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PATROL REPORTS SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT 1962/63

PANGIA

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Pangia 1-62/63	P.J.Barber	Eastern section Wiru C/d
" 3-62/63	P.J.Barber	Wiru Census Division
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

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District of **Southern Highlands** **Pangia** Report No. **1** of **1962/63**

Patrol Conducted by **Peter J. Barber, Patrol Officer**

Area Patrolled **Eastern Section of WIRU Census Division**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **Nil**

Natives **5 members B.P.N.G.C.
Interpreter, Aid Post Orderly
4 Carriers**

Duration—From **24** / **7** / **1962** to **7** / **8** / **1962**

Number of Days **15**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **No**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **Decem** / **19** / **61**

Medical **December** / **19** / **60**

Map Reference **Southern Highlands District Map**

Objects of Patrol **As per enclosed instructions**

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please

/ /19

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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.N.P. Trust Fund

JMcL.LEK

67-15-3

27th September, 1962.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
NSW.

PANGIA PATROL REPORT No.1/1962-63

Your Officers should beware of travelling too fast through groups during these informal visits. They should attempt at least one night in each group's centre.

I am inclined to think that these unsophisticated people are entitled to know their rights regarding their observance of the rules of any particular christian sect. The report indicates that there is a greater chance of misapprehension of the aims and objectives of the various denominations than would be possible in their appreciation of any explanation that could be given them by Europeans of the Administration. Silence is not always golden. Generally the Wiru natives appear to be kindly disposed towards us and extremely willing to co-operate towards an eventual improvement in their way of life.

I am very happy to see that the Lutherans and the Bible Mission are prepared to zone themselves into different spheres of influence to the extent that they mostly confine themselves to opposite sides of the Poru River.

From what Mr. Barber says it is very probable that they do not understand any part of the evangelisation neither genesis or even a football match.

I heartily agree with the Officer's views that the Mission should exercise greater supervision over their native representatives and his diplomatic approach, the European members should help a lot towards this end. If trouble does eventuate and antagonisms arise I suggest you liaise with the District Commissioner to see that proper control is exercised over them.

A perspicacious report which shows a shrewd summation of the implications that accompany an imposition of a new religion on the traditional one.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67-15-3

ACJ/W.



67-3-7

District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

18th August, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
PANGIA.

PANGIA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1962/63.

Thank you for the above-mentioned Report which arrived yesterday. Camping Claim is returned herewith.

A patrol of this nature, although brief serves to bring home to the people the interest of the Administration in their welfare. Regular visits by D.N.A. patrols to all villages achieve far more in administrative consolidation than the more spectacular visits used as investigating a brutal crime and effecting an arrest.

I wish you to arrange your patrol programme so that each census unit in your area is visited by a D.N.A. patrol at least once every four months. These visits need not always be of lengthy duration and it should be possible to visit in some instances, two units a day. Census patrols will of course cause the officer to remain longer periods at each centre.

From studying the diary it is very obvious that attention should be given to road construction, in this regard I refer you to para. 2 of District Officer comments on Pangia Patrol No. 3 of 1961/62, 13th July 1962. You should actively encourage the people to think along the lines of road development. At the same time emphasise the value of a reasonably efficient road system is to economic progress.

With regard to the various Mission activities I consider that perhaps the wisest course to take at this stage is to emulate the actions of the CAPUCHIN Friar - say nothing. To advise people of their rights of choice could easily lead to more confused thinking by both Papuan local and European Missionaries. It is quite possible for your advice to be construed as anti-mission and if that did occur, with the type of person with whom you are dealing, then the Administration work in the area would be hampered.

Insofar as the need for an Aid Post is concerned, would you please make a detailed submission setting out the central villages where you consider they should be sited. At the same time indicate what groups would be served by the Aid Post the populations involved and the walking time from their areas to the Post.

A Local Government Survey of this area should also be conducted at an early date (see para. 4 of Patrol No. 3 comments of 13th July, 1962).

Please ensure that all Land Disputes are Registered next patrol.

A. C. Jefferies
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(A.C. Jefferies)
Acting District Officer.

Minute:-
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded for your information please.
A. C. Jefferies
Acting District Officer.

*Down to
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on
13th
July*

*Pace and
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-3-10

District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

12th September, 1962.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PANGIA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1962/63.

My comments on the abovementioned Report were forwarded to you on the 18th August vide my 67-3-7 of that date.

However I discovered today that the Clerk had not forwarded the Report.

Please accept my apologies for the error.

A.C. Jefferies
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(A.C. Jefferies)
Acting District Officer.

DEPT. NATIVE AFFAIRS
17 AUG 1962
MENDI
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

B.M. O'Neill
(B. M. O'NEILL)
Assistant District Officer

c.c. Mr P.J. Barber.
Encl (4).

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File: 67-2-1

PANGIA PATROL POST,
Southern Highlands District.

14th August, 1962

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PANGIA PATROL 1/62-63

The original and ^{two} three copies of the above report submitted by Mr P.O. Barber, together with a claim for Camping Allowance, are forwarded herewith.

The report is quite a satisfactory account of a patrol conducted in a competent manner.

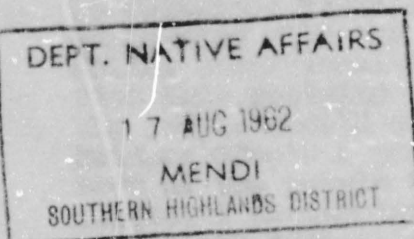
There is a very definite need for a vehicular road into this area. Not only would it open up the area and facilitate administration, but a road would also enable us to increase greatly the volume of our purchases of native vegetables. No doubt the native people would welcome the chance to earn a little money. It should be possible to make a preliminary survey of such a road in the near future.

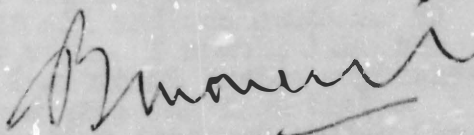
It is to be hoped that the imminent medical survey of this area will do much to hasten the expansion of medical services. There seems to be an immediate need of three or four aid posts. As long ago as 1959 the establishment of posts at NOIYA, UNDIAPU and TUNDA was recommended by Mr S.M.A. Cox. However the location of such posts may need to be reconsidered in the light of later, more accurate population statistics.

A careful watch will continue to be kept on the activities of the various Missions. There seems to be little that can be done about the present unsatisfactory situation except to watch for abuses and to hope that the problem will resolve itself satisfactorily. The Bible Missionaries in particular are at a disadvantage as most have little experience of general Territory conditions and seemingly their knowledge of native people is far from profound.

To me the most important safeguard seems to be to educate the native people so that they are fully aware of their rights in matters religious. The explanations made by this patrol should leave the people of this newly-opened area in no doubt of their freedom of choice.

On my advice, Mr Barber has not submitted a map with his report. Of necessity the patrol was brief in duration and the compilation of a map seemed unnecessary. Any such map would not vary in any way from the current District Map which is readily available for reference if required.




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

c.c. Mr P.J. Barber.
Encl (4).

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File: 67-1-2

PANGIA PATROL POST,
Southern Highlands District.

21st July, 1962

Mr P.J.Barber,
Patrol Officer,
PANGIA, S.H.D.

WIRU PATROL - EAST SECTION - INSTRUCTIONS

Please be prepared to depart for a patrol of the above area about the 24th of July, 1962.

Senior Constable KENAVA and four constables will accompany your patrol. Please see me regarding the selection of the four constables.

Trainee Interpreter RANGUMA will also accompany your patrol.

Aid Post orderly NANDI from PANGIA will also go with you.

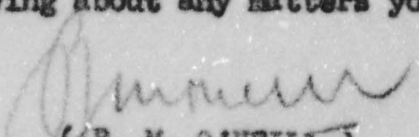
Your patrol will be purely routine in nature and will also be quite brief. A prolonged patrol will not be necessary in view of the fact that the annual census of the whole WIRU area is scheduled to commence in mid-August.

I would like you to check on the following matters:-

- Village Officials;
- Sanitation and Hygiene;
- Resthouses and potential sites; and
- Inter-village tracks.

As this area has been subjected to intense Mission activity since its recent de-Restriction, I would like you to check on the effects (if any) this activity has had. I am particularly anxious to ensure that undue pressure is not applied to the people to force them to adopt a particular denomination against their wishes. You should remind the assembled people of their freedom to make up their own minds in religious matters and that they are not obliged to become associated with any denomination at all and can continue to follow traditional beliefs if they wish. I should like the fact that religion is a matter of individual choice emphasised. The people should clearly understand that the fact that a headman adopts a particular denomination does not oblige the rest of the people to follow his lead. They can please themselves. I particularly want a check made on the activities of village officials in this matter to ensure that officials are not misusing their authority in religious matters.

Please see me before leaving about any matters you consider may need clarification.


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

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT.

District: Southern Highlands. Pangia No.1 of 1962/63.

Patrol Conducted by: Peter J. Barber, P.O.

Area Patrolled: Eastern Section of Wira Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied: by 5 members R.P.N.G.C.
Interpreter
Aid Post Orderly
4 Carriers.

Duration: From 2nd July to 7th August, 1962.
Number of days 15.

Last Patrol to Area: D.N.L. December 1961.
P.H.D. December 1960.

By Reference: Southern Highlands District .

Objects of Patrol:

1. Village Officials
2. Sanitation and hygiene
3. Resthouses and potential sites
4. Inter-village tracks
5. Investigation of effects (if any) of Mission activity
6. Routine Administration.

