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BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1971 - 72

HUTJENA

REPORT NO.

OFFICER CONDUCTING
PATROL

AREA PATROLLED

1-71-72

I.M. BATES

Selau and part Tinputz C.D.

2-71-72

M. WIDDUP

Selau C.D.

3-71-72

P. van STAVERN

Buka Passage C.D.

4-71-72

Not used.

5-71-72

J.F. TERNEY

Kunua and Keriaka C.D.

6-71-72

P. van STAVERN

Buka C.D.

7-71-72

T.J. BARRETT

Nissan Island C.D.

8-71-72

P. van STAVERN.

Banoni C.D.

KUNUA

1-71-72

S.F. PRIESTLY

Keriaka-Kunua C.D.

TINPUTZ

1-71-72

Not used

2-71-72

R. McILWAIN

Teop-Tinputz C.D.

3-71-72

Not used

4-71-72

R. McILWAIN

Teop-Tinputz C.D.

5-71-72

R. McILWAIN

Teop-Tinputz C.D.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number	2-71/72 - Tinputz
Sub District	Buka Passage
District	Bougainville
Type of Patrol	Local Government
Patrol Conducted by	R McIlwain - Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled	Tinputz Administrative Area Teop-Tinputz Census Division
Council Area	Teop-Tinputz
Census Division	Teop-Tinputz
Personnel Accompanying Patrol	D.M. Donovan - Patrol Officer 3 days B. Laming Assistant Patrol Officer 2 days
Duration of Patrol	25/11/71 - 8/12/71
Number of Days	11 days
Last DDA Patrol to Area	August 1970
Purpose of Patrol	Discuss Council Work's Programme Assess Reaction to Teop-Tinputz LSC
Total Population of Area Patrolled	2595
Village Population Registers	Not Attached

Director of District Administration
PORT Moresby

Amount Paid for Fuel, Damage, etc.
Amount Paid for D.N.P. Transport
Amount Paid for P.E.D.P. Transport

I.A. - Extract

OA/JK

P.O. Box 2396 - KONEBOBU

67-11-3

21st February, 1972

The District Commissioner
Bougainville District
P.O. Box 123/124
ARAIJA.

TINPUTZ PATROL NC. 2 of 1971/72

Your reference 67-1-10 of 7th February, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by MR. R. McILWAIN, P.O. of the TROP-TINPUTZ Census Division.

This is quite a good report. One of the means of overcoming misconceptions over the role and achievements of the Council will be a thorough programme of patrols such as this. The new officer must be required to spend most of his time in the field.

The map should include all villages and centres mentioned in the report.

Additional copies of my 67-1-0 of 25th November, 1971, are attached for distribution.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary

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DISTRICT OFFICE,
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ARAWA
BOUGAINVILLE
P.N.G.

FEBRUARY 7TH, 1972

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

TINPUTZ PATROL NO. 2-71/72

In respect of this patrol I attach;
SITUATION REPORT NO. 1.

This report has not been submitted in accordance with your Circular Memorandum 67-1-0 of 18th October, 1971 subsequently brought into force on 25th November, 1971. The reporting officer and others in this District have not received copies of this Instruction and I would be grateful if additional copies could be forwarded.

In regard to comments raised in the Situation Report I offer the following comments:

(1) Falling copra and cocoa prices are a source of major concern to the ordinary village producer, not only in the area patrolled but throughout the District. We have engaged in a series of radio broadcasts in an attempt to explain the reasons for the fluctuations, but as these are largely a result of international economic conditions it is very hard to produce a programme which can be both effective and explicit. I feel that the low prices currently being experienced, which have not been accompanied by any lowering in prices of goods (rather the opposite because of inflation), are a source of discontent in the rural community at large.

(2) The failure of the councils to adequately publicise their achievements through the rural development programme means that the Mahalis Welfare Society obtains kudos at their

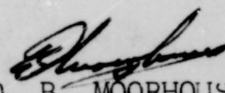
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expense. I am posting a field officer permanently in the area to ensure that the contributions received are attributed to the correct source and that the people realise that progress is being achieved through the efforts of both the Administration and the Councils.

(3) There is no clear cut candidate who demonstrably will be elected in the North Bougainville electorate. The sitting member, Mr. Donatus Mola if any one, is perhaps preferred.


D. B. MOORHOUSE,
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. D.L.G.O. - KIETA

c.c. A.D.C. Hutjena

c.c. O.I.C. Tinputz

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Thursday 25th November 1000 accompanied DDA census patrol to Torokokopia whereupon at the completion of the census revision spoke with a group of Teobuin people on various subjects, but mostly on the subject of the Council People pointed to normal needs such as grading of the road, and more Council sponsored leisure activities in the like of baby shows, and sports days. 1500 inspected the newly constructed Teobuin No 2 road

Friday 26th November 0930 visited Torokokopia with the census team. Upon the completion of the census revision an informal meeting was held. The marketing of copra, Papua New Guinea flag, the Mevitu and Mahalis Welfare Society, House of Assembly, independence, Council progress, and the payment of a gratuity to Luluais was discussed.

Monday 29th November 1200 travelled by car to Pateaveave, whereupon had lengthy discussions with a group of about 40 men on a number of subjects, including copra prices, payments to Luluais, the Red Cross and the Papua New Guinea flag. Slept Pateaveave

Tuesday 30th November 0745 left Pateaveave to Wavuginuai where a short discussion was conducted between myself and a small group of Wavuginuai and Namasiora people. The main problem was the growing disparity in the manner in which copra prices were falling in relation to trade-store prices 1300 moved to Suagu 1400 inspected the newly constructed road starting at Suagu and going well past Namasiora. The road opens up the last area in the central Tinputz locale providing good access to the Teop anchorage. Slept Suagu

Wednesday 1st December 0800 talks with Suagu and Kukurina people, with talks again centred on the falling copra prices and rising trade-store prices. People seemed satisfied with the Council's progress.

