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REPORT NO:	FOLIO	OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL	AREA PATROLLED	MAPS/ PHOTOS	PERIOD OF PATROL
[1]1-1959/60	1-10	LEAKE T. W. a/A.D.O	Songe, Umokombo, Fahinaimo Census Division and part Popondetta sub district.	map	06/08/59-04/10/59
[2]2-1959/60	11-18	LEAKE T. W. a/A.D.O	Lower Chirima valley.		15/12/59-21/12/59
[3]3-1959/60	19-27	" " "	Biage valley Census Division.		27/01/60-29/01/60
[4]4-1959/60	28-31	" " "	Wowanga Census Division.		01/04/60-09/04/60

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KOKODA 1959/60



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Ko Koda Report No. 1/59-60
Patrol Conducted by T.W. LEAKE a/A.D.O.
Area Patrolled SONGE, UMOKOMBO, FAHINAEMBO, KAHINAEMBO PART. ^{CENSUS DIVISIONS}
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 1 POPONDETTA SUB-DISTRICT

Natives.....

Duration—From 6/9/1959 to 4/10/1959 LESS 3 DAYS

Number of Days 27 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION, CENSUS COLLECTION ILIMO Council
Tax, PRE-ELECTION PROPAGANDA, INITIATION PUBLIC WORKS, PROVISION of SAVINGS
BANK FACILITIES TO VILLAGERS,

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MCRESBY.

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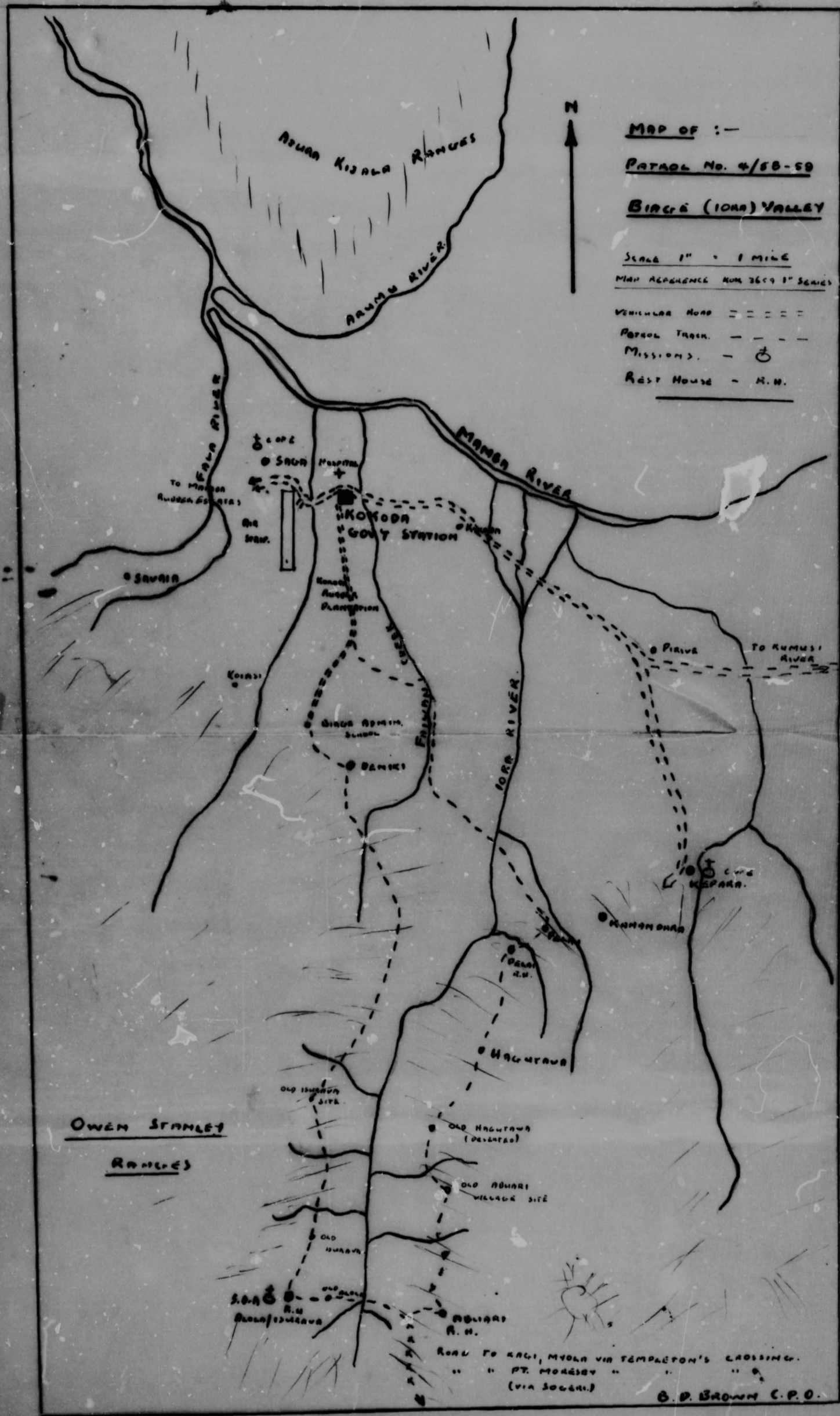
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District Commissioner

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

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

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



30-1-2.

District Office,
Ponondetta,
Northern District.

7th October, 1959.

The Assistant District Officer,
Kokoda.

Patrol Report - Kokoda No. 1./59-60.

Thank-you for the excellent, detailed comments concerning your patrol No. 1 of 1959/60, contained in your memorandum 30-1-2/101 of 29th September, 1959, and also for the very good sketch map of the Kokoda Sub-district, which will be very useful in following the routes of future patrols, as well as giving a good representation of the Kokoda Sub-district.

personal

With reference to your second paragraph, I quite agree that there is, where a Council operates, much less need for a patrolling officer to take direct action or to take upon himself the delegated duties of the Councillors and the Executive Committee concerning conditions of housing, hygiene, roads, etc., not with on patrol, but this does not excuse him from the duty of checking on such conditions in the course of patrols, so as to ensure that the Executive Committee and the Councillors are properly exercising their delegated duties.

This latter duty ought, in fact, to be one of the main objects of a patrol through Council areas and in this regard I would draw your attention to paragraph 7 of the Department of the Administrator's Circular Memorandum No. 5 of 1959 : Native Local Government :

"It must be clearly understood that the proclamation of a local government unit does not constitute a sudden jump into local autonomy by the local population ; neither can the establishment of a council suddenly convert ignorant and conservative villagers into skilled and enlightened executives. It must be accepted that, as media for raising living standards most area units, for many years to come, will be only as effective as district Administration Officers make them."

There is also, in addition to satisfying himself as to the effectiveness of the committees and Councillors, the duty of a patrolling officer to inform the District Officer fully concerning native situations, conditions, etc., in the area patrolled, since only through patrol reports can he obtain a composite picture of the various areas of his District. It is for this reason that Circular Instruction No. 267 insists upon detailed comment and information in the patrol diary. Only by personally checking can the patrolling officer obtain such detailed comment and information.

