

# Soroako Old Days Pictures Presentation Narrative

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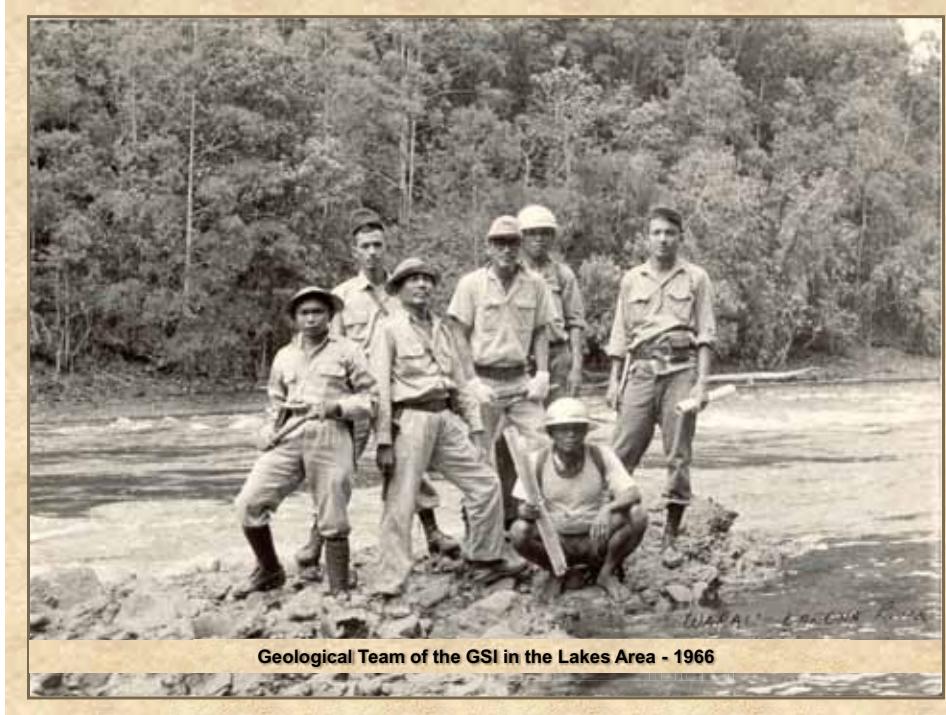
## The beginning (1) ...

The Government's "Malili Nickel Project"  
funded by the Dept. of Mines (in 1966) with:

Project Coordinator: H. Singawinata

Field Project Geologist: B.N. Wahju

Logistic Coordinator: R. Musu



Geological Team of the GSI in the Lakes Area - 1966



## The beginning (2) ...

Jakarta in 1968

The beginning of Inco Ltd interest in the Nickel potential of Sulawesi

**Hotel Indonesia in 1968**



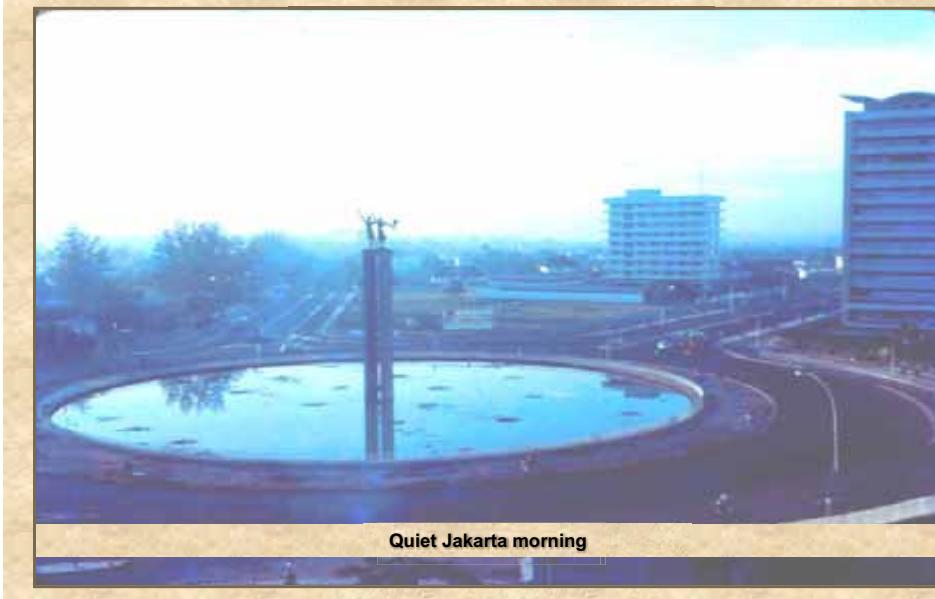
Inco Ltd booked room 1202 and 1203 as their HQ's in Jakarta – 1967-1968

## Hotel Indonesia in 1968



Asoka Hotel – view from HI towards the North

**Hotel Indonesia in 1968**





**Charlie Michener, V.P. of Inco Ltd  
visited Indonesia, visited Bandung and then  
to Sulawesi (1967)**

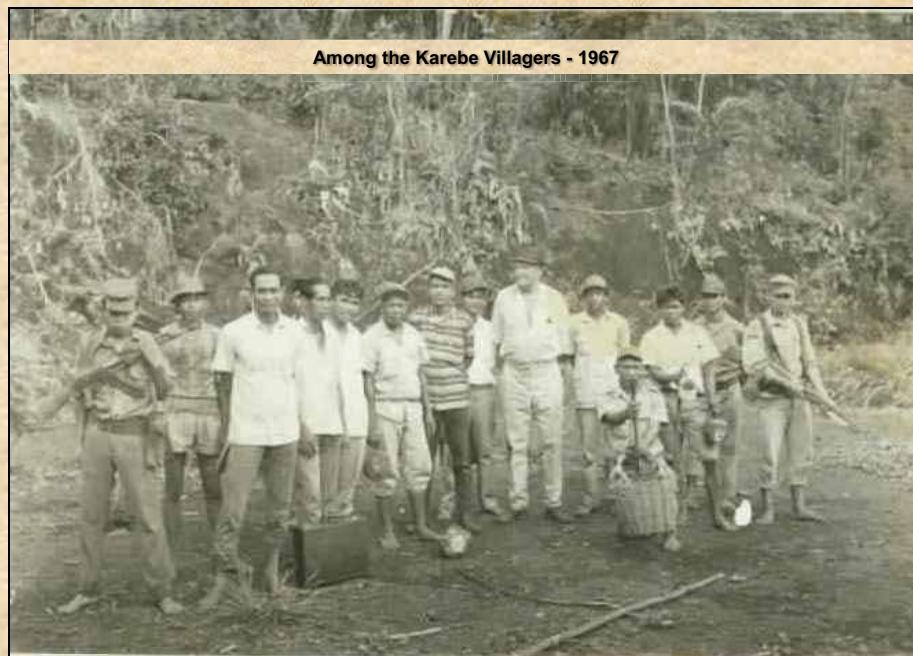


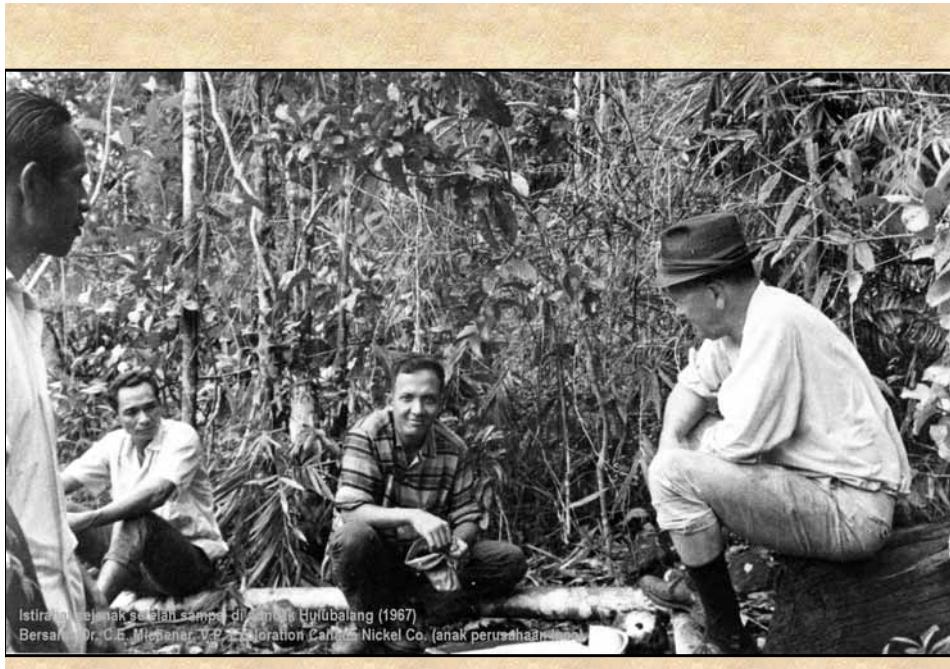
From Malili to Karelbe by Canoe - 1967



Visit of Charlie Michener to Bulubalang Mt. - 1967

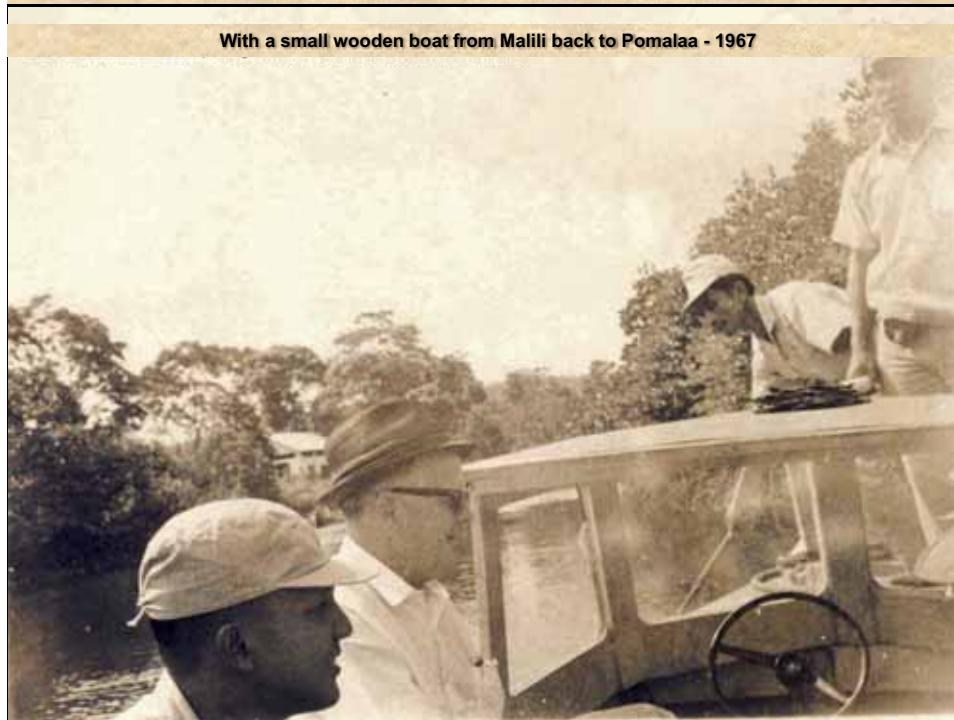
Among the Karebe Villagers - 1967





Istirahet lejotak setelah sampai di dalam lahan Hulubalang (1967)  
Bersama Dr. C.G. Miedenier, V.P. Exploration Canadia Nickel Co. (anak perusahaan Vale)