Peter J. Barber
Peter J. Barber, P.O.

INTRODUCTION.

Instructions as per attached Patrol Instructions were attended to.

This area has had less contact than the other sections of the WIRU being recently de-restricted and the people are accordingly less aware of Government policies, aims and requirements. No doubt this will resolve itself with continued and increased patrolling in the area.

No trouble was encountered and in fact we were accorded good receptions everywhere. The conditions were trying as it rained for the entire duration of the patrol which necessitated breaking and setting up camp, moving from place to place, giving medical inspections and treatment and general talks in the rain. However, all tasks were cheerfully performed by the local people.

The brevity of the patrol was unavoidable as the annual census is due to commence within a week of completion of this patrol.

DIARY.

- July 24th. :Departed Pangia 1130. Arrived Borona 1325. Complaint lodged by Village Constable heard and settled. Food bought. Talks with Dr. Kerr of S.I.L. Slept Borona.
- 25th. Departed Borona 0845-truck snocking-arrived Maubin 1100. Camp set up. 1100 to 1300 complaints and land dispute. Poured from 1300 to 1500 when medical inspection commenced-completed treatment by 1630. Continued raining all night. Food bought. Slept Maubin.
- 26th. Rain continued in torrents all day. Three starts made to give talks and washed out. Talks with Marabin and Tempikani Village Constables. Slept Maubin.
- 27th. Still raining. Selected site and marked out resthouse and barracks. Rain eased and general talk given. Election for Village Constable conducted. Broke camp and departed 1340 in light rain. Arrived Marabin 1430 and camp set up in heavy rain. Talks with village officials re local problems. One external complaint and one internal one dealt with. Lunch 1700. Food bought. Slept Marabin.

DIARY (CONT)

- July 28th. Raining till 0930. Medical inspection and treatment. Resthouse site chosen and marked out. Several complaints heard. General talks given. Departed Marabin 1445 and arrived Tunda 1520. Camp set up. Talks with Tunda and Kerabari Village Constables. Food bought. Slept Tunda.
- 29th. Rained all day, alternatively light and heavy. Medical inspection and treatment completed by 1415. General talks given and completed by 1615. Food bought. 1630 to 1750 Court of Native Matters: Lese v's Koko-adultory. 1750 - 1810 talks with two Village Constables. Slept Tunda.
- 30th. Rain ceased, nearly stopped by 1130. Broke camp and departed 1200. Arrived Tempikani 1300 and camp set up in pouring rain. Food purchased. Outside work impossible. Talks with village officials. Slept Tempikani.
- 31st. Rain stopped by 1030. Medical inspection and treatment. Resthouse site chosen and marked. General talks given. Broke camp and departed 1405-track shocking-arrived Pugi 1530. Camp set up, police houses built. Jan 1730. Lese people told to be here tomorrow. Marabin too for land dispute. Food bought. Slept Pugi.
- August 1st. Medical inspection and treatment. General talks. Lese and Pugi Village Constables elected, and advised re duties. Talks concluded 1330. Departed Pugi 1400 to site chosen for resthouse-marked out. Pugi v's Marabin land dispute heard over. Self to disputed land and all data collected. Arrived back Pugi 1715. 1720 to 1745 marriage dispute heard. Raining again. Slept Pugi.
- 2nd. Heavyish drizzle. Broke camp and departed 0925. Misty rain all the way. Arrived Timbari 1030. Camp set up. Rain ceased 1130. Medical inspection and treatment 1200 to 1430. 1430-1715 general talks, V.C. elections. Place seething with disputes and complaints. Food bought and slept Timbari.
- 3rd. 0730 to 0825: P.A. Tauarambo of Marabin v's Cur. Angoka of Timbari-offensive behaviour and striking. Site chosen and marked out for resthouse on way to Undiapa. Broke camp and departed 0840 and arrived Undiapa 1030. Camp set up in rain. 1200-1300 complaints. Medical inspection and treatment completed by 1530. General talks

DIARY (CONT.)

- August
- 3rd. and elections held for Koin, Wambu and Undiapa Village Constables. Completed 1720. Food bought-wound up at 1750. Slept Undiapa.
- 4th. Early rain delayed departure. Broke camp and departed 0950-track worst yet. Arrived Kumbini 1110. Place in good luck. Camp set up. Medical inspection and treatment till 1445. Food bought. 1445 to 1830 three complaints (striking, marriage, pig killing) and one land dispute heard. Slept Kumbini.
- 5th. Rain early. General talks given. Resthouse site marked out. Broke camp and departed 1055 and arrived Noyya 1130. Camp set up. 1140 to 1245 one land dispute and one charge striking heard. 1300 to 1445 medical inspection and treatment. General talks given and completed at same time as terrific downpour started 1610. Food purchased. Slept Noyya.
- 6th. Village Constable elected. Resthouse marked out. Broke camp and departed 0945-track ~~is~~ frightful-arrived Bible Mission 1125. Talks with Mr. G. F. Austin. Departed 1220 and arrived Taguru 1240. Camp set up. Medical inspection commenced 1400 and treatment completed 1940. Raining heavily. Food bought. 1605 to 1735 complaints re striking, threatening & offensive language; also one land dispute. Slept Taguru.
- 7th. Rain early. General talks. Village Constable election held. Resthouse site chosen and marked out. Departed 1100 and arrived Pangia 1250. Ends Patrol.

ENDS PATROL.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Less contact in this section than in the rest of the WIRU is evident by the attitude and appearance of the people, and in the condition of the living areas.

It is a bit difficult to explain but I think the main difference is in degrees rather than actual attitudes. In the area patrolled in P.R.No.3 of 1961/62 the people volunteered far more information and readily offered their assistance and enthusiasm to government projects - especially cash crops - and generally were hopeful of education and health facilities appearing, increasing and improving. However, in this area now patrolled no such information was volunteered; in fact the people hadn't even thought about such things one way or the other and it was this absence of consideration (or perhaps appreciation) of Administration intentions and goals rather than any anti feeling or disregard that I observed to be the difference.

Nevertheless, it must be immediately said that in most cases the locals did everything possible to help the patrol + in setting up camp, carrying equipment etc. - and their attention and attendance during my talks indicates that they are quite willing, even keen, to hear what is going on and what is required of them. Also it is true that their appreciation of impartial arbitration in local disputes and offences is quite genuine.

Rather, I feel, the main difference between this Eastern WIRU section and the others is nothing more tangible than relative horizons. The others by virtue of greater and more regular government contact have broader horizons - they are keen to start cash crops, have medical services and some are appealing for schools as they appreciate that such things will benefit them. This appreciation is tied up with the knowledge that the Administration is permanent and will remain in the area. In the eastern section the horizon is limited to traditional institutions and requirements - food, marriage payments, pig feasts and so on.

Because of my interpretation of this situation the general talks were not involved but pointed out that government permanence was a fact, some of our aims, policy, and the benefits to be gained by hygienic and sanitary living areas and surrounds. It may be that some time will elapse before living areas reach the same standard as the rest of the Wiru and a considerable time before they approach desirable standards but I hope to see quite an improvement on the coming Census patrol.

NATIVE AFFAIRS (CONT.)

It was certainly noticeable, and is not so very remarkable, that the smaller units - Pugi, Lau, Wenfu - were the most cooperative, attentive and the most insistent that they would do what was required of them. Unfortunately these are the most out-lying groups.

Land disputes cause quite a bit of annoyance but have not disintegrated in to brawls or threats as yet. They average one land dispute per unit. Unfortunately time and weather did not permit full investigations into all claims but this will be done during census patrol and will be registered after that.

Perhaps one point that may cause concern in the future is the growing confusion caused by different Mission teachings. However, the actual effect on the native situation at present is hard to assess or comment on. The confusion is only apparent in a limited area and will be dealt with in the Mission section.

The selection of Village Officials proceeded very well with - I hope - quite a fair standard of men being chosen. Just about all able bodied men wanted to be either Village Constables or councillors and were most disappointed when every little hamlet could not have its own Village Constable. Some of the big units (of over 600) could perhaps justify the appointment of two Village Constables. The shortage of Village Constable Record of Service forms may cause delay but when they become available will be completed and forwarded for confirmation.

There are no Resthouses and only temporary police quarters in this section. Sites were chosen in most places and marked out. Arrangements will be made for these to be built after the Census.

To sum up: this area has had limited contact and the people are not aware of the need or benefits of change, but if the attitude shown to this patrol is indicative of future attitude the disposition should be quite as encouraging as that presently noted in the other Wira sections. To ensure this feeling is maintained and developed the area could stand more regular patrolling.

AGRICULTURE.

Perhaps in a short time the people will be interested in growing cash crops but no requests were made to do so to this patrol. No detailed study was made but the soil seems to be quite rich and quite a large area has never been used for gardening-still has forest cover.

At all stops ample (and sometimes enormous) quantities of food were presented for purchase. Unfortunately they are quite a distance from the station and can't be bothered carrying it all the way in.

EDUCATION.

There are no schools in the area and no requests were received for one to be started.

ROADS.

No vehicular roads have been started in this area. The only links between units are native foot pads which, so I am told, are reasonable during dry periods. But they are simply logs, pig-wallows and are quite treacherous during rainy periods. Instructions were given re the cutting of decent walking tracks.

WALKING TIMES.

