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PATROL REPORT Nº 4-65-66

By

G. I. WILLIAMS

TINPUTZ

BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT.

67-11-22



RWB/LMW.

67/1/10.

Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

20th. September, 1966.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

TINPUTZ PATROL NUMBER 4 OF 65/66.

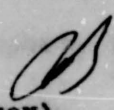
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Att.

  
(P. J. MOLLISON).  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

67-11-22

28th October, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

TINPUTZ PATROL REPORT NO. 4-1965/66:

Receipt of the above report by Mr. Williams is acknowledged, also covering memoranda from yourself, the Assistant District Commissioner Hutjema and the Assistant District Officer, Tinputz.

The patrol was completed on 6th June, the report was dated 16th June but was not commented upon by the Assistant District Officer until the 24th August 1966. It then took over a month to reach this office. The delays in submission detract from its value.

It is seldom that a report is received which is as completely commented upon as this report has been and this, in addition to the lateness of submission, means it requires no further comment from this Headquarters.

Mr. Williams has submitted an interesting report, with many pertinent comments and useful information.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.



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HUTJENA.

Buka Passage.

9th September 1966.

The District Commissioner  
Bougainville District,  
SOBAHO.

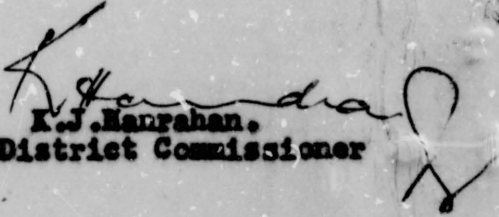
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Attached please find the original and one copy of a Patrol Report submitted by Mr GPO Williams. Mr TABUA who accompanied the patrol submitted his report from Hutjena under cover of n/ 67/2/2 of the 29th June 66.

The report is accompanied by patrol instructions issued by Mr Simmins and his covering letter to this office. It would appear that camping allowance has already been claimed and paid.

Mr ADO Simmins has covered all matters allight to the report in his covering correspondence.

Forwarded please.

  
K.J. Marrahan.  
Assistant District Commissioner

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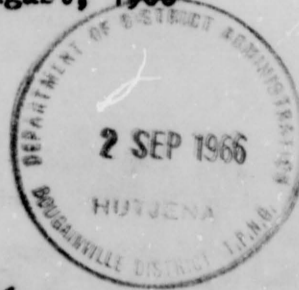
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24th August, 1966



The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Subdistrict Office,  
H U T J E N A

TINPUTZ PATROL REPORT NO. 4/ 65 - 66

Submitted herewith are three copies of Tinputz Patrol Report Number 4 of 1965/66. The Patrol was conducted by Mr G.J.Williams, Cadet Patrol Officer. The Patrol Report was given a 65/66 number as it was commenced in the last financial year.

The main purpose of the patrol was to conduct multi racial elections. These elections have been covered fully in my Election Report, "Appendix A" of 8th June, 1966. As Mr Williams and Mr Tabua compiled the statistics and I have commented fully on the elections already in the above mentioned Memoranda, there is no necessity to comment further, here, on the elections.

One copy of my Patrol Instructions to Mr Tabua and Mr Williams is attached to the original copy of the Report. Besides the elections, the two Officers were instructed to issue out renewing licences to various shotgun owners and to check all shotguns in the village. Various Bankbooks were collected for forwarding to the Commonwealth Bank in Rabaul. This also has been done.

The Officers checked up on visits to villages by Malaria Control Teams. From Mr William's schedule and comments on Page 6 of his report, remarks under "HEALTH", the visits to villages are being made regularly. Books have now been issued to all the southern villages listed on Page 7. TSISIKO will be issued a book when Mr Hanrahan and I visit the village, next week.

Mr William's comments under "AGRICULTURE" on Page 4 are interesting. He informs me that the people from MUTAHI pay cash for the oranges they buy from MELILUP. I have never noticed such trading on the four or five times I have been up at MELILUP - MUTAHI. That the people way in the bush, at the head of the Ramazon use money as a medium of exchange confirms my long held belief that these people are not as short of money as they pretend when Council taxation is being discussed. These two villages have a high incidence of bicycle owners. Many of them own radios and nearly all of them are well dressed; obviously they have an income, and not a bad one by Tinputz standards. That coin is replacing to some extent at least, barter, in these remote villages, confirms the well known adage about Progress - you can't stop it. Mr Williams also noticed this money exchange for oranges between purchasing RARIES and the peopl of WASPUS who are also fairly well off for oranges.