Thursday 2nd December 1000 to Teop Island whereupon arrival was met by a large group of elderly men who seemed mainly interested in telling me of their wartime experiences. After being regaled with their stories of the past, the conversation finally drifted to the present with the possibility of a Council sponsored bulk storage shed being erected in the Teop vicinity being broached. The thought met with an interested response. After broaching this subject a long history of the Teop Council was told to me. Slept Teop

F Friday 3rd December 0730 travelled by canoe then car to Hantobin over a road badly in need of repair 1100 walked from the orad head to Namatoa 1200 discussions with Councillor on the condition of the orad 1330 discussions with a large group of Namatoa and Torombe people on the condition of the orad

the manner in which grants are secured for roadwork, an increase in the Council tax-rate and Council assistance to schools and aid posts
Slept Namatoa

Saturday 4th December 0730 left Namatoa for Tinputz

Monday 6th December 1000 left for Tsisiko having discussions with the Manager of Rugen Estate concerning a recent increase in the number of thefts from plantation labourers. 1300 visited Tsisiko village and advised people that I would be willing to discuss any matter that they wished. 1900 spoke with a large gathering at Tsisiko who were distressed at the failure of the Council to buy largerequipment for road works. During the course of the conversation they mentioned that they were not very impressed with the service that the APO that had ecently departed the area had given in the past. They felt that he was one for following the singsings rather than the sick.

Slept Tsisiko

Tuesday 7th December

0800 visited the Tsisiko Aid Post noting that the staff housing was not adequate, and felt that could possibly anticipate problems with new APO if something not done. 0930 inspected the Lonsis Road and had discussions with a group of Lonsis people listening to their everlasting complaints of the condition of their road, on which a bulldozer has just worked. They ere told that \$500 was available for tractor hire to surface the road. 1200 inspected the proposed Neblahiu road starting from Rugen

Slept Tsisiko

Wednesday 8th December 0700 travelled back to Tinputz for Council Meeting.

Department of the Administrator,
Office of Local Government,
TINUPUTZ.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Buka Passage Sub District,
MUTJENA

District Local Government Officer,
Office of Local Government,
KIETA

SITUATION

REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The primary purpose of this patrol was to undertake duties in connection with the operation of the Teop-Tinuputz Local Government Council. Considerable time was spent by the patrol discussing with taxpayers the progress of the Council, the Council works programme, and tax rates.

Selected areas of the Teop-Tinuputz Census Division were visited by the patrol. The areas were chosen to allow me to familiarise myself with parts of the Census Division I had not so far seen, to give me an opportunity to form an over-all impression of the reactions of the average taxpayer to the progress of the Council, and to allow me to accompany a patrol undertaking a revision of the village population registers. A map showing areas visited is attached.

POLITICAL

The Teop-Tinuputz Local Government Council which was established in May 1958 is by far the most effective politically motivated organisation in the area patrolled. On the same token, the Bahalis Welfare Society has a considerable amount of influence over the village political structure, particularly in the Lomsis, Tsisike Teabas and Tsikort areas.

Generally the Council is well received at the village level. How much the length of time the Council has been established, as compared to the effectiveness of the road operation of the Council through its road maintenance agreement contributes toward the good standing of the Council is difficult to distinguish. Most certainly they are both important considerations.

One would be justified in assuming that the Council will maintain its position of predominance in the village political structure for sometime to come.

Over the past few months there has been a revival of interest in the Bahalis Welfare Society. The new interest is developing hand in hand with the new credibility that the Society is achieving through directing its interests in a semi commercial enterprise and village assistance sphere.

The Society has made new collections of cash donations from villagers of amounts averaging \$10 per head. In return the Society is thought to have commenced delivering materials for the construction of a trade store at Tsikort village, to have provided assistance with the construction of fifteen permanent

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material houses at Irue, and have provided a considerable amount of money for the construction by bulldozer of a section of the Buks Road, linking Tarbut and Siara in the Selsu Census Division of this Sub District.

Whether the Society has in fact provided the above facilities or not is not all that important, what is important is that the villagers think that the Society has, and as a result feel that there maybe some follow on for them personally. Most certainly the Society has a sound network through which information of the Societies achievements, and proposals is disseminated. As a result of the self publicity the Society has received much credit from villagers. On the other hand the Council is losing ground by not having sufficient staff with enough interest and knowledge to be able to publicise the achievements and proposals of the Council. In fact one hears far too often the Hugin English word 'mausward' used when Council proposals are being put to the villager. This indicates that the Council has been far too loose in making promises in the past, and much too slow in making a point of its achievements.

There is a need for the Council to step up its publicity campaign and at the same time be aware of the distribution of misleading information being fed through to the villager. To develop a reliable distributor of information there is a need for more in-session training of Councillors, and of equal importance there is a need for Councillors to be made aware that they require such training. It continues to be important that Council staff, and myself, show an awareness of common misunderstandings that Councillors have, so that seminars can be arranged to eliminate specific areas of ignorance.

The future of the Hahalis Welfare Society will depend on the future progress of the Council as recognised by the people, and the authority of the Roman Catholic Church, a most vehement critic of the Society.

