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PATROL REPORTS SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT 1966-67

PANGIA

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
3-66-67	Peter R. Kerr	Part Wiru Census Div.
4-66-67	Peter R. Kerr	Wiru Census Division
7-66-67	P.H. Andrews	South of Poru River, Wiru CD
9-66-67	Peter H. Andrews	East Pangia station, N/& S. of Poru River, Wiru CD



DDA  
P.M.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS** ..... Pangia **Report No. 3 of 1966/1967** .....

Patrol Conducted by **Peter R. Kerr** ..... **Patrol Officer.** .....

Area Patrolled **Part WIRU GUNYA DIVISION** .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **Nil** .....  
Natives **1. Gaso Local Government Assistant**  
**2. Patrol Interpreters** .....

Duration—From **31st 7./1966** to **10/8/1966** .....

Number of Days **11 days (10 nights)** .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **No** .....

Last Patrol to Area by **District Services** ..... / **7** / 1966 .....

Medical ..... / **6** / 1966 .....

Map Reference **District Map Southern Highlands** .....

Objects of Patrol **Conduct Pangia Local Government Council Elections**  
**Collect Council Head Tax** .....

**Routine Administration.**

Director of District Administration,  
**PORT MORESBY.**

Forwarded, please.

31/8/1966

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £.....  
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... £.....  
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund .....



67-15-3

18th October, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
N E N D I.

PANGIA PATROL REPORT NO. 3-1966/67:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Patrol Report by Mr. P. Kerr and of covering memoranda.

2. The Commissioner for Local Government advises that comment has been made on the Election Report regarding Council Election matters.
3. The Patrol Instructions were well set out, too many Patrol Reports are received without Patrol Instructions being attached.
4. All other aspects of the report are dealt with in the covering memoranda.
5. A well conducted patrol, which reveals a very satisfactory position in the area.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

See to Election 10/10



67.15.3 (13)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegramm  
Our Reference 67-3-9  
If calling ask for  
Mr.



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

31st August, 1966.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Subject:- Pangia Patrol No 3 of 1966/67

Attached please find the following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr. P. Kerr, Patrol Officer, to part of the WIRU Census Division.

- (i) Patrol Report.
- (ii) Patrol Instructions, Pangia memorandum, 67-1-2 of 29th July, 1966.
- (iii) Covering memorandum, 67-2-1 of 22nd August, 1966 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Pangia.

2. The report reveals a highly satisfactory state of affairs amongst a people who are not only very co-operative but have reached a stage where they are most receptive and enthusiastic for development. Unless this attitude is exploited it could quickly change to one of demand with embarrassing consequences. This is receiving attention - despite the comments of the Assistant District Commissioner. It may not be all that the Assistant District Commissioner and his staff would like especially in the fields of Education and agriculture but it represents a fair percentage of the present limited resources of this District.

3. A well conducted patrol.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.

*Comment has been made in to Election Report. 10/10.*





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Telegrams  
Telephone  
Our Reference 67-2-1  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....

Sub-District Office,  
PANGIA,  
Southern Highlands District.

22nd August, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
Dept. of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

PANGIA PATROL NO. 3 OF 1966/67.

The original and two copies of the above report, together with camping allowance claims, are forwarded herewith.

It was pleasing to read that Councillors appear sensible to the fact that they are responsible to their electorate and have, from time to time, the justify their administration - it is indeed a pleasant change to see an element that regards itself as responsible to the general public for its actions.

The large numbers of people, both candidates and electors, who participated in the elections demonstrates the keenness with which the local people are prepared to support this Council.

My views on excessive numbers of absentees and continued export of labour have been dealt with at length elsewhere.

The possibility of Council legislation to restrict child marriages will be considered.

A good Native Situation, It is a pity that the administration is unable to exploit the obvious enthusiasm of these people for development. Surely these people are entitled more outside assistance than has been extended to date. Certainly the officers at Pangia can do little more to advance the progress of these people without such assistance.

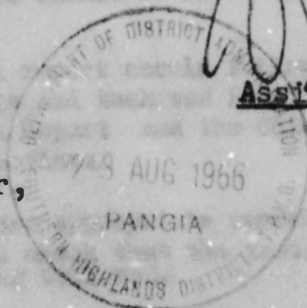
The attitude of the people toward Health and Health Services is good. It is hoped that some sort of Infant and Maternal Welfare Service can be commenced when the road system is a little further advanced. There has been no activity at all in this direction to date. It would be a pity if the people's receptive attitude were jeopardized by inactivity in this direction also.

My views on the Education Department and its - to me, incomprehensible - policies and priorities have already been made known in earlier patrol comments. Further comment would appear to be a waste of my time as neither logic nor equity appear to play any part in the allocation of educational facilities.

I am glad to see that Mr Gaso, Local Government Assistant, rendered the patrol valuable assistance. An interesting and informative report on a useful patrol. Both Mr Kerr and Mr Gaso carried out their duties in a very satisfactory manner.

( B. M. O'NEILL )  
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c Mr F.R. Kerr,  
Patrol Officer,  
PANGIA.







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Telephone  
Telex  
On Route 67-1-2  
If calling ask for  
Mr. O'Neill

Subdistrict Office,  
PANGIA,  
Southern Highlands District.

29th July 1966

Mr P. R. Kerr,  
Patrol Officer,  
PANGIA.

PANGIA PATROL NO. 5 of 1966/67 - INSTRUCTIONS:

The main object of your patrol is the conduct of the second Pangia Council Elections and Council Tax Collection. The elections must commence on 1/8/66. This will make it necessary for you to move out to your allocated starting point on the 31st of July, 1966. Your starting point is at UNDIAPU.

Polling Places and the wards to vote at each place are listed below:-

<u>Polling Place</u>	<u>Wards</u>
UNDIAPU	Undiapa = 2 Crs Keia = 1 Cr
TIMBARI	Timbari = 2 Crs
PUGI	Pugi = 1 Cr Lama/Wembar = 1 Cr
TEMPIKENI	Tempikeni = 2 Cr
TUNDA	Tunda = 1 Cr Karabari = 1 Cr
MARABIN	Marabin = 1 Cr Mambin = 1 Cr
POROGO	Porogo = 1 Cr Berona = 1 Cr Karu = 1 Cr
KARANI	Karani = 1 Cr Iare = 1 Cr Poreie = 1 Cr

Constables Pumbi, Gatan and Kesuri plus Interpreters Wapu and Yegai will accompany your patrol. Mr Arthur Gase, Local Government Assistant, will also accompany your patrol. He should be quite helpful and any assistance or encouragement you can give him will be appreciated.

Collecting tax at the same time as the elections may be a little confusing at first, however please consult the Council Advisor, Mr Barber, regarding any aspect that are not clear. Mr Barber will be patrolling the remainder of the Council Area at the same time. There should be no serious difficulties encountered and it should be possible with two patrols to get both the elections and the tax collection cleared up in two weeks.

The successful completion of these elections is most important and I want all the paper-work involved in the elections completed at the earliest possible date. All returns and reports should be submitted to the Council advisor three days after your return.

Your patrol report should follow the report submitted by Mr Sisley last year. His patrol route and task was identical with your present patrol. Please refer to last years Election Report and the Chief Electoral Officer's instructions re the conduct of Council Elections.

Please ensure appropriate remarks are entered in village books at each place you visit. Also check that the instructions entered therein during Mr Barbers recent patrol are being followed.

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Copies of these instructions are to accompany your patrol report when it is submitted after the patrol.

If you have any queries further to the above please see Mr Barber or myself before you depart.

I trust you will have a successful and rewarding patrol.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
**(R. E. O'NEILL)**  
**Assistant District Commissioner**

- 1. ...
- 2. Collect Council Tax.
- 3. Routine Administration.

Director - Port  
Last Patrol to the Area  
Map References  
Objects of Patrol



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT

Fangia Report No. 3 of 1966/1967

Part WIDU Census Division.

District  
WIDU of

Southern Highlands

Patrol Conducted by

Peter H. Kerr

Patrol Officer.

Accompanied by

A. Gao Local Government Assistant.  
3 Members of R.P.M.S.C.  
2 Patrol Interpreters

Duration - from

31/7/66 to 10/8/66  
11 days (10 nights)

Last Patrol to the Area

District Services 7/66  
Medical 6/66

Map Reference

District Map Southern Highlands.

Objects of Patrol

1. Conduct the 2nd Fangia Local Govt. Council Elections
2. Collect Council Tax.
3. Routine Administration.

INTRODUCTION.

The WIEU People, who live approximately South of the Pangia Administrative Area, once again showed their eagerness and desire for progress by their complete support for the Pangia Local Government Council Elections held from the 1st August, 1966 to the 10th August, 1966.

The Patrol also collected the Pangia Local Government Council Head Tax at the rate of 50 cents per male over 17 years and 30 cents per female over 17 years.

With roadwork pushing ahead through the area and the Council getting a move on, the people are anxiously awaiting the results which will come from Council Activities now that the tax has been collected and the Councillors are entrenched for a three year term.

The Patrol carried out its duties in conjunction with Pangia Patrol No. 2 of 1966/1967, conducted by the Council Advisor Mr. Barber, and the whole of the Pangia Local Government Council area completed the Elections *completed* between the 1st August 1966 and 12th August 1966. For major statistics for my patrol refer to The Council Election Report. I have submitted a brief resume of the statistics for my part of the Elections only.

4th August

0630 departed Pangia and arrived Tavakivi at 0730.

5th August

0600 departed Tavakivi and arrived Tunda at 0700.

6th August

0615 departed Tunda and arrived Marakia at 0700.

7th August

0600 departed Marakia and arrived Tunda at 0700.

8th August

0600 departed Tunda and arrived Pangia at 0700.



- 31st ~~XXXXX~~ July 0830 to 1200 patrol preparations.  
1330 departed Pangia and arrived Undiayu at 1945  
Slept Undiayu.
- 1st August 0800 to 1230  
1315 to 2100,  
Collected Council Tax and held Electi  
-ons for Kasia and Undiayu. 2130 to 2315  
figures and tax balance completed.  
Slept Undiayu
- 2nd August 0800 departed Undiayu and arrived Timbari  
at 1000.  
1030 to 1600  
1630 to 2000  
Timbari Council Elections and  
Tax collected. 2100 to 2300 tax balanced  
and book work completed.  
Slept Timbari
- 3rd August 0800 departed Timbari and arrived Pugi at  
0925.  
1000 to 1530 Council Elections and Tax  
collected for Lase, Wambu and Pugi. 1600 to  
1730 minor disputes held and settled.  
1830 to 2030 book work and tax balanced.  
Slept Pugi
- 4th August 0815 departed Pugi and arrived Tempikeni  
at 0935.  
1000 to 1830  
1900 to 2030 Council Elections and Tax  
collected. ~~1900~~ 2100 to 2330 tax balanced  
and bookwork completed.  
Slept Tempikeni
- 5th August 0800 departed Tempikeni and arrived Tunda  
at 0900.  
0930 to 1530 Council Elections and tax  
collected for Tunda and Kerubari.  
1630 to 1830 ~~book~~ book work and tax balance  
achieved.  
Slept Tunda
- 6th August 0815 departed Tunda and arrived Marabin  
at 0900.  
0930 to 1530  
1600 to 1730,  
tax collected and Elections  
held for Marabin and Maubin.  
1800 to 2200 tax balanced and book work  
completed.  
Slept Marabin.
- 7th August 0800 departed Marabin and arrived Karue  
at 0930.  
0945 to 1300 tax collected and Elections  
held for Karue. Departed Karue at 1330  
and arrived Porogo at 1420.  
Rest of day observed.  
Slept Porogo
- 8th August 0800 to 1230  
1315 to 1620,  
Elections held and tax collect  
-ed for Borona and Porogo.  
1700 to 1930 book work and tax balance  
completed.  
Slept Porogo



9th August

0815 departed Porogo and arrived Karani at 0900  
0930 to 1330  
1400 to 1600,

tax collected and Election held for Karani and Poreio.  
1730 to 1930 tax balanced and book work completed.

Slept Karani

10th August

0830 to 1330 tax collected and Election held for Iaro. 1400 to 1500 books completed and departed Karani and arrived Pangia at 18 1615.

END OF PATROL

There were 2 polling places set down for the election... The election was held on the 10th August... The results of the election were as follows...

The figures of 1934 were by far the lowest at all... The results of the election were as follows...

of 44.4% of all the males eligible to vote... of 33.3% of all the females eligible to vote... of 28.7% of the total eligible voters...

The balance was made up of the... The results of the election were as follows...

The number of informal votes... The results of the election were as follows...

In the 17 votes... The results of the election were as follows...

The election was held... The results of the election were as follows...



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THE PANGIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

During Recent Patrols to the Wiru Census Division I noticed a distinct fear displayed by the Councillors that they would be ousted in the coming elections if they didn't comply with the peoples' wishes, as an example, road markers were completely ignored in some spots because it was easier to build the road in a straight line than to follow a round-a-bout route around a mountain side. However prior to the Election patrol most of the problem spots had been straightened out and the road work was progressing favourably. <sup>JUST</sup>

Also, most important I feel, is that although every ward was contested, by at times 8 candidates, all the old Councillors were re-elected by fair majorities, so that their previous fears have virtually been disproved and the 19 Councillors should prove to be an asset to the Community for their three year term, as all have had a years preliminary Council work to guide them.

There were 8 polling places set down for the Elections and the patrol added one more brief stop at Karue to take the strain off the Porogo Polling Booth. This proved to be satisfactory on all counts as the turn up for the Elections at each Polling place was maintained at 100%. The only absentees were Highland Labour recruits, Patients at Pangia Hospital, old and infirm people and those in the Pangia Corrective Institution.

The figure of 100% turn up was consistent at all the Polling Places and indicates beyond doubt that the Wiru People are firmly supporting the Pangia Local Government Council, and their Councillors.

BRIEF STATISTICS:

- a) 84.16% of all the males eligible to vote, did so.
- b) 93.78% of all the females eligible to vote did so.
- c) 88.72% of the total eligible voters, voted.

The balances were made up of the persons listed above who were unavoidably absent at work or for other legitimate excuses.

The number of informal votes cast during the Elections totalled 15. A higher figure than previously however when it is realised that the Patrol was also burdened down with tax collection, the figure is fair enough out of a total number of votes cast viz, 3842.

In the 16 Wards there were 62 candidates, 19 Councillors elected and 19 candidates received no votes whatsoever. The interest was extremely high but the people all knew who they wanted and voted accordingly.

The Elections were conducted by the "Whisper Vote" method and the ballot papers were all counted in front of the respective groups and the results read out. The people accepted the results very well and clapped and made speeches about supporting their Councillors at all times. All groups are now carrying out their duties with zest and I feel that the Councillors will have very little trouble.



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Apoinit that came to light during the Elections was the number of men absent on the coast, many of whom had run away to Mt. Hagen with false names and home areas, thus making it extremely difficult to keep track of the population and to trace relatives in time of death or sickness. In all there were about 400 odd men away, and according to relatives, somewhere on the coast, with the result that many places are heavily over recruited. There are only about half this number on file so it would be very interesting to try to trace the remainder.

This situation is most unfortunate now that the Council is progressing favourably and development seems assured.

Mr. A Gaso, Local Government Assistant, accompanied the patrol and was a great asset to its smooth functioning. He handled the voting aspect of the work and his relations were always good with the Local people. He also assisted with the book work involved in the Tax Balancing at the end of each day's work. He has now done several patrol's through the Pangia area and his increasing knowledge of the people and their customs will make him a useful unit of the Pangia Council System.

#### COUNCIL HEAD TAX COLLECTION.

The taxation was collected in conjunction with the Elections and this was accomplished without a hitch. The people willingly paid, and money due from Absentees was readily paid by relatives.

The task was arduous and extremely tiring and if it hadn't been for the people's co-operation could have been a lot more so. The patrol collected \$1759-60 which will add to the Council's assets and we can expect things to be done in the 1966/67 financial year.

A disquieting point that came to light was the incidence of Child Brides coming forward with their husbands to pay tax. These girls numbering over 25 were quite often barely at, or over puberty, who claim to be married by native custom and living permanently with their husbands. It has been said to me in other areas that marriages are very rarely consummated while the lasses are still young but are purchased and continue to live with their parents. However this was not the case here and the incidence of child brides appears to be quite high. Many more only just made the legal age. Where possible the young girls were told to return home to their parents and the communities were again told of the consequences of forcing young girls into marriage.

However apart from some small set-backs the Tax collection was conducted in a good atmosphere and with no objectors to cause trouble or ill-feeling.

#### NATIVE SITUATION.

As usual, the Wiru people enthusiastically welcomed the patrol with good Rest House accommodation and plenty of food where it was required. Carriers were always easy to obtain as the people are clamouring for money here.



They displayed such enthusiasm at times that one felt a trifle overwhelmed however it is very fortunate that their enthusiasm can be channeled into constructive activity like road building, and when adequately guided, do a very good job. If they are left alone too long they tend to get carried away with their efforts and try to finish too quickly, sometimes resulting in markers being left and sections have to be re graded.

I was very pleased with the progress on the Wiru road since my last visit and now that the Tax and Elections are out of the way the Wiru people should settle down quickly to the task of completing this vital road.

Complaints were, as usual, numerous and I tackled as many as possible at each point of call, but by the time the day's work in Electioneering and Tax collecting was completed it didn't leave much time for other jobs.

Mr. Barber's instructions as issued during his Election Education patrol and my own during my last visit to the area had been carried out and all unsatisfactory houses and rubbish disposal pits etc had been replaced or repaired as was required. Some offenders were in the Pangia Corrective Institution but even these people's houses etc had at least been straightened out by relatives. A good attitude.

There are more patrols programmed for the Wiru Area in the next months so the people's enthusiasm should continue.

HEALTH AND AID POSTS.

As is customary, the patrol checked on the general health and sanitation situation, which was very good at all places. Apart from various kinds of Flu and colds, of which the personnel of the Patrol all suffered, and which afflicted 9 out of 10 people in the Wiru, no serious ailments were found or reported to the patrol by the Aid Posts Orderlies.

The Aid Posts were all a credit to their respective Orderlies and to the Villages responsible for their general maintenance, being clean and well kept.

At the present time the Pangia Local Government Council is constructing Water tanks for the Aid Posts and galvanised iron covered Dispensaries will soon replace the old bush material Aid Posts, and a new Aid Post is to be put at Undiapu to cater for about 1000 people who had previously to walk for two or three hours for medical treatment.

EDUCATION.

The Education situation was again brought up by the Councillors at various places in the Wiru. They want to have their children educated as they realise the severe restrictions on jobs offering to uneducated people the e days. With well over half Pangia's population living in the Wiru there are no schools provided, except for the odd sub-standard Mission school where the lessons taught are Religion and perhaps Pidging English.

Surely it would be possible to have extra staff provided for the Pangia School (which would mean it could again teach preparatory) and thus cater for some of these neglected people, or better still to open a new School for the Wiru people.



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The Portion of the Wiru which is covered by my report has over 7500 people in it and not a school of any note, a poor state of affairs. Coupled with the Rest of the Wiru the situation is extremely bad.

AGRICULTURE.

It was pleasing to note that the recently planted coffee nurseries are being well kept and cleaned by the people and also that the Agriculture Assistant IXX from Ialibu was once again planting more nurseries in the Wiru which is certainly needed and deserving. With these plantings, a basis for a cash income can be established, as for a time it ~~looked~~ looked as though DASP would not be able to supply any sort of cash crop for the Wiru people in this region. Tea was not considered for them at this stage and Pyrethrum appeared to be confined to Ialibu because of altitude.

At the moment the Proposed Council Cattle Project Lease at Karani is being surveyed and it is hoped to be able to start a Cattle industry for the Pangia Area, and the Wiru, having good and large supplies of natural pasture will ultimately benefit, if the project becomes a reality. There is much optimism felt in the Wiru now that money is within reach and the people will support any projects wholeheartedly, always realising that hard work is the basis for prosperity.

CONCLUSION.

The Patrol was rewarding and carried off without any major problems and all personnel behaved themselves as befitting an Administration patrol.

RS Form 1's have been completed for the 3 members of the R.P.&N.G.C. who accompanied the patrol and sent to Headquarters.

Attached please find Mr. Gaso's and my Camping Allowance Claims for the period 31/7/66 to 10/8/66.

  
Peter R. Kerr  
Patrol Officer.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Pangia Report No. 4 of 1966/1967  
 Patrol Conducted by Peter R. Kerr. Patrol Officer.  
 Area Patrolled WIRI CENSUS DIVISION PANGIA  
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 10  
 Duration—From 5 / 9/66 to 5 / 10/66, 12/10/66 to 14/10/66, 17/10/66 to 22/10/66  
25 / 10/66 to 5 / 11 / 1966, 7/11/66 to 10/11/66,  
14/11/66 to 15/11/66  
 Number of Days 60 days 49 nights.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8 / 1966  
 Medical 7 / 1966

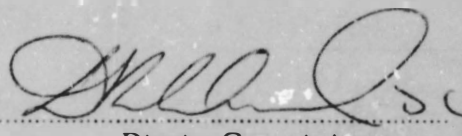
Map Reference District Map Southern Highlands

Objects of Patrol As per Instructions inside

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

3 / 12 / 1967

  
 District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ..... £.....  
 Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ..... £.....  
 Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund .....  
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TERRITORY of PAPUA and NEW GUINEA

Administration  
Press Advice  
No. 157

Port Moresby,  
February 15, 1967.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS ROAD NETWORK PROGRESSES.

Village people hope to complete 120 miles of roadwork on three important roads in the Wiru-Pangia area of the Southern Highlands within the next 12 months.

The people are working regularly on the Pangia-Ialibu, Tealands and Wiru road links at times not occupied by normal subsistence gardening work.

When completed the road network will give access to village groups who expect to engage in future tea planting on individual blocks covering some 5,000 acres.

The Tealands road has been designed to link the villages of Wiowei, Tengai, Apenda and Pomba.

Fondi, Kumien, Mele and Apenda people are now working three days each week to link the Fondi-Kumien section of the road to Apenda.

Only a few hundred yards of roadwork remain to be completed before this road link reaches Apenda.

All village groups then plan to work together in a combined project to complete the road to Tengai.

District Administration officers are guiding and supervising the work.

A total of 25 bridges have yet to be built on the Tealands road. They range from 2ft culverts to a 90ft bridge over the Ibei river. The 68-mile Wiru road through difficult terrain is being built in some 15 sections by different groups of people.

When completed this road will bring the whole of the Pangia area under a good road system.

