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1970 1971

MENDI

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5-70-71	R.M.PRESS	Part Kambiri Census Division, Mendi-Ialibu Road. Mendi Local Government Area.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number MENDI PATROL NO. 1 OF 1970/71

Subdistrict MENDI

District SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by P.D.TOZER, Assistant Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled (Council and/or Census Division/s.) Part KAMBIRI Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol AID POST ORDERLY, NANDOMA MAIA
Mr. D.McClelland, P.W.D. Foreman.
Mr. N.O'Connor, P.W.D. Overseer.
P/C RAIMA, No. 2500, R.P.N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol—from 9 / 7 to 21 / 9 / 1970

No. of Days ~~EXCEED~~ 75 Days, 51 Nights Camped Out.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: MENDI PATROL NO. 20 OF 1969/70

Date 10/6/70 to 11/7/70 Duration 32 Days.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) Supervision of intensive labour working on the MENDI - IALIBU Road.

Total Population of Area Patrolled Aprox. 900 labourers employed on the road.

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

G.P.—P&NG/B1657.

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29th July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO.1 of 1970/71

Your reference 67-3-2 of 23rd June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. P. Tozer of Kambiri Census Division.

Mr. Tozer is to be commanded for his energetic supervision of work on the Mendi/Ialibu road.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
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Department of the Administrator,
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MENDI

23rd June, 1971

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

REPORT: MENDI PATROL NO. 1 OF 1970/71

Please find attached two copies of the report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. P. Tozer.

Mr. Tozer is to be complimented on his interest and effective control of the labour on the road.

Mr. Tozers comparison of political awareness amongst the workers from various Sub districts is interesting, and probably reflects the efforts and enthusiasm at each Sub district. Projects such as this can do much to foster a feeling of unity in the district preparatory to engendering a sense of National Unity.

Mr. Tozer has revealed that even though a junior officer in terms of seniority, he can utilise his resources to the best advantage and achieve results comparable to an officer of more seniority.

A sound patrol by an officer who has taken a keen interest in his work.

D.J. Clancy

D.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. A.D.C. Mendi

c.c. Mr. P. Tozer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
MENDI
8 OCT 1970
SOUTHERN HIGHLAND DISTRICT
PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

8th October, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO I OF 1970/71

P.D. TOZER : MENDI IALIBU ROAD.

Attached the above report. My comments, though brief are:-

POLITICAL EDUCATION. The comparison between different groups is interesting, of course the fact that Mr. Tozer has come from Ialibu may partly contribute to their better showing, because he was a friendly and fimiliar face amongst aliens. However, I am quite inclined to believe that the average Ialibu citizen has a better level of comprehension than the Mendi's or the Kagua's.

As far as the Mendi Sub-District goes, I believe that were the Local Member and the Council President to circulate amongst their constituents more, understanding would be increased. I have endeavoured to persuade the Council President to get out amongst his people more, but every time I suggest he go in the Council car on some job or other to spend a day or two some obstacle occurs.

PAGE 12 : HEALTH. I feel that Maternal and Child Welfare and EDUCATION are important. From my own observations I believe worm infestation to be prevalent amongst Mendi children, and the cause of many deaths and lack of thiving. Would it be practicable for the sisters to treat routinely this condition?

PAGE 13 : FOOD SITUATION. This office at the moment is trying to assess claims of food shortage. I think the shortage will reach its nadir in about six weeks time. The Lower Mendi seems to be least effected than the Upper Mendi, probably because over the last 10 months the Lower Mendi has had far fewer big dances, pig kills, and Tambarand ceremonies. It appears the OMAI-ASSAISA Area will probably not suffer any shortage at all.

PAGE 14. : WAGES V CONTRACT. I strongly support Mr. Tozer's views, which do not need elaboration.

PAGE 16 : FORESTRY. Afforestation is not an immediate and urgent problem, b afforestation in the area patrolled and other areas of the Mendi Sub-District could be of enormous long term benefit to the Area. I often think the importance of afforestation and reafforestation is overlooked in the face of immediate problems.

PAGE 14 : MANAGEMENT. I am can not find Appendix I in the report.

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Obviously Mr. Tozer has forgotten to staple it in. I will forward it to you when Mr. Tozer returns from the Kandep Road.

Mr. Tozer has done a highly commendable job, and is to be congratulated on the good personal relationships he had with the men working on the road, and the Public Works Department staff there. He has tackled Political Education and the mundane task of supervising labour in an imaginative and energetic manner.

K. A. Bond

(K.A. BOND)
A/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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22nd. September, 1970

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL No. 1 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by:	P.D. Toser, Assistant Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled:	Part KAMBIRI Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying:	Mr. D. McClelland P.W.D. FOREMAN Mr. N. O'Connor, P.W.D. OVERSEER (until 24th. August 1970) AID POST ORDERLY, NANDOMA-MAIA 1 - R.P.N.G.C. P/c RAIMA No. 2500 From 12th. August, 1970.
Duration of Patrol:	9th. July 1970 to 21st. September, 1970 51 nights camped out.
Last Patrol to Area:	MENDI No. 20 of 69/70. 32 Days.
Object of Patrol:	Supervision of labour engaged in the construction of the MENDI to LALIBU Road
Map Reference:	Attached.

P.D. Toser

P.D. Toser
Assistant Patrol Officer.

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INTRODUCTION.

This special patrol to the KAMBIRI Census Division was based at the P.W.D. Camp near OMAI Village, about 15 miles by road from MENDI and about 5 miles by road from the MENDI/IALIBO boundary.

The purpose of the patrol was the supervision of labour employed on the construction of the Southern Highlands Highway between, generally, the villages of OMAI and AISAINA. This section had previously been completed by contract labour but had to be widened from 20 feet to 28 feet and also correctly leveled. This work was successfully carried out between chainage marks 78150 and 87400, with the exception of 79500 to 80150 which will be done later with machinery.

Also work was started on a quarry at OMAI and access roads built. This work has not gone as fast as would have been hoped due to unforseen problems arising.

A small C.I.B. Camp has been established at OMAI but the numbers of detainees are dwindling (from 75 to 30 during this patrol) and it will shortly have to be disbanded. This is unfortunate as the detainees comprise the best supervised labour available and their work output is very high.

Political Education on a comparative basis was carried out. I was disappointed with the knowledge, or interest, displayed.

All in all, I consider that this was a successful patrol.

PATROL DIARY.

Thursday, 9th. July, 1970.

0745 to 1100 office work, 1100 to 1400 made ready patrol gear. 1400 to 1515 drove to OMAI road Camp, met Mr. J.Wellington, P.O. who introduced me to the work. Spent night at OMAI.

Friday, 10th. July, 1970

0630 to 1430 with Mr. Wellington supervised labour line. 1430 to 1700 paid labour. 1700 to 0845 drove Mr. Wellington to MENDI and returned to OMAI. Spent night at OMAI.

Saturday, 11th. July, 1970

At OMAI. General work familiarising myself with system, rationing etc. Spent night at OMAI.

Sunday, 12th. July, 1970

At OMAI, Rose 0800 and scaled food, short of rice so walked to Yabi and gave out sweet potatoe. 1200 left YABI by car for MENDI to discuss with Engineer Mr. C. Allen, the food situation and other aspects of work. Returned to OMAI 1550. Spent until 2100 organising new roll system. Spent night at OMAI.

Monday, 13th. July, 1970.

0630 to 0930 made new labour roll, total of 579 labourers. 0930 to 1350 organised lines to work. 1330 ADC Mr. B. MULCAHY arrived, looked at work and discussed same. Issued rations, spent night at OMAI.

Tuesday, 14th. July, 1970

0630 called labour roll, marked out work, sent 150 labour to YABI to pick up food. 1330 received message that 220 rice and 220 fish were at YABI so sent entire labour line down to pick up. Issued rations. Spent night at OMAI.

Wednesday, 15th. July, 1970

0630 called roll. All lines carried rations from YABI. Issued rations. Spent night at OMAI.

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Thursday, 16th. July, 1970

0630 to 1100 called roll, issued rations, organised work. 1100 to 1215 drove to Mendi, organised issue of more boilers and spades, returned to OMAI 1545. Spent night at OMAI.

Friday, 17th. July, 1970

0630 all lines to work and organised same. Received 175 new spades so lined all labour, took stocktake and issued new spades 1400 issued instructions and proceeded MENDI. Acquitted pay advance. Spent night at MENDI.

Saturday, 18th. July, 1970

1000 to 1300 attended meeting on new Territory Service ASOC. 1400 left MENDI, drove to OMAI and checked all was well and returned to MENDI. Spent night at MENDI.

Sunday, 19th. July, 1970

A.M. observed. 1400 left for OMAI arriving 1530. Made arrangements for tomorrows work. Spent night at OMAI.

Monday, 20th. July, 1970.

0630 called roll, supervised work issued rations. Finished 1600. Spent night at OMAI.

Tuesday, 21st. July, 1970

0630 to 0830. Called roll, gave instructions, issued rations. 0830 left OMAI, drove to MENDI to pick up "carrying beds". Returned to OMAI at 1500 and until 1630 supervised work. Spent night at OMAI.

Wednesday, 22nd. July, 1970

0630 to 1600. Called roll, supervised work, issued rations. Very good progress. Spent night at OMAI.

Thursday, 23rd. July, 1970

Late start 0800 due to rain. Good progress made however. Spent night at OMAI.

Friday, 24th. July, 1970

0600 to 1400 supervised labour, issued rations etc. Section finished so paid labour 1400 to 1600. 1700 drove to MENDI. Spent night MENDI.

Saturday, 25th. July, 1970

AM went to [illegible] to pick up CIB rations. PM observed. Spent night MENDI.

Sunday, 26th. July, 1970

1000 drove to OMAI, arriving 1130. Remainder of day marked new sections for work next week and put on more labour. Spent night OMAI.

Monday, 27th. July, 1970

0600 to 1500 supervised labour, issued rations etc. 1500 to 1600 drove to MENDI to attend party at D.C's. Arranged with two new APO's to bring them to OMAI tomorrow. Spent night at MENDI.

Tuesday, 28th. July, 1970

0530 to 0630 drove to OMAI with APO's Mr. PROBERT and Mr. SHELLEY. Supervised labour, issued rations etc. 1300 to 1600 political Education talks with KAGUA line. 1600 drove to MENDI to drop APO's and returned OMAI 2100. Spent night at OMAI.

Wednesday, 29th. July, 1970

0630 to 1600 supervised labour, issued rations etc. Spent night at OMAI.

Thursday, 30th. July, 1970

0630 to 1600 supervised labour, issued rations etc. Spent night at OMAI.

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Friday, 31st. July, 1970

0630 to 1400 supervised labour, issued rations etc. 1400 all marks finished so knocked off labour and returned to MENDI. Spent night MENDI.

Saturday, 1st. August, 1970

AM observed. PM saw Engineer Mr. Allen and arranged to go to OMAI tomorrow to mark further section of road. Spent night at MENDI.

Sunday, 2nd. August, 1970

AM observed. 1145 with Mr. Allen drove to OMAI and spent PM assisting him with survey of next section of road. Spent night at OMAI.

Monday, 3rd. August, 1970

0630 to 1600 supervised labour, marked all centre lines and sides, issued rations etc. Spent night at OMAI.

Tuesday, 4th. August, 1970

0600 to 0700 organised lines to work and drove to MENDI to pick up cash. Not able to but saw PWD re requirements. Returned to OMAI 1300 and inspected work until 1600. Spent night at OMAI.

Wednesday, 5th. August, 1970

0630 to 0700 sent lines to work, drove to MENDI and picked up $2100 for pays. Saw CIB Superintendent re problems and returned to OMAI. 1230 to 1330 supervised labour. Stopped 1330 due to rain. Spent night at OMAI.

Thursday, 6th. August, 1970

0630 to 0930 supervised labour. 0930 D.C. Mr. Clancy, DDC. Mr. Pegg and D.W.E. Mr. Laird arrived and inspected work. left at 1115. 1115 to 1430 supervised labour, stopped 1430 due to rain. 1430 to 2015 minor disputes heard and settled. 2015 investigated minor axing and arrested one man. Spent night at OMAI.

Friday, 7th. August, 1970

0600 to 0730 sent line to work then drove arrested man and witnesses to MENDI then returned to OMAI 1130. Supervised work until 1330. Section finished so paid labour 1330 to 1600. Returned to MENDI. Spent night MENDI.

Saturday, 8th. August, 1970

AM went to TENTS to pick up CIB rations, PM observed. Spent night at MENDI.

Sunday, 9th. August, 1970

AM observed. 1400 with Engineer Mr. Allen drove to OMAI arriving 1530. Organised carrying of 200 new spades. Took on extra 64 labour. Spent night at OMAI.

Monday, 10th. August, 1970

0630 to 0830 called roll and issued spades. Then sent all lines to IEBI to collect rations. 0830 to 1800 marked out new section of road, general office work. Spent night at OMAI.

Tuesday, 11th. August, 1970

0630 to 1700. Sent all KAGUA's to work on quarry, other lines to IEBI to collect remainder of rations. Issued rations. 1700 drove with Mr. O'Connor to Mendi. Spent night at MENDI.

Wednesday, 12th. August, 1970

0800 to 1115. At MENDI. Picked up car after service. Saw D.W.E. and got P.W.D. drivers permit. Collected one R.P.N.G.C. and returned OMAI 1215. Issued rations, supervised work etc. Spent night at OMAI.

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Thursday, 13th. August, 1970

0630 to 1000 called roll, issued rations, supervised work. 1000 discussions with OMAIS re PANDANUS Nut compensation. 1030 drove MENDI to find out about CIB rations, returned OMAI 1500. Supervised work until 1600. Spent night at OMAI.

Friday, 14th. August, 1970

0630 to 1400 supervised labour, issued rations etc. stopped work due to rain. Returned to MENDI and spent night.

Saturday, 15th. August, 1970

Discussion with A.D.C. re compensation problems, picked up CIB rations from TEMTE. Spent night at MENDI.

Sunday, 16th. August, 1970

AM observed. 1400 to 1500 drove to OMAI, general office work, spent night at OMAI.

Monday, 17th. August, 1970

0630 to 1315, supervised road work issued rations etc. Stopped at 1315 due to rain. 1400 to 1700 constructed lockable cabinet for CIB rations. Spent night at OMAI.

Tuesday, 18th. August, 1970

0630 to 1600. Supervised road work, issued rations. CIB inspection by CIB Supt. D. MORGAN. Spent night at OMAI.

Wednesday, 19th. August, 1970

0630 to 0730. Sent lines to work, issued rations, then drove to MENDI and checked with Treasury re previous compensation payments. Left Mendi 1200, dealt with compensation claims on way back, getting to OMAI 1430. Until 1530 supervised road work. Spent night at OMAI.

Thursday 20th. August, 1970

0630 to 1330. Supervised roadwork, issued rations etc. stopped at 1330 due to rain. 1345 to 1500 Political Education with NIPAS. Spent night at OMAI.

Friday, 21st. August, 1970

0630 to 1300 supervised roadwork, issued rations, 1300 to 1600 paid labour and returned to MENDI. Spent night in MENDI.

Saturday, 22nd. August, 1970

Collected CIB rations - observed. Spent night at MENDI.

Sunday, 23rd. August, 1970

AM observed at MENDI. 1300 drove to OMAI. Worked on records, roll etc. Spent night at OMAI.

Monday, 24th. August, 1970

0630 to 1700. Set marks for weeks work, supervised labour, issued rations etc. Spent night at OMAI.

Tuesday, 25th. August, 1970

0630 to 1430 supervised roadwork, issued rations etc. Stopped at 1430 due to rain. 1430 to 1630 Political Education with IALIBUS. Spent night at OMAI.

Wednesday 26th. August, 1970

0630 to 0845 supervised labour, issued rations. 0845 heard that a KUBIA man was buried under groundfall, had him uncovered, appeared O.K. so continued searching fall until satisfied no one else was buried. Called roll again as further check. All accounted for by 1300. 1300 to 1600 supervised work. 1600 drove man who was buried to MENDI for check up and returned to OMAI 1845. Spent night at OMAI.

Thursday, 27th. August, 1970

0630 to 1600 supervised labour, issued rations, called roll. Spent night at OMAI.

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Friday, 28th. August, 1970

0630 to 1500 supervised labour etc. 1500 drove to MENDI and saw D.C. re replacement prisoners for CIB and D.W.E. for more marks. Spent night in MENDI.

Saturday, 29th. August, 1970

Collected CIB rations from TENTE. Observed. Spent night in MENDI.

Sunday, 30th. August, 1970

AM observed at MENDI. 1300 left MENDI for OMAI arriving at 1430. General organisation and preparation for next weeks work. Spent night at OMAI.

Monday, 31st. August, 1970

0630 to 1600. Set new marks for lines, issued rations, called roll, supervised labour etc. Spent night at OMAI.

Tuesday, 1st. September, 1970

0630 called CIB roll, then walked to AISAISA and held discussions with Councillor re firewood for new camp at AISAISA. Inspected road work and quarry. Finished 1600. Heard a few disputes. Spent night at OMAI.

Wednesday, 2nd. September, 1970

0630 to 1230 supervised labour, issued rations etc. 1230 left for MENDI. Had discussion re job with Mr. Mostert, P.W.D. Supervisor, at LUMBI, then with DDC, Mr. MULGAHY. Collected cash for pays, saw D.W.E. Mr. Allen and returned to OMAI 1730. Spent night at OMAI.

Thursday, 3rd. September, 1970

0630 to 1030 supervised labour, issued rations etc. 1030 to 1230 discussion with Mr. Mostert and Mr. McClelland re job. 1230 to 1600 supervised labour. Spent night at OMAI.

Friday, 4th. September, 1970

0630 to 1300 supervised work, 1300 to 1600 paid labour line then left for MENDI with two sick. Spent night at MENDI.

Saturday, 5th. September, 1970

Collected CIB rations from TENTE, observed. Spent night at MENDI.

Sunday, 6th. September, 1970

AM picked up 50 Causarina trees from Forrestry Officer, Mr. Warbg. PM returned to OMAI, general work in preparation for weeks work. Spent night at OMAI.

Monday, 7th. September, 1970

0630 to 0830 issued shovels and sacked quite a few of the line. Supervised labour until 1630. Spent night at OMAI.

Tuesday, 8th. September, 1970

0630 to 1630 supervised labour, issued rations etc. Spent night at OMAI.

Wednesday, 9th. September, 1970

0630 to 0930 supervised roadwork. 0930 to 1200 discussions with Mr. Mostert and with him bought logs for corduroy and discussed with AISAISAS purchase of bush for firewood. Until 1600 supervised roadwork. Spent night at OMAI.

Thursday, 10th. September, 1970

0630 to 0930 supervised roadwork, issued rations etc. 0930 to 1630 walked over bush for firewood with AISAISAS and purchased same for $143.00. Spent night at OMAI.

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Friday, 11th. September, 1970

0630 to 1030 supervised labour, issued rations and gave instructions to lines for work on Monday. 1030 to 1130 drove to MENDI with three sick men. Discussions with P.D.C. re 'flu situation at OMAI. 1330 to 1530 returned one sick man to OMAI and returned to MENDI. Spent night at MENDI.

Saturday, 12th. September, 1970

0730 to 0745 flew to IALIBU with D.C. Mr. Pegg and D.H.O. Dr. Vicker[illegible] Remainder of day observed at IALIBU. Spent night at IALIBU.

Sunday, 13th. September, 1970

Observed at IALIBU.

Monday, 14th. September, 1970

Observed at IALIBU until 1430, then drove to KIRENI arriving 1525, then walked to OMAI arriving 1830. Spent night at OMAI.

Tuesday, 15th. September, 1970

All lines shifting camp to AISAISA. Marked out new O.I.C's house and Assistants house, called roll, issued rations etc. 1130 to 1530 drove to MENDI to pick up CIB rations and returned to OMAI. Political Education with MENDI'S 1530 to 1730. Spent night at OMAI.

Wednesday, 16th. September, 1970

0630 to 1130 issued rations, supervised work etc. 1130 to 1315 discussion with Supervisor Mr. Mostert, Foreman McClelland, D.W.E. Mr. Allen, Surveyor Mr. Lens and P.W.D. Construction Manager Mr. Collier. 1315 to 1630 supervised labour. 1645 A.P.O. Mr. Ryan arrived - showed him around. Spent night at OMAI.

Thursday, 17th. September, 1970

0700 to 1130 with Mr. Ryan called roll at road head and organised carrying of rations to AISAISA. 1130 with Mr. Ryan and Mr. Lens walked to AISAISA, supervised work, and showing them system. Finished 1630. Spent night at OMAI.

Friday, 18th. September, 1970

0630 to 1300 with Mr. Ryan supervised labour, issued rations etc. 1300 to 1600 paid labour then drove to MENDI. Spent night at MENDI.

Saturday, 19th. September, 1970

AM with Mr. Ryan went to MENDI to pick up CIB rations and P.W.D. to get Drivers Permit for Mr. Ryan. PM. observed. Spent night at MENDI.

Sunday, 20th. September, 1970

AM observed. 1300 to 1500 with Mr. Ryan drove to OMAI. General work in preparation for next week. Spent night at OMAI.

Monday, 21st. September, 1970

0630 to 0830 packed gear while Mr. Ryan, A.P.O. called roll and issued shovels. 0830 to 1100 with Mr. Ryan set marks for next weeks work. 1100 to 1230 returned to MENDI. Spent PM acquiting advances, discussions with D.D.C. etc. Spent night at MENDI.

END OF PATROL

75 days, 51 nights camped out.

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SITUATION REPORT.

INTRODUCTION.

Due to the nature of this special Patrol it was not possible to gather much information on the Economic or Social aspects. However, Political Education, in accordance with the District Commissioners instruction was stressed heavily.

POLITICAL

During my two and a half month term "on the road" people from KAGUA, NIPA, IALIBU and MENDI Sub Districts were employed. I felt therefore, that a comparison of Political awareness in these Sub Districts was called for. Thus I spent considerable time trying to find out just what people from the various sub districts knew. After finding t his out I attempted to explain points on which they were vague. PIDGIN speakers only were present in discussions.

Political Education talks had to be fitted in on rainy afternoons so as not to interfere with progress of roadwork.

Follows a summary of my conclusions from discussions with each group of people.

KAGUA (75 people present out of 350)

(i) The House of Assembly

Some answers received: "A House of Government in Australia", "where all the 'Business MASTAS' are seated", "where the Councillors meet". No one mentioned lawmaking, taxation, budgeting etc. I gained the impression that they had heard of the "House" but had not a clue as to its purpose. The idea that their elected members had any real say in the Government of the country was at first greeted with laughter and then incredibility. They seemed to feel that "the Government" was very rash in giving so much power to their own countrymen.

(ii) Members of the House of Assembly

All knew their own local member IASO/BELO, most knew of KURI/WARI in IALIBU. About five had heard of Mr. NEVILLE but apart from this they had no knowledge. The differences between OPEN, REGIONAL and OFFICIAL members was not known, and I felt that the rate of comprehension to my explanations was such that talk of Ministerial Members, Committees etc. would only further confuse the issue.

(iii) The Way Laws are Made

"By the KIAPS", "By the AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT" were the two most common answers. When informed that "the House" was a lawmaking body all were frankly disbelieving. "Everyone knows the Australian Government makes all the laws" was one mans rejoinder. Basically I feel that they feel that lawmaking is too great a responsibility for "the Government" to entrust to "the House".

(iv) Voting

Generally I feel the reasons behind the secret vote were understood well. However none were happy about the Preferential System until I had them play acting a situation where by "First past the post" the "wrong" man got in whereby with the Preferential system the "goody" won in the end.

(v) Public Service

No troubles here, many types of Public Servants were named, KIAPS, DIDIMEN, P.W.D. DOCTOR BOIS, etc. It was understood that Public Servants are Government employees employed by the Government to help the masses.

(vi) National Unity

They regard themselves as KAGUAS first and Highlanders second. There is no feeling of "oneness" with any other area. They appreciate the need for Unity but there is too much distrust at present to allow them to participate.

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(vii) Independence.

"When all white people go we will go back to our old ways" sums up their attitude. They don't feel that the country is ready yet but in my opinion they did not seem very worried about things I have not met this "fatealistic" attitude to Independence before and was quite surprised.

(viii) Taxation

Local Government taxation is understood (this is the main reason why they are at OMAI) but other forms of taxation does not obviously affect them so they are not aware of it.

(ix) Local Government

A few people seemed to understand but to most of them Local Government was where the KIAP gave instructions for the Councillors. Obviously most people regard the councillors a replacement for the Village Constable rather than their elected member. However, they seem to think that the Council can sway or suggest things to the KIAP. I find this a disturbing state of affairs.

Impressions.

I was disappointed with the knowledge displayed by a truly representative group of people from a Sub District which I had heard was quite advanced. Half the people present claimed they had never before heard a Political Education talk and the general lack of interest shown was discouraging and in my experience, unusual.

NIPA 8 people present out of 30

(i) The House of Assembly

The only answer I could pump from this group was "somewhere where tax is collected". No other knowledge was shown and considerable surprise was exhibited when all functions of the "house" were explained. I kept this description to basic facts so as not to introduce too much too soon.

(ii) Members of the House of Assembly

All knew their local member but nothing else, again taxation reared its head.

(iii) The Way Laws are Made

The "Government" was generally blamed for all laws. Seeing that these people had virtually no knowledge of the House of Assembly this did no surprise me.

(iv) Voting

Only two people had previously voted, and then only in a Council election. However, they appreciated the reasons behind secret ballot and I feel grasped the significance of the Preferencial System after my explanations.

(v) The Public Service

"People who collect taxes". I was beginning to think that tax was all these people had heard of. However, with a bit of prompting I feel they grasped what Public Servants were.

(vi) National Unity

Again the same breakup, their village first, sub district second, Highlanders third and that's all. They seemed to have no desire to align themselves with coastals or islanders. At OMAI they were a very introspective group due to previous "trouble" with another group of NIPAS before.

(vii) Independence

I was amazed to find that not one man in the group had heard of the word. When independence was explained they expressed the opinion that their place would revert to what it was in the pre-Administration days, but seemed not too worried about the prospect.

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Taxation
(viii) "The money we have to give to the Government". However, this was the limit of their knowledge. Why tax was collected, what was done with it did not seem to worry them. I feel they now have a better knowledge.

(ix) Local Government.

They knew Councillors were elected and had vague ideas about its purpose. None had been to a council meeting and seemed to feel the councils main purpose was to collect tax. I explained the council system to them, I hope they now have some understanding.

Impressions

This group of eight people from only one village in the NIPA sub district could not be called representative. I found out that all were returned Highland Labour Scheme labourers, having spent from two to five years on the coast. I feel, from the amount of knowledge they displayed, that the Highland Labour Scheme certainly does not contribute to the political development of the Highlanders it employs.

IALIBU. 36 people present out of 130

(i) The House of Assembly

Generally the basic purpose of the House seemed well understood. They did not display detailed knowledge of some of the finer points such as Committees etc. However, I felt they are now capable of grasping information on political parties and alternate forms of government.

(ii) Members of t he House of Assembly

They understand what OPEN, REGIONAL and OFFICIAL members are. They have some understanding of Ministerial Members and two had heard of the Administrators Executive Committee. A very encouraging response, both as regards knowledge and interest.

(iii) The Way Laws are Made

Though the lawmaking functions of the House seems understood, they still feel that the Administration is the main lawmaking body. However, the example of the new "Law & Order" bill helped to convince them that the House weilds a very real power as far as lawmaking is concerned.

(iv) Voting

A very good understanding of voting, even the preferential system was displayed.

(v) Independence

To these people this is still a nasty plot of the coastals to gain the upperhand. They claim they are well satisfied with the present set-up and have no desire to change. They are very pro-Administration. Various violent sentiments were expressed as to the consequences of Independence. I tried, but don't feel that I convinced them, that their fears need not be realised.

(vi) National Unity

They are still IALIBU's first, no matter what. They agree that a united nation must be stronger than a fragmented one but there is still too much distrust to make this a reality, I feel, in the near future.

(vii) The Public Service

A good understanding of this topic was exhibited.

(viii) Taxation

The purpose of Local Government Tax is understood. Other forms of taxation do not directly concern them so no real motivation to learn about it exists.

(ix) Local Government

Generally, a good knowledge was displayed. Some confusion exists as to the various powers of a Local Government Council and

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the House of Assembly. It was pleasing to note that all people present had at some stage been to a council meeting, Some had been to many. They clearly took interest in the activities of the Council.

Impressions.

All people came from the Western end of the KEWABE Census Division, an area where I had patrolled extensively over the last year. Thus I did not have to overcome the initial shyness that always exists when talking to "new" people. They still regard me as a "IALIBU" KIAP and I feel were keen to make a good impression, which, I must say comparatively speaking, they did.

The greater depth of knowledge displayed by these people since my last contact with them (IALIBU PATROL NO.12 of 69/70) indicates, in my opinion, the success of the Political Education Program in the IALIBU sub district.

MUNDI 43 people present out of 180

(i) The House of Assembly

Some very vague and confused ideas presented. There was no real knowledge displayed, just the odd work thrown in. These people seem to have been neglected and considerable time will have to be spent with them to achieve a good general level of comprehension.

(ii) Members of the House of Assembly

All knew the Local Member and Mr. Neville. What their functions or qualifications were is not understood. Some had heard of Official Members but they seemed surprised there were so few of them. Nothing known about Ministerial Members or Political Parties, but all had heard of PANGU and thought of them as "bad" men. Again intensive work is required.

(iii) The Way Laws are Made.

They still don't think the House has much power in this regard, in their opinion the Administration is supreme in this regard.

(iv) Voting

Most had voted at some stage. A good knowledge of the reasons for the secret ballot but again the Preferential Vote was not understood. My explanation of this seemed to enlighten them.

(v) Independence.

These people, mainly from OMAI and AISAISA, seemed more concerned about their livelihood after the completion of the road and P.W.D's departure than any general exodus of Europeans. I feel they have not thought much about this subject and tend to adopt a fatalistic attitude.

(vi) National Unity

Again, a very good idea but not practical for them. Let someone else make the first move seems to be their attitude.

(vii) The Public Service

This topic was understood. Especially with regard to P.W.D. who they seem to regard as their meal ticket.

(viii) Taxation

Local Government tax is accepted and the reasons behind it understood. Other types of tax are not known.

(ix) Local Government.

They seem to feel that the council exists, does not worry them very much except for tax, and gives them a place to take their grievences. I feel they probably know more than they are letting on.

Impressions.

A general attitude of indifference to virtually everything

was very disappointing. I gained the impression that they are mistrustful of the Administration and I feel that more routine patrolling in the area may help to improve their attitude.

CONCLUSIONS.

The only people who impressed me with their knowledge were the IALIBU's. The main thing which I feel has to be fought in other areas is lack of interest. I feel that there is a large group of people who have notbeen contacted politically and I feel that more patrolling and perhaps some education on Presentation of Political Education for the officers would help those concerned.

My own thoughts on the presentation of Political Education are these:-

1. Avoid large groups - not everyone is interested so contact those who are and hope it seeps down the line.

2. Talk at the level of the audience - don't try for too much too soon.

3. Use plenty of action - divide the people into various groups to explain voting, for example; break up sticks and tie them together to show the strength of National Unity.

4. I feel the people are very interested and confused about Expatriates, - tell them a short history of our culture, ways, government etc. and our way of life.

5. Regarding 4 above, I usuall take some magazines along with pictures to show people "the other side of life".

ECONOMIC

I did not go into the present or future economic situation very thoroughly as my other work precluded this. OMAI is at 7000 ft. altitude which virtually rules out most forms of cash cropping. Cattle could be an economic proposition, especially from OMAI on to the ANKURA River where there is a good rolling country. Extensive clearing of pit-pit would have to be done, however.

Extensive stands of good timber have already been purchased to the North on the Mt. Giluwe slopes and Forestry seems interested in a 10,000 acre block for re afforestation. Initial enquiries regarding the willingness of people to sell this amount of land led to an encouraging response.

There is no doubt that the Economy of the local people is at present geared to the road, where labour is easily available, and I don't think it will be possible to interest them very much in development projects until the work on the road is finished.

SOCIAL

(i) Health

The general health of the local people seems good. I was worried, however, about the danger of 'flu to people from other Sub Districts who are away from their own environment and subject to a change of diet. Many cases of what I suspected to be 'flu came for treatment and I took about ten cases to MENDI hospital. The Aid Post Orderly assigned to the Road Camp seems concientious and does a good job.

A letter was written to the District Commissioner and District Medical Officer regarding the 'flu situation and I believe that the D.M.O. has since visited the Road camp and done a survey.

An Aid Post was built at AISAISA during the patrol by MENDI Local Government Council.

A Maternal Child Health Clinic was held at YEBI during this patrol and seemed well attended. I feel the Maternal Child Health sisters should be commended for the excellent work they do.

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(ii) Food Situation

No complaints of food shortage were brought to the attention of the Patrol and judging by the amount of food brought to the camp on pay days for sale to the labourers, I don't feel that a food shortage exists at the moment.

(iii) Law and Order

Considering that over 900 men from different areas (including P.W.D. line) were employed at OMAI, very little trouble arose. I arrested one man after an axe incident (not serious) but I feel that my policy of instantly dismissing anyone who causes trouble had a lot to do with it. With a large line one cannot afford to let trouble brew - it must be nipped in the bud.

(iv) Sorcery

I had never realised that the fear of sorcery was so strong. One man, who I took to MENDI with 'flu, was convinced he was suffering from "POISON" so I asked the sister to cure this first. He then wanted the urgent ministrations of a Priest. Could it be that the Missions are not having the impact they probably believe? No real evidence of sorcery was produced out of about thirty claimed cases, but it obviously had a very strong bearing on their lives.

REPORT ON OBJECTIVES OF THE PATROL

The supervision and management of labour employed by P.W.D. in the construction of the MENDI-LALIBU Road was the major objective of this patrol.

On taking over on the road there were 450 labourers employed. As I gained knowledge and procured more digging tools from P.W.D. I put on another 350 labourers, thus having a line of nearly 800 for most of this patrol. To personally supervise all this labour would have been an impossible task so I adopted the following system.

(a) INCENTIVE SCHEME

People work better if they have an incentive. Therefore once a week I gave each line of labourers, that is, all people from the same village, a mark to complete in five days work. If they finished a mark before the five days were up they could either knock off with no loss of pay or ask for another mark, each days work on the new mark being worth more money to them. Obviously one must have a very good idea of how much work a line could do in a week for this system not to get out of hand. However, during my stay on the road no line failed to finish a mark and only about 50 people got extra pay. I feel this is the only way to get an effective work output from a large line of labour.

(b) ENFORCEMENT

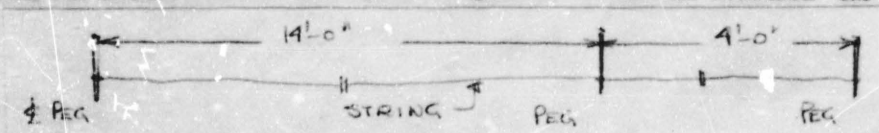
With a large line it is necessary to be continually on guard against trouble makers. I adopted a system whereby a first "offence" rated a fine of 20c, a second offence caused dismissal. I sacked a total of about ten people for misdemeanours, eg. fighting in the line, going off and sleeping in the bush etc. and had virtually no trouble. A consistant and firm policy must be kept.

(c) AIDS

When setting out marks the following simple aids were given.

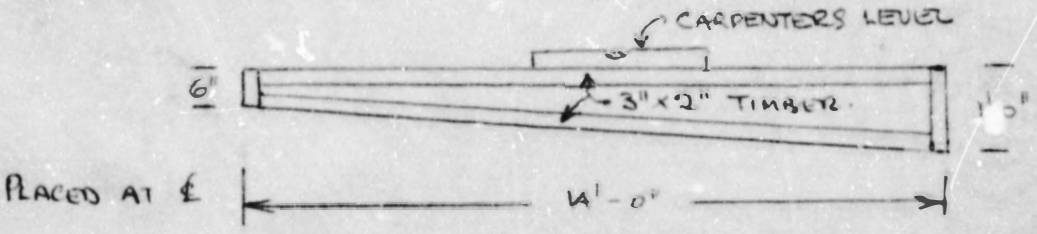
(i) Level Line The road was marked along the centre line with a string tied to posts and at 2'0" above the true level of the road. Each group was then given a 2'0" long stick and told to either dig or build up under the string until the correct level was reached. After this was done the remainder of the road could be levelled

(ii) Width Marker Each group was given a width marker as shown below

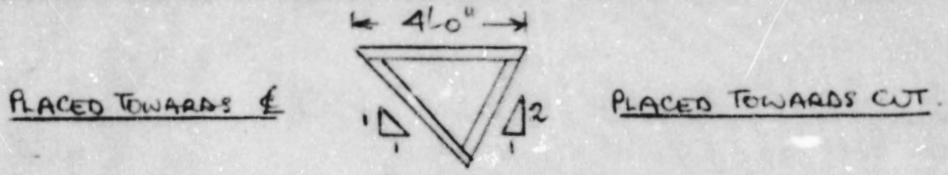


By planting the peg at the centre of the road, the edges of the road and width of the drain can be marked.

(iii) Camber Marker Made of timber as shown below and used in conjunction with a carpenters evel, this indicates the amount of cutting required to give the correct camber to the road. I found that a correct mark dug every 50'0" was sufficient for the labourers to be able to cut the rest by eye.



(iv) Drain Marker A timber form as an indication of correct drain dimensions was necessary to get consistent drains.



(v) Carrying Baskets Consisting of a wooden frame to which "cyclone" wire had been stapled, these were very effective in carrying spoil over long distances. The lines took some time to get used to them but once accepted the lines readily appreciated them. I must thank Mr. B. Mulcahy, D.D.C. for designing and organising construction of these at the MENDI VOCATIONAL CENTRE.

I found that once the groupswere familiar with the above aids they would both mark and check their own work, thus not holding up the job while they chased someone to check the work, or spending much time correcting faults. The aids also gave the people a sense of technilogical achievment and were thus appreciated.

MANAGEMENT

Without doubt an efficient Roll Book is the most useful tool to aid the officer in the proper management of a labour line of this size. I instituted a loose leaf system whereby it was only necessary to write a name down once, the daily record being kept on a corresponding sheet and renewed each fortnight.

As the Roll Book is the main means of control over the line it pays to keep it in good condition. An example of the Roll Book system I used is shown in Appendix No. 1

WAGES Vs CONTRACT SYSTEM

I would most strongly recommend that the present cash wage system (30c. per day plus rations) be maintained for the following reasons:-

(i) One has the right to hire and fire, troublemaking can thus be weeded out of the line before they become a problem.

(ii) There are no problems recruiting labour under the cash wage system. Not once did I have to take any steps to get more labour, they just appeared.

(iii) I feel that it has been proved that provided the labour is competant management, work output is increased by the cash wage system.

(iv) Happy labourers are generally good labourers.

(v) Labour can be diverted to other tasks, eg. working the quarry, without trouble involved in negotiating a new contract. This is not possible under the contract system.

(vi) In my opinion the contract system degenerates to little

more than forced labour camps, leading to undesireable political and social repercussions.

LOCAL PROBLEMS

Only one major problem was encountered. Several months ago Mr. FORBES, Patrol Officer, did an investigation report for the purchase of land for the OMAI quarry. The money for this has still not arrived. P.W.D. are at present (illegally) using this ground to open up the quarry and naturally the owners are upset. This situation does no good for the reputation of the Administration, in the area and presents the Field Officer on the spot with a very embarrasing situation. How is a Field Officer supposed to maintain law and order and keep the light of the rights of ALL shining, when he is forced into having to use bribery and virtual blackmail to obtain use of land which has not been purchased?

I can only conclude that someone in Lands office has either no idea of the situation at OMAI (hardly possible after the representations made by the District Commissioner, Mr. Clancy, and the Deputy District Commissioner, Mr. Mulcahy), or is just bone idle. I am possibly wrong in these assumptions but I do feel that the Field Officer should at least be informed of developments - not just left in the wilderness.

A by-product of the above is that when I approached the same group of people about the purchase of land for a Magazine site for P.W.D. (again already in use) I was told that they would not even consider it until the money for the quarry was forthcoming.

I would appreciate comments on the above from all levels.