There is a general awareness of the House of Assembly as a function of government in Papua New Guinea, but just where it lies in the given governmental hierarchy is not generally understood. There is no apparent appreciation of the sources through which revenue is found for paying Members, or undertaking the work that the House proposes. More sadly there is no appreciation of the fact that there is a limit to the amount of money that the House has available to spend, and that High schools can't be built every three miles.

The sitting Member for Bougainville North which incorporates the Census Division is the Assistant Ministerial Member for Information Mr. Mola MHA. Mr. Mola has been exceptionally active in the Tinputz area over the past few months campaigning for his re-election. He has widespread support throughout the area, particularly from the older and more influential leaders.

The Vice President of the Teop-Tinputz Local Government Council Mr. S. Parupuru has declared himself a candidate for the coming elections. Parupuru polled well in the 1968 elections, and claims that he will win the 1972 elections providing he has no Tinputz opposition.

One can only speculate on how Parupuru will poll, and this certainly isn't the place to do so, however, I would question his claims of Tinputz popularity in view of the support that Mr. Mola received last elections, and the support that would be forthcoming to a candidate sponsored by the Hahalis Welfare Society.

It seems common knowledge that the Hahalis Welfare Society intend to sponsor a candidate in the coming elections. William Kunai an ex-Administration employee, and Francis Hagai have both made a number of visits to areas sympathetic to the Society, and have

aroused much interest in the Society. Both have indicated that a Society sponsored candidate is a possibility, without mentioning who this is likely to be. Should such a candidate stand he would be assured of many votes from the area north of the Tinputz Patrol Post.

The Napidakoe Navitu Association was referred to on one occasion only during the patrol. At Torokokopia the patrol was asked what the aims of the Navitu were, and followed up with a question of whether it was true or not that the Australians stole ground from the Australian Aborigine when they went to Australia. It may be co-incidental that the Secretary of the Navitu Mr. B. Middlemiss stayed in Torokokopia village when he was a delegate to the Combined Council's Conference last October.

Political Education was kept to a complete minimum by the patrol. Little more than advertise the achievements of the Council, and the close proximity of the House of Assembly elections was undertaken.

ECONOMIC

The production of copra and cocoa are the main money earners from the area. Small amounts of money are earned from the sale of vegetables and fish.

The development of the copra and cocoa industry has been stimulated by the ease that the grower has had in marketing his produce. There is an extensive road network leading from the hinterland to coastal anchorages and wharfs, thereby allowing individuals and organised groups with copra Marketing Board numbers to ship their produce with ease. A number of individuals and company organised concerns have cocoa and copra buyers travelling throughout the area buying produce from roadhead marketing places.

Whilst there has been adequate shipping for individuals to transport produce to depots, many groups of villagers have seen fit to form themselves into a Society to facilitate marketing. This has meant that the Society after obtaining a marketing number can arrange enough finance for a tractor and trailer thereby facilitating marketing further. Whilst there are obvious advantages in organised marketing, problems have arisen. Quite often the Clerk employed by the Society is not as industrious as one would require, and often leaves payments on accounts until they are well overdue, resulting in the refusal of shipping agencies to ship produce until after accounts have been paid up, and often even refusing to carry goods after that because of the bad credit record of the Society. Some outstanding accounts are well over \$600.

Plantation interests have large holdings along the coast. Raua, Dees, Matakus, Sabah and Hekau Plantations are privately owned, whilst Tinputz and Tearouki Plantations are managed for the Roman Catholic Mission, and Teopansino, Tinputz Estate and Rugen Estate are managed on behalf of Burns Philp interests. With the exception of Rugen Estate and Matakus cocoa plantations all plantations produce both copra and cocoa.

Small plots of cocoa and copra are owned by individuals from the area. Plots of up to thirty acres are owned by indigenous entrepreneurs, who employ labour for cleaning and production purposes.

There are two outstanding indigenous businessmen from the area, and they are both brother. Simon Rigemu controls the 28' motor vessel TEOP which makes regular runs to Kieta with copra

His brother Marlon Busiano has a tractor and trailer which he uses to but copra being sold at marketing points. Busiano also has trade-store interests.

Trade-stores are operated by all privately owned plantations as well as the Tinputz Trading Company Limited. Tinputz Trading have a large store at Tinputz and Teop. Both stores are serviced from Tinputz under the supervision of an Expatriate Manager.

During the patrol many complaints were received pertaining to rising trade store prices. With the present low in copra and cocoa prices the people are having some difficulty in reconciling recent increases in the price of trade-store items which were brought about by increases in shipping costs and customs duties. The difficulty of explaining world market fluctuations in the prices of primary produce is apparent, and as a rule very few of the questioners received a satisfactory answer to their query.

SOCIAL

With the exception of the Laun Primary T School schooling in the Census Division is sponsored by Mission interests. The Roman Catholic Mission operates schools to standard three at Pateaveave and Rugen, and standard six schools at Tinputz and Tearouki. The United Church Mission has a standard three school at Suagu, and a standard six school at Kekesu.

All schools in the area are inspected under the auspices of the Department of Education.

The Department of Education operates a Vocational School at Tinputz. Presently there are forty pupils at the school. During the patrol criticism was levelled at the manner in which the school operates by the people from Teobuin. It was claimed that the students learned little more than building canoes, and as result benefited little from the time they spent at the school. These people wanted the Council to withdraw \$400 it had promised next financial year for the construction of kitchen facilities at the school. At a meeting of the Teop-Tinputz Council on the 8th of December the suggestion sponsored by the Teobuin people met with bitter criticism of suggestion and the Teobuin people as a whole from the other Councillors. Other Councillors claimed that the school was better than nothing, and that the \$400 would purchase much timber which could be used both for the construction of the kitchen facilities, and for the practical training of those students building the kitchen.

