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STATION: TINPUTZ, 1963 - 1964

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PATROL REPORT OF: Buka, Tinputz & Kunua.

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BUKA PASSAGE, TINPUTZ & KUNUA

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
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8-63/64	B.G.Robins	Nissan Islands
<u>TINPUTZ</u>		
3-63/64	J.Pamplin	Part Teop Census Division
4-63/64	J.Pamplin	Villages in vicinity of Tinputz
<u>KUNUA</u>		
1-63/64	F.Parker	Kunua Census Division
2-63/64	F.Parker	Keriaka Census Division
6-63/64	R.J.Staples	Kunua and Keriaka Census Divisions

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PATROL REPORT

District of..... Bougainville..... Report No. ^{TINPUTZ} 3 of 1963/64.....

Patrol Conducted by..... J. Pamplin.....

Area Patrolled..... Portion of Teop Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Wife for portion.....

Natives..... Various.....

Duration—From...1.../4.../1964...to...28.../5.../1964....

Number of Days..... Twenty Six (26).....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... nil.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

Medical /...../18.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol...1... Familiarity...2... Investigate Cargo Cult...3... Council...

..... Elections...4... Routine Administration.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

7 / 7 / 1964

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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

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Department of Native Affairs,
KONEROHU. PAPUA.

7th September, 1964.

District Officer,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3/1963-64 - TINEPUTZ:

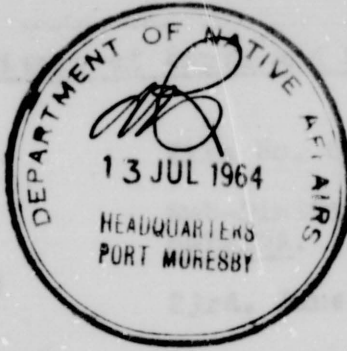
Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report and covering comment is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Community owned cash crops I agree, are better than none at all, but see if there cannot be some means of formalising and recording as early as possible.
3. I agree it is desirable that the two Co-operative Societies be fostered.
4. Let me know on a subject: file the outcome of the investigation of cult rumours at Aravia.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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Department of Native Affairs,
SOHANO.

7th July, 1964.

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Assistant District Officer,
HUTJENA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 1963/64 - MR. J. PAMPLIN
TO PORTION OF TEOP-TINPUTZ COUNCIL AREA

The Patrol Report has been read with interest.
I have a few comments to make on it.

I quite agree with your remarks about the cargo
quit rumours at Aravia and I would suggest that Mr. Pamplin be
a bit more explicit and forward details.

*mainly
recard*

At the recently-held Bougainville Councils Executive
Committee Meeting, the matter of individual plantings versus
community plantations was raised. It seems fairly definite that
the hill people behind Tinputz are concentrating on communal work.
This is a pity as considerable heartburning could eventuate later
but although Mr. Pamplin should continue to advise the people that
individually owned blocks are preferable, he should take care that
the people do not become confused and give away their efforts for
economic improvement. Community owned cash crops are better than
none at all.

I would like to know more about the migration of
some of the mountain villagers closer to the coast. In particular
I am interested in land ownership and what are the rights they will
have to land they intend to plant up. I am afraid that we will be
having more and more of this sort of thing in this District as the
mountain people continue to move down to the coastal flats.

Please ensure that Mr. Pamplin puts in his report
on the elections in the correct form. When does he intend to carry
out the elections at Wainan-Tianin.

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I am not entirely in favour of the Officer-in-Charge,
Tinputz, running a base medical store at his station for the Aid
Post orderlies unless there is no other way out. What I would
suggest is that he encourages the orderlies to come into him or
see him on patrol when they are running short of supplies and he
could assist them by writing to the Public Health Officer responsi-
ble for restocking the Aid Posts. While recently at Tinputz, I
requested the Officer-in-Charge to take a more positive interest
in the two Co-operative Societies in his area. It is my opinion
that they have been losing ground but with practical assistance from
him it might be possible for the Societies to show a profit and pay
a relate.