Pungia	to	Borosa	1 hour	55	minutes.
Borosa	to	Narabin	2 "	15	"
Narabin	to	Narabin		50	"
Narabin	to	Tunda		35	"
Tunda	to	Namuni (hamlet of Tomponi)	1 "		
Namuni	to	Pagi	1 "	25	"
Pagi	to	Timbari	1 "	5	"
Timbari	to	Undiapa	1 "	25	"
Undiapa	to	Kabini	1 "	20	"
Kabini	to	Notya		35	"
Notya	to	Tagura	2 "		
Tagura	to	Pungia	1 "	50	"

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

The patrol was accompanied by A.P.O. HANDE who did a good job holding medical inspections at all stops. In all 1440 people (918 males, 522 females) received treatment.

Pneumonia, yaws, colds, septic sores were particularly prominent but all and sundry minor complaints featured.

It is probably a cry in the woods as obviously P.H.D. can't put Aid Posts wherever we want them but this section of the WIRU certainly needs one.

Population of Census Units:

Kerabari	297	
Koin	330	
Kwabini	465	
Lane	113	
Mwabini	496	
Mwabini	325	
Notya	552	
Pugi	172	
Taguru	441	
Tampilani	683	
Timbari	812	
Tunda	357	
Undiapa	680	
Wosha	106	Total 5829.

The Bible Mission gives some kind of medical service at Taguru but I suggest the best location for an Aid Post would be at Timbari, Undiapa or Mwabini.

In order to clean up the area instructions were given in regard to clearing around all settlements, burying of all rubbish and construction and use of deep-pit latrines.

The people were told village cleanliness was essential to cut down on flyborne diseases and that compliance with the above instructions would be most beneficial all round - also confinement and control of pigs wouldn't hurt much either.

MISSIONS.

The two prominent missions to move into the area are the Lutherans and Evangelical Bible. The Capuchin Mission Father Cary walked around the area but made no arrangements, was just interested in having a look.

The Lutherans have made arrangements to install evangelists at Naubin, Marabin, Tunda, Kerabari, Tempikani, Pugi, Timbari and Undiapa. The Bible Mission has done the same near Marabin, at Noyya and near Naubin. Mr. Rustin is at Taguru.

The impression I gained from the locals was that they liked the way the Lutherans approached them but were dead set against the Bible Mission. In fact in several places (Timbari, Pugi, Tunda and Tempikani) the people sent word for the Bible Mission not to enter their territory, which warning was wisely heeded. The reason given was that they considered the Bible Mission would immediately endeavour to force them to pull down and burn their spirit houses. Mr. Rustin assured me that he - or his mission - would do no such thing but certainly would not oppose such action if the locals chose to do so themselves.

As instructed I explained very carefully that it is each individual's right to choose between one or another mission or traditional form of worship; that head men or missionaries have no right to force anyone to attend any particular mission; that if they wanted to keep their spirit houses it was entirely up to them; that they could go or not go as the individual so chooses. The freedom of choice in religious matters was stressed and understood by the people.

There was no indication that village officials or mission appointed leaders were using their influence to assist missions gain followers. I believe the people now understand the position well enough to resist such efforts should they occur.

The first night out I stayed at Borona where Dr. Kerr, principal of the Summer Institute of Linguistics (Walbourne), is stationed. Dr. Kerr is learning the WIRU language and he has, in his conversations with the locals, found them to be quite confused by the differences between Lutheran and Bible Mission teachings. The Bible Mission generally (except Taguru) operate on the east bank of the Poru River while the Lutherans confine their activity to the west side, however the people have exchanged views and have discussed the differences.

*Good
Dorings*

MISSIONS (CONT.)

No doubt there are differences in the teachings of the two missions but I rather fancy that language difficulty is the main problem - probably causing some very odd ideas about Christianity.

For instance the Lutherans employ evangelists from other parts of the Territory and has placed one in nearly every census unit in the west WINU section. These evangelists are generally poor pidgin speakers and the local interpreters they use are a good deal worse. By the time the particular Bible lesson comes to the ears of the WINU people one wonders if Genesis becomes a football match.

Dr. Kerr is quite sure that the final result is very different to the original. The same thing applies to the Bible Mission although most of their evangelists are locals but the missionaries know little WINU and less pidgin.

This position can hardly be called satisfactory. The remedy of course is to learn the language but this will take some time and it seems that the missionaries are not prepared to lose any of this on learning languages. They want to get on with the job of gaining 'converts'. And by the time the language problem is overcome to any extent many of the locals may have a very odd idea of Christianity indeed. In talks with Mr. Hartle (Lutheran) and Mr. Martin (Bible) the overall picture as seen by me was discussed. They obviously did not see it quite as I did but did promise to keep a closer eye on their staff, which is something anyway.

This, to my mind, is of primary importance. No doubt I will be accused of being overly pessimistic but it is not unknown for Christian teachings to be misconstrued or misinterpreted - deliberately or innocently - causing quite undesirable cults, or at least elements, to be introduced into the community. This sort of event has every chance of not occurring here but it may and for that reason I think greater supervision should be exercised over staff by the Missions concerned.

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CONCLUSION.

The patrol was necessarily quite brief but did succeed in keeping the Administration very much in the thoughts of these people.

They are clearly trailing behind the rest of the WIRU as far as vision and understanding of our aims etc. go but this position is not irretrievable by any means; a bit more patrolling in the area could well rectify this.

They are helpful and cheerful and their appreciation of impartial justice and the cessation of tribal or group fighting is apparent, and would be an indication of ready assistance to future Administration projects. It will be possible to give a much clearer idea on this point after a longer stay during census.

I feel that it is quite important to install an Aid Post in a moderately central location - say Timbari or Marabba - which would provide medical services for nearly 6000 people. Also it may be strategic to keep an observant eye on developments resulting from evangelist teaching.

One would be entirely optimistic about the future rapid development of the WIRU should sufficient assistance, equipment etc. be made available from various departments but it is realised, however regretfully, that the WIRU area is one amongst many calling for such assistance and is probably well down the priority list.

Nevertheless, there is room for much improvement and advancement in such things as village hygiene, sanitation, housing, walking tracks and roads, bigger and regular output and supply of local foods and so on that will be achieved by guided local endeavour - especially if the present receptive and friendly relations are maintained. Additionally a Village Constable training school - which it may be possible to hold in October - should assist greatly in this respect.

No map is submitted with this report as we have no mapping paper - the map submitted last month should suffice if reference is desired.

Peter J. Barber, P.O.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

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District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS PANGIA Report No. 3 of 1962/63

Patrol Conducted by PETER J. BARBER, PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled WIRU CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans H. COATE, B.M.A.
5 members R.P.N.G.C.
INTERPRETER
Natives 2 AID POST ORDERLIES
4 CARRIERS.

Duration—From 15/8/1962 to 17/9/1962

Number of Days 33

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? YES

Last Patrol to Area by District Services July /1962

Medical December /1960

Map Reference ENCLOSED

Object of Patrol CENSUS REVISION, 2, MEDICAL SURVEY, 3, ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION
AS DIRECTED BY ENCLOSED PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

Director of Native Affairs,
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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67-15-16

28th February, 1963.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MELB.

PANDA PATROL REPORT NO. 1/62/63.

This was apparently a good patrol well reported. Conditions in the Wira Census Division are very good considering the short time influence has been extended to it. We must expect that it will take many years to eradicate old enmities and build any sort of wider Territorial feeling. Frequent patrolling, prompt settlement of disputes, and the great improvement in walking tracks which has not taken place will all be of major importance in this.

2. The movement of people and the land disputes arising are typical of what has occurred in nearly all fairly heavily populated areas when our influence has stopped tribal fighting. Some of the disputes can no doubt be resolved out of court by discussions between the parties, with the help of officers in some cases. Where the parties cannot agree you can do no more than help them register their claims to the Native Land Commission. In such cases there will no doubt be considerable delays as the Commission suffers from the staff shortage like the rest of us.

3. Generally, the report indicates a very good start is being made in this area in all aspects of administration and development.

(J. J. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

16th. October 1962.

Assistant District Officer,
Pangia Sub District,
IALIBU.

PANGIA PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1962-63.

Thank you for Mr. Barber's Report which was received at Mendi on the 15th. inst. it is most interesting and informative.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The present situation is quite good and reflects the degree of control that now exists. The traditional reasons for distrust and friction will not be speedily eradicated but the fact that brawls do not normally arise these days indicates the acceptance of changing times. However I do consider that firm action should be taken against the malcontents who damage gardens and fences.

With regard to Land Disputes I refer you to my 67-3-7 of the 18th. August 1962 (Comments on Pangia Patrol No.1) These Claims must be Registered and forwarded with the Patrol Report, I note there are seventeen.

Despite these disputes which are common to many areas of the Southern Highlands I consider the area should be surveyed for the introduction of a low level Native Local Government Council. This matter has been brought up on two previous occasions (See para. 4 of Patrol Report No. 3 of 13th. July 1962 and memo 67-3-7 of the 18th. August 1962.) Please instruct Mr. Barber to conduct the survey of this area and ensure he has copies of the relevant Circular Instructions.

I should like more information on the customs involving infanticide and I note Mr. Barber has been instructed to pursue his enquiries.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

The District Medical Officer will be asked to comment on the matters raised in the Report.

AGRICULTURE.

The idea of introducing 'Business Blocks' has merit and should be encouraged. Every effort must be made to reduce the consumption of imported foodstuffs. The District Agricultural Officer will be asked to comment on the possibility of introducing Soya Beans. The activities of Mr. Grave's in this field are most interesting and should produce worthwhile results.


CONCLUSION.