The Missions and the Council subsidised by the Department of Public Health, provide the health facilities in the area. The Roman Catholic Mission operates a hospital at Tearouki staffed by a fully qualified Doctor. At Kekesu the United Church Mission has a well equipped hospital under the charge of a Medical Assistant. Council Aid Posts are spread throughout the area. There are Aid Posts at Namatoa, Wavuganui, Teobuin, Tsisiko and Laun.

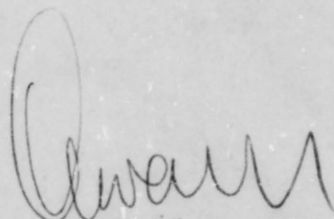
Recently much criticism has been directed at the Council operated Aid Posts. The claims said that the Aid Posts rarely provided a service as they did not have sufficient medicines. These claims were supported by all Aid Post Orderlies who claimed that they were not being properly supplied from Sohano Hospital. A letter written to the District Medical Officer on this subject drew assurances from the Officer that he would look into the matter, and do his best to rectify it.

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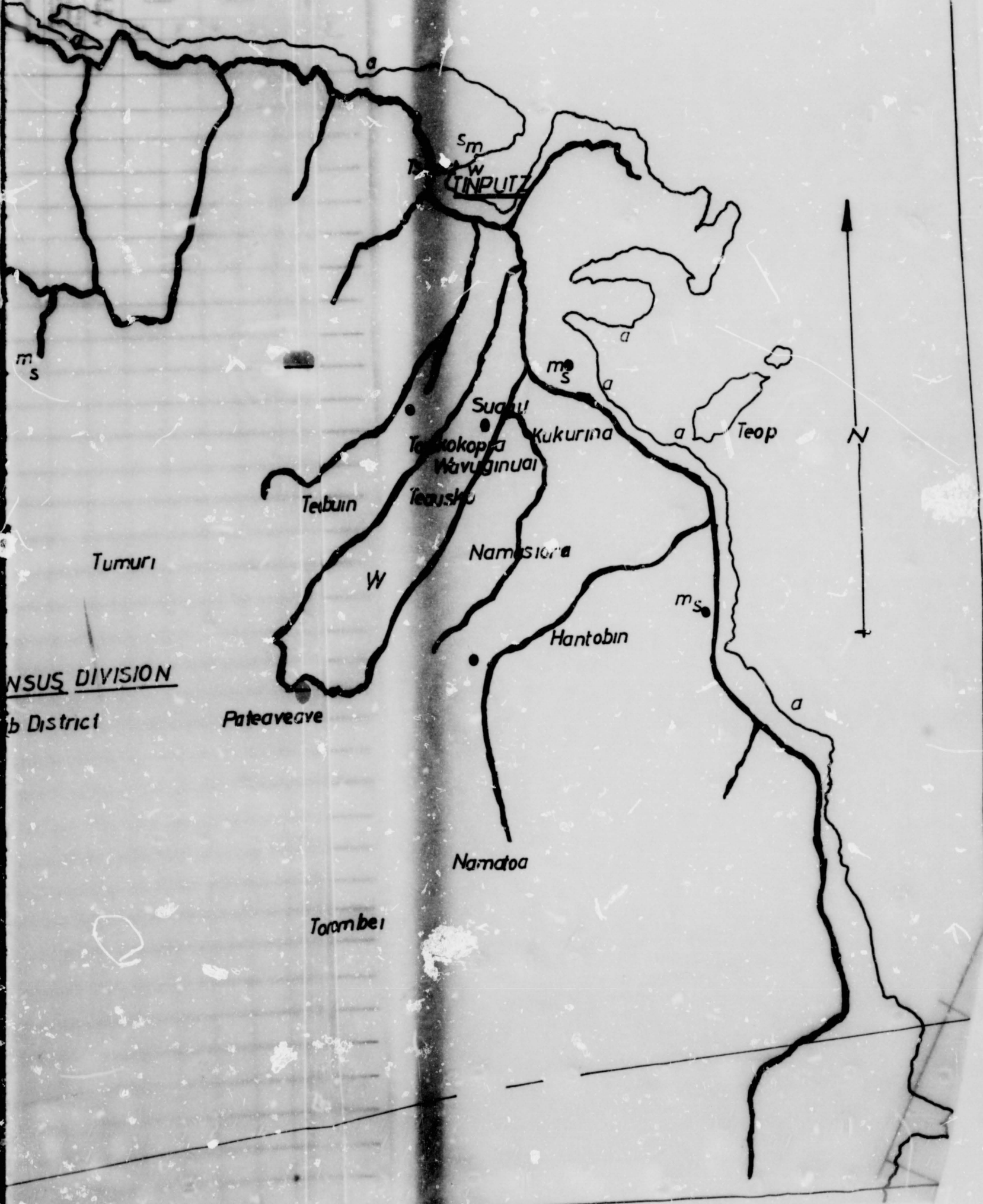
At Teisiko bitter complaints were made against former APO Thomas Pepe. Pepe who had recently returned to Sohano was said to have grossly neglected his duties and to have been unco-operative. It was claimed that Pepe was not often occasioned to work, let alone make village hygiene inspections. It is unfortunate that Pepe fell into disregard, however, I am assured that whilst he was at Teisiko Pepe did not receive much support from the local people. He being a foreigner required a house and some gardening space, both were inadequate, he did not receive much assistance from the people whilst he was in attendance either. Indeed the Aid Post is in a poor state, and the onus must now be on the Council to make improvements.