W. J. Clancy
(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT OFFICER

MINUTE
The Director of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

For your information, please. The Patrol Report is
forwarded to you. The Tinputz Council area continues to progress
well.

W. J. Clancy
(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT OFFICER
7.7.64

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

File No. 67/2/2 .

Sub-District Office ,
HUTJENA.

23rd. June 1964 .

The District Officer ,
SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT TINPUTZ NO. 3 - 1963/64.

Please find attached the original and one copy of a report on a patrol to sections of the TEOP Census Division , carried out by Mr. Patrol Officer Pamplin . I have the following comments .

COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

The reporting officer has included his elections returns within the patrol report and has not adhered to the required pro forma . I will request Mr. Pamplin to attend to this matter during my coming visit . At this stage , I shall make no further appraisal of the election returns .

CENSUS.

It is noted that only four villages were censused . The last census of the TEOP Division was completed in April 1963 , which indicates that a complete census is now due .

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

I have requested further information concerning the cargo cult rumours at ARAVIA . Who originated the rumours ? What steps did the officer take to check on them in the village ? It is noted that the officer reports that affairs in the village are currently normal .


The attitude of the people , both Council and non Council , to the Administration appears to be most satisfactory .

AGRICULTURE.

Some fresh statistics on cash crop plantings over the past year would have been helpful . They should be easily obtainable from the Agricultural Officer .

Mr. Pamplin has spent some time in the field and the people should benefit from his patrol . Claim for camping allowance is attached .

Forwarded , please .


K.J. Hanrahan
Assistant District Officer

TERRITORY OF PAUPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

A REPORT OF A PATROL TO THE EASTERN HALF OF TROP CENSUS DIVISION
IN THE BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT No.3 of 1963/64

OFFICER IN CHARGE. J. PAMPLIN P.O.

PERSONELL ACCOMPANYING. WIFE AND VARIOUS COUNCILLORS.

- PURPOSE OF PATROL.
1. Familiarity.
 2. Investigate Rumours of renewed cargo cult at Aravia Village.
 3. Council Elections.
 4. Routine Administration.

Duration. 26 Days.

Period between 1-4-64 and 28-5-64

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PATROL REPORT DIARY.

- 1-4-64 Departed Tinputz for Pokapa - 1 hour 15 mins walk. Talks to people from Melilup in evening re-council elections.
- 2-4-64 Departed Pokapa for Namkerio - 2 hours walk. Talks with people re Small Arms Permit and general village matters.
- 3-4-64 Departed Namkerio for Rugen - Talks with J. Channing-Pearce. to Teisike village - 1 hour 10 mins. Visited C.M. School en route. Talks with Councillor and A.P.O. re health, village inspection- visited good bakery.
- 4-4-64 Patrol delayed due Rain - Departed p.m. for Lomsis - 2 hours walk. Talks with various headmen re road construction
- 5-4-64 Sunday - observed.
- 6-4-64 Departed Lomsis for Aravia - 1 hour 45 mins. Village inspection and talks with village elders re renewed cargo cult activities - appear to be false.
- 7-4-64 Departed Aravia for Chindpats - 2 hours walk. Visited hamlet en route; visited Mackiwi plantation. Collected headtax for 1964, visited Banui Plantation.
- 8-4-64 Departed Chindpats for Rana Plantation, visited hamlet en route, collected headtax. - 1 hour 30 mins. To Rugen - 1 hour 30 mins.
- 9-4-64 Departed Rugen for Neblahiu - 1 hour 30 mins. Village deserted all migrated out to Pateaviavi. Attempted to go Melilup but became sick so returned to rest house.
- 10-4-64 Departed Neblahiu for Pokapa thence to Tinputz Patrol Post.
- 28-4-64 Departed per Council Tractor for Iaun village to investigate land matter, also familiarity. 4 hours.
- 29-4-64 Departed Iaun for Inus Plantation after inspection of progress on school and Aid-Post. Heavy Rain delayed patrol Inus.
- 30-4-64 Visit to Wakunai and Asitavi Sawmill by speed boat. Returned at 3.30 p.m. Departed for Iaun - arrived 5.30 p.m.
- 1-5-64 8.00 a.m. Talks to school children re absenteeism and reason for going to school etc. Departed 9.30 arrived Tinputz Patrol Post at 3.30 p.m.
- 11-5-64 Departed for Aravia at 1.00 p.m. Arrived Chindpats 5.30 p.m.
- 12-5-64 Departed Chindpats 7.00 arrived Aravia 9.00 a.m. Talks with people about rumours of renewed Cargo Cult Activities. Rumours appear to be false. Departed late p.m. overnight at Rana.
- 13-5-64 Returned Tinputz 11.00 a.m.
- 14-5-64 Departed Tinputz for Pokapa - overnight at Namkerio.
- 15-5-64 Departed Namkerio 7.00 a.m. arrived Melilup at 2.30 p.m.
- 16-5-64 People returned from visiting Teop in evening. 8.00 Revision of census; Council elections carried out. Visited nearby hamlet at 3.30 p.m.
- 17-5-64 Sunday - Observed at Melilup.