PROGRESS REPORT, MENDI IALIBU ROAD

The section of the above road between chainage marks 78180 and 87400 with the exception of the section between 79500 and 80150 were completed by this patrol. This is a distance of 86,000 ft. Though not new work, this section having previously been completed by contract labour, the upgrading of the road from 20'0" to 28'0" width was carried out and also levelling. The D.W.E. Mr. Allen informed me that he considered 2'0" length of road per man per week was good work for labour. The labourers worked at the rate of approximately 3'0" length of road per man per week in actual fact, supporting my theory that people work better for a cash wage.

OMAI QUARRY - ACCESS ROAD

The above was cut and widened by CIB detainees and the initial layer of stone placed apart from about 150ft. Due to the marshy nature of the ground this proved insufficient to carry heavy trucks and more stone and timber corduroy will have to be put down.

OMAI QUARRY

The main difficulty here was access over a small stream. Having used 350 labourers on this section for two weeks and not getting anywhere due to the ground turning to a slurry as soon as rain hit it and disappearing, I pulled them off and concentrated the CIB detainees in building retaining walls to hold the stone and ground, with a 10'0" wide rubble drain in the centre. P.W.D. were then able to use Traxcavaters and Bulldozers to fill in sufficiently to get over.

I feel due to the heavy overburden on the face of the quarry it will be a long job before it is in production.

MOVEMENT OF CAMP TO AISAISA

All labourers were given one day to build their houses at AISAISA. This was done on 15th. September, 1970. A block of bush at AISAISA was purchased to provide building materials and firewood

A rest house and assistants house was marked out and when I handed over the framing and roof of these two houses had been completed. I think that the whole camp should be ready at AISAISA by 23rd. September, 1970.

OTHER PROJECTS

A garden of about two acres was established at OMAI by

the CIB detainees during their spare time. I found that this gave them an interest and was partly responsible for the high morale of both the detainees and Warders. I feel it also helped the labour lines to take a bit more interest in their surroundings. Also it will provide a pointer as to what vegetables will grow at this altitude and their time of maturation.

Also 50 Casuarina trees were obtained from Mr. P. Waring Forrestry Officer, and also 500 Eucalypts. These have been planted along the access road to the quarry and as well as beautifying the area will give a valuable guide to the forrestry potential of the area.

CORRECTIVE INSTITUTION - OMAI

The detainees formed, without a doubt, the best supervised and most effective labour available. At the start of the patrol there were 75 detainees, dwindling to 30 by the end. No replacements were received - is the crime rate being so effectively curbed in the sub districts? I was most impressed with the standard of the Warders I had at OMAI. Well disciplined, intelligent, and of very high morale, they were a credit to the Corrective Institution Branch.

CONCLUSION

I had not been looking forward to this patrol but it ended up being one of my most enjoyable and, I feel, successful patrols. I am endebted to Mr. D.F. McClelland P.W.D. Foreman, at OMAI, for the valuable assistance he gave me in every field of work.

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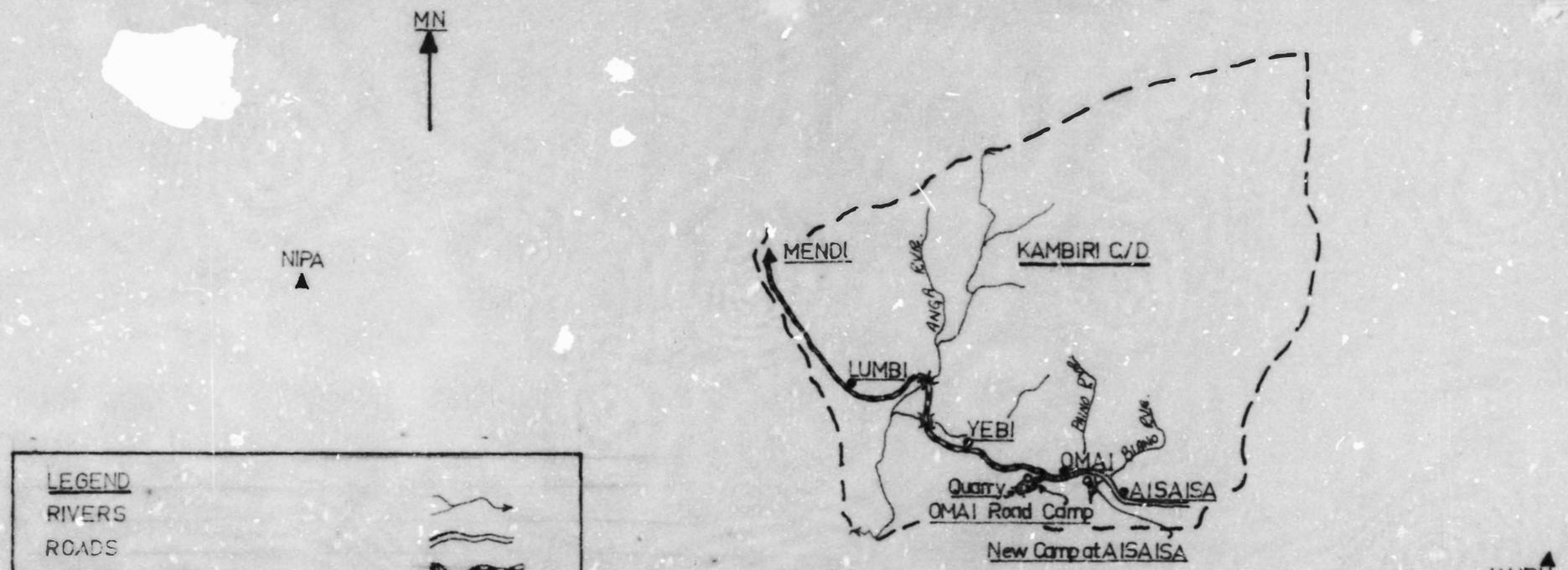

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MENDI PATROL NO. 1 OF 1970/71
Conducted by P.D. Tozer, A.P.O.

HQ/1

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number: Mendi Special Patrol No 2 of 1970/71.

Subdistrict: Mendi

District: Southern Highlands District

Type of Patrol:

Patrol Conducted by: Neil J. Ryan, Assistant Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled (Council and/or Census Division/s.): Part KAMBIRI Census Division

Personnel Accompanying Patrol: Constable 2500 RAIMA, RPNGC

A.P.O. NANDOMA, PHD

Duration of Patrol—from 16 / 9 to 1 / 10 / 70

No. of Days: 16 patrol days, 14 nights camped out.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: August/September, 1970

Date: Duration:

Objects of Patrol (Briefly): (i) Supervision of intensive labour on the Mendi/Lalibu Rd.

(ii) Political Education

(iii) General Administration

Total Population of Area Patrolled:

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

G.P.—P&NG/B1657.

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[redacted]
10th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
[redacted].

[redacted] PATROL REPORT 2 of 70/71.

Thank you for the report of this patrol.

I would like to have patrol instructions and Assistant District Commissioner's comments as well, please, in future.

A good report.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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The Secretary,
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KONEDOBU

REPORT ON MENDI PATROL NO. 2 OF 1970/71

Please find enclosed two copies of the report on the above patrol by Mr. N. Ryan, A.P.O.

In his comments under Ecchomic regarding payment of labourers, all work currently being done is under the contract system thus alleviating some of the supervision problems.

No further comments are considered necessary.

D J Clancy

D.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. A.D.C. Mendi

c.c. Mr. N.J. Ryan.

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Mendi Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,

9th November, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

MENDI SPECIAL REPORT NO 2 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted By:-	: Neil J. Ryan, Assistant Patrol Officer,
Area Patrolled:-	: Part Kambiri Census Division,
Personal Accompanying:-	: R.P.N.G.C. Constable 2500 RAIMA P.H.D. A.P.O. NANDOMA
Date of last D.D.A. Patrol:-	: August-September, 1970,
Objects of Patrol:-	: (i) Supervision intensive labour on the Mendi-Ialibu Road, (ii) Political Education, (iii) General Administration,
Map Reference:-	: Attached
Patrol Departed:-	: 16th September, 1970
Patrol Completed:-	: 1st October, 1970
Duration:-	: 16 Patrol Days

Neil J Ryan

(NEIL J. RYAN)
ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

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SITUATION REPORT.

POLITICAL. Political education discussions were conducted with various groups of labourers on the job as weather and other factors permitted. The topics discussed are those of the House of Assembly, Law-Making, Public Service, Voting, Taxation, Self Government and Independance, National Unity, and Local Government. The political awareness of the various groups appear to confirm closely with Mr. Tozer's conclusions, in his report of July-September, 1970, so I will not repeat what has already been said.

Unfortunately, due to the pressure of work in the supervision of labour on the road construction site it was impossible to spare time for holding political education talks in the nearby villages.

ECONOMIC. The economy of the area is still a subsistence economy, with the construction of the road being the main source of income for the local population. Many of the men from Omai and Aisaisa have been working on the road for such time now that they have become almost entirely dependant on it for both income and food.

There are two trade stores in the area - one at Omai and one at Aisaisa, both of which conduct a thriving trade with the labourers, selling small luxuries and supplementory foodstuffs to them.

The future economic development of this area will probably be mainly concerned with forestry as the fertility of the soil and the nature of the terrain leave a lot to be desired for the establishment of cash cropping.

As the widening of the existing formal road was completed by the previous patrol, this patrol concentrated on the completion of the two 'box cuts' between the 87400 and 89100 ft. marks. These had previously been commenced during early 1969, but were abandoned in mid-1969. Since this time a large amount of subsidence and land slides had occurred, providing quite a challenge to the labourers.

The labourers were not at all pleased to leave the comparatively easy widening and tackle the more difficult task of digging these cuts. They had to be virtually re-trained in the carrying of ground with the use of copra sacks, presenting several problems which were overcome.

The weather conditions were far from co-operative, with there being only one fine day during the period of the patrol. This, coupled with exceedingly muddy conditions idd little to encourage the workers.

The present system of payment of the labourers, although suitable for the widening as expressed by my predecessors is inherently unsuitable for the present type of construction. With the present system of 39c per day, it does not matter to an individual whether he works of not, providing that he does not get caught in his evasion of work. It is virtually impossible for the supervising officer to keep track of all labourers at all times as to do this, numerous time wasting roll checks must be used, thus defeating its own purpose.

Unfortunately now that the set wage system is in operation it is impossible to revert to the old contract system, as an almost complete loss of labour will certainly ensue.

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SOCIAL. The health of the labourers was quite reasonable and, despite the prevailing cold, damp conditions, there was no evidence of any influenza. The Aid Post Orderly treated all cuts and abrasions brought to his attention, both by the labourers and the local people.

The law and order situation was quite good, with no complaints of a criminal nature being brought to my attention, although several civil complaints were brought to the attention of the patrol and settled by Constable RAIMA by arbitration.

MISCELLANIOUS. The patrol achieved its aims satisfactorily, despite the various problems encountered viz new type of work, adverse weather and the setting up of a new camp at Aisaisa.

Neil J. Ryan

(Neil J. Ryan)
Assistant Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY : NEIL J. RYAN, (ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

WEDNESDAY, 16th September, 1970.

04.15 departed Kagua by road for Mendi, arriving 10.05. Discussions with D.D.C., driving test with Transport, and proceeded Omai. Discussions with Mr. F. Tzer, Assistant Patrol Officer. Slept Omai.

THURSDAY, 17th September, 1970.

0700 to Yebi road head to collect rations. Roll called and rations carried to Aisaisa. To Aisaisa, inspecting road on route. Returned Omai. Slept Omai.

FRIDAY, 18th September, 1970.

Rations issued to C.I.B. Checked road progress and paid labourers for fortnights work. Proceeded Mendi late afternoon. Slept Mendi.

SATURDAY, 19th September, 1970.

Obtained P.W.D. driving ticket and collected P.W.D. rations at Tente. Observed. Slept Mendi.

SUNDAY, 20th September, 1970.

Observed. 13.15 proceeded Omai with Mr. Tozer. Slept Omai.

MONDAY, 21st September, 1970.

Roll called and tools issued. Sections of road allotted to each group. Afternoon compiling new roll books. Slept Omai.

TUESDAY, 22nd September, 1970.

C.I.B. rations issued. Assisted Mr. Lenz (PWD surveyor) placing marks and better pegs in sections to be worked. Labour supervised. Prepared patrol report. Slept Omai.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd September, 1970.

C.I.B. rations issued. Roll call. Supervised labour. Visit by Mr. M. Mostert (PWD) and received numerous instructions from him. Heavy downpour 12.00 certailed work for the day. Rations issued. Slept Omai.

THURSDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER, 1970.

SELF TO Mendi. Interviews with ADC, DWE and DC re Mr. Mostert's instructions. Returned Omai, arriving 15.45. Slept Omai.

FRIDAY, 25th September, 1970.

C.I.B. rations issued. Roll called. Work organised, Visit by Mr. Mostert and ADC. Work supervised. Rations issued. Slept Omai.

SATURDAY, 26th September, 1970.

Day of rest - observed. Prepared area study. Slept Omai.

SUNDAY, 27th September, 1970.

Day of rest - patrol report prepared. observed. Slept Omai.

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MONDAY, 28th September, 1970.

C.I.B. rations issued. Roll called. Supervised labour. Rain at 13.00 curtailed work. Rations issued. Slept Omai.

TUESDAY, 29th September, 1970.

C.I.B. rations issued. Roll called. Supervised labour. Visit by Messrs Allen and Mostert - discussions. 15.00 heavy rain. Rations issued. Slept OMai.

WEDNESDAY, 30th September, 1970.

C.I.B. rations issued. Proceeded Mendi to collect advance and C.I.B. rations. Discussions with various people. Returned Omai and prepared to shift campto Aisaisa the following day. Slept Omai.

THURSDAY, 1st October, 1970.

C.I.B. rations issued. Roll marked. Gear carried to Aisaisa. Supervised labour. Visit by Mr. D. Morgan (CIB) who informed me that the Omai detainees would be transferred to Yobi on Saturday. Slept Aisaisa.

END OF PATROL.

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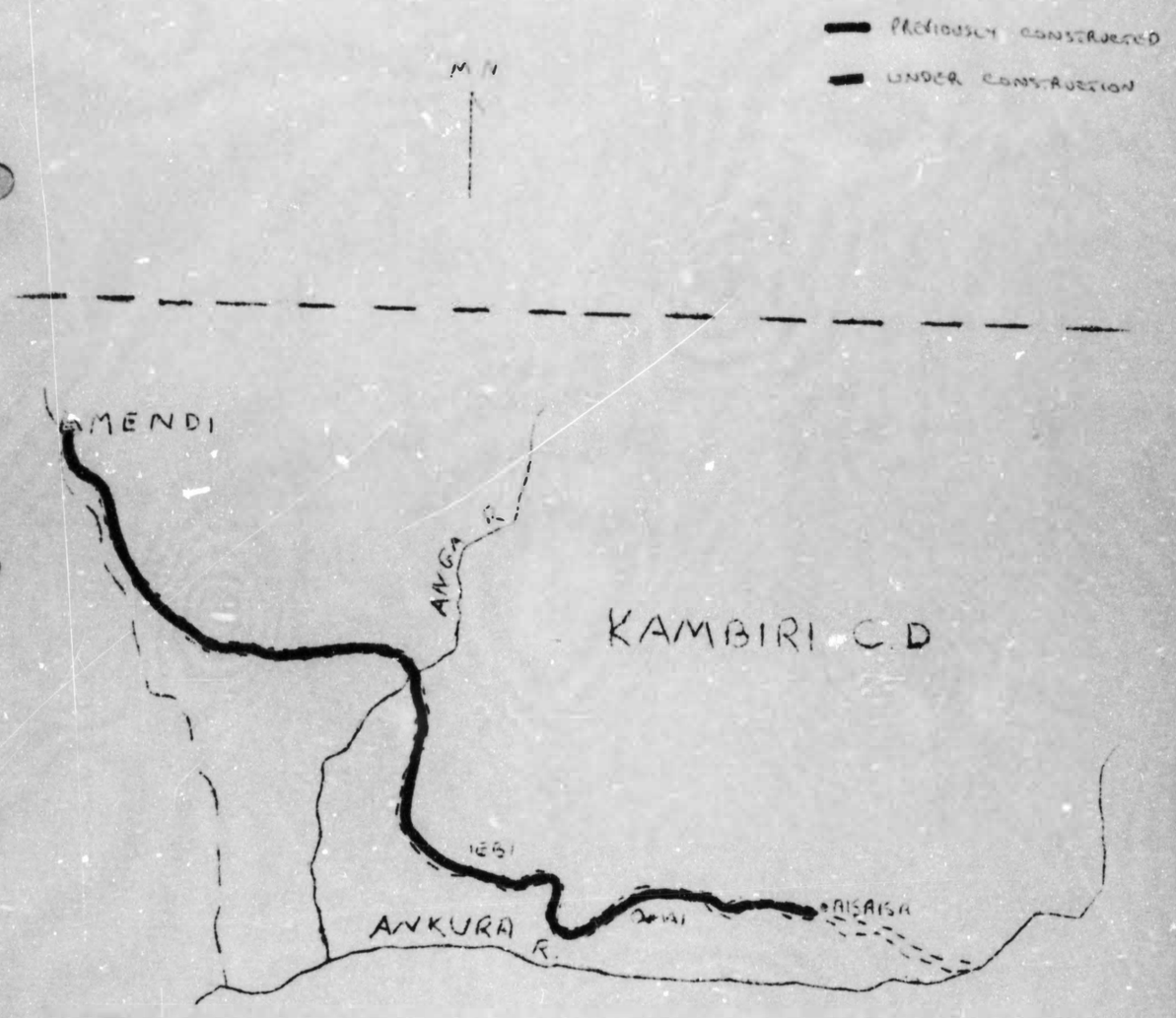
MENDI PATROL No 2 of 1970-71



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number: Mendi No 2 of 1970/71

Subdistrict: Mendi

District: Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol: SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by: N.J. SPENCE, (Patrol Officer)

Area Patrolled (Council and/or Census Division/s.): Part Kambiri Census Division

Personnel Accompanying Patrol: N.J. RYAN, A.P.O.
1 member R.P.N.G.C.
1 A.P.O.

Duration of Patrol—from 1 / 10 to 31 / 10 / 70

No. of Days: 31

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: 30/9/70

Date: Duration:

Objects of Patrol (Briefly): (i) Supervision of intensive labour on the Mendi - Lalibu Road (ii) General Administration.

Total Population of Area Patrolled:

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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District Commissioner.

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11th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT 3 - 70/71

Thank you for a good and well written report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary

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REPORT OF MENDI PATROL NO. 3 of 1970/71

Please find attached two copies of the report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. N. Spence, P.O.

As with other reports on the road works little comment is needed as action is completed by the time the patrol has stood down.

Mr. Spence is to be commended for his efforts on the road.

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D. J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. A.D.C. Mendi

c.c. Mr. N. Spence.

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MENDI PATROL NO 5 of 1970/71.

Herewith the report for the above patrol which was conducted by Mr. Spence.

I myself believe that the present day labour system is fairer and better than contracts. Part of the problem at Aisasia was that there were too many labourers working in a small area. Now the labour force has been reduced to 400 and total output appears to have increased.

All matters relevant to the patrol have been discussed with Mr. Spence.

Mr. Spence, as usual, has done a good job.

K. A. Bond.

(K.A. BOND)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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SPECIAL PATROL : MENDI NO 3 of 1970/71.

Forwarded herewith is the report on Special Patrol No 2. This patrol was involved solely in the supervision of the intensive labour employed on the Mendi-Ialibu road.

The staff employed namely Mr. N.J. Ryan and myself devoted the majority of time to this end. However, any minor general Administration points that arose were dealt with and several civil complaints were heard during this period most of which were settled by arbitration.

For your consideration and onforwarding please.

(N.J. SPENCE)
PATROL OFFICER.

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SITUATION REPORT.

A. INTRODUCTION.

AS with all previous reports submitted from this road this one deals basically with the primary objects of the patrol. That is for the supervision of intensive labour on the project. This I must stress is not the only object, but the one of primary importance.

Although the present staff, consisting of myself and A.P.C. Ryan, may seem adequate for the present numbers of labourersemployed, approximately 650, I do believe that, in contrast with the previous method of employment namely contract work, the present system does demand a great deal more from the officers on duty.

Unlike conditions experienced by my predecessors over the past months, that of relatively easy and free flowing work has ceased. Since the move from Omai to Aisaisa, the scope and intensity of the work has declined. This has come about mainly by the fact that the previous work undertaken was that of widening by eight feet, the existing road this involves a minimal of earthworks and consequently proceeded with rapid progress. However the work being undertaken at present involves the cleaning and completing of large "cuts" which although previously began, for all intents and purposes could be described as new work some of these have a depth of 30 feet and more. This, combined with the extensive rain which has been experienced, only ONE day free of rain throughout the month, has led to a decline in production.

B. POLITICAL.

As with previous reports dealt on this subject, I have found that an extensive political education campaign is beyond the capacity of the present staff. However, when the opportunity arises, it is taken full advantage of, this unfortunately occurs during the so called "free time" of the officers on duty as the majority of time is spent in the intensive supervision which is required under the present employment system. The system which has been suggested, that is of using the rainy periods for conducting the campaign is, in my mind, unsatisfactory as the majority of the labourers show little desire to leave their houses during the wet periods, even to congregate in small groups in sheltered areas. The attempts to conduct such sessions usually fail, because of the above reason and the fact that those who usually gather are the types who couldn't care less what is going on, but think that by appearing and being continually recognised may in the future be used to "curry flavour" with the Kiaps.

I will not endeabour to give details of the oft repeated remarks and observations by me and my predecessors, especially Mr. Toxer who went into extensive detail on the subject and presented an accurate and well documented appraisal of the situation as a whole.

In general the entire situation as regards the indigenous attitude to this subject could be described as apathetic, the vast majority of the population couldn't care less how laws are made or who makes them or any other apsects of political education. Their main concern is where their next meal is coming from, and how much money they can obtain for the least amount of exertion. Perhaps this attitude cannot be condemned, but neither can it be condoned. However, I believe that, the concept of political education is not aimed at achieving "Spectacular" results, which is not all practical under these circumstances anyway, but perhaps over a longer period of time it may become apparent that a certain amount of success has been achieved.

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C. ECONOMIC.

Until recently the entire economic development in the area has been undertaken by one villager at Aisaisa, who conducts two very successful trade stores in the area, and is always to be found around when money is to be made. He appears to be the only person who could be described as forward thinking in the area. The remaining persons seem to be content to periodically sell their "labour" and when accumulated sufficient for a while sit back and do nothing.

Although of late some of the more enterprising types have taken to supplying timber which is purchased by Public Works Department for a foundation for the road surfacing.

In all the entire economy of the area is geared to the road, although at the moment approaches are being made for the purchase of several thousand acres of land for the purpose of re afforestation after the removal of timber from the Mt. Giluwe leases.

Although these projects are undoubtably injecting vast amounts of money into the area, they are not however, encouraging any forms of private development or conservation of the limited resources of the area. It is quite apparent that geographical features of the area are not sympathetic with the growing of cash crops in this vicinity, however, it may be possible in the future to encourage the growing of cattle, to achieve this a great deal of preperatory work, would be required and the present attitudes of the people in this area leaves a great deal to be desired, especially in the area of co-operation with their supposed benefactors.

As with the attitude towards everything else these people have a definite aversion to anything which may involve personal toil or inconvenience of any kind whatsoever.

D. SOCIAL.

(i) Health. With the labourers involved on the work site, the overall health situation appears to be quite reasonable. The services of the A.P.O. attacjed to the camp, are and always have been greatly appreciated, he has managed quite ably as regards the every-day attendance of the labourers, he also finds time to treat the local inhabitants of the area, whose health, in general, might be described as reasonable, at least there have been no severe cases brought to my attention.

(ii) Food Situation. Although the quality of the basic foods in the area have deteriorated somewhat as regards size in particularly Sweet Potatoes, but there does not appear to be any noticable shortage around the area.

(iii) Law and Order. Considering the amount of men from different tribes throughout the District, law and order has been one of our lesser worries. With only one case being referred to Mendi for court action. This case involved a labourer who, whilst transporting supplies of fish and rice to Aisaisa from Yebi did attempt to secrete upon his person a tin of fish. He was obserbed by others who reported the same to me, the culprit was aprehended and charged and sent to Mendi for court action.

Several minor complaints, mainly of a civil nature were dealt with by the member of the R.P.N.G.C. who is based at the camp.

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E. CONCLUSION.

After having experienced both systems of labour employment that have been used in the construction of this road, I am of the opinion that the present system i.e. day labour, is quite successful for certain aspects of construction especially those encountered from Omai to Aisaisa, However, now that thw work has "bogged down" in the large box cuts, which are being experienced at the moment, it is extremely difficult to keep the labourers interest in the work. I have found that a great deal of men take every opportunity to stop work and leave the site whenever you take your eyes from them. These practices are, unfortunately on the increase and are almost impossible to combat without extra staff.

Unfortunately it it now impossible to change this particular site over to the contract system, which I consider is more suitable for this type of undertaking, this system although disliked by the labourers does, create an incentive for a group to complete their alloted tasks as payment is not made until the contract is completed. With the present system the labourers have no incentive to finish quickly as they receive their pay regardless.

On the whole this patrol could be described as reasonable successful. Although production was down, there was many reasons for this, the main one I feel is the complete and utter lack of co-operation from the weather. As previously mentioned in this report only one rain free day was experienced over the entire month.

(N.J. SPENCE)
Patrol Officer.

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PATROL DIARY N.J. SPENCE.

FRIDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

1120 departed Mendi by car for Yebi. Arrived Yebi left car and began walking to Aisaisa. Arrived Aisaisa 1230 held discussions with A.P.O. Ryan. Afternoon observed payment of labourers. Night spent at Aisaisa.

SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER.

Day of rest. General weekend supervision. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

SUNDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

Day of rest - general supervision - issued rations. Night spent at Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 5th OCTOBER.

Genreal orientation regarding road work - afternoon spent moving to new rest house. Issued rations. Night spent at Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 6th OCTOBER.

Morning inspection of roadwork. Afternoon general supervision of labour. Issued rations to all lines. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 7th OCTOBER.

General inspection of labour lines. Afternoon intensive supervision of work. Rations issued to labourers. Night spent at Aisaisa.

THURSDAY, 8th OCTOBER.

Morning proceeded by car to Mendi for supplies. Held extensive discussions with D.D.C. Afternoon returned. Aisaisa. Issued rations to all lines. Slept Aisaisa.

FRIDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

Morning general inspection and roll call conducted. Afternoon supervision of labour and discussions with Project Supervisor. Issued rations. Night spent Aisaisa.

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER.

Day of rest - general weekend supervision. Issued rations. Night spent at Aisaisa.

SUNDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

Day of rest - general supervision. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 12th OCTOBER.

Morning roll call and road inspection. Afternoon supervision of labour. Rations issued to all. Night spent at Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 13th OCTOBER.

Moring inspection and roll call conducted, Afternoon general supervision of labour. Rations issued to all. Night spent at Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

0300 labourers house burnt down, 0315 bed invaded by ants, evicted after 20 minutes. 0500 earth tremor strength 5 felt running south to north. 0830 departed Aisaisa for Mendi to pick up supplies and cash advance. Afternoon returned Aisaisa. Issued rations to labourers. Night spent Aisaisa.

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THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER.

Morning spent transporting and storing new supplies from Yebi. General afternoon supervision. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER.

Morning general inspection and roll call conducted. Afternoon labour supervision and calculation of payments for labourers. Issued rations. Night spent at Aisaisa.

SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER.

Day of rest - morning spent paying labourers. General weekend supervision - Issued rations - night spent at Aisaisa.

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER.

Day of rest - general weekend supervision including political education lectures. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

MONDAY 19th OCTOBER.

Morning issued tools and conducted general road inspection. afternoon spent in intensive supervision of labour. Issued rations. Night spent at Aisaisa.

TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER.

Morning inspection and roll call conducted. Later accompanied Project Supervisor on further inspection from Aisaisa towards Ankura River. Returned continued general supervision. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER.

Roll call and morning inspection conducted. Supervised intensly during the afternoon. Issued rations to all labourers. Night spent Aisaisa.

THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER.

Morning inspection and roll call conducted. Afternoon spent in supervision in general. Rations issued. Night spent at Aisaisa.

FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER.

Morning roll call and general inspection carried out. Afternoon general supervision and further roll call conducted. Issued rations to all. Slept Aisaisa.

SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER.

Day of rest. General weekend supervision of labour. Issued rations. Night spent at Aisaisa.

SUDNAY 25th OCTOBER.

Day of rest - general supervision. Issued rations. Night spent Aisaisa.

MONDAY 26th OCTOBER.

Morning inspection of road work and roll call. Afternoon spent intensly supervising labour. Rations issued to all. Slept Aisaisa.

TUESDAY 27th OCTOBER.

Roll call and general inspection during the morning. Afternoon supervision of all labour. Issued rations to all lines. Night spent at Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER.

Morning, walked to Yebi then proceeded by car to Mendi to pick

up supplies and cash advance. Afternoon drove back to Yebi and then walked to Aisaisa. Issued rations to labourers. Night spent Aisaisa.

THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER.

Gneral inspection and roll call conducted. Afternoon supervision of all labour lines. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER.

Morning conducted general inspection and roll call. Afternoon spent in calculating and making payment to all labour lines. Issued rations. Night spent at Aisaisa.

SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER.

Day of Rest - general weekend supervision. Issued rations. Night spent at Aisaisa.

Total Patrol Days	30
Nights camped out	30 (Consecutive)

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PATROL DIARY : NEIL J. RYAN, Assistant Patrol Officer.

FRIDAY, 2nd October, 1970.

Roll call. Supervised labour. Mr. N. Spence (P.O.) arrived - discussions. Rations issued. Paid labourers, completed 19.00. Slept Aisaisa.

SATURDAY, 3rd October, 1970.

Native complaints in morning. Observed. Slept Aisaisa.

SUNDAY, 4th October, 1970.

Day of rest - observed. Slept Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 5th October, 1970.

Roll check. Supervised labour. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 6th October, 1970.

To Mendi. Discussions with ADC, DDC and DWE. Advance for payment of labour acquitted. Returned Aisaisa. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 7th October, 1970.

Roll call. Labour supervised. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

THURSDAY, 8th October, 1970.

Roll call. Labour supervised. Extra roll check. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

FRIDAY, 9th October, 1970.

Roll call. Supervised labour. Visit by PWD Supervisor Mr. Mostert. Rations issued. Selpt Aisaisa.

SATURDAY, 10th October, 1970.

Rations issued. Office work. Observed. Slept Aisaisa.

SUNDAY, 11th October, 1970.

Rations issued. Observed. Slept Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 12th October, 1970.

Roll call. Supervision labour. Rain all afternoon. Visit by Mr. C. Allen (DWE) - discussions. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 13th October, 1970.

Roll called. Supervised labour. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 14th October, 1970.

All labourers to Yebi to collect rations which did not arrive. 11.00 some of the wasted time saved by carrying logs to road. 2 hours work in aiternoon after heavy rain. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

THURSDAY, 15th October, 1970.

Again all labourers to Yebi, however this time, suprisingly the rations did arrive. Roll called and carriers organised. All cargo at Aisaisa by 12.00. Heavy rain all afternoon. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

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FRIDAY, 16th October, 1970.

Roll call. Supervised labour. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

SATURDAY, 17th October, 1970.

Labourers paid for their fortnight work. Observed. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

SUNDAY, 18th October, 1970.

Walked to Aisaisa village - not very impressed - climed hill above it. Observed. Slept Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 19th October, 1970.

Roll called. Spades and bags issued. New roll compiled. Supervised labour. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 20th October, 1970.

Roll marked. Supervised labour. To Aisaisa with Mr. H. Mostert, inspecting road route. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 21st October, 1970.

To Mendi to acquit advance and obtain supplies. Return Aisaisa. Discussions with Messrs C. Allen and H. Mostert. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

THURSDAY, 22nd October, 1970.

Roll marked. Supervised labour. Rations issued. Political Education. Slept Aisaisa.

FRIDAY, 23rd October, 1970.

Roll marked. Supervised labour. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

SATURDAY, 24th October, 1970.

Day of rest - observed. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

SUNDAY, 25th October, 1970.

Day of rest p observed. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 26th October, 1970.

Roll marked. Supervised labour. No rain today!!!! Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 27th October, 1970.

Roll marked. Supervised labour. Political Education. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 28th October, 1970.

Roll marked. Supervised labour. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

THURSDAY, 29th October, 1970.

Roll marked. Supervised labour. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

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FRIDAY, 30th October, 1970.

ROll marked. Labour supervised. Rations issued. Paid labourers for fortnights work, finished at 18.00. Slept Aisaisa.

SATURDAY, 31st October, 1970.

0630 selt to Mendi. Discussions with DDC and DWE. Observed. Overnight Mendi.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number: Mendi Report No 4 of 1970/71

Subdistrict: Mendi

District: Southern Highlands District

Type of Patrol: Special

Patrol Conducted by: N.J. Spence, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled (Council and/or Census Division/s.): Part Kambiri Census Division

Personnel Accompanying Patrol: N.J. Ryan, A.P.O.
1 member R.P.N.G.C.
1 Aid Post Orderly.

Duration of Patrol--from 1 / 11 to 2 / 12 / 70

No. of Days: 32 days

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: October, 1970

Date: Duration:

Objects of Patrol (Briefly): (i) Supervision ofintensive labour on Mendi-Ialibu road.
(ii) General Administration

Total Population of Area Patrolled:

Director of District Administration,
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District Commissioner.

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KAINDOPAI...PAPUA.

11th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT 4 - 70/71

A good and well presented report.

I hope the depression brought about by road supervision is not a permanent feature. Certainly road work in difficult country is hard, frustrating and slow; but there are few satisfactions to compare with that which a successful finish brings.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary

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REPORT OF MENDI PATROL NO. 4 OF 1970/71

Please find attached copies of the Report on the above patrol conducted by Mr. Spence, P.O.

As stated by the A.D.O. Mendi, Mr. Spence has done a good job in difficult circumstances.

The depression suffered by officers is understandable when one considers the frustrations of landslides and wet weather. These factors obviously influenced Mr. Spence's remarks under headings "Economic" and "Political".

An adequate report from an officer who has spent considerable time on the road.

D J Clancy

D.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. A.D.C. Mendi

c.c. Mr. N. Spence.

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8th January, 1971.

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MENDI PATROL REPORT NO 4 of 1970/71.

Herewith the report for the above patrol conducted by Mr. N. Spence.

The report is brief but in view of the number of reports submitted on the road quite adequate.

The comments under the sub-heading "Economic" and "Political" are depressing sweeping generalizations without any analysis being entered into. They indicate the frustration of the officers on the road and the apparent lack of orientation by the people of the area to current social, political and economic development.

Mr. Spence has spent a total of 9½ months on this road, and has done a good job in difficult circumstances. Some of the cuts he has been engaged in supervising have been extremely difficult, slow moving and exasperating. Many times he has woken up to find all the previous days work covered by fresh landslides.

K. A. Bond

(K.A. BOND)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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SITUATION REPORT.

A. INTRODUCTION.

This report is submitted to cover the period 1st November to 2nd December, the patrol's aims were to supervise the intensive labour which is being utilized in the earthwork construction of the Mendi-Ialibu road. It is to this end that the energies of the staff were directed.

The present staff employed at the time of writing this report is Mr. R.M. Press, (P.O.) and myself. However, throughotu the majority of the month Mr. N.J. Ryan was on duty here. Mr. Ryan was relieved by Mr. Press on the 24th November, and has since returned to Kagua. At the moment I myself am awaiting my relief who is due here shortly. It has been suggested that the present number of labourers do not require a staffof two here, however I would like to point out that it is extremely difficult even now to provide adequate supervision for the site, and reducing the staff to one may cause a complete loss of efficiency at the site. The construction site itself consists of two large hills originally contining some 60,000 cubic yards of material to be removed. These are separated by the Pino River, this in itself poses an almost inurmountable problem as regards supervision, as there is not one place where one can obtain a view of all the site, thus necessitating the supervisor to continually cross and recross the river.

The attitude of the labourers here leaves a lot to be desired and I am sure that they would soom take advantage of the situation if only one supervisor waspresent. At present they follow this procedure whenever the opportunity presents itself. This is to leave the worksite or sit down on the job.

Once again throughout the month rain has been a constant companion to us here at the camp. Only three days were experienced without rain during the daylight hours. This added to the lethargic attitude of the "workers" has been mainly responsible for the drop in production. However, I must point out that in the latter half of the month there appeared to be an improvement in the outlook of the labourers and consequently a slight increase in production.

After discussions with both the Assistant District Commissioner and Deputy District Commissioner in Mendi it was decided that it would prove more practical and economic al to reduce the numbers of labourers employed at the site. Much of the "dead wood" was weeded out and dismissed thus resulting in a reduction of the labour lines from 650 to 450. This had a most beneficial effect on both the attitude and output of the labourers.

B. POLITICAL.

The general aims of the political education compaign, that of awakening an awareness in the people regarding the various aspects of the running of the country, have been attempted at the camp. This has not been confined to the groups of labourers from the various Sub-Districts who are employed on the actual work site but has also been directed at the local villages in the area. The major ones of these being Omai, Aisaisa and Limbiale.

The attitude of these people never cease to amaze me, since this project started several members of the staff have held talks and discussions and lectured these people. So far my observations have shown that the retentive ability in this ar. is nil. This of

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course could be attributed to poor presentation by those involved but it is difficult to conceive this as with the number of staff involved the odds of all of them being unable to present the subject matter, are very slim indeed.

The attitude of the people seems to be that it's sufficient enough to turn up to a session, but taking interest in it is above and beyond the call of duty.

C. ECONOMIC.

The economic situation in the area has not changed in the least since the last report and if left up to the local indigenies won't change any within the next 10 years.

As long as their gardens are still bearing, these people are quite content to stay as they have been for centuries.

The majority of money coming into the area is almost entirely earned from selling their "labour" to the road. Previously P.W.D. had been purchasing large amounts of cut timber for road surfacing, however, at the moment this has ceased. Unlike many other societies this has not caused a ripple in the area. The general attitude appears to be that "it was good while it lasted". There appears to be no consternation that they are going to be economically worse off because of it.

D. SOCIAL.

(i) Health. Throughout the month the general health of the labourers has been satisfactory with only treatment for minor ailments and cuts and scratches being despensed. Recently however, I have noticed several persons with coughs and coldswho have been sent for treatment. I do not think that this is at all serious, but is just a natural result of the extremely cold and wet conditions that have been experienced in the area.

The general health of the villagers in the area is also quite reasonable as the majority of them realize that there is a sufficiently stocked and competently run Aid Post at the work site.

(ii) FOOD Situation. Although the present period is recognised as a "taim hangri" there doesn't appear to be any great shortage of food in the nearby areas. However, any surplus food is both inferior in quality and quantity and is being offered for sale at outrageous prices. This does indicate that food is adequate but not plentiful.

(iii) Law and Order. The majority of cases brought to our attention during the month were civil complaints which were usually settled by arbitration. However, there were four criminal cases, involving threatening behaviour, stealing and riotous behaviour which were dealt with through the usual channels.

Cons. Raima of R.P.N.G.C. has been quite valuable in investigating and reporting on most of the cases which arose.

E. CONCLUSION.

After beginning the month on a comparatively low note, as a follow on from the previous month, I feel that although our major problem, that of the weather, has not improved in the least. Some headway has been made in the work output.

With the worksite confined to the two large cuts it has become obvious that the number of labourers employed was not economical. After thinning the ranks considerably of both layabouts and

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several troublemakers we achieved a definite improvement in both the attitude of the labourers and the actual output per man.

If it could be arranged to provide reasonable weather, living and working conditions would improve immensly thus improving the general outlook of those involved. With the feastive season close to hand I think that a reasonable break from the work would be extremely beneficial.

At the present moment the labourers seem to be reasonably content whether this will continue or not is difficult to say. However the recruitment drive after the Christmas break will prove a good indication.

(N.J. SPENCE)
PATROL OFFICER.

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SPECIAL PATROL REPORT MENDI No 4 of 1970/71.

Forwarded herewith is the report on Special Patrol No 4. The patrol is one of a continuing nature and involved in the supervision of the intensive labour employed on the Mendi-Ialibu Road.

The staff employed on the road devoted the majority of time to this end. Minor administration was attended to during the month also several civil complaints were heard and several criminal cases were referred to Mendi for court action.

For your consideration and onforwarding please.

(N.J. SPENCE)
PATROL OFFICER.