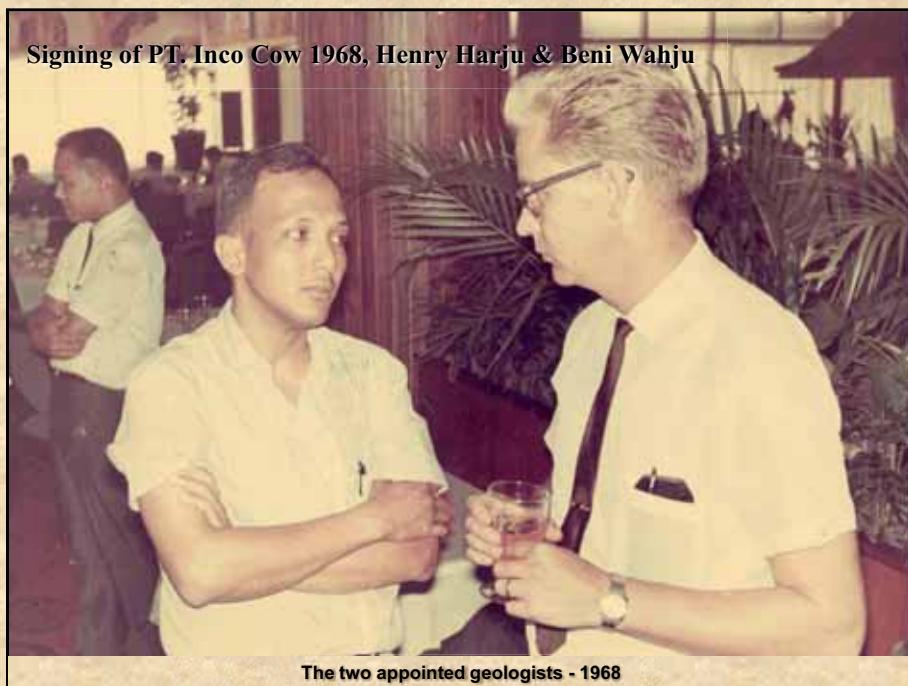
**With a small wooden boat from Malili back to Pomalaa - 1967**





**Signing of the Project  
(2<sup>nd</sup> generation Contract of Work) in 1968**

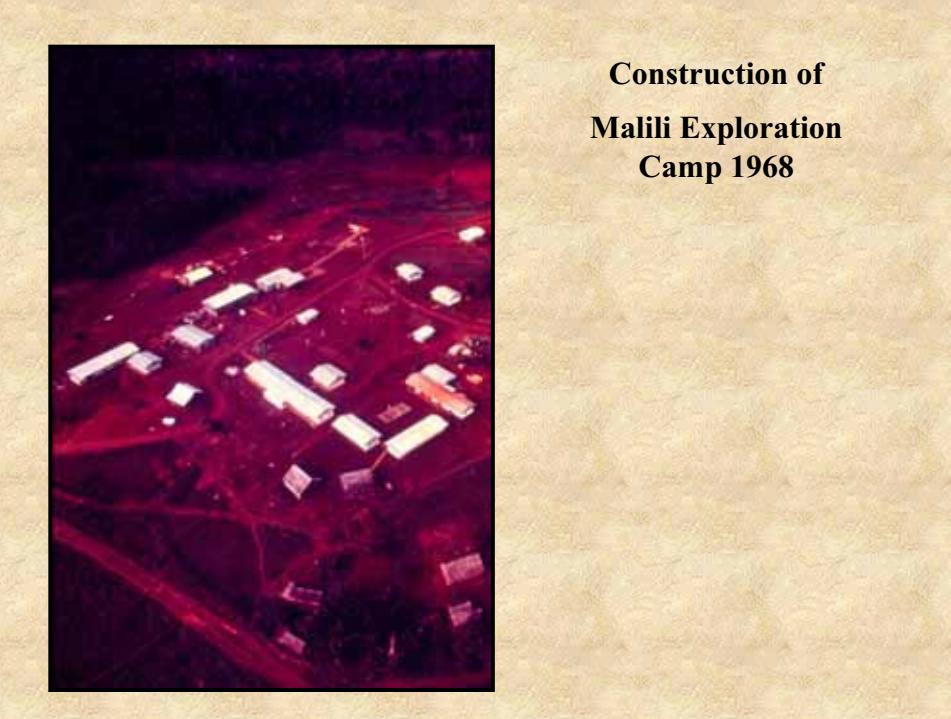
**Signing of PT. Inco Cow 1968, Henry Harju & Beni Wahju**