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- 18-5-64 Departed 7.00 am Arrived Nutahi at 9. 15 a.m. Census revised - visit to two hamlets, Discussion with people.
- 19-5-64 Departed 7.00 a.m. Arrived at Pokapa at 1.30 p.m. awaited transport - did not arrive until late - overnight.
- 20-5-64 Departed by road for Pateaviavi arrived 12.20 p.m. people not ready for elections and heavy rain delayed patrol further.
- 21-5-64 Pre-election talks to people from Neblahiu and Tumuri. Census revised and elections completed. Returned to Tinjats Patrol Post in F.M.

END OF PATROL.

NARRATIVE.

INTRODUCTION.

The nature of this patrol was mainly one of familiarity for this Officer and as the area was only lightly covered the nature of the Patrol Report will be brief. Most of the villages were visited with the aim of this Officer becoming familiar with the people and in many cases the census was not revised. It is hoped to thoroughly patrol the area again in July - August, 1964.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Patrol was well received in all villages and the people were quite willing to discuss their problems and various aspects of the Patrol's work. Even in Aravia the Patrol was reasonably well received considering that in January, 1964, a cargo cult was broken up by the Assistant District Officer, Mr. C. Liddle - the offenders being sent to gaol.

Efforts were made to get to know these people and to break down the barrier a portable tape-recorder was used to record village songs in the evening. As far as can be ascertained the cargo cult activities have ceased despite strong rumours that these activities have been renewed. The first visit was later followed up with much the same results. However as this Officer is new in the area it is intended to again follow up these first two visits in July. At this stage I would conclude that all appear to be peaceful at Aravia.

As for the people in the remainder of the area they are very pro-administration this even covers the two non-council villages of Chindpats and Tendu. Again these people were approached to join the Teop-Tinputz Local Government Council but they said that their ties with the Selau people are far too strong to break and join the Tinputz Council. They have expressed their wish to remain as they are.

Generally the whole area is going ahead very rapidly with a lot of new plantings of cocoa and coconuts. The people seem to have abandoned the ideas of individual plantings and are now working on a communal basis. The various faults of the communal plantings system are fully realised but the people are really keen and hope to parallel in size the various European Plantations in their areas.

Road work is going ahead at a pleasing rate and it is hoped soon that all villages (with the exception of the more remote mountain villages) will be linked by road to the coast. The people in some of the inland villages have realised how impossible it is for them to build roads over the rugged terrain and have or are in the process of migrating to land they own in the coastal belt. A typical example of this is the almost total migration from the villages of Neblahu and Tusuri to Pateaviavi.

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ELECTIONS.