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Morning inspection and roll call conducted. Afternoon began preparing payments. Made payments to labour line. Issued rations. Night spent at Aisaisa.

SATURDAY, 14th November.

Day of rest. General weekend supervision - including political education talks. Issued rations. Night spent Aisaisa.

SUDNAY, 15th November.

Day of rest. General supervision. Afternoon political education talks with labourers. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

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PATROL DIARY : N.J. SPENCE.

1st NOVEMBER,

Day of rest - general supervision. Issued rations. Night spent Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 2nd November,

Morning roll call and inspection conducted. Afternoon intensive supervision of labour. Rations issued to labourers. Night spent at Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 3rd November.

Morning spent general inspection of road and roll call. Supervision of labour during afternoon. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 4th November,

Proceeded to Mendi for supplies and discussions with Deputy District Commissioner. Afternoon returned to camp. Rations issued. Night spent at Aisaisa.

THRUSDAY, 5th November,

Roll call. General supervision of road. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

FRIDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

Roll call. General supervision of road. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

SATURDAY. 7th Novmeber.

Day of rest. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

SUNDAY, 8th November.

Day of Rest. General supervision. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 9th November.

Morning roll call and inspection. General road supervision. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 10th November.

Morning roll call. General road inspection and supervision. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 11th November.

Roll call. General supervision. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

THURDSAY, 12th November.

Roll call and morning inspection conducted. Afternoon general inspection. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

FRIDAY, 13th November.

Morning inspection and roll call conducted. Afternoon began preparing payments. Made payments to labour line. Issued rations. Night spent at Aisaisa.

SATURDAY, 14th November.

Day of rest. General weekend supervision - including political education talks. Issued rations. Night spent Aisaisa.

SUDNAY, 15th November.

Day of rest. General supervision. Afternoon political education talks with labourers. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

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MONDAY, 16th November.

Morning roll call and inspection. Proceeded to Aisasia village to organise villagers for weedly roadwork. Afternoon returned road camp. Issued rations. Night spent at Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 17th November.

Morning roll call and inspection conducted. Afternoon general labour supervision. Rations issued to labour lines. Night spent at Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 18th November.

Road inspection and roll call conducted thence proceeded to Mendi for supplies. Held discussions with D.D.C. thence returned Aisaisa.

THURSDAY, 19th November.

Roll call and morning inspection conducted. Afternoon general supervision. Rations issued. Night spent Aisaisa.

FRIDAY, 20th November.

Morning inspection and roll call conducted. Afternoon general supervision and periodic roll calls. Issued rations to labourers. Slept Aisaisa.

Saturday, 21st November.

Day of rest. General supervision. Issued rations. Night spent Aisaisa.

SUNDAY, 22nd November.

Day of rest. Weekend supervision. Issued Rations. Slept Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 23rd November.

Morning inspection and roll call conducted. Afternoon general supervision of labour. Rations issued. Night spent at Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 24th November.

Roll call and road inspection carried out. Afternoon spent in supervision of labour. Rations issued to labourers. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 25th November.

Morning roll call and inspection. Afternoon supervision and roll checks. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

THURSDAY, 26th November.

Roll call and morning inspection carried out. Afternoon general supervision of all lines. Rations issued to labourers. Slept Aisaisa.

FRIDAY, 27th November,

Morning roll calls and road inspection. Afternoon further roll calls, and payment calculations. Payments ,ade to labourers. Rations issued. Night spent at Aisaisa.

SATURDAY, 28th November.

Day of rest. General weekend supervision. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

SUNDAY, 29th November.

Day of rest. Weekend supervision. Rations issued. Night spent Aisaisa.

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MONDAY, 30th November.

Morning inspection and general orientation for Mr. Press. Afternoon general supervision of all lines. Rations issued to all Lines. Night spent at Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 1st December.

0700 proceeded to Yebi with labourers to collect new supplies of fish and rice. Returned to Aisaisa with same. Stored and checked rations. Afternoon general supervision of labourers. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd December,

Decamped Aisaisa and proceeded to Mendi. End of Patrol.

Total days = 32

Nights camped out 31 consecutive.

PATROL DIARY : N.J. RYAN.

SUNDAY, 1st November.

Returned Aisaisa. Day of Rest. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 2nd November.

Roll call. Supervised labour. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 3rd November.

Roll call. Supervised labour. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 4th November.

Morning roll call and inspection conducted. Afternoon intensive supervision of labour. Rations issued to labourers. Night spent at Aisaisa.

THURSDAY, 5th November.

Morning roll call and inspection of labour. Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

FRIDAY, 6th November.

Roll call. General supervision of road. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

SATURDAY, 7th November.

Day of rest. Observed. Rations Issued. Slept Aisaisa.

SUNDAY, 8th November.

Day of rest - observed. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 9th November, 1970.

Morning roll call and inspection conducted. Afternoon intensive supervision of labour. Rations issued to labourers. Night spent at Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 10th November.

Roll call. General supervision of road. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 11th November.

Roll call. General supervision of road. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

THRUSDAY, 12th November.

Roll call and general inspection conducted. Afternoon supervised labour. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

FRIDAY, 13th November.

Roll call. General supervision of road. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

SATURDAY, 14th November.

Day of rest. Observed. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

SUNDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

Day of rest - observed. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 16th November.

Roll called. Supervised labour. Mr. Allen arrived for bridge abutments. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

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TUESDAY, 17th November.

Roll called. Supervised labour. Marked out new rest house. Rations Issued. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 18th November.

Roll called. Supervised labour. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

THURSDAY, 19th November.

Roll called. Supervised labour. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

FRIDAY, 20th November.

To Mendi for court. Discussions with ADC, DDC. Returned Aisaisa. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa. 3rd day without rain.

SATURDAY, 21st November.

Day of rest - observed. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

SUNDAY, 22nd November.

Day of rest - observed. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 23rd November.

Roll call. Supervised labour. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 24th November.

Roll call. Supervised labour. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 25th November.

To Mendi to collect cash advance and supplies. Discussions with DWE and ADC. Returned Aisaisa. Slept Aisaisa.

THURSDAY, 26th November, 1970.

To Mendi - end of patrol.

Total = 25 days
Nights camped out= 25

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PATROL DIARY : R.M. PRESS.

WEDNESDAY, 25th November.

Drove to Omai. Met A.P.O. Neil Ryan and later walked through to Aisaisa Road Camp for discussions with N. Spence re road project. Returned to Mendi pm. Slept Mendi.

THURSDAY, 26th November.

Organised goods and supplies for patrol. Selected essential items from my effects held in S.F.B. Mendi. Slept Mendi.

FRIDAY, 27th November.

Departed Mendi 2.00 pm for Omai. Recruited carriers at Omai and walked to Aisaisa, arriving about 4.00 pm. Camped set up/ Discussions with N. Spence. Slept Omai.

SATURDAY, 28th November.

Discussions with N. Spence. Day of rest - Observed. Slept Aisaisa.

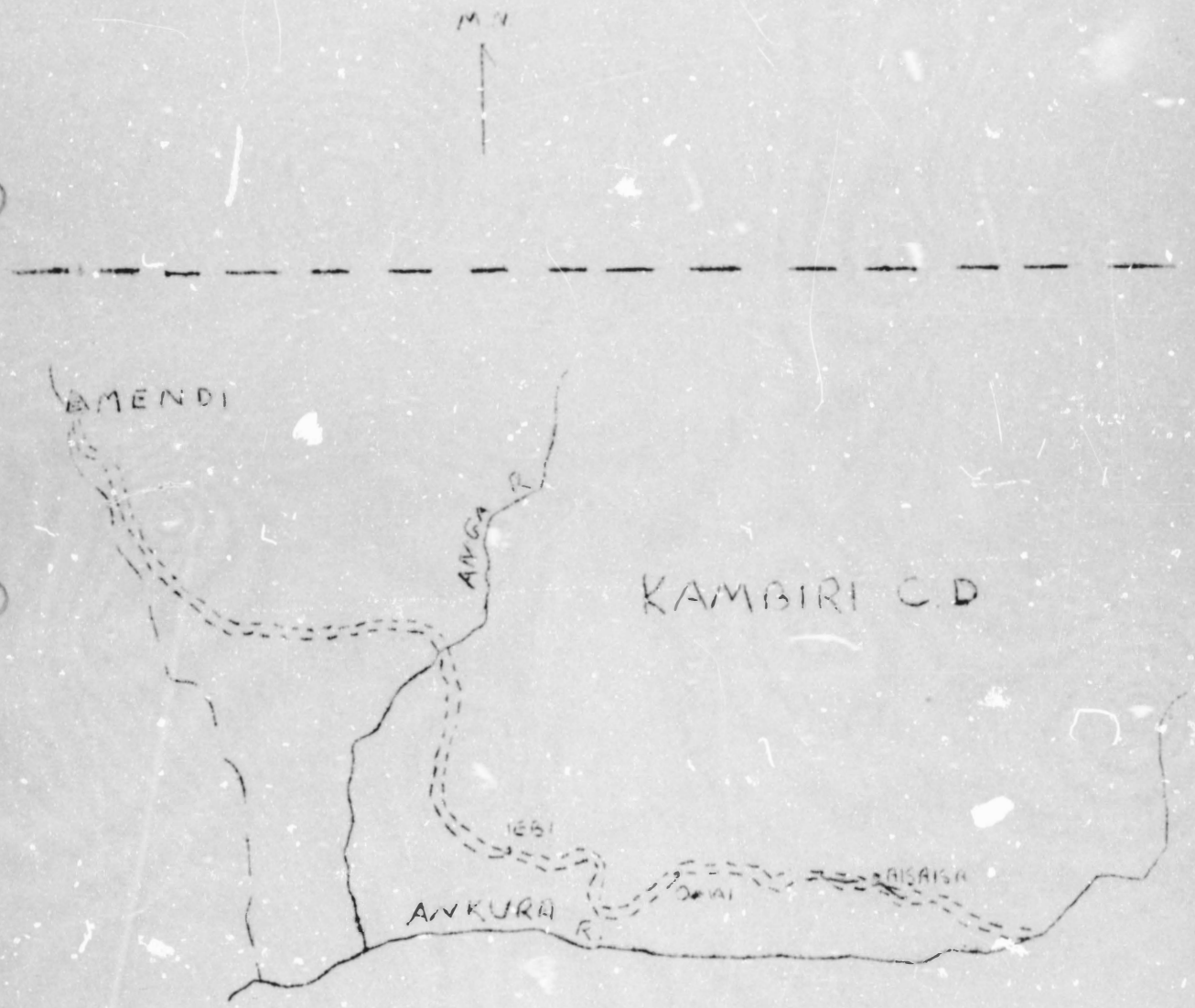
SUNDAY, 29th November.

Day of rest - observed. Several landslides appeared in both cuttings. Slept Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 30th November.

Inspection both sites after calling roll andissuing work implements to all groups. Some individuals demoralised by voluminous land slides and returned to their villages. Rest of workers, worked speadily clearing the slush until sporatic showers commencing at about 2.30 pm. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

Field Days	= 1
Patrol days	= 4
Nights out	= 4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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number: MENDI No. 5 of 1970/71.

Subdistrict: MENDI

District: SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol: SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by: R. M. PRESS (PATROL OFFICER)

Area Patrolled (Council / Census Division/s.): PART KAMBIRI CENSUS DIVISION
MENDI-IALIBU ROAD.
MENDI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA

Personnel Accompanying Patrol:
Constable Raima (Part)
Constable Bonny (Part)
Const. 1/c Suma (Part)
Mr. P. Connick (Asst. P.O.)(Part)
Mr. D. Kennedy (Asst. P.O.)(Part)
Interpreters Thomas & Kisambo (Part)
Aid Post Orderly Nandoma.

Duration of Patrol—from 1 / 12 / 70 to 15 / 1 / 71

No. of Days: 33 Patrol days. 60 Man patrol days.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: Mendi Patrol No. 4 of 1970/71. 1/11/70 to 30/11/70.

Date: Duration: 30 days.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly): Supervise intensive labour engaged in the construction of the Mendi/Ialibu Road.

Total Population of Area Patrolled:

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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16th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-3-2 of 28th June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report by Mr. M. Press.

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(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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The Secretary,
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REPORT: MENDI PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71

Please find enclosed two copies of a report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. M. Press, P.O.

No comments are offered as all matters raised have been dealt with already.

D.J. CLANCY
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MENDI PATROL REPORT NO 6 of 1970/71.

Attached the above report by Mr. M.R. Press.

The report though brief, is adequate, and comments are unnecessary.

(K.A. BOND)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Mr. M.R. Press,
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MENDI SPECIAL PATROL NO. 5 of 1970/71.

Patrol Conducted by:	R. M. Press (Patrol Officer)
Area Patrolled:	Part Kambiri Census Division. (Mendi/Ialibu Road).
Perspnnel Accompanying:	P. T. Connick (Assistant Patrol Officer) to 23/12/70 D. C. Kennedy (Assistant Patrol Officer) from 5/1/71 Aid Post Orderly NANDOMA. Constable Raima (Part) Constable Bonny (Part) Const 1/c Suru (Part) Interpreter Thomas (Part) Interpreter Kisambo (Part)
Duration of Patrol:	1/12/70 to 15/1/71. 33 patrol days 60 Man patrol Days.
Last Patrol to Area:	Mendi Patrol No. 4 of 1970/71. 1/11/70 to 30/11/70.
Object of Patrol:	Supervision of Intensive Labour engaged in the construction of the Mendi/Ialibu Road.
Map reference:	Map is attached.

R. M. Press
(Patrol Officer)

SITUATION REPORT.

A. INTRODUCTION.

1. The primary object of this patrol was to supervise the intensive labour being utilized in the construction of the Mendi/Ialibu Road. The patrolling officers also devoted some time to settling local disputes and enforcing law and order.

2. The staff on the road for the period covered in this report consisted of myself, Mr. P. Connick, Assistant Patrol Officer on Loan from Tari (until Christmas) and Mr. D. Kennedy, Assistant Patrol Officer from Pangia (from the start of the new year). Two interpreters from the Sub-district Office at Mendi assisted with the supervision for two weeks however they proved to be of little assistance. Their attitude towards this type of work leaves a lot to be desired.

3. A comprehensive report on the progress of the road has been submitted to the District Commissioner under separate cover. (File 10-7-25A refers).

B. POLITICAL.

4. As already mentioned above, the main object of this patrol was to supervise intensive labour, however myself and the accompanying officers took every opportunity to discuss political matters with the people.

5. Men from four of the seven Southern Highlands Sub-districts were present at the work site. Most of these men (From the Kagua, Ialibu, Nipa and Mendi Sub-districts), have voted in an election at one time, be it for the House of Assembly or a Local Government Council, (Excluding those who have not yet reached the age for the right to vote). All the men knew who their local member was and most of them were aware that there was a Regional Member although most of them did not have a clue who he was. The exception is the people from Mendi, where Mr. Neville is resident. A small number of men from the Ialibu area were also aware of Mr. Neville's existence.

6. Many of the men at the site had been to other areas of the highlands, coastal and island regions as labourers under the Highlands Labour Scheme. It appears however, from the parochial attitude and political ignorance displayed by these men, that the Highlands Labour Scheme has contributed nothing towards their political and social advancement.

7. Most of the men still vigorously adhere to their traditional ways, with ground, pigs, women and the immediate clan the primary concerns. The clans in adjacant valleys are traditional enemies, currently at peace enforced by the laws of the white man. Most of them see the Mendi-Ialibu Road as a place where they can secure employment long enough to enable them to save enough money to purchase some "European Artifact".

8. The men said thay had ofteh had discussions with their members but they admitted that they had difficulty in understanding the principles of politics and the activities of the House of Assembly.

9. I explained to some of the men the reasons for the House of Assembly's presence and the duties of their elected members but I doubt if very much was absorbed by them. I feel they are too primitive to understand the concepts of modern politics the same way we do.

C. ECONOMIC.

10. Sale of labour to the Department of Public Works is the main source of revenue in the area. Once the road is completed only a skeleton labour force will be employed for road maintenance. Most of the then out of work men will be content to return to their hamlets and live as they have done for decades.

11. A few men in the area have established trade stores and a few are receiving favourable profits. When the road is completed the increased traffic on the road will no doubt mean they will continue to remain successful entrepreneurs.

12. Any person in this area with initiative and the proper advice and assistance will no doubt succeed in his elected vocation. However there are still too many people content to exist from day to day at the subsistence level. This is evidenced by the fact that two years ago I informed the people in the Omai-Aisaisa area that the road would have progressed to their area by now and that the Administration would purchase all the fresh vegetables they can produce. At the momrnt the local people have barely enough food for themselves let alone for sale to the Administration.

D. SOCIAL.

Health.

13. The general health of the labourers and local residents appeared to be satisfactory. A few men complained of cuts, coughs, colds and the occasional bout of malaria, however, the Aid Post Orderly at Aisaisa treated all complaints in his usual competent manner.

Food Situation.

14. The entire Mendi area appears to be suffering from a famine at the moment. The local people, however, do appear to be managing on their small gardens. As mentioned in 'C12' above, the people lack any initiative to plant over and above their own subsistence needs.

Law and Order.

15. Numerous cases of long outstanding loans (up to two years), Pandanus Tree disputes and domestic disputes were brought to the patrol's attention. Most of these cases were settled by arbitration, but the Local Court was convened on three occasions to hear cases each of stealing, unlawfully striking and adultery. Convictions resulted in each case and appropriate penalties imposed.

16. The accompanying police constables did a good job investigating and reporting most of the cases which arose.

E. CONCLUSION.

17. All men on the job are working satisfactorily. There does not appear to be any friction between the workers and the local residents.

R. M. Press
(Patrol Officer)

PATROL DIARY : R. M. PRESS (Patrol Officer).

Tuesday 1/12/70.

Checked new ration supplies for discrepancies. Rolls called for all groups and work supervised. Usual afternoon showers interupted work for three hours. Two hours work finally achieved after rain stopped. Rations issued, slept at Aisaisa.

Wednesday 2/12/70.

Mr. N. Spence, P.O. departed on transfer to Sub-district Office, Mendi. Mr. Spence's repalcement, Mr. P. Connick (A.P.O.) arrived later in the day from Tari. Labourers supervised til the usual afternoon rain set in early in the afternoon. Rations issued, slept Aisaisa.

Thursday 3/12/70.

Morning rain delayed the start of work for one hour. Rolls called and work supervised. Most men now working on batters and clearing overburden from the edges of the 'cuts'. All grpups working satisfactorily. Late afternoon rain caused work to stop. Rations issued, slept Aisaisa.

Friday 4/12/70.

Morning rolls called and work supervised. Later walked through to Aisaisa Village to check on progress on new rest house and surveyor's camp.. Departed Aisaisa late in the afternoon for Mendi. Overnight Mendi.

Monday 7/12/70.

Returned to Aisaisa from Mendi. Showers virtually ruined any chance of work being done before noon. Rolls later checked and work supervised tmil 5.00 p.m. Rations issued, slept Aisaisa.

Tuesday 8/12/70.

Morning roll call, all present. Work supervised. Inspected damage to gardens by earthworks, compensation arranged. Rations issued after a full days work was finally achieved. Slept Aisaisa.

Wednesday 9/12/70.

Rolls called. Work supervised. All groups working satisfactorily. Rations issued, slept Aisaisa.

Thursday 10/12/70.

Rolls called, work supervised. A group of ten men detailed to clear pit pit aleng road route to enable easy access for surveyor. Rations issued. Tagure group paid off to allow them to return home to attend the burial of a head man. Slept Aisaisa.

Friday 11/12/70.

Rolls called, supervised and instructed work. Left for Mendi later in the afternoon. Overnight Mendi.

Monday 14/12/70
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District Court hearing at Mendi against a Ialibu man forfailing to obey a Local Court Summons issed by myself. Later returned to Aisaisa. Afternoonrain interrupted work. Rations issued, slept Aisaisa

Tuesday 15/12/70

Rolls called, labourers supervised. Rations issued, slept Aisaisa.

Wednesday 16/12/70

Rolls called , work supervised as usual. Some local disputes, mainly concerning Pandanus Nuts, were settled by arbitration. Good weather a full days work achieved. Rations issued, slept Aisaisa.

Thursday 17/12/70

Rolls called, work againsupervised as usual. Some more local disputes concerning outstanding loans and Pandanus Nuts settled by arbitration. Rations issued, slept Aisaisa.

Friday 18/12/70

Rolls called, work on excavations supervised. Later walked to Omai to investigate then theft of a 44 gallon drum. Continued to Mendi by vehicle. Overnight Mendi.

Monday 21/12/70.

Returned to Aisaisa. Self ill with chest complaint. Supervised work on excavations. Local Court convened to hear a case concerning the theft of the P.W.D. 44 gallon drum, conviction resulted. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

Tuesday 22/12/70.

Rolled called,work supervised as usual. Local Courts convened to hear a case of unlawfully striking and adultery. Convictions resulted and penalties imposed. All implements issued to labourers(spades,sacks cooking utensils) returned to store. Commenced paying off all labourers at 5:15 p.m. Completed by 6.30 with the aid of a lamp.
Slept at Aisaisa.

Wednesday 23/12/70

Packed up all equipment. Locked up camp and appointed two local lads to to look after the camp during the festival season.
Returned to Mendi with P. Connick, A.P.O. Self visited Medical Officer to receive treatment for a chest complaint which does not appear to be improving. Overnight at Mendi.

Monday 4/1/71.

Drove to Aisaisa to commence work for the new year. Some men from Omai, Aisaisa and Pundia present. Men not to happy about the contract system, however agreed to 'have a go' after the system was explained. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

Tuesday 5/1/71.

Rolls called. Two more contracts allotted to Omai and Aisaisa groups. Mr. D. Kennedy, Assistant Patrol Officer from Pangia arrived to replace Mr. Connick, Assistant Patrol Officer.
Rations Issued. Slept Aisaisa.

Wednesday 6/1/71.

Rolls called. No more men arrived for work. Work force now stands at 105, about 25% of the required ~~former~~ strength. Later went to Mendi to discuss labour situation with A.D.C. Mr. Bond. Telegrams sent to Poroma, Kagua and Ialibu requesting 100 labourers from each centre. Later returned to Aisaisa. Heavey rain later in afternoon curtailed work. Slept Aisaisa.

Thursday 7/1/71.

Rolls called. Labour situation still not improving. Contracts supervised. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

Friday 8/1/71.

Rolls called. Work Supervised. Later departed for Mendi. Overnight Mendi.

Monday 11/1/71.

Drove back to Aisaisa, arriving at 3.00 p.m. Almost entire day wasted because of unavailability of P.W.D. transport. Heavy rain all afternoon prevented work. Slept Aisaisa.

Tuesday 12/1/71.

Organised new groups from Kagua and Ialibo onto new contracts and advised contract rates accordingly. A total of 180 labourers now present. Rain interrupted progress early in afternoon. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

Wednesday 13/1/71

Rolls called. One group from Ialibu absconded only after a few days work. Claimed the rates awarded their contract was not enough. Other groups working quite well. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

Thursday 14/1/71.

Rolls called. Supervised contracts. Inspected timber purchase to determine quantity of available firewood available. Enough firewood remaining to last a month. Rations Issued. Usual afternoon rain. Slept Aisaisa.

Friday 14/1/71.

Rolls called. Work supervised as usual. One group of men from Pundia abandoned their contract. Only about one days work remained to see the job finished. Each man would have received $6.00 for his two weeks effort?

Packed up equipment and returned to Mendi, arriving at 4.00 p.m.

No. of Patrol Days - 27
No. Nights Camped out - 21

PATROL DIARY : P. CONNICK (Assistant Patrol Officer)

Tuesday 1/12/70.

Flew to Mendi from Tari. Discussions with Mr. K. Bond A.D.C. and Mr. B. Mulcahy, D.D.C. re road project. Collected provisions for road patrol. Overnight Mendi.

Wednesday 2/12/70.

Drove to Omai with Mr. M. McClelland, Public Works foreman, and inspected project at Omai. Received general instructions re road construction from Mr. H. Mcstert, Supervisor, and later walked to Aisaida Road Camp. Met Mr. M. Press, P.O. and later toured work site. Set up camp. Slept Aidaisa.

Thursday 3/12/70.

Steady morning rain delayed start of work til 8.00 a.m. Rolls marked and work supervised till rain at 4.45 curtailed work for the day. Rations issued, slept Aisaisa/

Friday 4/12/70.

Rolls called, continued with road supervision. Steady rain set in at 4. p.m. Rations issued, slept Aisaida.

Saturday 5/12/70.

Day spent straightening out camp. Miserable wet, cold day. Rations issued, slept Aisaisa.

Sunday.6/12/70.

Day of rest, observed. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

Monday 7/12/70.

Miserable, wet morning delayed start of work til noon. Rolls called and work supervised. About 30 new names included in rolls. [illegible] Rations issued, Slept Aisaisa.

Tuesday 8/12/70.

Rolls called, later re-checked to check on absentees. Work supervised. Rations issued, slept Aisaisa.

Wednesday 9/12/70.

Called rolls and supervised work for a short time. Drove to Mendi from Omai to collect advance for Friday's pays and also some supplies. Returned to Aisaisa in afternoon. Assisted with the distribution of Rations. Slept Aisaisa.

Thursday 10/12/70.

Roll called and road work supervised. Purchased numerous Pandanus trees near chainage 88500. These trees were obstructing work on the road and had to be removed. Paid off Taguere (Kagua) grpup to allow them to return home to attend burial of headman. Slept Aisaisa.

Friday 11/12/70.

Roll call and roadwork supervision. Inspected garden areas ruined by the results of excavations. Compiled fortnightly wages in afternoon and effected pays - hectic afternoon. Rations issued, slept Aisaisa.

Saturday 12/12/70.

Day of rest, many workers returned to their villages. Rations issued, slept Aisaisa.

Sunday 13/12/70.

Day of rest. Rations Issued, slept Aisaisa.

Monday 14/12/70.

Issued out spades and sacks to new groups arriving for the fortnights work. Drew up new rolls and supervised road work. Heavy showers after 3.00 p.m. interrupted work. Rations issued. Rations divided up into two lots to try and get the men to have two meals a day instead of gorging themselves in one meal. Slept Aisaisa.

Tuesday 15/12/70.

Called roll and supervised work. Rations issued. Late afternoon showers. Slept Aisaisa.

Wednesday 16/12/70.

Roll called and work supervised. Went to Mendi to collect cash advance to meet next pays. Slept Aisaisa.

Thursday 17/12/70.

Roll called, supervised work. Took oportunity to discuss political matters with a few individuals. Talks with Mr. W. Edwards, Surveyor, conserning the contract system. Civil disputes settled, rations issued and slept Aisaisa.

Friday 18/12/70.

Roll called and supervised work as usual. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.

Saturday 19/12/70.

Day of rest. Rain all day. Rations Issued. Earth tremor at 8.40 p.m. Slept Aisaisa.

Sunday 20/12/70.

Day of rest. Miserable, raining all day. Rations issued. Slept.

Monday 21/12/70.

Rolls marked, labour supervised. Rations issued. Quite a good day for work. Slept Aisaisa.

Tuesday 22/12/70.

Rolls called, work supervised till late afternoon. Rations issued at 1.00 p.m. to allow all food to be cooked and eaten b before all utensils were wi hdrawn. All spades, sacks and cooking utensils returned to store at 5.00 p.m. All lines paid off. Slept Aisaisa.

Wednesday 23/12/70.

Packed up equipment. Camp locked up. Returned to Mendi with M. Press, P.O. Overnight Mendi.

Patrol Days - 22.
Nights out - 21

PATROL DIARY : D.C. KENNEDY (Assistant Patrol Officer).

MONDAY, 4th January, 1971.

Departed Pangia for Mendi on transfer to work on the Mendi/Ialibu Road.

Remainder of Monday spent in Mendi Awaiting Transport to Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 5th January, 1971.

Morning spent in Sub-District Office awaiting transport to Aisaisa.

During afternoon travelled per P.W.D. vehicle to Omai and continued to Aisaisa on foot. Slept Aisaisa.

Spent remainder of day with Mr. Press (Patrol Officer) in supervising of contractors on road. Slept Aisaisa.

3.00 pm Gave rations to road contractors.

WEDNESDAY, 6th January, 1971.

7.30 am called roll of contractors. Supervised work for remainder of morning.

Supervision of road workers. 3.00 pm gave rations to road contractors. Slept Aisaisa.

THURSDAY, 7th January, 1971.

7.30 am called roll of contractors. Supervised work for remainder of morning.

3.00 pm gave rations to road contractors.

FRIDAY. 8th January, 1971.

7.30 am called roll of road contractors. Supervised contractors on road work.

3.00 pm gave out rations to road contractors.

4.00 pm called roll of labour line.

SATURDAY, 9th January, 1971.

Saturday observed at Aisaisa.

3.00 pm gave out rations to labourers.

SUNDAY, 10th January, 1971.

Sunday observed at Aisaisa.

MONDAY, 11th January, 1971.

0830 called roll for workers.

Spent remainder of morning and early part of afternoon supervising labour.

1700 gave rations to workers.

Slept Aisaisa.

TUESDAY, 12th January, 1971.

0830 called roll for workers.

Spent remainder of day supervising labourers.

1100 gave rations to labourers. Slept Aisaisa.

WEDNESDAY, 13th January, 1971.

0830 called roll of workers.

0945 left Aisaise walked to Omai and travelled to Mendi by car.

Saw Assistant District Commissioner. 1500 returned to Aisaisa. 1700 gave rations to labourers.

THURSDAY, 14th January, 1971.

0830 called roll. Spent remainder of morning and early part of afternoon supervising labourers.

1600 gave rations to labourers. Slept Aisaisa.

FRIDAY, 15th January, 1971.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
DEPT. OF THE ADMINISTRATION
SOUTHERN HIGHLAND DISTRICT
MENDI
24 NOV 1971

PATROL REPORT

Report Number 6 OF 1970/71

Subdistrict MENDI

District SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by P. D. TOBER

Area Patrolled (Council and/or Census Division/s.) FORT KARNOT, UPPER LAI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISIONS

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

K. A. BOND A.D.C.

S. HICKS D.O.(CADET)

P. J. HOLSTEIN A.P.O.

Duration of Patrol—from 5/OCT/70 to 3/DEC/71

No. of Days 68

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: D. C. EKINS 69/70

Date — Duration —

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) REPORT, ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISER TO LAI VALLEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, LAND-USE, POLITICS EDUCATION.

Total Population of Area Patrolled

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

G.P.—P&NG/B1657.

RGO:JO

P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

67-15-97

6th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO. 6 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-3-2 of 25th November, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. [illegible] D. [illegible], Patrol Officer, to Parts of KARINT, UNDIRA and LAI VALLEY Census Divisions.

T. W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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25th November, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

MENDI PATROL NO. 6 OF 1970 / 71

~~patrol~~ report Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above ~~patrol~~ report submitted by Mr. P.D. Tozer P.O., together with covering memorandum 67-3-2 dated 11th November, 1971 from the A.D.C. Mendi.

Comments:

1. The report is a general one covering the period 5th October, 1970 to 3rd August 1971 and allowing coverage of numerous small periods spent in the field. In future such general reports will be submitted at least monthly as I see no purpose in covering matters raised nearly a year ago.

2. New plantings of coffee are only to bring existing blocks up to an economic size.

3. Rural Development Funds have been supplied for 1971 / 72 and there are submissions for 1972 / 73.

4. There are two Local Court Magistrates at Mendi and I see no difficulty in having one of them visit MUNIHU weekly.

5. It is expected to station an officer at MUNIHU for general field duties and act as the adviser for the Lai Valley Council.

6. The A.D.C. Mendi has adequately covered all over aspects of the report.

D.J. Clancy

D.J. CLANCY
District Commissioner

c.c.

Assistant District Commissioner, MENDI

Mr. P. Tozer, Officer in Charge, MAGARIMA

67-3-2

Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

11th November, 1971.

District Commissioner,
District Office,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL No.6 OF 1970/71

Herewith the report of the above patrol conducted by Mr. P.D. Tozer.

The report is well written and my comments are brief.

PARAGRAPH 8.

Many of the leaders of the Lai Valley census division appear to believe that they should have their representative in the House of Assembly, and that he should be theirs only. The Lai Valley census division has not been neglected by either of the Members, and I know the Open Member often makes a point of doing all he can in the House for the Lai Valley (especially at question time). However, this cuts no ice with the Councillors of the Lai Valley - the point at issue to them is that he does not come from the Lai Valley - and this extremely parochial attitude shows no sign of breaking down.

PARAGRAPH 9.

As far as meeting procedure is concerned the Councillors in the Lai always take their cues from the Adviser at this stage - however even though the Council is dependent on the Adviser to act as their Clerk, and supplier of information etc, they have shown they will act against his advice - e.g. supplying blankets to Aid Posts - and since Mr. Tozer's patrol the purchase of a tractor, were decisions made despite advice that all things considered they were inadvisable.

PARAGRAPH 12.

My comments for paragraph 8 above indicate what type of National Unity the Lai Valley people at present have.

PARAGRAPH 16.

Since Mr. Tozer's Patrol the Councillors have expressed a wish to have all electoral officials engaged in the coming House of Assembly elections to come from without the electorate. They feel sure that because a Lai Valley candidate did not win the last election that they were robbed, and that because the poll clerks were the only ones to handle the ballot papers they must have had something to do with it.

PARAGRAPH 24.

The Council help referred to in this paragraph is by no means active. The Councillors were advised that Andel Traders were interested in the Lai Valley and all the Councillors individually agreed it would be a benefit to them, and allowed the firm to use a building which is on Council land to store goods.

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PARAGRAPH 26.

The bridge at Kip is completed.

PARAGRAPH 27.

The people have been advised only to work on roads which have been properly marked.

PARAGRAPH 32.

The Capuchin Mission has indicated to the Council that a vehicular road to NOL will have to be completed before it will open a school there.

PARAGRAPH 35.

A few times the magistrate could not get to Munhiu because of unforseen difficulties, the Territory census, and transport problems. These are being worked on.

PARAGRAPH 36.

There has been a recent upsurge in sorcery activity in the whole Mendi Sub-District in the last six months. I can only suggest that each individual case gets treated on its own merits.

PARAGRAPH 37.

The incidents mentioned in this paragraph are now history. The United Church and the Capuchin Mission usually work in harmony with each other for the benefit of the whole Sub-District, and these incidents were ripples soon smoothed over. The Missions to date have worked well together and I hope will continue to do so, and do have their own spheres of influence.

PARAGRAPH 41.

Unfortunately many Land Assistants do seem to cause more work than they do, and this stems largely from the lack of a concept of what a survey is, and what are the measurements used, and why.

PARAGRAPH 47.

I can not understand what is the point of the second sentence in this paragraph, nor its relevance or logic.

GENERAL.

In respect of Local Government, I support Mr. Tozer's view that a Local Government Assistant is needed in the Lai Valley. Mr. Tozer's other views are concurred with.

I suggest that Education and Missions have been oversimplified, however, since the Assistant District Commissioner is in constant liaison with the Council, the Missions, and Members of the District Education Board, there is no point in further comment on Education, beyond to note that with council support, the school at Kip can get more public enthusiasm than it has had in the past. Both Missions in the area have to live together, and are usually tolerant and cooperative.

Mr. Tozer is to be complimented on the work he has done, and on his enthusiasm. It is sufficient to give him a job and he will do it as well as he can without having to push him or restrict him. He will take guidance

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and advice and is anxious to learn all that he can - and since he has come to Mondi Mr. Tozer has learnt a lot, and has done a great deal of high quality work. His land work speaks for itself, and so does his Local Government work.

K A Bond

(K.A. BOND)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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1st October, 1970.

Mr. P.D. Tozer,
Patrol Officer,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. 6 OF 1970/71
MENDI - INSTRUCTIONS

1. I require you to prepare yourself to commence a patrol about the 5th of the month.

2. During this patrol you will be required to carry out land work in liasion with the Lands section of our District Headquarters.

3. General administrative duties will be required of you in the Lai Valley, where you will take over the Lai Valley Council.

4. You will liaise with this Office from time to time with regard further duties and to keep me advised with your activities.

Trusting that you have an enjoyable patrol.

K.A. Bond

(K.A. BOND)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI,
Southern Highlands District.
22nd September, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI,
Southern Highlands District.

MENDI PATROL NO. 6 OF 1970/71.

Patrol Conducted by:	P.D.Tozer, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled:	Part KARIET, UNDIRI and LAI VALLEY Census Divisions.
Personnel Accompanying Patrol:	Mr. K.A.Bond, A.D.C.; Mr. J.Hicks, D.O.(Lands); Mr. A.J.Halstead, A.P.O.
Duration of Patrol:	5th October, 1970 to 3rd August, 1971. 68 nights camped out.
Last Patrol to Area:	MENDI Patrol No. of 1969/70. Mr. D.C.Ekins, LAI VALLEY Census Division.
Objects of Patrol:	1. Construction of the MENDI - KANDEP Road. 2. Administrative Adviser, Lai Valley Local Government Council. 3. General Land work, MENDI Sub-District. 4. Political Education.
Map Reference:	Attached.

P.D. Tozer

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Patrol Officer

c.c. District Local Government Officer,
Office of Local Government,
MENDI,
Southern Highlands District.

INTRODUCTION.

1. This patrol dealt in the main with the Administration of the newly constituted Lai Valley Local Government Council and the conduct of Investigation Reports for the alienation of land in the MENDI Sub-District. For a short period the patrol was engaged on the construction of the MENDI to KANDEP Road. However, I handed over this work to Mr. A. J. Halstead, A.P.O., in January, 1971 and he has commented on this in MENDI Patrol Report No. of 1970/71.

2. The Situation Report deals entirely with the LAI VALLEY Census Division as it was here that I came into most contact with the local people.

SITUATION REPORT.

(a) POLITICAL

3. At every opportunity I endevoured to hold political education talks and discussions with as many people as possible. In my capacity as Administrative Adviser to the Lai Valley Council I tried in particular to keep Councillors informed of developments.

4. I found that informal discussions, starting with local problems and gradually introducing the wider National scene were the most successful. In my opinion not everyone is interested in politics and it is better to isolate those who are and talk to them, ensuring that they have the correct grasp of a topic and then hoping that the message will eventually spread to the general mass of the population.

5. Follows a general summary of my conclusions from discussion of the nine points mentioned in the District Commissioners 26-5-1 of 3rd February, 1970.

6. The House of Assembly. Awareness of the functions of the House is gradually spreading in the Lai Valley with the expansion of the Lai Valley Local Government Council which provides a close at hand simile. In my view, a comparison with the Local Government System is the only way to introduce the National Assembly to this relatively isolated area. Talks must be kept simple. I see no advantage in introducing the more complex topics such as two house legislature, party politics etc., before the basic idea of the democratic system is understood.

7. In Council Meetings I used every oportunity to bring home to the Councillors the similarities with the National System, for instance, the A.E.C. can be compared to the Executive Committee, Law making to Rule passing, The Budget to the Council Estimates.

8. Members of the House of Assembly. All people contacted knew the "Open" Member for the Mendi Sub-District, Mr. Momei Pangial and the "Regional" Member, Mr. R. Neville. The Lai Valley people as a whole felt that they have been badly neglected by these two gentlemen and at times feeling has run quite high. The various rolls of Open, Regional and Official Members is basically understood, but untill the Council appoints more Committees and portfolio Councillors, I do not feel that there will be much comprehension regarding the roll of Ministers.

9. A rather dangerous attitude which is developing at present is that the Administrative Adviser can be likened to the Administrations relationship to the House. This is unsatisfactory because of the Council's dependance on it's Administrative Adviser at present. I fell the situation will improve when the Council obtains it's own clerk.

10. The way Laws are Made. A good understanding of this process is developing now that the Council is engaged upon Rule making itself. However, confusion still exists between the powers of the Administration and those of the House. The Administration is regarded as the ultimate authority. I feel that this attitude, in part, is due to the people's conservative attitude in this area. They want the Australian Administration to remain and will not admit to themselves that the Administration could be in "danger".

11. Independence. Talk of Self Government or Independence (the difference

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between which is very confused) is regarded with great distrust. This is understandable when it is considered that it is only in the last two years that the Lai Valley has received any "serious" attention from Administration Officers and in that time they have seen rapid development in all fields. They ~~fmik~~ feel that any change at present or in the near future will be a set-back to their aspirations.