Every effort will be made at District H.Q. to assist you in developmental schemes. The responsibility lies squarely on each officer to seek ways and means to raise the local standard of living, technical staff are seldom available for more than fleeting visits but I feel sure that officers of this Department are capable of carrying out developmental programmes in the fields of

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agriculture, forestry and animal husbandry. If Mr. Graves can do it so can we providing the equipment, seed or stock is made available.

A good patrol efficiently conducted. A few minor spelling or typographical which I should like to see corrected in future Reports.


A.C. JEFFRIES.
(acting District Officer.)

Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOH.

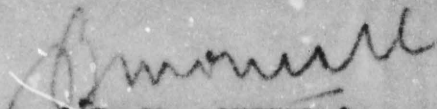
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A.C. JEFFRIES. a/DO.

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Also please count and report on the number of coffee trees planted in the area to date.


(E. N. O'NEILL)
Assistant District Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File: 67-1-2

PANGIA PATROL POST,
Southern Highlands District.

11th August, 1962

Mr P.J.Barber,
Patrol Officer,
PANGIA.

PATROL - WIRI CENSUS DIVISION.

Please be prepared to depart on a patrol of the above area about the 15th of August, 1962.

Mr H.Coate, the Medical Assistant from Kalibu, will accompany your patrol. Before mounting the patrol, check with Mr Coate and ensure that the proposed date of your departure will not inconvenience him.

Constable First Class WHEEKAVE and four constables will accompany your patrol. Please see me regarding the selection of the four constables.

Trainee Interpreter RANGUMA will also accompany the patrol.

The objects of your patrol will be:-

- a) A complete revision of the census;
- b) A medical survey of the area - while this is more the concern of Mr Coate, you will of course give him any assistance he needs; and
- c) Routine Administration.

You should also check on the degree of compliance with previous instructions and advice regarding Village Officials, Sanitation and Hygiene, Housing, Resthouses, Inter-village tracks, etc. Where statutory obligations are concerned it may at this stage be necessary to be stricter in the application of the Native Regulations than we have been to date.

When you are in the Male area, please make a JI.235 investigation of the Land Application recently lodged by the Evangelical Bible Mission.

Please ensure that the people within a reasonable distance of Pangia are again informed of the considerable market for sweet potato here. The women should be encouraged to plant haukau in special gardens for sale rather than sell from their normal gardens.

Also please count and report on the number of coffee trees planted in the area to date.


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

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT : Pangia No.3 of 1962/63.

District: Southern Highlands.

Patrol Conducted by: Peter J. Barber, P.O.

Area Patrolled: Wira Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by: H. Geste, E.N.A.
5 members R.F.N.G.C.
Interpreter
2 Aid Post Graduates.
4 Carriers.

Duration: Duration from 15th August to 17th September.
Number of days 33.

Last Patrol in Area: E.N.A. June & August 1962.
F.N.G. December 1960.

Map Reference: Enclosed.

Objects of Patrol:
1. A complete revision of census;
2. A medical survey of the area;
3. Routine Administration;
4. As directed by patrol instructions.

Peter J. Barber
Peter J. Barber, P.O.

INTRODUCTION.

The purposes of the patrol were census revision, medical survey, routine administration and as stated in the enclosed patrol instructions.

The patrol was given a most enthusiastic welcome at all stops and, apart from a day or so extra at Karani and Borona owing to heavy and constant rain, proceeded with no delays. A little more time with each census unit would have been preferred but it was necessary to complete the patrol by mid-September as the E.N.A. was due to depart on recreation leave on 27th. September. Also the likelihood of interruption by the arrival of the Supreme Court made an early completion desirable.

However, the patrol achieved its several purposes and the findings will, I think, prove quite pleasing. In two previous reports (Pgs. 3-61/62 & Pgs. 1-62/63) I attempted to indicate the general attitude, atmosphere, living conditions, aspirations and so on. In barely three months the villages from BORONA to NORDANDA and back to PANGIA, and from PANGIA to ARIA, NORD and back again to PANGIA, and in only one month the newly derestricted villages have given convincing evidence of what they can and are prepared to do when they know why it is necessary for it to be done. Especially in the new areas Mubin to Tempikoni (all except Karabari) to Usioga (except Wambu) to Tegurufiri: a great deal of work has been done on walking tracks and living areas have been cleaned up to such an extent that they are barely recognisable.

But perhaps the most pleasing aspect was the result of Mr. Coate's very thorough medical survey. His report will deal more completely with his findings but the amount of sickness (listed in Medical and Health Section) in the WIRU is negligible if one may discount sores and cuts. Malaria is exceedingly rare and the people are strong and robust. Mr. Coate believes that with treatment available for all, or even part, of the year most sores and so on would be cleared up and pneumonia cut right down leaving the WIRU as healthy a place as is to be found in the Southern Highlands.

Once again the people as a whole impressed me with their cooperative, and often very keen, attitude and friendly dispositions.

DIARY.

- August**
- 25th.** Departed Pangia 1110. Arrived Mondanda 1315. Awaiting E.N.A. Census and medical inspection commenced 1515 and completed by 1730. Local problems discussed to 1800. Census figures completed by 2230. Slept Mondanda.
- 16th.** Pop talks given. Departed 0915 - along new road - arriving Tindua 1000. Talks and resthouse repairs effected. Census 1100 to 1430. Food purchased. New Mondanda books made out and Tindua figures completed and entered by 2030. Talks with headmen till 2130. Slept Tindua.
- 17th.** Area inspected. Pop talks given. Departed 1020 (tracks under water and creeks in flood) arriving Walubel 1135. Firewood and food stacked ready. Purchased. Resthouse repairs. Self to Furasarea inspected. Inspection and count of office. Census commenced 1345 and washed out at 1600. 1605 to 1800 complaints re pigs, gardens and bride price. Kalubel figures compiled and entered by 2215. Slept Walubel.
- 18th.** Fura census completed and pop talks given. Departed 1005 and arrived Warabube 1100. Camp set up. Fura figures compiled and entered. Census commenced 1230, completed by 1515. Complaints from 1515 to 1615. Census figures completed by 1845.
- 19th.** Pop talks given and departed 1000 - hard walk - arriving Foreia 1220. Carriers in by 1330. Camp set up and food purchased. 1600 to 1905 complaints. Slept Foreia.
- 20th.** C.N.M. 0800 to 0930. Census commenced and completed by 1200. Pop talks and departed 1230 - coffee counted on the way - arrived Karani 1410. Camp set up and food purchased. Complaints and Foreia census figures completed by 1825. Slept Karani.
- 21st.** Drizzling. Census of Karani and Iaro commenced 0930 and completed by 1400 in quite heavy rain. Talks with locals and area inspection. Figures completed and entered by 1930. Slept Karani.
- 22nd.** Still raining. E.N.A. 0730 for Pangia to see R.M.O. & D.N.O. Self departed 0815 and arrived Borona 0920. Talks with locals and place being prepared for census. Pop talks to Karani and Iaro people. Food purchased. E.N.A. returned 1330. Talks with Dr. Kerr, S.I.L. Slept Borona.

DIARY (CONT.)

- August**
23rd. Closed in and raining solidly. Census commenced 1030. Interrupted by rain again at 1340. Continued 1515 and completed by 1630. Local information received from Dr. Kerr. Compilation of new books started 1730 to 1820. Slept Borona.
- 24th.** Raining heavily. Working on books and heard two complaints. Rain nearly stopped at 1310 so pep talks given and departed 1330 and arrived Karus 1445. Camp set up in rain. Area inspected. Talks with locals and food purchased. Self on books until 2230. Slept Karus.
- 25th.** Still raining-rewriting books. Census commenced 1015. Completed 1145. Pep talks and departed 1215. Track very muddy. Arrived Karabari 1340. Camp set up in rain. Many complaints and two C.N.M. until 1850. Forage and Borona new books completed by 2300. Slept Karabari.
- 26th.** Rain early. Census started 1030 and completed by 1200. Pep talks given and departed 1230. Arrived Naubin 1315. Area inspected. Camp set up in rain. Food purchased. Self writing new Karus books - completed 1930. Karabari figures compiled and entered by 2140. Slept Naubin.
- 27th.** Rain early. Census commenced 0925 and completed by 1055. Pep talks and departed 1130. Arrived Marabin 1230. Camp set up and area inspected. Food purchased. 1600 to 1720: complaints heard. Naubin figures completed and entered. Slept Marabin.
- 28th.** Census commenced 0855. Completed 1220. Pep talks given. Departed 1255 and arrived Tunda 1340. Camp set up. Area inspected and food purchased. 1600 to 1735: complaints. Marabin figures compiled 2100 to 2300. Slept Tunda.
- 29th.** Prisoner dispatched to Pangia. Census commenced 0815 and completed by 1010. C.N.M. to 1120. Pep talks given and departed 1200. Arrived Namuni (Sempikeni hamlet) at 1300. Camp set up. Talks with Village Officials. Food purchased. Tunda figures completed by 1620. 1625 to 1710 land complaint. 1730 to 1800 more talks with officials. Slept Namuni.
- 30th.** Organisation out of chaos and census commenced 0830. Completed 1230. Pep talks. Departed 1300. Arrived Fugi 1425. Camp set up, food purchased. Tempizani books completed by 2000. Slept Fugi.

MIAX (CONT.)

August

31st.

Equipment sorted out and some sent over to Tinbari. Census commenced 0830. Completed 0925. Pop talks given and departed Pagi 1000. Hardish walk but arrived Lase 1145. Camp set up and area inspected. Food purchased. 1415 to 1525 Pagi figures compiled and entered. Talks with people. Slept Lase.

