully fledged adults having learnt the secrets of their tribe. The participants are then married within a very short time. However as this is the first initiation for some time there are a number of married couples going through the ceremony

HEALTH AND HYGIENE.

N.M.O. GASI accompanied the patrol and conducted a medical examination in all villages visited. Five cases were despatched to HIGATURU with V.D., two with bad Tropical Ulcers. The remaining cases of Tropical Ulcers and Yaws came into KOKODA for treatment. With the exception of numerous small sores the following were treated:-

V.D.	5
Tropical Ulcer	20
Yaws	12
Scabies	13
Malaria	1
Total	<u>51</u>

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HEALTH AND HYGIENE cont.

The hygiene in this area has improved out of sight. All villages have a number of latrines and refuse pits which are used regularly. These are of the deep ~~type~~ pit type and are changed at short intervals. HUNCIRI was the outstanding example as there was an average of one latrine to two houses.

*R.S. Bell*  
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R.S. BELL.

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Report on R.P.C. accompanying Patrol.

- Reg. No. 3348 Const. AMBURE. Still giving good service. An excellent man on patrol.
- Reg. No. 3184 Const. SORUBA. Shows an improvement on his last patrol. Starting to use initiative.
- Reg. No. 3079 Const. KANUNU. Very lazy and continually disobeying orders.

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26 Aug. 47.

District Officer,  
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT No.2 of 47/48.

Herewith the a/m report.

Improvement in the whole area is noticeable, but it is extremely unlikely that any improvement can be made to the Deniki-ISURAVA stretch of road. It is in very rough country. These people are continually altering their scetion and tend to go straight up and down.

It is very considerate on the part of the natives to build new villages near the main roads so as to "Prevent the PO from tiring himself out".

It is noticed that the Hamara people are planting up more rubber areas, I tried to persuade them to plant coffee as well but they are not at all interested in coffee, probably due to the extra amount of work involved

Census statistics have not yet been compiled as I am unaware as to what uniform method is to be adopted for the whole Territory.

*F.A. Champion*  
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District Office,  
MAGATIWI,  
Northern District.



17th September, 1947.

The Director,  
Department of District Services  
and Native Affairs,  
PORT MORSBY.

Kokoda Patrol Report No. 2, 1947/48.

Page 4, under heading "Native Customs". This is very interesting.  
For his own future guidance, the patrol officer is advised to get full  
details of these customs.

He has made a start and the more he delves into their ways the  
greater his interest and understanding of the people will be.

(O. J. Atkinson)  
District Officer,  
Northern District.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Meatham (Kokoda) Report No. 3 of 47/48

Patrol Conducted by R.S. Bell. P.O.

Area Patrolled Chiima Valley

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 29 / 19 47 to 11 / 19 47

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol General inspection

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

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*District Commissioner*

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

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Sub-District Office,  
KOKODA.

12th September, 1947.

District Officer,

HIGATURU.

PATROL?REPORT No. 3 of 47/48.

Report of Patrol by:-	R.S. BELL P.O.
To:-	CHIRIMA VALLEY.
Date left Station:-	29th August, 1947.
" rtd. to " :-	11th September, 1947.
Duration of Patrol:-	14 days.
Purpose of Patrol:-	General Inspection.
Patrol Accompanied by:-	3 R.P.C. 1 Interpreter 1 N.M.O.
Map used:-	BUNA 4miles to 1".
Last Patrol to Area:-	R.S. BELL P.O. P/R No9 46/47

..... *R.S. Bell* .....P.O.

R.S. BELL.



Friday 29th.

Sent 2 constables to KARU KARU to warn the CHIRIMAS of the coming patrol.

Left KOKODA at 1300 hrs and proceeded along the motor road to KOCO plantation, then by track to YODDA. Crossed the KOMO creek and EBMI creek which were in flood before climbing onto the plateau at 1600 hrs.

Time 3 hours.

Saturday 30th.

Left YODDA for MAIGU at 0730 hrs. after the rain had finished. Crossed YODDA creek at 0740 hrs. and then VISANI creek at 0835 hrs. The VISANI creek was so high that a line had to be rigged to enable carriers to cross. Continued on crossing the KANGA creek then climbing up to KANGA village at 0950 hrs. An inspection of houses, latrines, refuse pits, gardens and a medical examination was carried out. This procedure was carried out in all villages throughout the patrol. Left at 1025 hrs., descended to the LASA creek following it for 1 hr. Climbed over a few small ridges and arrived at MAIGU resthouse, 1235 hrs.

Time 5.05 hours.

Sunday 31st.

Departed from MAIGU for KARU KARU at 0715 hrs. Crossed TOA creek, climbed steeply then descended to KASU creek at 0835 hrs. Climbed over a few small ridges then crossed OARA creek at 1135 hrs and arrived at KARU KARU resthouse at 1145 hrs. The 2 constables reported with carriers and food.

Time 4.30 hours.

Monday 1st.

Left KARU KARU for BURE at 0730 hrs. along a flat stretch of road until crossing SESI creek at 0810 hrs. Over a steep hill and IMAFA resthouse was reached at 0850 hrs. Crossed the ASIMBA creek by suspension bridge and commenced climbing until the hilltop was reached at 1000 hrs. Descended to the JU creek at 1020 hrs. rested till 1040 hrs and commenced climbing once more. Over the top then descended to BURE, a small hamlet, at 1145 hrs. Crossed BURE creek by bridge and arrived at the resthouse at 1150 hrs.

Time 4.20 hrs.

Tuesday 2nd.

Commenced at 0730 hrs for BOFU, crossing the CHIRIMA river at 0735 hrs. and started climbing. The road led through a new garden area with felled trees covering the road. For the next 3.30 hrs the road ascended continually and the patrol reached the top at 1105 hrs. From here there is a gradual descent around the mountainside through gardens until BOFU resthouse reached at 1130 hrs. BOFU village some distance further down the ridge was inspected.

Time 4.00 hours.

Wednesday 3rd.

Started for EVESA at 0730 hrs. descending to the JUO creek at 0815 hrs. Crossed by log bridge then commenced climbing steeply until a rest was made on top at the AIKORA road, 0920 hrs. Commenced at 0940 hrs around the mountainside until the TU creek was crossed at 1010 hrs. Climbed up a small creek bed to EVESA resthouse at 1025 hrs. After lunch the villages of EVESA, B. SALABU, WASA and GELAWATE around the resthouse were inspected. They are all small, in very poor condition.

Time 2.55 hours.

Thursday 4th.

Left EVESA at 0730 hrs. for GARIMA. Descended to the INAMBA creek at 0820 hrs. Crossed and climbed steeply through garden areas until FORU was reached at 0900 hrs. Inspected the village of SIFINGA and found it in very good condition. Departed at 1000 hrs. around the slopes crossing a number of small streams arriving at BERUDENI 1110 hrs. Descended to EMBABO then back to the main road again. Crossed the SONGO creek at 1140 hrs. then climbed steeply to the resthouse at 1145 hrs. Inspected the villages of KELAU, GARIMA N1 & 2 which are all situated above the resthouse.

Friday 5th.

Departed for KUAMA at 0800 hrs. descending around the hillside until KALA village was inspected at 0815 hrs. The rain which had held up the departure recommenced and continued for the remainder of the day. Crossed the CHIRIMA river at 0845 hrs. then continued along the south side till the SINDAPA creek was crossed at 0855 hrs. After a short spell the steep climb was commenced to KUAMA. Reached the resthouse at 1050 hrs. then descended to inspect the villages of KIKORI and GU which are on the northern side of the spur. Practically all the villagers were absent, including the Vill. Const., at GOILALA. Returned to the resthouse at 1200 hrs.  
Time 2.50 hours.

Saturday 6th.

Started the descent on the southern side from KUAMA at 0730 hrs. Inspected JORIBA, crossed the SINDAPA creek and climbed up to BELAVISA which was also inspected. Continued over the rise and passed through KOIPUKU at 0900 hrs. Descended ladders to the KALA creek which was crossed at 0920 hrs. Crossed the MANU creek at 0940 hrs. then commenced a gradual climb through large garden areas. Passed through the deserted villages of SOUBRA 1000 hrs and MANIFURENDA at 1010 hrs. Continued on until after passing through SURI the resthouse was reached at 1115 hrs. KOFU and MIRI were inspected after lunch.  
Time 3.45 hours.

Sunday 7th.

Left IONGAI resthouse at 0730 hrs. and descended steeply to the WAMBI creek over a bad road. Crossed at 0815 hrs. then climbed sharply to EUNUNDA and SONGAKU villages. Descended to the main road and continuing around the hillside crossing numerous creeks until KAGO resthouse was reached at 1020 hrs. Climbed up and inspected both KAGO No+82 and returned to the resthouse. Food was provided and this was consumed before continuing on at 1120 hrs. Crossing 2 small streams the patrol arrived at the KUE creek, climbed sharply and arrived at GIAGIGO resthouse at 1245 hrs.  
Time 5.15 hours.

Monday 8th.

Left GIAGIGO at 0710 hrs. along a swampy track then climbed a steep hill by steps to GORAWAKU village arriving at 0810 hrs. Descended sharply, inspected GONOUBI and arrived at the junction of EURE and KI creeks. Crossed by bridge at 0900 hrs. and commenced the long ascent finally reaching the top at 1020 hrs. Rested and proceeded on at 1045 hrs. by descending to the JU creek arriving at 1150 hrs. Lunch was provided by the Vill. Const. but due to the small amount and the shortage of carriers the patrol left for FOLEGARE at 1300 hrs. Climbed until a rest was made on top at 1350 hrs. then descended to the resthouse through FOLEJASE arriving at 1510 hrs.  
Time 8.00 hours.

Tuesday 9th.

Started at 0715 hrs up the valley to inspect the villages of ASANCA and KIRU. Arrived at 0810 hrs then returned to the resthouse at 0910 hrs. Descended to the ASINMA creek at 0930 hrs, crossed by bridge at 0950 hrs then commenced the gradual climb up to KOGA. Arrived at KOGA at 1140 and found they had started to rebuild. Left at 1220 hrs. crossed the SESEI creek at 1240 hrs and continued to descend until KARU KARU was reached at 1420 hrs.  
Time 7.05 hrs.

Wednesday 10th.

Left KARU KARU for YODDA at 0715 hrs. crossing the EASO creek at 0905 hrs, VAILA creek 0935 hrs and TCA creek 1005 hrs arriving at MAIGU resthouse at 1010 hrs. Rested till 1030 hrs then descended to the LASA creek and followed this to 1140 hrs. Climbed the hill to KANGA village then descended to the KANGA creek at 1230 hrs. A halt was made here for lunch the patrol proceeding on at 1330 hrs. reaching YODDA at 1520 hrs.  
Time 8.05 hours.

Thursday 11th.

Left YODDA at 0700 hrs. crossed the EBEI which was still in flood at 0710 hrs. Continuing along a flat road MAMBA plantation was reached at 0810 hrs. Walking along the motor road KOKODA was reached at 0915 hrs.  
Time 2.15 hours.



SUMMARY.RESTHOUSES.

The present ones are starting to show wear and tear. They are all roomy but very cold as they have been built on the same pattern as the plains, whereas the natives houses have roofs reaching to the ground to keep out the winds. Floors and roofs are in a bad state due mainly to the shortage of materials. Bofu had built a new barracks to replace the one which collapsed. FORU still has the best resthouse in the valley. Natives passing through had been ~~to~~ using the MASU resthouse and consequently it was the dirtiest one seen.

R.O.DS.YODA - YODDA.

This is a motor road for 2/3rds of its length with the remainder very wide but muddy after the rains. The rivers are too wide to be bridged and cause considerable trouble in fording.

YODA - MAIGU.

Is a very wide road, flat and is swampy. It leads over broken country with a number of rivers to be forded.

MAIGU - KARU KARU.

A good road over small hills but had not been cleaned for some time. The bridge across KASU creek had been washed away on the return trip.

KARU KARU - BURE.

To IOUFA the road is flat and swampy but over the remaining hills it is very good.

BURE - BOFU.

A good road with a graded climb of 3000'. Near the CHIRIMA trees have been felled obstructing the road.

BOFU - EVESA.

For the mountainous country this is a good road but no attempt has been made to grade it. There are a number of perpendicular climbs.

EVESA - GARIMA.

A good road which mainly follows the contours. Since the last trip a lot of time has been spent on this stretch.

GARIMA - KUAMA.

After 24 hours rain this road was muddy and slippery but usually is very good.

KUAMA - IONGAI.

Passes over good country and so very little work is required to maintain it in a good condition.

IONGAI - GIAGICO.

The descent to the WAMBI creek follows a small creek and is very muddy and slippery. From the WAMBI the road through the villages to KACC has not been cleaned for some considerable time. Near to GIAGICO ladders have to be used over one bad stretch.

GIAGICO - FOFOA.

Up to GORAWAKU village the road consists of logs over a swamp. The remainder of the road over mountainous country is in excellent condition, especially in the FOFOA district.

FOFOA - KARU KARU.

A vast improvement was seen in the road kept by KOGA, this road now being in good condition.

VILLAGES.

No change could be seen in any but the new villages. At all times other than when the patrol is in the valley people use garden houses. The largest and best villages are GU and SURI mainly because the gardens are close to the villages.

KOGA and KANGA which have been rebuilt lately are gradually improving. The humpies built on the ground are being replaced with the usual CHIRIMA style of house. Another new village has just been started at KARU KARU and consists of three houses.

GROVES AND GARDENS.

As ever the gardens are in excellent condition. The main diet is of sweet potato but two other main crops are in season.

Groves and Gardens cont.

The corn is of two varieties one white and the type which originally came from ONONGE is red. These people say that the red corn gives the greatest yield. When planting one seed of each variety is placed in the one hole and red and green plants can be seen growing as if from the one seed. Cucumbers which have been planted as a general cover crop are plentiful the natives eating the whole like a piece of fruit.

There are a number of European vegetables plentiful towards the head of the valley. These are Dwarf and climbing beans, tomatoes, peas, potatoes and cabbages. Passionfruit which grow wild are at present in flower and so none were available. Seed was promised to these people to replace their own but none was received from the Agriculture department. KUAMA villagers have fenced off a site for a Government garden to be planted when seed is available.

To supplement their diet the villagers from KUAMA descend 2000' on to borrowed land to plant yams, taro and pumpkins.

Large amounts of food were purchased at all resthouses for salt. Sweet potato was the main food but there were plenty of pumpkin, corn, cucumbers, taro, sugar cane and yams. One pig was presented to the patrol at KUAMA and this was killed.

As requested by the District Officer tobacco seeds were brought back and will be planted at KOKODA. Also corn and beans will be planted.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

These are now doing an excellent job throughout the valley. On this visit they had everything ready for the patrol and helped in every possible way. Vill. Const. accompanied the patrol from start to finish and some acted as interpreters. Vill. Const. FONDA and KAWA of FOFOA and GARIMA are the best in the valley.

At all villages a councillor was appointed by the villagers. Their duties were explained to them but they already appeared to know of them.

NATIVE COMPLAINTS.

These people are either law abiding or else all their complaints are settled by the Vill. Const. Only one complaint was heard throughout the patrol and this was over a pig. It was settled to their satisfaction.

CARRIERS.

The CHIRIMAS are excellent carriers and carry heavy loads over very bad country in record time. They treat carrying as an outing and do it willingly. An average of 22 carriers were used each day for a total man hours of portage 1437.

NATIVE SITUATION.

Relations existing between the natives are very good in the whole valley. The people very seldom gather together as most of their time is spent in garden houses. These people have a lot in common with GOILALA and all the villagers from GU and KIKORI were across the range visiting.

There is to be a big dance at GU in the near future and trees have been erected in the village for the tethering of pigs. In all there were 80 posts all reserved. This shows both the richness of the people and their relations to one another as all the natives of the CHIRIMA villages and some from GOILALA. Three skulls were seen hanging on the palisades and were found to be those of the previous Vill. Const. and two villagers who had died four years before. The Vill. Const. said that they were to be buried at the coming dance. He was ordered to bury them immediately.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE.

N.M.C. GAST accompanied the patrol and conducted a medical examination in all villages. No very bad cases were seen and few people were treated. The health is mainly good as the climate is not of a tropical nature. The following were treated:-



HEALTH AND HYGIENE cont.

Tropical Ulcer	24
Scabies	1
Yaws	6
Malaria	6
Total	<u>37</u>

Hygiene has improved since the last patrol all villages now having deep pit latrines and refuse pits. They were instructed to rebuild these at regular intervals.

*R.S. Bell*  
..... P.O.  
R.S. BELL.

REPORT ON R.P.C. ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

- Reg. No. 1665 Const. SO URO. An outstanding AC. who is very reliable.
- Reg. No. 2346 Const. MAITA. Big improvement noticed since last patrol.
- Reg. No. 2248 Const. IPUMI. An average AC not over fond of work.

..... *R.S. Bell* ..... P.O.  
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KOKODA.  
22 Sept. 47.

District Officer,  
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PATROL REPORT No.3 of 47/48.

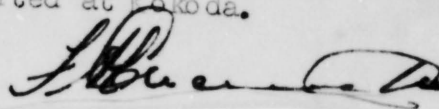
Herewith the a/m Report.

It is pleasing to see that these people welcomed the patrol in a far better spirit than the previous patrol.

As these people invariably live most of the time in their gardens it is problematical whether the village latrines will be of much use, however, by constantly reminding them of the benefits to health by their use, they may in time realise their usefulness.

Some months ago I requested the Dept. of Agriculture to procure some European potato seed, as yet nothing further has been heard about it.

Tobacco seed has been forwarded to you as requested. Tobacco, corn and bean seeds from the Chirima have been planted at Kokoda.



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District Office,  
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11th October, 1947.

The Director,  
Department of District Services,  
NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MOESBY.

Kokoda Patrol Report No. 3 of 1947/48.

Forwarded for your information please.

The Chirisa people, like all other mountain people, are much healthier than their coastal neighbours. It is unfortunate that people from this area should visit Gailala during the Influenza Epidemic. On 13th October, 1947, Mr. Beatson, E.M.A., is leaving for Kokoda en route to Chirisa, Lower Gailala and Upper Waria areas to deal with the outbreak there. Patrol Officer Ball is to accompany him to Gailala. If the E.M.A. is not held up there for any lengthy period, the Patrol Officer will also accompany him to the other places as well.

A good patrol.

The Patrol Officer's English is in need of improvement and a course in this subject is recommended to him.

*W. J. Atkinson*  
W. J. Atkinson  
District Officer,  
Northern District.

*g/c Extract for D.A.S.F.  
Also ask D.A.S.F. if  
English seed potatoes could  
be sent to WOKOD  
for distribution G 28/10*



TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA

D.S. 30-8-41.

Department of District Services  
and Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

30th October, 1947.

MEMORANDUM FOR :

Director,  
Department of Agriculture, Stock & Fisheries,  
PORT MORESBY.

KOKODA PATROL REPORT NO.3 OF 1947/48.

The undermentioned is an extract from this Report referring to groves and gardens :-

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(J. H. Jones)  
ACTING DIRECTOR.