Copy to : The Director,
Dept. Nat. Affairs,
Konedobu.

G. Linsley
G. Linsley
District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

Appendix A

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 1 - 59/60 Sub-District KOKODA District NORTHERN
Officer Conducting Patrol T.W. Leake a/A.D.O. sub-district.
Census Division Patrolled SONGE, UNOKOMBU, FAHINAEMBO, KAHINAEMBO and part Popondetta
Objects of Patrol Routine administration, census, collection Ilimo Council tax,
pre-election propaganda, initiation public works, provision of Savings Bank
facilities to villagers. Patrol accompanied on second leg by Assistant Medical
Practitioner.
Date Patrol Commenced August 6th, 1959 Date Completed September 4th, 1959.
Duration—days thirty days with mid-break of three days.
27 DAYS.

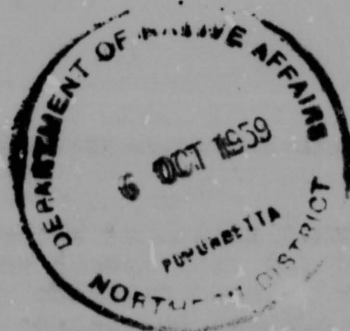
SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

- ✓ 1. File 7.3.1 of 10th September, Census Figures of Kokoda Sub-District. P.P. 7-3-1
- ✓ 2. File 14.8.25/4 of 10th Sept. Election Data of Ilimo Council Elections. P.P. 14-11-1
- 3. File 7.1.1 of 10th September, List of Absentees.
- ✓ 4. FILE POP 14-11-1 of 7-9-59: ELECTIONS-ILIMO COUNCIL: D.O. TO A.D.O. COPY TO D.N.A.
- ✓ 5. FILE POP 14-11-1 of 7-9-59: ILIMO COUNCIL ELECTIONS & REPRESENTATION: D.O. TO A.D.O. COPY TO D.N.A.
- ✓ 6. FILE POP 30-1-2 of 14/9/59: PAT. REPORT 1/59-60: D.O. TO A.D.O. COPY TO D.N.A.

T.W. Leake
Patrolling Officer's Signature.

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

District Officer.



NA.30-1-2/101

Sub-District Office,
KOKODA.
Northern District.

29th September, 1959.

The District Officer,
Northern District,
POPONGETTA.

PATROL No.1-59/60. - KOKODA.

Your memo 30-1-2 of 18/9/59 refers.

I agree that my diary did not provide the reasonable detail required by Circular Instruction 267. There was no point in reiterating the work program noted in the entry for August 7th but you were certainly left in the dark as to individual village conditions. Would you agree, however, and this is not offered as an excuse in this case, that where an area is being administered under a local government which includes committees or executive members whose specific concern is with hygiene, sanitation, housing and roads and whose work is constantly under review at regular Council meetings, that there is much less need for a patrolling officer to take direct personal action or to take upon himself the delegated duties now being exercised by members of the Council?

The summary of observations you require follows hereunder.

A. Health. The patrol carried no medical supplies as every village in the area is within reasonable distance of an Aid Post. These are at HAMARA, SAIROPE, BIWO, HANJIRI and KEPARA with the hospital at KOKODA serving villages near the government station. On the return trip to the station during the break in the middle of the patrol the patrol brought back a patient from the BIWO Mission Aid Post. This is a normal occurrence when vehicles return from the area to Kokoda. During the period of the elections Mr. T. Gaunade A.M.F. accompanied the patrol and administered whooping cough vaccine to children in need of it and carried out a comprehensive medical check in each village. He noted very little sickness and general health is considered good.

Sanitation and Village Hygiene. The Council Hygiene committee member accompanied the patrol to every village and inspected latrines, rubbish holes and the condition of buildings in each place. Three complaints were brought to the Court for Native Matters resulting in two convictions under Council Rules for failure to build a latrine when ordered and one for failure to pull down and rebuild a dwelling. Several orders were made and recorded for specific remedial action to be undertaken within specified time limits by certain persons whose housing was not up to standard or whose dwelling required new or additional latrines or rubbish holes.

The standard of village hygiene and sanitation was better than I expected. It is only a pleasure to record that these people not only build latrines and dig rubbish holes but in 95% of cases use them.

Education. The Administration and Mission schools of the area are now under the constant surveillance of Mr. Clark, Area Education Officer, who has made a practice of weekly visits to all Administration Schools and fortnightly to Mission Schools. Administration schools apart from Kokoda are at KOVELO, MAMBA PLTN and HAMARA.

Missionschools are at SAGA, KEPARA, GORARI and EIWO with another at SAIROPE in the Popondetta Sub-district. This latter is not visited.

Attendance is not as regular as is desirable in the schools in the Kumusi area due to the considerable distances some of the children have to travel but all in all it can be said that attendance and results are only what can be expected in an area rather poorly served with educational facilities. The patrol noticed no enthusiasm for education, no requests for more assistance or any willingness to help the Administration or the Mission to improve the facilities they already have. These people remain unaware of the necessity for education to assist in their advancement and unwilling thereby to make any sacrifice to obtain it.

Agriculture. Mr Mayer, Area Agricultural Officer, maintains constant contact with agricultural development both through personal visits and through the agency of his agricultural assistants.

Development of the cocoa growing scheme proceeds slowly. It has been the policy of the Agricultural Department not to revert to the law to ensure that gardens are cleaned but at the last Council meeting Mr Mayer informed the meeting there had been a change of policy. In future prosecutions will follow neglect and Mr Mayer has been assured of my and the Council's co-operation in this respect.

Cocoa gardens generally are not as well maintained as they could be. During the patrol several gardens were visited some in connection with assessing alleged pig damage and fifty percent of these gardens could be described as neglected. Pig damage by the way is limited to the new gardens where pigs will uproot new plants and eat them. Damage after that by pigs is mostly fortuitous the pigs rooting haphazardly in a cocoa plot may break or uproot the occasional plant but they are not specifically seeking out the cocoa.

At the village of Savaia the people after calling a meeting which I attended came to the decision to kill off all their grown pigs and send the remaining piglets to an old village site in the care of one man. This was done in order to remove the danger of pig damage to their new cocoa gardens and is a move I thoroughly agree with.

Litigation in connection with pig damage to gardens as well as cash crops continues apace throughout the area patrolled. Numerous individuals are coming to the conclusion that pigs and progress through cash cropping are incompatible and I was ~~sometimes~~ frequently asked to, as it were, "outlaw" pigs. It was carefully explained that any such move would have to be undertaken by themselves and that all would have to agree beforehand. I do not expect any dramatic moves to rid the area of pigs but it can be stated as a fact that public opinion is turning towards following the example of the Savaia people.

Roads & Bridges. The patrol covered all of the patrolled area serviced by vehicular road by the station landrover except, of course, the Popondetta side of the Ilimo Council area. All roads were in good condition except the INGE-Ambeni and sections of the GORARI-WAJU side roads. Whilst the people are or have been engaged in major works such as the IORA, DIVUNI and ILIMO Bridges I am not insisting on meticulous cutting of road grass or cleaning of drains by those concerned. Nonetheless the roads are in good order. The patrol was able to check the work of the ten paid road contractors and considerable improvement can be seen in the Kokoda - Kumusi main road.