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14-6-2  
67-3-9

Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.  
2nd February, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

**SUBJECT:-** Pangia Patrol No 4 of 1966/67

Attached please find following documents in respect of a patrol conducted by Mr. P. Kerr, Patrol Officer to the Wiru Census Division.

1. Memorandum 67-1-2 dated 1st September, 1966 - Patrol Instructions from Assistant District Commissioner, Pangia.
2. Patrol Report.
3. Memorandum 67-2-1 of 6th December, 1966 from assistant District Officer, Pangia.
4. Covering memorandum 67-2-2 of 17th January, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu
5. Village Population Register - Wiru Census Division

Mr. Kerr has carried out a lengthy patrol and successfully completed the objects as set out in his very detailed Patrol Instructions. However his report is marred, as commented upon by the Assistant District Officer, Pangia and Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu by the use of slang.

Both memorandums cover the points raised by Mr. Kerr and round off the report itself but there are some comments I would also make arising out of remarks in covering memorandum.

A total amount of \$3,350 has been allocated to date for bridge construction at Poru River and new construction on both the Tealands and Wiru roads. Also a total amount of 9 cwt of deck spikes and 6" nails, 15 sledge heads, 10 crow bars and 230 spade heads have been raised from Minor New Works/Engineering and Tool Vote funds to Pangia. This allocation compares favourably with that made to the rest of the stations in this District and should assist in ensuring that construction on new roads is maintained. Unfortunately there is no "Pandora's" box at Mendi into which we can dip to obtain unlimited funds and tools for the construction of new roads throughout the whole of the District.

With the posting of a Overseas Medical Officer to Ialibu I consider the overall situation as regards the present Public Health Department staff position and provision of adequate medical supplies will greatly improve.

Technical staff of BP's have obtained samples from the oil seeps in the Pangia area and these are at present being analysed. The Assistant District Commissioner's suggestion to put in a small drill is interesting however he should defer any work on same until such time as we have received firm opinions on the quality of the oil from these seeps.

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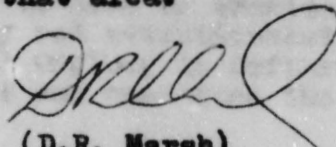
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(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.



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Sub-District Office IALIBU,  
Southern Highlands District.  
17th January, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
MENDI.

PANGIA PATROL NO. 4, 1966/67.

Forwarded herewith report for the abovementioned patrol carried out by Mr. P. Kerr P.O. The covering memorandum by Mr. ADO Barber covers most items in the report but I would like to add the following to this.

(1) Considering that some 16000 people were seen by the patrol the numbers of groups listed as being difficult is suprisingly small and shows a good native situation. I doubt if there is any area in the Territory where the entire population is in agreement with the Administrations aims.

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(3) I think that it is a little early to expect the Council to take over the running of the market as there are many other things more important that they could interest themselves in.

I have never liked the committee system except in advanced areas. I am not detracting from Mr. Kerrs efforts in selecting the committees but feel that they will need very close supervision and may be more trouble than they are worth. Mostly I have found that they develop into "boss bois". It will be interest to see how they develop.

I agree with Mr. Barber with regard to the remaining suggestions under this heading.

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(5) Medicene seems to have be cronically short at Pangia for months and it is a very bad advertisement for the Administration. Now that a Medical Officer is definately coming to Ialibu I hope he can can order for and supervise the Pangia hospital and aidposts.

I feel that something could be done for APO's by Public Health in the way of equipment. PHD are too prone to expect the Councils to carry the burden nowadays and this simply cannot be done in backward areas such as Pangia. I think that they should be made aware that most Councils in the Southern Highlands cannot give large financial support to the department at this stag and it is retarding the growth of the District as a whole expectin them to do so. It would be a good thing if APO's could be made temporary Public Servants but I am doubtful if it will receive the consideration it should.



I think that you are well aware of the need for something to be done about patients going missing and other incidents which seem to happen regularly at Hagen hospital. I trust that if this sort of thing happens in the future you will be in a position to do something concrete about it. I gather that every effort has been made to trace the instances quoted but if you can make further efforts it would be appreciated.

(6) The new oil seeps are very interesting and I believe that there are some thirty in the area. The B.P.'s geologist who was here recently had a look at them and estimated that as much as ten barrels of oil a day could be obtained from a crude well going down about fifty feet. He showed me how this could be drilled quite simply with equipment that I already have here. This seems worth keeping in mind as if this oil will run a petrol engine it could perhaps provide a cheap fuel for tractors later if they were modified slightly. I would like to attempt to drill a hole if work permits later but would be interested in your comments as to whether you consider it worthwhile at the moment.

(7) Census revealed a satisfactory situation with a very high natural increase which could cause population pressures in some areas if it continues. The figures do not balance and I have requested the ADO Pangia to advise you direct of the amendments. They are only minor and are hardly worth making holding the report up for.

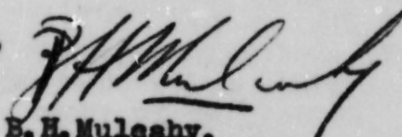
(8) The purchase of the tea lands went off very well and it is hoped to acquire more land at Pangia for economic development if it is available which I understand it is. Now that Agriculture seem to be seeing things a little our way it is also hoped to get some more cattle projects going as the area seems very suitable.

Most of the points raised under Agriculture can be attended to. I hope to supply fish to Pangia soon and will approach the Agricultural Officer here with regard to seeds. I have grave doubts about the wisdom of planting coffee but as the quota for the area is very small it probably will not do much harm. However I hope that other crops such as mint will become available in the near future.

(9) The percentage of absentee labourers is quite reasonable however it will probably rise immediately as recently a large number returned. I also have my doubts that the home area benefits much from the scheme and would like to see a rise in wages and all labourers paid off in their home sub-districts. I know that myself and a number of other officers have been pressing for this for years but little seems to have been done. I feel that labour will go out from this area for some time yet and consider that we should try and see that some money comes back into the area.

The patrol seem to have been a very good one as is the report except for the use of slang. Claims for camping allowance are forwarded herewith. The long delay in forwarding these comments is regretted but the report was inadvertently filed when the clerk was on leave and it has just come to my attention.

For your information.

  
E. H. Muleahy.  
Assistant District Commissioner.

cc The ADO Pangia.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File: 67-2-1

PANGIA,

Southern Highlands.

6th. December, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
I A L I B U.

PANGIA PATROL No. 4 of 1966/1967.

Please find herewith the above report submitted by Mr. P. R. Kerr, P.O., together with his camping allowance claim (which he requests be signed and returned for payment prior 16/12/66), census figures and map.

While this report is a reasonable account of an important and longish patrol I find it an inconclusive document generally because it doesn't really give a particularly clear picture as Mr. Kerr employs a hazy approach in developing his arguments and in reaching some of his conclusions. His phraseology etc. leads to confusion in the mind of the reader and I think a little more time spent checking spelling and typographical errors would have assisted the report. Also I find his use of slang unfortunate - e.g. bods, calabouse, cheeks etc.

The main purposes of this patrol (census, compilation of tax/census sheets, roadwork-pegging, checking, supervising, land purchases) were satisfactorily carried out.

As you are new to the area and Sub-district I shall comment on each subject mentioned individually thereby giving you a fair idea of the area and its problems, peculiarities etc. I should mention, also, that I am on patrol at the moment so do not have access to my files to check on several points raised but imagine my remarks will be reasonably accurate.

1. Introduction: The area as a whole is known as the PANGIA Sub-District with the Sub-district headquarters temporarily removed to Ialibu.

I imagine that a good argument will exist in the near future for both Ialibu and Pangia areas to be made into separate Sub-districts. I believe population increases and, with the arrival of private enterprise at both centres, demands for Sub-district level services will justify such action.

2. Native Situation: One should be fairly careful in predicting the future to these people. Many instances of disillusionment have been seen in the Territory where officers have "promised" this, "guaranteed" that believing they were justified in doing so, only to find that they could not back up those promises. I consider it far better to keep emphasizing the point that they won't get very far unless they have roads and maintain an enthusiastic, hard working and cooperative attitude.

I personally hope that the area will be actively participating in economic projects well before ten years have elapsed. I'm inclined to think more in terms of two years.

Offhand I think the actual acreage of tealand available for lease (purchased) is in the vicinity of 4800 acres - certainly something less than 5000. However, I believe early next year will see some more land offered for sale in the general tealands vicinity.

.....2/ - Mr.



Mr. Kerr names eight village groups as being something less than enthusiastic. I point out that all these mentioned groups were involved in heavy fighting only a few years ago - as, of course, were others - and are undergoing a disturbing period of sorting out as it were.

(a) Perogo/Borona group have been working quite well actually. They have built a store at Pangia and are currently building the new prison and have been working well on the new road. I detect no antagonism towards the Administration at all from them. I do, however, detect a certain amount of internal discord within the group. This is, in part, due to several clans returning to claim land and usage rights now that things have settled down. Councillor Yabera (the real fight leader for the group) informs me that sex is another cause for argument within the group. Apparently the women are not prepared nowadays to be totally submissive to the man's whims but intend having some say in the matter themselves. This group is inclined to become heated over land ownership.

(b) Marabin too has suffered several setbacks in tribal fighting being situated as they are between Timbari, Undiapu, Tempikeni and Tunda. It is quite a large group but find it cannot achieve all it wants simply by virtue of fighting ability any more. But I am inclined to agree that the Marabin people need a bit of extra attention.

(c) Tempikeni have land running right to the Iaro River. They were a fairly savage fighting unit a few years back and were swamped by other people running away from fighting in other parts to shelter under their protective umbrella. The settling down process is going on quite well really.

(d) Timbari is another group which is made up of assorted clans brought together during the fighting. They were clobbered by all groups, namely Undiapu, Tunda and allies, Marabin and Noliya. Now they are trying to sort out their internal problems which will be done but which will take time and guidance. They need plenty of attention at this time.

(e) Taguru has always been something of a problem. They are somewhat isolated and as yet are not on a proposed road link which is a pity. They had no allies at all during the fighting here, were enemies with all surrounding groups and suffer from a complex as all these surrounding groups are not very friendly towards them and continue to have land problems with them. But they have improved enormously over the past few years and should continue to do so.

(f) Mondanda's problems have been mentioned in my Memorandum of Patrol No. 5 of 1966/67 fairly thoroughly. Now that their land dispute with Pegeiagu (Ialibu group) has been settled in their favour I expect them to buck up.

(g) Apenda/Pogari have always been a problem in a negative sort of way. They were the big fighting group and held sway absolutely in the tealands area. They are situated in the middle of the tealands and I imagine they feel slightly superior to their neighbours. I doubt that their attitude will in any way hinder the development of the tealands.

Actually all these groups (except Mondanda) are only now constructing roads and have, therefore, been fairly isolated. The completion of these roads will obviously bring much more contact and speed up the settling-down process.

Currently, a very pleasing Native Situation here.

3. Pangia Local Government Council: In regard to Mr. Kerr's suggestions I would say that:

(a) The Council lease of 1.15 acres on Pangia station is on the

.....3 / - Administrative



Administrative block and very near the office. I would not feel inclined to allow the lease to become a shabby bush materials housing area, besides which the council has use for all the 1.15 acres as it is. However, there is a need for housing for these men from outlying areas and a suitable location will be found but NOT on the council lease;

(b) The Council has already considered this but has decided to wait for a while (on my advice) until things can be properly organised by the the Council. At the time DDA staff cannot spare the time to do it for them but it will eventually be done when demand necessitates such action;

(c) The Council has already passed a comprehensive rule concerning this matter. It will be put into effect immediately it is approved;

(d) I feel that this is the task of the Department of District Administration and not the Council. Land and its associated disputes are very lively issues and I am loathe to see a new Council involve itself in such contentious matters. I also doubt that councils have authority to give decisions on land - even though they will negotiate agreements;

(e) This, of course, will be done when any rules have been non-disallowed.

(f) A livestock rule will be given due consideration in the future. I fancy, however, that the council is more inclined to give approval for pigs to be accommodated in houses (separate houses) than have them banished to the cold night air. A very tender issue this one which the council should be very careful to handle sensibly.

(g) This is to be considered next financial year.

I note in the "Medical & Health" section it is suggested that the Council spend money on Aid Posts. I believe the dispensaries and water supplies now being installed by the Council will be as far as the council will be prepared to go. The Council is gradually realising that its main task should be in regard to economic development (e.g. cattle projects) and that such things as Aid Posts and schools may come later when the area can afford it.

In the section on "Millable Timber Stands" I see that it is suggested that the Council buy a sawmill. In its estimates Council set aside one thousand dollars for this very purpose. Purchase and installation of this depend upon suitable equipment being found and upon careful consideration of the costs etc. involved. I am led to understand that most such ventures have led those councils involved into financial loss.

I am now confirming Ward Committees. There will be a change of two here and there but, it seems, most will remain unchanged from those selected by Mr. Kerr.

4. Roads and Bridges: Our ten miles of the Pangia-Ialibu road is in good condition. Two detours, one at Mondanda and one at Tindua, have improved it considerably. The use of prisoners proved most successful. They did an excellent job.

In regard to the Tealands road I have no doubt that it will be useable as far as "Tengai" by the time the Poru bridge is completed. Delays on this bridge will cause the only delay in reaching "Tengai" teablock by road. I believe Mr. Sisley chained this road last year and found it to be about 40 miles from Pangia to Moro.

The Wiru road is taking shape at last. It is not easy to peg a road perfectly first try. In fact it is virtually impossible for DDA staff to achieve this and I have no hesitation in saying that several sections will need redoing. This does, in no way, detract from Mr. Kerr's effort. The Pangia-Karani section suffered from over-zealousness it seems. Several spots could be so much better by moving a few feet one way and the stretch into

.....4 / - Karani



Karani is far too steep and will be re-routed. But this can be done when everything else is finished.

I expect that the one serious delay on the road will be the Karani-Karue section. A lot of supervision and effort must be directed to this as I believe that most other sections should be cut - if not stoned - by February/March.

5. Aid Posts, Health & Hygiene: I really do think it is high time that the Department of Public Health stopped free-loading on DDA and did something. The Pangia hospital was built using DDA materials and goodwill. Aid Posts likewise. The Council is now building dispensaries (for which it will partly be subsidised). I, or my staff, handle the numerous problems of the PHD staff, advise on duties, organise the locals to assist the APO's and inspect housing and hygiene.

The men in charge of the Aid Post are doing a great job. Because of strong local demand they have to work long hours - often eight hours a day - instead of the prescribed half day. I do not know how they manage so well actually as, unbelievable though it is, they have NO MEDICINE. None at Pangia and none on any of the Aid Posts. They would not have the courage to treat certain areas in this country in this fashion and I strongly suggest that PHD ceases treating this area so shabbily. I believe we have delayed - for a month - a Council outcry on this matter.

That women attending hospital in Hagen or Mendi should be attacked sexually is an absolute disgrace. It has been alleged on many occasions that this has happened and because the Wiru language is totally different to those spoken in the two centres the people cannot make their complaints known. We have suggested before that the Hagen and Mendi hospitals employ one Pangia and one Ialibu labourer/interpreter. It would help.

We have, on numerous occasions, requested some system of advice regarding patients being discharged but apparently this is too much to expect from such an, evidently, disorganised department.

6. Oil Seepages; The Poreio seepages plus the Warababe ones (the big bush connects the two units) should be investigated. The samples I sent to Mendi several months ago ran a petrol engine and were to be examined soon. I wonder if anything has happened concerning this. If not I should like to know as I'll send samples down to Australia to be examined by private contacts.

7. Census: A very pleasing result. Largely as expected but it is nice to note this large natural increase especially as I feared that the food shortage last year may cause death to elderly people and interfere with births.

Owing to the relative newness of the area we do not have a huge number of very old people and with the advent of medical aid life expectancy is inclined to increase; this combined with very good natural health should ensure a quick increase in population from now on.

8. Millable Timber Stands: The area is surrounded by forest but there are not many good stands within the "inner circle", and several groups must travel quite far to collect timber and it will soon be a real problem to obtain timber and firewood for station use without travelling miles to collect it. I doubt if wholesale pitsawing will be advisable until the planned reforestation programme is well under way.

9. Entrepreneurs: When I did the Local Government Survey in 1964/65 there were no native store owners and only two or three pitsaw teams functioning. It is most interesting to observe developments in this sphere.

..... 5 / - 10. Crime:



10. Crime: There is no doubt that these people have responded wonderfully to our system of impartial dispute settling. I am sure that certain things are temporarily hidden from us but the vast majority are quickly presented for our attention.

Some court days at Pangia have seen three magistrates fully occupied all day.

It has been said that our courts are unfair as the native has no legal assistance and that the unfairness is indicated by a 90% conviction rate. This is sheer b.s. as anyone in the field knows that after hearing the complaint the magistrate only goes on paper if there is really an offence justifying a conviction. We simply have not enough time to write up every single matter presented for settlement.

11. Land Purchases: All land purchases for which funds and documents were received have been completed. It is certainly nice to have all the teablocks purchased as we now ~~have~~ can look forward to the next step in Pangia's fate or future. I have not pressed for more land just yet but shall be finding out what is available soon.

Land disputes remain a problem here but not a fraction as troublesome as they were only a couple of years ago. I have recently assisted in having two quite important disputes settled by the various claimants and I hope more to go the same way in the near future as it is by far the best and most satisfactory solution.

12. Agriculture: By and large I find D.A.S.F. efforts in this area quite disappointing. Recent coffee plantings are, I hope, the start of something big.

13. Highland Labour Scheme: As expected the 16-25 year age group is the most affected and the one a developing area can least afford to lose.

No one will ever be able to convince me of any real advantages gained by men employed by the H.L.S. or by the area from which they are taken until returning labourers are paid off at their home station. These fellows now drifting home have nothing - except a pack of cards and an allergy to hard work. It would be an excellent idea to drag all the unemployed in Meresby and other towns out to the plantations instead of men actively and gainfully employed from Pangia.

Mr. Kerr has carried out a good patrol which followed its instructions well. His general attitude and contribution to the area over the past six months has been pleasing and, I'm sure, personally rewarding to him. His value as a serious, thinking officer has, in my opinion, risen sharply in this period.

I believe he has, until recently, underrated the importance of routine matters and perhaps the job as a whole and, certainly, the difficulty, importance and responsibility of running, directing and controlling a developing area. I have no doubt that this changed attitude I believe I detect will stand him in good stead in the future.

A patrol which achieved quite a deal.

For your information, comment and onforwarding please. I would appreciate you expedite (and ask Mendi to do likewise) Mr. Kerr's camping claim as he is due on leave on 16th. December.

  
Peter J. Barber,

Assistant District Officer.

67-15-36

22nd February, 1967.

District ~~Commissioner~~,  
Southern Highlands District,  
~~NEWGUINEA~~.

PANGIA PATROL NO. 4 OF 1966/67:

Your 67-3-9 of 2nd February, 1967 refers.

I am pleased to see such comprehensive patrol instructions and comments on the patrol. These latter tend to give a very full and balanced picture of the area patrolled, while the former give the patrolling officer a clear idea of the purposes and requirements of the patrol.

It is a most interesting and informative report, for which Mr. Kerr, the patrolling officer, should be commended, despite his lapses into slang.

Obviously the area has progressed exceptionally well and unate if there is any delay in developing a cash economy after the effort put into developing road communications. I look forward to hearing of the completion of these roads and bridges in due course.

The sooner the tea lands are put up for tender the better, not only for Pangia but for the District as a whole, and I should expect reasonable assistance to the area to continue.

I understand the largest area of ~~agreement~~ regarding labour lies in the actual place in which labourers whose contracts have expired shall be paid off. I believe there is a valid argument to have them paid off at their home stations.

Mr. Barber's transfer to Headquarters is of a temporary nature and you will be pleased to know he will be available to ~~perform~~ his duties at Pangia in, probably, about six months' time. A good patrol, well conducted and documented.

(S.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

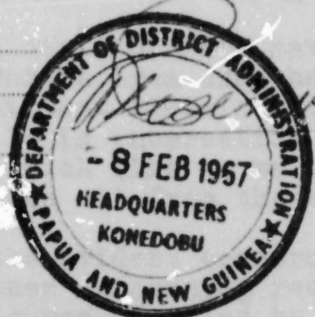




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Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.  
2nd February, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONE DOBU.

SUBJECT:- Pangia Patrol No 4 of 1966/67

Attached please find following documents in respect of a patrol conducted by Mr. P. Kerr, Patrol Officer to the Wiru Census Division.

1. Memorandum 67-1-2 dated 1st September, 1966 - Patrol Instructions from Assistant District Commissioner, Pangia.
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3. Memorandum 67-2-1 of 6th December, 1966 from assistant District Officer, Pangia.
4. Covering memorandum 67-2-2 of 17th January, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu
5. Village Population Register - Wiru Census Division

Mr. Kerr has carried out a lengthy patrol and successfully completed the objects as set out in his very detailed Patrol Instructions. However his report is marred, as commented upon by the Assistant District Officer, Pangia and Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu by the use of slang.

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A total amount of \$3,350 has been allocated to date for bridge construction at Poru River and new construction on both the Tealands and Wiru roads. Also a total amount of 9 cwt of deck spikes and 6" nails, 15 sledge heads, 10 crow bars and 230 spade heads have been raised from Minor New Works/Engineering and Tool Vote funds to Pangia. This allocation compares favourably with that made to the rest of the stations in this District and should assist in ensuring that construction on new roads is maintained. Unfortunately there is no "Pandora's" box at Mendi into which we can dip to obtain unlimited funds and tools for the construction of new roads throughout the whole of the District.

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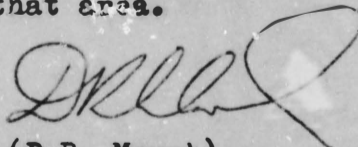
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(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.



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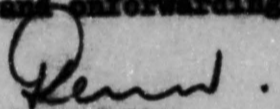
PANGIA PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1966/1967

Attached please find the above mentioned Patrol Report and camping Allowance Claim for myself.

The Report was completed on the 26th November, but typing and other duties have delayed its submission to you.

Could my Camping Allowance Claim be processed as soon as possible as I will be proceeding on leave on the 17th of December, 1966.

For your information, comment and forwarding please.

  
P. R. KERR.  
Patrol Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.....

Sub-District Office,  
PANGIA,  
Southern Highlands District.

1st September, 1966.

Mr. P.R. Kerr,  
Patrol Officer,  
PANGIA.

INSTRUCTIONS - PANGIA PATROL NO.4 OF 1966/67

Please be prepared to commence a patrol of the Wiru Census Division no later than Monday, 5th September 1966.