September

1st.

Census commenced 0815. Completed 0855. Pop talks given and departed 0925. Arrived Wambu 1100. Camp set up and food purchased. Self inspected area. Poured all p.m. Talks with locals. Lase figures compiled by 1430. Slept Wambu.

2nd.

Raining until 0935 when census commenced. Completed by 1010. Pop talks and departed 1040. Arrived Tinbari 1225. Camp set up. Inspected area. Food purchased. Wambu figures compiled and entered. 1530 to 1855: complaints re land, women and offensive behavior. Slept Tinbari.

3rd.

Census commenced 0800 and completed by 1120. Pop talks given. Departed 1200. Arrived Undiapu 1335. Camp set up. Place inspected. Raining. Food purchased. 1550 to 1700 C.N.N. and complaints. 1700 to 1730 talks with official and others. 1845 to 2045: Tinbari figures compiled. Slept Undiapu.

4th.

Koia census commenced 0800 and Undiapu completed by 1210. Pop talks given. Stretcher case organized. Departed 1310. Arrived Kuabini 1440. Camp set up and food purchased. Place inspected. 1630 to 1840: complaints and C.N.N. 1845 to 2000: Koia figures compiled. 2115 to 2330: Undiapu figures compiled. Slept Kuabini.

5th.

Talks with Koia and Undiapu Village Constables and carriers organized for stretcher case. Census started 0830 and completed by 1030. Pop talks given and we departed 1145. Arrived Noiya 1235. Area inspected and food purchased. Talks with locals. Kuabini figures compiled and entered by 1545. 1625 to 1755: C.N.N. and land dispute. Rations checked and list for more made out. Slept Noiya.

6th.

Prisoner dispatched 0800. Census commenced 0815. Completed 1045. Pop talks given. Departed 1120 and arrived

DIARY (CONT.)

- September**
- 6th.** Taguru Bible Mission 1245. Lunch and talks. Departed Mission 1500 and arrived Taguru 1510 in very heavy rain. Place cleaned up and food purchased. Area inspected. 1600 to 1845: C.N.M. and complaints. 1850 to 1935 Noiya figures compiled and entered. Slept Taguru.
- 7th.** Census commenced 0830. Completed 1055. Pop talks given. E.M.A. called away to see ill woman. Self departed 1135. Arrived Apenda 1305. Place inspected. Food purchased. E.M.A. arrived 1410. Taguru figures compiled and entered by 1600. 1600 to 1720: Complaints and disputes. 1720 to 1740: Talks with village officials. Supplies from Pangia arrived 1830. Slept Apenda.
- 8th.** Census commenced 0815 and completed by 1140. Pop talks given and departed 1235. Arrived Moria 1410. Camp set up and food purchased. Area inspected. Talks with village officials and people and two small complaints heard. Apenda and Pogari figures compiled and entered. Slept Moria.
- 9th.** Census commenced 0830. Completed 1050. Pop talks given and departed 1155 and arrived Aria Bible Mission 1245. Talks and lunch. On to Aria. Area inspected. Food purchased. Talks with locals. Moria figures compiled and entered. Slept Aria.
- 10th.** Census commenced 0815. Completed 0920. Pop talks and departed 1030. Arrived Moro 1150. Food purchased and area inspected. Aria figures compiled and entered by 1510. Stern. Talks with locals. 1725 to 1840: land dispute. Slept Moro.
- 11th.** Census commenced 0800. Completed 0950. Pop talks given. Departed 1040 and arrived Mele Bible Mission 1320. Lunch and talks. Departed 1445. Food purchased and talks with locals. Moro figures compiled and entered. Slept Mele.
- 12th.** Census commenced 0830. Completed 1045. Pop talks given. Names of all Mele land owners taken. Patrol gear sent on to Kumion. 1130 to 1500: Mele lease survey. Departed Mele 1515 and arrived Kumion 1545. 1630 to 1825: C.N.M. and complaints. 1830 to 2005: Mele figures compiled and entered. Slept Kumion.
- 13th.** Census commenced 0800. Completed 0910. Pop Talks given.

DIARY (CONT.)

- September**
- 13th.** Departed 1000. Arrived Pondi 1025. Land dispute Pondi v's Kumi 1030 to 1200. Food purchased. Talks with locals. Coffee inspected and counted. Area inspected. New Kumi book written out and figures compiled by 1700. Slept Pondi.
- 14th.** Census commenced 0800. Completed 0930. Pop talks and departed 1025 and arrived Fungia 1045. Talks with A.D.O. Departed Fungia 1135. Arrived Yungiri (hamlet of Lolupa) 1235. Lunch. Lega census commenced 1310 and completed by 1450. Lolupa census 1450 to 1635. Pop talks given. Area inspected. Food purchased. Talks with villagers. 1805 to 2150: Pondi, Lega and Lolupa figures compiled and entered. Slept Yungiri.
- 15th.** One complaint and one C.H.V. Pop talk given and departed 0905. Arrived Kameo 0945. Census commenced 0955 and completed 1230. Pop talks given and talks with village officials. Departed 1330 - flying visit to Lutheran Mission and arrived Fungia 1430. At Fungia.
- 16th.** 1500 to 1830: New Kumi book written up. At Fungia.
- 17th.** Departed 0845. Arrived Maia 0920. Area inspected and coffee counted. Census commenced 0940. Completed by 1100. Pop talks given and departed 1150 arriving station 1230. Kameo and Maia figures compiled and entered.

ENDS PATROL.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Native Situation in the WIRU remains very satisfactory. Nevertheless there is still a good deal of suspicion between traditional enemies and old grudges have not been forgotten. For instance the Marabin and surrounding groups are quite uneasy about walking through Porogo and Borona territory, and this latter group are still unhappy about going to the Lutheran Mission hospital because it is so close to Kauwo. These dislikes, suspicions and so on are gradually being overcome but it will be some time, I'm afraid, before the people think in terms of a unified cohesive WIRU. Each group thinks in terms of self only and even census units are not wholly unified in thought or action.

It seems that now law and order is an established fact the people feel safe to return to land from which they were forced to flee during tribal fighting. This, I think, is the cause of the many land disputes presented during this, and the last, patrol.

There is much movement between census units and when asked why the change of address the reply invariably was that they are going back to their own land. The only trouble is that the person(s) who won the land from them normally do not acknowledge the previous (defeated) owner's right to it and thus we have two claimants for the one section of land. In most cases the claimants agreed to wait for eventual settlement by the Native Lands Commission but some persist in pulling up gardens, cutting down fences and other boundary marks. However, the position has not disintegrated into brawls over land yet, and it is only the isolated case (Pondi, Timbari, Rubini) where such incidents occur.

As mentioned before, the concept of a combined WIRU, unified in thought and action, is not shared by the vast majority. In fact only a couple of the influential men - Karia from Tindua, Angura from Kauwo - and some of the younger men (mainly those recently returned from plantation work in the New Britain and Central Districts) can see combination of the WIRU as a possibility and realize the need for such a merger. The desirability of unity and cooperation may become more evident to the people after a longer period of contact. For the present it is important to encourage cooperation within the census units and from this, perhaps, vision will broaden to encompass nearby groups at first and gradually including other sections of the WIRU.

From the point of view of traditional antagonisms I would say that attitudes are improving although a certain amount of suspicion remains; but from the point of view of attitude towards the

NATIVE AFFAIRS (CONT.)

Administration the position remains very healthy.

The impression given by previous officers patrolling this area is that the people are responsive and helpful. This is indeed true of the vast majority. General talks to the people dealt mainly with the importance and advantages of hygienic and sanitary improvements in all settlements, the need for decent walking tracks in the first instance and secondly vehicular roads, and also encouraged family 'business' blocks of local foods the produce of which will be purchased at Pangia. The reasons for these improvements were given and the resulting opinions expressed by every unit may best be summed up thus: We are pleased to know why these improvements are necessary and we are prepared to and willing to get on with the work and straighten out our areas, prepare gardens and roads.

To support this claim they pointed to what they had achieved in the short time since the last patrol. Walking tracks are enormously improved and so are living areas (latrines and garbage pits have appeared and the surrounds of houses are clean and neat)- especially from Maubin around the loop to Noiya- and the people are proud of their achievements. They like the look of the place and claim they want it to stay that way. This is the attitude of the majority: scale the work out and we'll do it.

While this is most encouraging and makes one feel that we are really getting somewhere and achieving something, one would be entirely foolish to feel too complacent. There are small groups associated with the larger groups of Mondanda, Kerabari, Tempikoni, Timbari, Apenda, and I think Undiapu, who appear not to be too much interested in improving local conditions or anything else other than maintaining arguments over anything and being generally disagreeable- except of course where it may directly and materially benefit to be otherwise.

This latter element is present but being in the minority may later change its stand if it sees the majority group benefitting by cooperating and hearing the talk.

Some points of interest may be:

1. Incidence of crime is low and is usually confined to minor individual offences.
2. Suicide (mainly by Women) is not uncommon and the usual method is by hanging or drowning. When I say that suicide is not uncommon I do not mean that it happens all the time but when it does happen it doesn't really surprise anyone. Two suicides by hanging were reported during the census, both women. One woman (Tunda) was upset because her husband was making overtures to another woman; the other case, Noiya,

NATIVE AFFAIRS (CONT).

a woman was pregnant and complained for several days of back, side and leg pains.

3. Dr. H. Kerr of the Summer Institute of Linguistics is stationed at Borera and reports that whilst learning the WIRU language he has found information which indicates that lineages may be the largest exogenous groups present and not clans as was previously supposed. However, he is by no means sure of this yet and it may take some time for him to reach some conclusion.