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The patrol was well received throughout, no trouble was met with in obtaining carriers where carrying was necessary and supplies of food offered to the patrol and accompanying Ilimo Souncillors was adequate. Ample notice of the patrol's movements was given by police runner and there was no evasion of census.

I consider the best evidence of the prevailing goodwill between the people of the area patrolled and the Administration has been the readiness with which different villages have undertaken the, ~~the~~ times, extremely arduous work of building hardwood bridges for what amounts to inadequate remuneration. The people have been told and understand that finance is short and have agreed to perform these public works as a joint effort between the Administration, the Council and the villagers.

The attached map is to illustrate the area patrolled and for your permanent cartographical records.

.....*T.W. Leake*.....
T.W. Leake.
a/Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File Ref. : 30-1-2.

District Office,
Popondetta,
Northern District.

18th Sept., 1959

The Assistant District Officer,
Kokoda.

Patrol Report - Kokoda No. 1/59-60.

Your Patrol Report No. 1/59-60 received with thanks.

Your memorandum 7-3-1 and attached census statistics, including your comments concerning poor compilation of census sheets and lack of census patrols previously, have been forwarded to the Director.

I regret that I have to inform you that I consider that your daily diary entries were far too brief. Such brief diary entries were all that were required under the former system of reporting, in which various matters were dealt with in detail under their respective headings in the General Summary, instead of in the diary.

Circular Instruction No. 267, dealing with the new system of patrol reporting, and in particular paragraph 10, in lieu of detailed description under various headings in a General Summary, now requires much greater detail in the diary to cover all aspects of Native administration and conditions met with on the particular day, yet nowhere in your diary is there a single mention of matters pertaining to health, education or agriculture, Native situation, villages and houses, roads and bridges, etc. Since there is no General Summary in which these matters are dealt with, then what you have submitted does not constitute a "report" at all, but merely a brief record of movements and of work.

I would appreciate it, therefore, if you would forward me a summary of your observations under these various headings in order that I may be informed concerning Native matters and conditions generally within the area patrolled.

G. Linsley
G. Linsley
District Officer.

Copy to : The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
Konedobu.

DIARY of PATROL No 1-59/60.

Officers: T.W.Leake a/A.D.O and N.Walters C.P.O.

August 6th, Thursday. Both officers, 2 police and Interpreter left KOKODA 2.10 p.m. Landrover left on bank of DIVUNE River and patrol made HAKI Village in 1 hour. Camped, 5. pm. Mr Walters acting as Ilimo Council Clerk as same in prison temporarily.

August 7th, Friday. Census HAKI. Savings Bank facilities made available. Council Hygiene and Road Committee members made their inspections. Council tax collected by Mr Walters. Complaints heard. Pre election propaganda speech given by a/A.D.O. Left for HAMARA 11.20 am. Same work program. Left 2 pm for KOROPATA where worked on census figures till 4.45 pm.

August 8th, Saturday. Left for HUNGIRI arriving 10.30 am. Census HUNGIRI and URARISUSU. Went back to KOROPATA arriving 4.40 pm. to books evening.

August 9th, Sunday. Census KOROPATA 4 pm. Both officers to tax/census compilation all day and until 11 pm.

August 10th, Monday. Mr Walters to AJEKA via Landrover. A.D.O. to AJEKA with gear. Swam KUMUSI. Arrived TALA 9.45 am. Pre election speech given. Likewise at OMBISUSU. Arrived AJEKA 1.30 pm. Courts, banking and speech given. Mr Mayer Ag. Officer arrived for cocoa inspection.

August 11th, Tuesday. Left for SAIROPE 7.45 am arriving 9.15 am. Long day for both officers at speech, tax collection and Courts. Arrived back at AJEKA 5.50 pm.

August 12th, Wednesday. A.D.O. left for SORAPE. C.P.O. went via Landrover to ASISI. A.D.O censused SORAPE, BOTHU and EVASUSU. C.P.O. arrived 11.20 and collected tax and did Banking. Returned ASISI 2 pm. Usual work program and tax/census compilation at night.

August 13th, Thursday. Inspected Bridge site above Swing Bridge. C.P.O. to SIRORATA for work program. To books all day and both officers to compilation till 11 pm night.

August 14th, Friday. To PAPAKI. Normal work program. Likewise HOJAVOHAMBO in afternoon. Compilation till 10.30 pm. Cash count correct.

August 15th, Saturday. Meeting with local councillors on building Council House. Book work. Left for KOKODA arriving there 12.15 pm. Both officers to office pm to acquit cash and get farther supplies.

August 16th, Sunday. To office pm for an hour. Left KOKODA for ILIMO arriving there 5.40 pm.

August 17th, Monday. Census AFA 7 am, INGE till 9 am, AMBENI till 12 pm and HANJIRI till 2.15 pm. Usual work program. Rape of child at WAJU reported and police sent to investigate. Ag. Officer took Landrover to KUMUSI and returned to KOKODA with it to return on the morrow. Census compilation at ILIMO till 10.30 pm.

August 18th, Tuesday. Alleged rape investigated. Defendant sent under remand warrant to KOKODA. NAMBISOTA and WAJU-HONJETA work program till 3.30 pm. Went to SISIRETA for the night. Worked until 9.30 pm.

August 19th, Wednesday. Work program at SISIRETA, KEPARA-KOMONDA and PELAI. Slept KEPARA.

August 20th, Thursday. To KANANDARA for work program. To PELAI for inspection. Return to KEPARA Rest House where worked on compilation till 6.30.

August 21st, Friday. To PIRIVE 8 am. KOKODA Village 10.30 to noon. To SAGA 1.30 pm. Returned to office at KOKODA Station and worked on books to 5 pm.

* August 22nd, Saturday. Work program at SAGA, AMADA and BOTUE. Returned Kokoda station 1.30 pm and worked on books afternoon.

* August 23rd, Sunday. On station. Census figures and radio for 1½ hours

* August 24th, Monday. Work program at SAVAIA and KOVELO to 4 pm. On station at night.

* August 25th, Tuesday. Patrol finished and both officers to acquitting cash, checking Council books and A.D.O. to Courts.

Patrol recommences being concerned with Elections of ILIMO Council.

* August 28th, Friday. Elections KOKODA and KOVELO. On station night.

* August 29th, Saturday. Elections KEPARA and KANANDARA and SENGI. On station at night.

August 31st, Monday. Left KOKODA Station 1030 am arriving HAMARA noon.

Patrol accompanied by Mr T.Gaunede A.M.P. on anti-whooping cough campaign. Elections and medical HAKI and HAMARA. Heavy rain flooded EIWO and DIVUNE rivers and patrol camped ILIMO between the rivers.

September 1st, Tuesday. Left ILIMO 7.10 am. Elections etc at AJEKA, OMBISUSU, SORAPE, BOTHU and EVASUSU returning ASISI 6.10 pm.