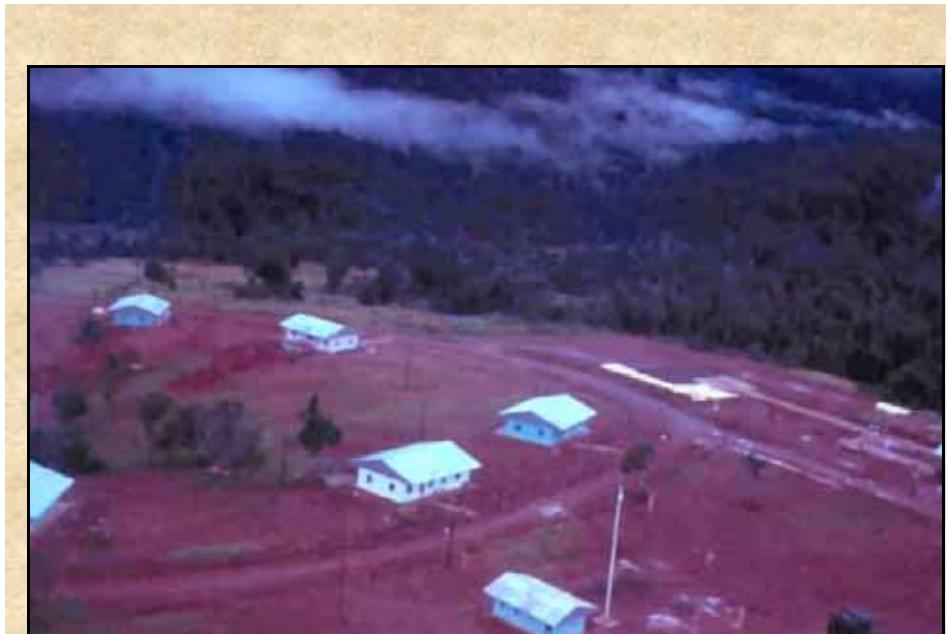




Exploration starts in 1968

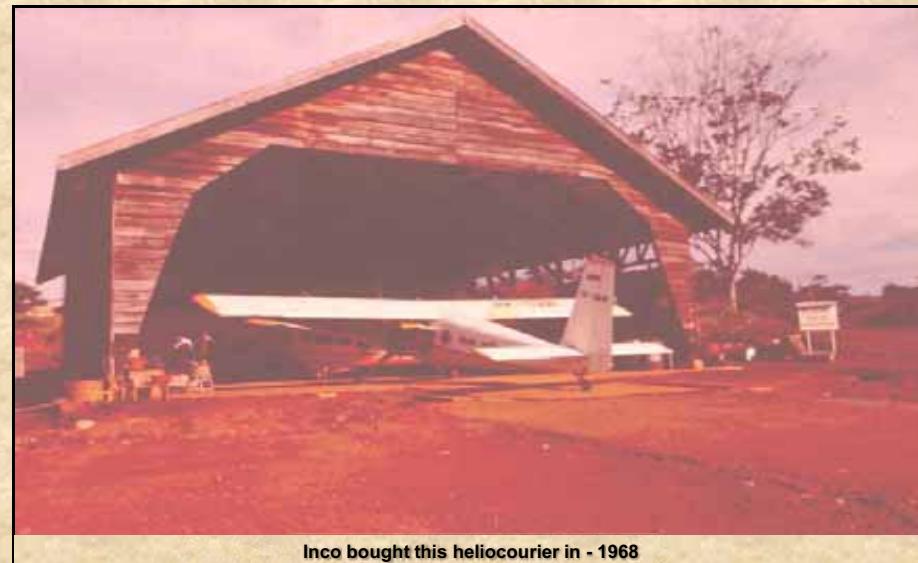


**Construction of  
Malili Exploration  
Camp 1968**



Housing Complex for Sr. Staff in Malili - 1968

**Heliocourier – Malili 1968**



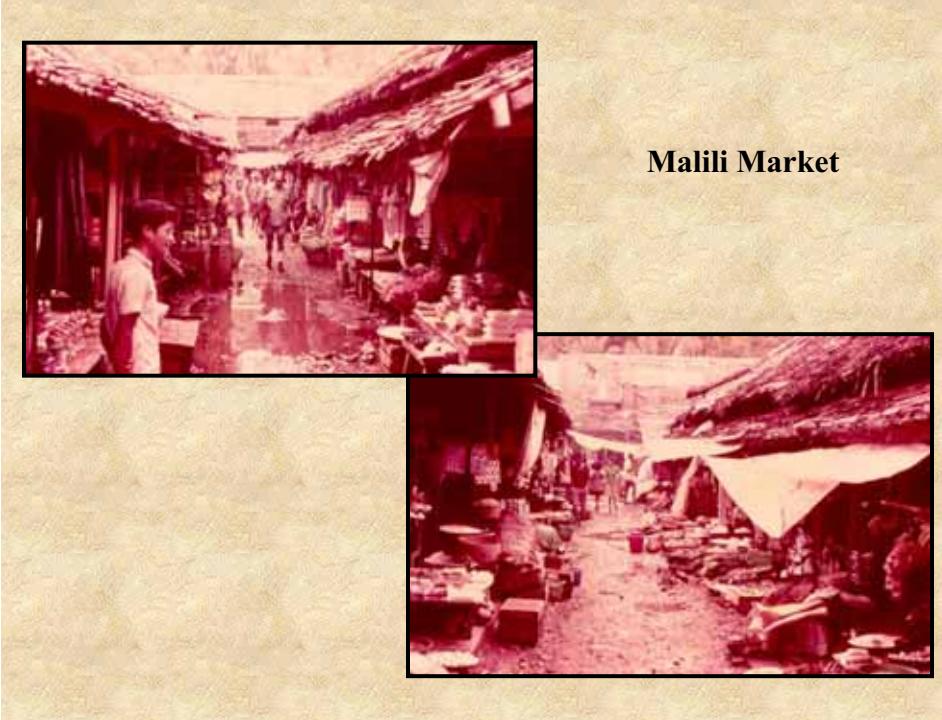
Inco bought this heliocourier in - 1968

**The only tailor in Malili - 1968**



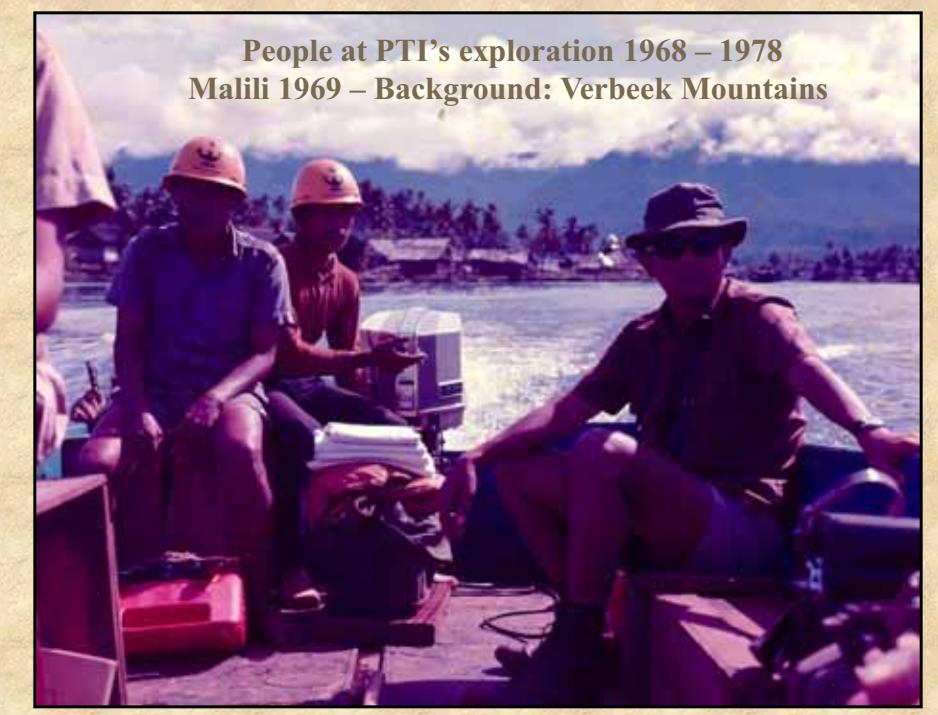
**The best market**





**Malili Market**

People at PTI's exploration 1968 – 1978  
Malili 1969 – Background: Verbeek Mountains





← Lasua sua Camp



Cook's assistants  
outside Makalolo Bar  
1969 (Elizabeth &  
Mournie) →



W. Delaney's picture

← Lasua sua Camp -  
Mourni, Dullah's Wife  
& Warren Delaney



W. Delaney's picture

Perahu "Diana"  
When BNW has to go  
to Pomalaa to "buy" rice  
from Antam ... 1969 →