The people showed great enthusiasm and voted confidently. The voting was done in the form of a whispered ballot with preferential voting. The candidates elected were outright winners and had very little competition. For Melilup Tokalip won with 38 votes beating his nearest opponent by 30 votes. At Mutahi Sivero won by 15 votes over his nearest opponent with 20 votes. At the combined elections of Neblahiu and Tsumuri, Wansi won with 58 votes from his nearest opponent who polled 24. The former village officials stood for election in all three ballots but they were not elected.

A large absenteeism will be seen in the figures for Melilup and Mutahi. This was due to the present migration of some of these people down to the coastal belt. An attempt was made (by census) to ascertain who had migrated out. This was difficult as the local villagers were not sure whether only a portion of the whole families had moved out or the whole family. They were asked to find out before the next census.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Most of the roads and walking tracks were in reasonable condition. It is hoped that when the Ramison River is bridged the Council tractor will be able to assist the people from Tsisiko and Lomsia in their road building. At present the rate of road building is quite pleasing at these two villages but as the tractor is unable to cross the Ramison River no vehicle is available to run on these roads. The Ramison River bridge is soon to be commenced and the making of cement pipes is underway.

Most of the bridges on the road to Iaun and Wakunai are in fair condition only. In the next two months or so it is hoped to replace all these wooden bridges with cement pipes.

EDUCATION.

Two schools were visited in the area. The first was at Rugen which is run by the Catholic Mission. It was rather pleasing to visit this school which is run by three teachers. Especially noticeable were the large numbers of younger children who were progressing quite well.

The second was at Iaun which is run by the Administration. It is staffed by three Native teachers with provision for a European "E" Course teacher. Much of the school buildings are still under construction which is a joint venture by the Local Government Council and the Administration. The people from Iaun village are assisting greatly in this venture.

MISSIONS.

Missions and their activities in this area have as yet not been fully investigated. There are three Missions in the Patrol Post area viz, the Catholic Mission, Methodist Mission and the Seventh Day Adventist Mission. All appear to be doing an excellent job in their various fields and are working in reasonable harmony with one another.

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This heading was mainly covered under Native Affairs.

An Agricultural Officer is now stationed at Tinputz.

HEALTH.

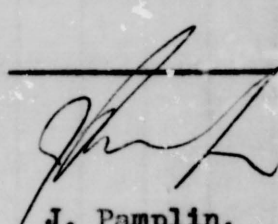
Generally the health throughout the area was excellent. the only ailments noticed were a few cases of scabies in the more remote mountain villages. Aid Post visited were at Tsisiko, Lomsis, Melilup and Laun Villages. They were all running efficient. Previously there appeared difficulty in obtaining fresh supplies of medicines but this has been taken care of and the Medical Assistant at Sohano will now send them direct the Officer-in-Charge Tinputz for distribution.

MAP.

It is hoped that when the whole area has been patrolled that an accurate Patrol Map will be submitted as many of the mountain villages are moving towards the coastal belt.

CONCLUSION.

A very satisfactory Patrol. The people are very friendly and pro-Administration. All are keen to progress which can be seen by the numerous numbers of new plantings of cash crops and the vast amount of road work being carried out in the area. One village in the area has a tendency towards cargo cult activities and this will be closely watched. The remainder are peaceful and friendly people.


J. Pamplin.

OFFICER IN CHARGE.

67-11-21

Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU. PAFJA.


6th October, 1964.

District Officer,
Beauvoirville District,
BEAUV.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4-61/64 - TIMPUTZ:

Receipt of the abovementioned report and covering comment is acknowledged with thanks.

- 2. I fully agree in the views expressed in your memorandum to me. You should continue pressing the points made.
- 3. It is pleasing to note that affairs in the area are "excellent".
- 4. A good report of a routine patrol.

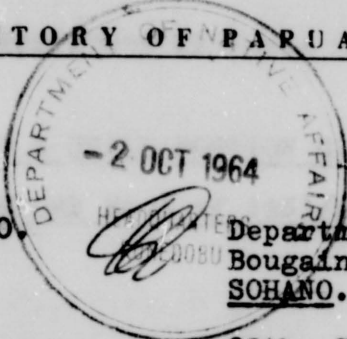

 (J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



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Mr.