September 2nd, Wednesday. Left ASISI 8 am for SAIROPE and MAUJETA elections. Returned ASISI for elections at 5 pm. Slept there.

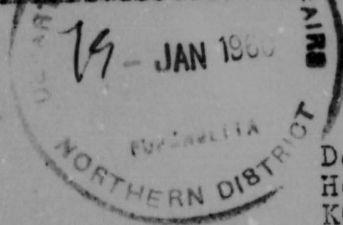
September 3rd, Thursday. Took car to far bank of EIWO in case of flood and returned to ASISI going on to SIORATA for election. Returned through ASISI to AFA for elections at 5.30 pm. Slept ILIMO.

September 4th, Friday. Elections at HANJIRI, AMBENI, WAJU and SISIRETA. Patrol returned station in constant heavy rain arriving KOKODA 5 pm.

END of PATROL.

J. Leake

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.



Ref. 67-16-5

Department of Native Affairs,
Headquarters.
KOMODOBU.

15th January,

19 60

The District Officer,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL NO. 2-59/60 - Lower Chirima Valley.

I acknowledge with thanks, receipt of :-

- * Memorandum of Patrol No. 2-59/60 .
- * Patrol Report No. .

covering patrol by... A/ADQ. T.W. Leake.....

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

* Delete as necessary.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File Copy Appendix A

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 2-59/60 Sub-District KOKODA District NORTHERN

Officer Conducting Patrol T.W. LEAKE a/A.D.O.

Census Division Patrolled LOWER CHIRIMA VALLEY

Objects of Patrol Census and routine administration

Date Patrol Commenced 15/12/59 Date Completed 21/12/59

Duration—days SIX

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

File 7.4.2. of 23/12/59 re Movement Villages to Lower Altitudes.

census figures (3 copies) attached

File 17.1.1. of 24/12/59 re Agricultural Activities in the Lower Chirima.

FILE 7-3-1 (D.O.F. POP.) : POPULATION DECLINE, LOWER CHIRIMA DIRECTOR

T.W. Leake
Patrolling Officer's Signature.

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

G. Linsley
District Officer.

Dept. of Native Affairs,
Konedobu.

Population Decline - Lower Chirima.

Your memorandum 14.2.5 of 11th June, 1959 (and previous correspondence), and minute to your memorandum 14-2-5 of 7th July, 1959, attaching a copy of a memorandum 18-9-7 W/ 10008 of 22nd June, 1959, from The Director of Public Health, and my memorandum 7-3-1/148 of 23rd. July 1959, refer.

The Assistant District Officer, Kokoda, has recently completed a patrol to the Lower Chirima, in which he investigated the statement contained in paragraph 1 (a) of the Director of Public Health's memorandum, and I forward herewith a copy of his report.

Unfortunately, however, neither by memorandum nor in his report is there any report of any investigation carried out by him into such matters as the present health of the people, suitability, from a health viewpoint, of the sites of their present villages, or of the factors contributing to the population decline.

He has been requested to furnish a report upon these matters, which, however, probably will only be in general terms, and he has been instructed to ensure that these matters are fully investigated by the next patrol to the lower Chirima.

G. Linsley

G. Linsley
District Officer.

7-3-1

District Office,
Popondetta,
Northern District.

7th January, 1960.

The Assistant District Officer,
Kokoda.

Population Decline - Lower Chirima.

Your Patrol Report No. 2 of 1959/60, and your memorandum 7-4-2 of 23rd December, 1959, refer.

This memorandum adequately replies to the request contained in the minute to my memorandum 7-3-1/148 of the 23rd. July, 1959.

However, in view of the correspondence on the subject of the population decline which has occurred in the lower Chirima which has passed between Headquarters, District Office, and Sub-district Office Kokoda, one of the main objects of any subsequent patrol to this area ought to have been a thorough on the spot investigation into the present health of the people, the suitability or otherwise from a health standpoint of the present sites of their villages, and the factors derived from observation and talks with the people, which have affected the decline in population, which, from your current census statistics, it would appear is continuing.

In fact, none of these matters is even mentioned in your patrol report, and there is no accompanying memorandum dealing with them.

I assume, therefore, that no such investigation was carried out, but, nonetheless, please submit a report recording whatever impressions you may retain concerning these matters and ensure that a detailed investigation along these lines is carried out by the next patrol to visit the lower Chirima.

G. Linsley

G. Linsley
District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File 7.4.2.

Sub-district Office,
KOKODA.

23rd December, 1959.

The District Officer,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

Your file 7-3-1 on the subject of population decline in the Lower Chirima area refers. Your minute of the 23/7/59 to myself appended to your 7-3-1/148 to the Director of Native Affairs particularly refers.

Action to investigate the statement of the Director of Public Health re a former Assistant District Officer having ordered Natives living on the ridges to move to more accessible regions has of necessity awaited my patrol to the area. I submit the following considerations after making notes of entries in the Village Constables Registers and interviewing village officials and villagers in the area:-

The village officials and other villages put the reason for their respective moves down from the heights to their present positions as being due to requests put to them to do so by a number of Administration Officers and in particular by Mr Yeomans, Assistant District Officer about the year 1950. The remarks made were in this vein:- "Mr Yeomans said he was getting too old - said he had to crawl up the mountains on all fours" and "Government was tired of going up into the hills so we came down". The move commenced during 1953 and was apparently completed during 1954. They do not remember any specific orders which is understandable even if there were any, and none are recorded in any of the village books or Village Constables' Registers.

However the following notations made in village books and the extracts quoted from past patrol reports lead me to the conclusion that such orders to move were never made and the very idea was contrary to the Officer's declared policy.

a. Patrol Report No 2-50/51. S.H. Yeoman; " ...page 3... The people of the ASIMBA Valley hamlets desire to move their present dwellings and build big villages, similar to the above, (referring to the Upper Chirima) lower down towards the Chirima Valley where both rivers meet. This move is recommended as the proposed sites are healthier and it would mean less work for them on the long steep and arduous tracks over the mountains; less carrying over the mountains and altogether better conditions for the villagers concerned. However no orders were made, and the move, if any, is left entirely to themselves -- although they were given advice on the benefit of healthy surroundings and the advantages of community enterprises etc.. The move, I should say has been inspired by the appearance of the new SEIBA Village

b. Patrol Report No 4-50/51. C.G. Littler, C.P.O. "...page 4... The people of the ASIMBA Valley who at present live in seven small villages intend moving from the Asimba Valley to the Mamba (sic) Valley where they will build three villages."

c. Entry in the Village Constable's Register for SEIBA Village by Mr. Yeoman 4/2/49:- "V.C. reports Anglican Mission recently visited this area and told all FOFOA People to come and settle in the vicinity of KARUKARU and they would open a church and

school. Am against people leaving their tribal lands and have informed villages of this".

I consider the move by these people to a lower area to be similarly motivated to that you mention in your 7-3-1/148 of 23/7/59, second paragraph, for people in the Minj and Rigo sub-districts.

T.W. Leake
(T.W. Leake)
a/Assistant District Officer,
KCKODA.