That the people of WASPUS are now going in for pig raising, see comments under LIVESTOCK Page 4, is also encouraging.

Concerning the remarks about organizing a potato pick up for the people of MUTAHI, comments under AGRICULTURE Page 4, I have not attended an Executive Meeting this month

month.

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There is very little else in the Report on which to comment. On Page 2, Mr Williams remarks about the Water pump for NAMATOA, this project has now been deleted from the Estimates. The flow of water at the source would not be sufficient for a Hydraulic Ram.

The objects of the patrol have been carried out satisfactorily. Mr Tabua and Mr Williams had a happy patrol which enjoyed friendly relationships with the people.

Mr Tabua's report was submitted from HUTJEXA. I believe Mr William's claim for camping allowance has been already signed by Mr Clancy and he has got the money.

For your information, please and onforwarding in due course, please.

(D.R. SIMMINS)  
**ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER**

Sub-Station	Head-Station
District	Regiment
Station No.	Station No.
Created by	E. Date P.
Now in Charge	Now in Charge
Proposed Appointment	E. Date P. (S/Lt)
Proposed Date of Patrol	Proposed Date of Patrol
	Proposed Date of Patrol
	12 days
Last Renewal D.O.A.	May, 1956
	November, 1956
	February, 1956
Objects of Patrol	Multi-racial contact



Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

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Patrol Post,  
Tinputz, Bougainville.  
16th. June, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Sohano.

TINPUTZ PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 65/66.

Station : Tinputz Patrol Post  
Sub-District : Buka Passage  
District : Bougainville  
Patrol No. : 4-65/66  
Conducted by : C. Tabua P.O.  
Area Patrolled : Teop Census Division  
Personnel Accompanying : G. J. Williams C.P.O. (Self)  
2 Members R.P. & N.G.C.  
Duration of Patrol : 24/5/66 - 29/5/66  
1/6/66 - 6/6/66  
12 Days  
Last Patrolled D.D.A. : May, 1966  
D.A.S.F. : November, 1965  
P.H.D. : February, 1965  
Objects of Patrol : Multi-racial Council Elections.

of Malaria Control teams by looking at their Visit Book. I wish you a happy & successful patrol  
Also give educational instruction to sample villages concerning the Territory Census and give  
letters re same to Plantation & Mission addresses.  
(D. R. SPAIN, A.D.O.)



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Mr.

Patrol Post,  
Tinputz.

23rd May, 1966

Messrs C. TABUA, P.O.,  
G. Williams, C.P.O.,  
Patrol Post,  
T I N P U T Z

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS TEOP/TINPUTZ ELECTORAL  
PATROL & INSTRUCTION RE TERRITORY CENSUS..

You will proceed on patrol in the first instance visiting villages and Plantations on the northern side of the Ramazon after having observed at first hand how elections are conducted today at BOKAPA - KESPOHIT and DEOS - TSIKORT. You will leave early tomorrow so as to be able to spend as much time with the Chindpats - Tendu people before their elections commence tomorrow afternoon. I visited the area two days ago but most of the people were away in gardens. However they appear to have some idea of what the elections are about.

From the timetables with which you have been already issued, you will see that you have a fairly tight schedule to maintain. This is not as hard as it looks and there will be no hardship involved. It is extremely important that you adhere to this programme because the next meeting of the L.G. Council is put down for 5th June. This date cannot be altered as we have several imminent visitors coming to this meeting.

At the completion of each election all papers concerned with it are to be placed in the large envelopes which will have the names of the electorates on them. This makes for easy compilation at the end of the elections. I also refer you to Divisions 20 and 21 of the "Elections for Local Government Councils" which I have loaned you. If you find it necessary to install more polling booths than I have allowed for EG in the case of some of the plantation having a large number of labourers from other areas wishing to vote make a note of the extra polling booths no of voters at them etc. See particularly notes on reports of elected Office Bearers on Page 12 of the book. Also make sure that Plantation personnel are acquainted with their right to vote and their electorates. This information is available on the timetables which have been issued to all Plantations and villages. It will be a good idea to have a Council Messenger preceding the patrol to ensure that the people are notified of the imminence of its arrival. Accordingly a Messenger is being dispatched to Chindpats and will be proceeding on from there always one day ahead of the patrol.