Wibeke at Lasua sua  
- 1969

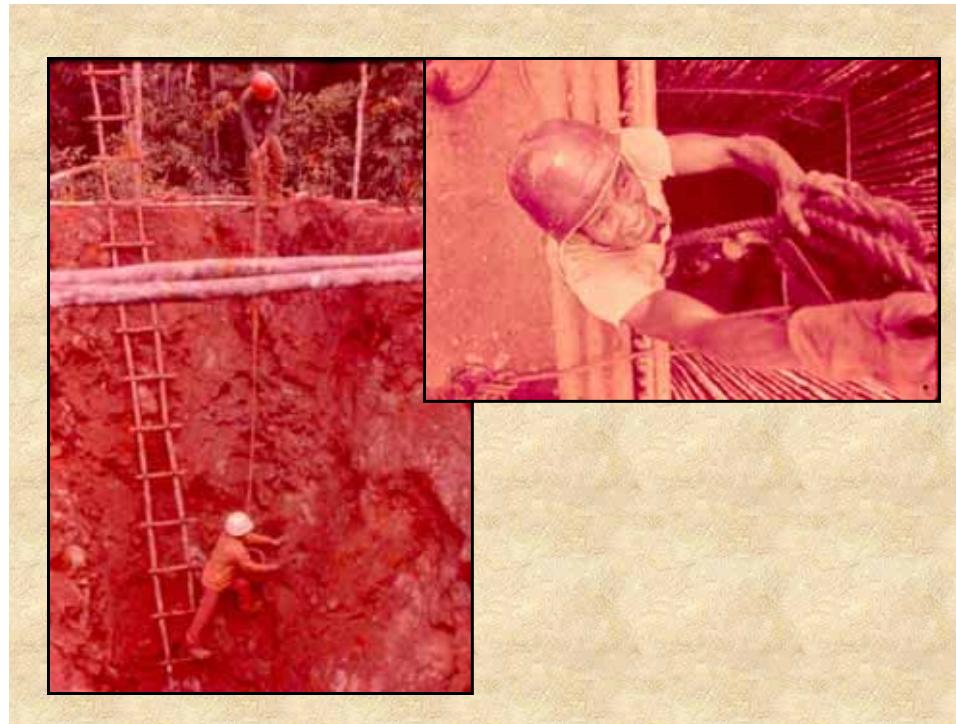


↑ Unloading fuel  
from Wibeke at  
Lasua sua



Pitting Pao pao 1969 ↴



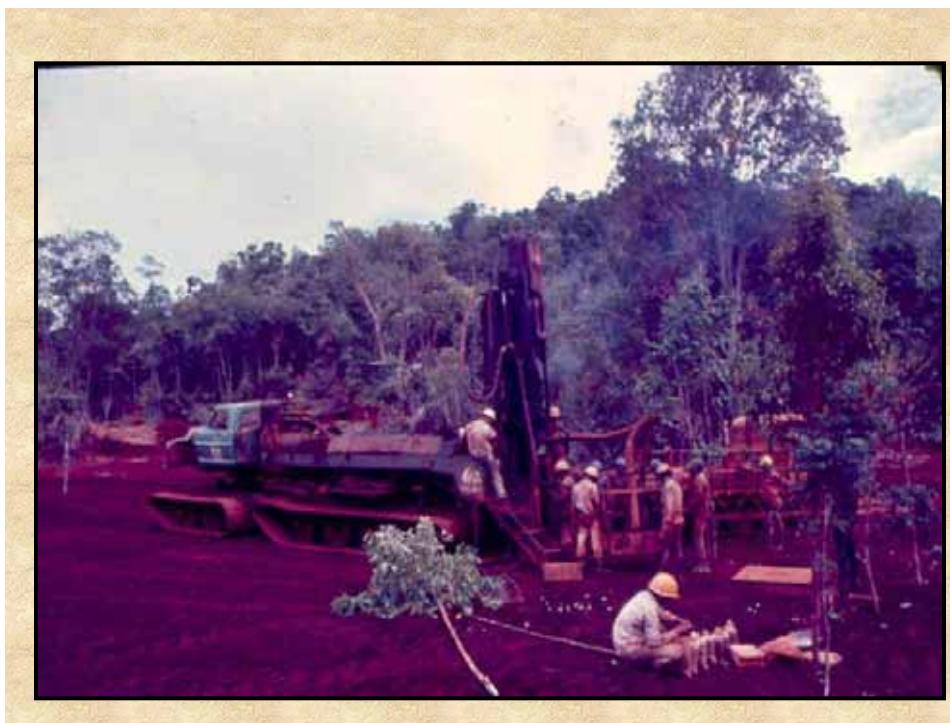


**Becker**

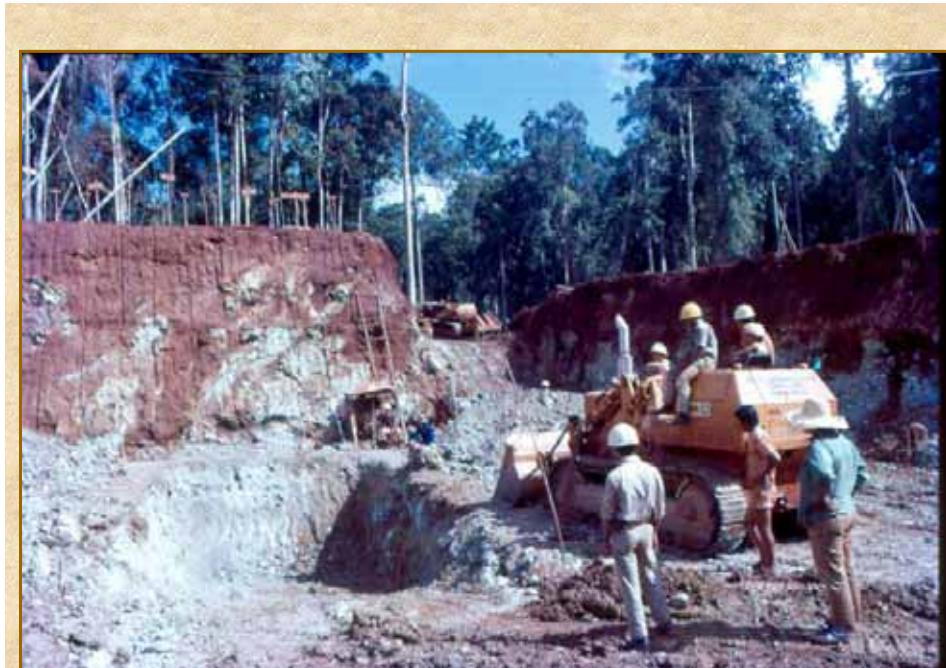


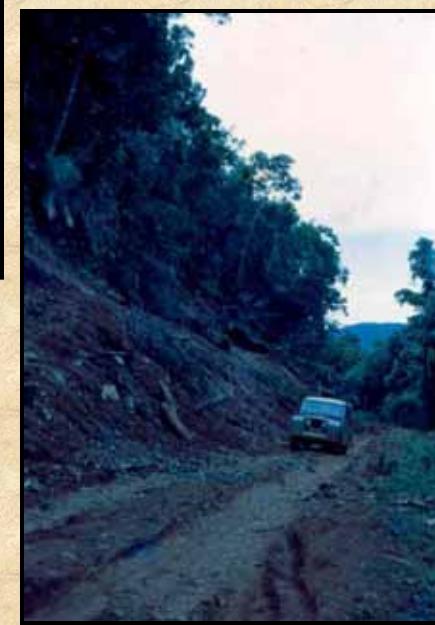
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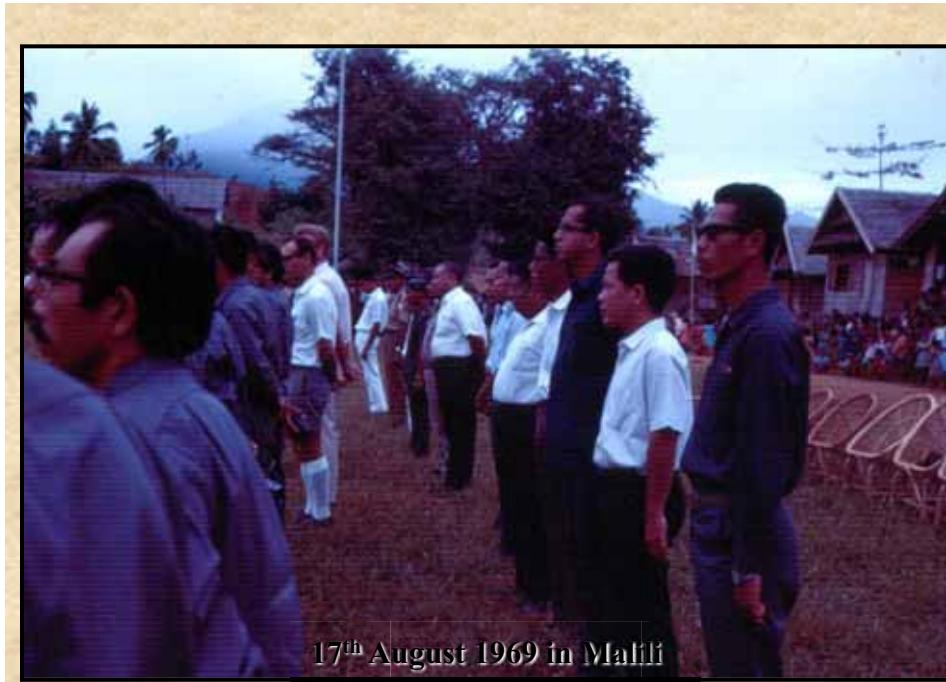






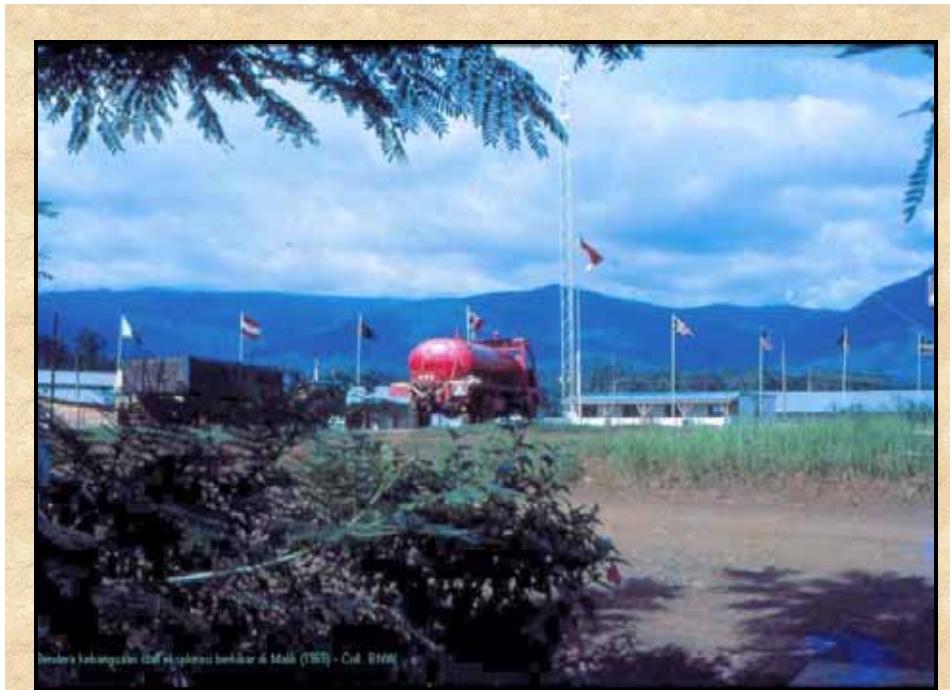




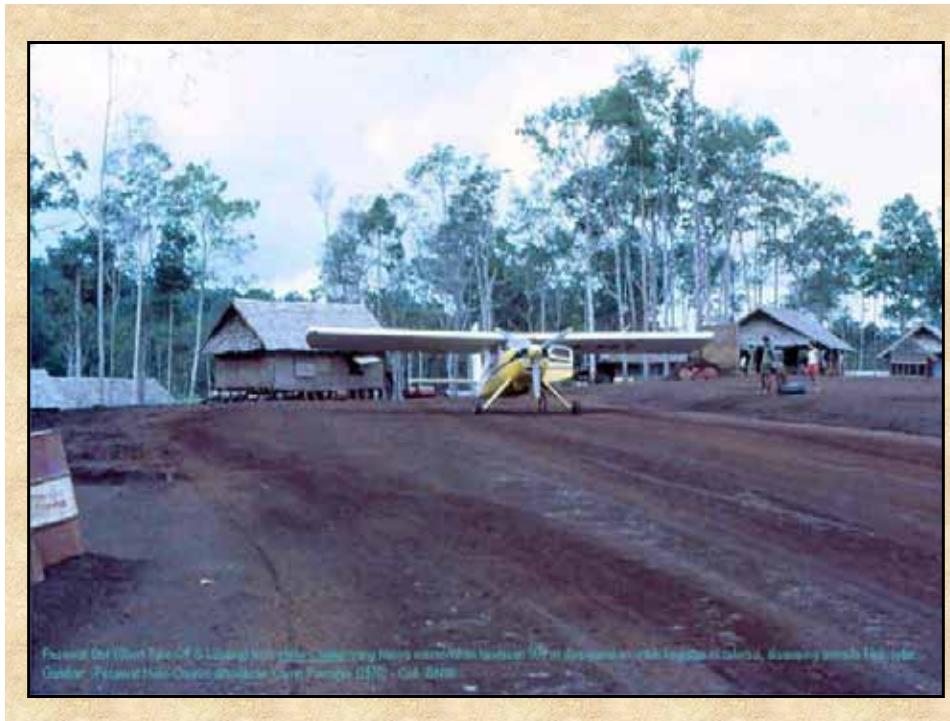


17<sup>th</sup> August 1969 in Malili





Terreno di sbarco dei missini a Malibó (1963) - Col. BNA



Pesawat Cessna 172 di Landasan Udara Desa Sungai Raya yang berada di depan rumah warga desa yang dilengkapi dengan jembatan gantung.

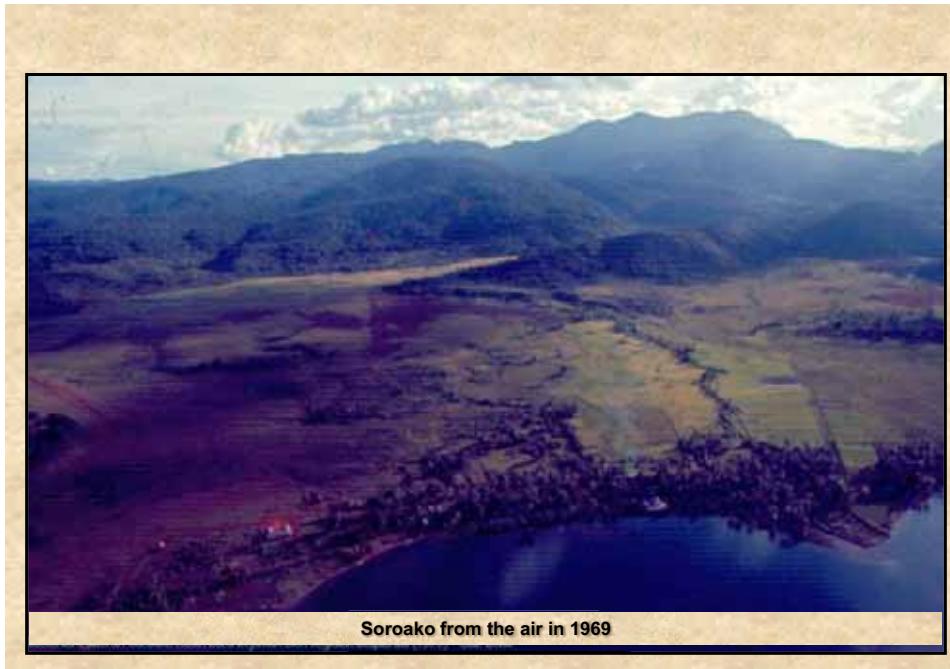


**Larona Gorge**

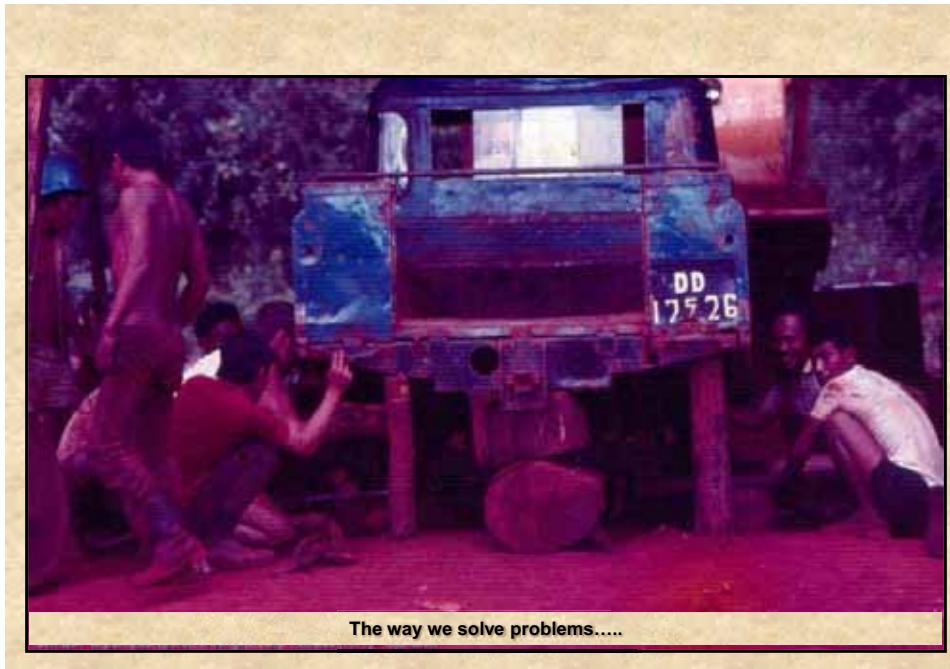


**Soroako Plain**

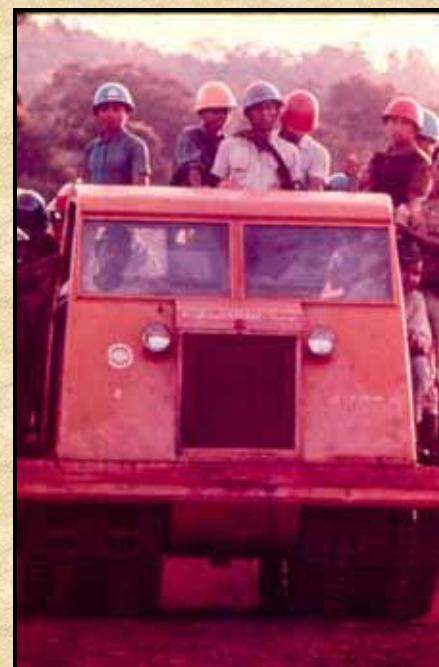




Soroako from the air in 1969



The way we solve problems.....