DIARY of PATROL No 2 - 59/60.

Lower Chirima Area.

Officer Conducting:- T.W. Leake P.O., a.A.D.O. Kokoda.

December, 15th. Left Kokoda Station 10.45 a.m. by Landrover
Tuesday. to Komo River. Departed Komo River 11.25 and
arrived KANGA Village 1345 after spelling at
Misani River twenty minutes. 18 carriers had met the patrol at
Komo River by prior arrangement. Census taken and tax collected
1415. Talk with Village Officials re Health and on the subject
of their previous move down from their old hill village. Said
previous village site can be seen from the present one across
a small valley and no more than about three hundred feet higher.

Councillor Ligne of Kanga is worried about the number
of deaths recorded in his village and has put a ban on people
who use the main road from coming into the village of Kanga.
Kanga Village is on a small track which is an appendix to the
main road and no hardship will result to travellers using the
main road. People consider the deaths the result of sorcery
put on their village by visitors. The villagers were exhorted
to take their sick members to the ~~the~~ hospital at Kokoda whether
they attributed their sickness to sorcery or not.

This village was clean and the latrines were evidently
in use - rubbish is disposed of over the side of a steep cliff.

December, 16th. Left Kanga Village 0710 using the same carriers.
Wednesday. Arrived Seiba Village at 1230 after several
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teacher.

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DIARY of PATROL No 2 - 59/60.

Lower Chirima Area.

Officer Conducting:- T.W. Leake P.O., a.A.D.O. Kokoda.

December, 15th. Left Kokoda Station 10.45 a.m. by Landrover
Tuesday. to Komo River. Departed Komo River 11.25 and
arrived KANGA Village 1345 after spelling at
Misani River twenty minutes. 18 carriers had met the patrol at
Komo River by prior arrangement. Census taken and tax collected
1415. Talk with Village Officials re Health and on the subject
of their previous move down from their old hill village. Said
previous village site can be seen from the present one across
a small valley and no more than about three hundred feet higher.

Councillor Liguve of Kanga is worried about the number
of deaths recorded in his village and has put a ban on people
who use the main road from coming into the village of Kanga.
Kanga Village is on a small track which is an appendix to the
main road and no hardship will result to travellers using the
main road. People consider the deaths the result of sorcery
put on their village by visitors. The villagers were exhorted
to take their sick members to the ~~xxx~~ hospital at Kokoda whether
they attributed their sickness to sorcery or not.

This village was clean and the latrines were evidently
in use - rubbish is disposed of over the side of a steep cliff.

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December 18th. To Asimba, Samana and Korogo Villages for
Friday. inspections and census from 800 to 1600 hours.

The villages lie in the above order on the road from Asimba Rest House to the entrance to the Upper Chirima at Bure Village. Bure was not visited since the Village Constable was reported absent rounding up his people who were living in several garden houses distant from the village. It is a little more than an hours walk on from Korogo. Only twenty people are left at Bure after ~~fm~~ twelve have migrated to Korogo. Bure people all turned up at Asimba the next morning with their constable.

The Catholic Mission have graded a broad footpath from Asimba to Samana and are awaiting the settling in of the local populace after their recent dancing activities before commencing the next link between Samana and Korogo. They may intend building from the Upper Chirima down to Bure instead and George Arua thinks that is what will happen. In this case also the Mission will have to await the return and settling in of the Upper Chirima people concerned who have also been away dancing. This type of road is a credit to the efforts of the fathers in charge of the work.

The three villages inspected were all reasonable and Samana was exceptionally clean and neat. Orders were given in Asimba to repair certain houses.

December 19th. At Asimba Village. All local Village officials
Saturday. turned up for a meeting and the new administrative arrangements for the control of the Upper Chirima from Wotape and the Lower from Kokoda were explained. This arrangement has their wholehearted agreement - for one thing it will cut out the extremely arduous carry from Bure Village into the Upper Chirima except on rare ~~exceptional~~ occasions. I obtained the story of their respective moves down from the old mountain villages to their present ones (File 7.4.2. refers).

One complaint re theft laid but no subsequent hearing arose through complete lack of evidence.

The rest of the day spent on census compilation.

Aid post at Asimba was inspected and found in good order and condition. The two orderlies stationed there returned with the patrol to Kokoda Station for the Christmas break. In event of any emergency George Arua the teacher is available for help. The orderlies report that co-operation from the local people is quite good in the matter of assistance round the post but that they still have much difficulty in getting people to bring the sick in to the Post.

Mr Clark recently made a patrol to Asimba School and reported on his visit to the District Education Officer.

December 20th. Left Asimba 723 arriving at Seiba 1146 via
Sunday. Karukaru Village. The patrol was accompanied by a number of the schoolboys from Asimba School who had broken-up on Friday and who had decided to join the patrol for the trip ~~to~~ to "town". The patrol remained at Seiba the rest of Sunday.

December 21st. Left Seiba 0623 arriving Komo River via Kanga
Monday. by 1330. Arrived back at Kokoda Station 1430. Carriers paid off and given food for the return journey. Patrol completed.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of KOKODA, N.D. Report No. 3 of 1959/60.

Patrol Conducted by T. XI. LEAKE A/A.D.O.

Area Patrolled BIA GE

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 27/1/1960 to 29/1/1960

Number of Days 3

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? YES.

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol ROUTINE TAX/CENSUS.

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 £.....

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

Appendix A

9 FEB 1960

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 3 Sub-District KOKODA District Northern

Officer Conducting Patrol T.W. Leake P.O.

Census Division Patrolled BIAGE

Objects of Patrol routine, tax/census.

Date Patrol Commenced 27th January, 1960 Date Completed 29th January, 1960

Duration—days three

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

Memo 17-2-1 of 6/2/60 to Area Ag. Officer. "Coffee Cultivation Biage Area".

8-1-1 " to Area Bi. Officer. "Education Biage Area".

✓ 7-2-1- " to D.O., N.D., Feponiotta, "Census Biage Census Division".

✓ 30-1-24 } D.O. TO A.D.O. - COMMENTS -

14-11 } COPY TO DIRECTOR.

T. W. Leake
Patrolling Officer's Signature.

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

G. L. Lysers
District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File: 30-1-3.

Sub-district Office,
KOKODA.

16th February, 1960.

The District Officer,
Northern District,
POPOWETVA.

Patrol - Blage Area.

Your 30-1-2 of 11/2/60 refers.

The Agriculture Department has according to report the funds available for the purchase of English Potatoes from the Blage people but the Area Agriculture Officer has not yet received his allocation. He tells me it has been promised him by the D.A.O. and presumably he will be acting on it when he returns from his current patrol of the Kumusi area. This should be in about two weeks. In the meantime as has been my habit to date I continue to buy all that is presented on my personal account so as not to discourage the trade in any way.

Re the poor housing at Hagutara I have already noted this matter for periodic attention before the time limit expires and for action if necessary when it does.

A check will be made of the ex-ideamu people when a village official next visits from that area.