4. In a previous report (FGA.3-61/62) I reported that women are apt to dump a new born baby if the previous child is still being breast fed. This is so but in addition there seems to be a custom that a man's first child is always killed. It appears that if he is married to one, two, three or more wives it is still only his first child which is killed and not the first child of each wife (she may have had children before by a previous husband). This seems to be born out by the number of first pregnancies to newly married couples which produce nothing.

Local informants were not at all helpful on this topic but subsequent discussions with Dr. Kerr about it revealed that he too had found the same thing. He will let me know when he has any concrete evidence one way or the other.

CENSUS.

In most cases little difficulty was encountered in revising the census, but it was quite hopeless at Tempikeni, Taguru and Karabin where everyone inconveniently forgot their census names.

The most noticeable fact was the very big movement between census units resulting from people moving back to their own land.

Births outnumbered deaths (407 to 139) which is approximately 26.6² births per 1000 or 2.66% and deaths 12.6² per 1000 or 1.26%, and it was largely through this that there was any increase as any migration in from Kagua or Krave was nullified by a large number from Mondanda to the Ialibu area (Yamyami).

It may be interesting to note that apart from the over 13 group the greatest number of deaths occurred in the 5-8 years group. One ~~explanation~~ (purely speculation) could be that up to this age children eat pig meat but not in large quantities, but from the age of about six on they do eat quite large amounts. The usual result of pig feasts is a general and thorough bout of diarrhoea (including children being breast fed). A number of deaths recorded this time died after the last pig feast (June) many with reported symptoms indicating diarrhoea and maybe dysentery.

But it would seem that pneumonia is the biggest killer and many deaths must be attributed to this (see Medical and Health section).

Apart from those employed in and out of the District, at school, in hospital or in prison, only nine (4 male adults, 2 female adults, 1 male child and 2 female children) had no reason for not attending. The wayward nine have now been seen and accounted for.

Village officials and head men were asked to inform all their people that full attendance was desired and it afforded Mr. Coote, B.N.A. the opportunity to accurately assess the general health.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Mr. H. Coate, B.M.A. from Ialibu, accompanied the patrol and gave a thorough check to everyone in conjunction with census.

Following is a list of ailments treated or discovered:

Yaws	12	Leprosy	23
Tropical Ulcers	63	Deformities	17
Scabies	584		
Conjunctival Diseases	17		
Other eye	163		
Nutritional Diseases	7		
Cirrhosis of Liver	2		
Chicken Pox	10		
Pneumonia	43		

It seems that pneumonia is the biggest killer in these parts and is assisted by the necessity of gardening and collecting food in the drizzle and rain. Diarrhoea claims quite a few children's lives but apart from pneumonia the biggest death factor is old age.

As it was two years since the last medical patrol into this area we were fairly confident we would be met by much sickness, both serious and minor, but as we went further into the WIRU the health became better. From Borona to Laus we found almost nothing. Wambu, Timbari, Keia and Undiapa provided most sickness but even in these places nothing really serious was found.

Malaria is not a problem in the WIRU. Mr. Coate found only eighteen palpable spleens amongst the 4583 children (2-10 years) that he examined. It was odd that at Moro one size 3 spleen should be found and no others. The heaviest concentration of spleens was found at Undiapa (9). This group visit sago swamps once or twice a year and this could account for it. We expected to find quite a bit of malaria in the lower reaches of the WIRU (Laus, Wambu) but this was not so.

Very few cases of yaws were seen. Malaria had about three of the worst cases in the Division.

As with malaria the findings in regard to leprosy are pleasing. Only 23 cases were recorded and some of them are queries (some dubious hancanide cases were omitted also). It seems that the disease could be creeping in from the Ialibu area as most cases were found in the villages nearer Ialibu (Mondanda and Tindua).

MEDICAL AND HEALTH (CONT).

Mr. Coate has recommended that two orderlies be sent out under the supervision of the Fungia A.D.O.. These orderlies could remain for two months, based at Undiapa or Timbari, and spend as much time as is necessary with each of the southern census units. He proposes the orderlies give such treatments as are necessary and send any serious illness into Ialibu. The orderlies, in this case, would spend two months in the field, two months back at Ialibu undergoing further instruction followed by a further two months in the field and so on. Mr. Coate also claims that it is necessary for an E.N.A. to be posted to Fungia. The population of nearly 15,000 while not burdened with any really serious illnesses (malaria, T.B.) except, perhaps, pneumonia, have many minor troubles which if not attended to develop into largish problems sometimes causing death - e.g. 'flu, burns, tropical ulcers, diarrhoea.

Mr. Coate believes that the general health is very good and would be second to none in the Southern Highlands if the above recommendation were carried out.

Missions are providing badly needed medical facilities. Mrs. Bertle (Lutheran Mission at Tiripini) and Mrs. Rustin (Bible Mission at Taguru) especially are giving invaluable service but are finding the quantity of work too much for them. Mrs. Bertle finds that she must devote most of her days - and part of her nights - to giving treatments if she is to keep up with the demand.

In regard to village hygiene the people have responded very well to instructions given during patrol 3-61/62 and 1-62/63. The actual living areas in most places are almost unrecognisable owing to the construction and use of latrines, garbage pits and the clearing, cleaning and draining around houses. This patrol gave instructions requiring separate pig sheds to be constructed in order to keep pigs from occupying the same houses as the people.

The people themselves are pleased with the results of their work and claim they want their living areas to remain in good, clean condition.

AGRICULTURE.

Little can be added to that already mentioned in previous reports on this subject. The people are to start coffee but have been advised that local foods can be produced for the purpose of sale to the station. To this end family 'business' blocks of land have been encouraged and now that we have a scale (25 lb. spring) at Fungia money can be paid for food; this should cause the supply of local foods to the station to increase considerably.

One crop which may be considered by the District Agricultural Officer and result in its being supplied for distribution is soya bean. Soya beans would add much to the local diet and the Lutheran Mission has found that the people like them and will eat them.

A coffee census was taken and for information the figures are listed below.

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>DATE PLANTED</u>	<u>NO. OF PLANTS</u>	<u>STATE</u>
Tindan	5500'	Jan. 1960	101	Temp. pit-pit cover
"	"	Aug. 1961	46	"
Wainbol	5200	Dec. 1960	21	NIL
"	"	Jan. 1962	140	Nursery pit-pit
"	"	Aug. 1960	124	NIL
Paura	5250	Feb. 1962	535	Nursery pit-pit
"	"	Dec. 1960	86	Fair natural
Foreia	5300	Aug. 1961	137	Heavy pit-pit for 500. NIL for rest
"	"	Jan. 1962	175	NIL
Pondil	4600	Jan. 1962	368	Natural
"	"	Aug. 1961	541	Natural
"	"	Aug. 1960	50	Natural
"	"	March. 1961	12	Natural
Maic	4900	Aug. 1961	220	Nursery pit-pit
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Most of these plants seem healthy except a few that have no cover at all and are burnt. Mr. Bustin of the Bible Mission at Taguru is preparing to plant a few acres of coffee and Mr. Graves at Aria intends to plant some for his own use.

REAFFORESTATION.

Quite a bit of the WIRU has been totally denuded of trees. The trees were cut down to prepare land for gardens and no attempt has been made to replace them. Result: barren looking inland plains. The people have no objection to planting trees but just have not thought about it. For the purpose of reafforestation it would be a good idea to have a station nursery started if a supply of seedlings could be arranged from Manila, Cebu or Krave. The aircraft may be a problem so it may be considered a better proposition to send a quantity of seed here even though germination could prove difficult.

However, once the nursery is established distribution will follow.

CHICKENS.

Earlier this year the District Agricultural Officer thought it possible that he would receive a supply of chickens which he would later distribute to the various stations in the District for further distribution amongst villages.

I spoke to Mr. Graves (Aria), Mr. Dustin (Tagura), Dr. Kerr (Barua), Mr. Harvey (Male) about the possibility of such distribution and they volunteered to assist in such a project by instruction re care of poultry and use of eggs as food and also to keep an eye on the birds. Such supervision would be necessary at first until the people learnt how to look after them and to prevent poultry being used as trade items and in bride payments.

LIVESTOCK.

Apart from local pigs, each mission establishment has at least one cow and they have a small herd of goats at Aria. All are reported to be thriving.

MISSIONS.

Mission activity in other than spiritual fields is increasing. Mention has been made of the work done there regarding health and coffee in the appropriate sections.

Mr. Graves' achievements at Aria are most impressive and are worth special mention. He has set himself a very strenuous and diversified program. He has goats, poultry, a cow, has an orchard, magnificent garden and is continually experimenting with fruit trees and food crops. The model village for his helpers is an example not only to natives but also to other stations.

His program is three-fold - spiritual, educational, economic advancement with a proper balance maintained. Importantly, his program is not one of wholesale giving but rather of developing local resources of labour and materials thereby building a soundly based local economy and outlook.

He hopes to interest the people in growing fruits and vegetables, feeds and grains, stock and poultry, reforestation, pasture improvement and in making clothes, furniture, sugar cane molasses, flours, meals, ground feeds, lard and soap.

He believes he can in one year or so supply all local European needs as far as vegetables, fruit and poultry and cattle feed go, and that it shouldn't be too long after that before he and the locals can fill orders from other stations.

EDUCATION.