Amount returned to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Northern (Cokoda) Report No. 4 of 47/48

Patrol Conducted by R.S. Bell P.O.

Area Patrolled Mawanga, Cakawa, & Kokoda Managalasi.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

..... natives.....

Duration—From 2/10/1947 to 10/10/1947

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol general inspection and census

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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



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Sub-District Office,  
KOKODA.  
 11th October, 1947.

District Officer,  
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4 of 47/48.

Report of Patrol by :-	R.S. BELL P.O.
To :-	WAWANGA, ORAKAIVA and KOKODA MANAGALASI.
Date left Station :-	2nd October, 1947.
" returned to " :-	10th October, 1947
Purpose Description of Patrol :-	General Inspection Census.
Duration Of Patrol :-	9 days.
Patrol Accompanied by :-	2 R.P.C. 1 Interpreter. 1 N.M.O.
Map Used :-	BUNA 4 miles to 1"
Last patrol to Area :-	R.S. BELL P/R No 47/48.

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Thursday 2nd.

Despatched an A.C. to the WAWANGA district to advise the people of the coming patrol and to arrange for carriers.

Left FOKODA by jeep at 0850 hrs and proceeded to ILLMO arriving at 1015 hrs. Left the main road and started for PAPAKI arriving at 1035 hrs. Inspected village houses, huts, gardens made census and a medical examination. This was the usual procedure in all villages. Continuing on at 1210 hrs crossed the EIMO creek at 1220 hrs. and reached ASISI at 1300 hrs. Passed through then crossed the KUMUSI RIVER inspected BOT'S and JEVAHABO then returned to ASISI at 1600 hrs.

Time 3.45 hours.

Friday 3rd.

Completed the census of ASISI and departed at 0835 hrs. Passed EWEJI at 0905 hrs, crossed the EFOHI creek by wire suspension bridge at 0930 hrs, then arrived at SIROPATA No. 1 at 0955 hrs. Left again at 1000 hrs and reached SIROPATA No. 2 at 1015 hrs. On again at 1130 hrs. along the banks of the KUMUSI until ANGARA was reached at 1240 hrs and camp was made.

Time 4.15 hours.

Saturday 4th.

Departed at 0720 hrs and descended to SIVIKI creek at 0740 hrs. Crossed and climbed over a spur until the SIMA creek was crossed at 0810 hrs. Ascended steeply to GORANUNA arriving at 0840 hrs. Left at 0910 hrs and descended to the SA creek at 1010 hrs. Climbed steeply for an hour and crossed the ESA creek and continued on into WAIROBILA at 1115 hrs. Had lunch then with a change of carriers left WAIROBILA at 1215 hrs. Crossed the AMI creek at 1305 hrs then climbed up to MANAGUBE arriving at 1405 hrs.

Time 6.45 hours.

Sunday 5th.

Left MANAGUBE at 0715 hrs and reached RUMARA at 0730 hrs after crossing the BHI creek. Continued on crossing the EWA creek then along a flat stretch of road until arriving at EHERO on the EMU creek at 0815 hrs. Left at 0845 hrs and climbed up to URABO at 0940 hrs. Departed at 0950 hrs, crossed the JORAI creek at 0955 hrs and reached EJARO at 0920 hrs. On again at 0935 hrs crossed the LUMUMI creek at 0955 hrs and reached WUJO at 1005 hrs. Climbing over a steep spur a camp was reached at 1040 hrs. Left at 1050 hrs descended to the KUMUSI creek at 1110 hrs. then over a number of ridges until arriving at NOVIO at 1210 hrs. Had lunch and commenced the return trip at 1255 hrs. arriving at VIJAMBE at 1315 hrs. Left at 1405 hours crossed the KUMUSI creek and arrived at ABCMA at 1450 hrs.

Time 7.35 hours.

Monday 6th.

Left ABCMA to return to WAIROBILA at 0710. The census was taken today in all villages and the patrol reached the resthouse at 1110 hrs.

Time 6.50 hours.

Tuesday 7th.

Left WAIROBILA at 0720 hrs. crossed the ESA creek and climbed steeply until 0800 hrs then descended to the KUMUSI river



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Tuesday 7th. cont.

at 0840 hrs. Crossed by cane suspension at 0855 hrs then climbed steeply until 0900 hrs. Descended to the HUI creek at 1040 hrs. Climbed steeply once more then a gradual descent to ENJORO No.1 arriving at 1220 hrs.

Time 5.00 hrs.

Wednesday 8th.

Left ENJORO No.1 at 0710 hrs. descended to the MAMANA creek at 0735 hrs. Crossed by cane bridge then climbed up to ENJORO No.2 at 0745 hrs. Continued climbing then after crossing the GIANA and ASABA creeks arrived at BUJUNUMU 0900 hrs. Left at 0930 hrs. and continued on to OMBOWU at 0945 hrs. Left at 1020 hrs. and continued along a flat stretch of road to ANESA arriving at 1200 hrs. Left at 1220 hrs and reached WATEBO at 1235 hrs. On again at 1300 hrs along a wide road to SAIROPE arriving at 1400 hrs.

Time 6.50 hours.

Thursday 9th.

Left the resthouse at 0700 hrs took census of SAIROPE ~~xxxxx~~ then continued on at 0745 hrs. Reached Fembu at 0825 hrs and left at 0905 hrs. Proceeded on to WARINA and AJEKA but all the people were absent from these villages. Left AJEKA at 1010 hrs and arrived at SAIROPE at 1030 hrs. After listening to a number of complaints the patrol moved on to ILLMO along the motor road arriving at 1200 hrs.

Time 5.00 hours.

Friday 10th.

Departed from ILLMO along the motor road at 0700 hrs. Arrived at OIVI at 1000 hrs. then finished the remainder of the trip to KOKODA by Jeep.

Time 3.00 hours.

SUMMARY.

RESTHOUSES.

The R.H. in this area are mainly good. ANGARA could be improved but the people are still busy making the new village. MANAGUBE has been repaired since the last visit and is now up to standard. Barracks at AGISI are in the process of being built and both ANGARA and ABOMA are still without barracks. Village houses are used at present in their place. The roof on the SAIROPE barracks was ordered to be rebuilt.

ROADS.

ILLMO - ANGARA.

This is a wide well kept road for the most part over flat country.

ANGARA - MANAGUBE.

Although over mountainous country it is in excellent condition. Causeways have been built over small streams and log bridges cross the large streams.

MANAGUBE - KOCIO.

The villagers have used a lot of initiative on this stretch. Although it crosses many steep spurs it is for the most part a road with a gravel surface and steps cut where necessary.

WAIROPE - ENJORO.

The road to the FUMUSI is in very good condition but from then on it could be improved. However this part has fixed to a considerable extent since the last patrol.

ENJORO - SAIROPE.

As far as OMBOFU the road is good but the FUTEWO road was the worst seen. It was overgrown with grass and covered in leeches.

SAIROPE - ILIMO.

The road as far as WAIROPE is a good wide clean road. From WAIROPE to ILIMO the motor road is used.

Shovels, Picks and Mattocks were issued to a number of villages to facilitate the maintenance of all roads.

VILLAGES.

Villages in the ASISI and WAWONGA areas are in excellent condition. On crossing to the MANAGALASI a decided change for the worse was noticed. Around SAIROPE the houses and surroundings were in the worst possible state.

SIRORATA No. 1&2 and SAMARIHAMBO have cleaned a new village site close to the old No 2 village and will commence building very shortly. ENJORO No. 1 are moving from their waterless hilltop down into the MAMANA valley. A new road will be cut to this site on to ENJORO No 2 where a new resthouse is to be constructed. EVEJO is building along side ASISI and they are now called ASISI No. 2. ANGARA has started to rebuild their houses as their gardens have not been finished.

GROVES AND GARDENS.

There are a number of groves of rubber in this area. One at MANAGUBE has never been tapped whilst those at OMBOFU and SAIROPE have been tapped during the past but not lately. The results of talks and advice given to the SAIROPE people they have now cleared and planted about 2 acres of rubber. These cuttings which are only about 8 feet apart have already struck and are showing new shoots.

The staple diet of both the WAWONGA and MANAGALASI is yams with pumpkin, bananas and sugarcane secondary. In the WAIROPE area taro is the main crop but there are large supplies of sweet potato, pumpkin, bananas, sugarcane and corn. Food was bought at all resthouses and there was always enough to supply the patrol. The people have now finished all the dancing and have gone to work making their new gardens.

At ENJORO it was noticed that the R.P.C. were collecting the roots of a certain grass. On inquiring they said it was for the dogs as it helped them when pig hunting. The villagers did not have a name for the grass.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

As usual the WAWONGA officials are doing an excellent job in their villages. They have control over their people and are able to settle all disputes. In the MANAGALASI and WAIROPE districts the officials have slipped badly and the people would not carry out their orders. The reason given by the officials



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VILLAGE OFFICIALS. cont.

was that the villagers "were not frightened of the Government any more". Instructions were given to all officials as to their duties and that in future to bring to KOKODA any native who refused to carry out their orders.

CENSUS.

Children		Adults		Males	Females	Total.
M	F	M	F			
337	293	443	377	780	670	1450.

Included are 47 male Indentured Labourers.

Able bodied males:- 290

Women of child bearing age:- 308

Percentage of able bodied males absent as Indentured Labourers:- 16.5.

NATIVE COMPLAINTS.

As usual the WAWONGA people had no complaints to make but the ORAKAIVA had many. Most were trivial concerning the paying of money ~~xxxx~~ and bride price. Eight natives were brought to KOKODA and charged with failure to clean roads. Also two cases of assault were brought to KOKODA.

CARRIERS.

These people although they live in mountainous country are very slow in a carrier line over the same country. An average of 14 carriers were used throughout for a total of 714 man hours of portage.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The relations of the people to each other is good. The tendency at present is for a number of villages to join to and make a new one. All the villagers gathered in the villages for the census to be taken and villages from the KIGATURU district insisted on being listed. There was some talk in a number of villages of not carrying out the Government instructions and this will be checked on the next patrol.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE.

NMO. ROGER accompanied the patrol and carried out a medical examination in all villages. The following were treated and when necessary sent to hospital:-

Tropical Ulcer	10
Yaws	5
Scabies	32
Small Sores	19
Boils	8
Malaria	15
Colds	10
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There were a number of patients despatched to HIGATURU hospital on the previous patrol and on their return to the village two had died from dysentery and another two were still getting over the same illness. Consequently these people will not go to hospital of their own free will and only in certain cases can they be ordered.

The hygiene in the villages is very good. All have deep pit latrines and refuse pits which show signs of regular use.

improve with more patrol work.

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REPORT ON R.P.C. ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

Reg. No. 3348 Const. AMBURE. An excellent man on patrol.

Reg. No. 1626 Const. DAUER. An average AC. willing and should  
improve with more patrolling.

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No.30/1,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOKODA.  
14 Oct. 47.

District Officer,  
HIGATURU.

KOKODA PATROL REPORT No.4 of 47/48.

Herewith the a/m report in quadruplicate.

In view of the fact that 16.5% of the able bodied men are away it is recommended that this area be closed to recruiting. The majority of them are Admn.Svts. employed at Kokoda.

The WAIANGA DIST. has always been kept in first class order and is a credit to the village officials.

Ref. P4. Vill. Officials.

It is not my policy, nor the policy of the Admn! to still fear in the natives. Mutual respect is what is required. The remark possibly emanated from some "flash" individual.

*F. A. Champion*  
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District Office,  
HIGATURU,  
Northern District.

30th October, 1947.

The Director,  
Department of District Services  
and Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Kokoda Patrol Report Number 4 of 1947/48.

Forwarded for your information please.

Page 4. Village Officials. It is not my policy nor the policy of the Administration to rule the natives by other than mutual respect. The remark "the villagers were not frightened of the Government any more" is not to be taken seriously. It was bravado on the part of the native concerned.

A quantity of pumpkin seeds have been sent to Kokoda for distribution amongst the village people.

(O. J. Atkinson)  
District Officer,  
Northern District.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Northern (Kokoda) Report No. 5 of 47/48

Patrol Conducted by R.S. Bell P.O.

Area Patrolled Chisima Valley, Small Yulala, Maia

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 17/10/1947 to 5/12/1947

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Census, influenza epidemic, general inspection.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Sub-District Office,  
KOKODA.  
8th December, 1947.

District Officer,  
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5 of 47/48.

Report of Patrol by:- R.S. BELL. PO.

To:- CHIRIMA VALLEY, SMALL GOILALA  
WARIA.

Date left Station:- 17th October, 1947.

" rtn to " :- 5th December, 1947.

Duration of Patrol:- 50 days.

Purpose of Patrol:- Taking of Census.  
Influenza Epidemic.  
General Inspection.

Patrol Accompanied by:- Mr. D. BEATSON. MA.

4 R.P.C.  
1 Interpreter.  
2 N.M.O.

Map used:- BUNA 4mile to 1".  
SALAMAUA 4 mile to 1"  
Sketch map attached.

Last Patrol to area:- R.S. BELL P/R No.3 of 47/48.  
CHIRIMA VALLEY.  
D. ASHTON. P/R April 1947.  
WARIA SMALL GOILALA.

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R.S. BELL.

Thursday 17th.

Sent 2 Constables to KARU KARU to warn the people of the coming patrol and to arrange for a change of carriers.

The carriers left KOKODA at 1000 hrs for YODDA. At 1300 hrs. the remainder of the patrol proceeded by jeep to KOMO Plantation then by foot to YODDA arriving at 1430 hrs. No difficulty was experienced in crossing EBEL creek.

Time 1.30 hrs.

Friday 18th.

Departed from YODDA for MAIGU at 0745 hrs. Crossed ISANI creek at 0845 hrs. and KANGA creek at 1015 hrs. Climbed up to KANGA arriving at 1025 hrs. Here an inspection was made of ~~KANGA~~ the village reasand gardens. The people were

lined and the census taken then MR. BEATSON carried out his medical examination. This was the procedure used in all villages seen. Left KANGA at 1115 hrs. descending to the LASA creek which was crossed a number of times, then after climbing a few small ridges MAIGU was reached and camp made.

Time 5.45 hrs.

Saturday 19th.

Left MAIGU at 0745 hrs. crossed TOA creek, climbed steeply then descended to the KASU creek. The bridges had been washed away so the river which was in flood had to be forded. Crossed at 0900 hrs and continued on over small spurs to the OARA creek at 1145 hrs and KARU KARU at 1200 hrs.

Time 4.15 hrs.

Sunday 20th.

Left KARU KARU at 0745 hrs walking along a flat but swampy track, crossing SESI creek 0825 hrs and reaching IOMAPA at 0900 hrs. Crossed ASIMBA creek climbed over a steep spur to the JU creek at 1040 hrs. Forded JU creek at 1100 hrs climbed steeply then descended to BURE creek, crossed by suspension bridge and reached BURE at 1225 hrs. All the KOKODA carriers were returned to KOKODA.

Time 4.40 hrs.

Monday 21st.

Started from BURE at 0745 hrs, crossed CHIRIMA river by bridge and commenced climbing. Continued ascending till 1115 hrs when the summit was reached. A gradual descent through garden areas brought the patrol to BOFU, 1130 hrs. After lunch the patrol and carriers returned to BURE to lift the remaining cargo leaving Mr. BEATSON at BOFU. Arrived at BURE at 1430 hrs after a hard trip in rain.

Time 6.45 hrs.

Tuesday 22nd.

Leaving the surplus supplies to be transported to GIAGIGO where it was intended to make a base on the return trip, the remainder left BURE at 0735 hrs. and arrived at BOFU at 1145 hrs.

Time 4.10 hrs.



Wednesday 23 rd.

Departed from BOFU at 0715 hrs. for EVESA. Descended to the JU-O creek, crossed at 0805 hrs then climbed out of the valley up to the AIKORA road. Spelled then continued on at 0930 hrs to EVESA arriving at 1000 hrs. Mr. BEATSON was awaiting the patrol having arrived the previous day. The surrounding villages of BASALABU, ANDARBARISA, GERAWATE and EVESA were visited during the afternoon.

Time 2.45 hrs.

Thursday 24th.

Descended to the INAMBA creek from EVESA at 0740 hrs. Crossed at 0830 hrs and after climbing up through garden areas reached FORU at 0905 hrs. Inspected SUFINGA then continued on at 1015 hrs along the side of the valley over a relative flat road. Arrived at the deserted village of BERUDENI then descended the spur to EMBABO. Returned to the main road at 1145 hrs, crossed SONGO creek and climbed up to GARIMA at 1230 hrs.

Time 4.50 hrs.

Friday 25th.

Left GARIMA at 0745 hrs., descending gradually to the CHIRIMA river, crossing at 0845. Continuing along the banks crossed the SINDAPA creek at 0855 hrs and commenced the ascent. Left the main road at 0955 and continued up the valley reaching KIKORI at 1020 hrs. After inspecting GU, further up the valley, the patrol climbed up to the resthouse at KUAMA at 1145 hrs.

Time 4.00 hrs.

Saturday 26th.

Left KUAMA at 0750 hrs for the Shelter on the shoulder of Mt. ALBERT-EDWARD. Continued climbing up bracken covered slopes until the waterlogged plateau was reached at 1150 hrs. Crossed the swamp, turned off the main track into the scrub and reached the bark SHELTER at 1210 hrs. ~~Dixie~~ Camp was made and flies pitched. Three GOILALA natives were intercepted on the road and turned back. They were told to warn all GOILALA natives that the CHIRIMA VALLEY was closed for three months to endeavour to stop the spread of the Influenza.

Time 4.20 hrs.

Sunday 27th.

Struck camp at 0730 hrs. and started across the plateau for the SMALL GOILALA. The Mission road to the SUMMIT was reached at 0830 hrs., part of the patrol took this road leaving carriers and escort to continue on to ROROPA. The climb to the SUMMIT 13000<sup>4</sup> was completed at 1030 hrs. and the descent commenced at 1045 hrs. At 1200 hrs the carriers tracks struck and the IOMA SHELTER reached at 1300 hrs. Commenced the descent along the bank of the GIUMU river and completed it at 1540 hrs. Crossed the GIUMU at 1600 hrs., climbed almost perpendicularly over a spur then descended to the ROROPA resthouse at 1710 hrs. The carriers who came directly arrived at 1700 hrs.

Time 9.40 hrs.

Monday 28th.

Remained at ROROPA so as to allow the carriers to recuperate from the previous days arduous carry. Inspected the four surrounding hamlets which are classed as ROROPA village. These were in a state of disrepair probably due to the fact that

Monday 28th cont.

The greater percentage of the inhabitants were visiting the MAIN GOILALA.

Tuesday 29th.

Left ROROPA at 0750 hrs for KEKEIPO proceeding along the new road which had been cut following the banks of the GIUMU. Crossed the GIUMU river at 0810 hrs. and passed through garden areas until reaching OVELA creek at 1055 hrs. Followed this creek to the GIUMU river which was crossed after a bridge had been constructed. Left the river at 1125 hrs. and proceeded to climb numbers of small hills and cross small creeks. The patrol walked into KEKEIPO at 1640 hrs. having travelled in the rain for two hours.