Whether by gentleman's agreement or not the two major Christian sects appear to have a clearly defined line separating them. In the area north of Teop, Suagu and Neasione the Roman Catholic Mission is predominant, whereas from the three villages mentioned and south the United Church dominates. In the inaccessible western section of the Census Division the Seventh Day Adventist Mission has a number of catechists working.

The religious fervour of the Pateaveave people must deserve some comment. During the day the patrol was present three times each service, with around a hundred people attending each service. The Church itself is a large L shaped structure of permanent materials painted in yellow, red and blue, and decorated with many of the traditional symbols of Roman Catholicism. As a footnote one of the trailers owned by the local Progress Society has the sign 'San to Maria' painted on its side.


R. McIlwain
PATROL OFFICER.

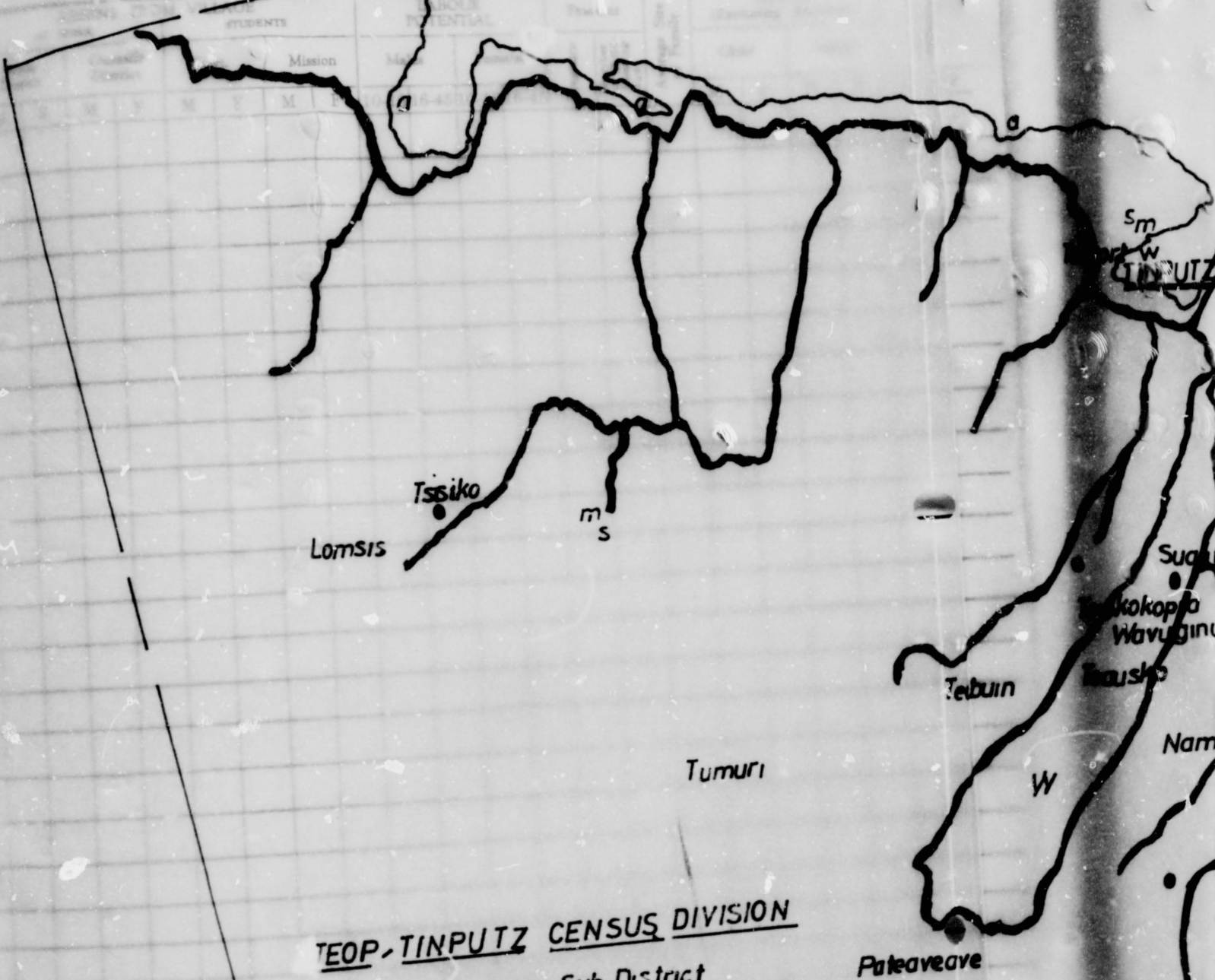
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Details
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Occupation
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NSUS DIVISION
District

Register

Area Patrolled



TEOP-TINPUTZ CENSUS DIVISION

Buka Passage Sub District

Bougainville

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- m mission
- aid post
- road
- a anchorage
- w wharf

1" = 2miles

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was decided to use the monies collected as long ago as 1964. It was decided that the money should be used in developing a business venture, thereby providing the village an opportunity to earn some money, which they would keep until self-government as an insurance against an economic breakdown. It was decided that the venture should take the form of a trade-store, in which all villagers would be able to utilise. The trade-store was subsequently started and a licence was taken out in the name of Nathan Keho'o. A set of books was to be maintained, and Keho'o would be assisted by the Aid Post Orderly, Joel Sivanai. As Melelup is a seven hour walk from the roadhead, there are obvious difficulties in starting a trade-store. As a result, a number of rather unique arrangements were made by the villagers to ensure that business would get off the ground. To overcome the portage problems it was decided that the business should operate on an incentive basis, involving all those who were willing to contribute towards financing the business.