You have been issued with various S.A.P's for issue to licencees. Also take a copy of 28/5/66 and collect as many of the Passbooks for forwarding to Comtrabank Rabaul. Make entries of the election in Village Books re successful nominee and check up on visis



INTRODUCTION

The area patrolled was a large portion of the Teop/Tinputz Local Government Council Area of the Buka Passage Sub-District of Bougainville Island. The area excluded was the group of coastal villages extending from Kovanis to Suangu, and as far inland as Pateaviavi, which was covered separately by Mr A.D.O. Simmins.

The area patrolled is bounded by Chindpatz village in the north, Kotoita Village in the south, Melelup and Waspus villages in the west, and Pacific Ocean in the east.

The majority of the villages patrolled are situated in the lower regions of the Emperor Range of mountains. Vehicular roads are practically non-existent, so use was made of the numerous all-weather tracks prevalent in the area.

The main purpose of the patrol was to conduct Multi-racial Council Elections. Also, the opportunity was taken to distribute various Special Arms Permits, collect bank passbooks for onforwarding to Commonwealth Savings Bank Rabaul, check up on frequency of Malaria Control visits to the villages, and to give further instruction on the forthcoming Territory Census to the appropriate villages.

Unfortunately, owing to the tight schedule, the patrol was unable to stay overnight at a large number of the villages, but an effort was made to stop at the greatest possible number of villages.

DIARY

See Folio Nos. 37 - 46 of Field Officer's Journal.

Observations and Comments.

The patrol enjoyed a good rapport with the people. Mr Tabua was invited out to dine with the people on a number of occasions.

Villages:

Mostly, the standard of housing was found to be very high. Regretably, several of the Rest Houses deteriorated badly. I feel that the main reason for this was that they are being used, in a large number of cases as private dwellings for the villagers when a patrol is not in the vicinity. This was painfully evident

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at Namatoa Village. I had stayed overnight at this village two weeks before this patrol, with no ill effects. However, this time, the rest house was found to be literally over-run with bed bugs. Namatoa is not an isolated case, but by far one of the worst.

Water Supply:

I informed Namatoa Village that their long awaited hydraulic water pump had been ordered from Rabaul by the Local Council.

Hygiene and Sanitation;

With one exception, the standard of hygiene and sanitation proved to be reasonable. This exception was Iaun Village. I found the village in such a state, that I felt obliged to give a lecture on elementary hygiene and sanitation.

One pleasing aspect of the patrol was that even though we arrived at a village ahead of schedule (sometimes a day or more), most of the villages were found to be clean and tidy.

Village Councillors:

Herewith is a list of the Councillors elected at these current elections held on the patrol.

Teobuhin - Sikomea/Buasana re-elected 59 votes to 23.

Pokapa-Kesphoit - G. F. Cooke elected unopposed.

Namkerio - Toboin/Buhio re-elected unopposed.

Tocabon-Irus - Dana/Kavusia re-elected unopposed.

Kukurina-Suangu - Lusoli/Pauli re-elected unopposed.

Aravia-Tetakuts - Kekevio/Buan re-elected unopposed.

Pusupa - Absorbed into Waspus/Puspa Electorate.

Waspus - Absorbed into Waspus/Puspa Electorate.

Waspus-Puspa - Tauviri/Leivid re-elected 50 votes to 5.

Rarie - Matiasi/Ravias elected unopposed.

Iaun-Teovangero - Kaipiria re-elected unopposed.

Ketoita - Wasuvarome/Yabietei re-elected unopposed.

Wianin-Boskombo - Danbaenis/Sitear re-elected unopposed.

Neblahiu-Tumuri - Irewiri/Gun re-elected unopposed.

Pateaviavi - Thomas Kukute re-elected unopposed.

Deos-Tsikort - L. N. Marsh elected 44 votes to 3.

Hantobin - Vavitos/Semokui re-elected unopposed.

Sumavahora - Kiriapuana/Waiwe re-elected unopposed.

Teop - Samson Parupuru re-elected unopposed.

Wawuginua - Rapeori/Dimo re-elected unopposed.