The Lutheran Mission school operates at Tiripini. It caters mainly for Kauso children although several children from Borona, Lega and Loluapu attend there. Mr. Graves at Aria hopes to receive permission from the Department to start one soon.

The Tindua Village Constable and WIRU Legislative Council observer, Karia, has once again entered a plea for a Government school. His influence, especially in the western section of the WIRU, is strong and he has been telling his people that for the general benefit of the area the children must go to school whenever the opportunity presents itself. Eight boys from Tindua are now attending various mission schools in Ialibu.

ROADS.

The road to Ialibu has been reported on at length by Mr. B. M. O'Neil, A.D.O., following his recent survey (PGA.P.R.2-62/63).

Roads into the other sections of the WINU (to Tigari and Aris) will be necessary to open the area up and plans for future road surveys are in the drawing up stage. The Pugi and nearby groups are keen to get going on roads - have cut very wide clearings through kuni, pit-pit and some small bush and in some places have actually prepared road. They did this off their own bat; all they were asked to do was to make decent walking tracks but when the Village Constables visited the station (8/8/62) for uniform issues and pep talks, they saw the station roads and decided to have a go at doing the same. This attitude is most pleasing but the people were warned not to do more than cut the pit-pit etc. until the route had been properly surveyed.

The main difficulty with this road may be encountered between the station and Borona but a closer investigation in the near future may find a way in.

The only major difficulty anticipated from Pangia to Aris (with arms to More and Moria (proposed)) will be in crossing the Foru and Ibei Rivers. So far no really intensive search has been made for bridge sites.

Walking tracks throughout the whole area have been improved enormously. Continuous rain during the early part of the patrol did not help walking much but it was quite noticeable that much time had been spent cutting, scraping and levelling. The most impressive work has been done in the south (Maubin, Marabin, Tunda, Tumpikoni, Pugi, Iave, Timbari, Undiapu to Taguru). The month between patrols into this part of the WINU has been used most advantageously trackwise.

GENERAL.

1. Land Disputes: Seventeen land disputes have so far been reported and investigated and several more have reported since the completion of this patrol. For the most part claims are peaceful. It seems that they are generally caused by a movement back onto land held by ancestors now that law and order is established. The claims will be registered as soon as possible.

2. Village Constables: These men are generally performing their duties very satisfactorily. Recommendations for appointment have been made

GENERAL (CONT).

for many census units and all Records of Service shall be forwarded shortly for approval.

3. Male Evangelical Bible Mission Land Applications A C.I. 335 investigation was made and shall be duly forwarded.

4. ~~RESTHOUSES~~ These are few and far between except over the Para River where every census unit has one and all are in good condition. In all cases where units are without resthouses sites have been chosen and marked out. These, perhaps, could be constructed in conjunction with a road survey patrol.

CONCLUSION.

Although there does not appear to be much chance of schools, hospital or Agricultural Department participation in the immediate future there is plenty to be done in the WINU which can be done if our regular patrolling is maintained. The time can be very usefully divided between village hygiene and sanitation, family economic blocks of sweet potato, resthouse construction, and later, the construction of vehicular roads.

For the most part the people are keen to learn, cooperative and friendly towards the Administration if not always towards each other. Completely peaceful coexistence is not a feature of relations between groups but one may anticipate an improvement in these relations after a longer period of control and guidance by the Administration. Confidence in the Administration is, I think, growing and the increased appearance at the station of men from the most outlying groups (Pagi, Lase, Nohu) may support this claim.

Interest in their future development is mounting and on present indications - and from what the people are themselves saying - we may look forward to continued good relations and quick results.

WIRU CENSUS DIVISION

Accompanying Pancha Patra Report
No. 3 of 1962/63.



LEGEND

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- PANCHA
- CAPITAL UNITS
- + U.M. LUTHERIAN MISSION
- + S.M. QUAKER MISSION
- + C.M. CATHOLIC MISSION
- ⊕ AIR FORCE

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

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District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS PANGIA Report No. 4 of 1962/63

Patrol Conducted by PETER J. BARBER, P.O.

Area Patrolled PANGIA-IALIBU ROAD

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil
2 members R.P.N.G.C.
Natives 1 INTERPRETER,
2 CARRIERS.

Duration—From 18 / 10 / 1962 to 27 / 10 / 1962

Number of Days TEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services SEPT / 1962

Medical SEPT / 1962

Map Reference DISTRICT MAP

Objects of Patrol ORGANISATION AND PREPARATION FOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ON
THE PANGIA-IALIBU ROAD. 2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

14 JAN 1963
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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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7th February, 1963.

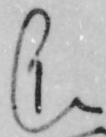
District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4/62-63 - PANBIA.

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report
is acknowledged with thanks.

2. It seems to me that our field staff officers
should have the term "roadmaster" included in their
duty statement. However, the people themselves will
benefit from the construction in the long run.

3. I am gratified to note that land claims are
registered at District Headquarters or Sub-District
Headquarters. I am favourably impressed with the
diagrams of bridges accompanying the report.


(W. R. Dishon)
A/DIRECTOR

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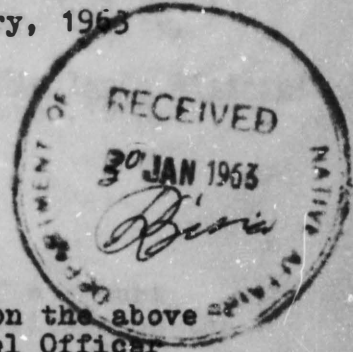
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District Office,
MENDI
Southern Highlands District.
14th January, 1963

Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.



Pangia Patrol No. 4 of 62/63

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Attached hereto please find report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. P.J. Barber, Patrol Officer Grade 1 and covering memorandum 67-1-2 of 20th November, 1962, from the a/Assistant District Officer, Ialibu.

The road from Ialibu to Pangia has been completed and was opened on 11th December, 1962. The road itself is generally good although some steep grades will need to be regraded.

Mr. Barber's diagrams of bridge construction are well done.

Attach. 2

(R.W. Flaikie)
a/District Officer.

c.c. Assistant District Officer,
PANGIA.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-1-2

Sub-District Office,
IALIBU,
Southern Highlands District.
20th November, 1962.

The District Officer,
MENDI.

PANGIA PATROL REPORT 4 of 62/63

1. Please find herewith 3 copies of a report submitted by Mr. P.J. Barber, P.O.1, covering his activities on the IALIBU-PANGIA vehicular road.
2. I had instructed Mr Barber to concentrate on this road for last month and this, as progress has been virtually nil for some considerable time, and as the District Commissioner wishes to open this road officially in early December. Present Reports indicate t at this will be possible..
3. Whilst this concentration of effort is in progress I intend to mount another patrol to cover the rest of the WIRU Census Division from IALIBU. This patrol will be led by Mr Maxwell or myself. It has been some considerable time since there was a senior officer's patrol of the WIRU.
4. The Registration claims in respect of the land dispute mentioned on page 3 were not received with the report. Mr. Barber will be requested to forward immediately.
5. I intend inspecting the road myself this coming week to check on further progress and other matters.
6. In all. a routine road construction patrol.

(G.P. Jenser-Muir)
e/Assistant District Officer

Number of copies submitted: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

For: _____

Objects of Patrol: _____

Remarks: _____



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram

Telephone

Our Reference 67-2-1

If calling ask for

Mr. _____

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE,
PANGIA,
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT.

6th. November, 1962.

The DISTRICT OFFICER,
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT.

Report Number : PANGIA NO.4 of 1962/63.

Patrol Conducted by : Peter J. Barber, P.O.

Area Patrolled : Pangia-Ialibu Road.

Patrol Accompanied by : 2 members R.P.N.G.C.
1 Interpreter.
2 Carriers.

Duration : From 18/10/62 to 27/10/62

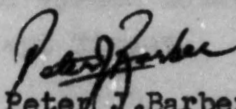
Number of days : Ten

Number of nights camping : Nine

Last Patrol to area : D.N.A. September 1962
P.H.D. September 1962

Map Reference : District Map.

Objects of Patrol : 1. Organisation and preparation for
bridge construction on the Pangia-
Ialibu Road.
2. Routine Administration.


Peter J. Barber, P.O.

INTRODUCTION.

The objects of this patrol were to do the initial log hauling and foundation laying for bridges within the Pangia ten miles of the Pangia-Ialibu Road and, of course, routine Administration.

DIARY.

- October 18 : Station and office duties. 1030: Gear and police departed. 1200: Self departed station arriving Tindua 1300. Enormous storm lasting for two hours after which repair crews organised on resthouse and barracks. Bridge sites investigated. Slept Tindua.
- 19 : 0730: To Ombrei creek where timber cutting and hauling commenced. Also stone carrying. Off to Wiwi Ck. where timber cutting organised. Into bush to select timber. Back to Ombrei Ck. Foundation started. Rain finished work at 1500. Slept Tindua.
- 20 : 0730-1400: Lumping posts and stones at Ombrei. Slept Tindua
- 21 : 1000-1400: Courts of Native Matters and complaints. 1500-1620: More complaints and talks. Slept Tindua.
- 22 : 0745- To disputed land (Pndea). Much talk. Land to be cleared 1045-1715: Poles and stones dragged and carried to site of Ombrei bridge. Slept Tindua.
- 23 : 0750- To Wiwi Ck. Cutting and hauling in timber. Onto Pangia for quick look at station. Back to Wiwi and then onto Ombrei Ck. where work ceased at 1500 owing to rain. Slept Tindua.
- 24 : 0800: To Wiwix where supervised laying of timber across that creek. Back to Tindua to mark timber for cutting. Onto Ombrei Ck. where progressing well until downpour at 1410. Yorobini Ck. flooded and washed motor bike bridge away. Back at Tindua 1515. Slept Tindua.
- 25 : 0750: To Wiwi Ck. Timber being hauled in. Back to Tindua to pull timber to the Yorobini Ck. To Ombrei Ck. where foundation work continuing. Then to Tindua where more logs being hauled. Rain 1440. 1515-1610: C.N.M. Slept Tindua.