Subsequently, the 1964 books were re-opened, and all those who had not contributed to the original cargo cult were given an opportunity to place six dollars into the business. A number of people from neighbouring villages were approached and some contributed. To date there are sixty-nine shareholders in the venture, with a booklist of \$414 capital. The capital was recorded, and a separate book opened for each shareholder. The onus was then placed upon the individual shareholder to stock the store. To do this, a shareholder was loaned from the contributed capital enough to buy tradestore goods that he could carry from Tinupuz; he would then place them in the Melelup store and sell them. After selling his goods, he would repay the money he had borrowed, then declare his profit, which would be recorded in his book. The method is working to a certain extent, inasmuch as some shareholders have a declared profit of \$56, plus their initial contribution.

During 1971, the business made sound progress, and a financial statement of the company would read:

Contributed Capital	\$ 414
Shareholders Profit	828
Total	<u>\$1242</u>
Current loans	\$ 278
Assets	
a. Taperecorder	84
b. Guitar	18
c. Stock	40
Cash on hand	512
Total	<u>\$ 732</u>

It is obvious that there is a discrepancy in the books, however the venture has shown a profit, and continues to operate.

The only matters of real concern that remained to be classified were: (a) Why the meetings, that lasted in some cases, three weeks, and (b) Why the secrecy.

(a) Meetings.

As the venture was comprised of capital gathered from a large number of people it was considered necessary to conduct meetings to discuss the progress of the venture. These meetings involved reading financial statements, and the discussion of the profit that individual shareholders were making. Despite the need to discuss all of the 69 shareholders profit records, one could hardly envisage the meetings lasting three weeks. Subsequent enquiries revealed that the meetings had not lasted three weeks other than on rare occasions, and they had only lasted for long periods

when the Catechists decided to make use of the opportunity of the meetings to preach. In fact they seemed to be having much success, and quite often during the discussions between myself and the group, sections of the bible were quoted at me, complete with bibliography. It is also obvious that many other items are discussed at the meeting, including the Local Government Council minutes, and items that have been broadcast over Radio Bougainville.

(b) Secrecy.

The meetings were kept secret for two reasons:

- 1. To eliminate rumours, and
- 2. Because it was a trading venture which was the concern

of the shareholders solely.

1. It appears that keeping the meeting secret did not eliminate rumours, but in fact created them. However, the reasoning behind the need to eliminate rumours was sound. It appears that during previous meetings observers had misinterpreted remarks made, and had reported a meeting of the Local Government Council that the Melelup people were involved with the Hahalis Welfare Society. The people were annoyed at being associated with the Society, and decided to prevent future mis-interpretations by keeping the subject matter of the meetings secret. The second reason for secrecy is obvious.

I advised the individuals managing the venture that it may be in their own interests to make known to neighbouring groups that they were involved in a trade-store venture, and had no cultist motives. They agreed, and have already held meetings with the Councillors from Mutahi and Pokapa.

The general situation in the Mutahi and Melelup areas is sound and there is no cause for concern.

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P.O. Box 2396,
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67-11-23

9th August, 1972.

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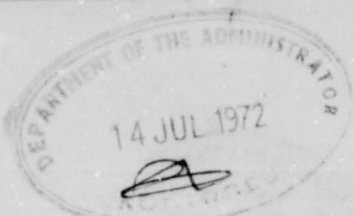
TINPUTZ PATROL NO. 5 - 7/72.

Reference your minute of 11th July, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1 arising out of the above patrol of TROP TINPUTZ Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. R. McIlwain, A.D.O.

The headmen of these north RAMAZON villages seem to be convinced that the HAHALIS Society holds the key to their future. These old headmen, of course, are the most susceptible to cult type logic. Further, as they still control land to a large degree, it would be an exceptional younger person who challenged their association with HAHALIS. I agree with the Assistant District Commissioner that policy should be directed towards continuing education, assistance by the Administration and TINPUTZ Council where necessary, and non-interference in the matter of Society promises.

T.W.E
(T.W. ELLIS) *ker*
Secretary. *J*



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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 5 - 71-72
 DISTRICT: BOUGAINVILLE
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: R. MCILWAIN.
 AREA PATROLLED: NORTH RAMAZON AREA
 TEOP TINPUTZ C.D.
 DURATION OF PATROL: 6 DAYS 16/5 to 22/5
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: 4/72
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL: 1/72
 MAP REFERENCE: TEOP MILINCH

OBJECTS OF PATROL: Assess Activities
 Mahalis Welfare Soc.
 Council Works Prog.
 STATION: TINPUTZ
 SUB-DISTRICT: BUKA PASSAGE
 DESIGNATION: ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER
 PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: NIL
 NUMBER OF DAYS: 4 DAYS
 TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 1029
 COUNCIL AREA: TEOP-TINPUTZ
 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: B'VILLE NORTH

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
ARAWA

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS,	(✓)
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PATROL MAP,	()
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The Secretary,
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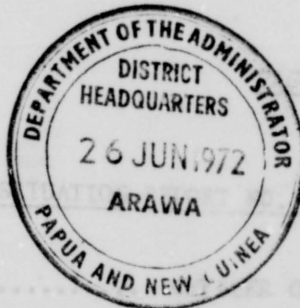
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The District Commissioner,
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P.O.Box 34,
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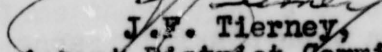
TINPUTZ PATROL No. 5-71/72

Attached please find in triplicate the report of the above mentioned patrol, conducted by Mr. R. McIlwain, A.D.O.