Tsisiko - Kaksi/Wirowi re-elected unopposed.  
Lomsis - Pasumohin/Poten re-elected unopposed.  
Torokekopia - Matevin/Sipot re-elected unopposed.  
Mutahi - Siwora/Buio re-elected unopposed.  
Melelup - Tokarip/Tauvian re-elected unopposed.  
Namatoa-Torombei - Nelson/Riveri re-elected unopposed.  
Chindpats-Tendu-Wichibu - Kasamen/T'simeti elected 44 votes to 7.

It was of no surprise that the majority of the Councillors were re-elected unopposed, as Council Elections were held a little over six months ago in this area.

In fact there were only four new Councillors resulting from these elections: Kasamen of Chindpats (this area has only recently joined the Teop/Tinputz Local Government Council); and G. F. Cooke and L. N. Marsh - the only two European Councillors in this Multi-racial Council of 25 Electorates; and Matiasi of Rarie. The election of a new Councillor for Rarie could be nothing but an improvement, in my opinion, judging by the ability of the previous Councillor. (My comments in Tinputz Patrol Report 2-65/66 refer.)

It appears to me that the Councillors possess above average capabilities, and most probably they will continue doing a reasonable job.

Mr J. Chaning-Pearce, manager of Rugen Plantation, was approached by the villagers of Namkerio to stand for election. I feel that he most probably would have been elected unopposed, however he declined to stand, owing to pressure of business, and uncertainty of Burns Philp policy on their managers standing for Council Election.

#### Outline of Political Situation:

An interesting occurrence took place at Wichibu village, on this patrol, which is worthy of note. The elections which were held at this village for Chindpats, Tendu and Wichibu villages, was the first election that these people had taken part in. (They have only recently joined the Council.)

Kasamen was nominated to stand, without any hesitation, and just prior to my closing the acceptance of nominations, Mr L. Watkins of Raula Plantation was nominated (much to his surprise). I learnt later from local talk, that Mr Watkins was nominated not by a pro Watkins faction, but rather by a vigorous anti-Kasamen minority. Kasamen won the election by a large majority.

I gathered the impression in the case of most of the electorates, that if there was a European standing for election, he would have been elected by a large majority.

AGRICULTURE.

Whilst at Mutahi Village I was approached by the Councillor (Sivoro) re a plan to set up a Society Store at Pokapa Village for the purpose of selling potatoes. As there is a great shortage of potatoes in the coastal area of Tinputz, the people of Mutahi would be assured of a large demand for their produce from the Europeans in the area alone. Apparently some land at Pokapa is owned by people at Mutahi, so there would be no land problems in setting up the store.

I encouraged Sivoro in his plan, and a proposal will be put forward to the Executive Committee of the Council at the next meeting, re the collection of potatoes from Pokapa by the Council tractor, to bring them down to Tinputz.

Livestock.

I observed that Waspus is starting to go in for pig raising. They have constructed a pig compound a short distance from the village. At present they have only half a dozen pigs.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Refer "Agriculture", this report.

As most of the native owned trade stores and society stores are situated in the area covered by Mr A.D.O. Simmins, I did not have further opportunity to investigate this field.

However, I did notice that a large amount of between village trading was being carried on; especially between Seventh Day Adventist, and non-Seventh Day Adventist villages in the same areas. (The Seventh Day Adventist villages purchasing large quantities of fruits from surrounding villages.



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REST HOUSES.

As I mentioned under the heading "Villages", a large number of the rest houses are being used as private dwellings. With the following exceptions, the rest houses are in a reasonably satisfactory condition. Namatoa Village: the timber is starting to rot, and the place is over-run with bed bugs. It was requested for the rest house to be destroyed, and a new one to be constructed. Kotoita: the leaf used in the construction of the roof is starting to rot, with the result that it leaks. It was requested that the roof be repaired before the next patrol.

The practice of using rest houses as private dwellings was discussed at the offending villages.

At Waspus Village, the rest house was found to be infested with rats (as usual). However, before embarking on this patrol, I purchased several rat traps which I successfully used during my stay at Waspus, and left them there for use by the villagers after I moved on.

CARRIERS.

In patrols in this area, carriers are employed on a village to village basis. Little difficulty was experienced in obtaining carriers in most cases. However, there were two incidents involving carriers - one at Mutahi village, and the other at Rarie village.

I was approached at Mutahi village, and requested that various chairs, patrol tables and other items be carried separately, and not tied onto the top of the patrol boxes as is the usual practice. It was complained that the boxes were too heavy to carry as they were, let alone with chairs and the like tied on top. I tested the weight of the various boxes, and as the patrol was at the end of its first stage, the boxes were considerably lighter than they had been during earlier parts of the patrol, and accordingly, well under the stated maximum of 80 pounds each.