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Department of Native Affairs,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

28th. September, 1964.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

PATROL REPORT - TINPUTZ NO. 4 OF 1963/1964.
MR. J. PAMPLIN - VILLAGES IN THE VICINITY OF
TINPUTZ.

Please find attached a Report of a Patrol carried out to the Villages in the vicinity of TINPUTZ Patrol Post by Patrol Officer J. PAMPLIN.

Emphasis has always been given in the TINPUTZ Area to individual planting but although one and all agree that such is the ideal there seems at the moment to be a reversion to the traditional pattern of communal plantings, and ownership.

This matter was raised again a couple of months ago when I attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the Bougainville Native Local Government Councils. The answer given to me was that the main thing was to keep interest in planting to a high level and that the majority of the people found this best achieved by communal effort. I suggested again as we have done countless times in the past that communal work in the plantings was quite in order as long as the completed work was divided among individual families.

This will, I think, be the case in the future and should not prove difficult as even the land being planted communally is being done on a lineage basis and in this area lineage is quite small even though the Clans are large. I do not support communal ownership and my Officers will continue to press for individuality and while I would prefer this to happen now internal pressures will help to achieve the aim when the present plantings start to yield a financial reward.

I doubt very much whether the Christian Churches have obviated Cargo Cult, at least my observations do not support such a statement.

The other matters have been covered by Mr. HANRAHAN. It is pointless asking for such things as schools unless a documented story is put up to add weight to the request.

Att.

D. J. Clancy
(D. J. CLANCY).
DISTRICT OFFICER.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

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REPORT OF A PATROL TO A SMALL PORTION OF THE TEOP CENSUS DIVISION

PATROL REPORT No.4 of 1963/64.

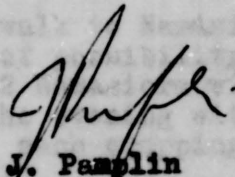
OFFICER in Charge. J. Pamplin. P.C. Gr.1

Personell Accompanying. Various Councillors from surrounding villages

Duration 13 days From 3-6-64 to 16-6-64

Purpose of Patrol

1. Familiarity
2. Routine Administration.
3. Census Revision.



J. Pamplin
Officer in Charge.

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PATROL DIARY.

- 3-6-64 Departed in afternoon ; 1 hours walk to Teobuhin. village inspected and visit to three outlying haulets.
- 4-6-64 8-00 a.m. Revision of Census, Visited larger hamlet Sibitavi - 1 hours walk , discussions with people at the hamlet. P.m. returned to village for further talks with people - viz roads and cash cropping mainly.
- 5-6-64 Departed 7.30 a.m. for Torokokopia - arrived at 8.30 a.m. Census revised , visit to gardens and plantation. Visited two distant hamlets and talked with various ~~at~~ villagers in these hamlets. 5.30 p.m.
- 6-6-64 Departed 8.a.m. - $\frac{1}{2}$ hours walk to Tiasko. Village condition poor , people claimed that a while ago they moved to small isolated hamlets but were now about to return to their old village site and restore housing. Much discussion on this proposed move. Visited hamlets.
- 7-6-64 Sunday - observed at Tiasko.
- 8-6-64 Returned to Tinputz Patrol Post to meet painters.
- 9-6-64 Radio installed late p.m. departed and returned to Patrol overnight at Wawungina.
- 10-6-64 A.M. Census revised at Wawungina, inspection of village, bakery and roads. Discussions with the people on the purchasing of a second-hand tractor.
- 11-6-64 7.15 a.m. - 1 hours walk to Namasiara Village , census revised, inspection of possibility of new road to village, visited No.2 Namasiara village. Returned at 4.20 p.m. Talks in the evening with the people on the Wawungina Tractor , cash cropping and the road etc.
- 12-6-64 A.M. To Suangu Village - $\frac{1}{2}$ hours walk. Census -ed Revised , Discussion on the Kukurina Road which was visit Returned - Various talks with people on the purchasing of a tractor by the Vaere Society. 4.00 p.m.
- 13-6-64 A.M. to Kukurina village - 15 minutes walk census revised , marked out new site for road up large mountain before plateau at Kukurina. The people believe that this road will also serve Hantobin village later.
- 14-6-64 Sunday observed - walked to Pateaviavi village - $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours walk.
- 15-6-64 Revision of census of Pateaviavi village, talks with people re housing, cash cropping and purchase of a tractor of which the people have ~~collected~~ collected £1040 which has been deposited with the Catholic Mission at Tearouki.
- 16-6-64 Returned to Tinputz Patrol Post.