This report indicates a situation normal to the North Ramazon area where the Council and Hahalis Welfare Society influences have been working side by side for some years. It is difficult to understand the mentality of an individual like BENEDICT KEKEIVIO who can be so convinced that he is right in the light of past poor performance of the Hahalis Welfare Society. It is probable that his "dedication" is inspired by self-interest rather than a desire to foster community development. It is also difficult to understand why the North Ramazon people should be critical of the Council, which has done much for them, whilst they seem content with the Hahalis Welfare Society, which has done nothing for them except make promises which are never honoured, while the people are contributing financially to both organisations.

Trying to politically educate a disinterested audience is an impossible task and, unless some response can be obtained, a waste of time. Perhaps a visit by their elected representative may spark some interest on the part of the North Ramazon people. I will ask Mr. D. Mola and Fr. J. Momis if they can spare the time to visit the area.

Mr. McIlwain does not indicate on his report that Teporoi Timber are interested in cutting timber in those areas of Rugen and Raula Plantations subject to squatting but if there is intrusion by the company into areas which have been planted by squatters, ill-feeling and disputes will arise.


J.F. Tierney,
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
Tinputz.



SITUATION REPORT NO. /

STATION... TINPUTZ OFFICER COMPILING... R. MCILWAIN.
 DISTRICT... BOUGAINVILLE SUB-DISTRICT... BUKA PASSAGE
 CENSUS DIVISION... TROP-TINPUTZ L.G. COUNCIL... TROP-TINPUTZ

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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF HAHALIS WELFARE SOCIETY

The Hahalis Welfare Society continues to have widespread support throughout the Tsisiko, Lomsis, Ararvia, ~~Chineta~~ and Nankerio areas. Activity by the Society over the past year has been largely inactive, however, presently attempts are being made by the Society to generate renewed interest in it. Over the past two weeks the Society's official spokesman for the North Ramazon area, Benedict Kekeivio, has been holding meetings publicising the activities of the Society, it's financial state and proposed activities. Kekeivio has promised the people from Tsisiko a six wheel drive truck, to be paid for partly by the Society and partly by member villages. He has also promised a tractor and trailer for Lomsis Village. He has claimed that the Society has \$2,000,000,000 in a bank account, and has no real need for more money.

During a meeting at Tsisiko two weeks ago Kekeivio collected \$1054 toward the purchase of the new truck, and said the Society would canvass other member villages for an additional 20¢ per member when the truck finally arrived. The Tsisiko people are now in the process of building a garage to house the truck, and have sent village representatives to Hahalis to discuss delivery arrangements.

At Lomsis a garage has already been built for the new tractor, which was expected to arrive on the 25th May. As yet no tractor has been delivered.

Should the Society provide even one tractor for the Tsisiko/Lomsis areas they will have made a gesture that should help to alleviate one of the most pressing problems these groups have. Other than carrying produce to the coast these villages have no way of obtaining transport for their produce. Nearby Rugen and Rana Plantations have been unable to hire out their tractors as the villagers require them, and no organization is interested in buying from the area. If a tractor is provided the Hahalis Welfare Society will be satisfying a need relevant to the requirements of these people, and its reputation will be considerably enhanced.

It is of note that the Rural Development Officer from Tinputz has made it known to these groups that Development Bank Loans could be made available to them for the purchase of rural equipment, however the villages were not interested. Further to this I had

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SITUATION REPORT No. 1

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 District.....BOUGAINVILLE.....Subdistrict.....BUKA PASSAGE.....
 Census Division.....TEOP-TINPUTZ.....L.G. Council.....TEOP-TINPUTZ.....
 Subject:.....ACTIVITIES OF HAHALIS WELFARE SOCIETY.....

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Subdistrict Office HUTJENA
 Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received
 13th June, 1972

Much of the activity in the North Ramazon area reported by Mr. McIlwain ties in with rumours circulating in the Buka area at the same time and Hutjena Intelligence Reports of 12th May, 1972 and 27th May, 1972. Needless to say, the 25th May passed without the promised distribution of wealth and equipment being made by the Hahalis Welfare Society. Judging by past performances of the Society, it is unlikely that the Tsiniko and Lomis people will see the truck and tractor promised to them or any return on this latest contribution or previous contributions of funds to the Society. Until such time as the people themselves start making demands on the Society, or become disillusioned with H.W.S. ideology and broken promises, there is little that can be done about this situation. Efforts to educate the people to more realistic ideas is a continuing process which will be maintained, but we will have to avoid creating the impression that the Administration is preventing by interference, the fulfilment of their ideology.

Action Taken: NIL

Sgd.....*H. H. H.*.....
 Date.....20th June, 1972.....

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District Office

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received 29th June, 1972.

COMMENT:

Concur with A.D.C.'s assessment, nevertheless it is true that the Hohalas Welfare Society is gaining some support. This is expected to wax and wane periodically as in the past.

With regard to the Raua-Rugen question please refer my 35.17.26 of 4th July, 1972, to Director of Lands, copied to you, paras 5 and 6. The Rugen squatter situation appears to be deteriorating, abetted through the efforts of Kekeivio.