12. National Unity. Any feeling of National Unity is virtually non-existant. In my opinion, so long as the very real fear of sorcery which exists in the area at present percists no real advance will be made. However, very good relations are enjoyed between locals from other (far distant) areas and the Lai Valley people. This is mainly because of the high standard of teacher, Agricultural Assistant and policeman which, to date, have worked in the area. Notwithstanding, these people are still regarded as "foreigners".

13. The Public Service. The Lai Valley people and Council are well aware of the Public Servant's responsibility towards them, judging from the requests and demands for help which they have made. They feel that because they are a backward area their priorities should be higher up the scale. However, there is a genuine "self help" attitude developing at present.

14. Local Government Councils. Awareness of the roll of Local Government Councils is growing in the Lai Valley with the development of the Lai Valley Council. There is great local interest in the activities of the Council at present. I feal that this is due to the fact that the Council is the only "Government" body established in the area and all progress can, one way or another, be attributed to the Council. As I said before, the Council is the best political and social "educator" in the area.

15. Understandably, at this early stage of it's development, the Council is parochial in it's attitude. However, I feel that a wider viewpoint will develope as the Council grows.

16. Voting. The basic principals of the secret ballot is generally understood. However, the complexities of the preferential system prove a stumbling block to many. It must be remembered that the Lai Valley people have only voted in one Council election to date.

17. Taxes. The Lai Valley people have only paid Council Tax once before. They do not object to taxation as at this stage they can see real development going on. Despite an increase of 150% in Council Tax for 1971/72 (from $2.00 to $3.00 per annum) initial indications of this years tax collection (commenced just prior to the end of this patrol) indicate that general enthusiasm has not decreased. Income Tax, Excise etc. has no bearing on the average person of the area and these forms of taxation are not understood.

(b) ECONOMIC.

18. Coffee. At this stage coffee is the main cash earner in the area. Coffee is successful only in the South Lai Valley as the North rises to too high an altitude. There are five coffee nurseries in the area at present, four of which were started during this patrol. They are situated at KAMB, KIP, TUGUP, MUNHIU and KUIANDA. The main force behind the development of coffee (and cattle, for that matter) is Councillor Ebi Wari of KIP, who has established his own nursery and is developing his present holdings. Given the continued assistance of D.A.S.F. coffee should continue to be the economic mainstay of the Lai Valley.

19. Cattle. At present there is one cattle project in operation in the Lai Valley, run by Cr. Ebi Wari of KIP. However, eighteen new cattle projects have been surveyed by chain and compass and are at present being cleared. The District Livestock Officer, Mr. R. Stephenson, is aiming to get owners to take out Development Bank loans to stock these projects with about seven head of cattle each. With the present interest in cattle ~~at present~~ in the area no trouble reaching this target should be encountered. As the road system in the area develops I would expect many more projects to be started as only half the Lai Valley is at present involved at this stage.

20. The Lai Valley Council has estimated to construct a Bull Paddock in the 1971/72 Financial Year to assist local owners in breeding cattle.

21. Pyrethrum. The major drawback with this crop is the isolation of the areas in the Lai Valley suitable for it's growth. At present there are no vehicular roads into the higher (above 6000 ft.) areas. This makes supervision, planting and harvesting of a relatively unattractive crop at the best of times doubly difficult. About five acres of high yeild Pyrethrum was planted during this patrol at IMILHAMA. I do not hold any great expectations from this crop until a road is built into the suitable areas. Work has started on this project.

22. Market Gardening. Though the Lai Valley is perhaps the most fertile area in the Mendi Sub-District, market gardening is limited by distance from a suitable market. The Lai Valley Council started a weekly market at MUNHIU in May, 1971 which is very well attended. However, there i s little cash transaction, most goods being traded. This market has potential and will expand with the growth of the Council.

23. Small Projects. As a result of a visit by eight councillors to the Western Highlands earlier in the year, considerable interest has been shown in pig and poultry production. The person most interested in these projects is Posu Ank of IMILHAMA, the Council President. I feel that he should be given every assistance, as, in my opinion, there is too much emphasis on large scale economic development and very little is being done to raise the level of subsistance of the family group. Also, small projects tend to create a desire for individual tenure of land and develop a competitive spirit with a desire to "get ahead".

24. Trade Stores. The Lai Valley Council is the licensing authority in the area and has issued a total of twenty six licences to June, 1971. Most of these would not be very profitable, however, there is one individual, NU TIMANK of SOBA who runs two quite profitable stores. With Council help, Andel Traders of Mendi have set up a bulk store at MUNHIU to supply the local stores. This venture appears to be working to the satisfaction of all concerned.

25. Roads and Bridges. The Lai Valley is totally dependant on road communications, both for economic and social development. At present there are two roads into the area from MENDI, one through IOBE and KIP, the other over the HUM Gap. Both roads are below standard and require constant maintenance. A major problem is the number of bridges required on these roads and the lack of suitabl trees for bridge building.

26. The Lai River virtually cuts the valley in half and no real development in the Western Half of the valley will be possible untill this wide river is bridged. At present, P.W.D. are working on a Bailey Bridge over the river at KIP. This will give access to NIPA, but will not really do much to open up the area.

27. Ideally, I feel it is necessary to concentrate on a road system starting at MUNHIU, crossing the Lai River there and then to IMILHAMA, MARISTE, WARIBA, HONDA, recrossing the Lai River at SOBA and thence to the HUM Road. This road has been started on a self help basis but Rural Development Funds are needed to speed up construction. This road would also give MENDI a road link with KANDEP which would be approximately eight miles shorter than the newly completed road through PINGIRIP. A road as outlined above would open up a large area suitable for Pyrethrum as well as aiding the Administration of roughly 3500 persons.

(c) SOCIAL.

28. Health. No major health problems were encountered during this patrol. There are three Aid Posts in the area at present, with one more ready to start operating when staff becomes available. Aid posts are generally well attended and the Aid Post Orderley looked after by the locals. Supplies from Mendi seem to be in short supply, quite often the required medicine not being available.

29. The United Church runs a small hospital at KIP staffed by an expatriate Nursing Sister. This sister also does maternal and child welfare work covering about two thirds of the population of the Lai Valley. Both the Hospital and clinics are well attended and are a credit to the enthusiasm of the Sister involved.

30. Education. There has been a Primary School at KIP run by the United Church Mission since 1964. This now caters for Standards 1 to 4. However, due to staff and financial problems, plus a generally apathetic attitude by the locals involved, I do not consider that this school is up to standard.

31. In February, 1971, a Government Primary "T" School was opened at MUNHIU, This, in contrast to the KIP School, is a credit to the industry and enthusiasm of the local people and especially to the Teacher - in -Charge. A full enrollment of forty was acheived, fourteen of these pupils being female. This school has made an excellant start, it is to be hoped that the present enthusiasm can be maintained.

32. The Capuchin Mission has made approaches to the Lai Valley Council indicating that they would be prepared to opperate a school at NOL. The land for this school has been investigated and approval obtained from the District Education Board. If all goes well it should open in 1972.

33. Should staff become available, the United Church Mission is prepared to open a school at LMILHAM in a couple of years. I feel that this should be followed up as due to the large capital expenditure involved, the Council will not be capable of starting another school for about four or five years.

34. Law and Order. The two policemen stationed at MUNHIU have the complete Lai Valley to look after. Clearly, this is not enough. However, there is not an excessive amount of lawlessness in the area. Most trouble is caused by a quick flare up of tempers over a real or imagined wrong. The police are respested in the area and have the ability to enforce their decisions.

35. A monthly visit by a Majistrate was organised by this patrol, but this is not working well. Obviously, the MENDI Sub-District requires two Local Court Majistrates, one of whom could be on circuit to such places as MUNHIU and WALBIP on a weekly basis, the other dealing with the MENDI cases.

(d) MISCELLANEOUS.

36. Sorcery. The fear of sorcery is very real in the Lai Valley, indeed, in the whole Mendi Sub District. It is very hard to know just how one should deal with the situation, as virtually every action can be converted to the sorcerers advantage. Comments on this problem would be appreciated.

37. Religious Unrest. On two occasions fights have broken out between members of the United Church and the Capuchin Mission at NOL. (This is the site of the proposed new school run by the Capuchin Mission.) My personal opinion is that the United Church missionary at KIP is a bit of a soul "hunter" and is encouraging his evangelists into which were previously "Catholic" areas. The Council has written to the Bishops in charge of the Capuchin and United Church Missions to ask them to try and solve the problem among themselves. I feel, however, that the various missions should have zoned areas of influence.

38. Missions. The average person in the Lai Valley makes a great show of his religious ferver. However, I feel that this involves "lip service" only as whenever a basic traditional value is questioned, for instance, beleif in the power of sorcery, all religious teaching is ignored. As in other areas, people subscribe to religion for reasons of prestige and what they can get out of it.

REPORT ON SPECIFIC OBJECTS OF PATROL.

39. Land Matters. The following Land Investigation Reports were compiled:-

DIST. OFF. FILE	NAME OF LAND	ACREAGE	APPLICANT
35-5-71	WAMBIRIP	6.86	Lai Valley L.G.C.
35-5-74	ONJA	14.52	P.W.D. (Quarry)
35-5-75	AKUBIBA	3.00	S.Morgan, Andel Traders.
35-5-72	BELA NO. 1	0.68	Capuchin Mission
35-5-56	KENGAPIT	403.00	R.T.Neville
35-5-77	NOL	21.50	Capuchin Mission
TOTAL:		449.56 Acres.	

40. As well as the above it was necessary for me to re-compile about eight Agency Agreements or Declaration of Custom due to errors made in the past. Also, it was necessary to do four re-surveys.

41. A major drawback to efficient land work over the last six months has been the lack of a capable Lands Assistant. I did not have sufficient time to institute a training program for the three Assistants who from time to time were assigned to me, and without on the job training I found that those assistants were virtually useless. There seems to be a basic lack of understanding of fundamentals of survey work and map drawing and I wonder if there is too much bookwork and too little practical work given these persons in their courses. It is all very well being able to quote off conversion figures of areas and recite order of procedure etc, but this is virtually useless if it is not understood, for example, that if one uses a 1 ; 500 scale, one inch does not necessarily equal 500 metres.

42. I feel that I must pay tribute to the efforts of Mr. F. Leibfreid, D.O. for his work in re-organising the complete Lands filing system of the Southern Highlands; and Mr. J. Hicks, who accompanied me on patrol on two occasions and gave me a great insight into the human aspects involved in land alienation.

43. Generally, it is very hard these days to buy land near MENDI Town, however, provided sufficient time is taken and enough understanding given, large areas of land could still be bought within ten miles of MENDI. I feel that the Officer involved in an investigation should be given clearer guidelines regarding purchase price, perhaps even some "bargaining" power.

44. Lai Valley Local Government Council. I was appointed Adviser to the Council on 25th January, 1971. This was a part-time appointment and I feel that, with a new Council such as this, a part-time Adviser has not got the time to do his real work, which surely must be guiding the Council and educating the electorate in Council affairs. I found that I was so bogged down with purely administrative work that it was only possible to be engaged on projects which were close to the Administrative Centre at MUNHIU, or easily reached by road. I feel that this situation will continue until a Local Government Assistant is appointed to the Lai Valley Council to releive the Adviser of some purely "paperwork" duties.

45. The Assistant District Commissioner, MENDI, has made application for assistance for the Council in the construction of two permanent material houses at Munhiu, one for the Adviser and one for a Local Government Assistant. It is to be hoped that this application receives favourable consideration, otherwise, I fear, the Council will become a Council in name only.

46. Some of the projects completed by the Council in the duration of this patrol were the construction of a "model" fish pond, half an acre in extent; the establishment of a Primary "T" School; the construction of a permanent materials office building; the construction of two native materials Aid Posts and the opening of the HUM Gap Road. As well as this a very successfull tour of the Western Highlands with eight Councillors for a week was undertaken.

47. I have been very pleased with the progress of the Council over the last six months. The relationship between the electorate and the Council is particularly pleasing and some very good ideas have been put forward by the Council. I think the Council has a good future if something can be done about the staff situation.

CONCLUSION.

48. This patrol has not been a patrol in the sence that I went out to do a specific task in a specific time, rather it involved my day to day work in the Mendi Sub-District. I appreciated the freedom and scope which was given me by the Assistant District Commissioner, Mr. K. Bond, as I feel that I do my best work in this situation. I feel that this was a successfull patrol.

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PATROL DIARY.

October, 1970.

5th. 0600, left Mendi for Pingirip, discussed situation re. Mendi - Kandep Road with lines involved, took names of labourers and set them to work. Scaled rations and drove back to Mendi, arriving at 1830.

6th. Picked up patrol gear, drove to Pingirip and set up camp. Supervised labour. Spent night at Pingirip.

7th. Supervised labour on road. Spent night at Pingirip.

8th. As above.

9th. Supervised labour untill 1030, then returned to Mendi, saw Doctor and was given one week off sick.

10th. to 18th. Sick leave.

19th. Drove to Kandep Road, supervised labour, made payments, returned to Mendi.

20th. Picked up additional stores, drove to Pingirip, supervised labour and returned to Mendi.

21st. to 23rd. Office duties at Mendi.

24th. and 25th. Weekend, observed at Mendi.

26th. Drove to Kandep Road, supervised labour, returned to Mendi.

27th. Office duties.

28th. A.M., Office duties. P.M., with Mr. Van Arstel, R.D.O., drove to Iaria to investigate tea block situation, returned to Mendi.

29th. Drove to Kandep Road, supervised labour, returned to Mendi.

30th. Office duties.

31st. Saturday, observed.

November, 1970.

1st. Sunday, observed.

2nd. A.M., office duties. P.M., commenced Station Management Course at Mendi.

3rd. to 13th. Station Management Course at Mendi.

14th and 15th. Weekend, observed.

16th. to 20th. Working on Electrical Reticulation survey of Mendi Town.

21st. and 22nd. Weekend, observed.

23rd. Drove to Kandep Road to inspect progress, not satisfactory so arranged to start next week fixing mistakes. Returned to Mendi.

24th. to 26th. Office duties.

27th. Drove to KIP to inspect broken bridge. Returned to Mendi.

28th. and 29th. Weekend, observed.

30th. Drove to Pingirip, set up camp, set marks, started labour, scaled rations, spent night at Pingirip.

December, 1970.

1st. Supervised labour, set new marks, scaled rations, spent night at Pingirip.

2nd. to 3rd. As above.

4th. Supervised labour, made payments, returned to Mendi, saw A.D.C. who told me to go to Kip next week. Spent night at Mendi.

5th and 6th. Weekend, observed.

7th. Drove to Kip with A.D.C., looked at bridge and decided on temporary foot bridge, walked to Munhiu and spent night.

8th. A.M., with A.D.C. searched houses for new weapons, took nine suspects back to Mendi.

9th. Impossible to go to Pingirip due bridge out, Office work.

10th. and 11th. Office duties relating to land.

PATROL DIARY (Continued)

December, 1970.

12th. and 13th. Weekend, observed.

14th. Drove to Pingirip, inspected and supervised work, scaled rations, spent night at Pingirip.

15th. and 16th. Supervised labour, set marks, scaled rations, spent night at Pingirip.

17th. Finalised contract payments, returned to Mendi. Settled land matter.

18th. In court for defence of custody case.

19th. and 20th. Weekend, observed.

21st. Went to Tente to conduct land investigation, owners not present so returned. to Mendi. Compiled new agency agreement for PILEM.

22nd. Went to Tente to conduct land investigation, owners short of land and not prepared to sell. Returned to Mendi.

23rd. Heared and settled land dispute between SULA and KALOHAI Clans of HUM Village.

24th. Office duties relating to land, correspondence.

25th. to 28th. Christmas break, observed.

29th. Discussion of five year plan with A.D.C.

30th. Land matters, correspondence.

31st. As above.

January, 1971.

1st. to 3rd. Observed.

4th. Land matters, correspondence.

5th. Drove to Munhiu, started investigation report for school site, WAMBIRIP, spent night at Munhiu.

6th. Investigation Report for WAMBIRIP. Spent night at Munhiu.

7th. Obtained signatures on Investigation Report, met Mr. Robertson and inspected school site, returned to Mendi.

8th. Land matters, correspondence.

9th. and 10th. Weekend, observed.

11th. Drawing map of WAMBIRIP.

12th. Land matters, correspondence.

13th. Established boundaries of United Church Hydro Scheme.

14th. Drove to HUM, arbitrated in minor land dispute, P.M., office duties.

15th. Discussions with A.D.C. re. taking over Lai Valley Council. Procurement of supplies for Mendi Kandep Road.

16th. and 17th. Weekend, observed.

18th. Drove to Pingirip with Mr. A. Halstead, A.P.O., supervised labour and explained system to Mr. Halstead. Spent night at Pingirip.

19th. Supervised labour, set levels, scaled rations, spent night at Pingirip.

20th. As above.

21st. As above.

22nd. Supervised labour untill 1000, returned to Mendi, discussion with A.D.C. and Mr. Spence re. new Local Government Division.

23rd. and 24th. Weekend, observed.

25th. Drove to Munhiu with Mr. Spence, P.O., held Council Meeting and was appointed Adviser, Worked on Council books and financial statement. Spent ~~night~~ night at Munhiu.

26th. Inspection of Munhiu Council Centre, Police inspection, discussion of agricultural potential with R.D.O., Council correspondence. Spent night at Munhiu.

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PATROL DIARY (Continued)

January, 1971.

27th. Visit to Kip Mission to discuss Womens Club problems, returned to Munhiu and attended Taxpayers meeting. Council correspondence and reports. Spent night at Munhiu.

28th. Made list of Council requirements, drove to Mendi and spent remainder of day procurring same. Spent night at Mendi.

29th. Work associated with Council at Mendi.

30th. and 31st. Weekend, observed.

February, 1971.

1st. A.M., attended Sub-District conference. P.M., work on map of PUNDIA No. 4.

2nd. Drove to Munhiu, attended Finance Committee Meeting, worked on Council books, spent night at Munhiu.

3rd. Council Meeting, worked on levelling site for fish pond, typing minutes and correspondence. Spent night at Munhiu.

4th. Council correspondence, supervision of labour on fish pond. Spent night at Munhiu.

5th. A.M., continued work on fish pond, P.M., returned to Mendi, general office duties.

6th. and 7th. Weekend, observed.

8th. A.M., attended Sub-District conference, P.M., work on map for PUNDIA NO. 4.

9th. Drove to Munhiu, inspected progress on fish pond and site for forestry nursery, Council office work. Spent night at Munhiu.

10th. Walked to Winja and return, inspecting all bridge sites along proposed road. Spent night at Munhiu.

11th. Supervision of labour, drove to Nipa to inspect road and returned to Munhiu. Spent night at Munhiu.

12th. Supervision of labour, returned to Mendi. Discussion with A.D.C. re. Council problems and prospects.

13th. and 14th. Weekend, observed.

15th. Drove to Nene with Leprosy Control Team and called census for Nene and Kelta, returned to Mendi.

16th. Conference with D.C. and D.D.C. re. U.N. Visit, then work connected with same at Mendi.

17th. Work in connection with U.N. visit.

18th. As above.

19th. As above.

20th. Organising visitors for U.N. visit.

21st. Breifing of M.H.A's and councillors re. U.N. visit.

22nd. Visit of U.N. Team, general organising.

23rd. U.N. Team leaves, remainder of day, general office duties.

24th. With Mr. Spence, P.O., drove to Mt. Hagen for Council buying trip. Dropped off orders. Spent night at Mt. Hagen in Red Cross Hostel.

25th. Council buying, interview with Bank Manager etc. Spent night at Red Cross Hostel.

26th. Picked up orders, then returned to Mendi at midday, remainder of day on office duties and correspondence.

27th. and 28th. Weekend, observed.

March, 1971.

1st. Drove to Munhiu with Mr. Stephenson, District Livestock Officer. Attended Finance Committee Meeting and worked on Council books. Spent night at Munhiu.

PATROL DIARY (Continued).

March, 1971.

2nd. Lai Valley Council Meeting, typing minutes etc. Spent night at Munhiu.

3rd. With Mr Stephenson, inspected sites for cattle projects. Assisted Mr, Bingham, Education Curriculum Adviser to send High School Children to Nipa. Council book work. Spent night at Munhiu.

4th. Inspection of Council projects and roads. Council correspondence. Spent night at Munhiu.

5th. Set levels for inlet drain to fish pond. Drove to Mendi. General Council work at Mendi.

6th. and 7th. Weekend, observed.

8th. Council work, Tax Rule for 1971/72.

9th. With Mr. J. Hicks, D.O., went to Bela to try and purchase ground. Sorted out most problems. Returned to Mendi, correspondence relating to Land.

10th. Drove to Munhiu, supervised labour, assisted Local Court Majistrate with court, spent night at Munhiu.

11th. Supervision of labour, road inspection, council correspondence. Spent night at Munhiu.

12th. Supervision of Council projects, returned to Mendi, discussion with Mr. M. Behr, D.L.G.O.

13th. and 14th. Weekend, observed.

15th. Land work, correspondence, etc.

16th. With Mr. Hicks, D.O., drove to Aisaisa looking for suitable land for alienation, thence to Pumi looking for suitable quarry sites for Mendi Poroma Road. Spent night at Puri.

17th. With Mr. Hicks, continued to Wegi. Decided on quarry site near Sumia school and held initial talks with owners who appeared keen to sell. Returned to Mendi.

18th. Drove to ORO to commence land subdivision. Cut block but initial survey cut so will have to re-survey. Returned to Mendi.

19th. General land and Council work. Impossible to return to ORO due land slip.

20th. Drove to Lumbi to initiate discussions re sale of KENGAPUT.

21st. Continued discussions initiated yesterday.

22nd. [redacted] Ordering supplies for Council Office building, correspondence, etc. Helicopter survey of quarry sites with D.W.E.

23rd. Purchase of Sumia School Site with Mr. Bond, A.D.C.

24th. Drove to Sumia and did survey and investigation report for quarry site, ONJA. Returned to Mendi.

25th. Drove to Kiburu, did survey and investigation report for AKUBIBA. Returned to Mendi.

26th. Worked on above investigation reports.

27th. Drove to Lumbi and continued discussions re sale of KENGAPUT.

28th. Sunday, observed.

29th. Worked on investigation reports for ONJA and AKUBIBA.

30th. Obtained signatures for ONJA and AKUBIBA, finalised documents.

31st. Drove to OIYARIP and arranged with TUTAMA people to cut lines for KENGAPUT survey. Returned to Mendi and worked on BELA NO. 1 Investigation report, completed same ready for typing.

April, 1971.

1st. Drove to Munhiu, general office work. Spent night at Munhiu.

2nd. Council office work at Munhiu, returned to Mendi.

3rd. and 4th. Weekend, observed.

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PATROL DIARY (Continued)

April, 1971.

5th. Drove to Munhiu, attended Finance Committee Meeting, general Council bookwork, spent night at Munhiu.

6th. Attended Council Meeting, typing minutes and correspondence, spent night at Munhiu.

7th. Attended Council Meeting, general Council correspondence and monthly returns. Spent night at Munhiu.

8th. Road inspection and supervision of labour. Spent night at Munhiu.

9th. Good Friday, flew to Nipa on private charter.

10th. to 13th. Easter weekend, observed at Nipa. Returned Mendi 12th.

14th. Land work, correspondence at Mendi.

15th. and 16th. As above.

17th. Saturday, observed at Mendi.

18th. Drove to Munhiu to pick up eight councillors for tour of Western Highlands. Returned to Mendi.

19th. Drove Mendi to Mt. Hagen. Set up councillors at Korn Farm and discussed tour with Mr. R. Allmark.

20th. Looked at Warrawou Tea Factory and rationalised tea blocks, also Kindeng re-settlement scheme. Spent night at Mt. Hagen.

21st. Tour of Mt. Hagen Council, Wamp NGA Motors, Market, Radio Mt. Hagen, Kagamuga Airport and Wurup Coffee Plantation.

22nd. Tour of Baiyer River Ag. Station, Halstrom Park Bird Sanctuary, returned to Hagen and did some Council buying.

23rd. Tour of Dei Council, then returned to Mendi. Arranged transport for Councillors back to the Lai Valley.

24th. and 25th. Weekend, observed.

26th. Compiled report on Council Tour of Western Highlands.

27th. Drove to Tutama to tell owners I would commence investigation report of KENGAPUT tomorrow. Returned to Mendi. General land work.

28th. With Mr. J. Hicks, D.O., drove to Tutama and commenced investigation report. Spent night at Tutama.

29th. Surveyed about half the KENGAPUT block. Spent night at Tutama.

30th. Completed survey of KENGAPUT and compiled list of agents and owners. Returned to Mendi.

May, 1971.

1st. and 2nd. Weekend, observed.

3nd. Drove to Munhiu, attended Finance Committee Meeting, general Council paperwork. Spent night at Munhiu.

4th. Attended Council Meeting, Council correspondence. Spent night at Munhiu.

5th. Supervised labour, road inspection, council paperwork. Spent night at Munhiu.

6th. Drove to Mendi, organised loading of frames for office building on tractor and accompanied tractor back to Munhiu via HUM. Spent night at Munhiu.

7th. Unloaded frames, drove to Mendi. General Land work.

8th. to 9th. Weekend, observed.

10th. Working on investigation report of KENGAPUT.

11th. Working on KENGAPUT investigation report and Council 2nd. Revised Estimates.

12th. Drove to [redacted] Munhiu, worked on Council office. Spent night at Munhiu.

13th. Poured foundations for office and set up frames. Spent night at Munhiu.

PATROL DIARY (continued).

May, 1971.

14th. Worked on office building, drove to Mendi, general office duties,

15th. and 16th. Weekend, observed.

17th. to 20th. Working on KENGAPET land investigation report.

21st. Drove to Kandep, discussions with O.I.C. re Council area, returned to Mendi with Mr. D. Clancy, D.C.

22nd and 23rd. Weekend, observed.

24th. Sub-District Conference.

25th. Drove to Munhiu, worked on new office building, spent night at Munhiu.

26th. Worked on office, drove to Kip to discuss problems re. bailey bridge with Mr. D. Hatcher of P.W.D., returned to Munhiu and spent night,

27th. Worked on office, drove to Kip and marked out new road to bridge and set contracts, returned to Munhiu and spent night.

28th. Drove to Mendi, picked up inclinometer and drove to Kip and set levels on new road. Returned to Mendi.

29th. and 30th. Weekend, observed.

31st. Drove to Munhiu, attended Finance Committee Meeting, general office work, spent night at Mendi.

June, 1971.

1st. Council Meeting, general office work. Spent night at Munhiu.

2nd. Council Meeting, bridge inspection, work on new office, monthly reports and correspondence. Spent night at Munhiu.

3rd. Bridge inspection, council correspondence. Spent night at Munhiu.

4th. Inspected remaining bridges and made bridge payments. Drove to Mendi. General office work.

5th. and 6th. Weekend, observed.

7th. General duties at Mendi.

8th. Drove to Kamt, investigated fight, sent nine persons back to Mendi with police escort, continued to Munhiu, worked on new office. Spent night at Munhiu.

9th. Drove to Soba and walked to Nol, commenced investigation report for school site and survey. Spent night at NOL.

10th. Completed investigation report, walked to Soba and drove to Munhiu. Drove to Sumia and investigated burial ground at quarry site. Returne to Munhiu and spent night.

11th. Drove to Soba, investigated fight, made seventeen arrests and took them to WAMBIP Police Post. Returned to Munhiu, picked up gear and drove to Mendi. Commended drawing map of NOL.

12th and 13th. Weekend, observed.

14th. With A.D.C. rode motorcycle to Kandep, had discussion with O.I.C. and returned to Mendi.

15th. and 16th. Working on investigation report fot NOL.

17th. Drove to Munhiu, worked on new office. Spent night at Munhiu.

18th. to 20th. At Munhiu, working on new office.

21st. Returned to Mendi. Long trip due landslides. Office work.

22nd. to 25th. General office duties, correspondence, etc.

26th. and 27th. Weekend, observed.

28th. Drove to Munhiu, preliminary charges of sorcery investigated, Council correspondence, Spent night at Munhiu.

29th. Picked up Rev. Ruddick of Kip Mission, investigated Sorcery case at Kuianda and settled same amicably. Spent night at Munhiu.

PATROL DIARY (Continued)

June, 1971.

30th. Council Correspondence and end of financial year accounts. Spent night at Munhiu.

July, 1971.

1st. Council office work, drove to Mendi.

2nd. Team leaders course for Territory Census.

3rd. and 4th. Weekend, observed.

5th. With team conducted census at Map, Bela, Tulum, Wambip, Munhiu and Kip; returned to Mendi.

6th. With team conducted census at Komia; returned to Mendi.

7th. With team conducted census at Mogul and Abua; returned to Mendi.

8th. General census work at Sub-District Office.

9th. Drove to Munhiu, supervision of labour and financial returns, returned to Mendi.

10th and 11th. Weekend, observed.

12th. Drove to Munhiu, worked on annual returns, spent night at Munhiu.

13th. to 15th. Working on annual returns at Munhiu.

16th. Working on annual returns, returned to Mendi.

17th and18th. Weekend, observed.

19th. Drove to Munhiu, Finance Committee Meeting, Spent night at Munhiu.

20th. Council Meeting, correspondence etc. Spent night at Munhiu.

21st. Council Meeting, general Council paperwork. Drove to Tubiri, abandoned car due broken bridge and walked to Mendi.

22nd. Supervised repair of bridge and finishing Council annual reports.

23rd. Working on Advisers Report.

24th. and 25th. Weekend, observed.

26th. Drove to Munhiu with Local Government Assistant for tax patrol. Sent off L.G.A. to do North Lai Valley. Office work. Mr. Halstead, A.P.O., arrived and informed me that my wife was ill and I was to return to Mendi. Drove to Mendi.

27th. Drove to Kamb and commenced tax collection, returned to Mendi.

28th. Drove to Kamb and completed tax collection, returned to Mendi.

29th. Drove to TUGUP and completed tax collection.

30th. Banked tax money collected. Received news that wife's mother very ill and arranged to proceed on leave on 4th August, 1971.

31st. Packing personal effects.

August, 1971.

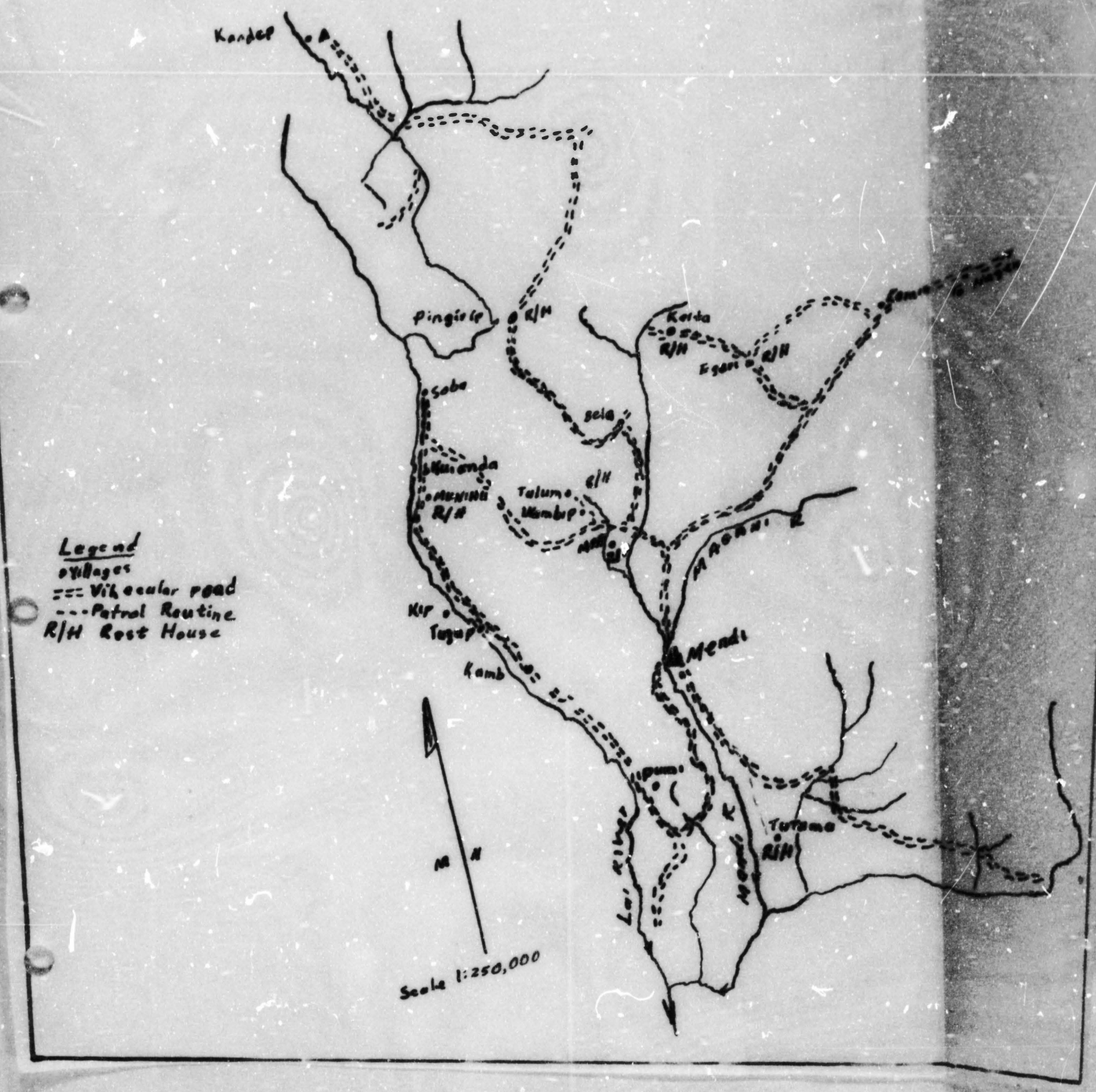
1st. Packing personal effects.

2nd. Finalising work in Mendi prior to proceeding on leave.

3rd. Drove to Munhiu, finalised all Council matters prior to proceeding on leave. Returned to Mendi.

END OF PATROL

Patrol No. 6 of 1971/72



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number Patrol no. 1 of 1970 - 71

Subdistrict Mendi

District Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol Road Maintenance (special)

Patrol Conducted by A.P.O. A.J. Halstead

Area Patrolled (Council and/or Census Division/s.): Mendi - Kip Road; Mendi; Undiri

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

Interpreter Thomas Maia

Duration of Patrol—from 4/1/71 to 15/1/71

No. of Days 12 days

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area:

Date Duration

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) 1/ Repair and replace bridges - supervise road maintenance. 2. Learn Police Motu and Neo-melanesian. 3. Enforce Roads Maintenance Ordinance. 4. Discuss political education, economic development with local people.

Total Population of Area Patrolled

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

G.P.—P&NG/B1657.

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30th July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO. 7 of 1970/1971

Your reference 67-3 of 28th June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. A. Halstead of Mendi-Kip Road.

Mr. Halstead has gained useful experience at bridge - building.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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28th June, 1971

The Secretary,
Department of theAdministrator,
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MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 7 of 1970/71

Please find enclosed two copies of the report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. A.J.Halstead, A.P.O.

Even though the patrol achieved its objectives and Mr. Halstead's enthusiasm is unquestioned, he should refer to Departmental Standing Instructions, Chapter IV, for the correct method of compiling reports.

D.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. Mr. A.J. Halstead,
c.c. A.D.O. Mendi

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20th April, 1971.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
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MENDI PATROL REPORT NO 7 of 1970/71.

Herewith the above report by Mr. A.J. Halstead.

The report, though brief is adequate. The first paragraph of the report is difficult to read because of its construction.

All the bridges between Pumi and Kip have been completed now.

Mr. Halstead is taking his work seriously and is going a good job.

Mr. Halstead's presentation of reports will improve with experience.

(K.A. BOND)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c.
Mr. A.J. Halstead,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
MENDI.

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Division of District Administration
Sub-District Office ,
Mendi.
29/1/71.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
Mendi.

Mendi Patrol No. 1 of 1970/1971.

Patrol conducted by: A.J.Halstead, Assistant Patrol Officer.
Area patrolled: Mendi-Kip Road-Undiri Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying: Thomas Maia-Interpreter.
Duration of patrol: 4/1/71 to 15/1/71.
Seven nights camped out.
Last patrol to the Area:
Object of patrol: Repair and replace bridges, supervise road maintenance, learn Neo-Melanesian and Motu, and discuss political, social and economic development of the people.
Map reference attached.

A.J.Halstead.
Assistant Patrol Officer.

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Department of the Admini
Division of District
Administration.
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

4th January, 1970.

Mr. T. Malotaad,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
MENDI.

PATROL NO 7 of 1970/71.

Following our discussions please depart to IORE today.

Your duties there will be:-

(i) to repair and replace all bridges which need it. Endeavour to always get the best alignment for each bridge. Each bridge is to have at least 5 bearers, and all bearers should have plenty of overhang over the abutment.

(ii) Direct maintenance of the road and upgrade where possible.

(iii) Learn Police Motu and Neo Melanesian.

(iv) You will be accompained by Patrol Interpreter Thomas Maia. Thomas is a sound man with a fair deal of experience, so listen carefully to any advice he has to offer. However, be firm about the bearers for the bridges being long.

(v) The most useful asset you can have will be common sence. Employ it at all times.

(vi) Should any people refuse to carry out road maintenance work, merely write down their names and advise them that under the Roads Maintenance Ordinance they are required to make their roads reasonably passable, and that action will be taken for non compliance.

(vii) I suggest that you invite anybody, who wants to visit you at the rest house, for an hour or so every evening, to have informal discussions about political education, economic development etc..

(viii) I will be visiting you frequently over the next few weeks, and will be able to give assistance.

K A Bond

(K.A. BOND)
Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL DIARY
PARTICULAR SUBJECT

1. Bridge repair and replacement

(a) Following instructions from A.D.C. Mr. Bond, I commenced repairing and replacing eight bridges between the villages of Pumi and Kos. The village people attended in maximum numbers and were eager to build strong bridges comprising of between five and six bearer logs with sapling planking on the topside. People possibly attended in numbers because of financial remuneretion. As per instructions I soon learnt to construct the safest and strongest type of bridge, the bearers needed plenty of overhang over the abutments. The local people, although they seemed to have suitable engineering techniques, tended to cut logs too short. I was most surprised at the stamina and strength of native manpower. Being my first experience in this venture, the later constructions were of a higher standard than the first attempt. The necessity for cleaning and construction of proper channels in the ground ensured adequate drainage on the steep mountainside. On inspection of the total pavement between Pumi village and Kip It was observed that many of the bridges were extremely dangerous for vehicular traffic and needed immediate reconstruction, especially near the Lai river at Kip. However I was unable to complete further repairs.

(b) The road surface was upgraded satisfactorily along this two mile section by two methods. (1) by the use of the council tractor and trailer carting stone to make the top layer level and (2) by constructing suitable culverts where water had washed away certain sections of the road.

(c) With the assistance of two native policemen and Thomas the Interpreter, I feel as though I am gaining s basic grounding in Neo-Melanesian. No attempt was made to communicate in Police Motu.

(d) The Roads Maintenance ~~did-no~~ Ordinance did not have to be enforced.

(e) As regards future roadwork in this area, I feel Interpreter Thomas Maia with the assistance of the local councillors would be quite capable of undertaking the task.

2. Political Development

Following discussions during working hours and in the evenings I found the local people fully aware of Local Government and council proceedings. However when questioned about House of Assembly Members and proceedings and activities, people had little idea of its construction and purpose. I talked about the visit of the Committee for Constitutional Development and the questions to be answered. The people accepted the name Pagini and the proposed flag design with resignation and I felt, apathy too, for there was very little discussion on the subject and they did not venture to make any further suggestions. However when I asked about self government and independence, they were adamant that they are n not ready for this important step. It is obvious that they do not comprehend the vastness of New Guinea and its desire to be an independent nation.

3. Economic Development.
It was pleasing to observe the initiation of a tea project at Iore on the upward journey to Pumi. However the people at Pumi seem to be neglecting their kau kau plots. The women are left to do all the work and thus the following situation has evolved. New garden patches are not cleared by the men and the same areas are therefore replanted over and over again, resulting in a poor quality vegetable. The whole situation will no doubt create what is called a 'time hungry'. An attempt was made to convince the men to clear more garden areas and so enable a six year cycle to operate. I intend having discussions with the Agricultural Officer concerning the situation, and discover what other ventures could be implemented.