2. The aims of your patrol, which will probably occupy between 8 and 9 weeks at least, are:-

a) A complete census revision of the Division, including the transcription of existing lists of names from the present Village Books to Tax/Census Sheets - please refer to Departmental instructions as to the manner in which the above is to be carried out;

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c) Various land purchases; and

d) Routine Administration, etc.

3. With regard to 2(a) above, I do not expect that the task of transcribing some 16,000 names to be completely finalised at the conclusion of your patrol - However I do expect that your report and the accompanying statistics be finalised and submitted within a reasonable number of days after your return. Your should see me upon your return and give me an estimate of when the report and statistics will be complete. The Tax/Census sheets remaining to be completed should be written up as soon as your report is submitted. You should, of course, make every effort to keep up with this work during the course of the patrol.

4. With regard to 2(b) above, I expect your patrol to complete all pegging of the main Wiru road as that work on this road can continue without interruption. In addition you are to locate and peg a road-loop from the main road via Timbari, Undiapu, Taguru Areas back to join the main road in the vicinity of Maubin. I also wish a practical spur road to be located and pegged to KOIA from the Undiapu-Timbari area. You are particularly required to locate and peg the best route between Karue and Karani and to organise and start the local people off on the construction of this section.

5. With regard to 2(c) above you will, during the course of your patrol, be required to purchase the POMBE and TENGAI teablocks. Mr ADO Barber and (I hope) a representative of the Commonwealth Bank (with all facilities for banking) will join your patrol at this juncture. It will probably be between 4 to 6 weeks before all the details for these purchases can be arranged. Therefore you will please plan on patrolling the North Wiru (Tealands area) towards the end of your patrol. You will be advised from time to time of the progress of purchase arrangements. As for the remainder of the area you may arrange your patrolling and route as seems most practical, except that, at this stage, I feel that the patrol should



not be broken into more than three stages; i.e. the East Wiru, the West Wiru and the North Wiru.

6. On this patrol I want you to spend at least one night in each Resthouse. In view of paragraphs 4 and 5 above you will need to spend more than one night in certain Resthouses - However because of the sustained contact resulting therefrom, this is all to the good.

7. As this is a prolonged and full-scale patrol of the area, you will appreciate that a comprehensive report on the patrol will be required.

8. As you know, I am very concerned about the pressure likely to be put upon us to recruit further labour for the Highland Labour Scheme. You appreciate my misgivings on this matter and you know how concerned I am over the potential threat the over-recruitment of certain age-groups constitutes to the welfare of this area. While the overall percentage of population absent is not all that impressive, I feel that within certain age-groups excessive numbers of males have been withdrawn from the area already. I feel confident that, if I can be provided with accurate figures relating to absentees from various age-groups, I can advance arguments that will avoid pressures and at the same time ensure the continued welfare and socially-healthy condition of the Native community here. Basically the figures I require are set out in the table below:-

<u>Age Group:</u>	<u>Total of Males Absent</u>	<u>Total Males in Group</u>	<u>% Absent</u>
16 - 25 yrs	?	?	?
26-35 yrs	?	?	?
36 - 45 yrs	?	?	?
Total 16-45 yrs	?	?	?

Because of the work involved in the instructions laid out above I am not prepared to instruct you to extract the above statistics. However I know that you, no less than I, have the welfare of this area at heart and I believe that if you do have the time at your disposal you will extract these potentially very significant figures and include them in your report. Intuitively, all of us here feel that a potentially dangerous emphasis is being placed on satisfying the demands of the Highland Labour Scheme - if these figures can be extracted and if they indicate what I strongly suspect, we will at least have the advantage of arguing from verifiable figures rather than from intuition.

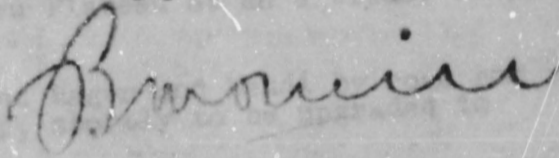
9. In the matter of patrol funds, please try to keep expenditure as low as possible. However irrespective of funds allocations, you are authorised to incur any reasonable and necessary expenditure. As far as patrol funds are concerned I trust we shall not be kept in a perpetual state of penury as was the case last fiscal year and has been the case so far this financial year. I regret that I cannot give you much assistance in the matter of patrol stores. The paltry funds allotted so far this year are barely sufficient to sustain the basic entitlements of DDA staff and their dependants.

10. Your patrol staff will be one patrol interpreter, two labourer/interpreters and up to 6 police constables. See me or, in my absence, Mr. ADO Barber regarding the selection of patrol personnel.

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11. I realise that the work-load imposed by these instructions is not inconsiderable. However I am confident that you will accept this patrol as a challenge rather than a burden and acquit yourself commendably.

12. Please attach a copy of these instructions to each copy of your report - I trust that you will have a successful, pleasant and thoroughly rewarding patrol.



( B. M. O'NEILL )  
Assistant District Commissioner

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c.c Mr. ADU. Barber,  
Sub-District Office,  
PANGIA.

The District Commissioner,  
MENDY.



## INTRODUCTION

The Wiru Census Division which incorporates the whole of the Pangia Administrative Area and the Pangia Local Government Council, in the Ialibu Sub-District, consists of that portion of the Sub-District bounded by the KAUGEL, TUA, IARO and ANDAWI Rivers and Mount Ialibu.

Generally the countryside is undulating grasslands surrounded by fairly rugged timber covered ridges. Pangia Administrative Centre lies approximately 15 road miles from Sub-District Headquarters, Ialibu, and is situated on the Foru Plateau at an altitude of 5200 odd feet above Sea Level.

The area is linked to Mount Hagen and Mendi by road and is served by a category C airstrip, shortly to be upgraded to Category B and Caribou standard.

The Wiru People numbering 16,287, mainly live in the Eastern and Southern sectors of the Census Division with the balance spread fairly evenly over the rest of the area. The two language groups are the Wiru and Kewa. The whole area was first brought under Administration influence in the late 1950's by patrols mounted from Ialibu. The Pangia Patrol Post was opened in August, 1961., and since then extensive Administration patrolling has brought the place from a backward, fighting conglomeration of groups to a fairly stable Local Government Council Area.

The people, broadly speaking are a keen progressive lot who are on the threshold of a great leap forward both economically and socially. There have been no major crimes warranting Supreme Court proceedings for about 4 years and the population is settling down to hard work and development. There are exceptions to the generally excellent native situation which will be dealt with in the body of the report.

PATROL DIARY.

- 5th September 0800 Patrol to Kauwo, 0830 to 1650 roadwork. 1650 returned Pangia.
- 6th September 0730 to Kauwo, 0800 to 1515 roadwork thence returned Pangia.
- 7th September 0740 to Kauwo, 0800 to 1230 remarked Kauwo to Karani Road. Returned Pangia re investigation death of Jail detainee. 1530 Reim. 7 completed and cash etc handed over.
- 8th September 0730 to Kauwo and continued roadwork. 1330 returned Pangia for Coronal Inquiry. Returned Kauwo 1630.  
Slept Kauwo
- 9th September 0800 organised roadwork and thence walked to Karani supervised roadwork till 1400. 1430 returned Kauwo. Preparations for Census and roadwork.  
Slept Kauwo
- 10th September 0730 to 1340 Census etc. 1430 to 1730 Figures compiled. 1830 to 2230 Census Register completed.  
Slept Kauwo
- 11th September 0800 departed Kauwo arrived Karani 0900. 1000 to 1200 Census Karani and Iaro. 1230 to 1630 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Karani
- 12th September 0730 to 1630 rechecked road markers to Karue, thence returned Karani and settled minor disputes till 1800  
Slept Karani
- 13th September 0800 to 1330 roadwork and general Admin. 1430 to 1730 minor disputes and Court work.  
Slept Karani
- 14th September 0800 departed Karani and arrived Poreio 0945. 1015 to 1530 Census and disputes etc. 1830 to 2100 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Poreio.
- 15th September 0745 departed Poreio and arrived Porogo at 0910. 0915 to 1000 Local Court. 1030 to 2300 Census thence Figures and Register compiled for Porogo  
Slept Porogo
- 16th September Departed Porogo at 0800 and arrived Karue 0915 1000 to 1300 Census etc. 1330 to 1430 disputes heard. 1500 to 1630 road check. 1700 to 1830 and 1900 to 2130 Figures and Registers compiled for Borona and Karue.  
Slept Karue
- 17th September 0830 departed Karue arrived Maubin 0950. 1030 1250 Census. 1330 to 1500 road check etc. 1630 to 1900 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Maubin
- 18th September 0830 departed Maubin arrived Marabin 0915. Rest of day observed.  
Slept Marabin.
- 19th September 0800 to 1200 Census. 1230 to 1450 roadwork. 1530 to 1600 minor disputes. 1630 to 1830 and 1900 to 2200 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Marabin



- 20th September 0800 departed Marabin arrived Tunda 0835.  
0900 to 1230 Census of Tunda and Kerabari.  
1330 to 1630 roadwork. 1730 to 1930, 2000 to 2300  
Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Tunda
- 21st September 0800 departed Tunda arrived Tempikeni 0900.  
0915 to 1330 Census etc. 1400 to 1600 roadwork  
1630 to 1730 disputes heard. 1830 to 2030 and  
2100 to 2300 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Tempikeni
- 22nd September 0745 departed Tempikeni arrived Pugi 0840.  
0900 to 1130 Census etc. 1200 to 1530 roadwork.  
1630 to 1800 and 1900 to 2100 Figures and Register  
compiled.  
Slept Pugi
- 23rd September 0800 departed Pugi arrived Laue 1000.  
1030 to 1200 Census Laue and Wambu. 1200 to 1830  
General Administration. 1730 to 1830 and 1900 to  
2030 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Laue
- 24th September 0700 departed Laue arrived Timbari 1000.  
1100 to 1650 roadwork etc.  
Slept Timbari
- 25th September 0745 to 1150 Census. 1230 to 1730 Figures and  
Register compiled.  
Slept Timbari
- 26th September 0730 to 1430 road marking to Undiapu. 1500 arrived  
Koia. Routine Administration till 1730.  
Slept Koia
- 27th September 0800 to 1130 Census. 1130 to 1300 disputes.  
1400 to 1600 road markers Koia to main road checked.  
1930 to 2100 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Koia
- 28th September 0700 departed Koia arrived Undiapu 0830. Inspected  
roadwork marking to Timbari, returned Undiapu 1300.  
1330 to 1600 Census, 1630 to 1730 disputes etc.  
1830 to 2230 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Undiapu
- 29th September 0730 departed Undiapu arrived Kuabini 1030.  
1100 to 1330 Census etc. 1400 to 1730 road markers  
checked etc. 1900 to 2130 Figures and Register  
compiled.  
Slept Kuabini
- 30th September 0715 departed Kuabini arrived Noiya 0930 checking  
roadmarkers etc en route. 1000 to 1230 Census.  
1330 roadwork and road marking etc. 1900 to 2200  
Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Noiya.
- 1st October 0730 to 1300 road marking to Maubin. tried impractical<sup>sd</sup>  
decided on link Maubin to Undiapu area.  
1430 to 1700 roadwork at Maubin.  
Slept Maubin
- 2nd October 0830 to 1330 road marking towards Undiapu.  
Rest of day observed,  
Slept Maubin.
- 3rd October 0730 departed Maubin arrived Taguru 0900.  
0930 to 1130 Census. 1230 to 1530 again tried  
Noiya route for road,, marked but difficult at  
Noiya. Returned Taguru 1830. 2000 to 2300 Figures  
and Register compiled.

- 4th October 0800 departed Taguru arrived Maia 1150. 1230 to 1630 roadwork.  
Slept Maia
- 5th October 0815 to 1250 Census etc. 1300 returned Pangia.
- 12th October 0800 to 1130 patrol preparations. 1130 departed Pangia arrived Mondanda 1230. 1300 to 1830 roadwork.  
Slept Mondanda
- 13th October 0800 to 1000 roadwork. 1015 to 1300 Census. 1430 to 1550 Court work. 1630 to 1830 roadwork. 1900 to 2100 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Mondanda
- 14th October 0800 to 1130 roadwork thence to Pangia. Patrol remains Mondanda and ~~PHH~~ proceeded Waluboi 15th.
- 17th October 0900 to Waluboi via Tindua and Warababe arrived 1233 1300 to 1500 Census Paura and Waluboi. 1600 to 1730 Routine Administration. 1800 to 2000 and 2100 to 2230 Figures and Registers compiled.  
Slept Waluboi
- 18th October 0800 departed Waluboi arrived Warababe 0840. 0900 to 1130 Census. 1130 to 1530 roadwork. 1610 1700 Court work. 1900 to 2300 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Warababe
- 19th October 0800 departed Warababe arrived Tindua 0840. 0900 to 1035 Census. 1100 to 1800 roadwork. 1930 to 2200 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Tindua
- 20th October 0830 departed Tindua arrived Lega 0950. 1030 to 1500 Census. 1540 to 1730 disputes and Court work. 1900 to 2130 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Lega
- 21st October 0740 departed Lega arrived Ioluapu 0835. 0900 to 1130 Census. 1230 to 1530 roadwork etc. 1600 to 1700 court work. 1800 to 1930 and 2000 to 2130 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Ioluapu
- 22nd October 0800 departed Ioluapu and arrived Pangia 1100.
- 23rd October ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Observed Pangia.
- 25th October 0745 departed Pangia arrived Pondi 0820. 0845 to 1130 Census. 1200 to 1500 roadwork. 1500 to 1800 courts and General Administration. 1930 to 2200 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Pondi
- 26th October Departed Pondi 0745 arrived Kumien 0810. 0830 to 1030 Census. 1130 to 1800 roadwork and courts etc. 1900 to 2030 Figures and Register compiled  
Slept Kumien
- 27th October 0730 departed Kumien arrived Mele 0805 0830 0830 to 1100 Census. 1100 to 1630 roadwork. 1730 to 1830 and 1930 to 2100 Figures and Register compiled.  
Slept Mele
- 28th October 0730 departed Mele arrived Moria 1020. 1100 to 1630 boundary for Pomba Tea block walked around.  
SLEPT MORIA.





NATIVE SITUATION:

Broadly speaking, the people of the Wiru Census Division are a keen progressive and stable group who are all co-operating with the Administration in a most satisfactory manner. With the realisation that only hard work and co-operation will mean better conditions and rapid progress, the people are enthusiastically constructing, maintaining and developing over 120 miles of roads, which when completed will mean all but about 8 Census Units will be accessible by road.

A committee system has been established to assist the Local Government Councillors perform their duties and generally guide the people's work and thoughts. This will remove the great burden of responsibility placed on the Councillors who are still feeling their way in the new Council.

Constant patrolling and supervision over the past few years has enabled the Pangia people to realise that they are far behind other Highland Groups e.g. the Hagens, but this has become a challenge to the leaders of the people and to the bulk of the population so I predict within ~~2-3~~ (2-3) years the area will be really moving and prosperity will result.

During the course of the patrol every rest house was visited at least once and quite often 2 or 3 times and the co-operation, enthusiasm and progress was at some places remarkable. As an example, during the first part of the patrol an extra 30 odd miles of road was pegged out and the people commenced the job of cleaning and cutting the new road. About a month later the areas, Timbari, Undiapu, Kuabini, Noiya and Taguru had made rapid progress and construction rate had surpassed anything I have seen in the Pangia area prior to this.

At all places visited discussions were held and time after time the people expressed their desire for a cash crop to be established quickly in the area. The potential is fantastic actually and the people were told to hasten their roadwork so that manpower can be channeled into projects and cash cropping, full time. With over 5,000 acres of top grade tea lands available for tender the income from labouring jobs, the need for timber and actual income from tea and coffee, one can expect the income per capita to rise rapidly in the not too distant future.

Only eight (8) groups were found to be a trifle decadent in attitude. These were:

1. Porogo/Boroma
2. Marabin
3. Tempekeni
4. Timbari
5. Taguru
6. Mondanda
7. Apenda
8. Pogari

1. The Porogo and Boroma groups are situated on a ridge overlooking Pangia station and both groups appear to lack forceful leaders and are generally a lazy lot unless being supervised. Housing, sanitation and general attitude bordered on antagonism, however with road work proceeding now three days per week and continuous visits from officers should see a change for the better. Both are large groups and will need watching.

2. Marabin, again a large group who seem to lack the drive and purpose to complete tasks allocated to them. Their section of the road is shorter than most other groups but distance achieved leaves a lot to be desired. The village area and surrounds showed a definite hasty cleanup only hours prior to the patrols arrival and I was disappointed to find many pigs still living in womens houses, despite repeated instructions to stop this practice.



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3. Tempikeni, another large group who are divided. The Tempikenis and Mamuanis are constantly bickering over land and tend to rebel if they are put to a task together. There are 2 Councillors serving this group and they regard themselves as separate groups who only come together for Census etc. Similarly they have separate hamlet groups. I would suggest trying to have the Tempikeni Census Unit split to cater for the MAMUANI group and Tempikeni group. A separate rest house for each group and constant checks by officers to keep this unstable group in hand.

4. Timbari, this group has these groups run by 2 Councillors. Councillor KAWAI has a small number of people who made up the original Timbari Census Unit, then came a mass movement by the large group led by Councillor LAMA and finally the trouble making group of LAIABU who persist in yo-yoing between groups year after year. A solution to this problem would be to establish another Census Unit - Laiabu and get this fragmented group consolidated into one Rest House area and leave the stable Timbaris alone. With a total population now of over 800 and many more to come I feel that this group will destroy any good work and good will that exists among the Timbaris. As an example, during the census of the area the LAIABU group - or half of them, arrived in the afternoon of the census and the rest ambled in the following day, even though all were well aware that the Census was in progress. They too want to be a separate group from the Timbaris, and if the area is to remain stable with adequate control over all concerned I recommend this matter be considered.

5. Taguru. This small group have become very dissatisfied lately because all my attempts to find a good road link to their rest house have failed. Coupled with the fact that they have always been an uppity group and that a large number of the group are living at Porogo, one cannot expect much from these people at the moment. Perhaps with extensive contact and work incentives and possible cash cropping this group too will settle down.

6. Mondanda. Bordering on the Pangia Ialibu boundary this group has been worried for years by land disputes with the Ialibu people, however this and their natural laziness make them a difficult group to organise. Road work was almost at a standstill as the people would not co-operate at all. But with the land dispute settled, the Council Elections etc., over and constant road runs, this group will no doubt begin to realise they cannot hope to complete if they fail to pull their weight.

7. Apenda. An enormous, scattered group who have not co-operated at all. Leadership is slack with the 2 Councillors and housing, sanitation and general attitude is such that the development of the Tealands could be delayed by their unfinished road. Extra attention was given to them during my visits to the area and a strong body of committeemen elected to try and get this group to progress on a par with the other tealands groups. They are also constantly arguing with Pogari, Mele, Moro and Aria over land rights, which not only disrupts work but prevents us from concentrating on more important tasks vital to Pangia's development.

8. Pogari, this group is really fair enough although they tend to become involved with Apenda over petty disputes, thus work suffers.

Apart from the above mentioned groups the whole area is progressing fairly well, although a little slowly at times. However with 4 patrols completed already this financial year and the 5th now in the field, the situation cannot do anything but keep on improving.



The attitude towards the Administration, in a nutshell, is excellent as was proven by the peoples progress, work and co-operation displayed at most Rest Houses.

Some groups really worthy of mention for their change of attitude and general progress are: Undiapu, Noiya, Aria, Mele and Moro. All these groups used to be problem groups of varying degrees, mainly torn by internal petty disputes and a general lazy outlook towards progressing. This last patrol however showed that these groups are now knuckling down to get their portions of the road system completed so that development projects can be tackled.

Most groups on the Tealands and Wiru Roads have expressed the desire to organise timber cutting teams, improve their poultry stocks, and actively partake in cattle and other group projects. Many groups, for example, Kumien, Mele and Moro to name a few, have areas of bush marked out ready for pit - sawing to get under way.

Child brides were once again causing problems in the following groups - Timbari, Pagi, Undiapu, Tempikeni, Apenda and Knabini. Many young girls came forward for census with their new husbands, often heavy with child. Unfortunately a great number of these marriages were bargains made between over zealous young men and women without parents knowledge, pregnancy often resulted thence marriage etc. A few young women were forced into marriage by brothers and parents, clamouring for the bride price. Action was taken where required and all were told to obey the law.

Moves by the Council to prevent marriages until four years after menstruation should curb this practice, but no doubt these groups will need constant watching if the programme is to succeed.

Problems also came to light over child brides being left at home for up to five years while the husbands work on the coast. Social problems arise, from prostitution, the brides getting badly treated by relatives and as often as not, not provided with adequate gardens or housing. This may prevent pregnancy before the women can satisfactorily cope but the divorce rate is very high and the women are often shuttled around with complete disregard for their welfare or resultant problems.

The Kumien people, after census was completed came en masse to ask what possible help would be forthcoming, when their road section was completed, in developing timber, firewood, poultry, cattle and pig projects. Naturally they were told that all help and guidance would be available to those groups who showed keenness, co-operation and the desire to progress.

This sort of thing was quite common throughout of the Wiru and I consider that the majority of the people will deserve help and guidance from us, and the Council as it becomes more firmly established and financially able.



PANGIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL:

The Pangia Local Government Council is now in its second year and already the Councillors and people generally are realising that the Council is a representative body there to help guide and finance development in the area. With the completion of tax, census and elections for at least another full year the Council has settled down to make rules and commence work in earnest.

All but one Councillor were re-elected at the last elections in August and this showed the peoples trust in their elected members and their faith in the Council as a functioning body.

The Council is at present in the process of building Aid Post Dispensaries at Warababe, Iaro, Porogo, Tunda Timbari, Undiapu, Noiya and Apenda and these will greatly improve the existing amenities provided by Public Health. This is an example of what the Pangia L.G.C. can tackle with its limited budget. The dispensaries will all have iron roofs and water tanks.

This coupled with the recently completed Council Chambers has successfully shown the people that self help and co-operation are the answers for this area.

Some suggestions for the Council to consider, both brought up by members of the Council, and my own thoughts are:-

a) That the Council construct several, probably 3 or 4 Round Houses on the Council lease at Pangia, adjacent to the Council Chambers, for living quarters for the Councillors to occupy when meetings are on. As some Councillors have 4 to 6 hours walk each way to attend meetings, I consider this to be a sound suggestion. It would also relieve the strain on the Administration's housing. It would be a voluntary project which would cost the Council nothing or very little.

b) That the Council ultimately take over the running of the Pangia market, which is held once each week. A nominal fee of 1 cent per person could be charged for entry, stalls set up so the market could be held even if it rained, fair prices could be fixed, perhaps quarterly, and generally the function of the market improved and cleanliness kept up to scratch. It becomes a burden on the station personnel to clean up after each market day is completed.