No active propaganda was directed to those people during the patrol with the object of inducing them to join the Council. The information was early volunteered to me by the village officials of Isurava that they had not changed their minds. It is to be noted that their earlier excuse that they would wait until their coffee came into bearing still stands for the coffee at the visit was less than a year old. I felt at the commencement of the patrol that to propaganda for their inclusion in the Council might at this juncture have the reverse of the desired effect and raise some antipathy to the idea whereas they are now half committed by their former statement. Also I consider that the building of the Koroilo School might be the evidence they need that the Council means something in real terms. These people are about thirty miles from the Council House and for a start it is likely that only their elected representatives will get anywhere near a meeting.

Korodora.

The Biage and the local Orokaiva do not get on well together. I quite realise that the correction of this attitude is one of the prime motives behind the extension of local government but I feel that the problem will be greatly helped when the Council is in a position to offer some real benefit to these distant villagers for the tax they will be paying. The Biage are probably more mercenary than the Orokaiva - they certainly know the value of money and are prepared to work for it. Likewise they are chary of parting with any unless they can see a benefit.

With reference to the Kovele School Pastor Raethel of the Seven Day Adventist Mission returned through here today and we discussed the part the Mission intended to play in education this year. They can offer little hope of a trained teacher - I think we can take it that no hope is held out in this respect - but will make every endeavour to place at Isurava a man who will teach as well as conduct services etc. The people the Pastor remarks received his offer of a helper quite enthusiastically but this they also did last time and the helper was largely ignored when he got there.

Should the man the Mission place there prove no great help in matters of education and the people not co-operate with him in his efforts at educating their children this will be the time to push the desirability of joining the Council. There is obviously no real desire for education or at least not sufficient to result in any effort on their part to obtain it. If this need can be implanted in their outlook and the Council have the means to fulfil it there will be the best inducement for them to join - this coupled with the maturity of their coffee plantings which will meet the excuse of "where do we find our tax?"

(T.W.Leake)
a/Assistant District Officer,
KOKODA.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File 8.1.1.

Sub-district Office,
KOKODA.

6th February, 1960.

The Area Education Officer,
KOKODA.

Education - Biage Area.

During my recent visit to the Upper Biage Area in the last days of last month I noticed that there is still no Seventh Day Adventist teacher at the Isurava School. The people told me they expected one to arrive within the next two weeks.

I informed them that if no teacher should eventuate they were to come and see you to discuss the possibility of their children or some of them attending the Kovele School. You have since told me that policy is for schools which are built by Councils as Kovele is and run by the Education Department to be for the use only of students coming from the Council area.

Since you left for your relieving duties at Popondetta the Seventh Day Adventist Pastor Mr Raphael has visited the station and is now on patrol of the Biage and other areas of this sub-district. He has stated that the Biage people were not at all helpful towards the catechist who was stationed at Isurava until 1959. As you are aware that man took over the duty of teaching in some elementary subjects after the Mission was criticised for making no efforts in the field of education at Isurava. Mr Raphael is now going to Isurava to ascertain the desires of those people for a trained teacher to be stationed there. The Mission have a man available but naturally wish to station him where he will be welcome and where he can be assured of the peoples' co-operation.

I will advise you further when I hear from Mr Raphael.

C.C.
D.O., N.D.
Popondetta.

The District Officer,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

J. H. Leake
(T.W. Leake)
s/Assistant District Officer,
KOKODA.

File 8-1-1.

For your information, please.

J. H. Leake
6/2/60.

DIARY of PATROL No 3 - 59/60.

BLAGE AREA.

Officer Conducting:- T.W.Leake P.O., a/A.D.O. KOKODA.

1960

January, 27th. Left Kokoda Station by Landrover for Kovelov Village 8.15 am.
Wednesday Gave instructions for people to be ready for census at Kovelov on Saturday morning 8.00 am 30/1/60 and at Savaia Village at 1300 on that same day. Left for Isurave on foot 9.15 am arriving Isurave 1515 having had a midday meal break of 1 hour 25 minutes. Station labour and two inmates of Kokoda Corrective Institution used as carriers as local mountain people insufficient in number in some villages.

Inspected Isurave Village in light rain. Not particularly cold despite the elevation and the exposed position of the village on a spur at a little above 5,000 feet. Housing is not in good condition though the style is quite suitable for the elevation, the walls being closely boarded and the floors tight against wind. Fires are lit within the houses for warmth - cooking is often done outside by means of first heating a large quantity of stones and then burying the vegetables to be cooked along with the stones having first wrapped the vegetables in leaves to retain the moisture. The product makes excellent eating. The explanation for poor condition of some of the housing was that their business interests had taken up most of their time up until then but that from now they would be able to leave the coffee, which is their "business" and pay more attention to housing. See memo 17-2-1 of even date.

Latrines are adequate but people were advised to build them for preference below the level of the village houses rather than as was noted in some cases uphill of the village. Those uphill were sufficiently distant as to obviate the risk of spreading faecal contamination into the village ground or water but it was considered best to establish the principle of building latrines downhill of the village. Mr Tom Gaunede of the Department of Health and a Medical Orderley accompanied the patrol and carried out sanitation inspections with myself. A good deal of readily compostable material was seen thrown away on rubbish heaps and the possible use of this material as compost was explained to the villagers by Mr Gaunede.

Village officials advised that they had no complaints. Census for the morning was advised.

January, 28th. Census taken and Administration tax collected from all tax-payers. Thursday. No census or tax evaders and no comments were made on the general question of taxation. The rate here is only ten shillings which must be well within their ~~capacity~~ capacity to pay. There was a general talk after the census on their business interests and on the advisability of keeping up the potato market as a ready source of income. (The last Minutes of the District Advisory Council refer). As a matter of interest these mountain people have brought to KOKODA for sale mostly to myself seventy six pounds worth of English potatoes since July last. This amount does not include those purchased by Mr Rose and by people from Marba and the odd unrecorded amount purchased by the Mayer family and Mr W.Kekedo. I would not consider that these unrecorded amounts would come to more than about a quarter of that noted as sold to myself. Most of the potatoes so bought were resold locally to Kokoda residents whilst perhaps a third went out of the sub-district to Popondetta and Port Moresby.

Coffee garden inspected as well as a coffee nursery. Native food not plentiful though gardens coming on will soon rectify this state of affairs. English green vegetables are grown in small amounts all around the village.

DEMIKI & PITOKI
NOW COMBINED
AT KOVELO.

Mr T. Gaunede medically examined all villagers as the census was called. No serious disabilities noted and only one pregnancy. He again explained at length to all villagers the advantages of composting their kitchen refuse.

The road to Isurava from Kovelos was found in good condition there being evidence of recent work done in most places along its length. The road across the valley to the opposite side is not as good as the lower road but the patrol was informed that it is intended to remake this road slightly down-valley of its present site so as to link up more directly with the new site of Abuari Village which has changed lately.