**Exploration office staff, Malili - 1970**



Malili 1970 - Ann & Ibu Masdar



Visit of F. Zurbrigg - 1970





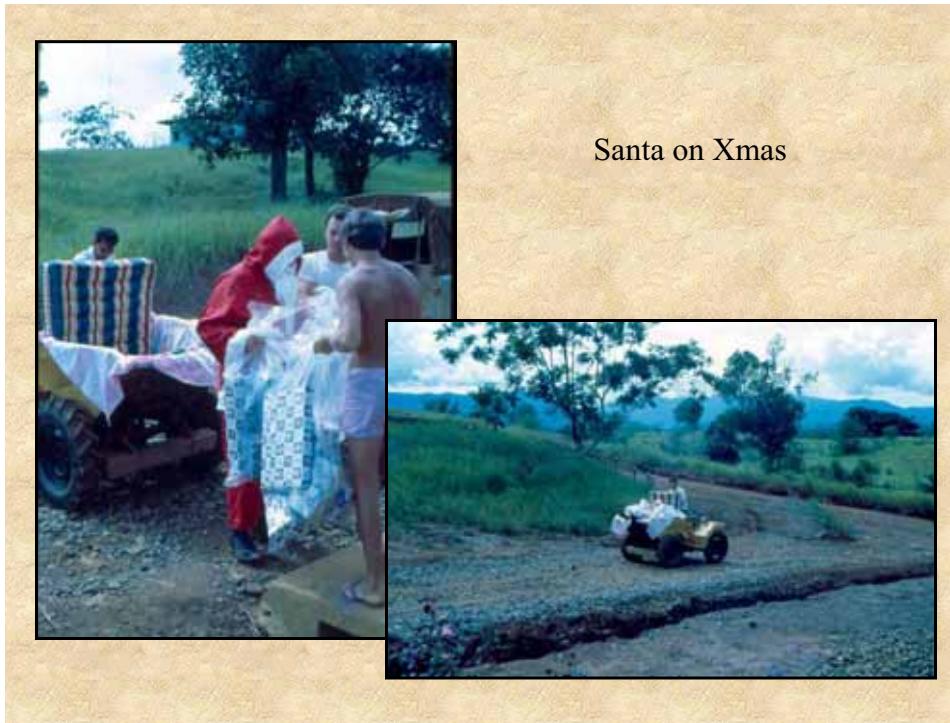
Kebakaran di Malili - Sr. Mess 1970



**Burned down! – Sr. Mess 1970**

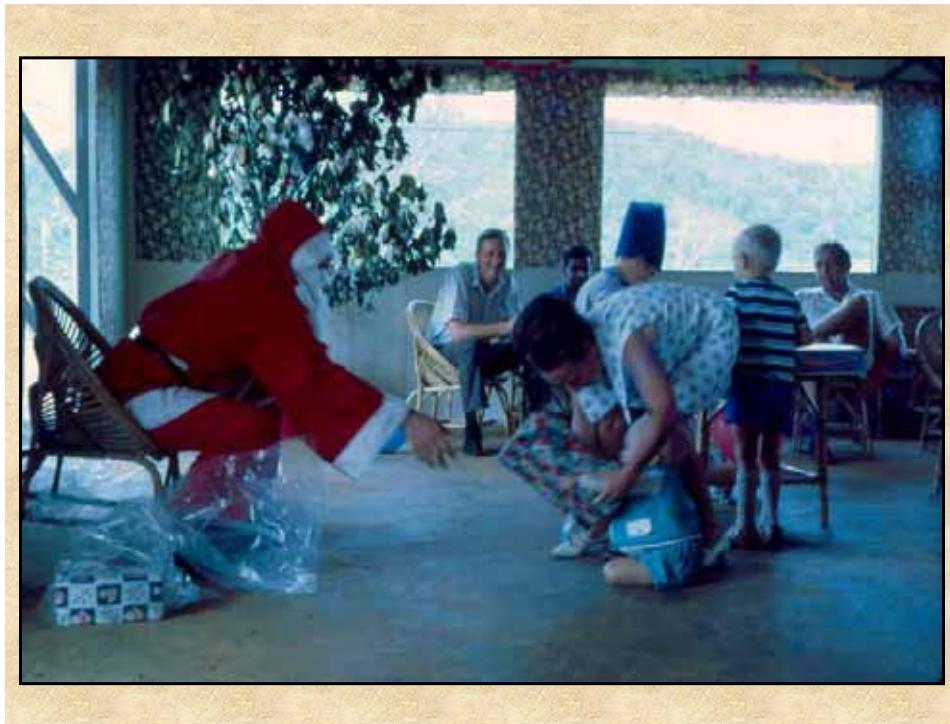


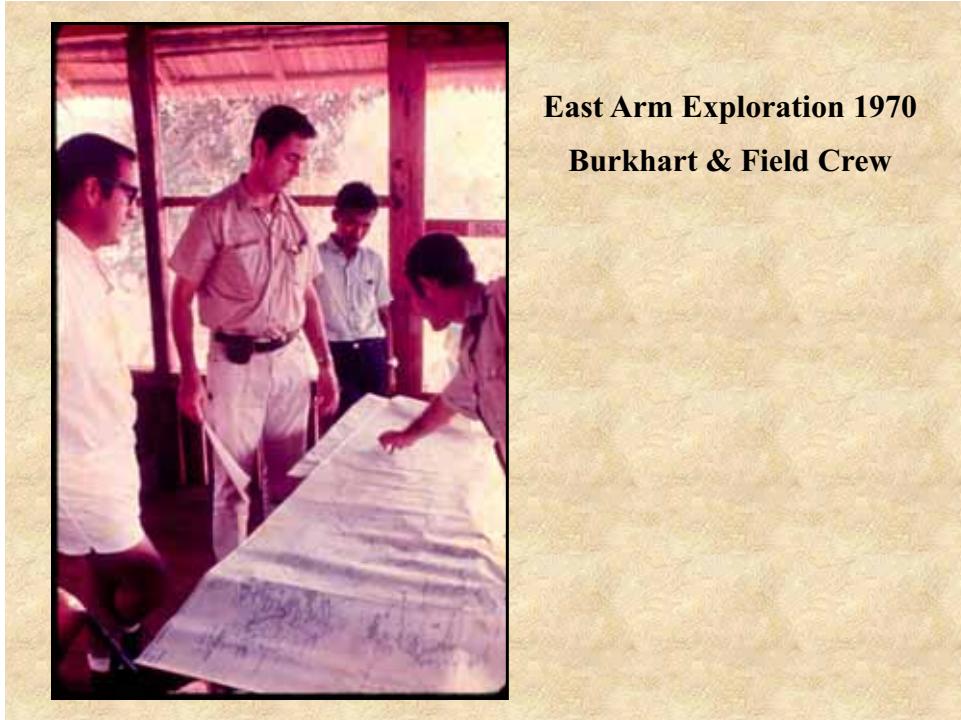
Shoes "stock pile" 1970, evacuation from the Mess