Perhaps the Council may not be able to afford this at the present time however it bears consideration for the future.

c) That the Council keep a record of all marriages in the Council area, with the amount paid and who received the pay. Perhaps a trifle time consuming but in the long run it would lead to a stable bride price, and possibly more stable marriages. Debts could be easily settled, and that in itself would save a great deal of time and prevent disputes.

d) That regular disputes over Land, pandanus etc which recur year after year, be recorded so that each new officer will know what decisions have been reached. In the majority of cases in Pandanus disputes all parties have previously agreed to abide by arbitration decisions and are happy with the decisions but it is always a possibility that a decision will be reversed.

e) That copies of all rules passed by the Council be distributed to all Mission personnel and schools so that a wider and quicker coverage of the area can be affected, thus implementation of the rules will be hastened, which is a necessity for this area which is leaping forward.

f) That the Council consider drafting a livestock rule to prevent animals running wild on roads and in villages, causing damage to property, health and roads. The people have been continuously instructed to take steps to remove pigs etc from places of habitation but have failed to do so. No land shortage prevents adequate fencing and the hygiene of the villages and water supplies would be greatly improved.

g) That the Council take steps to provide good drinking water for the various census units, either in the form of fenced off creeks, wells or bamboo pipe lines. All these ideas were discussed with various Councillors who agree with the suggestions, therefore I think they should be considered as possible ways of improving the area generally.

During the course of the patrol 96 Committeemen were elected by the people to assist the Councillors, their duties etc were fully explained and these men should enable closer liason between the Council, Councillors, people and the Administration.

There are other bad sections on this road, particularly between Appendix A refers - a complete list of Wards, population and Committeemen. Most of what is required is re-cutting, levelling or lowering the road to cut out bad slopes, this will have to be done if maintenance is to be effective and the road is to remain open at all times, which is imperative to Pangia's development.

As Pangia has some of the best tea lands in the Territory, I suggest that a proper survey be done in this road and following this, P.W.D. plant equipment be utilised to cut and correct the slopes. This is certainly a very good road at the present time so various considerations must be given to improve it so that Pangia may continue progressing at its present rate.

All bridges are satisfactory at the present time, the Sodawi creek bridge is beginning to sag a little but will be sufficient for our type of traffic for at least another year. Although wooden matting is extremely scarce this would be a definite asset to our bridges in that it would give longer life to the decking which has to be constantly checked and replaced.

I would like to see more funds allocated for this road as the men and women have been continuously working on the road for three days each week for well over a year to keep the road open. Tools are also short and I would like to see more funds allocated towards the local people to help them in their development work on this road. I have a total of \$1000 at this time but more could be made if more funds were available.

This road has been under construction for well over a year now and progress is being made on the west part.

This road is the vital link from Pangia through the Tealands - Kiovi, Imani, Sunda and Pomba, and must be developed quickly if we are to uphold the interest shown in these blocks. My notes on the road and tentative proposals for more land have been sent, and I think we will be able to obtain more land if it should be required.

The bridge over the Pora River is under construction and generally speaking the road from Pangia to Kiovi is progressing well.



## ROADS AND BRIDGES:

The road situation is generally progressing quite well, there are now approximately 120 miles of road, built or under construction in the Pangia area. These roads, a) The Ialibu Pangia road, b) The Tealands road, the Wiru road, when completed or brought up to standard will provide the vital link to all but about 5 groups in the area.

### a). The Pangia/Ialibu Road -

Due to heavy rain, extensive usage by equipment etc, this road deteriorated rapidly over the past 4 months necessitating complete closure of the road to all traffic to enable repairs to be affected. The people, assisted by calabouse from the Pangia Corrective Institution have been carrying out extensive maintenance on this road.

A new section at Tindua has been cut, thus enabling traffic to by pass an extremely steep and difficult incline at Tindua, which proved to be a problem spot during rain and very hard to maintai .

There are other bad sections on this road, particularly between Mondanda and Tindua which will require re-routing and these will be carried out in conjunction with future patrols to the area. Mostly what is required is re-cutting, levelling or lowering the road to cut out ad slopes, this will have to be done if maintenance is to be effective and the road is to remain open at all times, which is imperative to Pangias development.

As Pangia has some of the best tea lands in the Territory. I suggest that a proper survey be done on this road and following this, P.W.D. plant equipment be utilised to widen and correct the slopes. This is our only access road at the present time so serious consideration must be given to improve it so that Pangia may continue progressing at its present rate.

All bridges are satisfactory at the present time, the Andavi creek bfridge is beginning to sag a little but will be sufficient for our type of traffic for at least another year. Although marsden matting is extremely scarce this would be a definite asset to our bridges in that it would give longer life to the decking which has to be constantly checked and replaced.

I would like to see more funds allocated for this road as the men and women have been continually working on the road for three days per week for well over a year to keep this road open. Tools are also short and I would like to see more spades allocated to assist the local peoples who now realise that their development hinges on this road. We have a little over \$1000 on this road but more could possibly be allocated when funds become available.

### b). The Tealands Road:

This road has been underconstruction for well over a year now and progress is fair for the most part.

This road is the vital link from Pangia through the Tealands - Wlowei, Tengai, Apenda and Pomba, and must be completed quickly if we are to uphold the interest shown in these blocks. They total over 5000 acresx and tentative approaches for more land have been sent out, and I think we will be able to obtain more land if it should be required.

The Bridge over the Poru river is under construction and generally speaking the road itself from Pangia to Moro is progressing well.



The Pondis, Kumiens, Meles and Apendas are now working 3 days/week from the Poru Bridge site to link up with the Pondi Kumien section of the road. The Kumiens have completed their section of road, the Meles have only a few hundred yards to complete, the road to Apenda is completed.

This portion is the objective, to complete at the present, when this section is completed all groups will be assisting Apenda and Pogari to complete the road to Tengai. The Moria, Aria and Moro people are working very well and quite speedily, but all have a long way to go before they are linked to Tengai. However, our main aim is to get the road from Pangia to Tengai completed to co-incide with the completion of the Poru bridge.

With men cutting the road and the women heaping stones in readiness to lay, the road is at a stage where it will all be ready for use immediately the bridge is completed, and all culverts and sections under construction, are completed.

The mileage for this road is approximately 21 miles and we have been allocated \$500 for its construction so far this financial year. Tools are also short here and I would like to see more allocated and more money for this road which will enable us to reach the tealands by car, truck or tractor.

I would estimate that about 15 miles of this road are completed so the progress by the people over the past year has been quite good, but constant supervision and guidance will have to be the order of the day if the present rate is to be upheld.

Pangia to Moro section has 25 bridges to be built ranging in size from 2-3 feet culverts to a 90 feet bridge over the Ibei, so funds will be required for construction of these bridges.

All groups have been told to hasten this road construction up and follow up patrols will be constantly checking progress.

c). The Wiru Road:

During this patrol I rechecked the road previously marked, made necessary alterations to existing routes, marked a further 25 odd miles of road and continually supervised construction at all points of call.

As of now there are approximately 68 miles of road marked out and now under construction through the Wiru. The people have been working very well over the past months and I was very pleased with the attitude towards the road by most groups. All groups are working 3 days per week to hasten the completion of this road, which when completed will bring the whole of the Pangia area under a good road system.

i) Kauwo to Karani, approximately 2/3 completed and Porogo, Borona, Kauwo and Iaro groups are working on this section.

ii) Karani to Porogo, completely marked but not being constructed at the moment as the access road to Karani needs completing before this section is constructed.

iii) Karani to Karue. This is a long section of about 1 1/2 miles which negotiates the side of a ridge. At present the Karanis, Poreios, Karues and Maubins are constructing this portion. There are 2 or 3 difficult slopes where landslips are slowing up work but apart from this will need very little hard



work to complete. When other groups have completed their sections of the road they will be put to work on this long section.

iv) Karue to Maubin - completely finished.

v) Maubin to Tunda. The Tundas and Kerabaris are working on this section which should be completed within 2 months. Stones are the reason this section has taken so long. Lack of tools is hampering work but I was very pleased with this group's progress.

vi) Tunda to Marabin - almost completed, with the large number of people here this section should be completed within 2 months.

vii) Tunda to Tempikeni - only about 200 yards remain to be constructed and the Tempikeni groups should be able to complete this in a matter of weeks.

viii) Tempikeni to Pugi a difficult section which is marked and the Pugis are now constructing this section, but will need guidance.

ix) Pugi to Timbari - The Timbari groups are constructing this section and it should be completed in about 3 months. Lamas group are an irksome bunch who will need special attention otherwise the work schedule will be delayed by them.

x) Timbari to Undiapu, newly marked section being constructed at a rapid rate by Undiapu and Koia. An excellent rate is and should be maintained by these groups.

xi) A minor access road to Koia has been marked out but the terrain is such that this road will need close supervision if it is to penetrate the gullies and bush to Koia. It is not a vital link at present and the Koia group are quite stable.

xii) Undiapu to Kuabini. This section is now marked and is being constructed by the Kuabini group who, though a small group are progressing favourably. They will be eventually assisted by Undiapu when the Timbari section is completed.

xiii) Kuabini to Noiya - construction proceeding quite well and the Noiya are working towards Kuabini. This again is a long section but other groups have been instructed to assist in this section once their own links are completed.

xiv) A back leg is now tentatively marked from Undiapu to Maubin although the terrain is very rough near Undiapu. If a suitable back link can be found it will prevent too much wear and tear and save time in the journey to and from Noiya etc.

xv) Another tentative link to Taguru has been pegged but the rise from the NARE creek at Noiya and a few steep spots about mid-way between Noiya and Taguru don't warrant constructing this section as yet. Close supervision and guidance would have to be given to the small Taguru group if this link is to prove satisfactory.

xvi) There are other alternatives for back links from the Noiya, Kuabini, Undiapu sections but time prevented a satisfactory route being found. We tried but always drew a blank because of a ridge or gully but with perseverance this area could be back linked to Maubin.

xviii) Another possibility is to put a link from Timbari to Marabin if the swamp in the middle could be satisfactorily drained.

Generally speaking, with occasional but regular supervision the Wiru road will be completed within a year and possibly a lot sooner judging the progress made thus far. It is a vital link as the bulk of Pangia's population will be served by this road.

Tools and money are again urgently required for this road where again, men and women are working three days per week to complete it. Spades, crowbars, picks and hammers are urgently required.

From the Poru river bridge site to the foothills to Taguru is fairly easy country to negotiate and this would at least provide a quicker link to Taguru. It would save about 1 1/2 hour walk if a road was put in to this area. It could not be brought right to Taguru but within 10 minutes walk. A possibility to be considered.

Please refer to attached map for details road routes etc.

The A.P.O.'s have written Aid Post Supervisors of Health Extension, with the result that the work is being done heavily on the A.P.O.'s and the A.P.O.'s are being used to supervise the A.P.O.'s. I think this is a mistake and that the A.P.O.'s should be doing the work themselves with the A.P.O.'s supervising.

We definitely need on Aid Post Supervisors now that we have 7 Aid Posts and one new one on the way. We also badly need a replacement for the Public Educator, both units of PHD, if they were diligent would help the area and especially myself, the A.P.O.'s and prevent such wasted time.

All Aid Post Supervisors have excellent Aid Posts and although the people are utilizing the facilities more it has become necessary to appoint a few men and women from each Census Unit to assist the A.P.O.'s look after the Aid Post, fetch medicines and bring firewood.

Talks were given to the A.P.O.'s who are working 7 or 8 hours a day tending the sick especially on the working days, so perhaps in future the Aid Posts will function more smoothly.

The A.P.O.'s all approached me with the idea of hastening their entry into the Public Service as Temporary Officers. I think their ability, work and conduct for their working conditions warrants a mention in this report. As stated above, they work long hours as well as perform regular visits to outlying groups to advise on health and hygiene matters.

They also want to be armed with a 2 man patrol boxes so enable such work to be performed. I think this is a sound idea as the A.P.O.'s are prepared to carry out bush patrols but need basic equipment to enable quick movement and carrying of medicines etc.

If this consideration be given to the matter of supplying such items as wind-lift, nails and hinges etc to Pangia Hospital as that repairs to the road can be effected and that they are attractive, sturdy and durable which the people could use as support. It is hoped that such a decision, the Council and the people will be willing to do this but I feel the A.P.O.'s should be given the right to do this.

I also feel it is high time that the road from Pangia to Taguru was made. It is a link which is vital to the area.



## AID POSTS AND HEALTH AND HYGIENE:

The Wiru Census Division is served by a Native Material Hospital, staffed by a Medical Assistant and Hospital Orderlies, and seven Aid Posts, staffed by Aid Post Orderlies, and one new Aid Post due to be completed within the month.

The Aid Posts are situated at Iaro, Warababe, Porogo, Tunda, Timbari, Noiya and Apenday and the new one at Undiapu. These give a fairly good coverage of the population however I would like to see one placed at Aria, which would cater for Moro, Aria and Moria Census Units, all of which are at least 1½ hours walk from Apenda, the nearest Aid Post.

All Aid Post Orderlies complained bitterly about the lack of interest displayed by the so called Health Educators and Aid Post Supervisors, who were previously stationed at Pangia. Not once, in both cases were tours of duty carried out by them, a complete waste of money as far as this area was concerned. I only hope other areas were more fortunate.

Now Pangia has neither Aid Post Supervisor or Health Educator, with the result that the onus for work weighs heavily on the A.P.O's and DDA staff who have to waste precious hours inspecting housing etc and giving ~~these~~ talks. I don't object to doing this however with more pressing duties to perform one gets a trifle annoyed.

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Talks were given re supporting the A.P.O's who often work 7 or 8 hours a day tending the sick especially on road working days, so perhaps in future the Aid Posts will function more smoothly.

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They also want to be issued with 2 x 2 man patrol boxes to enable such work to be performed, I think this is a sound idea as the APO's are prepared to carry out health patrols but ~~lack~~ basic equipment to enable quick movement and carrying of medicines etc.

I think consideration be given to the matter of supplying such items as windowlite, nails and hinges etc to Pangia Hospital so that repairs to Aid Posts can be effected and that they are attractive, sturdy buildings which the people could use and support. No trouble with actual construction, the Council and the people are capable and willing to do this but I feel PHD should contribute to projects etc.

I also feel it is high time some sort of infant welfare was started at Pangia, even a limited service at

The Pangia area like other areas of the District the Pangia Hospital to cater for women of the whole area. Later when the roads are extended the service could then include all villages and I'm sure the Pangia Local Government Council would be prepared to help in this matter.

Perhaps the system could be worked for the whole Sub-district is. week and week about at Pangia and Ialibu. Generally speaking the health and hygiene in the Wira is quite satisfactory, there were blantant offenders who failed to obey previously issued instructions and they were prosecuted accordingly, but the attitude of the people is improving all the time, and as is policy the patrol inspected the housing etc of all Census Units.

These people bear investigating by the visiting survey team which is currently in the Southern Highlands.

#### REPORTS:

Pangia is not on the existing roads however it is only about 1. Female TURI-WABA of Karue, 1945, was sent to Hagen in late 1964 or early 1965 to have a child. It was born after a caesarian operation and she saw the baby twice. After a few weeks recuperation she was sent back to Pangia without the child. She claims the hospital staff did not tell her what happened to the child.

2. Another woman PEYAMEI-TIMBU, 1942, of Karabari was sent to Mendi hospital a few years ago and nothing heard of her since.

She is probably dead or married to another area, but her husband has made enquiries to no avail.

The generally attitude of the people towards hospitals is good but if people continue to go missing etc, especially women this will surely change. Quite after rumours reach us that PHD staff force women into having sexual intercourse and the people want tolerate this and it will probably lead to people reverting to custom for the treatment of illness etc.

Perhaps the Hospitals could, upon discharge of a patient send with them a brief summary of the person's illness and results to avoid confesion amongst the people.



## OIL SEEPAGES:

### CENSUS AND STATISTICS:

The Pangia area, like other areas of the Southern Highlands has numerous seeps and flows of oil and kerosene like liquid. The local people at Warababe, Tindua and Foreio are using these seeps to light kerosene lamps etc and they appear to go quite well with very little residue left over.

Follows:

A new lot of seeps were reported to me at Foreio and investigation revealed that there were 20 holes where oil is coming up in a regular flow. I obtained a sample bottle which is enclosed with the report and it far surpasses anything previously reported. Very little water is in the liquid which is very viscous and a dark green colour.

There are apparently other seeps and flows in the bush surrounding Foreio which have only recently surfaced. These seeps bear investigating by the visiting survey team which is currently in the Southern Highlands.

Foreio is not on the existing roads however it is only about 2 hours walk from Pangia so quite accessible, also a vehicular road is under construction to Karani which would shorten walking time by half.

The book error recorded above occurs in the Appendix figures where three people were recorded twice.

The Birth Rate per hundred is 49.55

The Death Rate per hundred is 1.20

The Natural Increase per hundred is 48.35

The Birth rate appears high however the period is over 2 years and births outnumber deaths by 1,035. The death rate has been decreasing over the past years, probably due to improved health and hygiene in the villages, and the availability of X-ray tests and medical treatment at the Pangia Hospital.

Migrations were steady, the extra Migrations out are accounted for by migrations to Nagoa and Trave, now that the people are settling differences and Councils take over in these areas.

Attendance was good at all places except for Nagoa where 12 people failed to appear, however they were located and dealt with under the Native Regulations. Co-operation was good at all places.

Timbari Census Unit now has 575 people and can expect at least another 200 people to leave Kumbial next census, this point has been dealt with in other sections of the report.

In conjunction with the Census all names were transferred from the old Village Books to the Tax Census Registers. This was an enormous task but at least 100,000 names will have to be done for at least 5-8 years.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS:

The Census for the Wiru Census Division was carried out in conjunction with the patrol during the months of September, October and November.

Reconciliation with the 1964 Census Figures is a follows:

1964 TOTAL	15,418
1964 Book Error	<u>-3</u>
	15,415
1966 Births	<u>1,231</u>
	16,646
1966 Migrations in	<u>428</u>
	17,074
1966 Deaths	<u>196</u>
	16,878
1966 Migrations Out	<u>591</u>
	<u>16,287</u> Being 1966 Total.

The book error recorded above occurs in the Apenda figures where three people were recorded twice.

The Birth Rate per hundred is 7.55  
The Death Rate per hundred is 1.20  
The Natural Increase per hundred is 6.35

The Birth rate appears high however the period is over 2 years and births outnumber deaths by 1,035. The death rate has been decreasing over the past years, probably due to improved health and hygiene in the villages, and the availability of Aid Posts and medical treatment at the Pangia Hospital.

Migrations were steady, the extra Migrations out are accounted for by migrations to Kagua and Erave, now that the people are settling differences and Councils take over in these areas.

Attendance was good at all places except for Taguru where 13 people failed to appear, however they were located and dealt with under the Native Regulations. Co-operation was good at all places.

Timbri Census Unit now has 878 people and one can expect at least another 200 people to leave Kuabini next census, this point has been dealt with in other sections of the report.

In conjunction with the Census all names were transferred from the old Village Books to the Tax Census Registers. This was an arduous task but at least its done and want have to be done for at least 6-8 years.



### MILLABLE TIMBER STANDS:

The Wiru people, are showing great interest in pit saws and they are generally well supplied with stands of timber and most have at least one saw operating to supply timber to the Administration and to the various Mission Stations throughout the area.

With our accelerated building programme and the growth of missions, the demand for timber is going to increase. And as soon as the roads throughout the area are completed all groups will no doubt increase production.

The Pangia Council could quite easily cash in on this by purchasing a saw mill to supply the Administration's needs, this would be a definite improvement as it would mean a constant supply and the necessity to have timber to and from the Ialibu sawmill would cease.

As an example of the capacity of the people to supply timber - the Mondanda Census Unit has about 8 saws operating and they have an estimated 200 fitches cut in the bush ready for purchase. Other groups who are operating pit-saws are in a similar position.

The groups are for the most part situated on or near a road and the timber stands are within easy distant of the road.

With the planned re-afforestation projects the Council are about to commence, the supplies of timber could be continued without serious depletion of available stands.

### NATIVE ENTREPRENEURS:

Over the past year the interest displayed by the Wiru people in business enterprises has greatly increased so that now there are roughly 30 stores and canteens operating, dozens of pitsaws operating, groups supplying food and firewood to the Administration and missions, a native owned tractor and one cow owned by a station interpreter.

With the coming of NAMASU into the Pangia area we can expect the interest in Trade Stores to continue to grow and as long as the people are prepared to pull their weight and sell at a reasonable price the success of these stores should be assured. There are large amounts of money floating around the area from purchases of land, road work and all other sources of income so the demand for these stores is steadily mounting.

There is a certain amount of prestige attached to entrepreneurs in the area but the mere fact that a saw is owned is not enough to get money, has been realised by the people and so most of the expanding business people are settling down to work hard. Even if there are the odd failures this will only serve to make people think carefully about embarking on new type projects.

I fully expect the cattle and chook and pig business to expand fairly soon as the people have begun to realise that there's money to be made and that material gains are to be had by all.

There exists a great prospect for native type products. For example there are now two Artefact Stores operating in Mt. Hagen, bush materials could be utilised to make brooms and many people are quite capable of weaving baskets etc from local cane and grasses.



All these would mean extra income for the people as a whole, and there exists ideal opportunity for the Pangia Council to assist and sell commodities produced.

As the patrol spent at least one night in each host house the number of courts and disputes heard was quite high, however people who received jail sentences, about 60 or so, was reasonable in comparison with the number of complaints brought forward.

A majority of these jailings were for failing to obey instructions to repair, maintain housing and village areas etc.

Four were forewarned, two for stealing and two for minor rioting with the balance making up various items as per above. As a whole the whole of the village has a good attitude towards law and order and are always prepared to have the administration sort out their problems. A great deal of credit must go to the accurate work of interpreting that the 3000 Patrol Interpreters provide.

Also constant visits to villages helps to keep the crime situation in hand and at a low level. As per usual pigs, debts, women and minor land disputes featured in the line up of complaints dealt with but all parties appeared satisfied with the guidance and arbitration offered.



**CRIME:**

At present, as usual, the area is very stable and not much occurs to upset the people's lives in the way of crime. All disputes and courts are very quickly brought to our notice at Fangia with the result that any untoward occurrences are dealt with before they can escalate into something serious.