Patrol left Isurava 1100 arriving at the old site of Abuari noon and continued on to the new site of Abuari arriving there 1300 hours. Four houses remain at old Abuari which will be pulled down shortly when the gardens there finish and the residents complete their new houses at the new village. A new Rest House is already built at Abuari and one dwelling house. There are three temporary dwellings erected (in the nature of garden houses) and three permanent dwellings are under construction. The village is surrounded by an extensive taro and potato garden and there is a small coffee nursery also. Not very many English potatoes in evidence but the people have naturally to look to their own food supplies before paying attention to cash crops when setting up a new village.

The bridge across the Iora Creek is a hazardous affair of saplings tied together. The village officials of both Isurava and Abuari being present the matter of a new site for the bridge to fit in with the proposed new track was discussed and the offer of wire to construct a permanent overhead catwalk was made by myself. This was accepted and since the wire is already available at Kokoda the village constable of Isurava was instructed to see that it was collected within the next few weeks.

Rain was intermittent from 1130 to 1600 then constant all night.

January 29th. Census taken and Administration tax collected 800 hours then a Friday. general talk on the same lines as that at Isurava the day before. No pregnancies at Abuari and no diseases or complaints noted by the Assistant Medical Practitioner.

People here are keen on growing English Potatoes and also spend a deal of effort on other vegetables which might better be left alone considering the distance to market. Tomatoes, shallots and lettuce suffer from the carrying and are not worth the price received when eventually sold. (6d a pound weight). There is also a limit to what can be consumed by residents at Kokoda and in the case of these perishable crops there is no market outside Kokoda. Tomatoes sometimes arrive in lots of over one hundred pounds and simply cannot be bought at a fair price. Being bruised they deteriorate in a day or two. The cultivation of tomatoes should not be encouraged in these villages - this matter will be brought to the attention of the Area Agricultural Officer.

Left Abuari 1100 arriving old Hagutawa noon and onto the present village of Hagutawa at 1230. Census and tax there. The village here is in poor condition and specific orders for the erection of five houses within a time limit of six months were given to householders who are now living in sub-standard dwellings akin to garden houses built on the ground without any flooring and with dilapidated walls.

One pregnancy noted. One family from the Port Moresby side of the Owen Stanleys did not present themselves for census though they have been resident near Hagutawa for about five years. Orders given for them to present themselves at Kokoda on Saturday morning for recording in the census. (They did so and were noted as migrations in. No Court action was taken against them as they genuinely believed they were still residents of Kagi Village on the Moresby side since their former village policeman had told them he had told a patrol officer at Kagi that these people were merely visiting Kokoda side and must be considered as Kagi residents.)

Patrol left Hagutawa and arrived at Usikara, a hamlet of Pelai, three quarters of an hour later at 1245. This hamlet is in excellent condition on a clear site which has a view of Kokoda and surrounding country.

A deputation of five men from this hamlet approached myself with a request that they be given permission to move to Hagutawa as they wanted to grow potatoes and also to renew their claim to rights over land at Hagutawa which they had not exercised for many years and which possibly they might forfeit if they continue not to exercise them. They were advised they were at liberty to live where they liked but were reminded of their obligation to construct decent dwellings and not to follow the example of the buildings at present at Hagutawa. It is possible, indeed highly probable, that this move is one by these men to avoid having to pay Ilimo Council tax. Usikara is in the Council area and Hagutawa is not. Be that as it may they are entitled to live where they wish.

Patrol continued on to Pelai where the census for Usikara and Pelai was taken. This had been done last August but as an up-to-date census for the whole of the Biage Census Division is required the census was taken in all Biage villages whether being patrolled or not. Figures for the whole of the Biage Census division have not been revised since October, 1957.

The patrol moved on to Kanandara and Kepara in rain arriving Kepara 1530. On to Kokoda Station by foot as the Iora Creek bridge was not negotiable by vehicle and the small creeks at the station had risen and washed out their culverts. Heavy rain continued all the time and patrol finally arrived at Kokoda 1730 hours.

Patrol proper completed.

January

Census taken at Kovele Saturday 30th ~~February~~. Census at Savaia deferred until Wednesday the third of February because of the uncertainty that the Kovele Councillor had given definite notice to the Savaia people that a census was to be taken there on the Saturday afternoon.

For remarks re Education please see memorandum 8.1.1. attached.

T.W. Leake
(T.W. Leake)
a/Assistant District Officer,
KOKODA.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 4-59/60 Sub-District KOKODA District NORTHERN
 Officer Conducting Patrol T.W. Leake a/A.D.O. accompanied by R. Clark A.E.O. and J. Irwin C.P.O.
 Census Division Patrolled WAWONGA
 Objects of Patrol Collection Tax, census and routine administration.
 Date Patrol Commenced 1/4/60 Date Completed 9/4/60
 Duration—days nine.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

Village Population Register.
Alleged Tax Collection Irregularity. File 11-2-1 addressed D.O., N.D. Popondetta.
re Condition Public Health Wawonga " 16-1-1 " D.M.O. Baiho, N.D.
Reported Non-payment War Gratuity " 19-2-2 " Treasurer, Konedobu.
Village Constable's Record of Service " 14-3-1 " D.O. N.D. Popondetta.
Reports on Members of R.P.C. Form 1. " R.P. & N.G.C. H.Q.

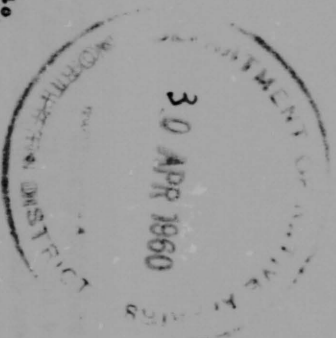
T. W. Leake
 Patrolling Officer's Signature.

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

G. Linsley
 District Officer.
 9/5/60

DIARY OF PATROL No 4 - 59/60.

WAMONGA AREA.



Officer conducting: - T.W.Leake a/A.D.O. Kokoda.

1960

April 1st. Left Kokoda 10.00 am by vehicle and arrived Ilimo 11.30 am Friday. having changed vehicles at the Iora Creek due to the collapse of the bridge there. Police constable sent down the day previous had arranged for carriers and these awaited the patrol at Elvo where the vehicle had to be left due to the flooded condition of the river. Mr Tevlin Area Agricultural Officer returned to Kokoda with the vehicle - Patrol personnel Leake, a/A.D.O., Clark A.E.O. and Irwin G.P.O. went on to Sirorata Village via Asist Village arriving at Sirorata at 1500. Constables Tamata and Sumtke and Interpreter Dickson accompanied.

Some of the Asist carriers remained with the patrol to carry on the next day - this is a precaution which following officers might be advised to take as there are insufficient able-bodied men at Sirorata to carry a patrol to Namamala. With a patrol in the offing many Sirorata men find an urgent necessity to visit elsewhere "looking for tax".

Local Government Councillor David accompanied myself on an inspection of the village and was advised that a patrol would visit them in about a month's time and requested to have their Resthouse and police barrack in good condition by then. Patrol slept in the Meeting House.