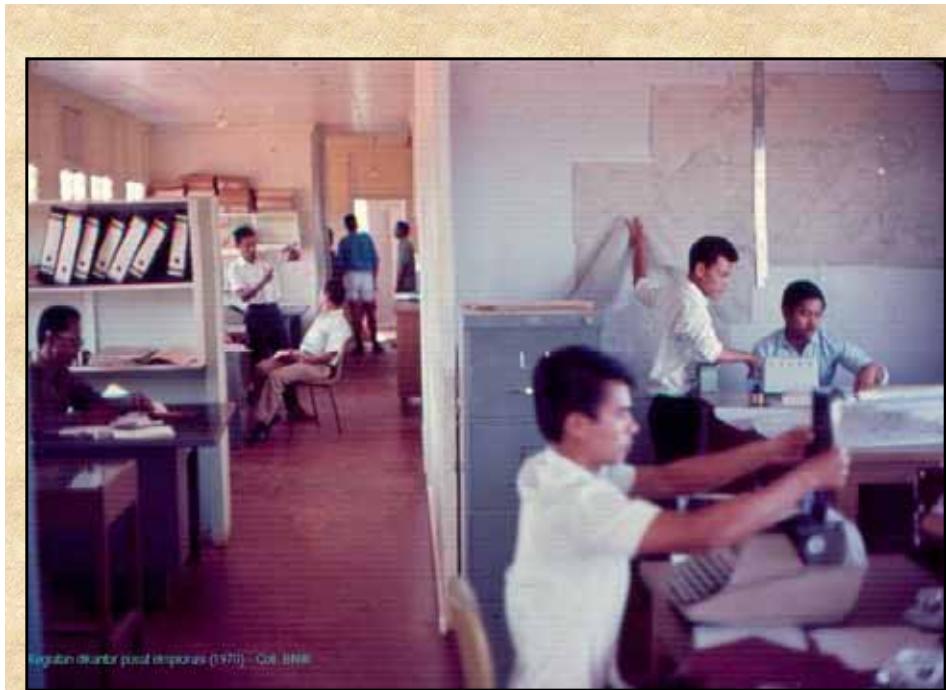
Santa on Xmas



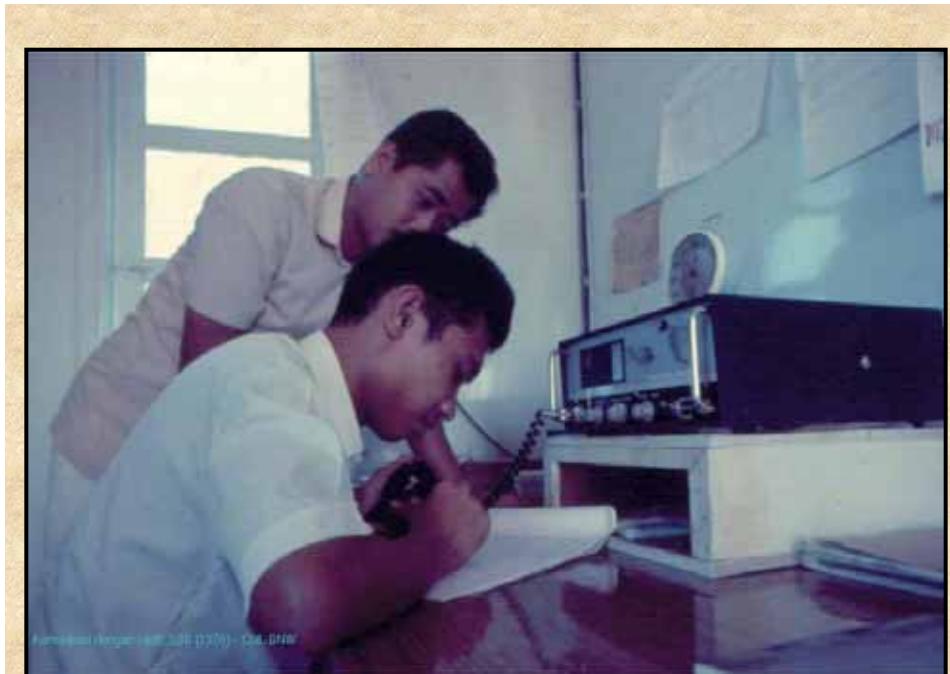




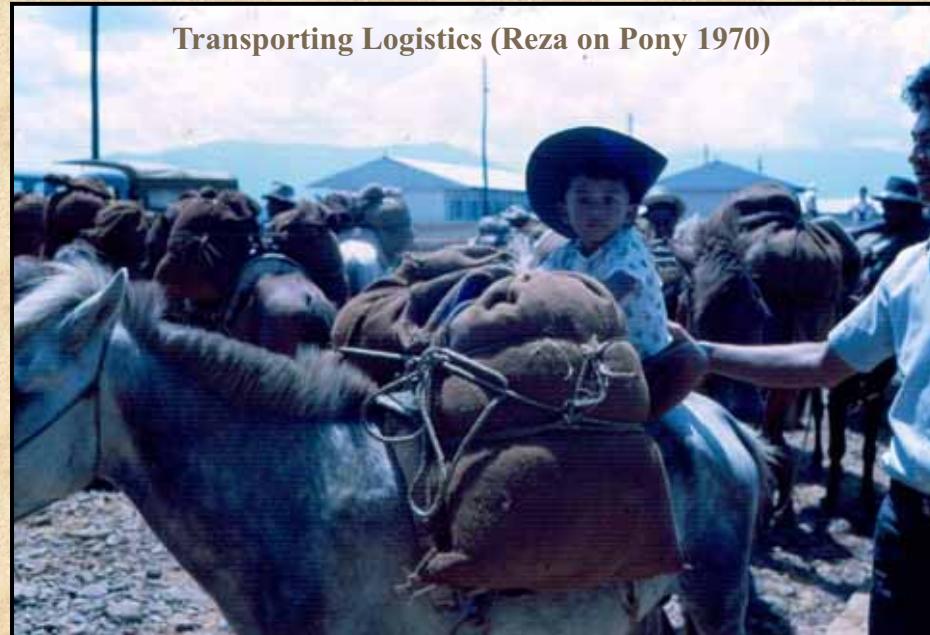
**East Arm Exploration 1970**  
**Burkhart & Field Crew**



Gedung di kantor posul eksporasi (1970) - Col. BPK



Transporting Logistics (Reza on Pony 1970)





1970...

Friendship starts early.

Robin Hamilton is now  
a Police Officer in London

Reza a Sr. Finance Analyst  
with Newmont in Denver  
(2010)

1970...

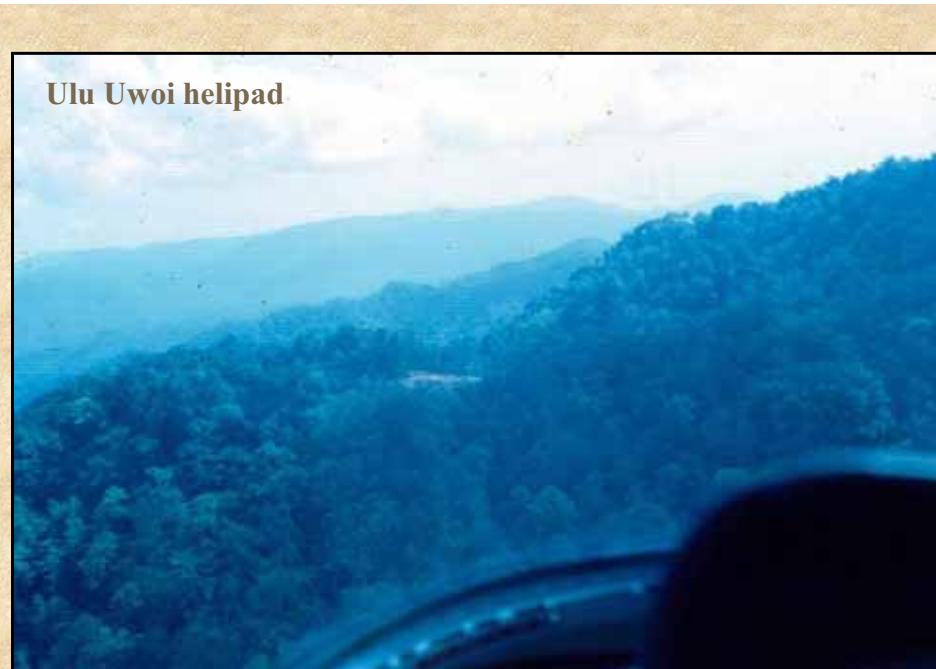
Friendship starts early.

Michael Heseltine is now  
a heavy equipment operator  
at Pilbara Iron Mine,  
West Australia

Reza a Sr. Finance Analyst  
with Newmont in Denver  
(2010)