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That same afternoon while going round the boundaries with the owners and agents we had to cross the River in two places. The River was in full flood which meant numerous trips back and forward by myself, to land non-swimmers across.

However the purchase went off without a hitch, the next day many people opened up new Savings Accounts with the Commonwealth Bank Officer, J. Glinch, who accompanied the patrol for that purpose.

Four Tanna Yaclands totalling 1000 acres, was also purchased during the patrol for \$7000-00, from the Maris, Tengel and Hagar groups. This again saved quite a bit amongst the people where every owner received over \$100-00.

We have now purchased over 5,000 acres of top Yaclands and realtors have gone out with the aim of obtaining more.

Any companies who quote any of these blocks should be disappointed in any way, as the country is good, the people co-operative and the land has already been extensively grown in Fangia's experimental blocks.

At the present time I am in the process of investigating a further 200 acres of land at Karsal which will be ideal for cattle. The people have throughout the Wiru expressed the desire to sell more land and to the Administration for cattle sub-division if these are ever required.

LAND: PURCHASES, DISPUTES and AVAILABILITY:

a) One of the instructions issued for this patrol was to purchase all land for which Purchase documents were forthcoming.

1) An Extension to the Wesleyan Mission Lease at Aria was purchased for \$39-20 and will now mean the Airstrip at Aria to be completed. The strip will only be suitable for light aircraft and then not to commercial aircraft as it is only 1600 feet long. It is estimated that it will be opened in about 6 - 8 weeks.

11) Also purchased was the Capuchin Mission Lease at Apenda - known as Lopenipini and which is 7.4 acres, this is only to be used initially for a church and preacher's house however if the staff position permits it is hoped to open a small school.

111) Pomba Tealands totalling 1010 acres was purchased ~~xxxxxx~~ for \$7262-70, from Moria and Aria Census Units. This land lies on the Tealands Road and is excellent country except for the natural boundary of the Ibei River which is extremely rugged, however the land is such that well over 50% of it could be machine worked.

The reception by the owners and people generally was quite spectacular as they have never had so much each or collectively at any one time. Each owner received over \$26-00 so all were extremely pleased.

The purchase entailed hauling the money, all in silver, out by carrier and while en route to Moria, one of the patrol boxes containing the money and purchase documents fell into about 6 feet of water. Constable Gatau of Pangia detachment, dived in and hauled the box to the bank. A commendable effort showing initiative and quick thinking. When the money etc., arrived at Moria and I was told the details I looked and found the documents soaking wet. However they were satisfactorily dried out that night and were okay to use.

That same afternoon while going round the boundaries with the owners and agents we had to cross the Ibei River in two places. The River was in full flood which meant numerous trips back and forward by myself, to haul non-swimmers across.

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1V) Tengai Tealands totalling 1291 acres, was also purchased during the patrol for \$7805-30, from the Moria, Tengai and Pogari groups. This again caused quite a stir amongst the people where every owner received over \$22-00.

We have now purchased over 5,000 acres of top Tealands and feelers have gone out with the aim of obtaining more.

Any companies who score any of these blocks shouldn't be disappointed in any way, as the country is good, the people co-operative and tea has already been successfully grown in Pangia's experimental block.

b) At the present time I am in the process of investigating a further 210 acres of land at Karani which will be ideal for cattle. The people have, throughout the Wiru expressed the desire to sell more tracts of land to the Administration for cattle sub-division if these are ever required.



There are excellent areas of land vacant at Maubin, Karue, Marabin, Tunda and Timbari, to name a few, which could be utilised very favourably for cattle.

c) As is usual throughout the Territory, Land Disputes cropped up from time to time, however no serious disputes were brought to the patrol's notice. A few minor disputes over garden sites and the use of timber were brought up and discussed and the resultant decisions usually meant area was divided up equally between the parties and all were happy as basically that's what they had in mind right from the start.

As the area is developing at a fast rate I don't think the people will be worrying about petty disputes over land but will try to better themselves rather than quibble. I may be optimistic saying this however as the people of the Wiru are not short of land I think there should not be too much trouble.

It is a classic example of what can happen if the people have to rely solely on crops which cannot be stored or are prone to heat and excessive dry spells.

Peanuts should be supplied and distributed as their value as a protein has been proved elsewhere in the Territory. Trial plots could be planted at Aid Posts where children could get the benefits and also the Aid Posts, being central to population groups could be used as distribution centres for plantings.

Fish supplies here have been sporadic and only a couple of ponds have stocks. The Wiru people need all the extra protein they can get and a great many groups have ponds ready to receive fish immediately. One wonders what's happening when Micronians can get fish from DAP when the Administration can't. Not that it matters really how the fish arrives but let's get more and quickly.

People received a limited supply of vegetable seeds here last year from Malibu but these don't go very far as a lot of people. Existing crops are deteriorating as year after year they are replanted. The people need guidance in planting, harvesting and storing methods to get the best results and the best prices for their labours.

Is it possible to grow dry rice at this altitude, 5,200 feet, if so the area could certainly utilize it?

Generally speaking, pigs and poultry throughout the Wiru appear to be quite healthy although a bit of red blood into existing stock would no doubt be of benefit. The people also need help in looking after their animals and any help forthcoming would be greatly appreciated by the stock owners.

## AGRICULTURE:

Despite an apparent lack of interest displayed by DASF in the Pangia Area, they have finally commenced establishing coffee nurseries throughout the Wiru C.D. My only reservation is that with the coffee market what it is today we may find that the coffee, in a few years will not fetch a good price or at worst, not be able to be sold at all. The people are all very keen and are most anxious to receive monetary income no matter how small, and while patrolling the area I found that the nurseries were being quite well looked after.

I would like to see more work being done here to improve the people's subsistence crops and to provide extra supplies of corn, banana, soya bean seeds to supplement the existing crops which are apt to fail badly during dry spells, as was proved last year when several groups had to rely a fair bit on rice etc, donated by various Council's and by the Administration. This drought was by no means serious but it is a classic example of what can happen if the people have to rely solely on crops which cannot be stored or are prone to heat and excessive dry spells.

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Pangia received a limited supply of vegetable seeds here last year from Ialibu but these dont go very far amongst 16,000 odd people. Existing crops are deteriorating as year after year they are replanted. The people need guidance in planting, harvesting and storing methods to get the best results and the best prices for their labours.

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## HIGHLAND LABOUR SCHEME:

As per instructions the number of young men absent on the coast was calculated - Refer Appendix B.

Over the past few months and during the Census the number of returning recruits has been quite high. During the Council Elections in August, it was estimated that over 800 men were absent on the coast.

There are now only 587 men in the 16 - 46 age group absent, which is a mere 16% of the work force of 3,596.

In the 16 - 25 age group there are 501 absentees out of a total of 1,472, which is 34%. In the 26 - 35 age group there are 78 absent out of 922, which is 8%. ~~XXXX~~ In the 36 - 45 age group there are 8 absent out of 1,202, which is .6% of that age group.

The following groups have over 30% of the work force absent: Tindua, Waluboi and Warababe.

The general attitude, towards the scheme, felt by a large proportion of the population, is antagonism, especially by the older men. They feel that as the area is progressing so well with its Council and road work, all the available labour should be kept in the area. As the young men are the ones who will ultimately benefit from the road system etc, the majority of people want the men to help.

A large proportion of the absentees choof off to Hagen to be recruited under false names and addresses. This situation has its problems as it can be very difficult tracing next of kin in times of death or illness.

The Councillors and the people generally complain that the returned recruits play cards, refuse to work with the people and generally try to adopt the status of "bos-bois" which naturally causes discontent.

The pros and cons of the system are numerous and are continually under discussion throughout the Territory but Pangia, if the recruits are sent away, would like to see some men return with newly found skills. What's the use to this area, of a bod who is expert in carrying a bag of copra? Yes it benefits the Territory as a whole.

We can expect more and more men to go to the coast to work especially now that the urban cash wage has been raised. Pangia is not over recruited at the present time but the flow will have to be watched closely.

PATROL PERSONEL:

The patrol, a lengthy one, carried out with the help of three Patrol Interpreters, 9 members of the R.P.N.G.C. over varying periods and two casual labourers. They all were diligent and carried out instructions well and without question. Reports for all members of the Police have been sent to Police Headquarters and entered on their respective R of S here at Pangia.

Special mention is warranted for Constables, Gul, Pumbi, Gatsu, Maleva all of whom used initiative and were a considerable help to me at all times.

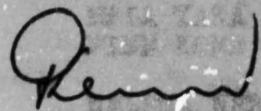
Not one complaint was recorded against the members of the patrol which shows the excellent co-operation that exists between the people and the Administration.

CONCLUSION:

The patrol through the Wiru, over 60 days, was very enjoyable and I think the people were pleased to have the patrol in the area, have road work supervised, marked and to have the patrol stay at least one night in each Census Unit.

The majority of the Wiru people are now progressing well, roads are opening up the area and economically, the future looks very good.

Attached please find my Camping Allowance Claim for the 49 nights slept out. Could the Claim be processed as soon as possible as I will be proceeding on 3 months recreation leave as from the 17th of December, 1966.

  
PETER R. KERR.  
Patrol Officer.

KIMASAKI	10	312
KOLE	10	330
KUMBINI	10	404
KUMBINI	10	247
KUMBINI	10	321
KUMBINI	10	328
KUMBINI	10	310
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**APPENDIX A**

<u>Census Unit</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Committeemen</u>
APENDA 20	786	WARRI PIO KIBOI WARUAI YAMO KIE ALASA WAGURU IBELI KAREBA
ARIA 10	346	PINEI YAGIBU WIRU EGA
BORONA 10	581	ANGURA WERE TOROBI PARE OBA PILUE YAMO MUNGA
IARO 10	547	KOIO OGI TOBA KEBA IMA KISUBU
KARANE 10	428	MOLU WENABU KULUA KARAI TUNGULA KELEA
KARUR 10	343	YOGI TIGEBO KIBOI WIAT
KAUWO 20	790	KOME IAWI LULU KONA WAREA ANGOBA IABI TANGA
KERABARI 10	312	MAYA YAWA PINE KOME
KOIA 10	330	WELEMA KERIGINA WINGI KEWA
KUABINI 10	434	TIRA LEWE KAGALU WARUA
KUMIEN 10	247	WABIRI KAINGARIA
LAUE 10	121	KELIA MAGURU
LEGA 10	329	TAGARA KANAMBO POLA -WI
LOLUAPU 10	361	FIGI KIWAIMA TAMBU TEGARI TIGI -LUMBEI
MEIA 10	387	ALU TIMBA
MARABIN 10	614	AUGA IANDA TIRI KOIAI KURUE LOMBO PORIA OPAI
MAUBIN 10	382	ALUMBO KEWA TAREGA KAMBA ANGOBA OBOGA
MELE 10	446	TEGARI KEWA LIMU MULLI

<u>Census Unit</u>		<u>Population</u>	<u>Committeemen</u>
MONDARDA	10	375	MOGE WAIO POBE NORE
MORIA	10	590	ARUGA LEME WENGENBO TUBAI KONDO TOMIO
MORO	10	459	KONIA KIA WANGE PORENCE
NOIYA	10	595	TIGERO LOGAIMANA PINA IBU PENDEBO LEME ANGOBA KARIA
POGARI	10	355	TOGOI LUMBI TAIGABO KABIA
PONDI	10	347	MORU PANE YABAGI KOI
POREIA	10	316	TALUE PIBI LUMBU TAITA AINIA WI
POROGO	10	433	AWA LABA WEMBI KERA YOROGA TARU
PUGI	10	213	ANGOBA KARABE KUMIUMA KARAGU
TACURU	10	521	YANGO KEWA YONDI PAGA
TEMPIKENI	10	808	OGI LEME KOIA PENGMA TEMO IANBA PINE ALUEMBO
TIMBARI	20	878	PUNUBU OMBI TOBA YU NUNGUMA KELEA PEIAI KOGE YOGA LENGE MEYA MEA
TINDUA	10	351	YABO MAGE YARI POA
TUNDA	10	395	KOKE DIMI KEWA PULUBO LILIA KUBAI
UNDLAPU	20	709	TELIBO YOMINARI KELIBO TUNGI TIMINI KAGIAMO WIBAI YOGORA
WALUBOI			LOGO TAGU
PAURA	10	284	MULE WIALO LOGO YOBE
WARABABE	10	579	LEWALI ANKA PUA AGA
WEMBU		110	LEME TONGO

AND LAUB SHARE  
COUNCILLOR



APPENDIX B. HIGHLAND LABOUR RECRUITS

<u>Sensus Unit</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Total of Males Absent</u>	<u>Total Males In Group</u>	<u>% Absent</u>
APENDA	16 - 25	26	66	40
	26 - 35	7	36	19
	36 - 45	1	48	2
	16 - 45	34	150	23
ARIA	16 - 25	4	30	13
	26 - 35	0	17	0
	36 - 45	0	18	0
	16 - 45	4	65	6
BORONA	16 - 25	19	52	37
	26 - 35	1	38	3
	36 - 45	0	51	0
	16 - 45	20	141	14
IARO	16 - 25	20	44	45
	26 - 35	5	31	16
	36 - 45	1	39	3
	16 - 45	26	114	23
KARANE	16 - 25	15	34	44
	26 - 35	5	23	22
	36 - 45	1	35	3
	16 - 45	21	92	23
KARUE	16 - 25	11	31	35
	26 - 35	3	21	14
	36 - 45	0	24	0
	16 - 45	14	76	18
KAUWO	16 - 25	28	84	33
	26 - 35	6	43	14
	36 - 45	0	53	0
	16 - 45	34	180	19
KERABARI	16 - 25	13	28	45
	26 - 35	0	13	0
	36 - 45	0	29	0
	16 - 45	13	70	19
KOIA	16 - 25	11	47	23
	26 - 35	1	21	5
	36 - 45	0	18	0
	16 - 45	12	86	14
KUABINI	16 - 25	2	28	7
	26 - 35	1	25	4
	36 - 45	0	30	0
	16 - 45	3	83	3

KUMIEN	16 - 25	4	21	19
	26 - 35	0	12	0
	36 - 45	0	13	0
	16 - 45	4	46	9
LAUE	16 - 25	4	16	25
	26 - 35	1	12	8
	36 - 45	0	5	0
	16 - 45	5	33	15
LEGA	16 - 25	18	26	66
	26 - 35	3	13	23
	36 - 45	0	29	0
	16 - 45	21	68	4
LOLUAPU	16 - 25	15	33	45
	26 - 35	1	21	5
	36 - 45	0	33	0
	16 - 45	16	87	18
MAIA	16 - 25	5	33	15
	26 - 35	0	15	0
	36 - 45	0	26	0
	16 - 45	5	74	7
MABABIN	16 - 25	15	66	23
	26 - 35	4	37	11
	36 - 45	0	48	0
	16 - 45	19	151	13
MAUBIN	16 - 25	9	31	29
	26 - 35	0	18	0
	36 - 45	0	33	0
	16 - 45	9	82	11
MELE	16 - 25	12	32	38
	26 - 35	0	20	0
	36 - 45	36 0	33	0
	16 - 45	12	85	14
MONDANDA	16 - 25	13	34	38
	26 - 35	3	24	13
	36 - 45	0	19	0
	16 - 45	16	77	21
MORIA	16 - 25	9	63	14
	26 - 35	0	42	0
	36 - 45	0	36	0
	16 - 45	9	141	6

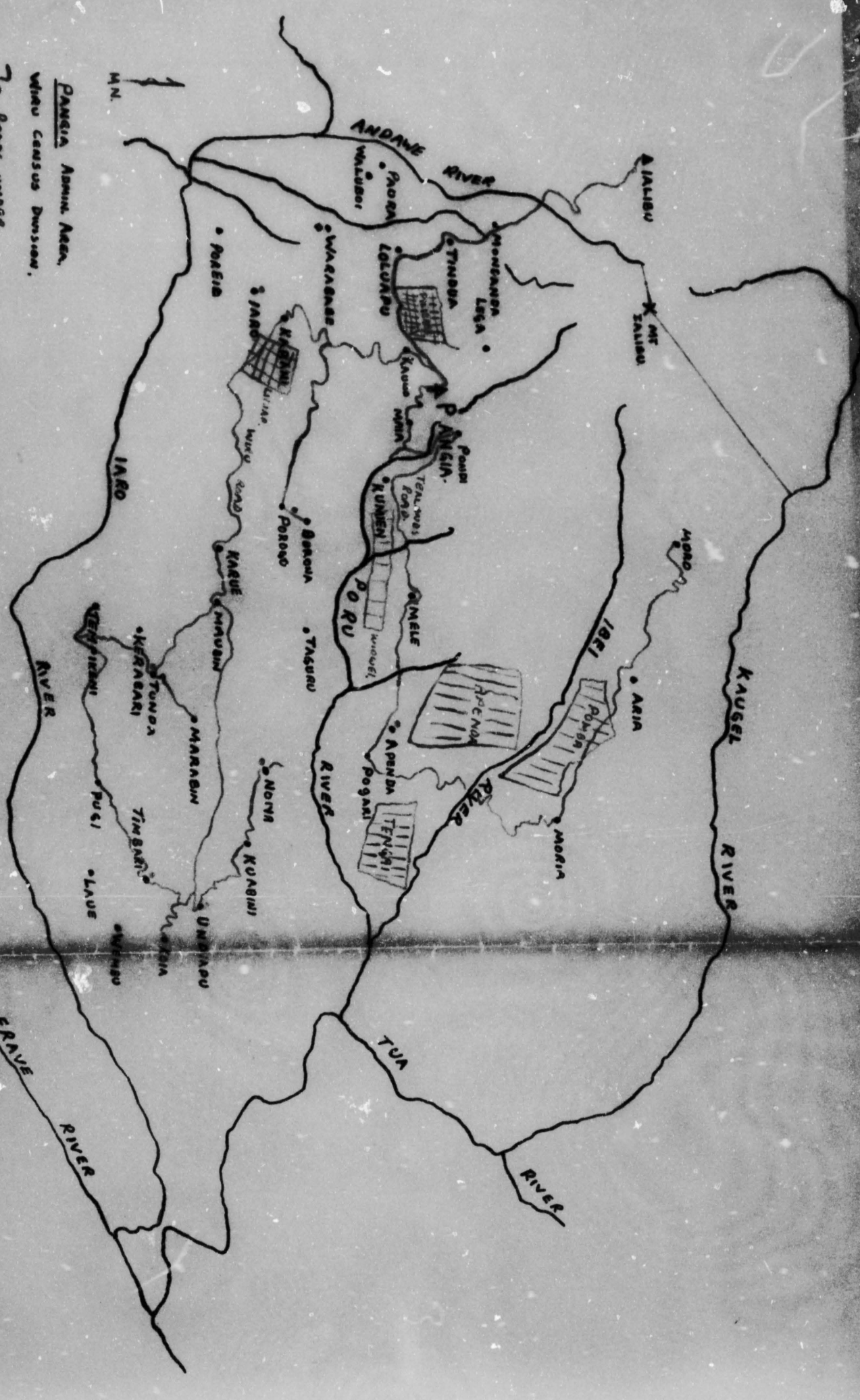


MORU	16-25	7	39	18
	26-35	0	22	0
	36-45	0	37	0
	16-45	7	98	7
NOIYA	16-25	26	53	49
	26-35	6	29	21
	36-45	1	63	2
	16-45	33	145	23
POGARI	16-25	2	25	8
	26-35	0	31	0
	36-45	0	21	0
	16-45	2	77	3
PONDI	16-25	11	27	41
	26-35	3	17	18
	36-45	0	25	0
	16-45	14	69	20
POREIA	16-25	14	30	47
	26-35	1	29	5
	36-45	1	28	4
	16-45	16	78	21
PORCGO	16-25	11	36	31
	26-35	0	31	0
	36-45	0	41	0
	16-45	11	108	10
PUGI	16-25	2	10	20
	26-35	0	14	0
	36-45	0	25	0
	16-45	2	49	4
TAGURU	16-25	26	45	58
	26-35	4	21	19
	36-45	1	46	2
	16-45	31	112	27
TEMPIKENI	16-25	19	74	26
	26-35	2	61	3
	36-45	0	69	0
	16-45	21	204	10
TIMBARI	16-25	26	80	33
	26-35	1	49	2
	36-45	0	65	0
	16-45	27	194	14

TINLUA	16-25	15	32	47
	26-35	7	24	29
	36-45	1	20	5
	16-45	23	76	30
TUNDA	16-25	14	33	42
	26-35	1	18	6
	36-45	0	31	0
	16-45	15	82	18
UNDIAPU	16-25	18	79	23
	26-35	1	52	2
	36-45	0	49	0
	16-45	19	180	11
WALUBOI	16-25	21	26	81
	26-35	3	10	30
	36-45	0	18	0
	16-45	24	54	44
WARABAHE	16-25	35	74	47
	26-35	8	31	26
	36-45	1	38	24
	16-45	44	143	31
WEMBO	16-25	1	10	10
	26-35	0	10	0
	36-45	0	6	0
	16-45	1	26	4
GRAND TOTALS.	16-25	501	1472	34
	26-35	78	922	8
	36-45	8	1202	.6
	16-45	587	3596	16



PANGLIA Admin. Area.  
 Village Census Division.  
 Roads under construction.  
 TEALAND  
 Proposed Cattle  
 Leases  
 Aid Posts





*Original*



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 7 of 66/67 PANGIA

Patrol Conducted by P. H. Andrews Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled South of Poru River, Wiru Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans -

Natives 4 Members of R.P.N.G.C., 1 Interpreter  
1 Labourer

Duration—From 23/1/1967 to 9/3/1967

Number of Days 13 days (10 nights)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5/9/1966

Medical 7/1966

Map Reference Tracing District map as per attached

Objects of Patrol To carry out Land Investigations as per Patrol  
Instructions. Review Wiru Road and familiarise self with area,  
attending to Courts, complaints and routine administration.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

*2/5/1967*

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £.....  
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... £.....  
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund .....



67-15-49

3rd July, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
M E N D I.

PANGIA PATROL NO. 7 OF 1966/67:

Your 67-3-9 of 2nd May 1967, refers.

Comments by yourself, Assistant District Commissioner Ialibu and the Assistant District Officer, Pangia, adequately cover most points raised by Mr. Andrews in his very reasonable report.

Mr. Andrews stresses the need for supervised road camps along the Wiru road. This of course, is a sound scheme and the only way to ensure speedy and correct completion of this important road. From your comments and those of the A.D.C. Ialibu, it appears that a Cadet could readily be spared for this task. He should be introduced to the area initially by either the A.D.O. or Mr. Andrews and then remain on patrol until the road is trafficable.