The ~~tr~~ travelled was built to save time by cutting out the long climb to the top of the HARTON RANGE and the descent to KEKEIPO. However the road was the ~~merest~~ trace through the bush and which disappeared altogether in a number of places. Carriers take much longer over this road so its purpose is defeated.

Time., 8.50 hrs.

Wednesday 30th.

The peoples of KEKEIPO and TAMINA were medically examined during the morning before the patrol moved off at 1000 hrs. Descended to the BOBAL creek ~~xxx~~ crossed at 1020 hrs., climbed around a spur to PUROA 1045 hrs. Continued over a number of small hills ~~to~~ IARIWA at 1200 hrs. There ~~x~~ was a hospital constructed here and Mr. BEATSON decided to treat the surrounding area before moving on.

Time 1.50 hrs.

Thursday 31st.

Spent the day at IARIWA inspecting village etc. The CHIRIMA carriers were returned from this village. Two constables were despatched to GOILALA station with instructions to endeavour to keep the visiting ROROPA natives in quarantine.

Friday 1st Nov.

Left IARIWA at 0845 for SEDEMA with the intention of sending all natives in need of treatment to the IARIWA hospital. Crossed the TOPASI creek at 0920 hrs. and SIRE creek 1025 hrs. Climbed steeply around a spur then descended to the GIUMU river. Crossed the INAWAI creek 1130 hrs and proceeded to SEDEMA, 1215 hrs.

Time 3.30 hrs.

Saturday 2nd.

Left SEDEMA at 0730 hrs. crossed GIUMU river by suspension bridge and reached WAIRAMO at 0750 hrs. Continuing on over two hills OIBO was reached at 1015. Left OIBO at 1130 hrs and returned over the same road to SEDEMA arriving at 1400 hrs

Time 6.30 hrs.

Sunday 3rd.

Started from SEDEMA at 0835 hrs. for AVIHASA along an excellent road. Climbed over a hill to the KODE creek, crossed at 1120 hrs and spelled at the resthouse. On again at 1140 hrs to AVIHASA arriving at 1400 hrs.



Monday 4th.

Sunday 3th cont.

On inspecting the people it was found that great numbers infected with Influenza. A constable was despatched to IARIWA with a note advising Mr. BEATSON of the situation.

Time 5.25 hrs.

Monday 4th.

At AVIHASA. In bed with a slight touch of 'flu.

Tuesday 5th

At AVIHASA, In bed with 'flu.

Wednesday 6th.

Left Avihasa at 0730 for AUHE village (SMALL GOILALA). Descended to and crossed the AI'A creek and travelled up the spur then over a few hills arriving at 1000 hrs. Restarted from AUHE at 1100 hrs and reached ARIHASA at 1330 hrs.

At 1600 hrs. Mr. BEATSON arrived from IARIWA having set out as soon as he had received the letter.

Time. 6.00 hrs.

Thursday 7th.

At AVIHASA. Hospital completed and Mr. BEATSON commenced treatments.

Friday 8th.

Left AVIHASA at 0815 hrs. crossed AI'A creek, ~~crossed~~ passed through OROA and reached IEUVERA at 0850 hrs. Recrossed AI'A creek and arrived at GIMINIO 0910 hrs. On at 0935 hrs reaching KIRA at 0940 hrs. Continued on crossing the AI'A creek and arriving at WAKADU 1120 hrs. Recrossing the AI'A a number of times and OPOPURU was reached at 1215 hrs. The return journey was started at 1345 hrs and finished at 1630 hrs.

Time 8.15 hrs.

Saturday 9th.

At AVIHASA.

Sunday, 10th.

Started at 0740 hrs. for KALASSA, crossed AI'A creek climbed over a steep hill then down to the SUPERUA river. Crossed at 0925 and commenced climbing until the MOROBE road was reached at 1015 hrs. Continuing on ~~the~~ crossing the MUDA creek at 1040 hrs, BONEARA 1045 hrs and 1100 hrs. reaching MOTETEI at 1115 hrs. Left at 1210 hrs walked over a grass plain arriving at KALASSA at 1300 hrs.

Time 5.20 hrs.

Monday 11th.

Left KALASSA at 0705 hrs crossing the grass plain WAIRA creek 0730 hrs, and SOKOPO creek 0810 hrs PEI-ILA was reached at 0810. Crossed BEBELLI creek crossed a number of hills until KASU was passed at 1020 hrs. Descended to and crossed BUBU creek 1055 hrs., climbed up to the grass plain and GARAINA 1115 hrs.

Time 4.10 hrs.

Wednesday 12th.

At GARAINA conferring with Mr. KELAART. Received his assurance that he would stop the N.G. WARIA people from crossing into PAPUA for the next three months. Radiod ADO. KOKODA.

Thursday 13th.

Waited till the weekly plane had left before commencing the return journey. Departed at 0940 hrs. crossing the BUBU creek at 1000 hrs. Arrived at PEI-ILA and found a shortage of carriers. Carriers arrived at 1300 hrs and KALASSA was reached at 1405 hrs  
Time 4.25 hrs.

Friday 14th.

Left KALASSA at 0720 hrs for AVIHASA, crossing the grass plain to MOTEITE arriving 0800 hrs. On to the SUPERBA at 0940 hrs and IEUNERA at 1155 hrs. Changed to PAPUAN carriers, continued on to AVIHASA arriving at 1215 hrs.  
Time 4.55 hrs.

Saturday 15th.

At AVIHASA. Received radio from ADO. KOKODA requesting information as to the patrols return. The reply was sent to GARAINA by a constable.

Sunday 16th.

At AVIHASA. Made arrangements for the patrol to commence the return journey to the CHIRIMA VALLEY. Two constables returned from GOILALA with letters from the ADO. and the MA. These stated that the epidemic had spread to ONONGE with is only two days across the range from the CHIRIMA. All WARIA people were warned of the consequences by sickness and law if they went to the GOILALA. Two IOMA constables were left at AVIHASA to police this order.

Monday 17th.

Left AVIHASA at 0805 hrs, crossed a few small hills and reached KODE RIVER R.H. at 1000 hrs. Continuing on at 1030 hrs. the patrol arrived at SEDEMA, 1300 hrs. The hospital, had been completed and so a NWO. was left here to continue treatments.  
Time 4.55 hrs.

Tuesday 18th.

Commenced at 0745 hrs., crossed the INAWAI creek at 0820 hrs. then over a steep spur to the SIRE and POTEWAI creeks 1045 hrs. Climbed the hill to IARIWA arriving at 1145 hrs. After having lunch the patrol moved on at 1330 hrs and reached KEKEIPO at 1520 hrs.  
Time 7.35 hrs.

Wednesday 19th.

Descended from KEKEIPO at 0700 hrs to the GIUMU river and crossed at 0740 hrs. Commenced climbing very steeply until reaching TAMINA at 0825 hrs. Continued climbing until a small shelter was reached at 1300 hrs. Flies were pitched and the camp completed at 1440 hrs.  
Time 6.00 hrs.



Thursday 20th.

Broke camp at 0705 hrs. and commenced climbing once more. Reached the MT. ALBERT EDWARD plateau at 0920. From here both MOROBE and GOILALA could be seen until the weather closed in. Continued on over small but precipitous hills until the shelter was reached at 1315 hrs. Camp was pitched and completed at 1440 hrs. Most of the patrol complained about their feet as the days walk had mostly been on volcanic rock. The carriers descended down the GIUMU valley to two bark shelters where they slept. WARIA carriers especially cannot stand the bitter cold and the headaches they get at 10000'.

Time 6.10 hrs.

Friday 21st.

Struck camp at 0715 hrs. and commenced crossing the swampy plateau. Crossed the headwaters of the GIUMU river then over a hill and the CHIRIMA headwaters were reached at 0935 hrs. Commenced descending until 1100 hrs where the patrol spelled at the 10500' SHELTER. On again at 1130 hrs in a rain storm, making the descent down to KUAMA resthouse by 1430 hrs.

Time 7.15 hrs.

Saturday 22nd.

Visited JORIRA and BELAVISA took the census and held a medical examination. The remainder of the day was spent in spring cleaning and drying out all the equipment which was saturated the previous day. SMALL GOILALA and WARIA carriers were paid off and given rations for their return trip.

Sunday 23rd.

Left KUAMA at 0730 hrs. and descended to the SINDAPA creek arriving at 0820 hrs. The bridge had been washed away the previous night so the patrol waited till a new one was constructed. Crossed at 0845 hrs and climbed up to KOIFUKU at 0915 hrs then descended to the KAIA creek at 0925 hrs. Commenced the gradual climb to IONGAI arriving at 1130 hrs.

Time 4.00 hrs.

Monday 24th.

Leaving IONGAI at 0745 hrs. the patrol descended to the WAMBI creek and crossed at 0820 hrs. BUNUNDA was reached after a very stiff climb at 0845 hrs. Continued on at 0915 hrs. down the valley to SONGAKU arriving at 0930 hrs. Left at 1030 hrs. and after passing through KAGO No. 82 arrived at the resthouse. On again at 1235 hrs. to GIAGIGO arriving at 1400 hrs.

Here a hospital had been made and treatments given to anyone in the valley.

Time 6.15 hrs.

Tuesday 25th.

At GIAGIGO. Inspected the village of GORAWAKU and took the census.

Wednesday 26th.

Left GIAGIGO at 0830 hrs and returned to KAGO at 1000 hrs. Left the main road and descended into the valley. Crossed the WAMBI creek at 1050 hrs. climbed a spur to the CHIRIMA river then walked upstream till 1200 hrs. Crossed CHIRIMA river and climbed steeply to EVESA passing through a number of

Wednesday 26th, cont.  
deserted villages.

Time 5.00 hrs.

Thursday 27th.

Left EVESA at 0710 hrs and commenced climbing. Passed KAMBESI road at 0900 hrs and crossed top of range at 0940 hrs. Commenced the long descent which finished at 1300 hrs at the AIKORA creek. Crossed the creek then climbed steeply to the village of SARIRISA arriving at 1400 hrs. Only a small village and as there was not a resthouse flies had to be pitched.

Time 6.50 hrs.

Friday 28th.

Left SARIRISA at 0725 hrs. for GERU over ~~very~~ very muddy track. Climbed over a few small hills and descended to GERU at 0900 hrs. This is where the dancing has been in progress for the past four months. There were a large number of CHIRIMA people present and a dance was put on for the patrol. The return trip to SARIRISA was commenced at 1100 hrs and completed at 1230 hrs. It was found that the TAKINUMU carriers had returned through the AIKORA on the completion of their carry, instead of over MT. ALBERT EDWARD as ordered.

Time 5.15 hrs.

Saturday 29th.

Broke camp at 0715 hrs and descended to the AIKORA creek at 0750 and crossed. Climbed over a small hill into the BENA river valley and descended to the river at 0900 hrs. Commenced walking up the river bed passing the BURUTA creek at 0915 hrs. Reached the top of the BENA watershed at 1050 hrs and after a spell crossed into the SUNGENA valley. Commenced descending down the valley crossing the TA-A creek 1145 hrs., ATA creek 1220 hrs., NAU 1350 hrs, passed through the deserted village of KUILANDA at 1420 hrs. to the SUNGENA river. Crossed at 1430 hrs. continued down the banks to the MUAU creek 1440 hrs. Recrossed SUNGENA river climbed over a spur to the CHIRIMA river, crossed by suspension bridge and reached BURE, 1515 hrs.

Time 8.00 hrs.

Sunday 30th.

Departed from BURE resthouse at 0720 hrs and commenced climbing. Continued to GORAWAKU, climbing continuously, arriving at 1100 hrs. Descended to GIAGIGO resthouse at 1130 hrs.

Time 4.10 hrs.

Monday 1st Dec.

At GIAGIGO.

Tuesday 2nd.

Left GIAGIGO at 0700 hrs. climbed up to GORAWAKU then descended to the BURE creek ~~at~~ crossing at 0805 hrs. Ascended till 0945 hrs. then descended to the JU creek and resthouse at 1115 hrs. Took the census, had lunch and departed at 1215 hrs. for FOFOA. Climbed till 1315 hrs then descended to FOLEGABE at 1430 hrs. and FOFOA resthouse at 1445 hrs.

Time 7.45 hrs.

Wednesday 3rd.

Completed the census of the outlying villages at 0730 hrs and after breakfast left FOFOA at 0815 hrs. Crossed the ASIMBA creek at 0830 hrs., climbed gradually down the valley to KOGA at 1030 hrs. Left at 1145 hrs. and descended to KARU KARU arriving at 1345 hrs.

Time 6.15 hrs.



Thursday 4th.

Left KARU KARU at 0715 hrs. for MAIGU arriving at 1015. On at 1030 hrs. to the KANGA river where the patrol had lunch. Left at 1500 hrs and arrived at YODDA at 1650 hrs. All the creeks were low and no difficulty was experienced in fording.  
Time 9.35 hrs.

Friday 5th.

Left YODDA at 0645 hrs. arrived at MAMBA PLANTATION at 0750 hrs. and had breakfast. On at 0900 hrs. reaching KOKODA at 1005 hrs. Reported to Mr. CHAMPION ADO.  
Time 3.20 hrs.

SUMMARY.

RESTHOUSES.

The ones in the CHIRIMA are falling into a state of disrepair. The people imagine that once built that is the finish until it collapses. Practically all of the roofs leak and considering that rain falls every night, this is the main part. There is not one resthouse in the whole valley large enough to accommodate two officers with the equipment for a long patrol.

SMALL GOILALA has two excellent large resthouses but the third at ROROPA, which is the first to be built by these people is very bad. The bark roof has big gaps in it and flies had to be used to keep out the rain. Slab wood sided with 6" space between each slab does not keep out the bitterly cold wind blowing off Mt. ALBERT EDWARD.

WARIA resthouses were the best by far used on the patrol. It is easier and much better to build the houses out of sago than pandanus. The house at AVIHASA was excellent, mostly built of wood added to the degree of appearing to have come off a sawbench.

Whilst crossing the range two 8' flies were used for shelter. Although doubled they were not waterproof and with even with ends built of bracken or grass they were definitely too drafty at 10000'. Tents are absolutely necessary at this height both for warmth and quickness in erection.

ROADS.

CHIRIMA.

Most of the roads are now in excellent condition. Since the last visit the worst stretches have been graded or had steps built. Some parts are very muddy but this is to be expected in the wet season. The worst part as always is from YODDA-KARU KARU, this low land section is under water for most of its length and as there is only one small village to care for the stretch of 8 hours very little work can be done.

SMALL GOILALA

These roads are practically impassible for carriers. They had not been cleaned for months and consequently were only pig tracks. As before one village may have roads to clean of up to two days work, over the very worst of terrain. No news of the patrol had been received so they had no opportunity for "window dressing." The road from ROROPA-KEKEIPO (new), is a waste of time as the old road is easier and shorter.

WARIA.

Here the roads were in the best of condition..... in parts. The villagers appear to have concentrated on certain parts of the road at the expense of the remainder. Roads over hills especially show the work spent by their excellent grading, width and cleanliness. The road to IARIWA from SEDEMA is a disgrace as it is only 6" wide on sloping, gravel, hill slopes.

VILLAGES.

CHIRIMA.

There is very little change in the villages and if any it is for the worse. EVESA is being pulled down but as yet no new houses have been erected. KOGA is still very poor and the people have been warned that if the humpies have not been replaced with respectable houses the humpies will be burnt. Garden houses are

Villages cont.

still being used at all times except when a patrol is in the area.

SMALL GOILALA.

With the exception of ROROPA all villages are of the same type as the CHIRIMA. However they are much cleaner and in a better state of repair. ROROPA, the exception, is in a terrible state, the bark houses for the most part are falling down. The people had all been absent for a considerable time at GOILALA and this may account for the state of the village.

WARIA.

numbers

These people have large ~~numbers~~ of sago trees so, all the houses are made of Biri and Kipa. All are close to 30' square and of an excellent design. No overcrowding takes place and they are kept very clean. Pigs however, are always taken into the houses at night. Coconut, Betelnut, Sipora and Orange trees grow in the village areas whilst both CHIRIMA and SMALL GOILALA villages are devoid of all trees.

GROVES AND GARDENS.

CHIRIMA.

Large areas of virgin forest has been cleared and burnt off since the last patrol to the area. It must have taken them an enormous time and shows that even if they will not work on their villages they spare no effort to make good gardens. Sweet potato is still the staple diet but small amounts of corn, cucumber, sugar cane and pumpkin are still growing. Taro and yam gardens are nearing maturity and are classed as a luxury in their lives. Fresh foods were sold to the patrol at all places in varying amounts. Some places supplied enough for 60 persons for three days. The people fought over a few pumpkin seeds that were handed out, and it would make a great difference to their lives, if the Agriculture Dept. could forward seeds for distribution.

SMALL GOILALA.

The staple diet of these people is also sweet potato. There are large areas under cultivation on all the hillslopes. They do not build walls every 20 yards down the slopes, as do the CHIRIMA and soil erosion must be a great worry in their lives. The main secondary crop is English potatoes which are grown very close to the ~~the~~ villages, in small plots enclosed by fences. The soil here is totally different to that of the CHIRIMA, being a red loam. English potatoes grown are of enormous size, highly prized, by the inhabitants. Small amounts of seed was sent back over the range to the CHIRIMA and planted near KUAMA resthouse. The resultant seed will be distributed to the villagers to replace their own which is very poor. Other crops grown are sugar cane, pumpkin, corn and cucumber. Small amounts of cabbage, bean, onion, and tomato were given to the patrol. Food was in rather short supply and rice had to be issued to the patrol on a number of occasions.

WARIA.

These people are excellent agriculturists to judge by the garden areas and the type and variety of food that comes from them. Taro, yam, sweet potato, corn, bananas, sugar cane, pawpaws, pineapples and oranges are the foods grown. The sugar cane was excellent and big areas are under cultivation, with clumps spaced at regular intervals. Food was supplied to the patrol at all villages in large amounts. The villagers have a well fed appearance because they are never short of food. If their gardens fail they can always fall back onto sago. Three small groves of rubber are grown in the areas and although they are full grown they have never been tapped.

All three areas have great numbers of pigs mostly showing the Australian strain. WARIAS also have a small number of fowls.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

CHIRIMA.

There has been a great change in the area since the appointment of councillors on the last patrol. They are mainly MOTUAN speaking and so have a big advantage over the Vill. Const., very few of whom can speak it. The Vill. Const. never had very much authority but they are slowly losing the little they did have. The councillors give all the orders and the people obey them readily. Vill. CONST. GOPA was

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS. cont.

The only outstanding const. in the valley mainly because he is also the chief.

SMALL GOILALA.

Vill. Const. AI-A of ROROPA is a new to the position and as yet does not understand his duties. Vill. Const. KONEVE of IARIWA was a great help to the patrol as he wields great power. This power comes from being the son-in-law of the Hereditary chief, rather than the Govt. representative. The councillors take their orders from the chief and so are rather useless.

WARIA.

