

## THE BLATCHFORD COLLECTION - 1948

*For 1948 information concerning the Sogeri Education Centre refer to 'R. C. Ralph, The Development of the Sogeri Education Centre As a Teacher Training Institution' located under '1944 Pre and Post-War Summaries'*

**R Ralph, Two undated sets of handwritten notes on his stay in PNG.** He was appointed in 1947 and arrived 1 January 1948. 8 pages in total.

**R Ralph, Handwritten notes on three topics relating to Sogeri, 1948.** The Women's Section. Handcraft for Male Students. Church Services.

**The Australian School of Pacific Administration, Calendar 1948.** Dates for Short Courses 9 and 10, the Long Course, a Refresher Course, and a Course for Natives.

**Department of Education, Information Paper for Applicants for Appointment as Cadet Education Officers, c January 1948.** Nine pages outlining educational aims, conditions in PNG, wages, and Cadet training courses. It was given to each person applying for a cadetship.

**JK Murray to Government Secretary, 3 January 1948.** Deals with plans for ASOPA to 'be used to the maximum extent possible for the training of Officers for the Administration of the T of PNG.'

**WC Groves to Government Secretary, Training of Cadet Education Officers, 15 January 1948.** Reply to Murray's 3 January letter to Government Secretary and summarises Groves' Sept 1947 trip to Australia to discuss ASOPA, and his suggestions for Cadet training for 1948/49.

**Department of Education, Religious Instruction in Administration Schools, Minutes of Meeting 23 January 1948.**

**JK Murray to JT Wallace, 27 January 1948.** Last para spells out lack of progress and difficulties faced by PNG Education Department.

**JK Murray to JR Kerr, Cadet Education Officers, 28 January 1948.** Asks for course details.

**Department of Education, Cadet Education Officers, c February 1948.** Probably prepared as background for advertisements. Details salary, qualifications and age required of applicants, training to be undertaken, probationary period.

**Memorandum on the Recruiting and Training of Officers for the Education Service of Papua-New Guinea, circa February 1948.** 14 pages which outlines the Type of Person Needed, the Age of Recruits, Academic Qualifications, Methods of Recruitment, Selection, Bonds, Ability to Return to an Australian Education Department, Training Courses at ASOPA and Sydney Teachers College.

**WC Groves, Memorandum to All Education Officers: Cadet Education Officers, 16 February 1948.** Advertisements appeared in Australian metropolitan newspapers 14 February seeking 15 men and 5 women to train at ASOPA from May to August, then to PNG until on to Sydney Teachers College in 1949.

**JR Kerr to JK Murray, Cadet Education Officers, 17 February 1948.** Replying to Murray's 28 January letter. Kerr expects Cadets to attend Short Course 10 in June.

Kerr's plans are fluid and courses could be developed in collaboration with the PNG Department of Education.

**Attendance of Administration Personnel at the Australian School of Pacific Administration, Circular Letter from the Office of the Administrator, 21 February 1948.** 4 pages concerning courses and syllabi.

**WC Groves to the Government Secretary, Cadet Education Officers- Course at ASOPA, 8 April 1948.** Reply to Circular Letter of 21 February. Says Cadets available for June course.

**WC Groves to JR Kerr, 8 April 1948.** 12 applicants for Cadet positions. 2 are women graduates who are also trained teachers. Julius and Groves will attend the ASOPA course in June and Groves may give some lectures.

**Public Service Inspector's Office to Secretary, Department of Territories, Territory of Papua-New Guinea: Appointment of Cadet Education Officers, 1 June 1948.** Interview report on a CEO applicant.

**JR Halligan to JK Murray, Cadet Education Officers, 10 June 1948.** Summarises the results of CEO interviews.

**WC Groves to Government Secretary, Cadet Education Officers, 1 July 1948.** Only one CEO attended Short Course 10. The rest withdrew. The £500 surety and four years bonded service probably the reason. The Secretary of Department of External Territories asks why have a surety. Was Groves' idea but he now wants it scrapped.

**CH Wedgwood to WC Groves, undated but received Moresby 26 July 1948.** Miss W. arrived in Australia two weeks earlier. She met CE Beeby in Paris. Will plan a course of training for CEOs and go to Port Moresby to discuss it with Groves. Also establishing an education section in ASOPA library. Thanks Groves for books and papers for the library.

**ST Jones to JK Murray, 31 August 1948.** Jones was Registrar at ASOPA. He reports on the recent ASOPA Council Meeting. To recommend to Minister that Alf (Conlon?) be appointed principal for 12 months. John Kerr left for Suva last weekend.

**Précis of Administrator's Conference held in the Conference Room, Government House, Friday 3 September 1948.** PNG Departmental Heads present. Groves the Education representative. Unlikely Minister will visit in 1948. Discussed the Estimates, Police Force, Air Services, and Subsidies to Missions. Groves stated that the Missions had received £35,000 grants for Education. The highest Mission individual grant was £4,000 and the lowest £250.

**T Pyman? to JK Murray, 8 September 1948.** From Department of External Territories. Concerns nominations for positions to South Pacific Commission Research Council. Groves and Cottrell-Dormer suggested. Groves anxious to have the services of a competent linguist. Dr Stefan Wurm suggested. If you want him get him but tell Department of External Territories as little as possible. 'What the eye does not see the heart does not grieve for.'

**Précis of Administrator's Conference held in the Conference Room, Government House, Thursday 9 September 1948.** PNG Departmental Heads present. Roscoe the Education rep. Six bursaries have been approved but none awarded. Murray wants them awarded.

**WC Groves to Dr Phillips, 22 September 1948.** Dr Phillips was principal of Sydney Teachers College. Groves thanks him for agreeing to train CEOs. Groves proceeding on 4 months leave to Melbourne in October but will probably call in to meet Phillips. Groves asks if a missionary can sit in on practice lessons to learn something about teaching before going to PNG.

**WC Groves to JK Murray, 11 October 1948.** Wedgood had sent her long-term CEO training proposals to Murray and Groves. Groves says need short course to get CEOs to PNG asap. Groves is preparing such a course. Dr Robertson and Prof Mills getting involved. Groves will meet with them.

**ST Jones to WC Groves, Cadet Education Officers, 12 October 1948.** Advises that Phillips says places are available at Sydney Teachers College in 1949 for CEOs Hammersley, Sutherland, Thompson and Miss Couper. These could be joined by Wilson, who is completing Short Course 10. Also possible for Miss Bullen and Miss Parsloe to do Diploma of Education at Sydney University. Suggests Groves takes official action with NSW Department of Education and Sydney University to enroll the CEOs.

**WC Groves to S. T. Jones, Cadet Education Officers, 20 October 1948.** G radioed Department of External Territories to enrol CEOs into Sydney Teachers College and Sydney University. Five trained teachers have been recommended for appointment at Education Officers.

**WC Groves to T.L. Robertson, 25 October 1948.** Robertson was at Commonwealth Office of Education Sydney. Groves sent him all he had prepared on CEO plan. Groves had been sick in Canberra and now back in bed in Port Moresby.

**AA Conlon to JK Murray 1 November 1948.** Puts case for Wedgood plan. Very critical of Groves.

**Acting Administrator to JK Murray 31 December 1948.** Murray in Melbourne. Roscoe says he could use fifty CEOs. The proposal has been radioed to Halligan. Education Department decided some time ago to have Education Ordinance drafted by Crown Law Office in PNG rather than wait for the legal committee in Australia. First draft has gone but amendments need to be made concerning compulsory education and whether sectarian or non-sectarian religious ed in school.