These people presently evince a strong confidence in the measures being introduced for their social, economic and political advancement and it is to be hoped that such an atmosphere is maintained. Their willingness to accept guidance and advice provides a fertile ground on which to develop a stable and harmonious society. Nevertheless they should be encouraged to make some decisions for themselves in order that they do not become overly dependent. Also they should be made aware of the long term effects which radical changes will make to their way of life.

I doubt if much support will be forthcoming in this area for a Bride Price Rule at this stage. Some traditional practices are hard.

From the issuing of the original patrol instructions (21/1/67) to your comments (2/5/67), a lapse of time, hard to reconcile with a thirteen day patrol, has occurred.

The patrol map referred to by the A.D.O. Pangia, was not enclosed. If you require surprints please forward it to me and they shall be done immediately.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

67-1549



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram

Our Reference 67-3-9  
If calling ask for

Mr.



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

2nd May, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Subject:- Pangia Patrol No 7 of 1966/67

Attached please find following documents in respect of patrol conducted by Mr. P.H. Andrews, Patrol Officer to part of the WIRU Census Division.

1. Memorandum 67-1-2 of 21st January, 1967 from Assistant District Officer, Pangia - Patrol Instructions.
2. Patrol Report.
3. Memorandum 67-1-2 dated 20th March, 1967 from Assistant District Officer, Pangia.
4. Covering Memorandum 67-2-3 dated 8th April, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu.

Mr. Andrew's gives a clear impression of the present situation in the area and covering memorandum from both the Assistant District Officer, Pangia and Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu dealt adequately with points arising from the patrol.

This financial year a total of 310 spade heads, 40 sledge hammers heads, 20 crowbars and 50 napping hammers have been supplied or ordered for use on road construction in the Pangia Area. Funds to the amount of \$600 have also been allocated on M.N.W.(E) Funds and these allocations compare favourable with those made to other stations in the District.

At present there are a Patrol Officer and 2 Cadets at Ialibu and it may be possible for Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu to detail one of the Cadets for road supervision duties in the Pangia Area. As pointed out with the construction of the new residences at Pangia during 1967/68 the staff position can be revised in the light of the accommodation when available.

Land applications on behalf of the Council and Capuchin Mission are being followed up under separate memorandum by this office.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.



File: 67-2-3

Sub-District Office IALIBU,  
Southern Highlands District,  
8th. April, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Mendi.

PANGIA PATROL REPORT No.7 of 1966/67.

Forwarded herewith report for the abovementioned patrol of part of the WIRU census division carried out by Mr.P.Andrews Patrol Officer.

This was a familiarisation patrol for Mr.Andrews and due to Mr.Barber's transfer to Moresby and his replacement by Mr.Liebfried, the patrol had to be broken and some of the instructions issued were not carried out. The reasons for this are enumerated by the A.D.O. Pangia 67-1-2 of 20th. March, 1967 enclosed.

I would like to offer the following comments on the report.

1. It seems that some difficulty will be encountered in obtaining the extra ground at PILIHARU. I agree that the original investigation report should not be held up. Could it be processed and forwarded please, and a fresh report will be submitted if and when additional ground becomes available.

2. Would you request the Director to follow up the application for additional land by the Capuchin Mission at their lease known as YARAPOROI. This land can be investigated as soon as approval is received.

3. The native situation appears very good as it has been for some time. The fact that there are only 7 detainees in the Pangia C.I. and very few complaints this patrol speaks for itself.

The Council will no doubt introduce a rule to regulate the age at which women can be married. I understand a model rule is available.

4. I agree with Mr.Andrews and the A.D.O. that work should be concentrated on completion of the existing road network before undertaking new sections. The people in this area have done a considerable amount of work on the road and it should give them some heart to see a section finished and used by traffic.

With regard to the request for hand tools I know that requests in the past have not been successful because of lack of funds but if any money is left unexpended on M.N.W.(E) near the end of the financial year would consideration be given to this project please.

5. The Accommodation problem mentioned by the A.D.O. should be resolved when the 3 x 3 bedroom married quarters on next years program are completed. Could you try and see that Ialibu and Pangia are high on the priority for early construction please.



I think a cadet still could be posted at least to the sub-district. I could accommodate one at Ialibu in 3 months and have him patrol the Pangia area if accommodation cannot be made available there. I agree that road construction should be supervised to avoid needless labour which is frequent at the moment when groups attempt to construct roads through hopeless areas. I intend to commence construction on the New Ialibu-Hagen road shortly and intend to try some sort of a course to train road supervisors and boss boys. The actual type of course will have to be based on trial and error but I am hopeful it will produce useful results. I will include a number of natives from Pangia in the first course.

In conclusion, the patrol should have been useful to Mr. Andrews in familiarising himself with the area. The patrol seems to have been carried out satisfactorily and the report, though brief, is adequate considering Mr. Andrews is completely new to the area. Claims for camping allowance are included.

Could the sun prints requested by the A.D.C. be done and forwarded in the near future please.

For your information and on forwarding please.

E.H. MULCAHY  
Assistant District Commissioner.



67-1-2

PANGIA Patrol Post.  
Southern Highlands Dist.

20th March, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-district Office,  
IALIM. S.H.D.

Subject: Pangia Patrol Report No. 7 of 66/67 - P. H. Andrews

Attached please find four copies of the above Patrol Report, Camping Allowance for both Mr. P. H. Andrews and Police and one copy of map (one map only enclosed due to shortage of mapping paper).

As per patrol instructions issued by former A.D.O., Mr. Barber, I have the following comments to make to this patrol:

1. An endeavour to obtain an extension of at least another 40 acres to Pilibaru will be continued after Easter. The 16 acres the people have offered to sell is insufficient, and not adjoining the project, making it unsuitable, as extra fencing material and finance is required.

I refer to my 35-3-20 of 7/3/67, your 35-1-5 undated and the District Commissioner's 35-17-2 of 10/2/67. This explains the omission of the sixth applicant Nina Reballi of Warababa which I did not know at the time.

As the obtaining of further land will take time, the original Pilibaru investigation should not be held up.

With Easter around the corner and the already long unavoidable drawn out period of this patrol, I will make this a separate instruction.

2. The investigation and survey to an extension to the Taguru Wesleyan Methodist Mission lease I have instructed Mr. Andrews to leave in abeyance for the time being until a firm decision is reached by their Headquarters as to where they are going to decide to put their headquarters for the Southern Highlands. (Reference my 35-3-7 of 28/2/67 and 22/2/67 to D.C., Mendi, in reply to his 35-28-4 of 7/2/67).

As I have mentioned in this correspondence, it is most likely that they will apply for a similar lease near Marabin Village where they already have a lease (known as Wenge). This latter place has the advantage over Taguru, being more accessible by road and near the planned network of roads and in a greater population density.

3. It was hoped that the Application and the Director's approval for an extension to the Capuchin Mission would have been received at this office by this time. As not, the instruction was cancelled for the time being.

4. Reference Instruction 2: The Taguru extension will be left in abeyance for the time being and a likely chance that the Mission will move to Marabin, this link to the existing road network will not be continued until the Mission reaches a firm decision.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES

I fully agree with Mr. Andrews to concentrate on completing the existing road network and leave all new sections and links for the present.

Mr. Andrews will be instructed to return to this area straight after Easter and concentrate mainly on this road network and concentrate all villages in the nearby area, to one section of the road for one week and then whilst they are having a week off concentrate on another section and group of villages.

In this way the people will see things moving and boost their enthusiasm instead of picking at numerous little sections for weeks on end. The Councillors are in agreement, given time, no doubt some problems will arise, but whilst supervision can be given it is a more satisfactory system.

If it is possible to find good reliable foremen experienced in building roads, I will employ them as casual labour, to solve the problem created when Police had to be withdrawn.

Tools: I request urgently please a further

200 spade heads

100 pick heads

100 mattocks

50 crowbars

The list of tools that have been allocated are negligible to try to improve the present roads and expand the road network at the same time.

I ask you to give this your urgent attention, please.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

A Council Rule to limit Bride Price payments will be discussed with the Councillors at their next Meeting.

POLICE

RS Form 1 for the Police accompanying this patrol have been forwarded direct to Police Headquarters.

STAFF AND ACCOMMODATION

Although I agree that a Cadet Patrol Officer would come in very handy, accommodation at the moment does not allow this.

I feel that Fangia, at such a stage where it could do with at least one more three bedroom married quarters which could be used as a single or married quarters.

I believe an Agricultural Officer has also been on the books for sometime to be posted to Fangia if accommodation were available.

For your consideration, please.

MAPS

Could 20 sunprint copies please be made of the attached map, as continuous requests are made by officials visiting the station for maps.

For your information, please, and necessary action.

*F. L. LEHFRIED*  
F. L. LEHFRIED  
Assistant District Officer





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram

Telephone

Our Reference 67-1-2

If calling ask for

Mr.

PANGIA Patrol Post.  
Southern Highlands District.

21st January, 1967.

Mr. P. H. Andrews,  
Patrol Officer,  
PANGIA. S.HLD.

Patrol Instructions - Patrol No. 7 of 1966/67

Please be ready to proceed on patrol on Monday, 23rd January, 1967.

The purposes of this patrol are:

1. Investigate and survey an extension to land known as "Pilibaru". This is the cattle project and we require another 40 acres at least. (File: 35-3-20 refers)
2. Investigate and survey an extension to the Taguru Wesleyan Methodist Mission lease. The application for this lease and original purchase documents are on File No 35-3-7.
3. Investigate and survey an extension to the Capuchin Mission lease known as Yaraporo. I understand they require another 40 acres and this will be the area between the Pangia Station and the present Mission lease. (File: 35-3-4 refers).
4. Find a road route linking Taguru with the existing road network. If you find it impossible to link Taguru direct to Pangia or to Borona or Karne please re peg the section Noiya - Taguru.
5. Endeavour to link Marabin to Undiapu - Kuabini by road.
6. Check all roadwork in the Southern Wiru section (known as the Wiru road), advise, instruct and reorganise where necessary.
7. Familiarise yourself with the area and attend to complaints, courts and routine administration.

We have much to do this year and your early introduction to the area will be beneficial all round.

I would like you to tour the Eastern Wiru section as soon as possible for the same reasons but limit this patrol to the Southern section.

If you are at any time unsure about anything do not hesitate to send a runner requesting advice. This will prove the most satisfactory method even if it delays a decision for a day or so.

I'm sure you will enjoy your work in this area and will find it rewarding. It has great potential and the harder we work and the more seriously we take our work the sooner this potential will be realised and the better the native situation will become.

I don't need to stress that these people are not six years old yet and they need firm, fair handling. You will find them co-operative but volatile.

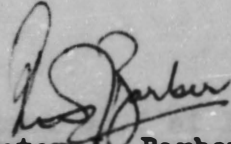
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Good luck on your first patrol in the Pangia area. I hope it will be the start of a long and mutually beneficial association.

Please see me in regard to all patrol personell.

If you think it necessary you will have three clear days upon completion of your patrol to submit your report and associated documents.

For your attention, please.



**Peter J. Barber**  
**Assistant District Officer**





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference..... 67-1-2

If calling ask for.....

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

PANGIA. Southern Highlands.

28th February, 1967.

Mr. P.H. Andrews,  
Patrol Officer,  
PANGIA.

Subject:- Patrol Instructions - Patrol No.7 of 1966/67.  
Amendment.

Please be ready to continue this patrol on Thursday,  
2nd March, 1967.

In reference our discussion, this is to confirm to leave  
in abeyance points (2) and (4) of Mr. Barber's instructions. This  
has come about by the visit of representatives from the Wesleyan  
Methodist Mission who have decided for the time being against  
TAGURU as a suitable place for their Mission, and probably moving  
it elsewhere to a site which is more accessible by road and where  
there is a greater population density.

For your information, please.

F.L. Leibfried.  
Assistant District Officer.

P. H. Andrews  
Patrol Officer

Encl.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference... **67-2-1**  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
**PANGIA** Patrol Post.  
Southern Highlands District.

17th March, 1967.

Assistant District Officer,  
**PANGIA** Patrol Post.  
Southern Highlands District.

**Report on Pangia Patrol No. 7 of 66/67**  
**P. H. Andrews**

Herewith please find the abovementioned report in quintuplicate.

As per your instructions, Points 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Patrol Instructions have been left in abeyance and the Patrol terminated on 9th March, 1967.

I would have preferred to have stayed out another two weeks in this area, after our discussion on roadwork, in which case I would have been able to acquire a better knowledge of the area, and people, by spending a night in each centre, endeavoured to find a road link as per Instruction No. 5, and have been able to submit a more comprehensive report on routine Administration.

One point of note in respect of road construction was the meagre supply of shovels that have been allocated to this project - how the Wiru people have been able to cut so much road amazes me as the majority are using nothing more than sticks to move earth. They have requested hammers, picks and a further allocation of shovels which I think is a very reasonable request, despite the lack of funds.

I would like to patrol the Eastern Wiru section as suggested in patrol instructions but would prefer to return to the southern Wiru beforehand and become fully acquainted with the area.

Please find attached, claims for camping allowance in respect of Police and myself.

*P. H. Andrews*

**P. H. Andrews**  
**Patrol Officer**

Encl.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram  
Telephone  
Our Reference  
If calling ask for  
Mr.

PANGIA Patrol Post.  
Southern Highlands District.

13th March, 1967.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-district Office,  
PANGIA. S.H.D.

PANGIA PATROL NO. 7 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by: P. H. ANDREWS, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled: South of Poru River, Wiru Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying  
the Patrol: 4 Labourers of R.P.N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter  
1 Labourer

Duration of Patrol: 23/1/67 Land Investigation, Pilibarua  
25/1/67 Land Investigation, Yaraparoi  
1/2/67 to 4/2/67  
2/3/67 to 9/3/67

Last Patrol of Area: 5/9/66 to 15/9/66 D.D.A. Patrol, P.R.Kerr  
July 1966 P.H.D. Patrol.

Objects of Patrol: To carry out Land Investigations as per  
Patrol Instructions. Review Wiru Road  
and familiarise self with area, attend-  
ing to Courts, complaints and routine  
administration.

*P. H. Andrews*

P. H. Andrews  
Patrol Officer





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Pangia Patrol No. 7 of 1966/67

Patrol Diary

- 23/1/67. Departed Pangia and proceeded past Mondanda to carry out extension to Pilibaru cattle holdings. Obtained further extension of sixteen acres, well below the forty additional acres required. Returned Pangia.
- 25/1/67. Proceeded to Capuchin Mission and surveyed extension to existing Capuchin Mission lease. Returned Pangia.
- 1/2/67. Departed Pangia station 940 hours and proceeded to Taguru Rest house. Camp set up and proceeded to Wesleyan Methodist Mission to assess extent of lease applied for. Returned camp 1700 hours and held discussions with local Councillor. Overnight Taguru.
- 2/2/67. Commenced survey of land Terini. Returned camp 1500 hours due to heavy rain. Reviewed progress on Wiru road around Taguru.
- 3/2/67. Completed land traverse of Terini. Listed all emblements of the land and listed all owners. Reviewed progress on road and organised groups for cutting road back towards Pangia. Overnight Taguru.
- 4/2/67. Commenced marking out of road towards Pangia. Approximately three miles of road cleared and pegged out. Walked to Pangia - arrived 1700 hours.
- 5/2/67 to 1/3/67 At Pangia.
- 2/3/67. Departed Pangia station 1030 hours for Taguru. Arrived 1200 hours. Camp set up. Reviewed progress on road construction. Informed local Councillor that Wesleyan Mission was now undecided re purchase of land Terini. Rain forced abandonment of further field work. Discussions held with local Councillor re road construction. Overnight Taguru.
- 3/3/67. Departed Taguru for Noiya. Called on Wesleyan Mission en route. Proceeded to Noiya and inspected marks for road link. Generally fairly good except within half mile of Noiya where road has to descend steeply to Nali Creek. Here necessary for sections to be repegged to give best approach to bridge site. Small section of road on Taguru side of creek quite well cut. Held talks with local headmen. Outside work ceased due to heavy rain. Overnight Noiya.
- 4/3/67 At Noiya. Heavy rain stopped outside work. Heard several disputes. Gathered anthropological data through discussions with Councillor and headmen. Overnight Noiya.
- 5/3/67 Departed Noiya and proceeded along fairly good section of road to within half mile of Kuabini. Good reception at Kuabini. Spoke with Councillor and headmen at Kuabini. Overnight Kuabini.

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- 6/3/67. Departed Kuabini 0900 hours and proceeded along road section to midway between Kuabini and Undiapu. Proceeded along rough bush track to within half mile of Undiapu and again came upon road cutting. Proceeded past Undiapu several miles to where Undiapu people were working. Left road and proceeded through swampy area to next section of road being cut by Timbari people. Road construction near swampy area will need close supervision. Proceeded along road cut by Timbari people for several miles until forced to leave road and take to swampy area again. Proceeded further and walked to Pugi Census centre and rested. Departed Pugi on bush track and again came on road cutting by Pugi people. Proceeded along this section several miles to its start at Ipirei Creek and took to bush track generally following road section marked out by previous officer. Followed this mark through up incline and came upon road cutting again within half a mile of Mamane Rest house. Set up camp Mamane rest house 1700 hours. Overnight Mamane.
- 7/3/67. Departed Mamane 0900 hours and walked along road to within one hundred yards of Tunda rest house. Proceeded on to Tunda and inspected Aid Post. Departed Tunda and walked along to Marabin inspecting road work. Departed Marabin and walked along bush track until came upon next road cutting towards Maubin. Inspected this section of road linking up with Maubin. Walked to Maubin rest house along short access road and observed country between Maubin and Kuabini and Noiys. Walked back to main road cutting and walked to Karue along several miles of road. Arrived Karue 1500 hours. Heard several disputes to 1800 hours. Overnight Karue.
- 8/3/67. Departed Karue 0900 hours and proceeded for about one mile along road cutting then took to bush track following road markers to Karani. Walked several miles through bush area until arrived at Karani where people were cutting road within quarter of a mile of Karani rest house. Talked with local Councillor to 1700 hours. Overnight Karani.
- 9/3/67. Departed Karani 0930 hours and proceeded along road cutting towards Pangia. Noted only one small section not yet cut. Observed road near Kauwo where large slips had occurred during storm. Departed Kauwo 1115 hours and proceeded along main road to Pangia Patrol Post. Arrived Pangia 1130 hours. Carriers paid off and patrol stood down.

P. H. Andrews  
Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Pangia Patrol No. 7 of 1966/67

NATIVE AFFAIRS

As this patrol was terminated before I could visit and remain any length of time at each centre, my comments on the local people and current situation will, of necessity, be rather short and not particularly conclusive.

Being new to the area, and on my first patrol in the area, I found every Councillor and his people very ready to please, and all appear to be very pro Administration and quite eager for advice on aspects of economic development. Pangia has been established just over five years, but they have developed, in this time, a keen desire to progress economically, and frequently I was approached with requests of ways and means of obtaining money. On this occasion they were told, as by other officers before, that only by hard work and the completion of an efficient road system, would they really be able to progress economically. At present, these people can obtain small income from coffee, vegetables and occasionally as labourers. However, once their roadwork is completed, the possibilities of a cattle and tea industries are exceptionally good, and I would say, that to a certain extent they realise this. Generally speaking, these people have an extremely good attitude towards advancement.

With regard to law and order, it would appear that these people are one of the most law abiding communities I have yet come across. Very few complaints were brought before this patrol and only on one occasion were Court proceedings instituted. The majority were more civil cases, involving pigs destroying gardens and compensation arising out of same.

Marriage seems to be a slight problem at present. On a number of occasions small girls (hardly more than thirteen or fourteen), were brought before the patrol for a decision on whether they could marry. All groups concerned in these frequent requests, were reminded of the Council rule forbidding marriage until four years after menstruation. This Council rule, is most necessary in this area, but the local people here must realise themselves without the fear of Court proceedings that too early marriage is far from desirable. On this patrol, there were two instances of young girls being brought before me with the Councillor asking if they were old enough to be married. It was ~~was~~ subsequently revealed that neither had chosen any man, but relatives and parents wanted an authority to allow them to make overtures to possible husbands and discuss the bride price. All too frequently it appears as though these women are having marriage thrust on them for the sake of a few pigs and pearl shell and this problem needs close surveillance to prevent native marriages in this area descending to an organised business. This great interest in bride price not only extends to the very young, but even to those rightly in a position to marry and parents refusing to allow them to go unless an exorbitant price is paid over - which in some cases only a few wealthy men could afford.

Bride price is a necessary thing in the native mind as a seal to any marriage and I would advocate its entire prohibition but the Council itself could well do something concrete towards introducing a rule to determine the limits allowable within the Council area.



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ROADS AND BRIDGES

The proposed Wiru road mentioned in patrol instructions was inspected from Taguru around the southern section of the Wiru Census Division. This road, when finished will link practically all rest houses south of the Poru River. Previous officers have covered a considerable number of miles pegging out through fairly rugged areas, and these marks, in general, are fairly good, however, some sections observed will have to be changed.

All groups are, at present, working three days per week within their own boundaries unsupervised. Some sections are quite long, notably the Timbari to Pugi sections, the Tunda-Karue sections and the Karani-Kauwo section. Obviously the local Councillors from these parts have spared no efforts to ensure that something is done. Some sections however, are rather short, particularly at Taguru and Kuabini where it covers approximately a half mile. Actual construction in many places is quite poor but again in other places actual cutting and levelling have been exceptionally good. Very little of the road can be used at present due to the number of small uncut sections interspersed along the route. Construction itself needs closer supervision and better organisation of the Wiru work force. Discussions have been held with the Councillors from the area and all are unanimous that by combining and working in the one section the road will be finished inside four months. They feel, as I do, that scattered work units cannot easily be supervised and they see very little for their efforts. I would prefer that all groups assembled near Karani and cut towards Karue (one of the longest sections) and then around the road as a combined work force clearing up all the smaller sections as yet uncut. This would also allow use of the road much sooner. However, in some instances it is asking the local people to come too far and it is suggested that two work camps be set up - one near Karani at which the people from Taguru, Borona, Poroga, Karani, Iajo, Karue, Maubin, Tunda, Marabin, Mauwawe, Timpikeni and Pugi will work, and the other near Timbari where all the people from Timbari, Undiapu, Kuabini and Noiya could work.