These officials are outstanding and should be shown to other areas as a model. Orders given were carried out immediately with nobody refusing to do the work allotted to him by the Vill. Const. The Vill. Const. of AVIHASA and SEDEMA were outstanding in their efforts to assist the patrol. Councillors also were a great help, carrying out their duties faithfully.

CENSUS -CHIRIMA.

Great difficulty was experienced in taking the census in the valley. As these people very seldom live in the villages it is very hard to round them all up when required. The people who were absent were listed and Vill. Const. ordered to bring them all in for the next patrol.

CHILDREN		ADULTS		MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL.
M	F	M	F			
317	277	530	397	747	674	1421

Included are 30 male Indentured Labourers.  
Able bodied males:- 344.  
Women of child bearing age:- 318.  
Percentage of able bodied males absent as Indentured Labourers 8.7

NATIVE COMPLAINTS.

Very few complaints were made to the patrol. A number of the usual complaints about pigs were settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. Nine natives were brought back to KOKODA and charged with "refusing to carry". They were tried and sentenced to two weeks IHL. This will serve as example to the remainder.

CARRIERS.

The patrol started off with 80 carriers which were gradually reduced as rations were either consumed or left in dumps. An average of 50 carriers were used throughout. CHIRIMAS are the best for carrying both in mountains and on the flat. SMALL GOILALA peoples are very poor carriers being both small and weak. WARIAS are good in their own country.

Total man hours of portorage was 10000.

NATIVE SITUATION.

CHIRIMA.

Relations between all people in the valley is excellent. Dancing is still going on in the AIKORA and large numbers of CHIRIMAS are participating. Only the people from the Eastern side are welcome in the AIKORA, so about 10 natives from the Western side accompanied the patrol on a sightseeing expedition. There is quite a lot of natives visiting the station and trade store at KOKODA which shows that they are getting over their shyness. Migration takes place all the time from one village to another, but very seldom is there a case of people leaving the valley altogether, or of strangers entering the area. The attitude to the Administration 50/50 for and against, the lazy type being against.

SMALL GOILALA.

These people are all joined together under a Hereditary chief

NATIVE SITUATION cont.

whose word is law. All decisions dealing with village life, such as dances, gardens, migration, marriage etc. are all settled by the chief. The chief, MAI-A, had invited people from PEMA, on the WARIA, to a dance commencing at IARIWA and continuing on to ROROPA. However these people were turned back as the SMALL GOILALA had been placed in quarantine. Practically all ROROPA village were at SOPU, (GOILALA) dancing, so it can be seen that excellent relations exist between the different areas. These people do not venture very far from their villages and so have little knowledge of the Administration.

WARIA.

Excellent relations exist in the areas between all villages. The natives are continuously moving around visiting friends and relations in other villages. Most able bodied males have served in the labour lines at one time or other and consequently are more civilised and sophisticated than their neighbours. Some people from AVIHASA had been visiting the GOILALA, dancing, and had contracted Influenza and two had died before reaching their villages. The people constructed fences across all roadways to stop the disease from spreading, long before the patrol reached the area. This area was also closed for three months.

NATIVE CUSTOMS.

CHIRIMA.

The custom of polygamy rules throughout the whole valley some of the "heads" having up to four wives each. Children are promised to each other at when young and the boys relation commences to pay bride price. Bride price may consist of dogs teeth, feathers, pigs or food and must be completed by the date of the marriage. If either party default in the marriage agreement they have to compensate the other party. Chiefs' sons get the pick of the girls and the greatest number of girls. Most marry very young and cases were seen of; a boy of 16 years with three wives, children of 12 years married, boy of 12 married to a girl of 20 years. The lower classes without the money for bride price usually elope, bride price is paid by Vill. Counst., councillor etc., and repaid at a later date. Marriages usually take place within the village and if a girl marries into another village, that village has to repay a girl at a future date. All married life takes place in garden houses, because when everyone gathers in the village all the men and women live in separate houses

All births take place in bush houses which are built by the husbands. The woman spends approx. 5 days in confinement and during this time is fed by her mother. Immediately after birth the baby is washed in the river, then taken back to the village where a dance and feast is held. No intercourse takes place between husband and wife as long as the child is still on the breast.

On the death of a person his body is placed on a stand in the village. After remaining there for approximately six months the bones are removed and either buried in the village or thrown into the bush. A feast and dance is held at the same time. In EVESA there was a platform with a skull and a number of other bones on it. About ten graves could be seen in the village area some of which were opened up by the pigs. At every village the people were instructed that this practice would have to stop immediately.

All boys and girls are initiated by the same ceremony as at KOKODA (P/R No. 2 47/48.) There is one difference, the time of isolation is only two weeks.

Every village or group of villages has its own Chieftain. They wield considerable authority and it is a pity that these chiefs were not the Vill. Const. Vill. Const. GOPA of GIAGICO is a chief and he has twice as much authority as any other Vill. Const.

The CHIRIMA dialect is used throughout the valley, across the Western range to KAILAPA and WAITAPE, across the Eastern range to the AIKORA. KANGA, lower CHIRIMA is half CHIRIMA and BIAGI. The language is not very different from that spoken in the GOILALA so no difficulty is caused in this line at the numerous dances held in either place.



CUSTOMS cont.

When a man dies all his property is inherited by the first son of the No.1 wife. If the No.1 wife is without sons it passes to the son of the No.2 wife. A man without sons leaves all his chattels, real and personal, to his brothers son. The inheriting male, shares all the property amongst the direct descendants of the deceased. All the girls share equally until they are married, then they return all the benefits received. Wives are cared for as long as they do not remarry.

Great difficulty was experienced in learning anything of the local magic, as the people realise it is an offence to practice. Sorcerers of would be sorcerers continue to live in the villages. When approached by a person to make magic against another the sorcerer insists on immediate payment. He gets anything belonging to or discarded by the victim, puts it in bamboo and ties it above a fire. A big fire is lit under the bamboo and the victim is supposed to die. If he does not die the sorcerer returns all the payment previously received. When a man gets sick he immediately thinks that someone is making bad magic against him, so going to the person he knows or suspects is a sorcerer he offers payment. If payment is accepted the bamboo and contents is returned to the payee who breaks the bamboo and washes the contents away in the river.

SMALL GOILALA.

These people are like the CHIRIMAS in their marriage customs Polygamy is the rule, the number of wives depending on the wealth and social standing of the men. They endeavour to marry in their own village or those surrounding. If this is not possible they will intermarry with the MAIN GOILALA but no other. When a man takes a wife from another village he has to make arrangements for his sister, or close relation to marry the brother of his wife. Intercourse takes place between the boys and girls before they are married. If the boy refuses to marry the girl, there isn't any trouble as the girl is given to another boy. Bride price, usually one pig, is paid immediately the marriage takes place. Practically the only ban to marriage is that of two people of the same clan. All belong to different clans which are represented by birds etc. When a man wishes to have another wife, the No.1 wife always takes the bride price. It is to her advantage as a lot of work is taken off her hands. Married couples all have their own houses and single boys sleep in a separate hut.

All births take place in bush houses where the woman spends the last two weeks of her confinement. On the return to the village of the woman and child a big feast is held, all being invited. If the baby should die the people make a "cry" then have a feast.

When a person dies the body remains in the house for two days whilst the people make a "cry". Then the burial takes place in a cemetery, in the bush, well away from the village. A feast is held, at which all the property of the person is shared, then all the people clear the burial site and cover it with flowers. From that day the grave is never touched.

Initiation ceremony is the same as the CHIRIMA.

There is one Chieftain of the whole of the SMALL GOILALA. His word is law and all his instructions are carried out immediately MAI-A the chief is getting very old and nowadays never leaves the village. When he dies a big feast is held and his son, RUMANI, then takes over.

The dialect of this people is that of the MAIN GOILALA with some of the WARIA added. The area in which it is used stretches from WAITAPE, to SOPU, to the hills south of GARAINA, to the GIUMU VALLEY.

On the death of the head of the family the property is inherited by the No.1 son. He shares it out to all concerned including the women. All the daughters retain their share if they marry and stay in the same village. If they leave the village however, they have to return all the property to the No.1 son. Widows are taken care of by the sons until such time as they might remarry or die.

NATIVE CUSTOMS cont.

Magic is said to have died out since the Government came. When practiced it was the same as the CHIRIMA.

WARIA.

Parents arrange all the marriages of their children. If possible the match is made in the same village or one nearby. Girls marrying out of a village have to be paid back at some future date. Bride price, pig, dogs teeth, kiapa etc. is paid some time after the marriage, usually when a child has been born. Intercourse takes place before marriage and if the boy refuses to marry the girl he has to make payment to her parents. Couples who elope stay in hiding for approximately a month until the girls parents anger has died away, then they return to the village and make the customary payment. People do not marry into their own clan. The sons take the clan of the mother and the daughters that of their father. All clans have a sign, pig, lizard, bird etc. which the people never eat, excepting of course the pig clan. Before the missions came the people were polygamous but now they are monogamous.

Birth and Initiation ceremonies are the same as those of the CHIRIMA.

On the death of a villager ~~xxx~~ the body is placed in a house for about 12 hours whilst the whole village "cries". The body is then placed in a coffin and buried in the cemetery. The cemetery is enclosed by a fence and all the graves are laid out in rows. Flowers are placed on the grave and a image carved on a post is driven in at the head of the grave. All graves are continually attended to and flowers replaced. Before the influence of the Mission and Administration was felt bodies were buried under the houses.

There are three dialects spoken by the WARIA river natives. That of the middle WARIA is spoken in the area bounded by, SEDEMA-TAKINUMU - OPUPURU - GARAINA. There is only a slight difference between the WARIA dialects and no difficulty is experienced in travelling from one area to another.

These people insist that Magic had died out with their ancestors. However, whilst at GARAINA, a case, was brought in and the native admitted practising sorcery.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE.

Small outbreaks of Influenza were treated in both the SMALL GOILALA and WARIA. The CHIRIMA up to the date of ~~xx~~ the patrols return was still free from infection. Numbers of people were sent back to the GOILALA from the CHIRIMA. All areas were closed for three months so as to stop the spreading of the disease. This quarantine is likely to work in the SMALL GOILALA and WARIA but the CHIRIMAS will pay no attention to it. There are so many roads out of the valley to the GOILALA that it would be impossible to police the area.

Three hospitals were constructed during the patrol at:-  
GIAGIGO CHIRIMA VALLEY  
SEDEMA WARIA  
AVIHASA WARIA.

A hospital at IARIWA had been erected by M.J. C. TRUER in 1946 and was still in good condition.

Mr. BEATSON M.A. who accompanied the patrol has made out a full report on the number of cases treated etc.

.....P.O.  
R.S. BELL.



REPORT ON R.P.C. ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL.

- Reg. No. 1665 Const. SOURO. Was outstanding throughout the patrol  
An excellent constable who is recommended  
for promotion.
- Reg. No. 2464 Const. HANOPA. An average constable.
- Reg. No. 2347 Const. OSORAI.)  
Reg. No. 3107 Const. BARITA.) These two const. who are new arrivals  
to KOKODA were found to be useless in  
every way. They had to be watched  
constantly to see that they carried  
out their duties. On the return to  
the CHIRIMA they were exchanged for  
the U/m police who had brought up  
drugs from KOKODA.
- Reg. No. 3348 Const. AMBURE. Quiet and efficient. With more training  
will make a good NCO.
- Reg. No. 1626 Const. DAUBA. An average constable.

.....P.O.  
R.S. BELL.

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Sub-District Office,

KOKODA.

4 Jan. 48.

District Officer,

HIGATURU.

Kokoda Patrol Report No.5 of 47/48.

Herewith the a/m report. Mr. Bell has done a very good patrol and it is extremely interesting reading.

Page.10. VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Mr. Bell has been instructed that if V.C's do not carry out their duties reasonably well, they are to be recommended for dismissal.

The WARIA people as a whole are far more intelligent than the CHIRIM who are of extremely low intellect.

It is hoped that the people realise the dangers of going across to the Coilala while the 'flu epidemic is raging in that area.

*Alvan ...*  
.....ADO



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District Office,  
HIGATURU,  
Northern District.

11th February, 1948.

The Director,  
Department of District Services  
and Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Kokoda Patrol Report No. 5 of 1947/48.

To my knowledge, this is the first occasion a patrol has been made from the Chirima to Small Gailala. The report throughout is very interesting.

The Gailala people live mostly in their garden houses and only come to their villages whenever an officer visits them or for feasts and dances.

The work of the officer shows improvement, and the patrol has been creditably carried out.

*O. J. Atkinson*

(O. J. Atkinson)  
District Officer,  
Northern District.

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quite clear in his  
report about the  
Where is the...  
particulars.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

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DS.30-2-48

Department of District Services  
and Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY

23rd February 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR:

District Officer,  
Northern Division,  
HIGATURU

PATROL REPORT NO.5 of 1947-48

Receipt is acknowledged of the above-mentioned report.

It appears that Mr. Bell is not quite clear in his mind about the position of Village Councillors.

No sketch map, as mentioned, was received with this report. Please forward as soon as possible.

(J.H.Jones)  
ACTING DIRECTOR.

P/A





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Western (Kokoda) Report No. 6 of 47/48

Patrol Conducted by R.S. Bell P.O.

Area Patrolled Biagi

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 13/1/1948 to 16/1/1948

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Census and general inspection

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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No.30/1,

Sub-District Office,

KOKODA.

27 Jan. 48.

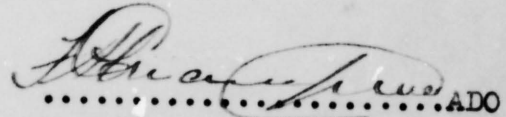
District Officer,  
HIGATURU.

KOKODA PATROL REPORT No.6 of 47/48.

Herewith the a/m report.

This patrol was a short routine one for the purpose of compiling a census. The whole district covered appears to be in excellent order.

Mr.C.Franke, Cadet Agriculturist, accompanied the patrol to obtain first hand knowledge of native agriculture.

  
.....ADO

F.A. CHAMPION.





Tuesday 13th.

Carr'ers and escort despatched directly to DEM<sup>1</sup>K<sup>1</sup> at 0930 hrs., the remainder proceeding to SAVA<sup>1</sup>A arriving at 1030 hrs. an inspection of houses, latrines and refuse pits was made, census taken and a medical examination made of all the inhabitants. This was the procedure carried out in all villages visited. Left SAVA<sup>1</sup>A at 1145 hrs. continued along to KO<sup>1</sup>AS<sup>1</sup> arriving at 1245 hrs. Departed at 1400 hrs. reached I<sup>1</sup>TOK<sup>1</sup> at 1445 hrs. and DEM<sup>1</sup>K<sup>1</sup> at 1515 hrs. Time 5.45 hours.

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Wednesday 14th.

Left at 0730 hrs. climbed up to OLD DEM<sup>1</sup>K<sup>1</sup> at 0830 hrs. Continued climbing until SURAVA was reached at 1145 hrs. Left at 1230 hrs. arriving at the resthouse at 1245 hrs. The overland mail from Pt. MORESBY arrived during the afternoon. Time 5.15 hours.

Thursday 15th.

Descended from SURAVA resthouse at 0730 hrs. to the ORA creek. Crossed at 0805 hrs. by bridge, climbed steeply to ABUAR<sup>1</sup> arriving at 0830 hrs. On at 0950 hrs. descending down the valley to AS<sup>1</sup>GAR<sup>1</sup> at 1100 hrs. Left at 1145 hrs. and reached KA<sup>1</sup>LE at 1215 hrs. and the resthouse at 1300 hrs. Time 5.30 hours.

Friday 16th.

Left KA<sup>1</sup>LE at 0715 hrs. descended through S<sup>1</sup>GA to KANANDARA No.1. arriving at 0745 hrs. Left at 0830 hrs. inspected KANANDARA No.2. at 0915 hrs. and MA<sup>1</sup>NGAR<sup>1</sup> 1015 hrs. Reached P<sup>1</sup>V<sup>1</sup>VE at 1100 hrs., left at 1130 hrs. then walked along the motor road through KOKODA village to KOKODA station arriving at 1245 hrs. Time 5.30 hours.

SUMMARY.

RESTHOUSES.

The three used during the patrol were all in good condition. The barracks at KA<sup>1</sup>LE was too small to take the patrol police etc. and will have to be enlarged for the next patrol.

ROADS.

All the roads were in an excellent state of repair with bridges over all creeks. A new road has been built from SURAVA resthouse directly to ABUAR<sup>1</sup>. The surface is soft and slippery at present but should improve with more use.

VILLAGES.

The B<sup>1</sup>AG<sup>1</sup> area has very little building materials and consequently the houses are not of the best. At ABUAR<sup>1</sup> houses have been made with weather boarding and these compare favourably with any seen in the sub-District. KANANDARA and MA<sup>1</sup>NGAR<sup>1</sup> have been clearing a new village site for considerable time but the building has not yet commenced.

GROVES AND GARDENS.

There are a number of small rubber groves near KA<sup>1</sup>LE but these have never been tapped. Food was plentiful in all villages even though it is the changeover period from old to new gardens. Taro, sweet potato, corn, bananas and sugar cane was supplied for the patrol. Excellent



tomatoes were obtained from SURAVA.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

All village officials are doing excellent work. They have the necessary control over their villages and so all orders are carried out promptly.

CRIME.

There were very few complaints made to the patrol, these being settled satisfactorily. One case of assault was brought back to KOKODA for trial.

CARRIERS.

The average number of carriers used throughout was 12. Total man hours of portage being 264.

CENSUS.

CHILDREN		ADULTS		MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
M	F	M	F			
136	109	173	148	309	257	566

Included are 44 male indentured labourers

Able bodied males:- 155.

Women of child bearing age:- 127

Percentage of able bodied males absent as indentured labourers 29.4

NATIVE SITUATION.

Relations between villages and with the Administration is all that could be wished. All villages had spent a week dancing at KOKODA Station over Christmas and they were still in excellent spirits.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE.

An N.M.O. carried out an inspection of all the villagers. The health of these mountain people is excellent and there were very few cases treated. A number of natives suffering with yaws were admitted to KOKODA Hospital.

All villages visited had both latrines and refuse pits constructed. During December one man from KOKODA had died of dysentery, so using that as an example the reasons for hygiene were explained to the village people.

*R.S. Bell*  
 .....P.O.  
 R.S. BELL.

REPORT ON I.P.S. ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

Const. + PUL :- An average A.C. in no way outstanding.

Const. AUD + KU :- Has done very little patrolling and as yet is very inexperienced.

.....*R.S. Bell*..... P.O.  
R.S. BELL.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Northern (Kokoda) Report No. 7 of 47/48

Patrol Conducted by W.D. Allen P.O.

Area Patrolled Masape & Kumusi Rivers

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 18/2/1948 to 24/2/1948

Number of Days 7

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Census and general inspection

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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*District Commissioner*

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

KOKADA SUB-DISTRICT, N. D.

PATROL REPORT NO. 9f47/48.

PATROL MADE BY W.D. ALLEN - P.O.

AREA COVERED:

KOKADA, MAIROPE and KJUSI RIVER.