4. Social Development.
(a) Law and Order I observed that the two policemen stationed at Pumi provided adequate and capable service for the maintenance of law and order in the area. They settled a number of disputes during my time there.
(b) Missions I visited the United Church Mission at Kip and was made welcome by the resident Tongan minister. The purpose of my visit was to see the construction of a hospital at the mission by 22 volunteer wokers from Warrnambool, Australia. It was an incredible sight to see these energetic tradesmen construct a magnificent modern hospital during a period of two weeks - full credit must be given to the Mission and its volunteers who provide this essential service.

5. Miscellaneous
The villagers from Pumi, Endos, Kos, Pinj and Escamp were paid for the construction of the police compound at Pumi, the compound having been established because of a massacre in the area a few years ago.

Conclusion Altogether this was a rewarding and most satisfying first patrol.

PATROL DIARY

4.1.71 0800-1100 hours. Preparations for patrol to Iore.
1100. Left Mendi by motor cycle accompanied by A.D.C. Mr. Bond, and Interpreter Thomas Maia.
1300. Arrived Pumi rest house. Dismantled bridge below Pumi. Relayed messages to Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

5.1.71 0600 hours. Left Mendi for Pumi by motor cycle.
0800. Organized repairs to bridge.
1600. Rain stopped work. Inspected road for next 3 miles.
1700. Returned to Pumi. Camped night at Pumi.

6.1.71. 0800 hours. Completed first bridge.
1100. Paid people for first bridge. Organized labourers for next three bridges to be repaired. People departed to collect logs.
1500. Inspected road to Pinj.
1600. Returned to Pumi. Camped night at Pumi.

7.1.71 0800 hours. Inspected road to Kos. Organized collection of logs. All people stopped work for Sing-Sing. Discussions with villagers about personal problems, political education.
1800. Discussions with two policemen. Camped night at Pumi.

8.1.71 0700 hours. Proceeded to new bridge sites. Supervised bridge making.
1100. Completed bridge.
1300. Departed for Mendi by motor cycle.
1400. Arrived Mendi. Discussions with A.D.C. Mr. Bond re work on road. Camped night at Mendi.

9.1.71 Observed at Mendi.

10.1.71 Observed at Mendi.

11.1.71 0800 hours. Collected supplies and loaded up transport vehicle.
0930. Departed for Pumi.
1100. Arrived at Pumi. Proceeded to Kip. Left supplies at Kip for Munhui. Observed people had completed all bridges.
1600. Arrived Pumi. Camped night at Pumi.

12.1.71 0730 hours. Organized bridge building.
1400. Proceeded to Pumi for payment of bridges completed. Completed payment. Organized council tractor to cart stone.
1700. Returned to Pumi. Camped night at Pumi.

13.1.71. 0800 hours. Left Pumi for Kip by tractor. Discussions with all villagers en route re collection of suitable logs. Visited Kip Mission. Discussions with Missionary in charge. Inspected new hospital.
1600. Returned to Pumi. A.D.C. Mr. Bond arrived. Paid for two new bridges. Camped night at Pumi.

14.1.71 0800 hours. Discussions with Mr. Bond. Inspected roadworks.
1100. Mr. Bond departed. Completed drains below Pumi. Supervised stone carrying.
1700. Visited teacher at Sumia school. Discussions with local people.
1800. Arrived back at Pumi. Camped night at Pumi.

15.1.71 0800 hours. Supervised earth works and stone carrying.
1100. Paid people for police compound.
1300. Left for Mendi.
1400. Arrived at Mendi. Discussions with A.D.C. Mr. Bond. Patrol completed.

LEGENDS

PATROL ROUTE
VILLAGES
CENSUS BOUNDARIES
ROADS
CREEK

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UPPER MENDI C/D

MENDI

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PUMI

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number: MENDI REPORT NO 8 of 1970/71

Subdistrict: MENDI

District: SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

Type of Patrol: SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by: B. MUNN, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled (Council and/or Census Division/s.): PART KAMBIRI CENSUS DIVISION

Personnel Accompanying Patrol: D. KENNEDY, A.P.O.
CONST. I/C SURU
CONST. I/C KAHAN
INTERPRETER MONGIA

Duration of Patrol—from 20/1 to 3/2/71

No. of Days: (5) 13 days

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: November to January, 1971

Date: Duration:

Objects of Patrol (Briefly): Supervise intensive labour on Mendi-Ialibu Road

Total Population of Area Patrolled:

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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District Commissioner.

G.P.—P&NG/B1657

PJM:MG

KONEDOBU

67-15-76

25th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO.8 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-3-2 of 7th July, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report by Mr. E. Munn.

T. W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary

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The Secretary,
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Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, T.P. & N.G.

Mendi Patrol No. 8 of 1970/1971

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. B. Munn Patrol Officer together with covering memorandum 67-2-1 dated 18th June, 1971 from the A.D.C., Mendi.

The report does not call for comment except to note Mr. Munn has failed to supply a patrol map. This will be forwarded under separate cover.

D.J. CLANCY
District Commissioner

c.c. A.D.C., Mendi

Mr. B. Munn
Officer In Charge,
Margarima

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

18th June, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO 8 of 1970/71.

Herewith the above report of a patrol conducted by Mr. B. Munn, Patrol Officer.

The report arrived without a diary in the first instance. The diary arrived last month.

No comments are necessary.

(K.A. BOND)
Assistant District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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11th February, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Mendi Sub-district,
Southern Highlands District.

Mendi Patrol No. 8 of 1970/71.

Sub-district	:	Mendi
District	:	Southern Highlands
Type of Patrol	:	Special
Patrol conducted by	:	B.Munn.
Area Patrolled	:	Aisaisa Road Camp; Mendi-Ialibu Road.
Council Area	:	Mendi L.G. Council
Personell Acccmpanying	:	Mr.D.Kennedy. A.P.O. Const. 1/C Suru. (part) Const 1/C Kaman. (part) Interpreter Nongia.
Duration of Patrol	:	20th January 1971 to 3rd February 1971.
Last Patrol to Area	:	November to January. Mr.M.Press
Map Reference	:	Patrol Map Attached.
Objects of Patrol	:	Supervise intensive labour on Mendi-Ialibu Road.

B.Munn.

B.Munn.

Patrol Officer.

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Introduction:

1. At the beginning of this patrol it was intended that I spend six weeks on the Mendi-Ialibu, however after only two weeks its was decided that I should return to Mendi. No patrol instructions were issued to me prior to my going on patrol.

Intensive Labour Supervision - Mendi Ialibu Road:

2. As I spent only 14 days on the Mendi-Ialibu road my comments will be brief.

3. The labour line working on the road is at present attempting to remove about 90,000 cubic yards of earth from two cuttings between footages 87,400 and about 90,000 from Mendi.

4. When I first arrived on the road only about 120 men were employed on a contract basis. Contracts of fifty or one hundred feet lengths were given and payment made on the basis of 10 cents per cubic yard and 1 cent for every foot the earth had to be carried to be dumped. Several contracts finished within the first week of my arrival and all workers from those contracts applied for new work. A large number of people from the Kagua, Ialibu and the villages of Omai, Yebe and Aisaisa in the Mendi area swelled the number of workers to a bit over 400.

5. Rations of fish and rice are issued daily but the addition of salt and perhaps wheatmeal to the diet would be advisable. Those people working appear to be content with their lot and few complaints were brought forward during my stay.

6. It may be some time before the people fully understand the contract system. At the moment they feel that if they work slowly and so work for longer than was first estimated, the price of the contract should be increased. Several attempts to explain the system met with little understanding and the same questions were brought forward a few days later.

7. It is possible that the first of the two cutting mentioned will be completed by the end of February. The second cutting could not possibly be finished within three months.

Situation Report:

Political.

8. Though people from several areas in the Southern Highlands are employed on the work site, relations between them appear to be good and without rivalry. On some contracts, because of the small size of some groups, people from different areas worked together. On one contract Ialibus, Kaguas and Omais worked together.

9. Because of the strenuous work and the poor weather conditions, few people were keen to give up their free time to ~~x~~ take part in Political Education discussions. Nothing would have been gained by insisting on attendance at discussions so talks were held only when it seemed that the people were interested. This meant that some of it was done whilst working.

10. The results, as usual, were not encouraging. There seemed to be little understanding, some mis-understanding and much dis-interest. The usual answers were made to questions asked of the people.

Economic:

11. I am hardly able to make much comment on the ~~th~~ economic position of the area because of the brief time I spent there. A great deal of money - about one thousand dollars per fortnight - is being paid by Public Works for the hire of Labour. A large amount is also being paid to contract labour and was previously paid to workers on a daily wage. Some money is also being paid as compensation for tress and gardens destroyed along the route.

Social:

Law and Order:

12. Four local Courts were heard and two men sentenced to periods of imprisonment. As the patrol dealt mainly with those people working on the road, most local disputes and courts were taken to Mendi.

Conclusion:

13. A short but interesting patrol.

B Munn.

B.Munn.
Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY.

20th January, 1971.

Departed Mendi 1100 hrs and drove to Omai. Waolked to Aisaisa with Mr.Mulcahy and Mr.Kennedy APO. ad two members of the Department of Labour. Afternoon spent on road. Slept Aisaisa.

21st January, 1971.

Day spent supervising labour on two cuttings.

Slept Aisaisa.

22nd January, 1971.

Day spent supervising labour. Rations issued.

Slept Aisaisa.

23rd January, 1971.

Weekend labour supervision. New work contracts arranged.

Slept Aisaisa.

24th January, 1971.

Weekend labour supervision. Names of new labourers taken.

Slept Aisaisa.

25th January, 1971.

Labour roll called. Routine labour supervision.

Slept Aisaisa.

26th January, 1971.

Routine labour supervision. Slept Aisaisa.

27th January, 1971.

Travelled to Mendi to purchase supplies. Visited several departments. Returned to Aisaisa late afternoon. Slept Aisaisa.

28th January, 1971.

Routine labour supervision. Slept Aisaisa.

29th January, 1971.

Routine labour supervision. Slept Aisaisa.

30th January, 1971.

Saturday. Drove to Mendi. Advised by Mr.Bond. ADC. Mendi that I would be returning to Margarima wthin the next week. Returned to Aisaisa late afternoon. Slept Aisaisa.

31st January, 1971.

Sunday. Weekend labour supervision. Slept Aisaisa.

1st February, 1971.

Routine labour supervision. Roll call and issue of rations.

Slept Aisaisa.

2nd February, 1971.

Roll call and labour supervision until 1100 hrs. Two local courts heard. Accompanied prisoner to Mendi. Returned to Aisaisa 1700 hrs.

Slept Aisaisa.

3rd February, 1971.

Departed Aisaisa and drove to Mendi. Departed Mendi for Margarima.

END OF DIARY.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number Mendi Report - Patrol No. 9 of 1970/71

Subdistrict Mendi

District Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol Special

Patrol Conducted by A.J.Halstead - Assistant Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled (Council and/or Census Division/s.) Mendi - Kandep Road
Karint Census Division
Mendi Local Government Council

Personnel Accompanying Patrol (At various stages of development)

K.A.Bond - A.D.C.Mendi
N.J.Spence-Mendi Local Government Council Adviser
Interpreters -Thomas Maia,Nandabe Tagua,
Kosomba Pendeme,Sipendi Pian

A.P.O.David on loan from District Health Office .

Duration of Patrol—from 18/1/ /71 to 30/4/71

No. of Days 103 non-continuous - 34 nights camped out

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area:

Date Duration

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) Supervise road construction - Discuss political and economic Development with the people.

Total Population of Area Patrolled Approximately 2.000 people

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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20/8/1971

D J Clancy
District Commissioner.

G.P.—P&NG/B 1657.

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District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO 9 of 1970/71.

Herewith the above report of a patrol by Mr. A. Halstead.

The link to Kandep is now completed, although this link does need considerable improvement, which will come naturally once the road is used fairly regularly, it has to be widened in places, wabes will have to be ironed out, and slips will occur in bad weather for a good few months yet.

But the link is complete, and it is a good link, grades are good, and the foundations are of a good material (mainly a sedimentary sandstone).

For this, Mr. Halstead deserves a large part of the credit. He went out there to get the job done as a very junior officer (brand new actually), and very doubtful of the wisdom of his decision to join the Territory Public Service. On this job he realised how worthwhile was his job as a field officer in the service, and gave his job the effort it deserves.

I visited Mr. Halstead as often as I could, and camped on the job a few times when necessary, Mr. Tozer also gave some assistance, but in the main Mr. Halstead had to cope with a completely new environment in company with an unfamiliar people by himself and find his level.

COMMENTS.

Mr. Halstead has greatly overestimated distances, although this is understandable; a road always seems longer when you have to keep walking up and down it, often in pouring rain. The length of the link completed is approximately 4½ miles, not 6. Other distances are overestimated too.

The survey was conducted in April last year by Mr. Linnet, and myself as Administrative Adviser to the Mendi Local Government Council. During May and June, 1970 I supervised the construction of one and a half miles of road. During the last part of June, 1970 the Local people constructed another half mile themselves, not keeping to the correct levels, and I suspended work on the road then.

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When Mr. Tozer arrived he went out to recommence work, but he was only there a week when he got Bronchial Pnunomia and was off work for a fortnight, and he was then required to attend a training course at District Office for a fortnight. In that month the local people did about a mile of road getting the levels hopelessly wrong, and straying off the route in places. I was forced to suspend work again.

In January of this year when Mr. Halstead went out he had approximately a mile and a half of patching up to do, and about a mile of new work to do. I had arranged with the Officer-in-Charge, Kandep for the Kandep people to do the balance, i.e. one mile, on the northern side.

There is still 1200' of patching up to be done (although this part is trafficable). Patching up is very slow work.

I would point out, that as well as patching and making new road, Mr. Halstead has supervised the improvement of several miles of very bad road between Angil and Sengso, and has upgraded what was once a bottomless boghole a mile long in wet weather to an all weather bit of road.

Mr. Halstead has taken his work seriously and done his best. His attitude and efforts have been commendable.

K. A. Bond

(K.A. BND)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Southern Highlands District.

MENDI SPECIAL PATROL NO.9 of 1970/1971

Patrol Conducted by : A.J.Halstead (Assistant Patrol Officer)

Area Patrolled : Mendi-Kandep Road situated in the Karint Census Division of the Mendi Local Government Council.

Personnel Accompanying: K.A.Bond - A.D.C. Mendi(Part)
N.J.Spence -Mendi L.G.C. Adviser(Part)
Aid Post Orderly - David
Interpreters - Thomas Kaia,Nandabe Tagua,Kosombo Pendeme, Sipendi Pian.

Duration of Patrol: 18/1/71 to 30/4/71 (non-continuous)
103 days.
34 nights carried out.

Last Patrol to the Area: Nil

Object of Patrol: Supervision of road construction on the Mendi-Kandep Road. Relations concerning Political and economic development with the people.

Map reference: Map is attached.

A.J.Halstead.
Assistant Patrol Officer.

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
17th January, 1971.

Mr. A.J. Halstead,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

INSTRUCTIONS : MENDI PATROL NO 9,

Following our discussions please be prepared to complete the Mendi Kandep Road.

1. Get to the section of road the people have done without supervision, and put it onto the right levels. You will have an inclinometer, and on no account tolerate grades greater than 12%, and try to have most of the grades between 8% and 10%.

2 When that is completed construct the remainder of the new road. I have arranged for the Kandeps to do one mile of it on their side.

3. You will have to organise and supervise the labour for the job.

4. Take every opportunity you can to discuss political and economic development with the people.

5. I will visit you when possible to give assistance.

K. A. Bond.

(K.A. BOND)
Assistant District Commissioner.

SITUATION REPORT

REPORT ON SPECIAL ASPECT OF THIS PATROL : Road Construction.

(1) My work on this road had three aspects -
(a) improvement of the section from Pembi to Ingil,
(b) the patching up of certain sections made last calendar year by the local people without close supervision and
(c) the cutting of new bush and road work.

(2) The improvement of the existing road between Pembi and Pingerip was carried out whenever necessary throughout the patrol. The frequent traffic of tractors and trailers continually caused breakdown and collapse at various points.

(3) Patching up and improvement.
For a little less than two months I supervised the patching up of sections where last year the local people had strayed from the levels, and occasionally the route. Work on these sections had been paid for last year, so people redoing this received rations without any further pay (which was not all that popular). As a consequence of this unpopularity patching up was not done in its entirety, there remaining 1200 feet to be graded correctly.

(4) New work completed by me was about a mile long. Payment for this work was by contract - $14 a hundred lineal feet plus rations of rice and fish. This section has been done on the correct gradient and now only needs widening in a few places, and routine improvement which will occur by normal maintenance.

(5) The foundation of the road just completed by Mr. Bond and Mr. Tozer and myself, which is four and a half miles, is of mainly sedimentary shale (mudstone, siltstone, greystone) which is [illegible]. Because this becomes slippery when wet the road will need surfacing with either limestone or alluvial gravel from the creek beds.

(6) Before the road from Mendi to Kandep can be of a high standard, certain portions between Was and Ingil need rerouting because of excessive gradients on the existing road, particularly near Pembi.

(7) Supervision of Labour.
I have found that the workers had to be very closely supervised to maintain the correct gradients. The local people seeing no sense in going a longer distance to get a reasonable grade, often tried to take short cuts and to reroute the road to where they considered was a better place. I kept them on the gradients by the expedient of getting them to make drains across the road at the right level.

(8) Stone and Gravel.
There are two sources of surfacing material in the vicinity namely (a) gravel in the bed of the Ingil River which is of high quality and (b) a limestone out-crop which would be suitable for a quarry. The Assistant District Commissioner has stated he will investigate the use of the limestone out-crop as a quarry.

(9) There are two jobs which the Mendi Local Government Council must complete. There is a 1200 feet long section which has to be set on the right gradient by cutting and filling. Many corners need shaving and the road widening in parts. The local people can widen the road by themselves well enough, but for the cutting and filling they will need s supervision from someone who can read an inclinometer.

A. POLITICAL.
As about nine councillors of the Mendi Local Government Council have been present at various stages of construction on the road, the time has been opportune to teach the local people about the system of Local Government and its role in the political development of Papua New Guinea.

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By actual involvement of the Councillors and the local people in discussions lively debate and knowledge of proceedures have eventuated.

On observation ,however,it is noticeably apparent ,especially in decision making,that the councillors elected are often 'front' men .When a critical situation arises the decisions are made by the less - obvious traditional leaders obscurred in the background.However,Councillors Tubiri and Asendal were two who had considerable influence in the above situations. This shows that they are keen about their position as Councillors. The other Councillors have virtually taken no interest in this particular'self-help' project which is rather disappointing.

As far as political education in wider fields was concerned,such as House of Assembly organisation and proceedure the following method was successful. In the evenings around the campfire all interested local people would listen to the wireless to programmes like the 'pidgin'news.This tecnique provided an excellent means of motivation.Immediately the broadcast finished considerable discussion about current events and happenings eventuated. These could be easily manoeuvered into political discussion,not only about the country of Papua New Guinea but also about other countries. On questioning the labourers at odd intervals during the working day it could be seen that they had learned some facts from these discussions.

It was practically impossible to teach the local people abput preferential voting systems and other matters. This was mainly due to the people starting work early in the morning . Lack of suitable shelter hindered discussions at night time. In actual fact the whole emphasis of the patrol was to complete the road as efficiently as possible.

B. ECONOMIC.

From time to time casual visits were paid to the neighbouring gardens. Advise was given concerning planting vegetables namely,carrots, peas , pumpkins,cabbages and potatoes.It was found that these vegetables could grow at this altitude quite well. It was explained to the local people that th there is a ready market for produce in Mendi.

The Pingirip valley is a very suitable place to establish a number of cattle projects. The valley has a low flat floor suitable for grazing and planting pasture. The high mountain range provides an excellent natural barrier. The availability of markets would be close to when the road has been up-graded sufficiently.

The local people seem to have adequate supplies of sweet potato although there is ample room for extending gardens up the valley floor. However the effort of clearing new bush does not seem to appeal to these people.

Pyrethrum would grow well in this area if the people were prepared to clear largers area of ground and wait for the plants to grow.The climate is ideal for this crop.

C. SOCIAL.

In the early stages of this patrol I noticed that a number of local people were suffering from large sores which I thought may be yaws. The District Medical Officer visited the area and advised me that the disease was mainly bad scabies.

The District Medical Officer appointed an Aid Post Orderly at the camp after this to cater for any emergencies. The local were also provided with a service for this time. This proved to be a success as there is no Aid-Post i in the area.

D. CONCLUSION.

The main emphasis of this patrol was the completion of the missing four and a half miles of road between Mendi and Kandep.Because of this I have not studied other aspects of the Situation Report.

As stated in the earlier part of the report I hope that the Mendi Local Government Council will complete the task correctly and effectively so that this important road link can be used as soon as possible.

A.J. Talstead. Assistant Patrol Officer.
30/4/71.

PATROL DIARY

18/1/71 0745 Reported Sub-District Office.Loaded stores of rice and fish.Proceeded to camp at Ingil on the Kandep Road by motor cycle. 1200 hours.Inspected road.Supervised scaling of rations. 1800 hours- Camped night at Ingil .

19/1/71 0745- Checked labour line.Supervised roadworks.Surveyed new section of road. 1700 hours - Returned to camp and scaled rations to labour line . Camped night at Ingil.

20/1/71 0745 Checked labour line.Supervised roadworks and surveyed newm section of road. 1700 hours - returned to camp and scaled rations to labourers.Listened to dispute. Camped night at Ingil.

21/1/71 0700 hours.Checked labour line and supervised roadworks. 1030 hours- Left Ingil by motorcycle for Mendi.1230 hours arrived Mendi.Completed office work. 1615 Camped night at Mendi.

22/1/71 0745 Office work at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

23/1/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

24/1/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

25/1/71 0745- Reported Subdistrict Office.Prepared rations.1000 hours left for Ingil by motorcycle.1300 hours - arrived Ingil and organised labour line.1400 hours -heavy rain stopped work. Issued rations and paid carriers. 1700 hours - camped night at Ingil.

26/1/71 0700 hours- checked labour line and supervised roadworks. 1630 hours- distributed rations and left by motor cycle for Mendi. 1800 hours arrived Mendi- had discussions with A.D.C. Mr. Bond concerning problems at the roadwork. Camped night at Mendi.

27/1/71 0745. Left Mendi by motorcycle for Ingil.1100 hours-arrived at Ingil-road conditions very poor.Supervised roadworks. 1200 hours- walked to inspect Kandep section of the road. 1400 hours- returned to roadworks. A.D.C. Mr. Bond arrived and inspected work done so far.1700 hours- Scaled rations. Camped night at Ingil.

28/1/71 0700 hours. Checked labour line and supervised roadworks. Surveyed new section of road. 1700 hours-scaled rations. Camped night at Ingil.

29/1/71 0700 hours- Checked labour line and supervised roadworks. 1000 hours.Left Ingil by motorcycle for Mendi.1230 hours- Arrived Mendi and completed office work at the Sub-District Office. 1630 hours - camped night at Mendi.

30/1/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

31/1/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

1/2/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

2/2/71 0745 hours- Reported Sub-District and prepared supplies. 1000 hours- Departed by motor cycle for Ingil. 1200 hours- Arrived Ingil and supervised roadworks-Tractor and trailer arrived for stonework.1700 hours-scaled rations. Camped nightat Ingil.

3/2/71 0745. Checked labour line and supervised roadworks.Assisted with stoning of new section of road. 1400 hours - heavy rain stopped work. 1800 hours- scaled rations and checked Census books.-camped night at Ingil.

4/2/71 0700 hours - Checked labour line and supervised roadworks. Surveyed new section of road.1500 hours heavy rain stopped work. 1800 hours - scaled rations and had discussions with local ,headmen.
Camped night at Ingil.

5/2/71 0700 Checked labour line and supervised roadworks. 1100 hours Left Ingil by motorcycle for Mendi. 1500 hours - arrived Mendi and completed office work at Mendi S.D.H/Q.
1430 hours - Camped night at Mendi.

6/2/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

7/2/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped nightat Mendi.

8/2/71 0745 hours. Reported to S.D.H/Q. Discussions on Kandep road development with D.C. Mr. Clancy. 1300 hours - Observed roadwork by aerial observation and had discussions with the O.I.C. at Kandep. 1500 hours- arrived at Mendi and completed office work. 1700 hours Camped night at Mendi.

9/2/71 0745 hours. Prepared rations for Ingil. 0830- Left by motor cycle for Ingil.1100 hours - arrived Ingil. Supervised roadworks and surveyed new section of road. 1700 hours- scaled rations and checked labour line against Census books. Camped night at Ingil.

10/2/71 0700 hours- checked labour line and supervised roadworks. Surveyed new section of road and supervised stoning of road. 1700 hours- scaled rations. Camped night at Ingil.

11/2/71 0700 hours. Checked labour line and supervised roadworks. Surveyed new section of road.1130 hours - heavy rain stopped work. 1500 hours -work resumed. 1700 hours. scaled rations. Camped night at Ingil.

12/2/71 0700 hours- Checked labour line and supervised roadworks. 1000 hours- Left Ingil by motorcycle for Mendi. 1300 hours- arrived Mendi-completed office work at S.D.H/Q.
1630 hours- Camped night at Mendi.

13/2/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

14/2/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

15/2/71 0745. Reported S.D.H/Q. 1000 hours- Departed by motorcycle for Ingil.1100 hours-Motorcycle brokedown at Bela.Walked to Nene and Semp-observed A.P.O Mr. Tozer conduct a Census. A.D.C Mr. Bond arrived.Collected a new labour line and walked to Ingil. 1930 hours arrived at Ingil-scaled rations. Camped night at Ingil.

16/2/71 0700 hours- Supervised roadworks and surveyed new section of road. 1400 hours. Walked from Ingil to Pingirip where we met Transport. Accompanied Mr. Bond to Mendi.1830 hours- arrived at Mendi.-Camped night at Mendi;

17/2/71 0745 hours- reported to S.D.H/Q ,Departed for Ingil by motorcycle.1000 hours-arrived at Ingil. Supervised roadwork and surveyed new section of road. 1300 hours-Dr. Vickers arrived-inspected men covered with sores.
1700 hours- scaled rations. Camped night at Ingil.

18/2/71 0700 hours- checked labour line and supervised roadworks. Surveyed new section of road.1300 hours-heavy rain stopped work.1700 hours- scaled rations.Camped nightat Ingil.

19/2/71 0700 hours. Checked labour line and supervised roadworks. 1130 hours.Departed by motorcycle for Mendi. 1430 hours. arrived at Mendi.Discussions concerning United Nations visiting Mission. 1700 hours .Camped night at Mendi.

20/2/71 Assisted with U.N.Mission arrangements in Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

21/2/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

22/2/71 Assisted with U.N.Mission arrangements. Camped night at Mendi.

23/2/71 Assisted with U.N.Mission arrangements.0930 hours- departed by motorcycle for ~~Mendi~~Ingil.1200 hours- supervised roadworks and surveyed new section of road. 1500 hours -heavy rain stopped work. 1700 hours- scaled rations.Camped night at Ingil.

24/2/71 0700 hours-Checked labour line.Supervised roadworks and s surveyed new section of road to be cut.1230 hours - talks with O.I.C.Kandep concerning finance and rations.1400 hours A.D.C.Mr. Bond arrived.Returned to base camp at Ingil. Discussions with Councillors.1715 hours-Mr. Bond departed. Scaled rations. Camped night at Ingil.

25/2/71 0700 hours.Checked labour line and supervised roadworks. Surveyed new section of road.1500 hours rain stopped work. 1700 hours scaled rations. Camped night at Ingil.

26/2/71 0700 hours-Checked labour line and supervised roadworks. 0930 hours-Left by motorcycle for Mendi.Stopped at Wogia for discussions with Leprosy Control Mission.1500 hours- arrived at Mendi.Completed office work .1700 hours - Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

27/2/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

28/2/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

1 /3/71 0745 hours-Reported to S.D.H/Q.Arranged supplies and Transport to Ingil.1100 hours-Departed by motorcycle for Ingil. Rain stopped all work.1700 hours - scaled rations. Camped night at Ingil.

2/3/71.0700 hours.Checked labour line.Supervised roadworks and surveyed new section of road.Discussions with Councillors regarding non attendance of labourers.1000 hours-investigated cutting of Pandanus trees.1400 hours -departed by motorcycle for Mendi for discussions with A.D.C.Mr. Bond. 1830 hours.camped night at Mendi.

3/3/71 0745 hours-Reported at S.D.H/Q.0930 hours-departed by motorcycle for Ingil.Inspected roadworks en route.1300 hours arrived Ingil.Supervised roadworks.1700hours- sdaled rations Camped night at Ingil.

4/3/71 0700 hours. Checked labour line and supervised roadworks. Talks on Economic development to try and enthuse workers . Walked new section of road to find the correct survey pegs. 1700 hours- scaled rations and departed for Mendi by motorcycle.1915 hours.arrived Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

5/3/71 0745 hours-Reported to S.D.H/Q.Interview with Mr.Mulcahy. Completed office work. 1700 hours - Camped night at Mendi.

6/3/71 Observed at Mendi.Camped night at Mendi.

7/3/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

8/3/71 0745 Reported at Sub-District Office.Received instructions and organised stores.930 hours departed for Ingil. Inspected road from Mulim to Bela.Instructed all people en route concerning the Council 'pig on road' law. 1300 hours-arrived at Ingil.Organised labour lines and scaled rations.1630 hours-Camped night at Ingil.

9/3/71 0630 Organised labour lines and allotted 100ft. marks to each group.Supervised earthworks and also checked the building of the new resthouse.Organised roadworks at Pingirip.1300 hours heavy rain stopped all work.1700 hours scaled rations and camped night at Ingil.

10/3/71 0600 hours checked labour line and supervised roadworks. Walked through to the Kandep section and checked roadwork. Marked new sections of roadwork for next week.1700 hours scaled rations and camped night at Ingil.

11/3/71 0700 hours-checked labour line and supervised roadworks. Paid labourers for completed marks.1550hours departed by motorcycle for Mendi.1700 hours -arrived at Mendi and camped at Mendi.

12/3/71 0745-Reported at Sub-District Office-Discussions and office work.1530-Meeting at District Headquarters.Camped night at Mendi.

13/3/71 Observed at Mendi.Camped night at Mendi.

14/3/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

15/3/71 0745 Reported at Sub-District Office and organised stores. 0930 Departed for Ingil by motor-cycle.Paid for bridge at Pingirip 1200 hours arrived at Ingil.Organised labour lines and scaled rations.1700 hours walked to Sawmill and investigated theft of saws from Catholic Mission. 1800 hours Camped night at Ingil.

16/3/71 0600 hours-Organised labour line and supervised roadworks. 1300 hours -left for Mendi to inform police of theft. 1630 hours-Camped night at Mendi.

17/3/71 0745 hours-Departed for Ingil by motorcycle.1230 -Arrived Ingil after repairing tyre.Inspected roadworks to ensure correct levelling of new works.Scaled rations and had discussions with foremen.1800 hours -Camped night at Ingil.

18/3/71 0630 hours.Organised labourrrs and supervised roadworks. Paid men for completed marks.Marked sections for next weeks work.1630 hours-left by motorcycle for Mendi. 1800 hours - Arrived at Mendi and camped night at Mendi.

19/3/71 0745 hours-Reported at Sub-District Office.Discussions with A.D.C.Mr.Bond and completed office work.1730 hours- Camped night at Mendi.

20/3/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

21/3/71 Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.

22/3/71.0745-Reported at Sub-District office and organised supplies. 1100 hours -Departed for Ingil.1400 hours -arrived at Ingil. Organised labourers and rations. Inspected road with A.D.C.Mr.Bond. 1730.Mr. Bond departed.Camped night at Ingil.

23/3/71 0700 hours-Organised labour line and supervised roadworks. Surveyed new section of road.1130 hours-Heavy rain stopped work for the rest of the day. 1730 hours-scaled rations and camped night at Ingil.

24/3/71 0700 hours-Organised labour line and supervised roadworks Inspected Kandep section of the road.Accompanied Mr.Spence on brief inspection of the work done so far.1300 hours left for Mendi.1630 hours -Camped night at Mendi.

25/3/71	0745 Reported Sub-District Office received instructions to proceed to Ialibu road and supervise labour lines. Camped night at Mendi.
26/3/71	Supervised roadworks on Ialibu Road. Scaled rations accordingly. Camped at Mendi.
27/3/71	Supervised roadworks on Ialibu road. Scaled rations accordingly. Slept at Mendi.
28/3/71	Scaled rations on Ialibu Road. Slept at Mendi.
29/3/71	Scaled rations at Ialibu Road. Slept at Mendi.
30/3/71	Supervised roadworks on Ialibu road. Scaled rations accordingly. slept at Mendi.
31/3/71	Supervised roadworks on Ialibu road. Scaled rations accordingly. Slept at Mendi.
1/4/71	Supervised roadworks on Ialibu road. Scaled rations accordingly. Slept at Mendi.
2/4/71	Supervised roadworks on Ialibu road. Scaled rations accordingly. Slept at Mendi.
3/4/71	Transported Mr. Craig to Ialibu road. Slept at Mendi.
4/4/71	Observed at Mendi. Slept at Mendi.
5/4/71	0745 reported at Sub-District Office. Prepared supplies for Kandep road and departed for Ingil by motor-cycle. Organised labour lines and scaled rations. 1900 hours. Camped at Ingil.
6/4/71	0630 hours. Organised labourers and supervised roadworks. 1000 hours. Left Ingil for Pasurim to deliver two troublemakers to the police. Assisted Mr. Bond with Census at Pasurim. 1800 hours - camped at Pasurim.
7/4/71	0615 hours - packed gear and walked to Bela. 1000 hours - assisted Mr. Bond with Census at Bela. 1600 hours left for Mendi by car. Camped at Mendi.
8/4/71	0745 - reported to Sub-District Office. Completed office duties. 1615 hours - slept at Mendi.
9/4/71	Good Friday - Slept at Mendi.
10/4/71	Easter - Slept at Mendi.
11/4/71	Easter - slept at Mendi.
12/4/71	Easter - slept at Mendi.
13/4/71	Easter - slept at Mendi.
14/4/71	0745 reported at Sub-District Office. Carried out Land investigation at Komia. 1615 - slept at Mendi.
15/4/71	0745 - Land Investigation Reports. 1800 hours - slept at Mendi.
16/4/71	0745 hours - Land Investigation Reports. 1615 hours - camped night at Mendi.
17/4/71	Observed at Mendi. Camped night at Mendi.
18/4/71.	Observed at Mendi. Slept night at Mendi.
19/4/71	0745 hours - reported Sub-District Office. Proceeded to Ingil by motor-cycle. Organised labour lines and scaled rations. 1700 hours - camped night at Ingil.
20/4/71	0730 hours - organised labour and supervised roadworks. After discussions with the O.I.C. Kandep concerning future work proceeded to Mendi for discussions with A.D.C. Bond. Slept at Mendi.
21/4/71	0745 hours - returned to Ingil by motor-cycle. Supervised road-works and scaled rations. Camped at Ingil.

22/4/71 0730 hours - organised labour line and supervised roadworks.1100 hours departed Ingil and proceeded to Mendi. Completed office work.Camped night at Mendi.

23/4/71 0745 - reported at Sub-District Office.Duties in and around the town.
1630 hours - camped night at Mendi.

24/4/71 Observed at Mendi.Camped night at Mendi.

25/4/71 Observed at Mendi.Camped night at Mendi.

26/4/71 Observed at Mendi .Camped night at Mendi.

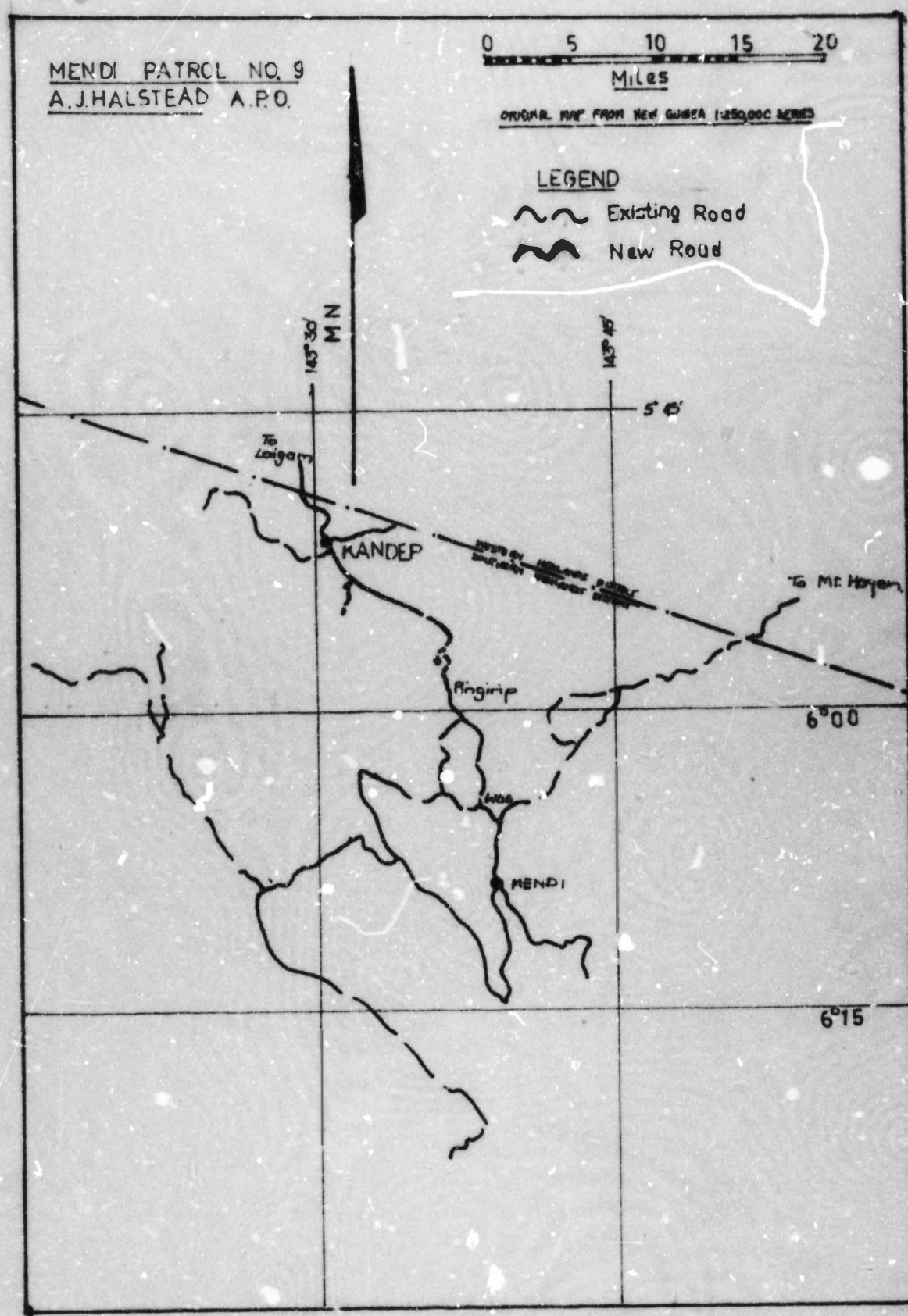
27/4/71 0745 - Reported at Sub-District Office.Proceeded to Ingil by motor-cycle.Organised labour-lines and scaled rations. Inspected the road with Mr. Bond.
Camped night at Ingil.

28/4/71 0630 hours -organised labour lines and supervised roadworks.
1300 hours . Rain stopped all work
Camped night at Ingil.

29/4/71 0630 - organised labour lines and supervised roadworks.
Work marred by rain nearly all day.
Accompanied the Surveyor ,Mr. Edwards from P.W.D. to obtain correct levels on badly made section of road.
Inspected the whole road from Ingil to The top of the range.
1800 hours.arrived Ingil and camped night at Ingil.

30/4/71 0630 hours - organised labour lines and supervised roadworks.
1500 hours -scaled pay and departed for Mendi by motor-cycle.
1800 hours - arrived at Mendi.
Camped night at Mendi.

Patrol completed.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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No Mendi No. 11 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by J.R.Bullock, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Part Kambiri Census Division (Mendi/Ialibu Road.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans D.C.Kennedy , Assistant Patrol Officer.

Natives 1 R.P.N.G.C. and 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 9 /2/1971 to 19 /3/1971

Number of Days 39 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ? Yes.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ...../...../19 Mendi Patrol No.5 of 1970/71

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

Map Reference Kutubu Fourmil.