It would appear that the present work system of three days voluntary labour is inadequate. Far better results could be obtained if construction days were stepped up to embrace the whole week i.e. Monday to Friday, with each group being given a total week off consecutively. In addition, to make the best use of the work force available, it is recommended that a Cadet Patrol Officer be stationed at a camp site to advise, instruct and reorganise as the situation warrants it. I strongly suggest also that road foreman/labourers be employed to assist in this matter as actual construction and cutting in the majority of places, is far below standard and nothing breaks up enthusiasm more than when sections have to be gone over and over again to fix up minor details.

In the first phase of this patrol it was attempted to find a road link from Taguru back to the Pangia station. This was commenced and some success was had until marking was within four miles of Pangia when the patrol came up against solid stone. There are two other possibilities which will be attempted in a later patrol. It is pointed out, that such a road link is quite possible and an obvious and necessary link in the road network. As regards the road link, Marabin to Undiapu/Kuabini, it was decided to leave this until I had patrolled the area entirely. It seems more likely from observations, that a link from Maubin area to Kuabini would be more practical judging from the terrain between. This link is also possible, however, I recommend completion of the existing road first before requesting the local people to construct more,



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ROADS AND BRIDGES Cont.

as this could well dampen their ardour to complete the present roadwork as expeditiously as they are now.

Gravelling of this road may present a problem. There are very few creeks around the countryside from which surfacing material could be taken - most of the drainage would appear to be subterranean in fact I did note one underground stream on the west side of Timbari. The Poru river has any amount of gravel, but this would only serve the people of Taguru, Noiya and Kuabini. There are, however, quite large quantities of limestone outcrops interspersed over the countryside which could be used advantageously for foundation material and for embuttements for the few bridges necessary. Generally, gravel will have to be carted several miles and a tractor could be usefully engaged on this, but in any event, this will not be necessary for several months.

Two bridges will be required - one over the Nali Creek, some thirty feet, and the other over the Ipirei Creek between Pugi and Mamane, this being approximately twenty feet. Several culverts could be used between Timbari and Pugi and between Karue and Karani but small bridges could be made to serve the purpose just as well.

A field investigation was also carried out at the station and the Capuchin Mission. A letter, but it was subsequently revealed that it had not yet been processed and the instructions, this has also been held over.

Though not part of the patrol, a road was also surveyed out for an extension of the road to the station during the patrol period and will be completed shortly.



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LAND

Points 1, 2 and 3 of patrol instructions necessitated the carrying out of these land investigations:

- Land investigation of extension to Pilibaru cattle project.
- Land investigation of extension to Taguru Wesleyan Mission.
- Land investigation of extension to Capuchin Mission lease, Yaraporei.

As regards the land investigation of an extension to Pilibaru approximately sixteen acres of land were obtained on the south side of the Pangia-Ialibu road. This was quite insufficient for the cattle project requirements and has been left in abeyance as per instructions. It is suggested that the owners of the existing lease be approached in the future for a further extension of forty acres to the existing block, rather than across the road.

As regards the land investigation at Terini near Taguru for the Wesleyan Methodist Mission, an investigation was carried out as per patrol instructions, but the Mission itself became quite indecisive after the investigation had been completed and are now disposed towards moving their mission to a place with greater population density. By their request, the investigation has been set aside until a decision is reached by mission superiors.

A land investigation was also carried out between Pangia station and the Capuchin Mission lease for an extension to the latter, but it was subsequently revealed that their application has not yet been processed and the by the Assistant District Officer's instructions, this has also been held over.

Though not part of patrol instructions, a land investigation was also carried out for an extension of 66.9 acres to Pangia station during the patrol period and all documents have been forwarded.



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Pangia Patrol No. 7 of 1966/67

Report on four members of Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary accompanying Pangia Patrol No. 7 of 1966/67.

Constable MAKU 8295 Accompanied patrol 1/2/67 - 4/2/67 inclusive. Fairly good worker, good organiser. Has reasonably good command when dealing with local peoples.

Constable KAMBIAN 9686 Accompanied patrol 2/3/67 - 9/3/67 inclusive. A good worker, reliable and effective.

Constable QAFU 9268 Accompanied patrol 1/2/67 - 4/2/67 inclusive. A bit slow at times but all duties carried out well. Most reliable.

Constable AGOIA 10595 Accompanied patrol 1/2/67 - 9/3/67. The best of the four members on patrol. Though much younger, had a good command of others - intelligent, resourceful and all duties carried out most expeditiously. Would strongly recommend further training with a view to promotion.

*P. H. Andrews.*

P. H. Andrews  
Patrol Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Pangia Patrol No. 7 of 1966/67

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it is suggested that the following points be carried out within the next month:

1. That construction of the Wiru road be discontinued on the present system and that two construction camps be set up with all the people east of and including Timbari working as one unit and all west of Pugi working out from Pangia station.
2. That a Cadet Patrol Officer should be posted to Pangia to patrol the Wiru to advise and attend to all matters re the above road and that two foremen be employed to assist the Cadet Patrol Officer.
3. That a fair and reasonable amount of shovels, picks and hammers be made available to speed construction.
4. That construction of road be for an entire week with a week on, week off basis.
5. That Maubin and Marabin/Undiapu link begin only after all existing roadwork has been properly completed.
6. That self should make another patrol of the area as soon as time permits.
7. That the Council be asked to consider the problem of "bride price" with a view to establishing a rule limiting the amount that can be paid.

*P. H. Andrews*





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 9 of 1966/67  
Patrol Conducted by Peter H Andrews Patrol Officer  
Area Patrolled East of Pangia Station North and South of Poru River Wiru C/D

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil  
4 Members R.P.N.G.C.  
Natives 1 Patrol Interpreter

Duration—From 3/4/1967 to 21/4/1967

Number of Days 20 Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/3/1967

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

Map Reference Overlay of District Map as per attached

Objects of Patrol As per attached Patrol Instructions

Director of Native Affairs,  
PCET MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

6/8/1967

District Commissioner

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

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

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

67-15-65

6th October, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

PANGIA PATROL NO. 9 OF 1966/67.

Your 67-3-9 of the 8th August, 1967, the above Patrol Report and comments by the Assistant District Officer and Assistant District Commissioner are acknowledged with thanks.

It is pleasing to note that the native situation in the area is remaining stable. It is to be hoped that road work will continue as I feel sure that once the roads are open to traffic this will be a stimulus to further economic development.

I agree that the number of Trade Stores in each village should be watched and that careful explanations should be given to prospective Trade Store operators.

Mr. Andrews' proposals re Bride Price appear to be well thought out and should be a good basis for Council discussion and suggestions to overcome this problem.

Mr. Andrews has obviously gone to a great deal of trouble to compile an interesting and informative report.

T. W. Ellis

(T. W. Ellis)  
DIRECTOR.

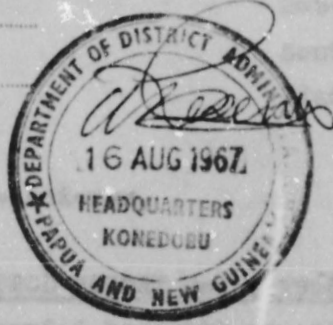




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Telegrams.....  
Our Reference..... 67-3-9  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

8th August, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBUBU.

Pangia Patrol No 9 of 1966/67  
Wiru Census Division - S.H.D. -  
Mr. P.H. Andrews, Patrol Officer.

Forwarded are:-

- (a) Copy of report on the above patrol,
- (b) Copy of memorandum 67-2-2 of 22nd June, 1967 from Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu.
- (c) Copy of memorandum 67-1-2 dated 15th June, 1967 from Assistant District Officer, Pangia to Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu.
- (d) One map indicating the road network requiring attention to the east of Pangia Station.

2. All aspects of the patrol have been covered fully by the Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu and the Assistant District Officer, Pangia. I would suggest however, that future patrols indicate the reaction of Missionaries etc to any of our policies, if they are discussed. I refer on this occasion particularly to the discussions Mr. Andrews had with Reverend Graves on the 7th April at the Mission. I would be interested to know what transpired at that meeting.

A most interesting report and Mr. Andrews is obviously keen and enthusiastic in his approach to patrolling.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

67-2-2.

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

Sub-District Office IALIBU,  
Southern Highlands District.  
22nd June, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
MENDI.

PANGIA PATROL REPORT No. 9, 1966/67 WIRU CENSUS DIVISION.

Forwarded herewith report for the above mentioned patrol carried out by Mr. P.O. Andrews together with covering comments by the Assistant District Officer Pangia. Comments on the report are as follows:-

(1) No trade store licences have been issued by myself without first being requested by the ADO Pangia. This will continue to be the policy in the future. I am concerned about the number of trade stores in some areas. I noted after my arrival at Ialibu that at least one Mission made a policy of obtaining licences for a number of stores and after twelve months transferred them over to one of their adherents. This in a number of cases seems to have been used as a lever to gain a hold in a village. I have stopped this at Ialibu and will instruct the ADO Pangia to do so as well if he finds it happening there. In a number of cases the Mission obtained the initial licence in Mendi and it would be appreciated if all applications in the new year even by Missions could be referred to me so that I can ensure that this practice does not continue and we do not get three and four stores in the one village.

(2) Law and Order seems satisfactory as it has been for some time and should continue to be so with regular patrolling. Marriage disputes, divorce and bride price continue to make up a large proportion of all complaints and will continue to do so as the women become more emancipated.

Council rules with regard to bride price are hard to pass in a number of areas as general agreement on a price is hard to reach. An initial start can be made by passing a rule to have all bride price payments recorded by the Council at the time of the marriage. This would at least clearly establish the actual payment made when disputes arise.

(3) Road construction seems now to have been organised a little better than in the past. I agree that the Tealands road should have preference and should be completed as soon as possible even if the Wiru road has to be left for the time being. The Wiru road is purely an Administrative one at the moment and although it would be a great asset I consider economic development and therefore the Tealands road more important at the moment. I also have grave doubts that maintenance money will continue to be made available in the future for purely Administrative roads.

(4) It is a pity that more land could not be alienated for future tea estates but considering that over 3,500 acres are already purchased without any improvements being carried out it is not surprising that the people want these developed before more land is sold. Attempts will be made again later to purchase more land although care must be taken to see that the native situation is not upset.



(27)

Mr. Andrews has submitted a good report and map and is to be commended for his interest in compiling the kinship terminology for the Wira. He should be becoming familiar with the Pangia area also after this patrol.

Claims for camping allowance are enclosed.

For your information and forwarding please.

B.H. Mulcahy.  
Assistant District Commissioner.

cc The Assistant District Officer Pangia.

67-1-2

PANGIA  
Southern Highlands District.  
15th June, 1967

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-district Office,  
TALIEU. S.H.D.

Subject: Pangia Patrol Report No. 9 of 1966/67 - P.H. Andrews.

Attached please find four copies of the abovementioned patrol report, Camping Allowance for both Mr. P.H. Andrews and Police and three copies of patrol map.

The system of road construction has been very haphazard in the past and the recent reorganisation carried out south of Pangia on the Wiru road appears to have brought about good results, a fair distance of road having been cut in the past two months, however, supervision is required constantly. I feel that the main link between Karani and Karue will be completed by the end of July or mid August if construction proceeds along present lines. Once this section has been completed a fair area of the southern Wiru will be open to traffic.

As regards the tealands road north of the Poru river, construction has been painfully slow, and it is anticipated that reorganisation along the lines of the Wiru road will bring about much better results. The Poru river bridge has held up use of the tealands road so far, but this is now virtually complete. I anticipate that this bridge will be completed by the end of July.

It is unfortunate that further land could not be alienated for teablocks. The only suitable area would appear to be between here and Mele, and I intend to approach the owners at a later date with a view to alienation. A good 2000 acres could be obtained in this area if the local people are willing to sell.

From the statistics attached to the report, and from my personal observation outside the area patrolled, there would seem to be a great number of trade stores operating in the area. I am in full agreement with Mr. Andrews' comments on the matter, and feel there is a need for closer control to be exercised if the present stores are to succeed financially. I would like to confine the businesses to one store for every two villages at the most, except where population is large enough and business is good enough to warrant more, and the only place in this category is Kauwo village. Even here four trade stores appears too much. To bring about effective control all licences should only be issued with a recommendation from the O.I.C. at Pangia.

The matter of bride price payments and associated problems is discussed at length in this report, and I would agree that steps are necessary to control it. It is intended to bring the matter before the next Council meeting for discussion.

This report gives a good picture of a pleasing native situation in the area.

For your information and attention please,

*F.L. LEBERT*  
F.L. LEBERT  
Assistant District Officer





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference..... 67-2-1  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
PANGIA Patrol Post,  
Southern Highlands Dist.  
27th April, 1967.

Assistant District Officer,  
Dept. of District Administration,  
PANGIA. Southern Highlands.

PANGIA PATROL REPORT NO. 9 - 66/67

Herewith please the abovementioned Patrol Report in  
quintuplicate.

Attached please find camping allowance claims in res-  
pect of four members of R.P.N.G.C. and myself. Duplicate  
Records of Service have been noted.

For your information and onforwarding, please.

*P. H. Andrews*

P. H. Andrews  
Patrol Officer

Att.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
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Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
PANGIA Patrol Post.  
Southern Highlands Dist.

PANGIA PATROL NO. 9 - 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by: P. H. Andrews, Patrol Officer  
Area Patrolled: North and South of the Poru River,  
Wiru Census Division  
Personnel Accompanying Patrol: 3 Members R.P.N.G.C.  
1 Patrol Interpreter  
Last Patrol to the Area: Last D.D.A. Patrol to North of the  
Poru River, December, 1966  
Last D.D.A. Patrol to South of the  
Poru River, 2/3/67 - 9/3/67  
Duration of Patrol: 3rd April, 1967 - 22nd April, 1967  
20 days  
Objects of Patrol: As per attached Patrol Instructions  
Map Reference: Sketch map as per attached

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-1-2

If calling ask for

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of District Administration,  
PANGIA.  
Southern Highlands.

30th March, 1967.

Mr. P.H. Andrews,  
Patrol Officer,  
PANGIA.

Subject:- Pangia Patrol No.9 - 66/67 - Instructions.

As discussed with you, please prepare to proceed on patrol no later than Monday, 3rd April, 1967.

Your first stage of the patrol will be to patrol all villages north of the PORU River :-

- a. Carrying out routine administration,
- b. Investigate the availability of further land required for tea blocks.
- c. Investigate the local custom into 'bride price' with the intention of implementing a Council Rule, in respect of the foresaid.
- d. To familiarize yourself with the <sup>and its people</sup> area, you are requested to spend at least one night at each Rest House and spend the available time settling complaints and disputes and if necessary hold Local Courts.

On completion of the above stage you are to proceed direct to KUABINI Rest House (approximately Wednesday, 12th April), to carry out supervision and check all roadwork in the KUABINI area of the Southern Wiru section and 'advise, instruct and reorganize where necessary' the roads, as mentioned in your previous patrol (Patrol No.7).

Points a. to d. (excluding b.) inclusive will also apply to this stage of the patrol.

You are to return from this patrol on 21st April, 1967, this will naturally depend on the local situation and circumstances, and will be left at your discretion.

My best wishes for a pleasant patrol

F.L. Leibfried.  
Assistant District Officer.

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PANGIA PATROL NO. 9 - 66/67

INTRODUCTION

To further understand the objects of this patrol, the report covering Pangia Patrol No. 7 should be read, particularly the section on "Roads and Bridges" and the Conclusion of the report. The main purposes of this patrol were to cover the north section of the Poru River, west of Pangia station, carrying out routine administration and other instructions as listed and in general to become familiar with this portion of the Wiru Census Division. Subsequently the patrol was to cross the Poru river and the main purpose here was to reorganise and instruct the local people in their road construction effort. This necessitated spending almost a week at the western end, south of Pangia station.

Geographically and geologically, north and south of the Poru River are quite different. On the north side, the area immediately adjacent to the river is cleared and the nearby hills are covered with kunai grass interspersed occasionally with clumps of Casuarina trees. This stretch is not particularly rugged. Proceeding further north, the land becomes more rugged and the area is fairly heavily timbered around the base of Mount Ialibu up to the right bank of the Kaugel River. The north eastern section is rugged and made up of limestone ridges and numerous gullies. A notable difference between this and the southern Wiru is the many creeks and rivers which drain the area, flowing into the Poru River. These have been marked on the patrol map, but are only approximate positions. Along this section is a large track of land which has been alienated for tea growing; it extends from Kumien to Maria and back towards Aria. All streams in this area are heavily laden with gravel, quite a contrast to the southern Wiru where there are very few rivers and no gravel overlay.

There is no immediate vehicular access to either area patrolled due to the fact that although many miles of road have been cut over the past two years, small sections along the two roads have not been completed, thus preventing any use of the roads. These small uncut sections <sup>are</sup> a thorn in the sides of the people but it is hoped that by the end of June even these sections will be cut. The main vehicular road extends only from Ialibu to Pangia.

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The entire administrative area has been established since 1961 and is covered by the Pangia Local Government Council.

The people within this area are in general a fairly progressive and interested group and economically they have great potential, but only through hard work and a great deal of enthusiasm will this be realised.

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PATROL DIARY

- 3/4/67 The patrol departed Pangia Station at 1000 hours and proceeded across the Poru River to Pondi Village, where camp was set up. Gave the local Councillor, a Council issue radio and advised on use and care of same. Despatched Police Constable for apprehension of person charged with unlawful striking and later heard this case. To Pangia 1615 until 1645. Returned Pondi 1715. Discussions were held with Councillor and headmen from 2000 hours to 2200 hours.
- 4/4/67 Departed Pondi 900 hours and proceeded to Kumien Rest House arriving 0930 hours. Talked with local people till 1200 hours. No Courts heard. Afternoon further discussions with local people and enquired as to possible alienation of further land for tea block. Investigated bride price pattern. Overnight Kumien.
- 5/4/67 Departed Kumien 0900 hours and proceeded to Mele generally following road cutting. Arrived Mele 1015. Talked with local people to 1200. Local Courts 1300 to 1400 hours. Talked with Councillor re economics of area to 1500 hours. Local Courts 1600 to 2000 hours. Camped Mele.
- 6/4/67 Departed Mele 0830 hours and proceeded across country on rough bush track to Moro Rest House. Noted several streams north of Ibei River not indicated on map. These shown on patrol map. From 1200 to 1330 talked with the local people - a good reception. 1400 - 1800 hours heard local Courts and disputes. Camped Moro.
- 7/4/67 Departed Moro at 0850 and proceeded along road section towards Aria Rest House. It appears the local people have cut a fair distance, but supervision is required on camber and grades. Very little gravelling carried out. Called in on the Witu Mission at Aria and talked for a short while with Missionary in Charge, Mr. G. Graves. 1000 proceeded to Rest House at Aria and camp set up. Good reception. Local Courts to 1430. Talked with local people to 1600. Proceeded to Witu Mission for discussions with Mr. Graves (District Advisory Council representative) on roads in the area and general economic development, particularly in respect to tealands purchased to date and possibility of further alienation. Returned Aria 2200 hours.
- 8/4/67 Departed Aria 0900 hours and proceeded to Moria Rest House. Inspected Aria airstrip en route and indicated to local people that road markers would have to be changed to the left hand side of the airstrip. Continued on to Moria noting good sections of road cut to date. Very little gravelling to date. Arrived Moria 1100 hours and camp set up. Discussions held with Councillor and Committee men to 1330 hours. Local Courts and disputes heard until 1500 hours. Camped Moria.
- 9/4/67 Sunday observed by patrol. Local Courts heard 1330 - 1530 hours. Overnight Moria.



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- 10/4/67 Departed Moria 0815 hours and proceeded to Apenda crossing the Ibei River. Noted only a short road section from Moria down to the Ibei River. Continued on towards Apenda along bush track to Pogari. Patrol rested at Pogari. Came upon road cutting within a quarter mile of Apenda and inspected progress. Noted very few people at construction area. Proceeded to Rest House and camp set up. Large number of Courts and disputes heard at this centre. Councillors and committee men not very enthusiastic over road work. Afternoon, proceeded to Evangelical Bible Mission, Mele and inspected firearm to be registered. Returned Apenda. Camped Apenda.
- 11/4/67 Departed Apenda 0800 hours and proceeded towards Taguru. Crossed Poru River and continued up to Rest House at Taguru. Noted a good possibility of a road link from Taguru to Pangia station. Camped Taguru. Heard few disputes. Councillor from Taguru requested permission to assemble his group at Karani the following week for concerted road effort. Visited Wesleyan Methodist Mission and discussed land application.
- 12/4/67 Departed Taguru 0815 hours and proceeded to Noiya. Patrol rested at Noiya before proceeding further to Kuabini. Camped Kuabini. Informed Councillors from Noiya and Kuabini to assemble at Timbari for cutting eastern section of the Wiru Road. Heard several disputes. Camped Kuabini.
- 13/4/67 Departed Kuabini 0815 hours and proceeded towards Timbari across country. Came up to roadworks and viewed progress. Good response from all centres to work together. Remained with local people to 1500. Walked to Timbari and took count of work force and number of tools available. Talked with all assembled about necessity of completing roadwork as quickly as possible. Heard several courts and disputes at Timbari. Camped Timbari.
- 14/4/67 At Timbari. Supervised road construction. Afternoon heard several disputes.
- 15/4/67 At Timbari. Supervised road construction. Afternoon heard several local Courts and disputes. Overnight Timbari.
- 16/4/67 Sunday. Departed Timbari 0900 hours and proceeded via Marabin, Maubin and Karue to Porogo Rest house, arriving 1430. Camped Porogo.
- 17/4/67 Departed Porogo 0800 hours and proceeded to Karani. Proceeded down towards Pangia along road cutting accompanied by ADO. Inspected section approximately midway between Kauwo and Karani. A.D.O. proceeded to station, self remained with local people instructing and supervision of road work. Good response from all centres to assemble at the one point for work. Returned Karani 1600 hours and talked with Councillors. Overnight Karani.
- 18/4/67 Supervision of roadwork. Work force split with most working near Karani and out towards Karue. Overnight Karani.



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- 19/4/67 Supervision of roadwork at Karani. Overnight.
- 20/4/67 Supervision of roadwork at Karani. Overnight.
- 21/4/67 Supervision of roadwork at Karani. Overnight.
- 22/4/67 Morning - supervision of roadwork at Karani. Approximately six hundred yards cut at Karani and two hundred yards at Kauwo. Departed Karani 1300 and proceed to Pangia Station. Patrol stood down 1430 hours.



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NATIVE AFFAIRS

This patrol covered all villages east of Pangia commencing at Pondi, a few minutes walk from Pangia and proceeding in an easterly direction down the left bank of the Poru River to Mele, then north to Moro circling back to Apenda and thence across the Poru River to villages in the Southern Wiru. Routine administration was carried out with particular emphasis on villages north of the Poru River which I had not visited previously.