DURATION OF PATROL:

18/2/48 to 24/2/48, inclusive. SEVEN (7) Days.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

MADE UNDER STANDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE D. O. N. D. TO PATROL AS FREQUENTLY AS POSSIBLE AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, TO TAKE CENSUS AND MAKE GENERAL INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

PATROL PERSONEL.

MR. P.O. ALLEN  
2 R.P.C.  
1 N.M.O.  
1 INTERPRETOR.

MAP REFERENCE.

KOKADA 1" to 1 mile.  
(Sketch Map Attached to Report.)

LAST PATROL TO AREA.

MR. P.O. BELL - AUGUST 1947.

*W.D. Allen*  
P.O.



## PATROL DIARY.

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 Wednesday 18/2/48.  
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Arrived Pirive 11AM. Inspected Village. Clean. Road fair. Latrines good but obviously not used, reprimanded and warned penalty re future offence. Took census. Appointed Hygiene squad of two to be responsible for disposal of refuse. Heard talks etc. Departed Pirive 1PM. Arrived Keparu 2PM. Road good. Rest house fair. Inspected Keparu and Komondo. Clean. Latrines not in use. Building new village. Instructed to speed up. Several houses in bad repair. Took census both villages. Appointed hygiene squad. Heard talks. Native gardens good. Usual crops. Food plentiful. Returned one yaws case to Hospital.

Thursday 19/2/48.  
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Arrived Waju No. 1 4 PM. En route inspected Kaintembari, Sengi Nos. 1 and 2, and Waju No. 1, Roads and villages clean. Latrines are still obviously merely ornaments or exhibits to be shown visiting Government officials. Explained why latrines necessary, but made no impression. Discussed Waju No. 1 moving to new site of Gorari. Advised remain present site. Agreed to give further consideration and advise Patrol Officer when he reaches Gorari. So far all houses very poor type. Appointed hygiene squad all villages. Instructions re roads, repair of houses, villages etc. Heard talks all villages. Two disputes settled out of Court. Took census all villages except Waju No. 1-- half way at Gorari. 11 villages inspected for general health (when lined) by PO. and NMO.

Friday 20/2/48.  
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Departed Waju 7.30 AM. Arrived Eivo Creek 5.30 PM. River in flood -- impossible to cross-- returned and spent night at Papaki NO. 2. En route inspected Ujiki, Marau, Inge, Bi, Afa, Papaki No. 2. Marau is the new site for old Ambeni Nos. 1 and 2. These two villages have merged and abandoned old sites. Marau large village, excellent site, remarkably well laid out, flowers planted and houses really well made--good design, made of platted sero. V.C. to be praised for his work. Roads and villages clean. Latrines again ornaments. Papaki bad condition. Ordered clean immediately and build 4 new houses. Repair others. Road Inge to Afa good

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Papaki instructed clean motor road to Wairope. Hygiene squads appointed all villages. 3 yaws and 1 arthritis case returned to hospital. Heard talks all villages. Took census all villages.

Saturday 21/2/48.

Departed Papaki 7AM. Arrived Wairope 7.30am. Inspected Hojaki village. Took census. Gorari Creek (Divi) in flood-impossible to cross. Remained Wairope all day. Worked on census books.

Sunday 22/2/48.

Departed Wairope 7 AM. Arrived Koropata 3 P.M. En route inspected Haki, Simbara, Hamara Nos. 1 and 2 and Asida. Took census all villages. Appointed hygiene squads all villages. 3 yaws, 1 scabies, 1 arthritis and 2 child malnutrition cases returned to hospital. Roads clean but wet and muddy. Latrines good but not in use. Gardens good-food plentiful.

Observed tomatoes growing well in this area. Reports of Mission (native) teachers advocating Mission work priority over Government obligations.

Explained error all villages. Possibly an excuse. The Anglican Mission is endeavouring to grow rice in this area. All villages clean. Rest house

Koropata excellent. General meeting at rest house and talked of rubber.

Advised all villages to keep their trees instead of leasing out--plant more and work on a co-operative style for themselves. Promised

Government assistance treating marketing etc. Two young small plantations started by Koropata and Asida. Small new village Pendeleta near Kumusi river.

Monday 23/2/48.

Departed Koropata 7AM. Arrived Huriri 9.30. Road good but not cleaned, VC reprimanded. Took census. Inspected health. Village clean-ordered two houses repaired. Appointed hygiene squad. Departed Huriri 12.30. Arrived Wairope 5PM.

Tuesday 24/2/48.

Returned Kokada via motor road. En route inspected Anjiri, Gorari, Nambisota, Misereta and Divi village. Took census all villages. Appointed hygiene squads all villages. At Gorari took Waju 1 census. Village decided to remain old site. Gorari nice site-well laid out. Made marks Anjiri and Gorari for more houses in order to keep semblance of order and planning in appearance. 1 scabies and 1 yaws case to Hos.



ROADS.

The roads throughout the patrol were good. From Hamera onwards they are inclined to be wet and muddy after 3 days rain but still passable. It was pleasing to note that in general they have been kept well cleaned. This is no doubt due to the fact that there has been four patrols through this area during the last ten months.

The motor road from Kokada to Wairope is maintained by labour gangs working from different bases. The road is in good condition and all that is required of the villages is that they keep the grass cut back from the sides of the road.

REST HOUSES.

Rest houses are all in fair condition, the one at Koropata being in excellent condition. It was necessary to instruct aju 2 to effect certain repairs to that rest house. Orari, Sisereta and Mamoisota were instructed to build a rest house at the foot of Oivi Range, about half way to Wairope, on the main motor road.

Health and Hygiene.

The general health was good, only a comparatively small number being sent back to hospital.

Birth villages were all clean except Papaki (suitable action taken).

However it is obvious that they are specially cleaned for the coming of the Government. There are ample fresh mats etc to show this. Therefore

it is felt that the practice of appointing a hygiene squad in each village should go far to keeping the villages continually clean. These men

are responsible solely for the cleanliness of the village. The Village

Constable is instructed to see that there is a suitable rubbish pit

to make and the hygiene squad must see that the villagers use it and not

throw refuse around the village. They are instructed to light a fire in

the pit at least once a week. Should a person refuse to obey an instruction

regarding the disposal of refuse the hygiene men are instructed to take

the offender to the Village Constable who will bring him to the Govant.

station. These men are unpaid and therefore are not expected to work as

garbage collectors but mainly to act in a supervisory capacity.

The position regarding latrines is bad. Every village had latrines, in various

states of repair, but from an inspection of the latrines themselves

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It is quite obvious that they are very little used. It is rather difficult to decide how to approach this problem. The people do not understand the importance of latrines or why they are necessary. (in the Patrol Officers opinion) assuming this to be correct the obvious remedy then is to explain and endeavour to make them understand the importance of latrines. With this in mind several talks or lectures were given to assembled groups, but it is regrettable that very little impression was made on their minds. The part played by the fly in the spread of bacteria was stressed, thinking that this would be something their minds could follow, but very few of them showed any real comprehension. Latrines remained after all these talks just a Government foible or whim, something they must build and keep to show the visiting officials, and certainly not to be preferred to the more convenient and accessible bush or sometimes the very road they walk on.

Therefore the best course seems to be to punish rigorously all offenders and force them to use the latrines whether or not they know why they use them. Understanding will probably come later on when the native populations generally arrive at a more advanced state of education.

Village officials were ordered to make the people use the latrines and to bring to the station all offenders. In this patrol instructions were given to have latrines constructed wherever there are a collection of gardens or any place away from the village where a number of people congregate.

Mothers were seen trying to cover up sores etc, on children by holding their hands over them. Several said that they had a child in the house too sick to come out. When NMO sent to investigate the children were found to be quite well apart from sores etc. Inquiries were made as to why these women tried to hide the sores etc. and it was found that they were frightened that they would be sent to hospital if seen by the Patrol Officer. They were frightened of the Hospital, in fact more than frightened. And yet they could or would not say of exactly what they were frightened, except that they do not like the NMOs, who would have appear, whether rightly or not, to have acquired an unfortunate reputation.

Reassurances were in all cases given and several ex-patients were called on to testify as to the good treatment, food etc that they received.

In Koropata Village a small boy was ordered to hospital. He had a large

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Health and Hygiene contnd.

abcess inside his thigh. That night his father had two men hold the boy down and tried to cut the abcess out with a knife. Fortunately he did more good than harm, in effect opening the abcess.

This attitude towards the hospitals will probably disappear as more patients return to the villages and speak of their treatment.

An unusually large number of people suffering from goitre on the neck were seen but to the laymans eye of the Patrol Officer their general health and vitality did not seem to be impaired in any way.

There seems to be less "sipoma" of the skin here than in the Buna and other areas.

Native Food and Gardens.

Throughout the whole patrol gardens were good and food plentiful. Only the usual native crops were seen in these gardens except around Namara and Koropata where some tomatoes seemed to be doing quite well. It is too early yet to say how the effort of the Anglican Mission to grow rice will turn out.

Census.

Was taken in all villages.

Attached hereto is a sheet showing the census figures.

Native Villages.

As previously remarked all villages were clean. With one or two exceptions, hereinafter referred to, the houses seen throughout the entire patrol were of a very poor type. The best that can be said for them is that they keep the rain out--mostly. Some are built on the earth. (Papaki, Sengi) The villages present a crazy pattern--houses built any and everywhere.

Village Officials were instructed that all houses must be put up on piles and all repairs and new houses were to be made of platted sero, of which there is no shortage,

The exceptions are first and foremost Marau and then Anjiri and Gorari. The houses in Marau are all of sero and built after an European pattern, with verandahs and plenty of room; they are well

Villages Contnd.

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ventilated and up off the earth. The Village has been well laid out in a square with a road through the centre of the square. The square has been planted with cootch grass and is kept well cut. The people have now commenced to make flower beds. They are justly proud of their village. Anjiri and Gorari are new villages in the process of being built. They have selected excellent sites and are building decent sized houses of sero. Some of the frameworks seem to be of very solid substantial timbers, even more so than Marau. Unfortunately work is progressing slowly as the villagers still have their gardens etc. to attend to. The Patrol Officer in each of these villages made marks for future new houses and showed the people style of village advised by means of diagrams in the ground. It was pleasing to note that they were interested in the idea and co-operative. Sengi, Kepara and Pirive are clearing new sites to build new villages. It is intended to keep a watch on this building and see that the new villages are constructed after the Marau style. Saws and axes have been loaned to all these villages to help the effort and show that the Government is genuinely interested.

Marau consists of the old villages of Ambeni Nos. 1 and 2, which are now abandoned.

There is a new village, Pendeleta, near the Kumusi River, not far from Koropata.

Ei village is moving to Afa. They have been instructed to build around Afa and not huddle their houses in between the present ones.

Waju 1 had intended to abandon their old site and merge with Gorari. After a discussion with the Patrol Officer, in which he pointed out the difficulties which would arise over gardens and also that they would still have to keep clean the patrol roads through and around old site, they decided to stay. There is no necessity to move. They have ample good garden ground where they are.

Village Officials.

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The V. Constables for Marau and Inge are to specially praised for their work on the roads and in their villages.



Village Officials contnd.

The thing which stood out most clearly was that the village officials had no real control over their villages. When asked why certain sick were not sent to hospital, why certain houses were not repaired etc. they replied that they had told the people concerned what to do but that the people "had not heard the talk". That to them was a sufficient explanation. They were indignant over their lawful orders being flouted--but it did not seem to enter their minds to take steps about it. It was pointed out to them that if they gave a proper order and it was not obeyed then it was their duty to bring the offender before the nearest Magistrate; that only by such methods could they have authority in the village and show the people that behind them, the officials, stood the Government; that their talk was in effect the talk of the Government.

There also seemed to be some confusion over the duties of a Councilor and a Village Constable. In some cases one was doing the work of another. The respective duties were explained in some detail.

One V. Const. had Namara Nos. 1 and 2, Simbar, Haki and Hojaki to look after five villages, well scattered. It was ascertained that he was only infrequently in some of them. The Patrol Officer therefore recommends that one Aire, an ex-RPC man, be appointed to act as V.

Const. for Hojaki and Haki, leaving the other man but three villages to control.

Law and Order.

Only two cases for the Court for Native Matters were encountered on the patrol. Several disputes of a civil nature were settled satisfactorily out of Court. The balance consisted of minor complaints.

It can be said that the area is quiet and well behaved.

No trouble was encountered in obtaining carriers and numerous natives asked for employment on the Government Station.

Carriers.  
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 Obtained day to day-12 per day--paid in tobacco.  
 Porterage man hours--420 approx.

Co-Operative Societies.

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The peoples of Koropata, Wasida and Hamara are giving thought to producing their own rubber, although no definite steps or decisions have been taken. Their frame of mind is such that they could easily be formed into a co-operative Society or as easily talked out of it, which would mean their trees standing idle or else continue leasing them for a shilling per tree per year. This is a very small proportion of the value of a tree.

An instruction would be appreciated whether to encourage and assist the formation of a Co-Operative Society or leave the matter alone; or what action to be taken if they of their own accord form such a Society. Can they be legally prevented? What reasons for such prevention?

There are sufficient trees to make the enterprise worthwhile. This is obvious from the fact that an European considered it profitable to lease the trees.

The fact that there is a Government Rubber Plantation at Kokada, capable of treating the rubber and with an already organised method of marketing and also that there are a number of ex-labourers in the villages who understand tapping may have some influence on any decision made. The rubber could be carried by the villagers to the main motor road at Wairope.

*See also A.D.O.'s comment.*

An incident of general interest.

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A woman from the Higaturu side of the Kukusi was married to a man from Wasida village. This woman one day picked some of her husband's betel nut for herself; when he found out about this he was exceedingly angry and addressed her down in no uncertain manner. She, being quite upset over this, threw herself in the Kumusi and drowned. When her village heard of her death they assumed foul play and came on the run with spears etc to avenge her. The Wasida V.C. explained matters and pacified them. The incident shows that the old spirit still lingers on.

*W. D. Allen*  
 ----- P.O.

28/2/48.

Kokada, N.D.



CENSUS FIGURES.

VILLAGE.	ADULTS		CHILDREN		INCLUDES		Number of Able Bodied Men in Village.
	Male	Female.	Male	Female.	Absent Indentured	Absent RPC. Labour	
Pirive.	23	22	17	22	2	2	11
Kepara No.1	12	11	8	7	3	1	5
Komondo.	15	11	10	14	-	1	10
Sengi No.2.	17	14	12	8	8	-	6
Sengi No. 1.	18	11	13	17	3	1	10
Kaju No.2.	10	8	13	8	2	-	4
Waju No.1.	21	17	22	15	6	-	8
Ujiki.	10	6	4	4	2	2	4
Marau.	30	18	20	11	3	1	18
Inge.	12	7	6	8	2	1	6
Ei.	7	7	7	6	2	-	2
Afa.	19	15	17	4	5	-	10
Rapaki No.2.	17	12	12	7	-	1	11
Hojaki.	13	10	5	3	-	1	7
Haki.	27	26	13	11	4	3	11
Simbara.	11	9	4	3	1	-	6
Hamara No.1.	19	19	5	15	2	3	8
Hamara No.2.	20	14	11	8	4	4	7
Pendeleta.	7	4	4	-	1	-	3
Masida.	18	12	17	11	5	-	6
Hungiri.	35	26	13	15	7	1	16
Anjiri.	13	17	21	17	3	-	5
Nambisota.	13	15	16	9	-	2	7
Orari.	8	8	8	3	-	-	5
Sisireta.	10	7	6	6	-	1	5
CIVI.	6	5	6	4	-	-	3

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Report on RPC taken on Patrol.

Const. Ieutu-arari. No.

Knows the district well and his job on patrol.  
Can be relied on to look after carriers and routine matters.  
A good patrol Constable although not of much use on the Station.

Const. Dauba. No. 1625.

Not very bright mentally but a good walker and reliable.  
A few more patrols should do him the world of good as he is willing  
and capable of learning.

*W. J. Allen*  
P.O.

28/2/48.



30/3/48  
Sub-District Office,  
KOKODA.  
4 March 48.

District Officer,  
KIGATURU.

KOKODA PATROL REPORT No.7 of 47/48.

Herewith the a/m report. A well written and comprehensive report.  
HYGEINE. These people require to be constantly reminded of the benefits to be derived from the use of latrines and refuse pits.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT. It is unfortunate that some have an unexplainable fear of hospitals. I, personally, believe that it is due to a reluctance to leave their villages and gardens, as is it usually the women who are reluctant to go to hospital.

VILLAGES. It is gratifying to see that the meetings held by the native clerk for V.C's & Councillors is taking effect. The people are gradually taking pride in the layout of their villages and houses.

Requests are being made to me for the Asst. Storeman to go to new areas to mark out house sites.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES. Personally I do not approve of the formation of CO-op., movements at present. These people are totally uneducated and it is extremely doubtful if one native in the whole <sup>area</sup> could be found who is capable of writing his own name, and it is feared that nothing but strife would result in the formation of a CO-op Scty.

The number of rubber trees in the area at present would only bring in a very small revenue and the trees are owned by individuals, not by the community as a whole.

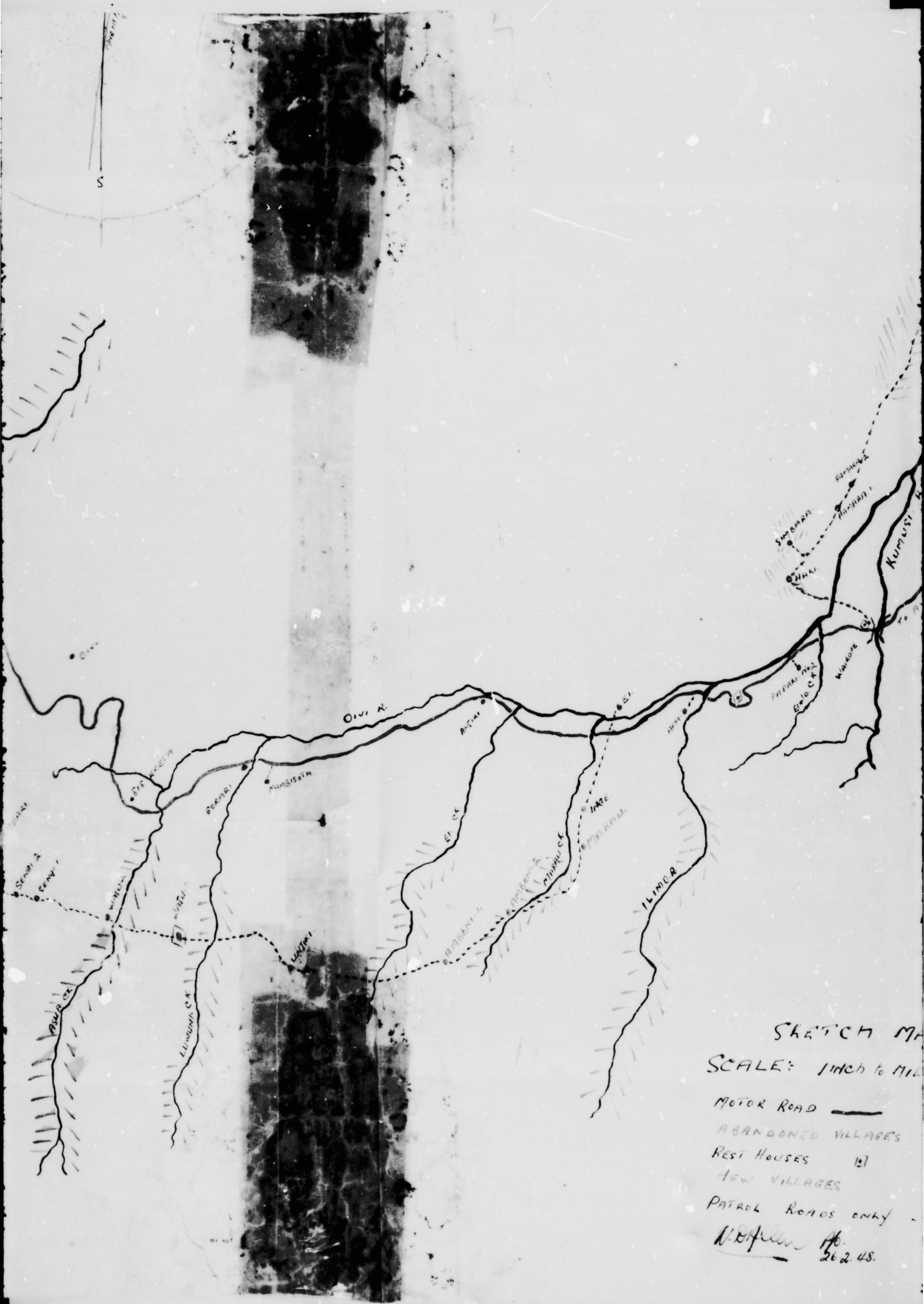
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*to Dept's interested. add*

*"This is a good report" Rm 10/4.*

*F.A. CHAMPION*  
F.A. CHAMPION.