Objects of Patrol Supervision of intensive labour employed on the construction of the Mendi / Ialibu Road.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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 ....

KOMPIAMBU.

67-15-77

26th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO. 11 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-3-2 of 6th July, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report by J.R. Bullock.

T/O. E
(T.H. WILLIS)
Secretary.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
12 JUL 1971
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District Office,
Mendi, S.H.D.

The Secretary,
Dept. of the Administrator,
Div. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

6th July, 1971.

Mendi Patrol No. 11 of 1970/1971

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. J. Bullock Patrol Officer together with copies of 67-2-1 dated 18th June, 1971 and 10-4-6 dated 20th November, 1970 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.

Comments

1. Despite the difficulties experienced with this project using "intensive labour", we have managed to learn from our mistakes and we are getting on with the job. Every D.D.A. Officer detailed to this work has made suggestions for improving the operation, some are good and some are impractical or go beyond our resources financially and staff wise.

2. Public Works Department will be advised on every occasion where it appears the rate of pay for the work done, on a particular section, is not sufficient. I am sure there are means to varing the contract arrangement.

3. The comment on page 3 regarding an apparently "unsuccessful attempt to upgrade existing Rural development roads of low standard which are probably to be re-routed", using Rural Development funds will be referred to the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa. Mr. Bullock would be well advised to confine his comments to the particular objectives of the patrol and not to make comments about other areas and roads except by separate memorandum.

D.J. CLANCY
District Commissioner

c.c. Mr. J. Bullock, ADO
Assistant District Commissioner
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

18th June, 1971.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
MENDI
25 JUN 1971
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT
NEW GUINEA

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Attached please find the report of Patrol No II of 1970/71 conducted by Mr. J. Bullock.

In respect of Mr. Bullock's remarks about labour conditions there has been no difficulty at all in getting sufficient labour for the road since last November/December, so as far as the labourers are concerned conditions must be fairly appealing. I attach a copy of my 10-4-6 of 20th November, 1970 which sums up my views with the only qualification that in paragraph (a) I referred to 400 men; at that time 400 was the maximum for reasonable efficiency, buy as the terrain changes so will the optimum number of men.

In respect of rates of pay and how they are paid this office apparently does not even have persuasive authority. Public Works Department changed from day pay to contracts without even informing this office. Now the contract system is working well, I would not want to change again. But I think the paragraphs numbered (b) to (e) are still pertinent.

The Omai Quarry has not yet been brought.

Some cases of threatening behaviour were heard by the Court in Mendi, and were sternly dealt with.

K. A. Bond

(K.A. BOND)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c.
Mr. J. Bullock,
Sub-District Office,
WIPA.

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10-1-13.

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

20th November, 1970.

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Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI-IALIBU ROAD.

At present labour on the road is not efficient. There is a tendency to blame this on the daily wage system, maintaining that by contract efficiency would increase.

To me this seems to be throwing the responsibility for mismanagement upon the labour. On a daily wage system the Administration pays for its mistakes, on a contract system the labour has to bear the cost.

Observations of the work and labour causes me to form the opinion that daily labour could be made times more efficient by taking note of human matters and prevailing conditions.

~~The following~~
To improve the situation I recommend most strongly the following.

VARIABLE ACCORDING TO CONDITIONS K.O.B.

(a) Labour be kept to about 400 men maximum. At present the labour on the road is approximately 600 men, and it provides a striking example of the law of diminishing marginal productivity.

(b) There be a ratio of 4 carriers to each shoveller. To ensure congestion does not occur on work face and to achieve better utilization of manpower.

(c) To avoid bunching and bottlemecks of carriers and to ensure a steady continuous disposal of spoil the carriers be made to travel in a continuous one way flow, even if it means single file carrying alongside a pit pit fence or guide.

(d) The disorganised system of feeding should be replaced by a new concept (for the road) of a mess. At present there are about 35 cooks catering for individual groups. I recommend that 10 cooks only be used, recruited on the same conditions but separately from the labourers. These cooks, cook the rice and fish twice daily, and start cooking at 4.30 am. at 6.30 am the labour file past and be given the morning rations of rice and fish. At 4.30 pm in the afternoon they cook the evening meal.

At present they are all cooking for themselves, are gorging themselves at night and working on empty

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bellies all day. When the sweet potatoe arrives it is all eaten within 3 days. The other four days they have ¾ lb rice only as staple.

(e) The kau kau owing to circumstances, will have to be discontinued. I recommend a varied diet which will cost lessper man per day than the present diet, which costs 13½ cents per man per day. viz.

ITEM	AMOUNT	COSTS
FISH	4 oz	.0375
RICE	1 lb	.0600
WHEATMEAL	4 oz	.00935
SALT	1 oz	.00333
TOBACCO	2 sticks per week	.01265
SOAP	2 oz per week	.00143
		$0.12428

with full time cooks the wheatmeal could be cooked into biscuits and doled out to the men at noon.

(f) I am sending out 2 D.D.A. Interpretegs with Mr. Cranick, who is due any time now. A D.D.A. Interpreter should be able to handle a gang of 100 men once he gets a system going. I would recommend 4 gangs of 20 shovellers and 80 carriers.

Finally, for the maximum putputmen must be in fairly good spirits, and be organised into teams, not gaggles. At present there is a group of Nipa's who have recently gone out, and they are really going well, but once they get sour their production will plummet.

(KA.B OND)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Southern Highlands District.

20th March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
MENDI.

Mendi Patrol No. 11 of 1970/71.

Patrol conducted by:	J.R. Bullock, Patrol Officer.
Area patrolled:	Part Kambiri Census Division (Mendi/Ialibu Road)
Type of patrol:	Special.
Personnel accompanying:	D.C. Kennedy, Assistant Patrol Officer. 1 member R.P.N.G.C. 1 interpreter.
Duration of patrol:	9.2.71 - 19.3.71 39 days.
Last patrol to area:	Mendi Patrol No. 5 of 1970/71.
Object of patrol:	Supervision of intensive labour employed on the construction of the Mendi/Ialibu Road.
Map reference:	Fourmil.

J. R. Bullock,
Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY.

Mendi Patrol No. 11 of 1970/71.

Tuesday, 9.2.71	To Aisaisa Road camp. Met Mr. Kennedy and inspected the road work. Settled in. Slept Aisaisa.
Wednesday, 10.2.71	Maintenance on roest house. Inspection of road with Mr. C. Allen to 1400 hours. Heavy rain stopped work. Returned work 1500 hours. Rations scaled 1630-1700 hours. Work stopped. Slept Aisaisa.
Thursday, 11.2.71	0800 hours inspection of road work. General supervision. Discussions with Mr. Allen and surveyor. Two minor disputes. Supervision to 17 0 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Friday, 12.2.71	General supervision of road work to 1800 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Saturday, 13.3.71	At Aisaisa. Maintenance on rest house.
Sunday, 14.2.71	At Aisaisa. Various men taken on. Rations issued.
Monday, 15.2.71	General supervision all day, to 1730 hours. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.
Tuesday, 16.2.71	To Mendi to pick up wife, replenish stores and take out advance of $1000.00 Returned Aisaisa 1630 hours. Rations issued to labour. Slept Aisaisa.
Wednesday, 17.2.71	General supervision of road work all day. Rations issued. Work completed 1730 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Thursday, 18.2.71	Roll called for all lines. Two minor disputes. General supervision to 1700 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Friday, 19.2.71	All work inspected. Two contracts completed and paid off. Discussion with B. Edwards, surveyor. General supervision. Slept Aisaisa.
Saturday, 20.2.71	At Aisaisa. Slept Aisaisa.
Sunday, 21.2.71	At Aisaisa. Stocktake of rations. More recruits taken on. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.
Monday, 22.2.71	Rolls called. General supervision. New lines put on contracts. Rations issued 1800 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Tuesday, 23.2.71	General supervision all day to 1730 hours. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.
Wednesday, 24.2.71	Rolls called. General supervision. District Commissioner and District Works Engineer arrived. Inspection of road and bridge. Supervision to 1800 hours. Slept Aisaisa.

Thursday, 25.2.71	General supervision. Local court hearing, male adult sentenced 1 week hard labour for assault. Rations issued to 1700 hours. Heavy rain. Slept Aisaisa.
Friday, 26.2.71	General supervision. Local court heard. Work finished 1730 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Saturday, 27.2.71	At Aisaisa. Minor discussions with local people. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.
Sunday, 28.2.71	More recruits taken. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.
Monday, 1.3.71	New contracts marked out, up to 91500 ft. mark. General supervision. Various contracts paid off. Slept Aisaisa.
Tuesday, 2.3.71	Rolls called. General supervision to 1700 hours. Local Court, four male adults 1 month hard labour for IOIA NRO's. Slept Aisaisa.
Wednesday, 3.3.71	To Mendi to request and collect $1000 advance. Supplies replenished. Returned Aisaisa 1600 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Thursday, 4.3.71	General supervision all day to 1800 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Friday, 5.3.71	Rolls called. Various lines paid off. Rations issued to 1700 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Saturday, 6.3.71	At Aisaisa. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.
Sunday, 7.3.71	New recruits taken on. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.
Monday, 8.3.71	New contracts marked out for recruits taken on yesterday. General supervision. Rolls called. Rations issued to 1730 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Tuesday, 9.3.71	Rolls called. General supervision to 1700 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Wednesday, 10.3.71	Various completed contracts. Rolls called. General supervision. Rations to 1730 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Thursday, 11.3.71	General supervision. One local court case heard involving theft. One large contract paid off to 1800 hours. Rations issued to 1830 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Friday, 12.3.71	General supervision all day to 1700 hours. Slept Aisaisa.

Saturday, 13.3.71	To Mendi for replenishing of supplies. Returned Aisaisa 2100 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Sunday, 14.3.71	At Aisaisa. New recruits taken on. Rations issued. Slept Aisaisa.
Monday, 15.3.71	New contracts marked out. One contract paid off. Now reached 91650 ft. mark. rations issued 1700 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Tuesday, 16.3.71	General supervision of roads work all day, to 1730 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Wednesday, 17.3.71	Supervision to 12 noon. Courts all afternoon. Rations issued to 1800 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Thursday, 18.3.71	Inspection and supervision with surveyor, to 1730 hours. Slept Aisaisa.
Friday, 19.3.71	Boxes packed. 0800 hours departed for Mendi. PATROL STOOD DOWN.

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SPECIAL REPORT.

MENDI PATROL NO. 11 of 1970/71.

This special patrol was mounted for the sole purpose of continuing the work of construction of the road from Mendi to Ialibu. This road will eventually link up with the Highlands Highway and will be the main outlet for the Southern Highlands to the coast.

The section of road that the writer was concerned with commenced at the 87600 ft. mark from Mendi, and at the time of standing down the patrol work was in progress or had been completed up to the 91700 ft. mark.

The actual labouring was carried out by an average of 600 males and females recruited from various villages in the Mendi, Kagua and Ialibu sub-districts. They have been paid on a contract basis, i.e. the workers are informed of the price they will be paid once the contract is completed and when it is, this price is divided by the number of workers employed. Each is paid by the officers present at the time, their individual share of the contract price.

The price is established by a Public Works Department surveyor who works out a fairly accurate estimation of the number of cubic yards contained in each 50 foot section. For excavating the workers are paid 10 cents per cubic yard. In addition to this they are paid 10 cents for every 100 feet that the excavated ground has to be carried to be disposed of.

This system works well where bench cuts are involved and the excavated ground can simply be disposed of over the edge of the road. From the 87600 to 89600 ft. mark, however, we have been involved with the largest box cut excavation that has been met so far on the road. As a consequence the excavated ground has to be disposed of at the top edges of the batters (which have a 1 to 1 grade and in parts are up to 60 ft. high). But under the formula this means that a person working on one of these contracts is paid the same as his counterpart working on a bench cut where disposing of ground by carrying it over a fairly level surface to the edge of the road.

Where ground has to be carried up hill to be disposed of, it is felt by the writer that an extra consideration should be given. Discussions have been held with the surveyor who agreed to make some alterations in his assessments and has now increased the payment for carrying in all these box cuts.

The writer, however, would like to see introduced carrying price of 20 cents for each 100 ft. where carrying is up-hill.

Going on the contracts that the writer has paid off personally between the AISAISA Rest House and the BIANO River,ie. the largest box cut area, $1674 has been paid for the removal of 9584 cubic yards of ground. This means that just over 17 cents per cubic yard has been paid out. With indigenous workers who do not give much consideration to 'systems' of removing ground at a faster rate and who would not condemn an <u>adult</u> off-sider for sitting down on the job, little more than 2 cubic yards per man per day can be moved. It follows that these men are averaging around 70 cents per day

plus rations. With the Dillingham Company and Public Works Department themselves paying over $10.00 per fortnight for their labour what matter if the average for removing in these cuts was raised to 20 cents for 100 feet for carrying, any losses can be made up again. Once these cuts are completed and the going gets better the 10 cents rate can be paid. The self-help contribution is still well over 50%.

The advantage of keeping the rates a little higher is that a better type of recruit will be attracted. For example, why would recruits come from the Nipa area to work for 30 cents per day when they can get that much working on the roads and airstrip in their own area.

It would be appreciated if these points could be brought to the attention of Public Works Department for future reference.

The reason for workers only receiving this low salary is not only the fault of Public Works Department. When the writer arrived at AISAISA it was found th t one or two contracts had 70 to 90 people working in them with the majority around 40 to 50. A large number of these workers were young children aged as low as eight (8) years. Besides these children being unable to do a full days work there was so many within the 50 ft. contract that they were only in each others way. When the contract was finished there were so many to receive part of the contract price that the individual received only a small amount in his hand.

This, of course, was the fault of D.D.A. officers. In any case this has now been changed and all contracts are being let to only male and female adults with the numbers being kept at around 25 to 30. It has been found that the contracts are being completed just as fast, if not faster, than they previously were.

The rationing of contract labourers will have to be improved if recruits from sub-districts such as Nipa are to be expected. While the writer has been on the road, only fish and rice has been received for rationing. One (1) pound of the latter is just not enough to sustain a man for a day. All of the recruits who live within four hours walk of their villages return to their home for sweet potato to supplement their diet. Workers from areas further afield have been given extra rations by the writer.

It is suggested that at least the following be issued per day:

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2 sticks tobacco (per week)
2 oz. soap (per week)
4 oz. tea (per week)
1 lb. sugar (per week)
1 box matches (per week)

These rations purchased at Government Stores prices would be around 15 cents per man per day.

The advantage again is the attraction of better recruits.

After seeing what is being done on this road I am at a loss to discover why rural development funds are being used as they are in the Nipa sub-district. These funds are used only in an unsuccessful attempt to upgrade existing Rural development roads of low standard which are probably to be re-routed, on the extension of the Highlands Highway.

Why cannot these funds be used after the methods that are being used on the Mendi-Ialibu Road.

I have been led to believe that the survey for the new road from Mendi via Poroma through Nipa to Margarima has been completed. It could not be too difficult for Public Works Department to supply a surveyor to these stations for a few days each month so that pegs could be placed. The formation of the correct standard of road could be easily supervised by the officers from these stations and the extension of the Highlands Highway would be completed earlier and with a good saving of rural development funds. Surfacing, to a certain extent, could also be carried out using tractors and airstrip rollers. It would probably be necessary for Public Works Department to run over the roads with their plant once they reached each particular section. But at least large sections of the road would be correctly formed to the required width and trade, saving a great amount of the todo that will go on when this road is eventually begun.

The existing road is quite sufficient for inter sub-district communications and can be maintained at its present level by the local people under Council rules. It should not be necessary for traffic to use the new road until it is completely and finally paved.

The patrol has been quite successful and all concerned have been quite happy with the progress that as been made. If the improvements that have been mentioned are adhered to, then the labourers will be much happier and further improvement in production can be expected.

I would highly recommend that every officer in this District spends some time on this road to find out just what is being done.

J.R. BULLOCK,
Patrol Officer.

SITUATION REPORT.

MENDI PATROL NO. 11 of 1970/71.

POLITICAL.

As the main object of the patrol was keeping up the production by hand labour on the road, little time was left for political education. Small informal discussions, however, were held by the writer with various lines from time to time. It gave the writer a broad insight into the political attitudes of people from other areas of the District. As I have spent all my time in this District at Nipa it was most interesting to hear the views of people from other areas, although they are quite similar to those of the Nipa people. As no large amount of time was spent with any one group I do not feel competent to assess the political feelings of any particular group.

NATIVE.

Reports of threats to Public Works Department employees, european and indigenous, issued by the people of OMAI village were investigated by the patrol. The immediate problem apparently stemmed from the fact that these people have not been paid for the limestone quarry at OMAI in which Public Works Department have been operating for many months. The land investigation was forwarded to the Lands Department in December, 1970, but payment has not yet been received. The underlying dissatisfaction apparently has arisen from the fact that the Public Works Department boss boys are mostly from the nearer Mendi villages and these men are falsely accusing local Omai and Aisaisa men of not working properly, sacking them, and replacing them with their friends from the nearer Mendi villages. While I do not think that all the accusations are true, probably some attempt could be made by Public Works Department to employ as many Omai and Aisaisa men as possible. Depending, of course, on their individual merits.

Discussions have been held with Mr. K. Bond, Assistant District Commissioner, and Public Works Department in an attempt to have the above implemented and to speed up the processing of the land purchase.

Although a large amount of village life has been disrupted in the area, and there are the above causes for dissatisfaction, there is still insufficient reason for acts of threatening behaviour. As a result, discussions have been held with the people and they have been warned about the consequences of any further acts. The situation has now settled and there have been no further reports. As Public Works Department will be in the area for some time to come, however, future officers should pay some attention to the above.

ECONOMIC.

Little thought is being given to this type of development by the people. The reason for this is, of course, the ease with which the people

can earn money in the area at the moment.

I think the road will have to be completed and village life re-settled before economic crops or cattle projects will interest this particular section of the District.

SOCIAL.

Health.

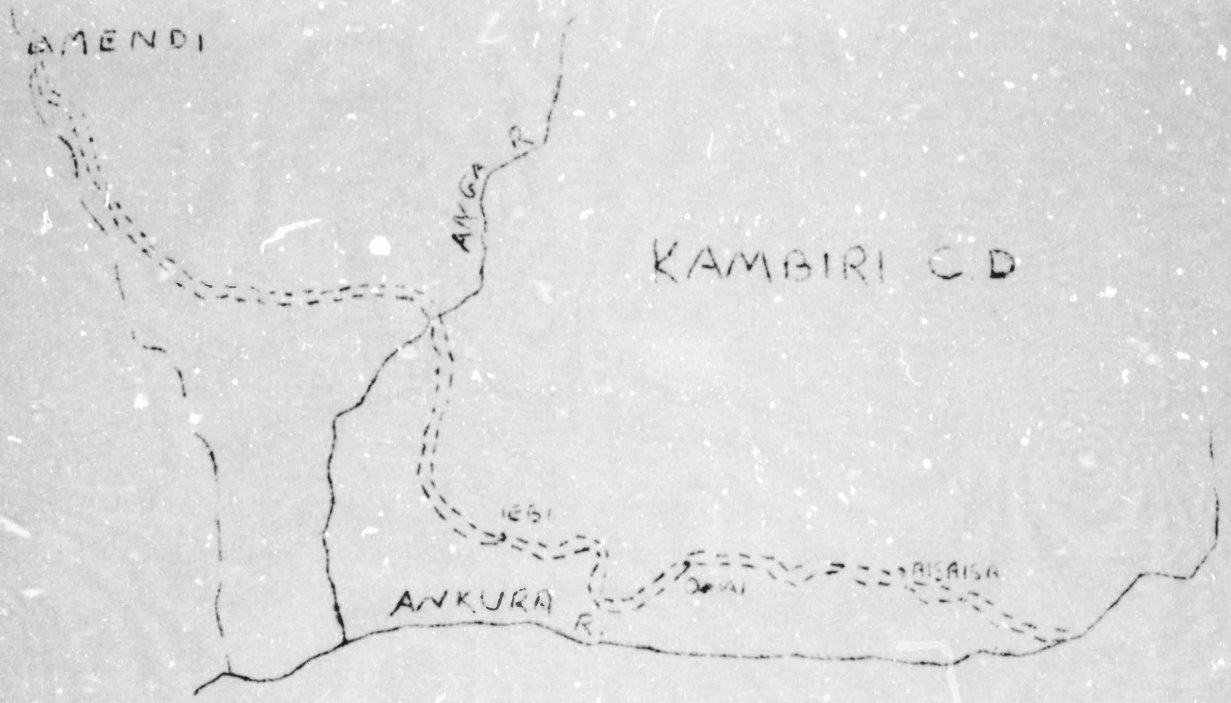
The general health of the labourers appears to be fairly satisfactory. There were a few cases of malaria reported which were treated by the Aid Post Orderly at Aisaisa. Because of the large amount of rain the ground was constantly damp causing many to contract common colds.

Law and Order.

A number of civil cases were dealt with by arbitration, while the Local Court was convened for criminal cases.

The native situation amongst the various working groups is quite good with only one report of disturbance occurring. This was settled by the groups themselves.

J.R. Bullock,
Patrol Officer.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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number: Mendi No. 12 of 1970/71

Subdistrict: Mendi

District: Southern Highlands District

Type of Patrol: Special

Patrol Conducted by: D.C. Kennedy (Assistant Patrol Officer)

Area Patrolled (Council and/or Census Division/s.): Part Kambiri Cencus Division

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

Mr. B. M. Preas (Patrol Officer)
Mr. B. Munn (Patrol Officer)
Mr. J. Bullock (Patrol Officer)

Duration of Patrol—from 5/1 / 71 to 25/ 3/71

No. of Days 50 days

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: Mendi Patrol No. 5 of 1970/71

Date 1/12/70 to 15/1/71 Duration 33 Patrol Days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly): Supervision of Contract Labour on Mendi Ialibu Road

Total Population of Area Patrolled:

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

G.P.--P&NG/B1637.

PJM:JD

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16th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO. 12 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-3-2 of 26th July, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report by Mr. D.C. Kennedy.

T.W.E.
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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Div. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

26th July, 1971.

Report: Mendi Patrol No. 12 of 1970/1971

Please find enclosed two copies of the report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. D.C. Kennedy A.P.O.

Mr. Kennedy has presented a well-documented account of his time on the road. His figures on rates of mark and his summary of the present stage of progress is indicative of his interest and should be of immense value to officers following him.

A sound report of a well conducted patrol.

D.J. CLANCY
District Commissioner

c.c. A.D.C., Mendi

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Division of District
Administration,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

1st July, 1971.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO 12 of 1970/71.

Herewith the above report submitted by Mr. Kennedy, Assistant Patrol Officer. Mr. Kennedy has since left the Department of the Administrator and returned to the Commonwealth Public Service.

The report contains a fair number of typing and spelling errors. Some pages have been retyped by the Sub-District Office Clerk.

The contract system of payment is by now well accepted by the labourers on the road, and there is no shortage in the supply of labour.

In respect of Political Education, it is difficult to have a good programme going on the road. After work it is generally raining, the men are tired, and want to scurry to their houses, and the officer has to ensure the rations are doled out properly before he can scurry to his house. In good weather as much time as possible is used by the contractors to get their contracts done.

At the moment there is only one officer working on the road, and he has about on an average of 800 contractors. I would think 1200 or 1500 contractors would need another officer at least.

Mr. Kennedy has done a good job.

K.A. Bond

(K.A. BOND)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
MENDI
Southern Highlands District,

25th March, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI
Southern Highlands District,

MENDI SPECIAL PATROL NO 12. of 1970/71.

Patrol Conducted by:	D.C. Kennedy, (Assistant Patrol Officer)
Area Patrolled:	Part Kambiri Census Division (Mendi/Ialibu Road).
Personnel Accompanying:	R.M. Press (Patrol Officer to 15/1/71 B. Munn (Patrol Officer) 19/1 - 3/2/1971 J. Bullock (Patrol Officer) 9/2/ to 19/3 Constable 1/C Suru (Part) Constable 1/C Kuma (Part) Constable 1/C Yabi (Part) Aid Post Orderly Nandoma Interpreter Nongia Wiru (Part)
Duration of Patrol	5/1/71 to 25/3/71 80 patrol days
Last Patrol to Area:	Mendi Patrol No. 5 of 1970/71 1/12/70 to 15/1/71.
Object of Patrol:	Supervise of Contract Labour in the Construction of the Mendi/Ialibu Road.
Map reference:	Map is attached.

Donald C. Kennedy
Assistant Patrol Officer.

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MENDI PATROL No 12 of 1970/71.

Patrol Diary

Tuesday, 5th January, 1971.

Departed Mendi during morning for Aisaisa road camp per Public Works Department Toyota. Arrived Aisaisa approx. mid day where met Patrol Officer Mr. M. Press. Spent remainder of day in supervision of contracts. Slept Aisaisa.

Wednesday 6th January, 1971.

0730 called roll of road contractors. Spent remainder of morning and early part of afternoon in supervision of contract labourers.

1530 gave rations to labour lines.

1630 work stood down for day due to rain. Slept Aisaisa.

Thursday 7th January, 1971.

0745 called roll of road contractors. Spent remainder of morning and early part of afternoon in supervision of contractors.

1600 gave rations to labour lines.

Slept Aisaisa.

Friday 8th January, 1971.

0730 called roll of road contractors.

Discussed contracts with Mr. Edwards on contracts 87,550 - 87,700. Let contract 87,550 to 87,600.

1600 gave rations to labour line.

Slept Aisaisa.

Saturday 9th January, 1971.

1600 gave rations to labour lines.

Slept Aisaisa.

Sunday 10th January, 1971.

1500 recruited new labour line.

1600 gave rations to labour line.

Slept Aisaisa

MONDAY, 11th January, 1971.

0815 called roll of contractors.

Discussed with Mr. Edwards further new contracts.

1600 gave rations to labour line. Slept Aisaisa.

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Tuesday 12th January, 1971

0730 called roll.

Discussed contracts with surveyors and received quantity figures on contracts 88,550 - 88,700.

1600 gave rations to workers.

Slept Aisaisa.

Wednesday 13th January, 1971.

0800 called roll, spent remainder of day in supervision of contracts.

1600 scaled rations to workers.

Slept Aisaisa.

Thursday 14th January, 1971.

0815 called roll, spent remainder of day in supervision of contracts.

1600 gave rationsto workers. Slept Aisaisa.

Friday 15th January, 1971.

0800 called roll of contractors, patrol officer Press departed for Mendi. Spent remainder of day in supervision of labour. Slept Aisaisa.

Saturday 16th January, 1971.

Spent Saturday at Aisiasa.
1500 gave rations to workers. Slept Aisaisa.

Sunday 17th January, 1971.

Observed Aisaisa, gave rations to workers. Slept Aisaisa.

MONDAY 18th January, 1971.

0915 Called roll of workers, met new Engineer in charge of Mendi/Ialibu Road (Mr. P. Walker) discussed contracts with surveyors.

1600 gave rations to workers, slept Aisaisa.

Tuesday 19th January, 1971.

0815 called roll during morning, Patrol Officer Munn arrived to take up duties on road. Spent remainder of morning and early part of afternoon in supervision of contracts.

0615 gave rations to workers. Slept Aisaisa.

Wednesday 20th January, 1971.

0830 called roll of workers, spent morning in supervision of contractors. Discussed contracts with surveyor 87,850 to 87,900.

1620 gave rations to workers. Slept Aisaisa.

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Thursday 21st January, 1971.

0900 called roll of workers, spent morning in supervision of contractors.

1600 gave rations to contractors. Slept Aisaisa.

Friday, 22nd January, 1971.

0915 called roll of workers, discussed contracts 87,400 - 87,500, 87,550, 87,900, 88,100 with surveyor and engineer. Paid off these contractors. Spent part of day in supervision of labour.

1700 gave rations to labourers. Slept Aisaisa.

Saturday 23rd January, 1971.

Oberved Aisaisa, 1630 gave rations to contractors. Slept Aisaisa.

Sunday 24th January, 1971.

Observed Aisaisa, recruited new labourers during afternoon. 1600 gave rations to labour line. Slept Aisaisa.

Monday 25th January, 1971.

1000 called roll of workers.

Discussed contracts 89,050 - 89,300 with surveyor. Supervised labour. 1630 gave rations to labour line. Slept Aisaisa.

Tuesday 26th January, 1971.

0930 called roll of workers, rations, supervision, slept Aisaisa.

Wednesday 27th January, 1971.

0800 called roll of workers. General supervision of contracts, rations slept Aisaisa.

Thursday 28th January, 1971.

0900 called roll of workers. General supervision of contracts, rations, slept Aisaisa.

Friday 29th January, 1971.

0900 called roll of workers, inspected contracts already commenced. Gave rations. Slept Aisaisa.

Saturday 30th January, 1971.

Observed Aisaisa. 1600 gave out rations, slept Aisaisa.

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Sunday 31st January, 1971.

Observed Aisaisa
1500 Recruited new labour line, gave out rations. Slept Aisaisa.

Monday 1st February, 1971.

0830 Called roll of workers.
General supervision of labour and allocation of labour to new contracts.
1600 Gave out rations. Slept Aisaisa.

Tuesday 2nd February, 1971.

0800 called roll of workers.
General supervision of labour, gave out rations.
Slept Aisaisa.

Wednesday 3rd February, 1971.

0830 Called roll of workers.
General supervision of labour, gave out rations.
Slept Aisaisa.

Thursday 4th February, 1971.

0800 Called roll of workers, travelled to Mendi to take Mr. Munn into meet plane. Returned to Aisaisa gave out rations. Slept Aisaisa.

Friday 5th February, 1971.

0830 Called roll of workers, spent remainder of day in supervision of contracts. Slept Aisaisa.

Saturday 6th February, 1971.

Observed Aisaisa.
1600 Gave out rations. Slept Aisaisa.

Sunday 7th February, 1971.

Observed Aisaisa.
1600 Recruited new labour line. Slept Aisaisa.

Monday 8th February, 1971.

0800 Called roll of workers, general supervision of contracts. Gave out rations. Slept Aisaisa.

Tuesday 9th February, 1971.

0830 Called roll of workers.
1000 Patrol Officer J. Bullock arrived to supervise contractors on road.

for further details between 9/2/71 to 19/3/71 refer to patrol No 11 Mendi 1970/71.

Saturday 20th March, 1971.

Observed Aisaisa.
1600 Gave out rations, recruited labour line. Slept Aisaisa.

Sunday, 21st March, 1971.

Observed Aisaisa.
1600 issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

Monday 22nd March, 1971.

1000 Called roll of workers, allocated labour to new contracts. Discussed contracts with surveyor, commenced writing patrol report.

1600 Issued rations. Slept Aisaisa.

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Tuesday 23rd March, 1971.

Supervision of contracts, discussed contracts with surveyor, further work on patrol report. Gave out rations. Slept Aisaisa.

Wednesday 24th March, 1971.

Payed off contracts, supervision of labour. Issued rations. Further work on patrol report. Slept Aisaisa.

Thursday 25th March, 1971.

Packed up camp, returned to Mendi where patrol stood down.

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MENDI SPECIAL PATROL NO 12 of 1970/71

SITUATION REPORT.

A. INTRODUCTION.

1. The main object of this patrol was to give assistance to the Public Works Department in the supervision of labour contractors working on the Mendi Lalibu section of the Highlands Highway.

2. The Contract system of labour is now being utilized between the 87,350 to 91,700 ft. section of the road from Mendi. The contract system was introducted for the second time on this road after the failure of an intensive day labour system which had been in use several months during late 1970.

3. The Public Works Department has a further three miles of road to construct before reaching the Ankura River where private contractors have been employed to complete the road.

4. A comprehensive report on the progress of the road has been submitted in the second section of this report and will be found on (file 10-7-25a).

B. POLITICAL.

5. During this patrol little effort was made on my behalf to political educate the people. I felt that political education had been adequately covered in Mendi Special Report No 4 and 5 of 1970/71. I felt that the people in this area needed a rest to the continued barrage of clinches which must have been thrown at them by patrol officers here in the past.

6. I did however, visit Pundia Village some two hours walk from Aisaisa as the people expressed a wish for me to visit the village. At Pundia I gave a talk on a wide range of political education topics. In this talk I covered the following topics and wish to express the following views which I believe to be fairly accurate.

7. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. Many people have heard of the House of Assembly but have no knowledge of the functions of their House of Assembly and are thus unable to seperate from the functions of the Papua New Guinea Administration and the Australian Government functions.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT. Most people from this area have a knowledge of their Local Government Council situated in Mendi and realise that it has a number of functions including law making.

9. MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. A knowledge of the existance of the members of the House of Assembly was evident as the Pundia people stated that neither of their members had ever been to Pundia.

10. SELF GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDANCE. Nobody including the Local Government Councillor was able to explain what these terms mean. This is most likely due to the people being unable to realise that the House of Assembly and the ~~Administrat~~ Australian Government have separate functions and separate public services.

11. CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. The Local Government Councillor from the area was the only member of this community who had any knowledge of this committee. He knew that the committee existed and had recently been to the Southern Highlands but had no knowledge of their functions.

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I made an attempt to explain to these people the findings of the Constitutional Development Committee. They were disappointed to hear that the Territory would gain self government between 1972 and 1976. The Local Government Councillor expressed his opinion in this way. "the Administration has only laid an egg in the Southern Highlands and cannot be bothered to see it hatch."

The continued fear of self government in this area I believe to be brought about by ignorance of what self government means and a fear of political and economic instability within the area. Many people in the area also tend to associate self government with the white people leaving the Territory along with their knowledge and their money.

Our department appears to be faced with a problem of both education and restoration of the peoples faith in the Administration.

12. ECONOMIC. The Mendi Ialibu road at present offers full employment to any person who wishes to obtain work within this area. Most are employed as contractors but a large number are employed by the Public Works Department on a day labour basis. These people have already received large sums of money for the sale of timber to the Administration. In the near future they will receive good wages from private contractors who will be working on the Ialibu section of this road. Some in the long term should gain employment when private companys commence exploitation of the Mount Giluwe forest reserves. At present these people have no cash crops and it is unlikely that they will find any need for them within the next three years. I feel that it would be inexpedient to attempt to introduce any form of primary industry at the present stage. Once it becomes difficult for them to obtain work in this area some crop or live stock may do quite well in the area.

13. EDUCATION. Very few of these people can read or write. I did meet the D.D.A. clerk from Pangia who was at Omai on leave. He is one of the better educated people from this area and wishes to retain a close contact with his village people.

14. LAND. The people in this area appear to have ample land for their present needs of subsistance gardening.

As yet the people from Omai have not received payment for the Omai Quarry, in order that the quarry may continue to operate smoothly I suggest that they receive payment as early as possible.

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MENDI PATROL REPORT NO 12 of 1970/71.

DETAILS OF WORKS COMPLETED IN AND IN PROGRESS.

87,400 - 87,500 VILLAGE	400 cubic yards at 23 cents per yard Omai and Aisaisa - 15 men for eleven days Pundia (Mendi) - 165 man days, 2.42 yds/day ie. 56c/man/day. Completed January.	$92.00
87,500 - 87,550 VILLAGE	566 cubic yards at 30 cents per yard Omai and Aisaisa - 38 men for 13 days (mendi) 494 man days, 1.15 yards per day ie 34c/man/day. Completed January.	$160.00
87,550 - 87,600 VILLAGE.	735 cubic yards at 30 cents per yard Kilibimi (Kagua Sub-District) 24 men for 21 days. 504 man days 1.46 yards per day. 43.6c man day. Completed early February.	$220.00
87,600 - 87,650 VILLAGE	1024 cubic yards at 26 cents per yard Ibia (Kagua Sub-District) 27 men commenced 22nd February as yet not completed. A line that needs a lot of attention as are poor workers. Not completed.	$267.00
87,650 - 87,750 VILLAGE	1744 cubic yards. 994 @ 28 cents cubic yards 750 @ 25 cents / cubic yard 99 men for 34 days. 0.52 cubic yards/day 13.8 cents/man per day. 3,366 man days Omai and Aisaisa far to many contractors to one contract. Also these lines believe that they have the monopoly on all P.W.D. labour in this area. They stated that as nobody else would work in this area they should be able to name their price. They are the only line that got me really mad during the three months spent out here.	$466.00
87,750 - 87,800 VILLAGE	575 cubic yards @ 22 cents / cubic yards Tiri (Ialibu Sub-District) 32 men for 19 days 608 man days, 0.95 yards per day, 20.8 cents per day / man. This line found an excuse to abandon the contract for several days due to a death and were generally lost most of the time. Completed February,	$126.00
87,800 - 87,850 VILLAGE.	759 cubic yards at 20 cents per yard A mixed line of Ialibu's and Kagua's. 37 men for 24 days. 888 man days. 0.85 yards per day. 17c per man day. This group made much of some soft stone. Completed February.	$154.00

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87,850 - 87,900 Village.	460 cubic yards @ 20 cents per yard Mendi/Kagua 27 men for 19 days. 513 man days at 0.90 cubic yards per day. 18 cents per man day. Also a group that had some soft stone and made much of it. Completed February.	$ 92.00
87,900 - 88,100	562 cubic yards @ 20 cents per yard Omai (mendi) 33 men for 14 days 1.21 cubic yards per day. 24 cents per man day. Typical lazy Omai's. Completed January.	$112.00
	PINO RIVER.	
88,100 - 88,550	Previously completed and includes bridges.	
88,550 - 88,650 Village.	810 cubic yards @ 23 cents per cubic yards. 53 men fro 20 days. 1060 man days. 0.76 cubic yards per day. 17.6 cents per day. This line consisted of mixed group of men from the Kagua Sub-District, some I believe were here only to dodge court. Completed early February.	$186.00
88,650 - 88700 Village.	1042 cubic yards @ 25 cents per cubic yard. Pawaiamu, Kewari, Mankera and Wiribi of the Kagua Sub-District. 30 men for 33 days. 990 man days @ 1.05 cubic yards per day. 26.3 cents per man day. This line should be paid off by the officer following me on the 24th March, 1971. Not completed.	$260.00
88,700 - 88,750 Vullage.	10540 cubic yards @ 23 cents per cubic yard. Parlic, Kewari, Kandoba, Tiri (Ialibu Sub-District). This group should be finished around 5th March, 1971. This group has a natural leader, who may need some special consideration at the end of the contract. Not completed.	$354.00
88,750 - 88,800 Village.	2,240 cubic yards at 24 cents per cubic yard. This group of 22 men come from Yebi and should make over $20.00 each when they complete this contract. As they have been on this contract since late February they may need some special consideration. Not completed.	$438.00
88,800 - 88,850 Village.	2,640 cubic yards at 26 cents. per cubic yard. Commenced 22nd February Iokere (Kagua Sub-District). This group of 23 men may also need special consideration. Not completed.	$687.00
88,850 - 88,900	2,970 cubic yards nit commenced.	