Reception at all places was friendly, large numbers gathering in all centres for discussions with the patrol. The standard of housing and sanitation was reasonably good except for Marabin village in the Southern Wiru, where conditions were so far below standard, Court proceedings unfortunately had to be instituted against several persons.

Economic Development and Current Projects

Most groups are engaged in the construction of roads to link villages with the administrative centre, and particular emphasis was placed on groups working on the Wiru road network. It was noted, however, while the patrol was to the north of the Poru River that a large degree of reorganisation will be necessary to complete the road expeditiously. It is important for the economic development of the area that this road be completed in the very near future to give access to the tealands. For further comments on roads and bridges refer to the appropriate heading in this report.

Trade stores are becoming quite a feature in the area north of the Poru River, each centre having at least one, operated by local people. All appear to be licensed. Actual turnover of stock and cash income is difficult to assess, but it could be assumed that these enterprises provide a small but steady income to local entrepreneurs. In the Southern Wiru there is only one trade store, at Marabin, though nearer Pangia some larger trade stores are operating with relative success, notably at Kauwo. Though the majority are only small businesses by general trade store standards, it shows a distinct trend towards the desire for income and pleasing initiative on the part of the local people, to operate some things on their own. Care will have to be taken, however, to ensure that the number of licensed trade stores is limited.



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An appropriate appendix has been listed of all stores as the number seemed numerous enough to warrant comment.

Law and Order

Adherence to law and order in the centres visited is by and large, reasonably good, this being due in no small way to frequent patrolling in the past by previous officers and by the spread of missionary influence to every centre. Local Courts were convened in nearly every village, but most offences were only of a minor nature except for the villages of Apenda and Moria where a number of people were sentenced for indecent assault, ~~threatening~~ threatening and offensive behaviour.

Apart from the above, however, the only other problems were over the usual, pigs, bride price and women and the amount is somewhat staggering. In some centres, three or four disputes were heard but in other places up to ten marriage disputes were brought before the patrol. These people have been under influence for nearly six years and in this time they have gone through a great change, both economically and socially. Marriage disputes are mainly a product of this change, and this change is particularly noticeable in the family unit. In former times the role of women was very minor, their duties being rearing of children, gardening, looking after pigs and in particular, being submissive to their husbands. Now, under Law and Order, these women are no longer so ready to submit to their husbands wishes or to carry out the traditional menial tasks. With their apparent new freedom, some women refuse to work in gardens or look after pigs - something particularly important to the husband if he is away working all day on Administration and mission projects, and if he should attempt to force his wife or coerce her in any way, the wife is only too willing to bring the matter before the patrol though the problem rests with them, and not their husbands. A large percentage of assault cases brought to Pangia are a result of this attitude.

Requests for divorce, particularly by women, are becoming increasingly prevalent in the area, and the underlying causes are generally very minor. Apart from these, the most insignificant quarrels and problems are brought before the patrol for arbitration and it would appear, merely to satisfy the pride of one party or another to have a decision given in his favour.



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The local people generally, accept mediation or arbitration as the best method of solving their problems, but to hear every minor complaint within the family hardly promotes a sense of responsibility in its members to think and act for themselves in a proper adult manner. To alleviate the matter, Councillors attempt to solve a lot of the problems themselves and as village people themselves with a greater insight into these matters, they are more qualified to do so. If the Councillor's decision however, is not acceptable to either party it is ultimately brought before an officer and usually, a satisfactory settlement is ~~found~~ found.

Bride Price

Bride price repayments continue to be a problem in every centre and this point was raised in Pangia Patrol No 7 of 66/67 and current patrol instructions required an investigation into the matter with a view to establishing a Council Rule limiting the amount of bride price within the Council area. Any conclusions made would necessarily have to be brought before a Council Meeting for discussion.

To assess the extent of bride price, it was necessary to complete kinship charts and these have been attached as an appendix to the report mainly for their anthropological value.

Bride price payments within the area usually consist of pigs, pearl shells known as Gam, tomahawks, bush knives, native salt and cash,

Pigs are regarded as the most important aspect of a payment and I have been informed that any bride price must have at least one or two, no matter what quantity of pearl shell or cash which may be also included. From samples taken, bride price may range from two or three pigs plus four or five pearl shells up to ten pigs, twenty pearl shells \$40.00 cash, 3 tomahawks, 1 bush knife, 2 "Gam" and 2 portions of native salt. The first payment is exceptionally small and tends to cause some friction and is usually only accepted after the girl has run off to the husband's house and has refused to return home. The later case is an exorbitant payment which few men can afford and this too gives rise to friction particularly when no choice is given to the woman concerned.



Generally speaking, the local people themselves determine the extent of a bride price, by the relative number of consanguinuous kin, all of whom hope to obtain some small item. Where the majority of the woman's consanguinuous kin are married, bride price is proportionally higher to cover everybody. By this process, affinal kin often acquire items during distribution. Some Councillors have suggested limiting bride price to immediate family members and not to in-laws and this suggestion on the face of it seems quite reasonable. Actual limits at either end of the scale, could be determined only in consultation with the Councillor of the area and they themselves could elect a committee to approve or otherwise any marriage payment.

There appears to be some confusion over what is actually considered bride price and what could be termed supplementary gifts. I have been informed that there are only two real exchanges - the bride price paid by the father of the husband to the father of the girl, and the complementary exchange of the woman in connection with it. Pigs killed to mark the occasion do not form part of the payment ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ though there is a trend now to regard them as such, particularly with the great number of divorces and the loss occasioned by the father of the woman. After marriage, gifts are continually made through the husband's lifetime but these again, do not form part of the accepted "bride price" though in divorce cases many husbands mention these gifts in hope of reimbursement over and above the accepted bride price. The matter of a settlement in divorce cases is further complicated by the demands of the husband and family for return of original gifts and not equivalent values. In many cases this is difficult, if not impossible due to the ~~the~~ circulatory nature of particular items used as gifts, these items having spread extensively with subsequent marriages.

As bride price is so much a part of native life and its ramifications so extensive some interest should be shown by the Council to alleviate the social problems which arise from it so frequently. It is intended to bring the matter before the next Council meeting with the following suggestions as a basic guide:

1. Indication of what bride price should contain with a view to promoting a larger percentage of cash in payments;
2. That bride price could be confined to immediate family and no further;



3. That limits be established within the Council area.
4. That a committee of Councillors arbitrate on divorce settlements;
5. That in divorce cases original payments in certain circumstances be repayed by equivalent values.

The above is submitted only as a guide to show that some order is necessary in regard to bride price.

#### Roads and Bridges

The main object of this patrol was to reorganise construction of the Wiru road. As it had been found most unsatisfactory to continue on the old basis of each group working at its own village section for three days per week, all groups were required to work together in either one of two places - Timbari and Karani - for a complete week followed by a complete week's rest, each point alternating from week to week.

So far this arrangement has been most satisfactory and the people concerned have welcomed the idea for at last they can see something for their efforts. During the first week of road supervision approximately three hundred yards were completed in three days, by the groups from Noiya, Kuabini, Undiapu, Koia, Wembu, Timbari, Laue and Pugi. It is expected that all small sections between villages, holding up use of the road will be completed by the end of June. During the second week at Karani, groups from Porogo, Borona, Taguru, Karani, Iaro Poreio, Karue, Maubin, Marabin, Turda and Mamuane completed over half a mile of road. The section of road from Karani to Karue is perhaps the longest but it is hoped that this section will be completed by the end of June also. All groups have noted that by methodically working together a lot more can be achieved and this method also makes supervision from the station far easier and more practical.

On the Wiru road approximately 25 miles of road remain to be completed. The road itself as indicated on the patrol map will serve all villages in the area once completed. It will be necessary to construct some minor links across country, but these will be left until all existing sections are finally completed. A survey will be necessary between Pangia and Taguru - an obvious link in the road network, but one which to date has proved a major obstacle. It now appears, however, that this link is possible and an effort will be made to peg it out when time permits.



The Tealands road as mentioned earlier in this report will require reorganisation on the same lines as the Wiru road. At present each group is cutting its own small section with many portions in between nowhere near complete. This road is perhaps the most important to the area economically and should be given priority. The local people have been working for approximately three years but as yet no part has been used due to the difficulties encountered with a bridge over the Poru River. This, however, is near completion and with proper reorganisation of the labour available, enthusiasm should increase and this road could be completed by the end of June or early July. Supervision is very necessary, but with a good reliable foreman this should alleviate the problem.

Apart from the Poru River crossing, the only other river necessitating a substantial bridge will be the Ibei as indicated on the patrol map but this should not prove too difficult. Small bridges will be necessary over the creeks but these will not present any great problem. This applies only to the area north of the Poru, there being few creeks in the Southern Wiru of notable size.

An appendix showing labourers and relative number of tools available, has been included.



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LAND

Alienated land within the Administrative area covers the Pangia Station and its extensions amounting to approximately 350 acres and the various mission establishments spread throughout the Census Division located at Yaraporoi - Catholic Mission, Tiripini - Lutheran Mission, Mele - Evangelical Bible Mission, Terini - Wesleyan Methodist Mission, Aria - Witu Mission and Moro - Witu Mission.

Land alienation has been effected at Pilibaru for cattle project - some 170 acres and approximately 3592 acres from Kumien to Moria alienated for tea growing.

An effort was made to obtain further acreage for tea between Mele and Moro where approximately 2,000 acres of land could be made available stretching from the Ibei River <sup>south</sup> ~~north~~ towards Mele and east towards Aria. The local people were not prepared to alienate further land at present - some were agreeable while others were not but all agreed that the present land alienated should be improved first. There has been some holdup on the processing of these tealands and it is hoped in the near future that this will be completed.

South of the Poru River, there are very few areas which could be alienated, the lay of the land being far too rugged or too remote. At Karani, however, there appears to be the possibility of obtaining a large portion for another cattle project and preliminary details have been obtained. A further investigation will be carried out at a later date.

Land disputes are becoming more common now. Quite a few have been registered to date, but a trend is evident to dispute any land, not so much within a group but between opposing groups. However, whereas the great majority of disputes are over land boundaries, a fair percentage of these disputes have been brought about by individuals.

Apparently land disputes were not prevalent before the advent of the Administration in the area, however, traffic between more advanced areas and the Pangia area has led to higher prices being placed on the land, consequently disputes have arisen with the desire of the people to increase their economic status.

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One of the chief causes noted on land disputes in the area is where an individual "squats" on another group's land, plants his gardens and has been left unopposed, is then given permission to garden or run his pigs. The person's son also follows his father until some quasi ownership is apparently established over the years by virtue of possession. When a tract of land is investigated by the Administration with a view to purchase, and this portion is encompassed in it, the group to which this individual rightly belongs, also lay claim with the rightful owners though they know themselves that they have no true claim. Feelings run high on these occasions and once a claim or an allegation of ownership has been wrongfully made, neither group will back down for reasons of pride and in actual fact, few persons can give a qualified opinion on whether they own the land or not and think that an erroneous statement made by one trouble-maker is actual fact.

A fair percentage of the native land in the area has been fought over for many years before the advent of the Administration and it would be quite right to regard these lands as being held by previous conquest. Once again, however, with the coming of the Administration the local people having seen other groups obtain traditional land by Court ruling, for other reasons, and immediately start claiming for their lost lands in a hope that they might regain them, thus constituting a blow to their former enemies.

A further investigation into individual land tenure will be made in a later patrol.



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CONCLUSION

The whole administrative area has a great potential economically, these being good prospects for native owned cattle holdings, a definite income possibility through the tealands alienation, all coupled with the possibility of mineral development if oil samples prove satisfactory and sufficient quantities can be located.

Road construction efforts have not been over enthusiastic and this lack is quite apart from the fact that few shovels and tools have been allocated. Perhaps a great deal more equipment would increase construction, but by and large the effort required rests with the local people themselves. Supervision is of the utmost importance. It is suggested that the tealands road be reorganised on the same basis as the Wiru road, as good access to these lands is the only way of realising the potential they have.

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APPENDIX A

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Report on four members of Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary

6405	YARAU	Sen. Constable	Accompanied Patrol 3/4/67 - 16/4/67. Good worker who carried out all duties satisfactorily. Conduct was excellent.
9708	MALEVA	Constable	Accompanied patrol 3/4/67 - 21/4/67. Reliable and willing worker of exemplary conduct. Deserving of promotion.
8329	KONO	Constable	Accompanied Patrol 3/4/67 - 21/4/67. A reliable member who carried out all duties well.
8607	KOMAINI	Constable	Accompanied Patrol 16/4/67 - 21/4/67. Only with the patrol for six days. A bit slow but carried out all duties satisfactorily. Conduct good.

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APPENDIX B

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List of Trade Store Locations Operated by Native Entrepreneurs

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
PONDI	A licensed store operated by Tangué-Yoroga
MELE	1. Bible Mission store - permanent building. Licensed 2. A licensed trade store operated by Wagi-Yanda (Councillor). Part of capital provided by Tangué-Yoroga who already holds licence for store at Pondi.
ALIA	A licensed trade store operated by Wiái. Formerly operated by Witu Mission (associate of Wesleyan Methodist Mission).
MORIA	A licensed trade store operated by Wasa-Kebe.
POGARI	A licensed trade store operated by Ironoma.
APENDA	Two licensed trade stores operated by Ena and Warimi, village natives.
TAGURU	Wesleyan Methodist Mission store, licensed. Permanent building.
MARABIN	A licensed store operated by Were-Poiabu, village native.
POROGO	Two stores. One operated by Councillor Kiboi and the other operated by Tanda-Ebe, village native.
MAIA	Licensed trade store operated by Tua-Piya. By far the largest turnover.
KAUWO	Four trade stores all separate entities in partnership. Stores licensed in the names of Laca, Paire, Pelango and Puruba

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List of Councillors at points visited by Patrol

PONDI	Councillor MAMBU
KUMIEN	Councillor YABI
MELE	Councillor WAGI
MORO	Councillor WINDI
ALIA	Councillor POGEIABU
MORIA	Councillor WABIA
APENDA	Councillor WERU
	Councillor KIBOI
	Councillor WARO
TAGURU	Councillor WEMBI
NOIYA	Councillor PELA
KUABINI	Councillor LEIA
UNDIAPU	Councillor KAMA
	Councillor WELEMA
	Councillor UNDA
TIMBARI	Councillor KAIUE
	Councillor LAMA
PUGI	Councillor PUMBU
LAUE	Councillor TURI
MAMUANE	Councillor KANDI
TIMPIKENI	Councillor POLI
TUNDA	Councillor KELO
KERABARI	Councillor TOBA
MARABIN	Councillor YABO
MAUBIN	Councillor KAUWAI
KARUE	Councillor ANDIA
POROCO	Councillor KIBOI
BORONA	Councillor YABETA
KARANI	Councillor ALA
PORIO	Councillor PALARU
IARO	Councillor PONA
MALA	Councillor YOGI
KAUWO	Councillor PAIRE
	Councillor ANGULA

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List of Labour Available on Wiru Road and Relative  
Numbers of Shovels Held

- EASTERN WIRU -

<u>Place</u>	<u>Number of Labourers</u>	<u>Number of Shovels</u>
KUABINI	64	22
NOIYA	136	39
UNDIAPU	232	58
TTMBARI	58	10
	<u>720</u>	<u>170</u>

- WESTERN WIRU -

<u>Place</u>	<u>Number of Labourers</u>	<u>Number of Shovels</u>
KARANI	85	20
BORONA	58	21
POROGO	54	18
KARUE	27	9
TUNDA	35	21
KERABARI	17	4
TAGURU	14	5
MAPABIN	28	9
MAMUANE	52	14
PORIO	31	5
IARO	53	12
	<u>454</u>	<u>138</u>

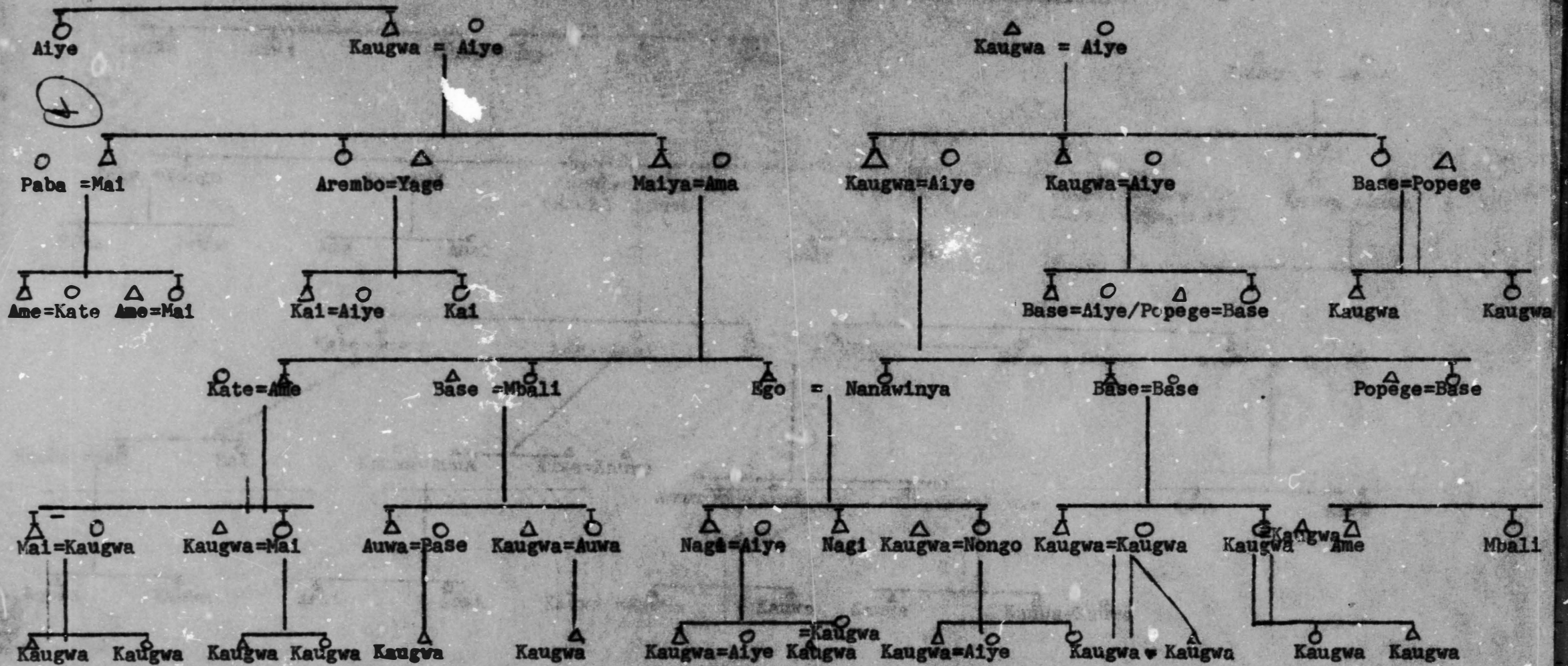
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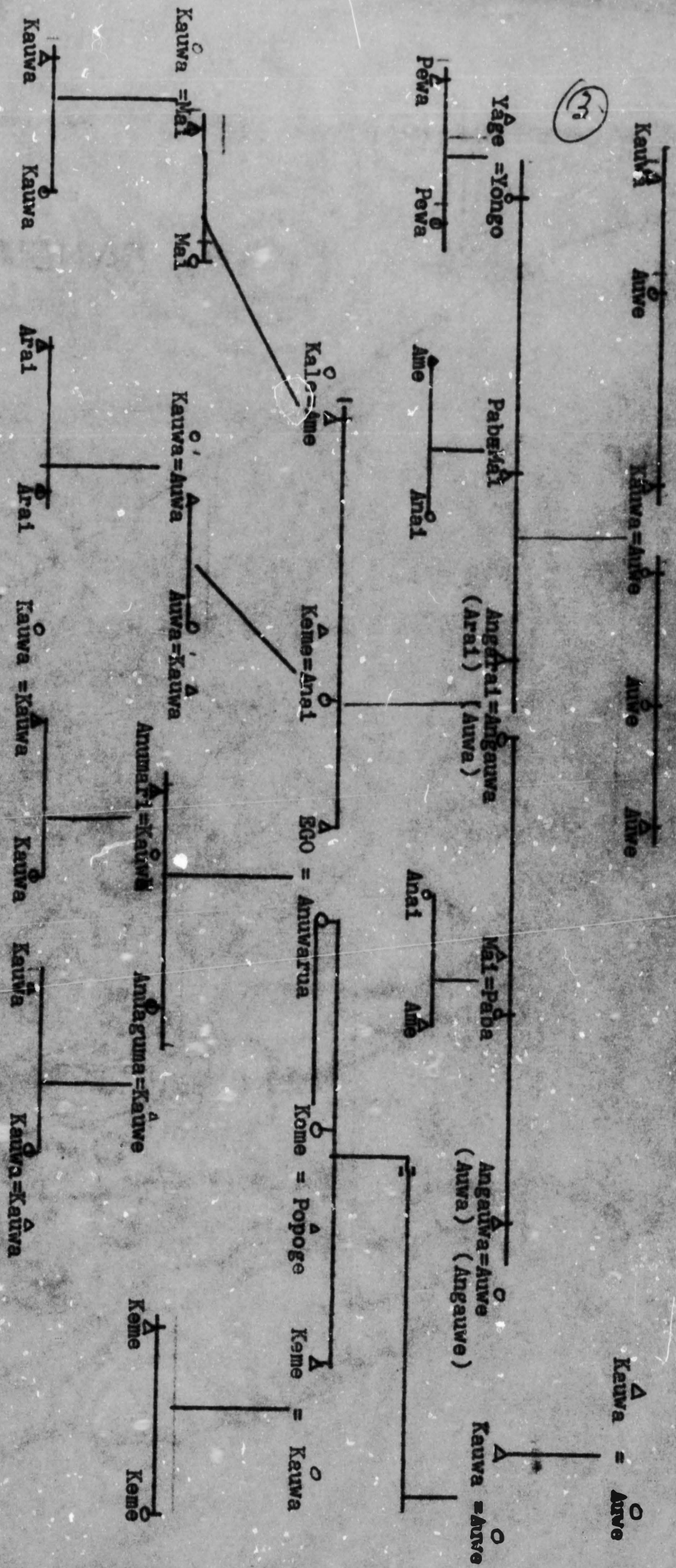
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PANGIA PATROL POST ADMINISTRATIVE AREA  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

Map to accompany Pangia Patrol Report  
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scale 1" = 4 miles (approx)

roads  rivers   
missions  Pangia