SKETCH MAP

SCALE: 1 inch to 1 mile

- MOTOR ROAD ———
- ABANDONED VILLAGES - - - - -
- REST HOUSES [ ]
- NEW VILLAGES ( )
- PATROL ROADS ONLY - - - - -

N. D. Miller 26.2.48.





SKETCH MAP.

SCALE: 1 INCH TO MILE APPROX.

MOTOR ROAD ———

ABANDONED VILLAGES

REST HOUSES (●)

NEW VILLAGES (○)

PATROL ROADS ONLY - - - - -

N. D. Fuller  
262.48.

Amount  
Returned  
to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Northern (Kokoda) Report No. 8 of 47/48

Patrol Conducted by W.D. Allen P.O.

Area Patrolled Chisima Valley

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 11/3/48 to 25/3/48

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Investigate rumours of sickness in the Chisima Valley

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

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

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

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



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

KOKODA SUB DISTRICT. N.D.

PATROL REPORT NO. 8 OF 47/48.

PATROL MADE BY MR. W. D. ALLEN, P.O.

AREA COVERED. CHIRIMA VALLEY.

DURATION OF PATROL. 11.3.48 to 25.3.48. (15 days)

Patrol Instructions. The Patrol was undertaken to investigate rumours of sickness up in the Chirima Valley.

PATROL PERSONNEL. MR. P. O. ALLEN, 1 NMO, 1 INTERPRETOR, 4 RPC.

Map Reference KOKODA 1" to 1 mile.

LAST PATROL TO AREA. MR. P. O. BELL. JUNE. 1947.

W. D. Allen P.O.

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PATROL DIARY.

Thursday 11/3/48.

Arrived Yodda 3.P.M.

Friday. 12/3/48.

Departed Yodda 7.30.A.M. Arrived Maigu 1.30.

En route inspected Kanga Village-deserted-all people in bush.

Sent 1 RPC to locate.

Saturday. 13/3/48.

Departed Maigu 7.30 A.M. Arrived Karu Karu 1.P.M. Village deserted. Sent RPC and carriers to search. Fired shots. RPC found VC and 1 other at 5 P.M. From report of VC position seems bad. Sickness spread through out whole Valley.

All people in bush-not gardens. Karu Karu 2 dead 3 sick. Kanga 2 dead. Seems to have commenced Gia gigo Village. Brought over from Gailala. Decided to keep Orokaiva carriers. Returned one carrier with report to ADO Kokoda. Instructed VC to bring sick into Village. Inspected Village.

Sunday 14/3/48.

All carriers except four ran away during the night. Frightened of Chirima peoples and the sickness. Sent 1 RPC with advice to ADO Kokoda. Proceeded Bure with four carriers and portion of gear. Arrived 2.30 P.M. Found a few Bure people returned to village. VC says sickness on the wane here to Kuama and a few people starting to straggle back to village. But he is ~~xxxxx~~ of opinion that sickness still strong on far side of Chirima. Rest house good.

Monday. 15/3/48.

Decided to remain Bure while Vc and RPC send out for carriers. Sent 1 RPC ahead up left side to warn villages. Returned two Orokaiva carriers with further report to ADO Kokoda. Checked Census Books with assistance VC.

Tuesday. 16/3/48.

Vc reports still no carriers .people still in bush. RPC to search. Treated two sick. One old woman dead.

Wednesday. 17/3/48. (Continued.)



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Wednesday 17/3/48.

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14 carriers arrived noon. Too late to move on.  
Some carriers sent back to Karu Karu for balance of gear.

Thursday 18/3/48.

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7.30 AM. Departed Bure. Arrived Bofu 12 noon.  
2 men dead. several sick-treated. Food plentiful. Rest house only  
fair. Rumours of a murder at Evesa.

Friday 19/3/48.

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Departed Bofu 8 AM. Arrived Evesa 11.30 AM.  
Road fair. Rest houses poor. Made inquiries and arrested VC Sive  
for suspected murder of one Councillor. six dead. 2 sick treated.  
Instructions repair timber supports to hillside roads. Fresh  
tomatoe seeds issued. Geravate village temporarily abandoned.

Saturday 20/3/48.

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Departed Evesa 7.30 AM. Arrived Garima 12 noon.  
Inspected Irifenda en route. 4 dead. 3 sick treated. Roads excellent.  
Specially commend VCs Irifenda and Garima Villages.  
Proceeded Kuama. Arrived 5 PM. Belavisa 1 dead 1 sick. Joriba 1 dead  
1 sick. Kuama 3 dead, 1 sick. 6.30 received letter from Ado, Kokoda,  
advising EMA on way up Chirima.

Sunday 21/3/48.

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Inspected Gu and Kikori Villages. Filthy. Made mark  
on Gailala Road to stop all movement temporarily either way.  
Source of sickness seems to be Gailala. Returned to Evesa 5.45 pm.  
to gather carriers and send back to assist EMA, rumoured to be at  
Bure.

Monday 22/3/48.

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Decided remain Evesa and await EMA. 9.30 received  
verbal message from Karu Karu. Native states now 10 dead and pigs  
eating bodies and EMA requests return and assistance. Departed  
Evesa 10 AM. Arrived Karu Karu 8 PM.

Tuesday 23/3/48.

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EMA advises message heard Evesa false. Has been  
awaiting my arrival and report on position. Gave same. Karu Karu  
people still in bush. Contacted 3 (1 sick) this day. VC reports no  
more sickness. Sent RPC and NCO GIAGICO to ascertain position re  
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Tuesday 23/3/48. Contnd.

sickness there and Koga.

Wednesday 24/3/48.

Checked information and reports with EMA.

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Epidemic appears safely in finishing stages. Departed Karu Karu

11.30 AM. Arrived Maigu 5 PM.

Thursday 25/3/48.

Arrived Kokoda 4.30 PM.

Local				
Kokoda	2	2		
Karu Karu	1	1		
Karu		1		
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TOTAL 45.

Both lakes appear to have been equally affected by this influenza epidemic, but adults more than children.



SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES RECORDED ON PATROL.

VILLAGE.	ADULTS.		CHILDREN.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Kanga.	2	2		1
Koga.		1		1
Giagigo.	3	2		
Iongai.	3			
Folegabe.	2	2		1
K ru Karu.	1	1		
Bure.		1		
Bofu.	2			
Kago.		5		
Evesa.	5	1		
Garima.		1		
Irifenda.		1		
Foru.	2			
Kuama.	1	2		
Joriba.		1		
Belavisa.			1	
	21	20.	1	3.

TOTAL. 45.

Both sexes appear to have been equally effected by this influenza epidemic, but adults more than children.

*Carried to Bofu from Kago.*

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SUMMARIES.

The Medical Aspect of Patrol.

Rumours of a sickness, appearing to be influenza, having reached the Station it was decided to send a patrol up the Chirima Valley to investigate the truth of these rumours. Drugs suitable for treating influenza were first drawn from the Senior Medical Assistant at Higaturu, and a Native Medical Assistant was taken.

The position at first appeared to be very bad but as the patrol progressed up the Valley, it became obvious that the epidemic had worked itself out and was in the closing stages. The sick encountered were, with two exceptions, convalescent or recovering. The epidemic, from reports and inquiries made, seemed to have been at its height about a month before the patrol. Drugs were administered to sick and in some cases were given to Village Officials with instructions as to how and when to give. e.g. Aspro, Aspirin.

Instructions were given to keep the convalescent sick apart from the fit.

MR. Treuer, Senior EMA, Higaturu, came up the Valley, consequent to the ADO, Kokoda relaying advice sent back by the Patrol Officer. On being made fully conversant with all details and from his own observations, he decided that the epidemic had finished and there was no further danger.

Source.

From inquiries the sickness seems to have originated in the Small Gailala District. Some natives from Giagivo went over to the Gailala to buy pigs and on return they became sick in Songako Village. From here the sickness spread. A mark was set up and the entire valley warned not to go to the Gailala again until such time as they were told it was safe to do so. The top village, Khamo, officials were told to turn back any travellers on this road.

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Roads.

Are rough tracks, muddy in parts. The formation of the country is such that good roads cannot be expected. However tracks over steep hillsides are well timbered and provide a solid footing. Certain portions were ordered repaired.

Rest Houses.

Generally poor except Bura.

In all cases repairs were ordered to be effected.

Villages.

The types of houses are very poor indeed. As these people lead a semi-nomadic life, only occasionally living in the villages, it is not likely that the type of building will improve much. They are on the whole clean, probably because they are not much lived in.

Village Officials.

have a very difficult task, due to the scattered placing of their villages and the fact that most of the time the people are living in the bush. In this patrol all officials were encouraged to come down to Kokodas as often as possible in order that the Station might keep in closer contact with the Chirima Valley and to give the officials a few ideas as what the Government wants of them. The most pleasing thing is that they are willing to help all patrols as much as they can and are particularly good in supplying food.

Hygiene.

On this patrol no hygiene personnel were appointed in the villages because of the disorganised state of affairs and the fact that most villages were empty.

It is difficult to see just how these hygiene men will operate and where, when most of the people live most of the time in family groups scattered throughout the bush.

Carriers.

were difficult to obtain, but carried well when they were obtained. These carriers make excellent times.

Carriers(Contd.)

The people of Evesa did a splendid job of carrying this patrol. Up to Kuama and all the way back to Kokoda. They were invited to remain on the Station for a few days and rest but nevertheless went back the day after arrival.

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This includes carriers for EWA and equipment.

Crokaiva carriers, who are usually used as far as Karu Karu will not go any further. They appear to be frightened of the Chirina people.

Native food and Gardens.

Food is plentiful throughout the whole Valley. More than sufficient was obtained for the needs of the patrol.

Taros do not grow after Kanga, the first village in the lower Chirina.

Sugar cane grows as far as Ifienda, about 4,500 feet ASL.

At Kuama passion fruit is plentiful.

Really fine cabbages are growing at Kuama but the English potato although they do well here, are reduced to the size of pebbles. This is no doubt due to lack of English seed potatoes. New seed will be taken up on the next patrol, if obtainable.

Tomatoes and cucumbers grow generally throughout the whole Valley.

The staple food is sweet potato, of an excellent size and quality.

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## Census.

With the assistance of Councillors and Village Police all Census Books were checked and brought up to date. Deaths were noted. Owing to the necessity of meeting the EMA the Patrol Officer returned down the left side of the River and not the right. Therefore the villages on the right side sent their officials across the valley and information as to deaths were obtained from them being checked wherever possible by parents or relatives. Nevertheless it is felt that the figures will be accurate.

VILLAGE.	ADULTS		CHILDREN		ABSENTS etc.
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Joriba.	10	8	4	4	(5 able bodied.)
Belavisa.	9	8	1	13	Includes 1 i/1. 4 A.B.
Miri.	9	7	8	4	3. A.B.
Maniglenda.	10	8	6	4	4. A.B.
Suri.	17	14	9	15	7. A.B.
Gu.	30	23	15	15	12. A.B.
Kikori.	15	15	7	6	6. A.B.
Acipuku.	4	3	2	4	3. A.B.
Kog and Aruru.	14	12	14	21	" 1 RPC. 5. A.B.
Boravaku.	28	35	33	23	" 13 i/1 & 1 RPC. 8. A.B.
Kago No. 1.	15	12	7	9	" 6 i/1 4. A.B.
Kago No. 2.	5	5	5	1	2. A.B.
Mura.	13	9	7	3	" 4 i/1 5. A.B.
Mananda.	11	7	5	7	5. A.B.
Sonyaku.	25	22	8	14	11. A/B.
Mila.	7	6	2	9	2 A.B.
Isenisi.	12	9	6	8	5. A.B.
Jesengina.	11	12	8	5	5. A.B.
Mindagopa.	15.	12	13	7	7. A.B.
Folegabe.	6	7	-	7	2. A.B.
Foru.	22	18	12	9	12. A.B.





## Law and Order.

Several things must be taken into account when considering this question.

In the first place the people do not permanently dwell in large bodies in the one place. They spend a few weeks in the villages and scatter to the bush in family groups again. And very seldom go back to the same place in the bush. This is a great set up for intending or would be rogues. The task of the village officials is obviously no sinecure. And the people also know that very seldom does any body from the Chirima go down to Kokoda and, as some months elapse between patrols, they fully appreciate that a lot can happen of which the Government is not aware and will not be aware for some time, even if a village official comes down to report which, unfortunately, is more unlikely than likely. For some years now village officials have ordered, asked, invited almost bribed to come to the Government station periodically but the response has been disappointing. They tend to wait for the patrols.

The above features have been mentioned to give emphasis to the observations of the Patrol Officer.

During the whole of the patrol, in spite of repeated asking, there was not one "hurt case". -- But one "trouble". This is considered too good to be true. When asked about troubles, if any, the Patrol Officer frequently observed shufflings, uneasiness, evasive looks and answers and an obvious relief when the subject was changed. No ~~wild~~ village official or individual had any trouble to report or any complaint. The Patrol Officer tried diligently to encourage the people to speak of their troubles but no success.

From the foregoing and from the general atmosphere the Patrol Officer submits his opinion that there is a lot of "hidden troubles" in the Chirima Valley.

The Wesa V. Constable was arrested for killing the Village Councillor and brought to Kokoda. After some interrogation and denials he admitted the killing, but claimed it was in self defence. The matter was reported at Bifu Village by the brother of deceased who had been absent at Umba Plantation for some time and on return found





Report on Personnel taken on Patrol.

Royal Constabulary NO.

Const. leutu-arari.

An excellent patrol Constable. knows his job and does it well. Unfortunately does not possess sufficient intelligence to rise above Constable.

Const. ride. NO. 3328

Mentally dull and physically lazy. Cannot be relied on.

Can be summed up as hopeless.

Const. Ewo. NO. 1878

The same remarks apply to this man as to the previous. Did one good, quick walk back to Kokoda from Maru Maru and then rested on his laurels.

Const. Soro. NO. 1665

A very good Constable. Intelligent, young, keen and full of energy.

A very good walker and remarkably good at obtaining and handling carriers. It is understood that this Constable has been selected for promotion and this opportunity is taken of strongly endorsing that recommendation.

(G. J. Atkinson)  
District Officer  
Northern

*W. D. Allen*  
P.O.

Department of District Services & Native Affairs  
P.O. Box, Port Moresby (through C.I.C. Kokoda)

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District Office,  
HIGATURU,  
Northern District.

6th May, 1948.

The Director,  
Department of District Services  
and Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.



Kokoda Patrol Report No. 8 of 1947/48.

The above report is forwarded for your information please.

Page 7. Native Food and Gardens. The Department of Agriculture is being requested to forward a supply of seed potatoes for the Chirima District.

Page 10. Law and Order. The Patrol Officer has formed a wrong opinion of the Chirima people as regards crime. Records will show that they are more law-abiding than most sub-areas. Like all inland people they are of a very shy disposition, particularly with strangers, and have to be handled carefully.

*Copy to P.M.*  
In the past, many have visited Yodda and Kokoda and contracted Malaria fever there from which some have died. It is the fear of fever that is responsible for the people not coming to Kokoda. Owing to the high altitude at which the people live, there is no malaria in the area.

Mr. Middleton knows the Chirima and will bear me out. He also found the people friendly and they came forward to him freely with their complaints.

(O. J. Atkinson)  
District Officer,  
Northern District.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of *Meathen (Kokoda)* Report No. *9 of 47/48*

Patrol Conducted by *N.D. Allen P.O.*

Area Patrolled *Nawanga and Kokoda Managalasi*

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From *10/5/1948* to *19/5/1948*

Number of Days *10*

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol *general inspection and census check.*

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.



KOKODA SUB DISTRICT, N.D.

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1947/48.

PATROL MADE BY. MR. P.O. ALLEN.

AREA COVERED. WAWONGA AND KOKODA MANIGELASE.

DURATION OF PATROL. 10/5/48 to 19/5/48. (10 days)

Purpose of Patrol. GENERAL INSPECTION AND TO CHECK CENSUS.

PATROL PERSONEL. MR. P.O. ALLEN. 2 R P C. 1 N M O. 1 INTERPRETOR. 1 ADMINISTRATION SERVANT.

Map Reference. KOKODA 1" to mile.

COST: 10 POUNDS TOBACCO

LAST PREVIOUS PATROL TO AREA. MR. P.O. Bell -- October 1947.

W. P. Allen P.O.

P/A

Mr Middleton, please.

Dear P.O.

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PATROL DIARY.

Monday 10/5/48.

Arrived Wairope 3.P.M. Instructions build new latrines and labour barracks for Admin. Servants at Wairope.

Tuesday. 11/5/48.

Dept. Wairope 7.30 A.M. Arrived Papaki 9.A.M. Road good. Instructions to repair two level crossings close to village. Village clean. Latrines not much used. New village site and new houses look fine, but progress slow. Checked census books, heard talks. Appointed hygiene squad.

Dept. Papaki 11.30.A.M. Arrived Asisi 12.30 P.M. Inspected village. - clean latrines bad. Road from Papaki very good. New village site and houses only fair. Officials say that many men are absent helping the nearby Mission Station at Eiwo. Result ~~xxx~~ that village work etc suffers. Checked census books, appointed hygiene squad. Heard talks, corrected map.

Wednesday. 12/5/48.