Action Taken:

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W. F. Swain

Date..... 11th July, 1972.....

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P.O. Box 2396, KONE DOBU.

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1st June, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
P.O. Box 123/124,
ARANA.

TINPUTZ PATROL NO. 1 - 1971/72.

Reference your minute 67-1-10 of the 24th May.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1 arising out of the above patrol of the TEOP-TINPUTZ Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. R. Mellvain, Patrol Officer.

Has any arrangement been made with the Business Advisory Officer or O.I.C. TINPUTZ to give assistance to the MUTAHI/MELELUP trading venture? I suggest that this would be the best move we could make.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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The people's attitude is in line with the modern approach to most cultist thinking in that it adopts an economic approach. Cultist endeavours are endemic to the area and it is inevitable that any moves for economic association, particularly where associated with privacy or secrecy will create some aura of cargo cult.

ACTION TAKEN:

NIL

SGD. *N. T. Brown*
DATE. 24th May, 1972...

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 4 - 71/72	OBJECTS OF PATROL: Investigate Cargo Cult
DISTRICT: BOUGAINVILLE	STATION: TINPUTZ
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: R. McILWAIN	SUB-DISTRICT: BUKA PASSAGE
AREA PATROLLED: TEOP-TINPUTZ C.D.	DESIGNATION: PATROL OFFICER
DURATION OF PATROL: 4 Days	PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: Const. 1/c MATTA Const. 1/c WANUR
LAST D.D.A. PATROL: 10/71	NUMBER DAYS: 4 Days
LAST O.L.G. PATROL: 1/72	TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 5963
MAP REFERENCE: BOUGAINVILLE	COUNCIL AREA: TEOP-TINPUTZ
	HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: B'VILLE NORTH

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
H. R. A. W. H.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 6 TO 7,	(✓)
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,	()
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS,	()
AREA STUDY,	()
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,	()
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PATROL MAP,	()

DATE: 1/15/72

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Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
IDEDEDE Papua

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District Commissioner

DATE: 1 / 19 .

H. R. A. W. H.

SITUATION REPORT No. 1

STATION: TINPUTZ OFFICER COMPILING: R. McIlwain
DISTRICT: BOUGAINVILLE SUB DISTRICT : Buka Passage
CENSUS DIVISION: Teop-Tinputz L.G.C.: Teop-Tinputz.
SUBJECT: Reported Cargo Cult - MELELUP

Sub District Office,
HUTJENA.

Assessment: Assistant District Commissioner

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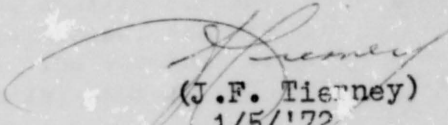
Delay in onforwarding this report is due to my absence on patrol and in Kieta since its receipt at this office.

I agree with Mr McIlwain's conclusion that the MUTAHI/MELELUP situation gives no cause for concern. However such semi-secret organisations do give rise to rumour which can result in unrest and it is good that this situation has been brought out into the open.

As Mr McIlwain points out the present 'society' has risen out of an old 'cargo' cult. It is probable that 'cargo' ideology underlies the present activity of the group. The reference to Catechists' involvement in lengthy meetings, in a country where Catechists are renowned for cultist activities, also indicates that cultism may play some part in what appears on the surface a very shaky trading endeavour.

Other than keeping check of the activities of the group, I do not recommend that any special measures be taken.

ACTION TAKEN: Nil.


(J.F. Tierney)
1/5/72

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATION.....TINPUTZ..... OFFICER COMPILING.....
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SUBJECT: REPORTED CARGO CULT - MELELUP

Reference: Confidential memorandum to the Assistant District Commissioner, Hutjena of the 20th March

I am now reasonably convinced that there is no activity that could be associated with a cargo cult in the Melelup area. Reports of a cult that have been circulating throughout the area for more than three months, and first alluded too in Tinputz Patrol Report Number 3 by Mr. J. Vosivai, Local Government Assistant, do not have any foundation, and appear to have arisen following a series of secret meetings at Melelup, during which a business venture, being organised on a village basis, was discussed.

None of the normal signs of cultist activity were obvious in the village, inasmuch as gardens being neglected, bearded and unkempt men, or strange and unexplainable buildings. The cemetery area was not clean, and there certainly was no evidence that any unusual activity had been conducted in that vicinity.

After a lengthy discussion with a number of village leaders and the Aid Post Orderly, I questioned a gathering of the village on the reports. The conclusion was the same in both cases. In fact the discussions were valuable as they uncovered that the reports of cultist activity had started after a series of meetings held at different occasions over the past year. The meetings were secret, and only those that had paid six dollars to become a member of the village community could attend. No explanation of why it was necessary to pay in the six dollars or why it was necessary to keep the meeting secret was ever made to any enquirer. As a result, a number of people assumed that the village was involving itself in cultist activities.

Assumptions in this regard would appear to have sound foundations, particularly when one considers the history of the Melelup and Tumuri areas. At Aravia in 1962, when the Assistant District Officer from Sonano, Mr. C. Middle, arrested a number of cult leaders and disbanded a cargo cult. Over the following two years the nearby Tumuri, and Melelup villagers involved themselves in cultist activities, in what one could assume to be a follow-on from the then disbanded Aravia cult. In Melelup, money was collected, during the 1964 cult, and despite the breakdown of the Tumuri cult in its infancy, the money was never re-paid to the contributors.

Late 1970, following a number of village meetings at Melelup, it

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