I offered a solution by stating that there was enough cargo for twelve carriers. As there was a six hour trip involved to the next village (Torpinas) that meant a total payment of \$7.20 was due from me. I offered that the cargo could be carried by as many carriers as they wished, and that they could divide the \$7.20 between the lot of them.

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(When I paid the carriers at Torpinas, I noticed that only twelve carried the cargo.)

The other occurrence was at Teabaum Mission, where I had lined Rarie, Waspus and Puspa villages.

As Waspus villagers had carried my cargo from Waspus to Teabaum Mission, I spoke to the Councillors for Rarie and Puspa, and requested that eight men from Rarie and four from Puspa carry my cargo. (Rarie is approximately four times larger than Puspa.) The Councillor for Puspa agreed to this proposal. The Councillor for Rarie - Matiasi, (newly elected that morning) told me he had been approached by his people, and they asked why couldn't Puspa carry the entire cargo. I took Matiasi aside and pointed out that the previous Councillor for his village had been completely ineffective and ignored by his people, and that this was a good opportunity for him to assume authority in the village. The end result was that eight men from Rarie, and four from Puspa carried my cargo to Kotoita village.

#### HEALTH.

I checked up on the Malaria Control visit books in the villages visited, to find out the regularity of these visits.

Wichibu Chindpats Tendu. ER1 tablets last distributed on 20th. March, 18th April, and 10th May. Last sprayed on 22nd April.

Aravia. ER1 tablets last distributed 11th. May. Naper - 20th. April. Last sprayed 19th. April.

Komsis. ER1 tablets last distributed 11th. May.

Namkerio. ER1 tablets last distributed 11th. May. Last sprayed 15th April.

Melelup. ER1 tablets last distributed on 21st. March and 16th. May. Last sprayed 16th. April.

Mutahi. ER1 tablets last distributed 23rd. March. Last sprayed 14th. April.

Waspus Puspa Rarie Teabaum and Rarie Aidpost. ER1 last distributed 2nd. February, 30th. March, and 21st. May. Last sprayed 17th February. Waspus was not sprayed.



Of the villages I visited, Tsisiko, Namatoa, kotoita, and Iaun are not covered in the above list. Each claimed they have not been issued a Malaria Control Visit Book. However, they assured me that regular distribution of ER1 had been carried out, and that they had all been visited by the Malaria Control Spraying Team this year.

It will be observed that Waspus village was not sprayed, whilst the surrounding villages were. I feel that this is of little consequence; Waspus being one of the highest, coldest, windiest villages in the area. Consequently I have never noticed any mosquitoes in this area.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The tracks between villages in the majority of cases showed evidence of being well maintained. This was particularly evident on the Namatoa-Waspus track, where a lot of work has gone into the cutting of steps into several of the largest ascents. However, the track from Neblahiu to Melelup has been sadly neglected - in sections the track disappears altogether.

Also, owing to the heavy flood experienced at the end of March, with the river flooding and changing course in many places, the track from Mutahi to Torpinas was shin deep with mud in places.

#### AIRFIELDS.

With regards to the two airfields under construction in this area, one has been used already. As the patrol was returning to Tinputz it was observed at Kekesu Mission that a Cessna aircraft was in the process of landing on the partially completed airfield. Apparently the reason for this was a medical emergency. Also, even though Deos Airstrip wasn't visited on this patrol, for general information, it appears that Deos will be open for light aircraft traffic within the next month. (Eventually, it will be a DC3 strip.)

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Generally speaking, this proved to be a satisfactory patrol. However, a large number of the people visited seemed to think it was a waste of time holding a Council Election so close to the last one held (held approximately 6 months ago), owing to the fact that even though the Council had been made Multi-racial, their area had no Europeans to nominate for election anyway. That so many of the old Councillors were re-elected unopposed is evidence of the fact that most people were satisfied with their old Councillors.

I explained to them that it was for their own benefit and not to benefit the Council, Administration, etc. that elections were held; and that it gave them a good opportunity to show their satisfaction or otherwise, of their present Councillor.

As I have only been in this area several months, I feel that the main attribute of the patrol was that it enabled me to have a closer look at the people of this area, and vice versa.



(G. J. Williams)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