Dept. Asisi 7.30. A.M. Arrived Sirorata No.2 via Sirorata NO.1 11.A.M. Both villages clean, latrines good but no signs of great use. Sirorata No.2. new village site is probably one of best in N.D. New houses shaping well, village nicely laid and planned out. Advised not to have gardens too close to village square and spoil appearance (if possible) Suspension Bridge over Ifohi Creek good repair. Checked census books, heard talks, appointed hygiene squads both villages. Still two bridges over Kumusi near Sirorata.

Arrived Angara 2.30.P.M. Poor village. Houses shocking. No latrines. Villages officials severely reprimanded and ordered to immediately build and use latrines and then commence repairing and rebuilding houses. Checked census books, heard talks etc. Rest House too small - no kitchen. Instructions re same. Hygiene man appointed. Roads good all day.

Thursday. 13/5/48.

Dept. Angara 7.30.A.M. Arrived Wairobila 2P.M. via Gorobuna. Road rough and very hilly but clean. Food scarce here. Very good R.H. Latrines fair. Very poor garden ground at Wairobila. Permission given to move village back to pre-war site about one mile away.

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Thursday 13/5/48. continued.

Water also scarce. Warned entire village must move-not portion. Clarence sent to mark out new site. Checked census books, appointed hygiene squads. Heard talks.

Friday. 14/5/48.

Dept. "airobila 7.30 A.M. Arrived Ejaro 3.30 P.M.

Inspected Managube, Kumara, Emo, and Uraba villages en route. Roads very good. Latrines generally poor. Villages clean. Houses in some need of repair-rooves mostly. necessary instructions given. Managube particularly clean village. Very good sugar cane growing from Emo onwards. new site near Emo, on banks of Emo Creek is really fine. Uraba people helping as they wish to merge with Emo in the new site. Instructions re planning and laying out of new village and types of houses to be built. Clarence left to mark out. Bean, cabbage, tomatoe seeds issued to all villages this day.

Saturday. 15/5/48.

Dept. Ejaro 7.30 A.M. arrived Kovic 1.30 P.M. En route

inspected Ugilo, Aboma, and Vitambe villages. Roads very good, villages clean. Latrines fair condition but obviously very little used. Checked census books, appointed hygiene squads all villages, heard talks. Best houses at Aboma (good) and Kovic (floor and fireplace need repairing). One T.U. case returned to Hospital. Houses generally too small. Entered in Kovic Book particulars of roads leading to Rigo, Tufi and Pongani. Returned Ejaro -all villages assembled for big dance. Gave issue of rice as gesture in return for offer of gift of one pig. All village officials exhorted to gradually improve types of houses.

Sunday 16/5/48.

Dept. Ejaro 7.30 A.M. Arrived "airobilal. 30 P.M.

En route checked execution of instructions given re latrines on way up. Appointed two maintenance men to look after suspension bridge over Amusi-at present in very good repair.-leads across to Manigelase. Two men to accompany patrol back to "airope for picks and shovels for use in building of new village and roads.

Monday. 17/5/48.



Monday 17/5/48.

Dept. Sairobila 7.A.M. Arrived Enjora 1.30.P.M.

Roda very rough but clean. Inspected village-clean but latrines poor. Some houses ordered repaired. Checked census books, appointed hygiene squad, heard talks. Located on map old road to Enjora from Sirorata- this road seldom used but still passable--shorter. Shot bush pig during walk-gave to village people-dance. Rest House Good.

Tuesday. 18/5/48.

Dept. Enjora 7.30.A.M. Arrived Ombufu 10.45.A.M. via Enjora No. 2. Road very good. Suspension bridge over Mamama Creek excellent. Checked census books (including hamlets - Mujunumu and batapasiri) Arrived Sairope 3P.M. via Putemo and Anesa. Hygiene squads already appointed by Migaturu patrol (see hereafter re overlapping of boundaries) Checked census books all villages and execution of Migaturu instructions. Villages clean. One involved case at Sairope concerning bride price. Parties advised to go to D.O. Migaturu for counsel. Last patrol through here only 4 weeks back. Dept. Sairope 4P.M. Arrived Lapaki 7.30.P.M. via Sorape and Bothu. No census books here. Villages instructed to assemble for census 24th. inst.

Wednesday. 19/5/48.

Returned Kokoda Station.

Rest Houses.

Generally be described as fair. Enjora rest house is far too small and has no kitchen. Instructions were given to enlarge it and raise kitchen. It consists of one small room about 14 feet square. Sairope, Sairobila and Bothu have good rest houses. In every case which warranted it, instructions to repair were given.

Map Corrections.

The attached sketch map shows all corrections with regard to new village sites and abandoned sites.

The road map shows the roads existing to date. All district roads are not shown.

It is noted that the road from Enjora across to Sairope in the Enjora District is also shown on the Sairobila road map and is popular with natives. The 20 villages have been noted to be on this

## SUMMARIES.

## Roads and bridges.

Throughout the entire patrol the roads were excellent beyond all expectations. Wawonga more so than the Manigelse portion. These people have really cared for their roads and it is an actual pleasure to walk along many stretches. There are some long climbing mountain tracks that are rough but even these are well cleaned and buttressed with timber on the slopes.

There are no less than six suspension bridges in this area, every one of which is of considerable size, and length. Some are made of native material and some of wire cables supplied by the Station but each bridge is strong and well cared for.

The village officials are to be complimented on this aspect of their work.

The Wairobila people maintain the bridge over the Kumusi to the Manigelse. However as they live a long distance away on a little used road, two men volunteered to make a garden and live at the bridge and look after it. It is suggested that these two men receive some payment.

## Rest Houses.

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## Map Corrections.

The attached sketch map shows all corrections with regard to new village sites and abandoned sites.

The roads shown thereon are the roads existing to day. Old disused roads are not shown.

There used to be a road from Ejaro across to Enjora in the Manigelse. It fell into disuse and the Wairobila road grew more popular with patrols. The two villages have agreed to re-open this



Map Corrections.

road, as their other work permits. This road is quicker and easier walking than the present one. The road from Sirorata to Anjora is not of much value as it cuts across country, missing a lot of villages. However it is shown as it might be of value in some circumstances, being quicker.

All corrections re roads and villages were noted in Village books.

Native food and Gardens.

Food in the Kawonga area is not as plentiful as in other parts of the Kokoda Sub District but there is sufficient for all normal requirements. The reason is garden ground, or lack of it. This is mainly responsible for the desire to move to new sites in the cases of Emo, Uraba, and Sirorata. Also Wairobile. In all cases the old and new sites were seen and there is no question that they are well advised to move, as the new sites offer not only better village sites but an abundance of better garden ground.

However it is repeated that there is no fear of a food shortage under normal conditions.

From Emo onwards some really fine sugar cane was seen growing. Principal foods are taro and sweet potatoe. Around Kovio and Ujaro there are growing some very good beans--very large. Various seeds were taken on the patrol and issued.

The Managube people seem very keen gardeners.

Native villages and Houses.

Generally the villages are badly laid out and the houses poorly built and always far too small.

The scheme instituted by Mr. A.D.O. Champion of gradually replanning and rebuilding the villages has reached as far as Sirorata.

Native Villages and Houses.

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A new site is chosen, with respect to gardens, and then marked out in the form of a square, one side missing, (to form an entrance), The square is kept grass covered, to act as a village square or parade ground and a border of shrubs and flowers planted. The villagers are advised not to have their gardens encroaching onto the village and to endeavour to keep pigs out of it. It is insisted that they build reasonably large houses of solid timbers, all opening onto the parade ground. and of an approved design.

This has all been explained in detail to the Kokoda native storeman, Clarence. He has shown a remarkable appreciation and understanding of the scheme and has for the past twelve months done excellent work in supervising the building of houses and marking out the house sites by means of pegs in the ground. He accompanied this patrol for this purpose.

The above scheme has been commenced in all villages as far as Sirorata. The new villages look really well-neat, orderly and clear work, particularly in Sisi, has been slow, but nevertheless some progress has been made and twelve months should see it finished. It is pleasing to note that the people are, now that they can see the villages taking shape, beginning to take a pride and some interest in the idea. Some enthusiasts have finished their houses in several villages.

Sirorata is situated in a small green depression or valley and is really attractive. This village is ~~particularly~~ particularly keen.

Beyond Sirorata nothing of this kind has been started. However in the new sites for Wairobila and Emc we have spots suited for the scheme and Clarence has marked out the plan and the officials advised as the types of houses and general layout.

Elsewhere the type or formation of the country forbids a scheme of this sort, but nevertheless all officials and villagers were



Native Villages and Houses. continued.

advised as how they could best improve their particular village by replanning etc. and V.C.'s were told to go down to the lower villages and see the types of houses being built.

From Managube onwards it was noticed that planks were being hewn out of fallen timber and roughly adzed into shape. From a short distance they looked like pit sawntimber. This was encouraged as being a great improvement on the usual stick walls. Picks, shovels and cross cut saws have now been issued from Walrope to many of these villages as an assistance and to show that the Government is prepared to assist them as well as talk. With one or two exceptions all the villages were clean.

Village Officials.

From the general cleanliness of the roads and villages the officials have obviously been well on the job.

Only two criticisms can be made. The Village Policemen never come into Kokoda and make a report. They wait for the Patrols. They were all told to come in at least each two or three months, apart from bringing in any troubles or Court cases.

The second fault is latrines of which more anon.

One V.C. at Injora was told to liven up or be dismissed next patrol. He was the only slacker on the patrol. The others had energy and interest if not ability.

Law and Order.

The Officer on patrol not being a M.M. no cases for the Court for Native matters were heard.

Numbers of minor differences were settled out of Court with the advice and assistance of the Patrol Officer.

Two offenders, one a native who refused to settle in any one village, but wandered from village to village all the time, and another who refused to take part in any communal village work, such as road cleaning and even to making his own garden, were reprimanded and warned to mend their ways on penalty of

Law and Order.

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of punishment. VC's were instructed to bring these two men to Kokoda if they did not improve.

One bride price case at Tairope is referred to in the Patrol Diary.

Generally speaking the area is very well behaved and the village officials appear to have maintained discipline.

The people were friendly and spoke freely of their troubles.

There was no suggestion or inquiry about their hiding anything.

The Patrol Officer left with the impression of a peaceful, law abiding community.

Health and Hygiene.

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Two things were stressed and emphasised on this patrol. One was the general improvement and cleaning up of the villages. This has been previously disposed of. The other thing was latrines. Latrines were carefully inspected in all villages and on the whole were in fairly good condition. But the Patrol Officer formed the same conclusion in this area as in other areas-- namely, it is one thing to build them and another to use them. From the signs etc it was quite obvious that the latrines were little used. The purpose of latrines and possible effects of non-use were explained and village officials ordered to immediately bring to Kokoda for punishment any and all persons caught defecating in places other than latrines. They were also told to construct latrines wherever there was a collection of gardens (and thus of people). It is believed that at present the people must be forced to use the latrines-- in future years they will possibly use them voluntarily. The policy seems to be keep hammering at them.

Hygiene men were appointed in all villages. In some small hamlets only one man was appointed. Opportunity is taken here to express an opinion previously formed and strengthened on this patrol. The hygiene men will have to be carefully controlled as they think of themselves as village "bossboys" and call themselves



Health and Hygiene Continued.

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by that term. One VC came up and said that he wanted to recommend a certain boy for "boss Boy". That is the idea abroad concerning their job. And this in spite of the fact that their work is carefully explained to them and the line of demarcation carefully drawn. They invest the position with more glamour than it has and are not content to merely see to the disposal of refuse etc. This has been noticed previously and on this patrol in Putemo and Sairope Villages (also Anesa) they were carrying Councillors sticks and lined up with the VC and Councillors and one asked for his "medal". Inquiries revealed that they had been giving orders re roads, repair of houses and maintenance of cemeteries. ~~xx~~

This of itself is probably not a bad thing but it is pointed out that it will inevitably lead to a dispute between the Village Officials themselves, which will have a detrimental effect on the village.

Why can not the ordinary Councillors see to the disposal of refuse? Or, if this is intended as a step forward in the evolution of self government, will that purpose be served best by giving these men powers that so closely relate to the duties and authorities of a Village Constable or Councillor. In any case these hygiene men will have to be carefully controlled until such time as they learn just where their work ends.

**GENERAL HEALTH VERY GOOD.**  
 Overlapping of Sub District Boundaries.

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The Patrol Officer was advised by MR. ADO Champion that certain villages in the Manigelase, on the East side of the Kumusi, were included in the Kokoda Sub District, and Sub District maps at Kokoda as recent as 1947 show the Kokoda mark as including these villages. They have always been patrolled from Kokoda--three patrols in the last 11 months.

Village Books show one patrol from Higaturu (April 48) since July '45. All entries in Books are by Kokoda Officials for

Overlapping of Boundaries.

some years back.

It was noticed that one patrol from Higaturu had been to Ombofu areas in March-April and one to Putemo area in March-April. There are now two sets of census Books for these

villages. It cannot be the intention of Higaturu to include in its mark all villages East of the Kumusi (a logical assumption) as they have only patrolled a few of them.

Enjora, up on top of the range has not been visited, nor the villages of Srape, Bothu etc.

It is believed that Kokoda has always had portion of the Wairopese.

An instruction would be appreciated as to what is the dividing mark, as apparently either the Higaturu patrol officers or the writer is under a misapprehension.

Wairopese.

An excellent rest house. One of the best in the N.D.

One RPC and six Admin. Servants are stationed here as it is a bulk store depot for rations and supplies, carted out from Higaturu, which have to be carried across the Kumusi.

On this patrol instructions were given for erection of a new barracks and making of new latrines.

These Admin. Servants are also responsible for maintenance of a stretch of road up to the Eiwo crossing and also for the crossing itself.

Wairopese is visited at least twice a week by Kokoda staff carting rations and supplies.

Conclusion.

Wawonga is without a doubt the best area in the Kokoda Sub-district. In very good order.

Carriers.

Average of 14 per day used. No trouble in obtaining.

Man Portage hours.

600, approximately.



CENSUS FIGURES.

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Village.	Adults.		Children.		Includes Absentees.	Able bodied men in village at present.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.		
Ejaro.	21.	22.	20.	11.	1 i/1	9
Ujilo.	23.	25.	18.	13.	1 i/1.	11
Managube.	25.	15.	9.	11.	--	12
Rumara.	19.	16.	14.	7.	1 i/1.	6
Asisi No.1.	12.	8.	11.	10.	1 i/1.	5
Asisi No. 2.	10.	10.	11.	10.	--	5
Papaki.	45.	34.	28.	30.	1 i/1. 1 RPC.	20.
Sirorata No.1.19.		21.	16.	9.	--	8.
Sirorata. No.2.9.		12.	10.	11.	--	3.
Angara.	7.	8.	14.	8.	--	3
Bothu.	17.	16.	8.	12.	--	10.
Jewahambo.	22.	16.	16.	9.	--	12.
Grape.	10.	6.	11.	5.	--	7.
Kovio.	14.	10.	7.	2.	--	7.
Uraba.	14.	14.	12.	9.	--	4.
Emo.	7.	8.	13.	8.	--	2.
Aboma.	36.	35.	33.	27.	--	17.
Vitambe.	19.	11.	7.	14.	--	12.
Enjora No.1.	14.	24.	13.	15.	--	6.
Enjora. No.2.	12.	13.	16.	12.	--	4.
Wairobila.	24.	24.	32.	18.	--	11.

CENSUS FIGURES ,Continued.

Village.	Adults.		Children.		*includes absentees.	Able Bodied men in village.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.		
Gorabuna.	2.	2.	3.	3.	--	1.
Bujunumu.	9.	11.	12.	11.	1 RPC.	3.
Ombafu .	21.	14.	18.	8.	3 RPC.	12.
mesa.	7.	7.	4.	5.	--	3.
<b>TOTALS.</b>	<b>418.</b>	<b>381.</b>	<b>356.</b>	<b>271.</b>	<b>10.</b>	<b>188.</b>

N.B.

Able Bodied here means men complying with the physical and health standards of the native Labour Ordinance, and does not refer to that proportion permitted to be recruited.

It will be noted that there is in this area a good supply of labour.

These men are also anxious to go to work, but only locally. They are not willing to go any great distance away.

They are of a strong, sturdy build.



Reports on RPC taken on Patrol.

No. 3328. Const. Gredi.

A steady plodder. Trustworthy and reliable but mentally dull. Does his best and does not shirk any work.  
"good patrol Constable."

No. 1665. Const. Souro-nani.

An excellent policeman. Keen and alert, smart in his personal appearance. Can be relied on to take care of innumerable small details. Very intelligent.

It is intended to recommend this Constable for promotion in the next RPC Annual Return.

*W. D. Allen*  
P.O.  
KOKODA. N.D.  
24/5/48.

Village Councils are appointed more for advice and assistance and to assist visiting officers in their work. They could well attend to village hygiene and other matters. All officers have to bear in mind that this is a progressive period and work towards the establishment of Village Councils. I am well aware that many of the natives are lacking in education and other difficulties to be surmounted. Experiments have to be made and there will be many disappointments but they will be gradually educated towards reaching the goal aimed at.

Any suggestions from officers that would improve and advance native welfare will be appreciated.

Overlapping of Sub-District boundaries - Page 7. A Patrol Officer was sent out to obtain information concerning the over-lapping of natives in the Orokaiva area - information that was urgently needed. From the information obtained a recommendation that the area be temporarily closed to recruiting has been forwarded to the Department of Police Labour. Although the villages referred to are in the Orokaiva sub-district, I see no reason why they should not be visited by any officer from Kokoda visiting villages in the Orokaiva area. The visit will be appreciated as it will ensure that the more the villages are patrolled the better for the natives.

The aforementioned reports also apply to the Mangrove District. The Patrol Officer informs me that there were no serious cases in the village, hence the reason for occupation thereof.

Villages and people - Page 8. It is pleasing to note the interest of the village people who will receive every encouragement in their efforts.

A good report, but somewhat hurried by the absence of a patrol.

*W. D. Allen*  
P.O.  
KOKODA. N.D.

30/9/63.



District Office,  
HIGATURU,  
Northern District.

19th June, 1948.

The Director,  
Department of District Services  
and Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Kokoda Patrol Report No. 9 of 1947/48.

Herewith Patrol Report No. 9 of 1947/48, Kokoda, by Mr. P.O. Allen.

Health and Hygiene - Pages 8 and 9. The village hygiene officials considering themselves as "Boss Boys" or even assuming the duties of the Village Constable where work on roads etc. is concerned is to be expected, no matter how carefully their duties are explained to them. I am not at all surprised at what is happening and this sort of thing must be expected until they fully realise their actual position in village life. The fact that they go beyond their village duties and take an interest in roads etc. is not altogether one for condemnation. The more that civic interest is aroused in these matters the better for the future, but they must be warned that they must not usurp the duties of the Village Constable.

Village Councillors are appointed more for the purpose of advisors and assessors and to assist visiting officers as well as organising. They could well attend to village hygiene but would that aim for progress? All officers have to bear in mind that this is a progressive period and work towards the establishment of Village Councils. I am well aware how much the natives are lacking in education and all other difficulties to be surmounted. Experiments have to be made and there will be many disappointments but they will be gradually educated towards reaching the goal aimed at.