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88,900 - 88,950	2810 cubic yards not commended.	
88,950 - 89,000 Village.	2380 cubic yards commenced, 24th March, 1971. This group is a new group from Poroma	
89,000 - 89,050 Village.	2120 cubic yards at 19 cents/cubic yard Yebi (Mendi) 25 men who need watching. Not completed. Commenced 14/2/71.	$403.00
89,050 - 89,100 Village.	2145 cubic yards at 17 cents/ cubic yard. Karani (Kagua Sub-District). This group of 32 men have gone badly due to lack of thinking or not doing what they have been told. They have received a part payment of $165.00 and have $200 more to be paid to them on completion of this contract.	$365.00
89,100 - 89,200 Village.	5790 cubic yards at 14 cents per cubic yard Commenced 25/1/71. Pundia (Mendi Sub-District). 71 men for 25 days. Completed approximately half this and received $380.00. This gave figures 1.64 cubic yardsper man day. The line was then cut to 40 men and have $431.00 left to be paid on the completion of the final section. The remaining workers should do well. Commenced 1/3/71. Not completed.	$811.00
89,200 - 89,299 Village.	2176 cubic yards at 13 cents per cubic yard. Yebi (Mendi Sub-District). 78 men for ten days 780 man days, 2.79 yards per man day, 3.63 cents per man day. Completed February.	$283.00
89,299 - 89,400 Village.	843 cubic yards, 7.16 cents per cubic yard Ibia (Kagua Sub-District) twenty-one men for 19 days. 399 man days 2.12 yards per day, 33.8 cents per day. This group of contractors are now on 89,400 - 89,450 and going well. Completed February.	$135.00
89,400 - 89,450 Village.	1545 cubic yards at 15 cents per cubic yard Ibia (Kagua Sub-District) Not completed.	$216.00
89450 - 89,520	1533 cubic yards at 15 cents/cubic yard (mixed Kagua Sub-District). 47 men for 20 days. 1.64 yards per day. 24.7 cents per man day. Completed in February. This line should have done better but had to many different groups in it.	$230.00
89,720 - 89,770 Village.	Biano River. 1987 cubic yards at 15 cents/ cubic yard. This figure has been increased to $400 due to stone. (Mixed Kagua's). This group is required to do this section by hand labour because of the need to a clear working area near the bridge abutment and would be impossible to work by a tractor after the abutment is in. The figure of $400 will be revised if necessary at a later stage. Commenced 7.2.71.	$298.00
89,770 - 89,870 Village.	667 cubic yards stripping only. 20 cents/cubic yrds. (Omai Mendi Sub-District). 22 men for 20 days. 440 man days, 1.52 yards/day, 30.4 cents/man day. Completed March.	$134.00

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89,870 - 90,000	638 cubic yards stripping only, at 20 cents per cubic yard.	$126.00
Village.	Arbiba (Kagua Sub-District). 18 men for 23 days, 414 man days, 1.54 yards/day, 30.4. cents per day. Completed March.	
90,000 - 90,100	Stripping only. 667 cubic yards at 20 cents per cubic yard.	$134.00
Village.	Kagua Sub-District (Parli). 20 men for 20 days 400 man days, 1.67 yards per day. 33.3 cents per day. Completed March.	
90,100 - 90,200	944 cubic yards at 20 cents/cubic yard	$189.00
Village.	Aisaisa (Mendi Sub-District). 26 men for 16 days 416 man days, 2.26 yards per day, 45.2 cents per man day. Completed March.	
90,200 - 90,700	This Section was previously constructed but not to plan and will be let out to contract.	
90,700 - 90,800	Stripping only, 347 cubic yards at 20 cents per cubic yard.	$ 70.00
Village.	Pundia (Mendi Sub-District). 25 men for 8 days, 200 man days, 1.74 yards per day, 35 cents per man day. Completed March.	
90,800 - 90,900	Stripping only. 347 cubic yards at 20 cents per yard.	$ 70.00
Village.	(Kagua Sub-District). 19 men for 7 days. 133 man days, 2.62 yards per day, 52.6 cents per day. Completed March.	
90,900 - 91,000	Stripping only. 350 cubic yards at 20 cents per cubic yard.	$ 70.00
Village.	(Kagua Sub-District). 22 men for 7 days. 154 man days. 2.27 yards per day, 45.5 cents per day. Completed March.	
91,000 - 91,100	300 cubic yards at 20 cents per cubic yard	$ 60.00
Village.	Mugu (Kagua Sub-District). 19 men for 8 days 152 man days, 1.97 yards per day, 39.4 cents per day. Completed March.	
91,100 - 91,200	300 cubic yards at 20 cents per cubic yard	$ 60.00
Village.	Pundia (Mendi Sub-District). 25 man for 8 days, 200 man days, 1.50 yards per day, 30 cents per day. Completed March.	

Earthworks to be done.

89,770 - 90,900	Quantities as yet not calculated. One group to start in this section on 24th March, 1971.	
90,900 - 91,100	1027 cubic yards cut to fill at 23 cents per cubic yard, plus 225 cubic yards borrow to fill at 17 cents per cubic yard	$274.00
	Extras will be given for drainage works which includes culvert excavations. rubble drain construction.	
Village.	Mogora, Pawari Kagua Sub-District. 44 men commenced 22nd March, 1971.	
91,100 - 91,150	1784 cubic yards. Contract not as yet let.	
91,150 - 91, 200	1723 cubic yards. Constracts as yet not let.	

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91,200 - 91,300 Village.	1487 cubic yards at 18 cents per cubic yard Yebi (Mendi Sub-District & Kagua line) 25 men commenced 1/3/71.	$267.00
91,300 - 91,350 Village.	760 cubic yards at 18 cents per cubic yard Nipa Sub-District. 14 men commenced 1/3/71.	$137.00
91,350 - 91,400 Village.	817 cubic yards at 18 cents per cubic yard Kagua. 24 men commenced 15/3/71.	$147.00
91,400 - 91,450 Village.	874 cubic yards at 18 cents per cubic yard. Mogura Kagua Sub-District. 22 men commenced 10/3/71.	$147.00
91,450 - 91,500 Village.	926 cubic yards at 17 cents per cubic yard Mendo Kagua Sub-District. 24 men commenced 10th March, 1971	$157.00
91,500 - 91,550 Village.	1085 cubic yards at 17 cents per cubic yard Aisaisa (Mendi Sub-District). 26 men commenced 15/3/71	$185.00
91,550 - 91,600 Village.	1050 yards at 17 cents per cubic yard Omai (Mendi Sub-District). 21 men commenced 15/3/71.	$179.00
91,600 - 91,650 Village.	929 cubic yards at 17 cents per cubic yard Aisaisa, 25 men commenced 15/3/71.	$158.00
91,650 - 91,700 Village	1197 cubic yards at 17 cents per cubic yard Aisaisa (Mendi Sub-District). Commenced 15/3/71.	$204.00

Summary of Works Completed Mendi/Ialibu Road first Quarter.

COMPLETED CONTRACTS.

Number of completed contracts 1st January, 1971 to 31st March 1971 = 23

Total yardage of completed contracts 1st January to 31st March, 1971 = 19,582 cut cubic yards

Total Cost = $3,807.00

Man Days = 15,453

From the above figures the following statistics were obtained:-
1.354 cubic yards/man day.
24.7 cents per man day.
Cost to P.W.D. 19.5 cents per cubic yard.

UNCOMPLETED CONTRACTS.

Number of uncompleted contracts = 23 16,400 cubic yards completed (estimated)

Man days = 11,926

Total yardage completed and uncompleted Contracts = 36,000 (estimated completed.

Total man days for period 1/1 to 31/3 = 27,379

Number of working days = 63

Average work force = 434

Present work force = 644

LABOUR.

During January it was quite difficult to get labour to work on the road. This mainly was due to the re-introduction of the contract system after new year. Before christmas an intensive l[illegible] line of about five hundred men was employed on a day labour basis by the Public Works Department. Most workers when they returned after christmas were uninterested in working contracts. All labour with an exception of 14 men from Nipa and 89 men from Poroma who arrived late in March came from villages within a days walking distance of Aisaisa. For the most period the labour line was insufficient to handle the work required in this area. As can be seen from the summary on page eight approx. 30,000 yards of dirt were moved to the period ending 25th March, 1971 that is in completed contracts. This figure of about ten thousand yards per month is not sufficient.

On latest Public Works Department estimates there remains more than 300,000 cubic yards of soil to be moved before the Ankura River is reached. Should the Public Works Department be able to move approximately 100,000 yards of this soil it will mean that our departmer will have about 20 months more work in order to remove the remaining 200,000 cubic yardsof soil. That is if we can only average 10,000 cubic yards per month. Should we continue under the present system of contract labour on present rates we may run into difficulty in the recruitment of labour to complete the remaining section. That is if the Company at present working on the road in the Ialibu Sub-District continue to pay wages of above $10.00 per fornight as I believe they are at present.

I suggest that the labour line should be increased at this stage to about 1,200 or 1,300 in order that our Department may have most of its work completed before Dillinghams reach this area. This may be done by increasing rations to somewhere near international labour standards, reducing the self help component on the road in order to pay higher contract rates and other Sub-district being more active in their supply of labour.

RATIONS.

As stated above rations for the most part of this patrol were far from international labour requirements. I suggest that they be given more variety and such items as soap, matches, tobacco, wheatmeal and margarine, sugar and tea introduced as added insentive to bring labour into this area.

For the most part of this patrol the contractors receive one third of a 15 oz tin of mackeral and one pound of rice per day. During the patrol the fish was increased to seven and half onces per day and salt was also rationed once per week.

DEPARTMENTAL RELATIONS.

For the most part of the patrol relations between the Departments involved in this project were excellant. I owe a special thanks to Mr. W. Edwards, surveyor who was only too willing to give our department assistance when requested.

CONCLUSION.

With resources available to our department I feel that some good progress was made on the Mendi/Ialibu Road and should some points noted in this badly written report be observed good progress should continue under the contract system of labour employment.

END OF REPORT.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number: Mendi Patrol No.13 of 1970/71.

Subdistrict: Mendi

District: Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol: Annuals Census plus Leprosy Control.

Patrol Conducted by: A.J.Halstead - Assistant Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled (Council and/or Census Division/s.): Undiri Census Division

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

Mr.Neil Clements - Leprosy Mission
Mr.Alec Packer-Leprosy Mission
Yangu Patina -A.P.O -Mendi Hospital
Nandabe Tagua - Interpreter
Constable Raima -No.2500

Duration of Patrol—from 17/5/71 to 7/6/71

No. of Days: 11 days - Broken Patrol

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: Patrol No. 7 of 1970/1971

Date: 4/1/71 Duration: 4/1/71 to 15/1/71

Objects of Patrol (Briefly): Conduct Census of all villages-Medical check by Leprosy Mission - Compilation of an Area Study.

Total Population of Area Patrolled: 4,804 people.

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

G.P.—P&NG/B1657.

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P.O. Box 2396,
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6th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO. 13 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-3-2 of 13th October, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. A. Halstead of UNDIRI Census Division.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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13th October, 1971

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MENDI PATROL NO. 13 of 1970/71

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. A. Halstead, Assistant Patrol Officer, together with covering memorandum 67-2-1 of 16th August, 1971 of ADC Mendi.

Comments:

1. The ADC has commented fully on the Economic section of the report.

2. The tea plantation at Iaria should soon be employing more than the 20 labourers it now has, and this enterprise should when in production greatly boost the flow of income into the area.

3. The anomaly between the comments of Mr. Halstead and the ADC regarding the success of contacting leprosy patients is a result of follow-up action by the ADC. Absentees from the patrol allegedly at hospital were not in fact away from the village at the time of census.

4. Mr. Halstead's comments on Political Education in his situation report should have been more specific. This applies also to his comments under O and P of the area study. It is hard to dra w a conclusion from the generalities as stated in the report.

D.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. ADC Mendi

c.c. Mr. A. Halstea d, Sub District Office, Mendi

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16th., August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 13-1970/71

Herewith the report of the above patrol which was conducted by Mr Halstead A.P.O.

The prime purpose of this patrol was census revision and to accompany the leprosy control team to ensure it had a good coverage of the population. Because the leprosy survey team had a deadline to meet the patrol was not as leisurely as I would have liked and there was insufficient time to go into all the aspects of an area study at depth.

My comments are:

B ECONOMIC:

The area patrolled is generally of too low an altitude to consider pyrethrum as a cash crop. As with the rest of the Sub District there are many opportunities for working for working for wages, and out of a total male adult population of 10,000 there is about between 2,000 and 3,000 working for wages as casual labourers, timber getters etc for P.W.D. and private enterprise. Agricultural Extension has to compete with these forms of cash income and is much less favoured.

C. SOCIAL:

The tea plantation at Iaria should have been mentioned under "Economic". Mr Halstead is talking of the very short term only when he says there is 100 acres planted and another 200 to be planted, as the plantation will need at least 400 acres to support a factory. The plantation size is 1400 acres, but it is uncertain just how much of this is suitable for tea; a survey was carried out recently to determine this, but to date the results are not available.

AID POST AT IORE:

The aid post orderly was withdrawn from Iore by P.H.D. when it was made plain by the Iore people that they did not want an aid post orderly enough to allow him any ground for gardening, and that they would not cooperate with P.H.D. The Mendi Local Government Council is planning to remove the aid post from Iore to resite at a place where it will be more appreciated.

The Mendi Council is planning to erect a school at Pinj. The time of erection will depend upon the District Education Board

The people of the Undiri census division are no less energetic than similar cross sections of people anywhere, however, they do not direct their energies into channels likely to place their area on a sound economic footing. These people put prodigious energy into trying to outdo their neighbours in potlatches and traditional means of getting status. Father Severin is close to the people and is trying to educate them and orientate them for the future.

LEPROSY CONTROL:

Mr Clements failed to contact many of the known patients - but had a satisfactory survey apart from this. In respect of known patients he was told that they were at hospitab at Det, Togoba or Hagen, or else that they were not known. These statements were untrue and probably the known patients were looking at the census from a safe vantage point.

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I have arranged with Mr Clements for one of my patrol interpreters to spend a week with him in the Undiri tracking down these known patients who evaded the survey team.

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Pigs are eaten at other times too. If a pig dies of accident or illness it is quickly eaten, stolen pigs are hastily eaten too.

POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDING THE ECONOMY :

Paragraph (b). There is as Mr Halstead states, a ready market for garden produce-but the only place outside of Mendi where it would be practicable to sell it would be Mount Hagen with a possibility of backloading certain types of vegetables on charter planes to Port Moresby. But in Mendi alone there is a great demand at the right prices. P.W.D. was buying ISUZU truckloads of sweet potatoes from Tambul for the Mendi Lalibu road until the supply dried up last year. The High School was also buying by the truckload from Tambul. The Expatriate community in Mendi would buy fairly large quantities of certain types of vegetable if they could get it at sensible prices.

APPENDIX "D".

As more and more of the burden of constructing schools is put on Local Government Councils, then more and more the number of schools to be established will depend upon the council's resources. Teacher's housing alone will cost $18,000 for one school over a period of six years for one school, without even taking into account maintainence, teaching aids, classrooms etc.

The Mendi council has Pinj high on its priorities for a new school. Iaria does need a school, but there are many places which need a school more.

Mr Halstead has done a good job. Having been a school teacher for many years he has a good knowledge of human nature, and he applies this in his work with the people.

This patrol was unfortunately hurried because the leprosy team had a deadline to meet. Mr Halstead is at present conducting a patrol in the Kambiri census division and has instructions to go through the area slowly and thoroughly, and he is already finding this rewarding.

Mr Halstead's written work does not do credit to his field work, which is of a very good quality - however this report is an improvement on his last - and further experience will enable him to better sort the wheat from the chaff in his written analyses.

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Assistant District Commissioner

Sub-District Office,
MENDI.
Southern Highlands District

15th.June 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO.13 of 1970/71.

Patrol Conducted by: A.J.Halstead(Assistant Patrol Officer)

Area Patrolled: Undiri Census Division

Personnel Accompanying: N.Clements(Leprosy Mission)
A.Packer(Leprosy Control)
Yangu Patina(Aid PostOrderly)
Nandabe Tagua(Interpreter)
Constable Naima(No.2500)

Duration of Patrol: 17/5/71 to 7/6/71
11 Patrol days(Broken)

Last Patrol to the Area: Patrol No.7 of 1970/71.
4/1/71 to 15/1/71

Objects of Patrol: Conduct Annual Census of Undiri Census Division.
Supervise medical check by Leprosy Mission.
Compilation of Area Study.

Map Reference: Map is attached.

Village Population Register: Enclosed.

For your information and onforwarding please,

A.J.Halstead.
Assistant Patrol Officer.

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Department of the Administrator.

Division of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
MENDI,
14th., May, 1971.

Mr A.J.Halstead, A.P.O.
Sub District Office,
MENDI

MENDI PATROL No.13-1970/71

Please be prepared to depart on a patrol to the Undiri census division on Monday.

1. The main object of your patrol will be to accompany the Leprosy Survey team in the charge of Mr Neil Clements throughout the census division to ensure that they get as wide a coverage as possible of the people in the census division during their survey.

2. You are to revise the census of the Undiri census division.

3. During your patrol obtain as much information for an area study as you can in the time available. You are to accompany the leprosy survey team throughout, and as they have to finish in time to attend a course in Port Moresby soon, you certainly will not have time to go into ~~this~~ the area study as well as we would like.

4. General Administration as required .

5. Ascertain whether the people from the Endowa, Eskamp, Pinj and Mil area wish to Join the newly formed Lai Valley Local Government Council or not. Some of the Lai Valley councillors maintain that the people from this area wish to become incorperated into the Lai Valley Local Government Council.

It has been shown time and time again that the leprosy survey team will not get a worthwhile response from the local people unless it travels in company with a census patrol in the charge of a D.D.A. Field Officer. Remember that there is a lot of ignorance and fear in respect of the disease, but once the people understand that the disease can be arrested and controlled and that they are not automatically bundled off to Togoba then we may expect more cooperation from the local people .

Of course political education will be carried out on the patrol.

Should you have any queries please raise them, in any case we will be having discussions on the patrol before you depart.

K.A. Bond,

K.A.Bond

Assistant District Commissioner

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PATROL DIARY

17/5/71 0745 Reported at Sub-District Office.Proceeded to Sebisunda by motor-cycle and conducted Census of Sunda and Sebisunda villages. Proceeded to Poromanda and conducted Census.
1615 hours - arrived Sub-District Office.
Camped night at Mendi.

18/5/71 0745 Reported Sub-District Office.Proceeded to Tubiri and conducted Census. 1400 Returned to Sub-District Office.General office routine.
Camped night at Mendi.

19/5/71 Reported to Sub-District Office.Proceeded to One.
Conducted Census of One,Iagen and Pororo.
Heard disputes and inspected gardens.
Camped night at One.

20/5/71 0745 Reported to Sub-District office after travelling from One.Attended meeting at Mendi. Mr.Clements proceeded to Iore and conducted Census at Iore.
Camped night at Mendi.

21/5/71 0700 Proceeded to Iore and transferred equipment to Iaria.Inspected tea plantation run by the Capuchin Mission. 1600 Proceeded to Mendi.
Camped night at Mendi.

22/5/71 Observed at Mendi.
Camped night at Mendi.

23/5/71 Observed at Mendi. 1700 Proceeded to Iaria.
Camped night at Iaria.

24/5/71 0800 Conducted Census at Iaria.1200 Proceeded to Pumi.Conducted Census at Pumi.
Camped night at Pumi.

25/5/71 0700 Walked to Escamp.Walking track poor.
1000 Arrived at Escamp.Conducted Census at Escamp.
Camped night at Escamp.

26/5/71 0700 Walked to Endoa village.Walking track fair.
Conducted Census at Endoa .
Camped night at Endoa.Sent Mr.Packer to Mendi by car - ill with tonsilitis.

27/5/71 0700 Walked to Pinj. Conducted Census at Pinj.
Walked to Pumi. Proceeded to Mendi by motor-cycle.
Camped night at Mendi.

28/5/71 to 7/6/71 Broken patrol.General office routine.
Camped at Mendi.

7/6/71 0745 Reported at Sub-District Office.Proceeded to Megi by car.Conducted Census at Megi.
Returned to Mendi.
Camped night at Mendi.

Patrol Completed.

No. of Patrol Days : 11 days . Broken.

No. of Nights Camped out : 5 nights.

SITUATION REPORT .

A. POLITICAL.

Before Census in each village I talked on Local Government and its responsibilities. The villagers in the Lai Valley part of the Census Division indicated that they had no desire to affiliate with the Lai Valley Council. The people from Mil,Pinj,Endoa,Escamp and Pumi stated that they had contributed to the Mendi Council and did not want to lose the benefits they might receive.

At present the Councillor from Pumi is in the C.I.B at Tente and hence this particular area is not represented at Council meetings. I have investigated the backgrounds of two men who I feel would make suitable leaders for this area. (See Appendix 'F' of Area Study).

Similarly at Iaria there was no elected Member for the Mendi Council. Since visiting Iaria,however,Father Severin of the Capuchin Mission has been elected to this ward.

Talks were given prior to Census recording on the functions of the House of Assembly. I found that the people were very receptive and were interested in all the information. The time was opportune because all the villagers were present. On the whole people are aware of Self-Government and its implications but state that they are not ready to take the step forward. It is important that the Local Members of the House of Assembly visit all these people informing them of current trends.

The men who have been employed by the Highland Labour Scheme have relayed their experiences in the Larger towns and plantations thus increasing the swareness of the people about other parts of their country.

B. ECONOMIC.

Although there is very little economic development in the area the people seemt to have ready cash.This comes mainly from the sale of vegetables at the Mendi market and from selling their labour to P.W.D. and the Missions.

Unfortunately their economy is not geared towards future development and cash crop extension.The males of the villages continually move from place to place attending ceremonies and visiting relatives. Their attitude to work is rather indifferent.

The local people use all their wealth to acquire status in the form of wives,pigs,kina and cassowaries.Int the past there have been extremely high bride prices paid but now there is a limit set by the Mendi Local Government Council. The bride price rates are as follows.

Married for the Ist.time :$100,4 pigs,4 kinas.
" " " 2nd.time :$50,2 pigs, 2 kinas.

With respect to cash-crops in the area it is behind other districts. This particular area seems to be retarded as far as coffe,pyrethrum and cattle projects are concerned. This is particularly noticeable in the Lai Valley and Megi areas. This is probably due to the apathetic attitude of the local people. Advice from qualified agriculturalists and experts is given to them but not listened to.

With the advent of the Mendi-Poroma road and the completion of the Mendi-Ialibu road an outlet for agricultural produce and other cash-crops will emerge.See Area Study for further details.

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A check must be made of the trade stores in the Lai Valley section of the area by the Mendi Local Government Council.

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C. SOCIAL.

The main object of this patrol was to check on the villages for new cases Leprosy. See Appendix 'H' for report and statistical details from Mr. N.Clements. I feel that this aspect of the patrol has been beneficial because of the near one hundred percent attendance at all villages.

There is a new aluminium framed Aid-Post building situated at Iore which is apparently never used. The building is in top condition and it seems rather futile to have a building like this and no Aid Post Orderly. The Aid Post at Pinj is functioning satisfactorily .

It is pleasing to see the development at the Capuchin Mission at Iaria. The tea plantation is functioning effectively under the close supervision of Mr. W. Mcquillen.,a lay missionary. There are 100 acres of tea already planted and established with about two hundred acres yet to be planted. He stated that it would be about two years before the factory would be built. By that time enough mature trees would be ready to start production.

The Mission itself is functioning well under the care of Father Severin. He is very popular with the people and has just been elected as their Local Government Councillor.He certainly has the interests of the people at heart and I feel he is injecting much-needed enthusiasm into these usually non - energetic people.

The Iaria clan have purchased a vehicle to provide transport for themselves to Mendi in cases of emergency and also use it as a means to collect stores from Mendi.This is a real community project.

There is urgent need for two more schools in the area. I recommend that one be built at Megi or Iaria and one at Pinj in the Lai Valley. See Appendix 'D' for details.

D. SUMMARY.

The main object of this patrol was to check on leprosy control in the Undiri Census Division. This was achieved satisfactorily.

There was little time to undertake the Area Study in any great detail because of the need to spend as much time as possible with the men from the Leprosy Mission.

A.J.Halstead.
Assistant Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX 'A'

VILLAGE	NO. OF TRADE STORES	OWNERS	LICENCE
SUNDA	3	Omabe Walap	Yes
		Angoya	Yes
		Bolia	Yes
TUBIRI	4	Hanbor War	Yes
		Ar Tora	Yes
		Pul Kengi	Yes
		Molu Mima	Yes
PORORO	3	Tongur Wua	Yes
		Analape Maso	Yes
		Iago Telebip	Yes
ONE	2	Francis Kili	Yes
		Minga Membo	Yes
IAGEN	1	United Church	Yes
IORE	1	Baga Timre	Yes
SUMIA	2	Pesu	Yes
		Sumia P.T.S.	Yes
IARIA	4	Kolmen Nono	Yes
		Baras	Yes
		Iago Val	Yes
		Agurap Andum	Yes
POROMANDA	2	Narea	Yes
		Memene	Yes

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APPENDIX 'C'

The Pumi Ward is without a Councillor so I have investigated two people who seem to have the characteristics of good leadership.

I did not have adequate time to investigate other Councillors and leaders in the other villages as I felt it was not necessary.

NOSIMINE ABO

Pumi villager.
Aged 25 years.
Education- nil.
Speaks fluent pidgin.
Catholic.
Occupation - subsistence farmer.
No convictions.
When road-building at the beginning of the year in this area I noticed that this man had really potential leadership. He was extremely strong and energetic and even the old big-men and other people followed him. He is a really strong and energetic young man, a trait unusual among the Mendi clans. Took complete charge of organising carriers for this patrol.

PERENE INOA

Pumi villager.
Aged 35 years.
Education - nil.
Speaks fluent pidgin.
Catholic.
Occupation - subsistence farmer.
No convictions.
This man may have more influence than the person described above beacause of his age. I noticed that when vital questions were asked of the group that he always seemed to have the final say. A quiet, mature type of person.

APPENDIX 'D'

SUMIA PRIMARY T School — May 1971

Standard or Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
1	29	8	37
3A	21	8	29
3B	24	14	38
Total	74	30	104

Teachers — M.Kakurur
U.Rigu (Head teacher)
H.Lou

1970 statistics :-
Grad 2 — 47 Boys 21 Girls Total 68.
2 teachers.

GROUPS OF VILLAGES NEEDING MORE SCHOOLS .

IARIA	37 Boys	31 Girls
MEGI	25 "	20 "
	62	51

Total 112 Children. 5 attending Dev school at present.

Reccomend school to be built at Iaria. Children to walk no more than 2 miles.

MIL	24 boys	21 Girls
PINJ	37 "	18 "
ENDOA	22 "	32 "
ESKAMP	16 "	7 "
PUMI	8 "	17 "
	104 "	95 "

Total 199 children.

Children at present attending school in this area.

MIL	9 boys	0 girls	(Kip Mission or Det)
PINJ	3 "	1 "	"
ENDOA	6 "	1 "	"
ESKAMP	4 "	1 "	
PUMI	-	-	(Pumi's will not send their children to Sumia because of the murder's in 1966)

Recommend that school be astablished at Pinj as it is the most central point for all children from these villages to atte attend. Probably a number of children would come to Pinj from Lai Valley Census Division which borders at Pinj.
I suggest a site be obtained near the Aid Post at Pinj.

c.c. to the Superintendent of Education, Mendi.

APPENDIX 'E'

VILLAGE	MISSION	SERVICE	STAFF
Sunda	Capuchin United Church	Church Church in Mandi	Catechist -
Sebisunda	-	--	-
Borcmanda	United Church	Church	Pastor
Tubiri	Capuchin United Church	Church Church	Catechist Pastor
Pororo	United Church S,D,A,	Church Church	Pastor Minister
One	Capuchin United Church	Church Go to Iagen	Catechist Resident Minister
Iagen	United Church	Church	Resident Minister
Iore	Capuchin United Church	Church Church at Iagen	Priest visits Resident Minister
Iaria	Capuchin	Church	Resident Priest Resident Catechist
Megi	Capuchin United Church	Church Church	Priest visits Resident Catechist
Pumi	United Church	Church	Minister visits
Escamp	Capuchin	Church	Catechist
Endoa	Capuchin United Church	Church Church	Catechist Irregular staff
Pinj	Capuchin	Church	Catechist Priest vivits
Mil	Bible Mission from Ka[illegible] visits		-
Kos	Capuchin	Church	Catechist Priest visits

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APPENDIX 'F'

The following distances are only approximate.

MENDI - IORE 14 miles.

Old Mendi-Nipa road. All weather road. Sections being maintained by P.W.D. with the assistance of local labourers. Lack of supervision has resulted in poor road surfaces. 4 wheel drive or tractor only. Bridges average except for 2 near Tubiri-these are just about completely damaged.

IORE - IARIA 5 miles.

Secondaryroad serving the Capuchin Mission and Tea Plantation at Iaria. Poor road surface. Needs mainrenance supervision. Bridges average. Suitahle all-weather road for 4 wheel drive vehicles or tractors.

IORE - MEGI 5 miles

Secondary road . Gradually deteriorates from Iore onwards. Not safely trafficable in wet weather because of bad drainage and slipp ry surfaces. No road work been attempted on t is road for a long time. How-ever the new Mendi-Poroma road follows this route so a good road will be in effect soon. Bridges poor and suitable for 4 wheel drive traffic only.

IORE - PUMI 3 miles.

Secondary road. Very stony and steep near Pumi. Surua section needs urgent road maintenance. Good quality limestone available to provide an excellent surface. All weather road for 4 wheel drive vehicles and tractors. Bridges deteriorating rapidly. Main access road to Kip and Nipa.

PUMI - PINJ 7 miles.

The first mile is extremely rough and badly drained. All bridges repaired now repaired satisfactorily. Road narrow in places. The remainder of section quite reaonabie. Suitable for 4 wheel drive vehicle in all weather.

MENDI - POROMANDA 1½ miles.

Main access road to the Mendi High school. Top grade surface and road is serviced by a Bailey bridge. Trafficable by all type of vehicle.

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APPENDIX 'H'

APPENDIX 'G'.

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List of individuals who lease land from Administration and the Crown,

Name of Land	Applicant/Lessee	Date of Purchase.
Sunda (5.2acres)	Admin.(PW.D.)	7/5/65
Sunda Ext.2 (1.4)	"	13/5/66
Sunda Ext.3 (1.44)	"	13/5/66
Pumi	Rural Post.	
Iore (4.4)	Capuchin Mission	12/2/68
Sumia (5.04)	L.G.Council	23/3/71
Ansumbarama(2.7)	P and T	7/5/71
Tigiri (8.0)	Capuchin	28/5/65
Imambu (1410)	Capuchin	8/10/65

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APPENDIX 'H'

LEPROSY MISSION CONTROL UNIT,

TARI, S.H.D.,

16th June 1971.

Leprosy Control Survey, Undiri C/D, Mendi S/D, S.H.D.

This Survey was carried out by the Leprosy Mission Control Team ,Mr N Clement,Mr A Packett and Mr Yongo from the Mendi G.H. between the dates of the 17th May and the 7th June 1971 in conjunction with an Administration Census Patrol.

The attached schedule indicates the Population examined and the Leprosy Patients detected or reviewed.

Ulcer patients found were admitted to Mendi G.H. and will be treated by immobilization in Plaster. When healing is complete they will be fitted with suitable shoes and discharged.

Three monthly reviews of all known patientswill be carried out by Sister R Atkins and Mendi G.H.

SUMMARY

	15+ M	15+ F	2-15 M	2-15 F	0-2 M	0-2 F		Total
Lepromatous	9	5	5	2	-	-	=	21
Non Lepromatous	28	37	17	12	-	-	=	94
Total all Cases =	37	42	22	14	-	-	=	115

$$\text{Incidence} = \frac{\text{New cases detected}}{\text{Population Examined}} \times \frac{1,000}{1} = 4.14 \text{ per } 1,000.$$

$$\text{Prevelance} = \frac{\text{Total known cases}}{\text{Population examined}} \times \frac{1000}{1} = \frac{115000}{3604} = 34.68 \text{ per } 1000.$$

$$\text{Ratio} = \frac{\text{Total Lepromatous cases}}{\text{Total known cases}} = \frac{21}{115} = 18.26\ \%.$$

N.T.Clement

N. T. Clement

LEPROSY CONTROL SURVEY, UNDIRI C/D, MENDI S/D. 17.5.71 to 7.6.71.

GROUP EXAMINED	M 15+	F 15+	M 2-15	F 2-15	M&F 0-2	Total Seen	Census Total	% Exam	New Cases	Known Cases	TOTAL
ENDOWA	75	105	59	69	23	331	457	73	3	8	11
EKAMP	38	47	29	21	17	152	203	75	1	1	2
EN	16	27	11	12	11	77	115	67	2	7	9
IARIA	128	138	97	104	50	512	568	90	-	6	6
IORE	83	131	36	47	50	347	570	61	-	15	15
MEGIA	97	121	93	67	26	404	469	86	2	5	7
MIL	80	93	61	58	23	315	356	88	1	1	2
ONE	46	66	22	2	23	179	303	59	-	2	2
PINJ	74	91	62	46	34	309	395	78	3	6	9
POROMANDA	47	47	27	32	13	166	233	71	-	12	12
PORORO	33	53	31	53	25	205	305	67	-	3	3
PUMI	58	55	44	36	17	210	262	80	-	8	8
SEBISUNDA	15	20	14	7	6	62	80	77	-	3	3
SUNDA	5	18	5	13	9	50	83	60	-	4	4
TUBIRI	61	105	49	49	21	285	399	72	3	15	21
~~TOTAL~~ TOTAL	851	1127	640	638	348	3604	4798	73.33 %	15	100	115

School children, Labourers etc are included in a seperate schedule.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 14 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by S.I. MORA (PATROL OFFICER).

Area Patrolled AISAICA ROAD CAMP.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2 CONSTABLES (PART TIME) 2 INTERPRETERS (PART TIME)

Duration—From 21/4/1971 to 17/5/1971

Number of Days ~~20~~ 25

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL

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

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

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol SUPERVISION OF CONTRACTS ON MENDI — IALIBU ROAD.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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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Division of District Administration,
District Office,
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7th October, 1971

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

MENDI PATROL NO. 14 of 1970/71

Further to my 67-3-2 dated 7th July 1971, please find enclosed two patrol maps.

D.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

67-3-2

Division of District Administration,
District Office,
MENDI

7th October, 1971

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

MENDI PATROL NO. 14 of 1970/71

Further to my 67-3-2 dated 7th July 1971, please find enclosed two patrol maps.

D.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

- census centre
- VEHICULAR Road
- census division boundary

MENDI PATROL
No 14
of 1970/71.

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AND NEW GUINEA

MENDI.

67-15-78

1st September, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO. 14 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-3-2 of 7th July, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report by Mr. S.I. Mora.

T. W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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The Secretary,
Dept. of the Administrator,
Div. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU,
T.P. & N.G.

7th July, 1971.

Mendi Patrol No. 14 of 1970/1971

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. S.I. Mora, Patrol Officer together with covering memorandum 67-2-1 dated 21st June, 1971 from the A.D.C., Mendi.

Comments:

1. I have corrected the patrol days from 20 to 25 days and will explain to Mr. Mora how this is calculated.

2. Mr. Mora should have been supplied with detailed patrol instructions by the A.D.C., Mendi.

3. The report should be addressed to the A.D.C., Mendi and not the District Commissioner.

4. There is no patrol map and this will be requested.

5. While the report is satisfactory as to the work done, I feel Mr. Mora needs more guidance in how to write a patrol report and he needs to take more care with spelling and presentation.

D.J. CLANCY
District Commissioner

c.c. A.D.C., Mendi

Mr. P. Gamogab
PANGIA

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

21st June, 1971.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO 14 of 1970/71 :
SALI MORA (PATROL OFFICER)

I am disappointed that Mr. Mora thought it not worthwhile to discuss political education with the younger men. The brevity of ideas of the older men probably is due to the older men not having any interest in national politics.

Mr. Mora organises his ideas well, but this is largely spoilt by the lack of flow in his English expression.

Mr. Mora has done a good job of work.

K. A. Bond

(K.A. BOND)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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DIARY.

21/4/71 0900 hours departed Pangia for Mendi.
Accompanied Mr.Hart to Mendi-Ialibu Road(Aisaisa) Paid contracts and returned Mendi.
Slept Mendi.

22/4/71 Preparation to come out to Mendi-Ialibu Road(Aisaisa)
1300 hours departed Mendi for Aisaisa.
Solved a few minor complaints late in the evening.
Slept Aisaisa.

23/4/71 All day supervision of contracts.
Slept Aisaisa.

24/4/71)
25/4/71) Observed ANZAC DAY.
Slept Mendi.

26/4/71 Observed.

Slept Aisaisa.

27/4/71 0800-0900 took names for three new contracts.
All day to 1400 hours supervision of labour.
Rest of the Official hours heavy rain.
Slept Aisaisa

28/4/71 0800-1130 checked improvements cut by Surveyor.
Rest of the hours supervision of labourers.

Slept Aisaisa.

29/4/71 Supervision of labourers.
1030 all were sent home because of no rations.
Mr.Walker and self departed for Mendi arriving at 12 noon.
1300 hours took paid vouchers to Mr.Alan (PWD) to be signed
Late in the evening left Mendi for Aisaisa.

Slept Aisaisa.

30/4/71 All day at Aisaisa, supervision of Labourers.
Slept Aisaisa.

1/5/71) Observed. Slept Aisaisa.
2/5/71)

3/5/71 Took names for three new lines from Kagua.
0900-1500 hours supervision of labourers on the road.
Rest of the official hours issued rations to the labourers.
Late in the evening heard and solved a few minor complaints.

Slept Aisaisa.

4/5/71 All day supervision of labourers on the r oad.
1500 hours issued rations to the labourers.
Late in the evening heard and solved a few minor complaints.

Slept Aisaisa.

5/5/71 All day supervision of contracts on the road
Late in the evening solved a few minor complaints.

Slept Aisaisa.

6/5/71 To Aisaisa Village checked the Garuka Trees that have been cut by Surveyor.
All afternoon supervision of contracts on the r oad.
Late in the evening paid a contract working on Section 87600-87650. Slept Aisaisa.

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7/5/71 All day supervision of contracts.
Late in the evening heard and solved a few minor complaints.

Slept Aisaisa.

8/5/71 0800-0900 hours arbitrated a few minor complaints
12 noon issued rations to the contracts.
All afternoon obseved.

Slept Aisaisa.

9/5/71 Sunday Observed.

Slept Aisaisa.

10/5/71 Monday, All day supervision of contracts on the r oad.
1400 hours issued rations to the contracts.
Late in t he evening arbitrated a few minor complaints.

Slept Aisaisa.

11/5/71 Tuesday am. Paid PartPayment to the contract working on Chainage 89000-89050.
Supervision of contracts on the road.
1400 hours issued rations.
Late in the afternoon paid two contracts from Kagua.
Arbitrated a few minor complaints.

Slept Aisaisa

12/5/71 Wednesday am, Supervison of contracts on the road.
1300 hours issued rations.
Paid two contracts.

Slept Aisaisa.

13/5/71 Thursday am. Supervision of contracts on the road.
1300 hours left Aisaisa for Mendi to get some more Advance. Returned at 1800 hours.

Slept Aisaisa.

14/5/71 Friday am. Paid contract from Aisaisa and rest of the hours from 0930 supervision of contracts on the road.
In the afternoon paid contracts.

Slept Aisaisa.

15/5/71 Saturday Observed. Slept Mendi.

16/5/71 Sunday Observed. Slept Mendi.

17/5/71. Monday am. accompanied by Mr.Hart to Aisaisa to relieve me.
1300 hours left Aisaisa for Mendi and called in at PWD and thence to Treasury.

Slept Mendi.

18/5/71 Tuesday 0800-12 noon at Govt. Stores wiated for a Plane.
At 1230 departed Mendi for Pangia via Kagua ~~arriving~~ arriving at 1330 .

END OF ROAD PATROL, MENDI - IALIBU ROAD (AISAISA)

... to foot bridge over Fiana River

Aisaisa Road Camp,
Mendi Sub-District,
Scuthern Highlands District

19th May , 1971.

The District Commissioner,
District Office.
MENDI.

MENDI - IALIBU ROAD - MAY 1971.

Forwarded herewith the report for the period 21st April to 17th of May on the above mentioned road.

INTRODUCTION.

As with previous reports submitted by other Officers this one also follows the same pattern with more detailed information on the progress of each chainages.
I like to mention that Political Education was not conducted as I have planned before coming out here. However, I have spoken to a few people as I went along each chainages. I have gathered a little, the opinions and views from the interested groups and this of course will be expressed in this report under"Political Development".

ROAD.

There has been a good progress made during the last month however, some minor difficulties were occured in some sections of the road. This was due to large amount of rain fell which brought tones of landslides and this took weeks to remove. By and large the work on the road is progressing fairly fast.

The number of workforce now stands 700 manpower which was increased by 10% during the end of last month. The 50% of the workforcewere from Kagua and it is they who are doing a much better job here than the local bodies.

As each contract was finished, the labourers were paid according to how much cubic yard of section they have worked. The proceedure now stands that once a contract is finished and paid they are reminded whether to remain or disperse - which ever suits them. Most feel that there is no any other way of earning a little money and prefers the former. Because of this attitude and views, the number of workforce never fluctuates.

The work here progressed rather smartly during this month of my stay with a few contracts being finished and others nearly completion. Most are working from Biano River towards Aisaisa Village.

Following is a break down of work being done in each chainages.

87600 - 87650.

This section was completed by a line from Kagua. Should have completed last week but due to a heavy down pour brought 135 cubic yards of material which delayed the progress.

87650-88750.

Brackets between this sections were completed during the last two months.

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88750-88800.

This section is still worked being worked by a line from Mendi. This is a fairly big 'cut'. The most of the labourers during the last few weeks have been concentrating on the removal of large amount of earth on the right and left banks however, it'S all being done and the work on shaving of surface commenced on Monday 3rd. It looks as though the work on surface may be completed within the next few weeks.