**Ulu Uwoi helipad**



Dr. Rubini in Kolonodale 1970





**Edith Heseltine –Malili 1970**



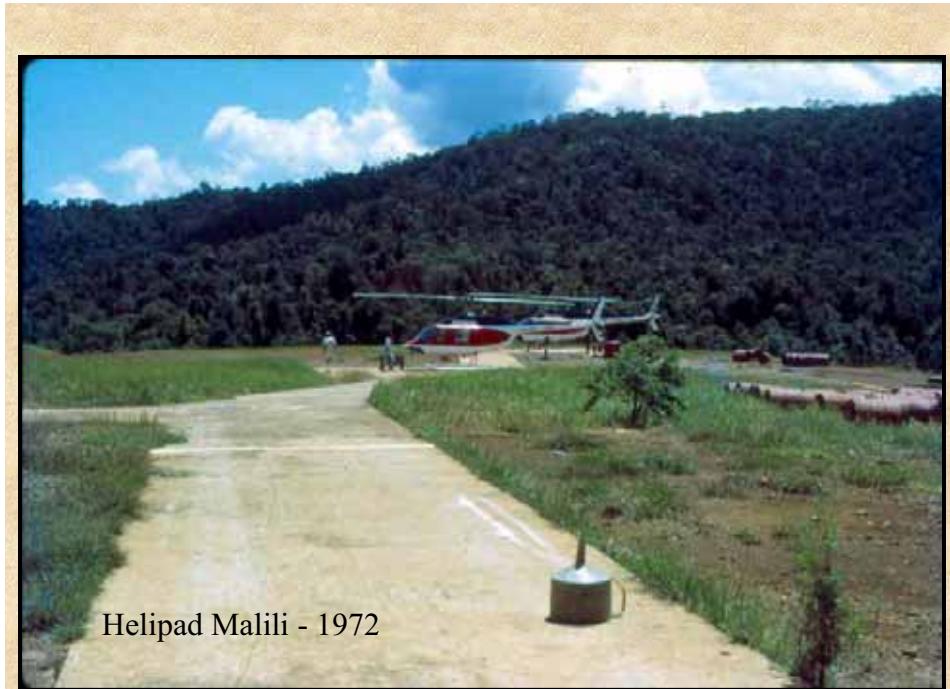
**Sunday in Malili**



Visitors 1971 – Ambassador of the U.K. and wife



Ms. Elize – 1972 – The luxury yacht not for exploration



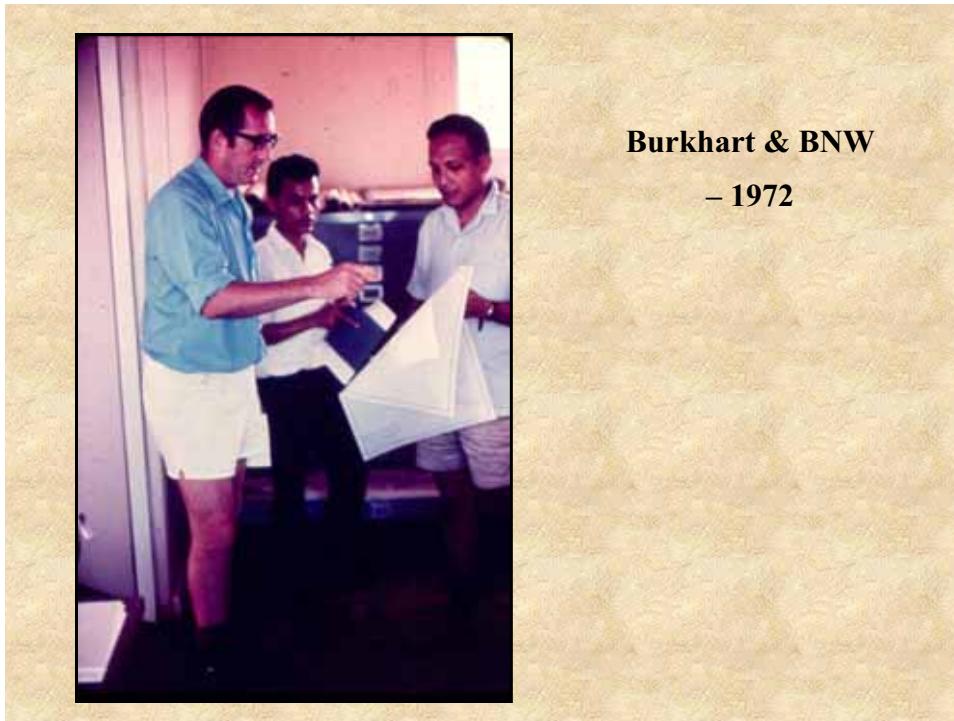
Helipad Malili - 1972

**Heli Crew – 1972**



Heli – 1972





**Burkhart & BNW**

**– 1972**

Burkhart

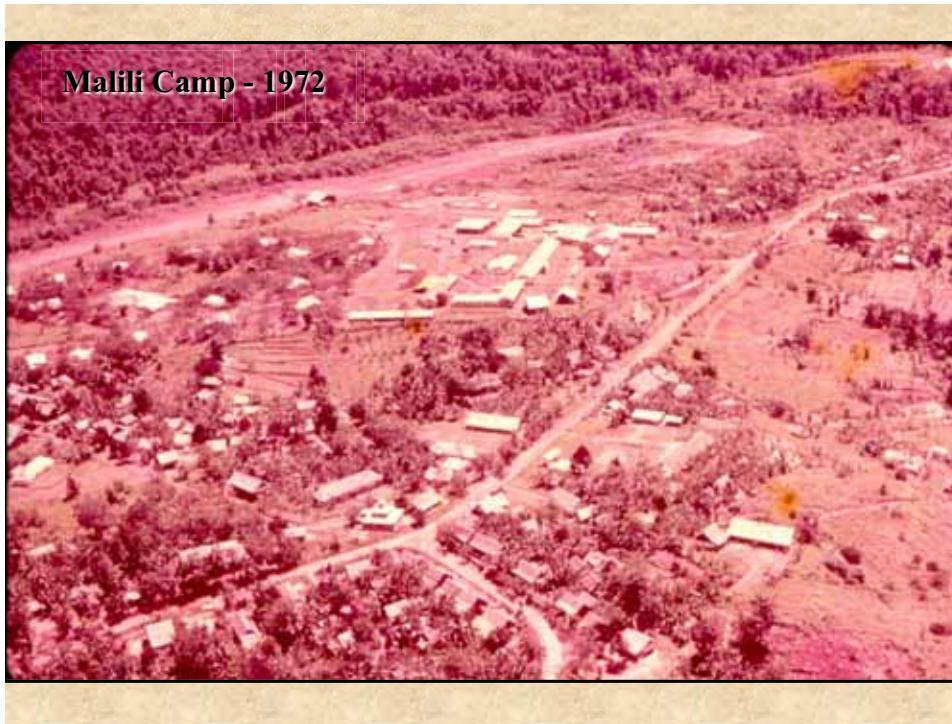




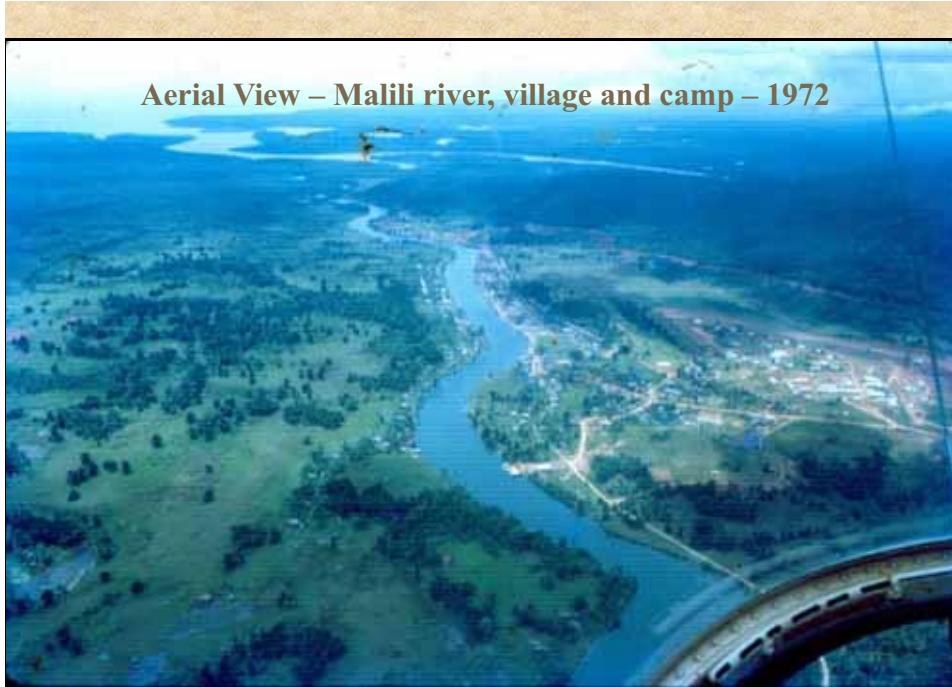
Bob & Mrs. Burkhart



dr. Subroto – Malili 1972



Aerial View – Malili river, village and camp – 1972





Field camp in  
Kolonodale - 1972

Kolonodale from the air







Handoko & Subandoro

Subandoro and his team  
in Towana Country-E-  
Arm of Sulawesi  
- 1972 →



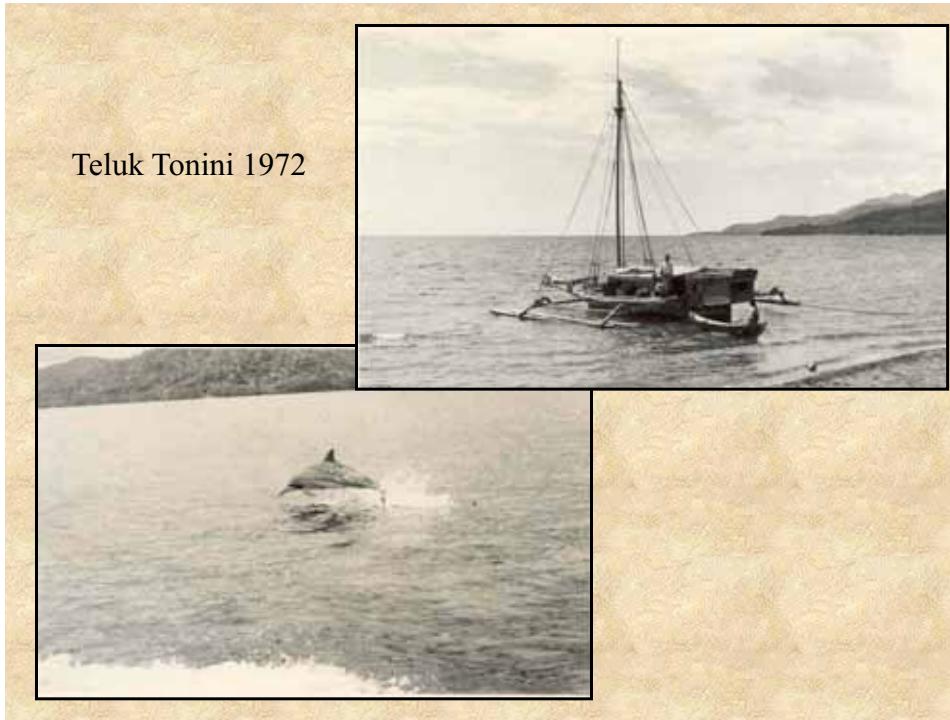


← George Coakley in  
Ampana - 1972

In the tug boat from  
Poso to Ampana →

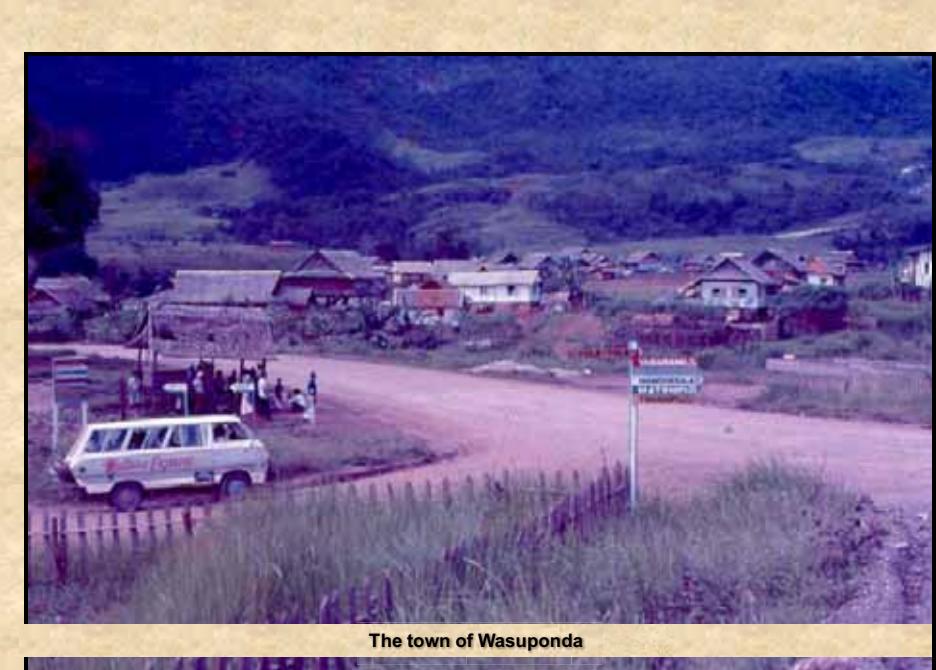


Teluk Tonini 1972



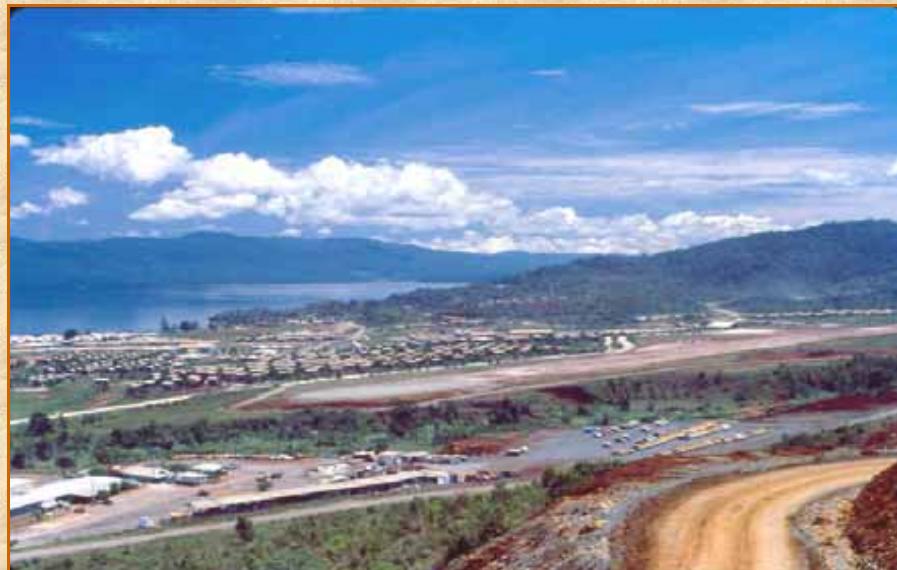
**Rusa graben – 1972**



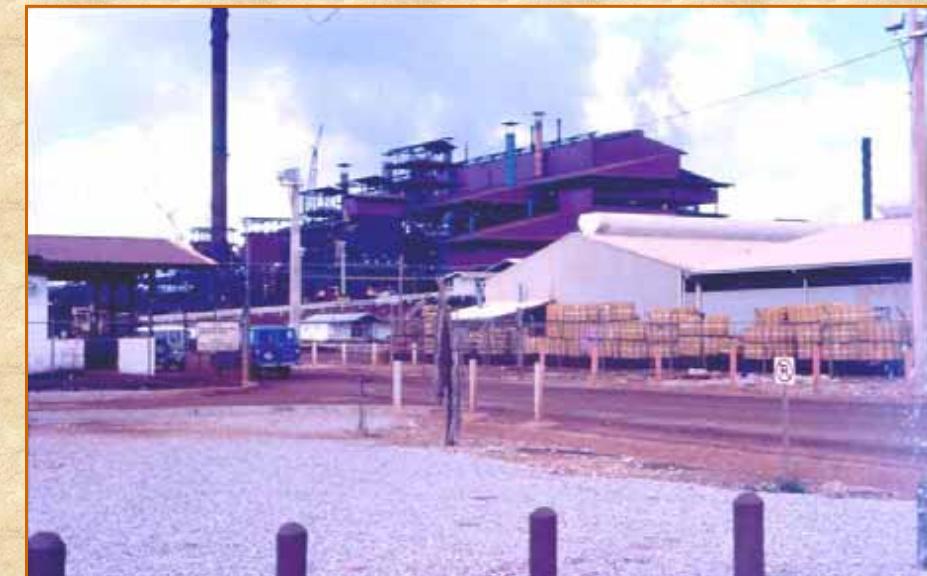


The town of Wasuponda

**Soroako Housing – 1975**

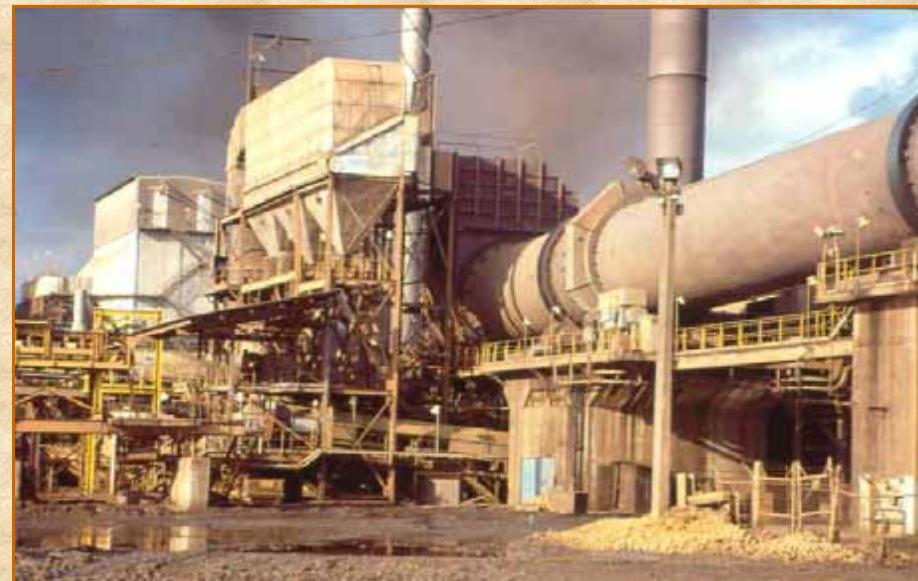


**Soroako Plant – 1977**





**Plant Site**

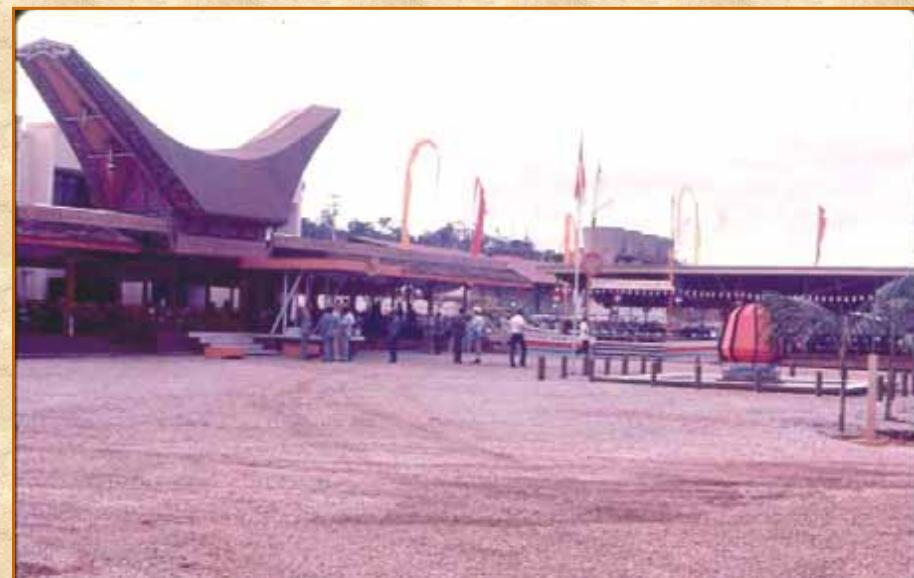


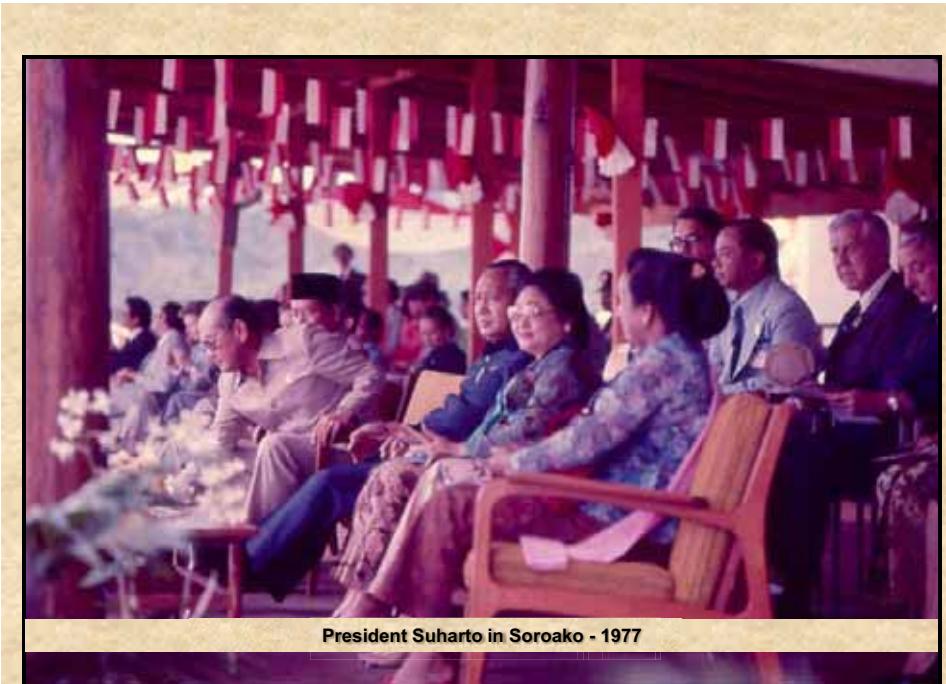
### Sorokoko Dam



In 1978, the Larona damside was finalized, producing 168 MW electricity