INTRODUCTION

This Patrol was carried out on Portion of the Teop Census Division near Tinputz Patrol Post. Its short duration was entirely due to the fact that I couldn't leave the station for long periods at that particular time because of my wife's state of health. My 87-1-1 to the Assistant District Officer, Hutjena refers. Over this particular period she was able to stay with friends. Thus the Patrol was limited to an area close to the Patrol Post.

The area was that of the coastal planes East of the Patrol Post as far as Suangu. This patrol was mainly of a nature of familiarity for this Officer and of a routing nature with the revision of census.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Native Affairs in this area are excellent. The people welcomed the patrol with enthusiasm and much time was spent talking with the people, visiting their hamlets, gardens and village plantations. There was a great deal of discussion on how the people could improve their living conditions, communications and business ventures.

Despite past emphasis on individual Cash Cropping the people have adopted a communal system of plantings. This was discussed at various villages. The people say that they have tried the system of individual planting and due to the lack of labour it has failed. These people have very few trees in full production whereas their new plantings are vast. Therefore these people have not experienced any hardship with the profits from their ventures. I estimate that in about 3-4 years this will become a serious problem for these people where there will be differences of opinion on running the communal projects, share of the profits etc. At present most of the profits are held by the headmen and the people seem happy with this system.

In the villages of Pateaviavi and Wawunginua the money from the Communal Cash Cropping is being held by the headmen and the groups have each expressed a desire to purchase a tractor. At Pateaviavi the people have collected £1,200 over the past 6-8 months and the money was being held at the Catholic Mission at Tearouki. Now this money has been put in a savings bank account. At Wawunginua the headman Rapiori expressed a desire to purchase a second hand tractor and trailer but gave no indication of how much he had collected as he was still making negotiations with his neighbouring villages.

The people believe in the Communal system because it was used in 'Grandfather's Day'. They cannot foresee any problems as have been experienced in the more sophisticated areas. Their main argument against individual planting runs as follows, "Before we tried the individual plantings and as many of the men were away working on the plantations this system failed. Then we tried the communal system on the clan basis and we were able to see results as can be seen in our village plantation." I can see that these people will continue with this communal system until it breaks down. As progress is essential to this area at this stage in its development the practice of communal plantings is not being discouraged. Most of the new plantings are not bearing yet.

There were the various enquiries about the purchase of shot-guns and village tradcatore licences, also such items as Copra Marketing Board Numbers. These are all signs of an increasing awareness in their growing cash economy.

The Patrol was broken so that the Officer in Charge could return to the Patrol Post where a Crammond radio has now been installed. Contact is now established at least once a day with Sohano. This is a very important step in the communications in this area. Previously the Officer in Charge had his traffic sent through Dees Plantation which is about 4 miles distant from the Patrol Post.

Roads are going ahead rapidly and many roads and new road sites were inspected during the Patrol. Now with the increasing trend towards cash cropping, the people are beginning to realise the need for roads in their area and they were quite willing to discuss them and their upkeep.

AGRICULTURE.

As mentioned under Native affairs Agriculture Development is going ahead rapidly in this area. Under the close supervision of the Agricultural Officer, Tinputz the people are showing a great interest in this increase. The main emphasis seems to be on coconuts firstly and when they reach two to three years cocoa is being interplanted. In some cases they were being planted at the same time. On the whole Coconuts interplanted with Cocoa are doing very well in this area.