88800-88850.

This is another big 'cut' being worked by a line from Kagua. During the last few weeks most of the labourers were concentrating on triming of the right bank and removing of large amount of earth. The work on this completed 30th April. At present most are working on the left bank and once they have finished this, the work on the surface will commence. It is most likely that the work on the surface may be completed within a month.

88850-88900.

A line from Kagua was alloted to this during the last few months however, the work output here improved considerably this month in which they have completed the middle section of the road on 7th May. The workforce has moved up attacking the left bank. Once this being finished the work on triming of the right bank will commence.

88900-89720.

The bmackets between these sections were completed during the last few months.

89720-89770.

This section is on the left bank of Pine River(where the bridge is underway) was completed Thursday 6th of May by a line from Kagua. It was amazing that this big cut with boulders in every cubic yard finished in a fairly short time. I have re-alloted them to a little section at the far end of the Biano Bridge where they will shave about 200 cubic yards of earth.

89770-89800.

This section is not being touched yet due to the fact that it might interferre with the work on the bridge and secondly may even cause landslides. Because of these facts it's being reserved for a Bulldozer to work through.

89800-89900.

The brackets between these sections are being reserved for a Bulldozer.

89900-89950.

This section is 30.6 foot cut now alloted to a line from Kagua. About 10% of the work is completed and remaining percentage may be completed within the next three or four months.

I have also suggested to them to cut and shave about four feet of the whole section and once this is completed then they can attack the halves of sections between 89850 to 89770 cutting and shaving the same as to let the water from the top to run through.(We don't want a Dam in the middle of the Highway.) It looks as though the work on these sections may be completed late in June.

89950-90000.

This is 32.5 foot cut. I have not alloted any cont racts to this section yet.

90000-90050.

A line from Kagua is working on this. I have discovered that this group is fairly lazy and might have gone home. The progress of the work is moving on a slow pace.

I have suggested to the Engineer , Mr. Walker before I left that if they still practice on running away it could be an idea to re-allote this to another or a new line. About 5% of the work is completed and remaining may be completed early in August.

90050-90100.

This section was alloted to a line from Ialibu on May the third. The output of work is progressing on a fairly slow pace. At present the workforce is mainly concentrating on the middle section cutting and shaving. Once this 39 foot cut is completed which may take them a few months then, the work on triming of both banks will commence. So far about 10% of the work is completed.

90150-90200.

A line from Kagua was alloted to this section on 30th of April. The work output improved considerably during the last few weeks and hope that cutting and shaving of the surface may completed middle of June. Triming of both banks will not show any hardship and I believe that it may only take them about three weeks to finish off the job.

90100-90150.

This is a 28 foot cut being alloted to a group from Kagua. The work here is moving on a fairly slow pace and I believe the whole section may be completed early in August.

90200-90500.

The brackets between these sections have not being touched yetas there is not much work to be done only 1 to 3 foot 'fills'.

90500-90800.

As the work is fairly light I have alloted these to a line from Mendi.The group here is fairly lazy during the last few weeks but now they are on their feet and believe that the work may be completed early in June.

90800-90850.

A very small line of eleven labourers from Kagua have being alloted to this on Monday 3rd of May.The work here is progressing fairly smartly on this 5 foot 'fill'. I believe that the work here may be finished at the end of May.

90850-90900.

Information as above 90800-90850.

90900-91000.

The sections between these have been completed by a line from Ialibu.

91000-91050.

91000-91050.

This is 14.5 foot cut being worked by a line from Ialibu. Most of the labourers are concentrating on the middle section cutting and shaving. The work here may be completed late in August.

91050-91100.

This is 19 foot cut being worked by a line from Ialibu. Most are working on cutting and shaving of the surface in which they have cleared about 3 foot cut. It may ~~kmmk~~ take them about three to four months to complete.

91000-91650.

All completed.

91650-91700.

Being worked by a line from Mendi. The work output here improved considerably during the last few weeks. Trimming of right bank and shaving of surface was completed on Thursday 13th of May. On Monday 17th the workforce moved up to the left bank and believe that the work may be completed on 21st of May.

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

I like to make it clear here that I rather felt not to discuss with younger generation as I have dealt with them many times during my Patrols and visits at Koroba and at my present posting, Pangia. The views and ideas are no different at all - all the same and therefore I felt not to make any repetitions in my report. The views and ideas I'm about to express now are the views and ideas from elders from Kagua, Ialibu and Mendi Sub-Districts.

I have come across three groups of people however, they all get on well with each other. This socially routine gave me the impression that this is start of a 'little National Unity'. As this gathering was a example, I have made it clear to the people that if this attitude is maintained and continued in foreseable future regardless of where one comes from it will certainly bring a peaceful Igoal' These are all very nice but there is a ill feeling which they may not get away with. As one said"we come here together as a little national unity it is because we are from Southern Highlands - we hate Hagens!"

The people have very slim knowledge about the true 'root' of both words Self Government and Independence. Most feel they are the words of 'stop Work' and fold arms'. I believe that I have made myself clear to my neighbours.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Sale of labour to the Department of Public Works is the main source of income in the area. However, once the road is completed only a skeleton labour force will be employed on road maintenance. Most of the out of work men will be content to to return to their various hamlets and live as they have done for decades.

A few trade stores have been established here along the road and the owners are rcieving favourable profits. I believe that once the road is completed the increase traffic on the road will no doubt mean they will continue to remain successful entrepreneurs.

COMPENSATION.

Trees (General)	24/4		$106.00
	7/5		22.50
	7/5		62.50
	7/5		26.00
	7/5		17.50
Pig.	7/5		30.00
		Total	$2 64.50

FINANCE.

Road Payments made as from 21st of April to 17th of May.

Payments made during	April	$1725.60
Payments made during	May	$1302.30
	Total	$3027.90

SOCIAL.

Health.

The general health of the labourers and the local people along the road appeared to be satisfactory. A few have complained of Dysentery colds and cuts however, the Aid Post Orderly at Aisaisa attended to all minor complaints and two who suffered from the formmer were sent into Mendi.

RATIONS.

The daily rations of a half tin fish, 1lb. rice per man per day has been maintained.
Quantities issued from 21st April to 17th May are as follows.

Rice	16,800lbs.
Fish	8,160 tins

CONCLUSION.

No incident of any nature occured between the local people and the labourers during my stay . Numerous minor complaints were solved on the spot.
The writer appreciated all efforts from the Public Works personnel in providing with transports and other necessary facilities.

SARI.I.MORA.
PATROL OFFICER.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
MENDI
17 SEP 1971
SOUTHERN HIGHLAND DISTRICT
PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Report Number: Mendi Patrol No 15 1971

Subdistrict: Mendi

District: Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol: Special.

Patrol Conducted by: Lionel G. Hart of District Officer

Area Patrolled (Council and/or Census Division/s.): Part Kambiri C/D

Personnel Accompanying Patrol: P Suma Interpreter

Duration of Patrol—from 27/5/71 to 23/7/71

No. of Days: 58 (36 nights camped out)

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: April/May 1971

Date: Duration: 25 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly): Supervision Labour Mendi Tabibo Road

Total Population of Area Patrolled:

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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District Commissioner.

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P.O. Box 2396,
KOKEDOBU.

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6th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO. 15 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-3-2 of 2nd November, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. L.G. Hart of part of KAMBIRI Census Division.

Mr. Hart has submitted a clear informative Situation Report on the road construction, and his attempt to solve labour and allied problems is commended.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
10 NOV 1971
KONEDOBU

Division of District Administration,
District Office,
MENDI

2nd November, 1971

The Secretary
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

MENDI PATROL NO. 15 of 1970/71

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. L. Hart, DO, together with covering memorandum 67-3-2 dated 9th September, 1971 from the ADC Mendi.

There is no need for additional comment except to note that this road is now approaching the ANKURA River which is the point where our responsibility finishes. The expected completion date for the section Mendi - Ankura River is June 1972.

D.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. ADC Mendi

c.c. Mr. L. Hart, Mendi

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Division of District
Administration,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

9th September, 1971.

District Commissioner,
District Office,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO.15 OF 1970/71

Herewith the report of the above patrol conducted by Mr. Lionel Hart. My comments are:-

(1) RATIONS: For a project such as this it is obvious that sufficient rations must be on hand in case of unforseen hold-ups in supply. The crisis in respect of the road occurred when there was a rice shortage throughout the Highlands and it was unavailable anywhere. I, myself, think that rations issued are adequate too, and the satisfaction of the people working on the road with their rations partly depends upon the supervision they receive e.g. labourers working in conditions applying on the road are inclined to eat all their rations at night leaving none for the morning, and the Officer on the road should try to prevent this.

(2) SYSTEM OF LABOUR: There is no doubt that the present system of labour used on the road is the best to date. The effectiveness of labour largely depends upon the commonsense of the Supervisory Officer on the road. In the past when labour has become inefficient it has been often due to too many people contracting for a small contract and getting in each others road and then trying to overcome inefficiency by themselves cramming more and more people into the contract, which keeps on making the position worse and worse.

(3) POLITICAL: In respect of the Census. Word was deliberately not sent out so that only the people who would normally be there, were there. This apparently achieved the desired result evidenced by some groups of people asking "Why did you not tell us the day, had we known the day we would have made a point of staying to be counted."

(4) LAW AND ORDER: I am very cautious of allowing Police to arbitrate in Civil matters. However, owing to the fact that it is often hard to distinguish between civil debt or contract and various types of minor criminal matters such as larceny by a trick and false pretences and imposing upon an individual to gain an advantage, it is inevitable that police will be assisting to solve minor debts and breaches of contract.

(5) HEALTH: I am very disappointed that Aid Post Orderly NANDOMA'S performance has badly declined. After reading Mr. Peter Tozer's Patrol report at the beginning of the year I wrote him a brief letter of commendation.

I feel that it is not my position to rebuke Nandoma, but I am informing the Hospital Secretary of Mr. Hart's comments.

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(6) ECONOMIC: People living alongside the road have no desire to embark upon agricultural extension; cash employment is so easy to obtain that farming activity is by comparison unattractive.

(7) SUGGESTIONS: Mr. Hart's points (i) and (ii) are concurred with.

Mr. Hart's performance on the road was very good · results achieved were commendable, and the report is well written.

K. A. Bond

(K. A. BOND)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c.
Mr. Lionel G. Hart,
Department of District Administration,
MENDI.

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District Office,
MENDI

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3rd August, 1971

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
MENDI

REPORT: MENDI PATROL NO. 15 OF 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by:	Lionel G. Hart a/District Officer (Pol. Educ).
Area Patrolled:	Part Kambiri C/D.
Personnel Accompanying:	Interpreter P. Suma.
Duration:	27-5-71 to 23-7-71 58 days (36 nights carped out).
Did Medical Assistant Accompany:	No.
Last Patrol to area by D.D.A:	April/ May 1971.
Map	Not attached.
Objects of Patrol:	Supervision of Labour Mendi/Ialibu Road.

Lionel G Hart

(Lionel G. Hart)
a/District Officer.

MENDI PATROL NO. 15 of1971/72

Patrol Diary.

27-5-71	Departed Mendi 1100 arriving Aisaisa 1230. Cargo to Road Camp Scaled Rations - Paid for new store and house.
28-5-71	a.m. Checked labour in company with boss-bois. General familiarisation of roadworks in progress. p.m. Discussions with Engineer Mr. P. Walker. Scaled Rations. Paid Contract 90150-90200
29-5-71	Rations arrived. Transported from road head to Camp. Scaled rations. Recompiled rolls. Paid MILOR for period 24-26th May.
30-5-71	Observed.
31-5-71	a.m. Five contracts organised and started. Check of work p.m. scaled rations. Completed MILOR payments.
1-6-71	a.m. Rations issued. Investigated new firewood site. Discussion with Engineer P. Walker on site. p.m. paid bridge workers and contract 90600-90500
2-6-71	a.m. scaled rations - departed for Mendi organised rations - returned Aisaisa.
3-6-71	a.m. scaledrations - check of work. To Omai Quarry - discussions with H. Mostert, P.W.D. re land investigation. p.m. Further check on work. Paid for firewood area and improvements 28,600 - Equality 28,500.
4-6-71	a.m. Scaled rations. Check on work. Discussions with Omai Villagers re Omai Quarry. Discussions with Engineer Walker re cuts on new sections or road. p.m. Correspondence. Rations arrived - checked and stored. Discussions with Boss Bois re work allocations.
5-6-71	a.m. Scaled Rations. To Mend. with Hospital patient. O/N Mendi nd:
6-6-71	Observed Mendi
7-6-71	Discussions with DC and DDC. Returned Aisaisa - cheched work Paid Contract 90800-90900
8-6-71	a.m. scaled rations: New Contracts issued. Paid compensation section 28,500-27,750. p.m. Discussions with land owners - Omai Quarry Discussions with Surveyor W. Edwards re work.

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9-6-71 a.m. scaled rations. To Mendi for acquittal of advance. Road equipment collected.
p.m. returned Aisaisa - inspection of progress with Mr. Walker.
Paid Contract 91650-91700.

10-6-71 Scaled rations. Checked work, issued and replaced tools.
p.m. Checked work. Erected wireless aerial.

11-6-71 a.m. scaled rations - checked labour. adjudicated native complaints.
p.m. road returns.

12-6-71 a.m. scaled rations. Proceeded Mendi. Discussion with PWD officers.

13-6-71 xxx. Observed Mendi

14-6-71 Public Holiday - Mendi.

15-6-71 Returned Aisaisa. Scaled rations.
Talks with labourers re army replacing PWD.
Adjudicated disputes.

16-6-71 Scaled rations - native complaints. Deputation from Ialibu re Interpreter Suma returning.
Checked work.

17-6-71 a.m. scaled rations. Arranged transport for burn victim to Mendi. Accompanied patient. Checked on rations and advances.
p.m. returned road - checked labour.

18-6-71 a.m. scaled rations - checked work. Checked contracts close to completion.
To Omai Quarry re pays.
Returned Aisaisa , paid contract 88750-88800
Departed for Mendi 1700.

19-6-71 Discussions with PWD re advances unacquitted.
Overnight Mendi.

20-6-71 Observed Mendi

21-6-71 To Treasury re advance. Final judging Essay Competition with DC. Discussions re road with ADC Mendi.
Returned Aisaisa. Unable to give new contracts because of shortage of rations.

22-6-71 a.m. scaled rations. Checked work.
p.m. supervised culverts required on new sections.

23-6-71 Rations arrived - checked and carried to camp. checked labour. DWE Allen, Major Wells and RWE Loveday arrived road head, accompanied them on inspection.
p.m. scaled rations. 1700 vehicle arrived road head requesting me to proceed Mendi. Overnight Mendi

24-6-71 Discussions with PWD re rations.
Returned Aisaisa with Engineer P. Walker.
1630 rations arrived.
Runner despatched to ADC at Ialibu on patrol to check out report of unsafe bridge ober Kakura R.

25-6-71 a.m. Rations carried to camp site.
Rations issued. Checked cubs with Engineer Walker.
Paid Contractd 89800-89850, 90100 - 90150
91700 - 28700

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26-6-71 a.m. scaled rations. Proceeded Mendi. Overnighted.

27-6-71 Observed Mendi.

28-6-71 a.m. Discussion with ADC Mendi re lack of patrol equipment and conditions on the road.
Returned Aisaisa - checked progress.
Stealing case reported. Police Mendi informed.
Discussion with Labourers re rice.

29-6-71 a.m. scaled rations - checked work. Mr. W. Edwards Surveyor, arrived - discussions re new contracts.
Three contracts completed - transferred to stripping.
Contracts 91,150-91200, 28500-28450, 28450-28400 and 28400-28350 paid off.
Word sent to Mendi to obtain further advance to complete payments.

30-6-71 a.m. scaled rations - clearing line recruited.
Proceed Mendi. Drew further advance. Returned Aisaisa. Contracts 91,100 - 91,150 and 28,550 - 28,500 paid off.

1-7-71 a.m. scaled rations - additional clearing line of 45 recruited. Paid compensation for improvements 27,750 - 26,050. Checked work.

2-7-71 a.m. Scaled rations - checked work in particular 88,800-88,850. Paid contracts 28,650-28,550 and drainage 91,700 - 28,700.
Proceeded Mendi. Overnighted.

3-7-71 To PWD re pays not received. Overnighted Mendi.

4-7-71 Observed Mendi.

5-7-71 Returned M Aisaisa. Five new contracts marked.
Discussions with P.O. Mr. Spence reTerritory Census. Organised labourers for census.

6-7-71 Scaled rations. Checked work. Assisted in organizing labourers for Census. Contracts 88,800 - 88,850 and 28,200 - 28,150 paid off.

7-7-71 a.m. scaled rations. Checked labour.
Discussions with S.I.L. Linguist who arrived by helicopter.
Walked road with Army staff.
Contract 28,750 - 28,700 paid off.

8-7-71 a.m. Scaled rations - progeeded Mendi. Discussion Gov. stores re rations. Discussions PWD and Army re progress. Drew advance.
Returned Aisaisa.

9-7-71 a.m. scaled rations - checked work. Check on clearing line with Mr. D. Hatcher of P.W.D.
Cleared till 23,200. Marked section to 21,050 for clearing prior to arrival of surveyor.
Contracts 88,650 - 88,700 (slip area), 28,700 - 28,600 and 28,050 - 28,000 paid off.

10-7-71 a.m. scaled rations. Proceeded Mendi.
Discussions re rations with Gov. Stores. Overnight Mendi.

11-7-71 Observed Mendi.

12-7-71 a.m. Returned Aisaisa. Checked work. Four stripping lines commenced.
Contract 28,700 - 28,650 paid off.
Organised repairs to foot bridge over Biana River

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13-7-71 a.m. scaled rations - paid compensation for improvements 26050 - 24850
Contract 28,600 - 28,750 paid off.
Checked out box cut for finishing touches.

14-7-71 a.m. scaled rations - checked work.
Accompanied ADC Mendi, Mr. Collier, P.W.D. Moresby and Army personnel on road inspection. Discussions re labour distribution.
p.m. Proceeded Mendi

15-7-71 Checked outstanding advances. Returned Aisaisa checked work.
2000 visited ill labourers. To Omai to pick up vehicle. Drove labourer Mendi. Returned Omai 2330.
Overnight Omai.

16-7-71 Omai to Aisaisa. Scaled rations, checked work.
Discussions with Mr. P. Walker Engineer on site.
p.m. Proceeded Mendi.

17-7-71 In Mendi

18-7-71 Observed Mendi.

19-7-71 a.m. Returned Aisaisa. Mr. B. Probert, A.P.O. accompanying. Rations issued. Clearing line recruited. Familiarised Mr. Probert with road work.
Mr. Probert and Interpreter P. Suma returned Mendi for Supreme Court sittings.

20-7-71 a.m. scaled rations. Sgt. Donnelly arrived, marked sidedrains. Mr. W. Edwards, Surveyor, arrived to set out new contracts.
1200. A platoon of 1 P.I.R. arrived en route Ialibu. Considerable disruption to labour.
Contract 28350-28300 paid off.

21-7-71 a.m. scaled rations - checked labour.
Paid contract 27900- 27850 and stripping 26650 - 26400
Proceeded Mendi. Overnighted.

22-7-71 Returned Aisaisa with APO Mr. B. Probert and Mr. W. Edwards, surveyor.
[illegible] Scaled rations.
Familiarised Mr. Probert with road.

23-7-71 a.m.scaled rations. Packed gear.
Paid for land Kawarea (Omai Quarry)
Departed for Mendi via Omai.

End of Patrol

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SITUATION REPORT.

A. INTRODUCTION.

Since the introduction of intensive labour on the Mendi-Ialiburoad, officers of the Division of District Administration in the District have taken it in turn to supervise the labour. At the A.D.C's conferance in Mendi on the 27th March, 1971, a roster for A.D.C's and officers holding District positions was drawn up allocating each officer one month. My particular month was June. Because of the staff situation it was resolved at the A.D.C's conference at Tari on 5th May, 1971 that I should take over earlier and that a replacement would be found at the end of June.

No specific patrol instructions were issued and hence none are included in this report.

It had been intended to commence the patrol on the 17th May 1971, however because of lack of rations labour was dismissed from the 17th - 21st May, 1971. It should be noted that the acute ration position had been imminent for sometime and labour had earlier been dismissed by my predecessor Mr. S. Mora, P.O. on the 29th/30th April 1971 because of lack of rations. From the period 24th May 1971 until the patrol actually commenced labour was working, but it was not until the 27th May, 1971 that rations could be issued. Labourers working from the period 24th - 26th May, 1971 were paid 15 cents per day in lieu of rations.

During the course of the patrol, the majority of PWD staff engaged in the road construction were replaced by Army personnel, previously stationed at Popondetta. The changeover did cause some problems, but these have in the main been overcome. I will be commenting on this in detail later in the report.

B. ROAD REPORT.

(a) Rations.

Rations are issued to all labourers at the rate of 1lb rice and ½ tin fish per man per day. As stated in the introduction problems with the supply of rations were experienced. During the course of the patrol, several occasions arose when the position became critical, however a day trip to Mendi was able to resolve the position. Close liasion between myself, PWD and Government Stores enabled rations to be supplied in time to avert having to layoff the labour again.

Much has been written in previous reports on the inadequacy of the rations issued. I feel they are quite adequate. When one considers that all labourers have the opportunity, which they utilise, to visit their villages at the weekend to stock up with supplements of greens, then the issues they receive ensure that noone is hungry. As the issue of rations is purely and simply to save villagers and labourers the necessity of having to carry all their food with them at the weekend visits, then the present issues fulfill a useful purpose, not the least of which is regular supplies.

(b) Supply of Labour.

There is no shortage of labour. Appendix A shows the number of labourers working at any one time. The patrol was in fact turning labour away. Reasons for this were, initially, shortages of rations and later, lack of areas surveyed to put new workers into (Details - Appendix A)

New areas have just been marked and as Monday is the normal day for starting new contracts, then my successor, Mr. B. Probert, should be able to recruit more labourers on the 26th July, 1971.

(c) System of Labour

The contract system has now gained a firm foothold. Areas, 50 ft. in length are surveyed and the works required - either cut or fill -marked. A line is then put to work and on completion paid. I have noticed that if a contract is negotiated for $10.00 or more per person, then work is much more enthusiastic. This of course necessitates knowing in advance the priceof the contract. Unfortunately this has not occured in all cases and I had groups working for three weeks before they knew their final pay. I would strongly advise officers not to engage labour unless a final price has been advised by the Engineer in Charge.

Two distinct advantages are apparent in the contract system. Supervision is at a minimum and therefore one officer is able to control a larger work force. Secondly, labour disputes over pay or conditions are confined to only a small section and do not disrupt the whole labour force. The fact that during my period no disruption of work was experienced is indicative of the success of contracts.

Supervision of work is carried out by the officer in charge assisted by boss bois who are casual labourers employed by PWD. The effectiveness of these boss bois is doubtful. I have decreased the number from six to four as, apart from their incompetence, they had a tendency to disrupt the contractors. I have taken firm action to alleviate any cause of friction or disruption of progress on the road. The choice of boss bois is the perogative of the officer working the road, and even though the two I dismissed have had lengthy services (12 months) their continued presence could have led to labour disruptions.

The fact that all but two of the lines paid off during my stay returned for further contracts should reinforce the decision that the contract system is working well.

(d) PWD/Army Handover.

The handing over of the road to the Army Engineers would perhaps have gone unnoticed with the contract labourers had it not been necessary to dismiss approximately 150 day labourers from Omai Quarry just at the time of the handover. Rumours of PIR replacing contractors, cuts in contract prices and rations were heard from all quarters. These rumours quickly subsided but came again in greater force when on the 20th July 1971 a platoon of 1 PIR arrived announced in full battle rig, and marched through the workers. The labour now appears settled.

From the point of view of supervision of the contract labourers, little or no effect was noticed except in the change of staff.

(e) Progress.

During my period on the road, 27 contracts involving 2,100 ft were completed and another 20 contracts covering 7,200 are still in progress (See appendix C).

Where figures were available yardage per man/day was calculated (see appendix D).

A total of $10,281.90 was paid out during the patrol and a detailed break up of this is attached as appendix D.

C. POLITICAL.

No formal political education was conducted on the patrol. Labourers are not interested in the House of Assembly after a days work and thenbeing drenched in rain. Every opportunity was taken however with interested individuals, to discuss their particular queries.

During the course of this patrol a team from Mendi arrived to carry out the Territory Census.

This was achieved quite satisfactorily, however the notice given of the actual dates for the census to be carried out was extremely short. It was in fact late Friday afternoon after the bulk of the labourers had returned to their villages for the weekend that word was received that the Census would start early the following Monday morning.

D. LAW AND ORDER.

Law and Order in the area, particularly amongst the labourers is good. A constable from Mendi is stationed at the camp site to deal with any problems arising. His work load is surprisingly small and consists mainly of debts from the neighbouring villages. I arbitrated on several of these debts but the majority preferred to travel to Mendi to seek justice - and a day to complete their other business.

E. HEALTH.

A.P.O. Nandoma stationed at Aisaisa is lazy and indifferent to his work. A child with burns to 70% of his upper legs and abdomen was told to go back to his house because Nandoma did'nt have medicine. A contractor with an old arrow wound which became aggravated to the extent that he coughed up a pint of blood would have been left unattended for a further 16 hours had I not insisted he be looked at (see diary for 15th July, 1971).

P.W.D. and now the Army will arrange transport at any time of the day or night should any patient require it, so there is no need for situations such as those mentioned to arise.

Nandoma aside, the health of the area appears to be quite good.

F. ECONOMIC.

The road and all its benefits i.e. firewood, labour etc.is the main economy of the area.

It is rather surprising that D.A.E.F. have made no attempt to establish cash crops along the road in readiness for when it is completed and the current source of income reduced.

G. INTER DEPARTMENTAL LIASION.

This was in main excellent. Transport and general requirements were always provided. Particular mention should be made of Mr. P. Walker, P.W.D. Engineer and during the latter part of the patrol Sgt. S. Donnelly RAE for their technical advise and Mr. K. Kube, P.W.D. mechanic stationed at Omai for his help in supplying transport - often at extremely short notice.

H. SUGGESTIONS.

No doubt every officer who has worked on the road has his own views on how better results can be obtained and I am no exception. I have, however, tried to confine my thinking to general terms. The points listed below have in the main been finalised but could occur again causing frustration to the officer actually engaged in supervision of the intensive labour. These are:-

(1) Rations should be maintained so there is at least two weeks on hand.

(2) Contracts should be pegged well in advance of the anticipated date of putting labour orto them. This will ensure that labourers are not turned away (see Appendix A) and also final prices can be quoted prior to a contract being commenced.

I. CONCLUSION.

One cannot help but admire the villagers engaged on the roadwork. Inclement weather and at times uncomfortable working conditions (up to two feet of slush) have to be contended with. That labourers return for further contracts is indicative that conditions and terms of employment are satisfactory.

Interpreter Pangama Suma is worthy of special mention. His application to his work and his willingness to assist relieves officers of many hours of tedious work. Pangama has asked and I would firmly recommend, that he be allowed to remain on the road until the Enkura River is reached.

The amount of roadworks completed, the settled state of the labour and the numbers appearing for work would indicate that the patrol successfully achieved its objectives.

LIONEL G. HART.
A/District Officer.
(Political Education)

APPENDIX A.

Summary of Labour.

Date	Paid off	Taken on	Total
27-5-71			574
28-5-71	38		542
31-5-71		119	661
1-6-71	71	37	627
7-6-71	22	153	758
8-6-71	25		733
9-6-71	24		709
16-6-71		82	791
18-6-71	23		768
22-6-71		24	792
25-6-71	32		760
29-6-71	91	24	693
30-6-71	44		649
1-7-71		17	666
2-7-71	35		631
5-7-71		126	757
6-7-71	63		694
7-7-71	21		673
9-7-71	57		616
12-7-71	11	77	682
13-7-71	23		659
14-7-71	33		626
15-7-71	138		488
19-7-71		50	538
20-7-71	16		522
21-7-71	24		498
23-7-71			498

Note:			
	21-6-71	100	Sent back as no contracts marked.
	2-7-71	158	" " " " " "
	12-7-71	50	" " " " " "
	19-7-71	150	" " " " " "

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APPENDIX B.

Section	Volume	Yardage per man day
28750 - 28700	593 cub yd	1.0
28650 - 28550	477	.38
28550,- 28500	305	.66
28500 - 28450	257	.75
28450 - 28400	360	.88
28400 - 28350	494	1.4
28200 - 28150	466	1.0
28150 - 28100	386	1.5
28100 - 28055	360	1.4
27900 - 27850	185	1.3
28700 - 28600	1018	1.3
28055 - 27990	373	.62
28700 - 28650	543	1.6
28600 - 28750	998	1.5
28350 - 28300	694	1.35

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APPENDIX C.

Date	Total length of Rodd supervised.	Length being worked	Progressive Length Completed.
27-5-71	2950 ft	1650 ft	
31-5-71	3750 ft	2450 ft	200 ft
7-6-71	4100 ft	2600 ft	400 ft
15-6-71	4400 ft	2750 ft	550 ft
22-6-71	5850 ft	3550 ft	750 ft
5-7-71	5850 ft	3200 ft	1150 ft
12-7-71	7050 ft	4050 ft	1500 ft
19-7-71	15500 ft	7500 ft	1800 ft
23-7-71	15500 ft	7200 ft	2100 ft

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APPENDIX D.

Payments made since 27-5-71

27-5-71	Committee Omai for house	$100.00
28-5-71	90,150-90200 (38 at $8.45)	321.10
29-5-71	MILOR 24-26th	240.30
29-5-71	Firewood	15.00
1-6-71	Bridge Workers 25 at $5.00	125.00
1-6-71	90600 - 90800 46 at $4.00	184.00
3-6-71	Firewood area	420.00
3-6-71	Improvements 28600-Eq.28500	128.90
7-6-71	90800-90850 11 at $8.00	88.00
	90850-90900 11 at $8.00	88.00
8-6-71	Improvement 28500 - 27750	312.50
8-6-71	89000 - 89050 25 at $10.00	250.00
9-6-71	Rocket Yapa Anga Sand	100.00
9-6-71	91650-91700 24 at $12.00	288.00
18-6-71	88750 - 88800 23 at $23.00	529.00
25-6-71	89800-89850 *32 at $8.00	256.00
	90100-90150 32 at $15.00	480.00
	91700-28700 *26 at $8.00	208
29-6-71	91150-91200 28 at $12.00	336
	28500-28450 19 at $2.00	38
	28450-28400 24 at $2.00	48
	28400-28350 20 at $4.00	80
30-6-71	91,100-91150 25 at $14.00	350
	28550-28500 19 at $3.00	57
2-7-71	28650-28550 35 at $2.00	70
	91700-28700 * 26 at $2.00(drains)	52
1-7-71	Improvements 27750-26050	347.50
6-7-71	88800-88850 42 at $18.00	756.00
6-7-71	28200-28150 21 at $3.00	63.00
7-7-71	28750 - 28700 21 at $4	84.00
7-7-71	Makua Arua for 5 houses	100.00
9-7-71	Slip 88650-88700 24 at $3.00	72.00
[illegible]-7-71	28700-28600 26 at $6.00	156.00
[illegible]-7-71	28050-28000 30 at $2.00	60.00
[illegible]-7-71	28700-28650 11 at $7.00	77.00
[illegible]-7-71	Improvements 26050-24850	409.60
[illegible]-7-71	28600-28750 23 at $7.00	161.00
14-7-71	88950-89000 33 at $18.00	594.00
15 [illegible]-7-71	Stripping 27000-26850 17 at $6.00	102.00
[illegible]-7-71	88850-88900 57 at $15.00	855.00
15-7-71	88900-88950 64 at $12.00	768.00
20.7.71	29350 - 28300 16 at $6.00	96.00
21-7-71	27900-27850 24 at $9.00	216.00
	26650 - 26400 (Striping)	
	TOTAL PAID OUT	$10,281.90

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No MENDI (20)

Patrol Conducted by J. L. WELLINGTON P.O.

Area Patrolled MENDI - IALIBU ROAD (YARI - OMBI area)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 2 P.W.D. PERSONNEL

Natives No

Duration—From 10/6/1970 to 11/7/1970

Number of Days 32

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/6/1970

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

Map Reference MENDI - IALIBU ROAD

Objects of Patrol SUPERVISION OF NATIVE LABOUR WORKING ON MENDI - IALIBU ROAD

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded please.

/ / 19 .....
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... $.....

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

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

KJH:JB

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KONEDOBU. PAPUA

2nd August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO.20 OF 1969/70

Your reference 67-3-2 of 23rd June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. J. Wellington of Mendi/Ialibu Road.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
29 JUN 1971
KONEDOBU

Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference 67-3-2
If calling ask for
Mr.

In Reply
Please Quote
No.

Department of the Administrator.
Division of District Administration,
District Office,
MENDI

23rd June, 1971

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

REPORT: MENDI PATROL NO. 20 OF 1969/70

Please find attached two copies of the report on the above patrol conducted by Mr, Wellington, P.O.

Lack of tools is an obvious handicap for work to proceed satisfactorily.

Conditions of labour - i.e. rations and pay are the perogative of the constructing authority, but before any change is introduced consideration should be given to its effect on the labour line.

As most matters pertaining to the road are dealt with as they arise, no further comments are offered.

D.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. A.D.C. Mendi

c.c. Mr. J. Wellington,
Korobe

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the Administrated,
Division of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

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28th September, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO 20 : MENDI SUB-DISTRICT

J.W. WELLINGTON.

Herewith the above report.

With reference to the comments in the third paragraph, page 4 - I have noticed that tools are short. The men have no picks, or mattocks at all, and I would suggest that at least 80 picks, complete with handles and spare handles, be issued. More carrying frames are needed also, and I am attending to this.

In respect of the 4th paragraph, page 4, I can see no valid reason why an ex-plantation manager should be better than anyone else, including a Department of the Administrater officer. I agree that our supplying staff is an onerous burden at present. I would also point out that Public Works Department has a very good foreman on this road in the person of Mr. D. McClelland.

POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Mr. Wellington's experiences in this field are the same as most if not all field officers in this sub-district.

CONCLUSION.

Mr. Wellington's concluding paragraph is supported most strongly by me. Last week there was a move by Public Works Department to cut rations on the weekends unless the men worked on Saturdays. This would have resulted in a large walkout. However, there are still quotas to be kept up with, and the temptation to get the most out of the funds by reverting to 20 cents a yard contract basis will be great. Such a course of action would be ill advised.

K.A. Bond

(K.A. BOND)
A/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

PATROL REPORT NO. MENDI

DIARY OF PATROL

10.6.70 Having received verbal instructions from the D.D.C. Mendi and the A.D.C. Koroba, I boarded an aircraft and proceeded to MENDI. From here I was driven to YEBI rest house where I camped for the night.

11.6.70 Walked to OMAI rest house where I met Mr. Satchell who introduced me to the work I was to do.

Camped for the night.

12.6.70 Worked with Mr. Satchell supervising intensive labour.

Camped for the night.

13.6.70 Saturday - As there was no work being done by labour I issued rations and compiled a roll book.

Camped for the night.

14.6.70 Sunday - Issued rations and camped for the night.

15.6.70 Supervised labour and issued rations and camped for the night.

16.6.70 Supervised labour and issued rations and camped for the night.

17.6.70 Supervised labour and issued rations and camped for the night.

18.6.70 Supervised labour and issued rations and camped for the night.

19.6.70 Supervised labour and issued rations and camped for the night.

20.6.70 Bulldozers arrived and as one became bogged, supervised labour getting the machine mobile.

Issued rations and camped for the night.

21.6.70 Sunday - Day of rest observed and issued rations.

22.6.70 Supervised labour, issued rations, and camped for the night.

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23.6.70 Supervised labour, issued rations, and camped for the night.

24.6.70 Supervised labour, issued rations, and camped for the night.

25.6.70 Supervised labour, issued rations, and camped for the night.

26.6.70 Supervised labour, issued rations, and camped for the night.

27.6.70 Paid labourers, issued rations. 52 prisoners arrived and was visited by Mr. D. Morgan (O.I.C. Corrective Institution, Mendi). Camped for the night.

28.6.70 Sunday. Issued rations and camped for the night.

29.6.70 Supervised labour in a.m. and visited MENDI in p.m. to acquit advance. Returned to CMAI where issued rations and camped for the night.

30.6.70 Supervised labour, issued rations, and camped for the night.

1.7.70 Supervised labour, issued rations, and camped for the night.

2.7.70 Supervised labour, issued rations, and camped for the night.

3.7.70 Supervised labour, issued rations, and camped for the night.

4.7.70 Supervised work by prisoners in a.m. and issued rations in p.m. Camped for the night.

5.7.70 Sunday. Issued rations and camped for the night.

6.7.70 Supervised labour, issued rations, and camped for the night.

7.7.70 Supervised labour in a.m. and prisoners only in p.m. Labour proceeded to MENDI in p.m. for Prime Minister's visit tomorrow. Camped for the night.

8.7.70 Marked out work for prisoners in a.m. and then proceeded to MENDI to observe Prime Minister's visit. Returned to CHAI in p.m. where camped for the night.

9.7.70 Supervised labour and issued rations. Mr. P. Tozer arrived in p.m. Camped for the night.

10.7.70 Supervised labour and pointed out to Mr. Tozer what work was going on. Issued rations and paid labour. Camped for the night.

11.7.70 Proceeded to MENDI in a.m.

END OF PATROL

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SITUATION REPORT

During my stay at OMAI I supervised work being carried out by between three hundred and fifty and five hundred odd labourers. After 27th June, 1970 there was also a line of prisoners whose efforts had to be supervised.

The people working as labourers were being paid at the rate of thirty cents a day, and during my stay it was expressed by these people that they were pleased with this arrangement. It appears that under the twenty cents a yard system that was being paid earlier, there was an amount of dissatisfaction and I also believe a fair amount of persuasion was required to keep the people on the job. Under the thirty cents a day deal, the labour force increased, while I was there, from three hundred and fifty to just under five hundred. Not once during this period did I ask for more people to come in. During my final fortnight at OMAI another hundred men could have been taken on to strength, however, I had to turn them away as rations were becoming short and a spade wielder would be of little use without his tool of trade.

Mr. Allan, the P.W.D. Engineer on the road, requested a thousand men, and I feel sure that these could be obtained, however, until more tools can be made available I feel that it would be a waste of time having them.

Although many people may disagree with me, I feel that it is a waste of an officer having him supervising this labour. I believe that an ex-plantation manager from the coast should be recruited for this job. He would most likely have a jolly site better idea of running large numbers of workers than many other people would. An officer being taken off an outstation merely handicaps the project on which he might happen to be working at the time and it also increases the workload on what officers may be running that particular station.

I realise that the people of the Southern Highlands should feel a little patriotic about this road and work on a volunteer basis, however, I feel that under such an arrangement it could only be classed as forced labour. Machinery may be able to move earth at twenty cents a yard, but I do not feel that people should be expected to do this in this day and age. Even in our European society, volunteer work stops after weekend working bees for our favourite club or organisation.

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POLITICAL EDUCATION

This is one field in which I find that the more I do, the more disheartened I tend to become. The points mentioned in the District Commissioner's circular were discussed with groups of people at OMAI from time to time, and as usual, keen interest was shown in what I had to say. I feel that much of what has been told has begun to sink in, however, I was disappointed when the matter was put to the test.

On the 7th of this month I dismissed the people from their work and told them that they were excused from their work if they wished to visit MENDI to see the Prime Minister next day. To this they replied that they were not interested as it would mean that they would lose a days pay. This was even after I had spent several hours explaining who and what Mr. Gorton is and how important it would be to them to hear what he might have to say. It was not till I had promised that I would give them their full pay that they decided to visit MENDI.

Ref. WHITLAM criticism of GORTON visit to MENDI. He said people were forced to attend. NOT forced, paid !!

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I can only say that I would not expect the present harmony to continue should the people working on the road be taken off the thirty cents a day system and put back onto the twenty cents a yard basis. The fact that there are labourers working for P.W.D., doing virtually the same work, and receiving eighty cents a day (although these are not being rationed), is bound to cause friction in the near future.

END OF REPORT

J.H. Dellington
P.O.

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Area Patrolled.....

| ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK | | | | | | | | | | | | LABOUR POTENTIAL | | | | | | | | | | | |