Any suggestions from officers that would improve and advance native welfare will be appreciated.

Overlapping of Sub-district boundaries - Page 9. A Patrol Officer from Higaturu was sent out to obtain information concerning the over-recruitment of natives in the Orokaiva area - information that was urgently needed. From the information obtained a recommendation that the area be temporarily closed to recruiting has been forwarded to the Department of Native Labour. Although the villages referred to are in the Kokoda sub-district, I see no reason why they should not be visited by any officer from this district. Nor have I any objections to an officer from Kokoda visiting villages in the Higaturu area. The visit will be appreciated as I think all realise that the more the villages are patrolled the better for the people.

The aforementioned remarks also apply to the Managalasi district.

The Patrol Officer informs me that there were no census books in the village, hence the reason for compilation thereof.

Villages and housing - Page 6. It is pleasing to note the civic pride of the village people, who will receive every encouragement in their efforts.

A good report, but somewhat marred by the errors in spelling.

*O. J. Atkinson*  
(O. J. Atkinson)  
District Officer,  
Northern District.







TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Northern Chokoda Report No. 10 of 47/48

Patrol Conducted by N.D. Allen P.O.

Area Patrolled Wariupe and Kumusi Rivers

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 13/6/1948 to 17/6/1948

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol General inspection and census checks

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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*District Commissioner*

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

KOKODA SUB DISTRICT N.D.

PATROL REPORT NO. 10 of 1947/48.

Area covered. Kokoda to Wairope and Kimusi River.

Duration of Patrol. 13/6/48 to 17/6/48.

Purpose of Patrol. General Inspection and to check Census.

Patrol Personnel. Mr. W.D. Allen P.O.  
2 RPC  
1 NMO  
1 interpreter.

Map reference. Kokoda 1" to Mile.

Last Patrol to area. Mr. W.E. Allen P.O. 18/2/48.

Cost of Patrol/ 12 pounds of Tobacco (Trade)

Man Porterage Hours. 300 Approx.

*W.D. Allen*  
P.O.

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## PATROL DIARY.

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 Thursday 17/6/48.  
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Arrived Kepara 8.30. via Pirive. Roads good (motor track into Pirive.) Villages clean; very good gardens; food plentiful. Checked census both villages. R.H. fair. Village officials lectured on tighter control and discipline. Latrines an improvement on last patrol but still leave a lot to be desired. Heard talks etc. Pirive poor and Kepara very good progress on new village houses. Health good.

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 Friday 18/6/48.  
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Dept. Kepara 7.30 AM. Arrived Waju NO. 1. R.H. 3.20 PM. via Sengi 1 and 2 and Waju 2. All villages clean; Roads good; Latrines fair; Good gardens. Sengi made very good progress on new village. Waju have abandoned idea of move to Gorari and have commenced clearing new site near R.H. Both villages greatly improved. Checked census all villages. Heard talks etc. Health good - 2 small sores treated.

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 Saturday 19/6/48.  
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Dept. Waju 7.30 AM. Arrived Wairope 4.15 PM. Inspected Unjiki, Warau, Inge, Ei, Afa and Apaki villages en route. Checked census books all villages; roads very good, latrines a slight improvement on last patrol. Afa and Apaki two worst villages. Apaki instructed to immediately commence rebuilding entire village - present houses too small and poor repair. Afa to immediately commence clearing new site. Inspected Wajaki - Wairope. Heard talks all villages. Warau has experimental rice patch - seems to be doing very well. Good gardens - food plentiful all villages. Health good - one fever case treated at Ei.

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 Sunday 20/6/48.  
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Dept. Wairope 7.30 AM. Arrived Koropata 12.30 PM.

Inspected en route Maki and Mamara villages. Checked census books. Inspected new rubber plantations Koropata and Wasida areas. Arrived Hungiri 5 PM via Pendeleta. Roads good. Checked census. Heard talks. Hungiri dirty village. Bad area for yaws and ulcers - numerous. Many hidden in bush. All sick to Wairope.



Monday, 21/6/48.

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Returned Wairope 1.45 pm. Picked up jeep and returned  
Kokoda via motor road. En route checked census Unjiki, Gorari and  
Sisereta; heard talks. Villages clean, latrines good.

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N.B. It is suggested that this report be read in conjunction with Report  
No. 7 of 1947/48 to the same area.

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Roads.

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Were really excellent. Throughout the Patrol signs were plentiful of  
a considerable amount of work-bridges rebuilt. There is a new road from  
Unjiki to Marau and it is much quicker as it is flat, easy going, alth ough  
longer than the old one.

From Hamara onwards to Hungiri the track is always slightly boggy, due  
to, the formation of the country.

The main motor road from Wairope to Kokoda is in fairly good repair.

Labour gangs do the maintenance and all the village people have to do  
is keep the grass cut back. All villages have a fair mark and one day per  
month will be sufficient to keep the road clean.

Rest Houses.

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Are all in fair to good repair. Instructions were given where necessary.  
Wairope is the best Rest House. The R.H. at Waju is being moved as the  
new village site at present being cleared completely surrounds it. A  
site was indicated for the new R.H.

A new R.H. has been completed at the foot of Oivi Range. However there  
is as yet no kitchen built.

Health and Hygiene.

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Here it is relevant to remark that the new idea of hygiene men in all  
villages seems to have been of benefit to this area. All villages were  
clean except Hungiri and Kapaki. Rubbish pits are actually being used  
and many villages are keeping fires smouldering in these pits. In Kepara  
village the hygiene men blow a whistle at 6 o'clock morning and night  
and all the women come out and clean around their own house or area.  
After some thought the practice was allowed continue.

Health and Hygiene.  
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The whole area was noticeably cleaner than than on the previous patrol, when these hygiene men were first appointed.

With regard to latrines there has been a slight improvement but there is still a lot to be desired. This does not mean the existence or state of repair of the latrines, but the use thereof. All villages can show good latrines. Village officials were instructed to strictly enforce the use of the latrines and bring to Kokoda all offenders. They were also instructed to co-operate with the hygiene men in this and other duties.

Nevertheless it is pleasing to see even the smallest improvement in the use of latrines. Continually hammering away on the matter and punishment of all offenders seems to be the only method and should eventually bring results.

The general health was good. No signs were seen of any diseases. A few fever cases were treated. However in the Koropata and Hungiri areas there seems to be an abnormally large number of yaws and ulcers. Unfortunately these people have a dread of the Hospital and will not either themselves come or bring even the worst cases to either Kokoda or Higaturu Hospitals. It is peculiar that this fear of the hospital is not nearly so strong elsewhere. No definite cause of the fear could be located. On this patrol 13 or 14 people including some children, were found hiding in the bush, all with yaws and or ulcers. They were all sent to Wairope and at time of writing are in the Kokoda Hospital. The Patrol Officer intends to pay a surprise visit to this area shortly in order to see if there are more of these people missed on this patrol. Village officials were strongly reprimanded for failure to send these cases to Hospital and for allowing to hide in the bush when the Patrol Officer arrived.

Native food and Gardens.  
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The gardens from Pirive to Marau are very good indeed. The Sengi people gave gifts of food and refused to take payment. In Marau is a small patch of experimental rice. It seems to be doing exceptionally well.



Native Food and Gardens.

Unfortunately these people know nothing of rice-the growing and harvesting-if it is so called. Neither does the Patrol Officer.

However as this rice seemed to be doing so well-at least three feet high and strong healthy looking, with well filled "ears" forming, the Patrol Officer took an interest in it and encouraged the people to plant more, explaining to them how this could be a means of more and better food as well as a source of cash money. Two Councillors were advised to go down to Soputa to see a native named "Jimmy", who for some time now has been growing rice and seems to understand it. He has made or procured a machine for "winnowing".

It is felt that this project should be watched and the village helped as far as possible.

Elsewhere there are good gardens and there is no sign of a food shortage anywhere in the area.

Native Villages.

As mentioned previously there was a great improvement in the general cleanliness of the villages (except Papaki and Hungiri).

The instructions given on the previous patrol have ~~xxxxxx~~ had their effect. Pirive village has finished clearing their site and it has been marked out in the approved pattern by the Kokoda native storeman, Clarence. They are now putting in piles for the new houses.

Kepera was a surprise sight indeed. The houses have shot up like wildfire. And very good houses. Large (R.H. Size), and very well built of solid timbers, with good grass rooves and platted sero walls.

This village looks like outshining even Larau. The amount of work done in the past four months was nothing short of amazing by local standards.

The same remarks may be made of Sengi Villages. Here also the houses have shot up like mushrooms and as well built as the Kepera ones.

Sengi people are usually difficult and lazy but they have livened up just now and are right on the job.

Kaju Villages are now clearing their new sites and have made good progress.

Native Villages.

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Unjiki people are leaving their village and merging into Marau. Marau village officials were instructed to see that the new houses conform to Marau standards. It is pleasing to note that the main reason the Unjiki people (a small village) want to move to Marau is that they feel ashamed of their village and wish to be part of Marau. So it seems that there is some sense of civic pride in these people which can be played upon to their own advantage. Anjiri Village still looks very nice and clean with decent new houses going up but work is lamentably slow, owing to paucity of man power.

The Nambisota people are moving to Gorari and taking over the houses built by the Waju people. In return for this when Waju begins building the Nambisota people will go up and help. (see page No. 6 Report No. 7)

Afa and Papaki have fallen down on the job. Ei and Afa are now clearing a new site for a joint village. The Ei V.C. with two men only to help him has cleared the Ei share and is now going ahead to build the new Ei houses with these two men. He is even going to build for absent I/L etc. On the other hand Afa with many more men has not yet cleaned it's share of the new site. They were given six weeks in which to have it finished ready for marking out by Clarence. On the last Patrol Papaki was instructed to improve ~~their~~ <sup>it's</sup> houses but the amount of work done was negligible. This village has been now warned that, unless some definite signs of improvement can be seen within one month, drastic action will be taken. Some of the houses are fit only to be burned to the ground. Papaki was also reprimanded over a a dirty village. It is felt that some punishments will have to be meted out in this village.

Haki and Simbara Villages are also merging into one new village near the present Haki site. Good progress has been made with the clearing. In all these new villages, the officials were instructed to plant a border of coconut and betel nut trees and to lay our shrubs and flowers. In many cases the old villages are being kept as garden villages. In these cases the officials were warned that the same



Native Villages.

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rules as to "atrines etc. must be enforced in the garden villages as in the proper village.

It is safe to say that the idea of rebuilding villages with decent houses and layouts has spread rapidly and there is even a slight feeling of rivalry and definitely one of pride in their villages. The inevitable lazy element is of course against the idea but this element is ~~xx~~ a small minority.

It can be further said that with the exception of the Chirima Valley the whole of Kokoda Sub-District is being gradually completely rebuilt--and well.

Native Officials.

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Village Constables for Warau, Bi and this time Kepara are to be especially praised for a good all round job.

On this patrol it was seen that the Officials had a bigger interest in their work but still lacked tight control over the village people. The good work done on village projects was due mainly to the fact that the village people <sup>were</sup> themselves interested in the work.

It was pointed out to the Officials that behind them stood the full power of the Government when they gave a lawful order; that they must not hesitate to bring all offenders rapidly before the nearest Magistrate.

However it will undoubtedly follow that as the officials have now a bigger interest in their work so will their control now tighten; taking it all round they are doing a fairly good job.

Law and order.

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The area is quiet and well behaved.

A few differences were settled out of Court with the advice of the Patrol Officer.

The Patrol Officer not being a M.M. there were no cases for the Court for Native Matters, nor were any brought back to the Station.

Carriers.  
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Were obtained village to village with no difficulty and paid in  
t trade tobacco.

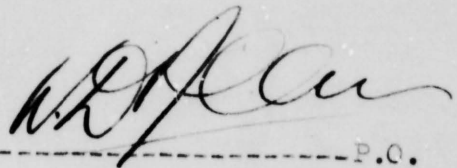
Native Rubber  
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Around "amara , Koropata and Hungiri areas the village people  
s steadily increasing their rubber holdings. Two new plantations w  
were inspected on the patrol and more are being made. These  
people are desirous of making rubber a cash enterprise and are  
apparently willing to work at it. They asked the Patrol Officer  
how would the Government help them? It is not in his power to  
promise help so the matter is hereby pased on.

(See page 8. Report NO. 7 to this area.)

Census.  
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Books were checked in all villages and revised figures are  
attached hereto.

  
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REPORT ON RPC TAKEN ON PATROL.  
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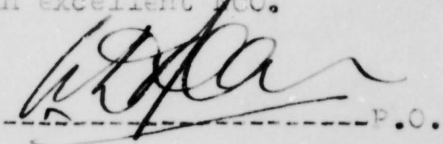
Const. Teutu. Ari. NO. 1671.  
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A good patrol constable. Knows his job and can be relied on to do it. Shows up much better than on the Station.

Const. Ipumi. NO. 2284.  
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A very good type of policeman. Intelligent, knows his work and has sufficient drive and personality to get things done. Obedient and well disciplined.

Consider this Constable would make an excellent I.C.O.

  
----- P.O.

## CENSUS FIGURES.

Village.	ADULTS		CHILDREN		INCLUDES absent I/Ls & RPC	ABLE BODIED MEN at present in village.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Inge.	12.	8.	8.	8.	2 I/L 1 RPC	5
Ei.	7.	7.	6.	5.	2 I/L	3
Afa.	16.	14.	17.	14.	5 I/L	7
Anjiri.	14.	18.	24.	18.	3 I/L	5
Hungiri.	35.	25.	15.	16.	1 RPC 7 I/L	20.
Waju. No.2.	10.	9.	14.	7.	1 I/L	6
Waju. No.1.	23.	17.	22.	14.	7 I/L	10
Kepara. No.1.	13.	10.	9.	7.	1 RPC 3 I/L	6
Kepara. No.2.	15.	10.	10.	14.	1 RPC	10
Sengi. No.2.	17.	14.	13.	9.	6 I/L	7
Sengi. No.1.	18.	10.	13.	17.	1 RPC 3 I/L	11
Unjiki.	10.	6.	4.	4.	2 RPC 2 I/L	4
Marau.	31.	19.	20.	12.	2 RPC 3 I/L	17
Simbara.	11.	9.	4.	3.	1 I/L	6
Maki. No.1.	27.	32.	15.	14.	2 RPC 3 I/L	11
Hojaki.	13.	10.	5.	4.	1 RPC	6
Amara. No.1.	19.	11.	2.	8.	3 RPC 2 I/L	9
Amara. No.2.	20.	14.	12.	9.	3 RPC 3 I/L	10
Papaki. No.2.	17.	11.	12.	8.	1 RPC	9

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CENSUS FIGURES.

Village.	Adults		Children.		Absentees.	Able Bodied men in village.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Koropata.	15.	12.	8.	3.	6 I/L	5
Pendeleta.	6.	4.	-	-	1 I/L	3
Wasida.	18/	12.	16.	10.	5 I/L	6
Pirive.	30.	27.	19.	22.	2 RPC 1 I/L	19
Nambisota	13.	13.	16.	9.	2 RPC	7
Oivi.	6.	5.	7.	4.	--	3
Gorari	8.	8.	8.	3.	--	5
Sisireta.	10.	7.	8.	6.	--	5
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TOTALS.	434.	342.	307.	248.	66 I/L. 23 RPC.	215.
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*W. J. Allen*  
P.O.

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Sub-District Office,  
KOKODA. N.D..

6th. July 1948.

The District Officer,  
HIGATURU.

Ref. Patrol Report No.10/1947<sup>348</sup>  
W.D. Allen, P.O., D.S.

The general position in the AUTEMBO and KUMUSI River areas, as revealed by this report, shows a big improvement since the February patrol (7/47-48).

It is pleasing to note that WAJU and SENGI people have apparently turned a new leaf -- these people have always needed constant urging in Village and road improvements.

Health & Hygiene.  
(Page 2/3)

The dread of hospital treatment has always been marked in this area but it seems to have increased in the Kumusi area. See separate report on this matter, already submitted.

Native Food and Gardens (Page 4)

Rice should do well in the area of MARAU. Mr. Allen has been referred to pamphlets ex DASF and Dept. of Agriculture NSW which are kept on file this Station. These should give him some of the information he desires.

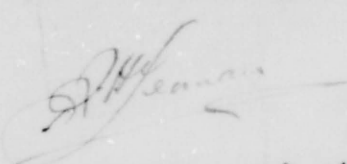
Native Rubber.  
Page 6.

I am of the same opinion as Mr. ADO Champion -- that the trees are not numerous enough and rubber produced from them, at the moment, would be of no value. The product would be only 2nd. or 3rd. grade owing to the long distance it would have to be carried, in latex form, to be treated at this Station. It is understood that there is no market for 2nd. or 3rd. grade rubber. However, the people will be encouraged to plant more rubber, in groves, as a community project, and at a later date, when they are more educated, a Co-Op. could be formed to handle the produce.

Census.

Position is satisfactory. There has been an increase of 9% over the figures taken in February last, but a big proportion of that figure is caused by immigrant families and marriage (women from other areas).

The Patrol was purely of a routine nature and if anything, a more time could have been spent in the areas visited.

  
(S.H. Yeoman) A/ADC



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District Office,  
HIGATURU,  
Northern District.

14th July, 1948.

The Director,  
Department of District Services  
and Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Kokoda Patrol Report No. 10 of 1947/48.

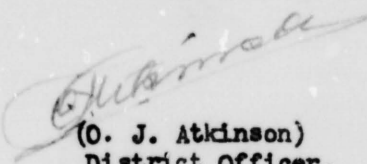
The above report is forwarded for your information.

Native Food and Gardens - Page 4. If the two Councillors are sent to Higaturu, I will send them to the Agricultural Officer at Popondetta who will advise them. He will be able to explain and demonstrate to them the use of the pestle and mortar for removing the husk off the rice and the way to winnow it. He will also explain to them how to make their own pestle and mortar. They could then visit JIMMY of GARARA, see and obtain his ideas on rice growing. Being able to treat and eat it will give them further encouragement to grow more.

Rubber - Page 6. Until such time as the people have much larger areas of rubber, provided the plantations are in proximity to one another, it would be inadvisable to put in machinery for making No. 1 sheet rubber. Scrap rubber is unsaleable at present.

Excepting the villages mentioned, there is a decided improvement in the areas visited. Encouraging friendly competition amongst them is a good way to bring out increased interest amongst the people. Better results will be obtained if the visiting officer spends more time in the village discussing with the people matters that affect them and advising how to improve on the present systems. This will in time encourage them to talk freely to him and eventually to look forward to future visits.

A good patrol.

  
(O. J. Atkinson)  
District Officer,  
Northern District.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

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Department of District Services  
and Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

6th August, 1948.

MEMORANDUM FOR :

District Officer,  
Northern Division,  
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 10-47/48.

Receipt is acknowledged of abovesentioned  
report conducted by Mr. W.D. Allen.

The Patrol appears well conducted and the  
report is informative.

(J.H. Jones)  
ACTING DIRECTOR.