At Wawunginua and Pateaviavi the people have made Native Materials cocoa fermentables which are progressing satisfactorily. The dried beans are then sold to the Agricultural Officer, Tinputz who at present provides the only market for this product. Some of the people in nearby areas sell the 'wet' beans to the local plantations who do the processing. The main planters interested in this are Rex Blow at Sabah and John Szeto who manages Hakau plantation.

Copra is marketed through a variety of sources of which I think the bulk is being purchased by Mr. G.F. Cooke (Former Patrol Officer). Of secondary importance in this area would be the Co-Operative, Vaere Society. Under David Bulu of the Co-operatives branch at Sohano the store has been functioning well in the past few months. He is at present training a storeman who will soon take over from him. The Vaere Society is situated at Suangu and on occasions has purchased Copra from as far away as Pateaviavi. Copra is also marketed to the Catholic Mission at Tearouki, and the plantations of Sabah and Hakau to a small degree.

EDUCATION.

There is no Government school in this particular area patrolled. Schools are run by the Catholic Mission based at Tearouki. These consist of a preparatory school at Vape (near Wawunginua Village) and a primary school up to standard two at Suangu. Many students were also away attending schools at the Catholic Mission at Tinputz, and Tearouki. A few were also away attending the Methodist schools at Kekesu. Some of those people who have recently migrated into this portion of the area from the hills are Seventh Day Adventists and had sent their children to the S.D.A. School at Inus Point.

There were also the usual number of small village prep schools but it was greatly noticeable the large number of children of school age who were not at school. I think that the numbers warrant the establishment of a Government School some in or near this area. Preferably at Tinputz Patrol Post. Unfortunately the numbers of children not at school was not recorded for the purpose of such a recommendation. However in my next patrol I hope to record these figures - this will probably be in August, September 1964.

MISSIONS AND MISSION ACTIVITIES.

The only Mission in this area is the Catholic Mission based at Tearouki. Here a full hospital is provided for people seeking medical attention staffed by a Trained Nurse, Sister M. Helena and Doctor M. Leo. They also conduct infant welfare clinics and visit outlying villages by Landrover.

In the Spiritual meaning of things the Catholic Mission has a great deal more than half of these people as followers, with the Methodist Mission close behind and a few only from the Church of the Seventh Day Adventist. Church is held regularly according to the various beliefs and as mentioned under Education, most of the school children attend Mission schools.

The Missions generally play a big part in the way of the Villager's life and the Church has a strong hold on the people in the area. This influence seems to have driven away the previous belief which caused Cargo Cults in previous times.

HEALTH.

With the Missions playing a big part in Health matters the people are very healthy. The Administration has set up Aid-Posts at Teobuhin, and Wawungina, both of which have Council Buildings. They are used frequently by the people and when the patrol visited them they appeared to be run efficiently. Perhaps they were a little short on medicines but were satisfactory on the whole.

A few people have migrated from the mountain villages into Pateaviavi. These people have only built hovels but assured me that they were a temporary measure and they were in the process of building new homes. The rest of the village had a good standard of housing which were generally large and up on stilts.

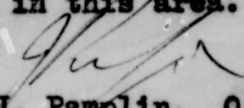
Sanitation and Hygiene was good in most villages with exception of Teobuhin - Hamlets which has become overrun by pigs. The pigs were previously fenced but had broken it down. The inhabitants were in the process of building a new one.

CENSUS.

The Census was revised in all these villages. No comments are made here until the whole area is done and some comparison can be made.

CONCLUSION.

A satisfactory patrol which enabled this Officer to become more familiar with the people in his area. The people are progressing well in cash crops and with the proper encouragement and guidance should overcome the future land tenure problems. The Area is in need of a Government School but as there are no figures in support of this assumption the question is left until my next patrol on this area. The people's attitude towards the Administration is excellent and much co-operation is given to Government Projects and personnel in this area.


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