April 2nd. Left Sirorata 0745 and arrived Namamala 1315. Road was reasonable Saturday. with some steep pitches near Namamala. The old Orokaiva villages of Angara and Gorabuna were passed en route. These two sites are now completely abandoned. Orokaiva carriers complained that Wamonga carriers should have met them and taken over the carry at one or other of these two sites. Nothing is to be gained by this arrangement - if Orokaiva carriers take the patrol to Namamala and vice versa the burden equals out and there is not the probable mix-up when carriers of either side or sufficient numbers of them fail to meet the patrol in the middle for the changeover. Without virtual coercion by the police sent on to obtain carriers this failure to meet the patrol would be bound to occur.

Village Constable Siaga Joja and Councillor Na-i-kara explained that the rather poor condition of their village was because they intended moving to a site about a quarter of a mile up the hill along the track back to Sirorata and they were preparing the site and readying materials. They were advised to expedite the move or alternatively replace two poor houses and dig another two pit latrines to bring the village up to a reasonable standard. The present village is built on a spur which is rather narrow and the sides being steep the bush encroaches to the top of the spur. A coffee garden at the proposed new village site was seen by the patrol on the way to Namamala.

Tax/census conducted by self and G.P.O. Irwin 1600 - 1745.

April 3rd. Continued the collection of tax which had been interrupted by rain Sunday. the previous evening. A complaint by a carrier of Sirorata re a pig allegedly stolen was heard in the Court for Native Matters and an order given for restitution of ~~the~~ cash.

Left Namamala at 0930 and arrived Warobila 1010. Tax/census and village inspection. There are six houses here and four latrines which is a good proportion. The village is clean and in an excellent position on the crown of a gentle hill. There were a few small sores in some of the children and one of them was ordered to the Aid post at Emo River.

To Managube village arriving at noon after thirty minutes walk. Nine houses in fair condition in a good site. Immediately above the village is a clean and extensive coffee garden. Tax/census held until 1515 mostly during a light rain. Extensive alterations were necessary due to migrations in from Rumara. V.C. tendered his resignation being lame. Successor interviewed.

In the medical line-up several had sores were seen in the children and orders were given to the parents to take them that day to Emo River Aidpost - these orders were subsequently obeyed. Only one taxpayer unable to pay and he was given the opportunity to carry for the patrol in order to earn it.

On to Rumara Village where the village was inspected the people having already had their census taken at Managube. A small but clean village of five houses and equipped with three latrines. This is an old established village with mature fruit trees and well cleaned environs.

The patrol continued on to Emo River arriving there 1650. The Village Constable immediately put a request for retirement to the patrol on the good grounds of physical ill-health. Arrangements were made for the interview of his successor on the morrow. Evening on census figures.

April 4th. 0800 tax/census. Addressed the village people on the occasion Monday. of the retirement of the serving Village Constable and explained the duties of the new nominee. Advised the present constable that on confirmation of appointment of the new nominee he could hand in his uniform by sending it to Kokoda by the hand of the new appointee if he did not feel up to the trip.

A complaint of adultery heard against the Aidpost Orderly at Emo. A fine of £3 was imposed upon conviction. The transgression had not given rise to any real ill-feeling - the complainant requesting a payment of £4 to set his feelings aright. The Aidpost Orderly is married to a local woman.

Inspected the village with Mr Irwin C.P.O. after the census. Mr Clark A.E.O. busy at the school all day. Self and Mr Irwin visited the school and then the Aidpost. The condition of the latter was not good and Mr Irwin remained with the Orderly to set things right. Afternoon spent compiling census figures for all villages.

April 5th. Left Emo Village 0830 for Ejaro Village arriving 0920. Tax Tuesday. census and village inspection. Inquired into the recent death of a two year old child and found no action lay against the parents for failure to take the child to medical aid. The child had been sickly from birth and aid had been sought from time to time. Left for Ujilo Village 1100 arriving there 1120.

Tax/census compiled for Ujilo and rain held patrol in the village until it abated somewhat at 1315. Arrived 1335 at Awoma Village. Held a general discussion with assembled people whilst Mr Irwin collected tax from certain men who wished to leave in the morning to accompany students to the Seventh Day Adventist School at Menari in the Central District.

April 6th. Tax/census until 1100. This is a large village of a little over three hundred persons and has a church building, teacher's house, school, school dormitory, Rest House and Police Barrack. In a talk with the village officials and others it appears that all income in the village is obtained by men leaving for work outside the district usually, and returning and dispersing it amongst his friends and relatives. Even so there was no objection to taxation and considerable understanding of the necessity for it. These people appear to have more understanding of the world outside their village than most of their neighbours in the Orokaiva area of the sub-district probably due to the necessity to leave to find work.

C.P.O. Irwin left for Koroia village 1100 to take census and collect tax. Self awaiting opportunity to inspect an airstrip site near Awoma village. Rain cleared at 1430 and self and Mr Clark left to inspect the proposed site. Returned after 1800.

There is an apparently suitable site on an extensive spur east of Awoma about one mile. A straight line of 1,50' was cut along the site through forest country. The area is not very wide but should be sufficient for a light plane strip. There is only a gentle undulation along the length of the area but there is a slope from side to side across the strip. The approaches are clear from all directions. Should it ever be desired to build a light plane strip in the Wavonga area this site would bear further investigation. There is at the moment no commercial crop to export and the S.D.A. Mission discourage the growing of coffee so that there is no necessity at the moment for such a project. This was explained to the people on our return to the village.

Village Constable Iaihe Sikoi requested that I ask Mr Ross of Kokoda Plantation to employ men from the Wavonga as they would prefer their people to be working within the sub-district rather than outside it. He asked that consideration be given to their desire for Saturday off for their sabbath and stated that that was the reason why so many of them went to Port Moresby where Saturday off was not exceptional.

Evening to balancing cash and extracting census figures.

April 7th. Collected tax until 1000. Explained to assembled villages the Thursday. Factors bearing upon the opening of an airstrip at Awoma.

Left 1010 for Eno River arriving there 1135. Left there again at conclusion of Mr Clark's further inspection and examination of the school and my inspection of the local coffee plantings and Aldpost. Departed 1430 and arrived Namanala 1730. Discussed taxation with the village constable and a few men and then compiled census to 2200.

April 8th. Left Namanala 0755 arriving Siworata 1215. Held enquiry into Friday. alleged extortion by Siworata Villagers from passing Namanala labourers of an amount of six pounds. No case resulted. On to Asiei for one and a half hours arriving 1500. Landrover was there and was sent on to Ilimo with some of the cargo to stay overnight in case of flooding by the Eno Creek. One constable and the Interpreter were instructed to go to Kokoda on foot as the vehicle could not carry the whole patrol.

Self with Messrs Irwin and Clark went to Kumusi Spring Bridge to inspect it and discovered the whole structure to be in a dangerous state with most of the canework rotting. The bridge between Siworata and Asiei is still mainly composed of copper telephone wire even though 8 g galvanised fencing wire has been supplied to strengthen it. This wire is situated a quarter of a mile from the bridge site on the Siworata side on the top of the hill and is in the care of the local government councillor.

April 9th. Left Asiei 0800 arriving Ilimo 0945 after numerous delays due to the sudden condition of the road. On to Kokoda arriving Saturday. there by 1150. Patrol completed.