**Opening Ceremony - 1977**





**President Suharto in Soroako - 1977**



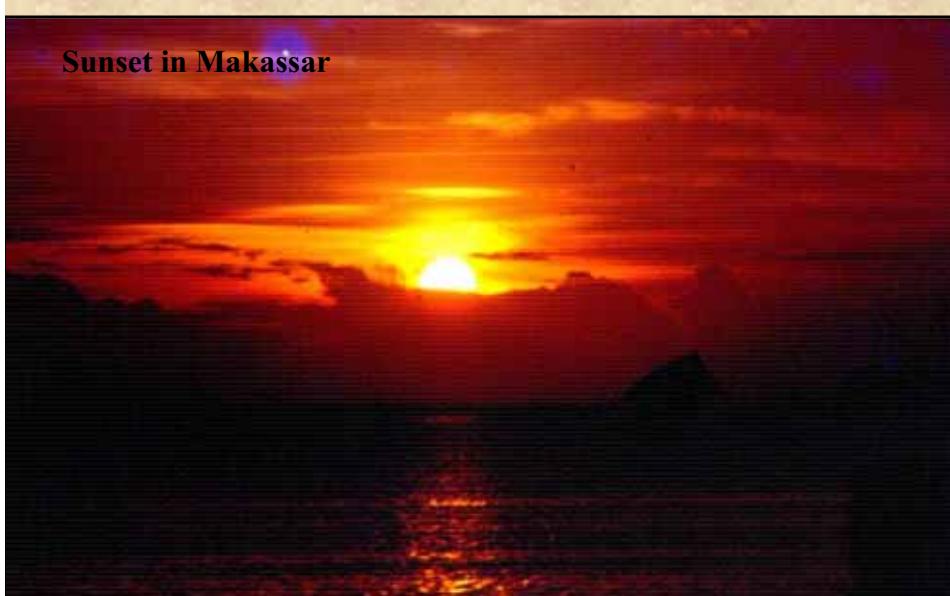
## The people involved (Pioneers of the Project)



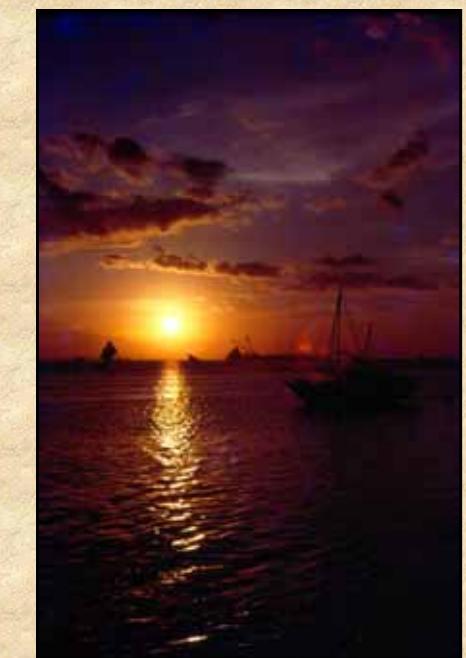
**Reunion of the Field Pioneers in Soroako in 1978 from left to right:**

1. **Handoko Sumardjo & Lena**, he passed away on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1995
2. **Vishnu Pada & Lata**, he passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1985
3. **R. Musu & Rannu**
4. **Sujadi Sastrosugito & Yus**, he passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2004
5. **Agus Suparman & Ida**, he passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1992
6. **Djalil Nasution & Juju**
7. **Bill Heseltine & Edith**, he passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1986
8. **Waheed Ahmad & Amtul**
9. **Beni Wahju & Soffie**
10. **Sanusi Masdar (absent) & Hadijah**, he passed away on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1988

**Sunset in Makassar**



**There were beginning and then the end ...  
5 pioneers passed away while another 5 still surviving (2011)**



*Postscript:  
The success of  
PT. Inco exploration  
was a realization  
of a team-work effort.  
Inco, PT. Inco,  
Geological Survey of Indonesia,  
Taylor Woodrow Ltd.,  
ITB,  
UI (Medical Faculty), AURI,  
Bristow – Masayu, Central,  
Provincial & local government,  
and the people of Sulawesi,  
Etc.*

THE END