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DIARY. (Continued)

October 26 : 0740-Supervised cutting at Tindua.1030-to Ombreⁿ Ck.-
log and stone carrying.1300-back to Tindua-log hauling.
1520-rain finished work.1550-1700:talks with Village
Constables.Slept Tindua.

27 : 0800-departed Tindua.Inspecting work on the way.Into
bush to view felled timber.Arrived Bangia 1030.

ENDS PATROL.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.(GENERAL).

At the moment all activity is directed towards the Pangia-Ialibu road. The people are keen to finish it and both men and women are appearing regularly for the days work. The main problem is that some of them are too keen to finish the work and start making roads in all but the right direction unless being supervised.

Only a few complaints were brought forward of which only land complaints were causing any real bother. Registered land claims from the WIRU accompany this report.

The Village Constables are keen enough but are frequently quite hazy about their duties. This position should be considerably improved upon by a Village Constables school to be held at PANGIA during the last week in November.

It seems that the people who are least prepared to jump in and help with local work are some migratory types at Mondanda (who wander between Ialibu and there) and Poreia (who wander between there and Kagua).

The rest of the people are with the Administration and realise that the road has first priority and without it they may be waiting in vain for Schools, cash crops and so on.

The present position is quite satisfactory.

ROAD.

There are fifteen creeks to be bridged on the Pangia section of this Pangia-Ialibu road. During this patrol we concentrated on four of the largest and most difficult. The Wiwi Ck. has a 76' span. Timber was hauled to and laid across this creek. The Lambuei Ck. has a span of only 40' but has to be built up at one end as seen in Diagram 1.

Yorobini Ck. (span 59') creates its own problem. This creek floods regularly above the level of the road. During this patrol a flash flood washed out the motor bike bridge across this creek. This therefore has to be built up at both ends to prevent this recurring. (Diagram 11).

The bridging of the Ombrei is the hardest task on this road. Firstly, the West bank is nine feet higher than the East, or Pangia, bank and we have to build the latter bank up with rocks and timber (Diagram 111). The actual span of 59' becomes much longer - about 75' - when brought to the platform. Secondly, suitable timber for the actual bridging is miles away up the Andawe Creek which means much time and energy in hauling the timber to the bridge site.

The entire ten days was spent hauling timber and rocks for these four bridges.

Owing to the concentration on bridge work the road cutting has been delayed and is largely in the same position as it was after Mr. A. D. O. O'Neill's September survey except for about four chains between the Wiwi and Angel creeks, and the work up to the Ombrei Ck. on the Ialibu side has been completed (except for two landslips).

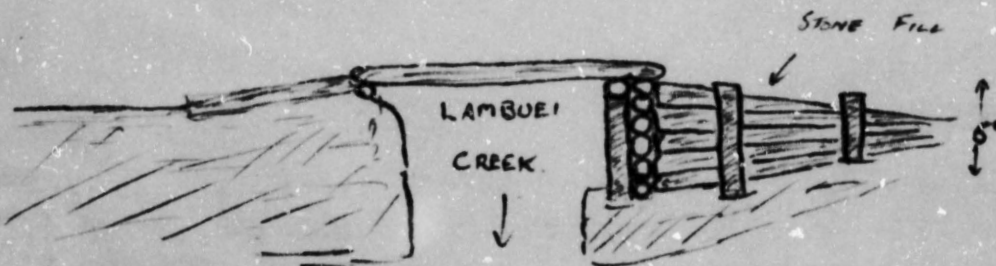
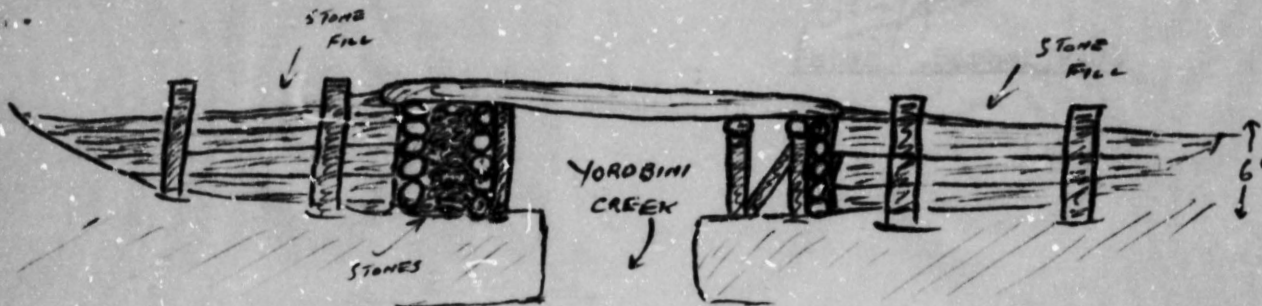
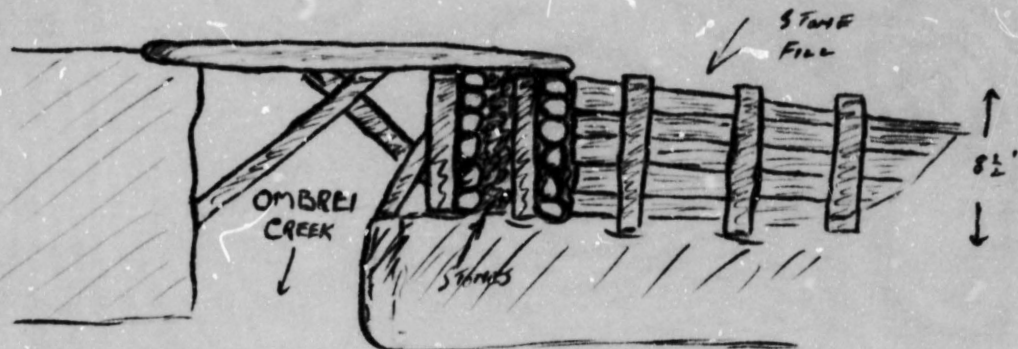
It only remains to be said that both men and women from Mondanda, Tindua, Waluboi, Paura, Warababe, Loluapu and Lega and Kauwo are working on the road and are keen to finish it. They realise the importance of the road and are enthusiastic about it being opened to traffic and seeing the Pangia tractor which is now at Ialibu.

The only reason I can see for delay in completing the road is that I feel it is not desirable for the people to cut new road or construct bridges by themselves. They have a tendency to leave the surveyed marks and make their own arrangements as far as cutting new road is concerned and their limited knowledge of bridge building makes the wisdom in letting them go ahead on their own questionable. This means, unfortunately, that new construction must wait until another road patrol can be organised.

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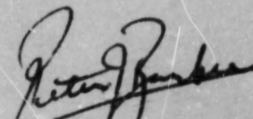
ROADS (Continued).

In any case my estimate is that the road should be trafficable by mid-December at the latest - so long as the people maintain their present attitude.

Diagram 1.Diagram ii.Diagram iii.

CONCLUSION.

Road work and the local approach is satisfactory. If the work could have constant supervision it would be completed very quickly but the present station and other commitments will make it impossible for such supervision all the time. I hope to return to this work on or about the 7th. November for about two to three weeks, and then again from 1st. December until the road is trafficable.


Peter J. Barber, P.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

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PANGIA

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 5 of 1962/63

Patrol Conducted by Peter J. Barber, P.O.

Area Patrolled Pangia-Ialibu Road.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil
10 members R.P.N.G.C.
Natives 1 Interpreter
4 Carriers.

Duration—From 8/11/1962 to 24/11/1962

Number of Days 17

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services October 1962

Medical September 1962

Map Reference District Map

Objects of Patrol 1. Construction of all bridges and new road construction on the Pangia-Ialibu Road. 2. Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

14 JAN 1963

District Commissioner

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

67-15-38


7th February, 1963.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
M.E.H.I.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5/62-63 - PANGLIA.

Receipt of the above-mentioned Patrol Report
is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The report is well presented and the content
calls for no other comment than that the attitude of the
people towards assisting themselves by building roads
is highly satisfactory. The element at Paveia appears
to be the only exception.


(W. R. Dixon)
DIRECTOR

67-15-38.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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District Office,
MENDI
Southern Highlands District.

14th January, 1963

Director
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.



Pangia Patrol No. 5 of 62/63

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Attached hereto please find a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. P.J. Barber, Patrol Officer Grade 1.

This patrol was mainly to complete bridge and road construction on the lalibu-Pangia road which has now been satisfactorily completed.

The keenness of the people to cooperate in this most important task is most pleasing to note.

For your information please.

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(R.W. Blaikie)
a/District Officer.

Attach.

c.c. Assistant District Officer,
PANGIA.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-2-1

If calling ask for

Mr.

Patrol Post,

PANGIA,

Southern Highlands District.

1st. December, 1962.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT.

Report Number : PANGIA No.5 of 1962/63.

Patrol Conducted by : Peter J. Barber, P.O.

Area Patrolled : Pangia-Ialibu Road.

Patrol Accompanied by : 10 members R.P.N.G.C.
1 Interpreter.
4 Carriers.

Duration : 8/11/62 to 24/11/62.

Number of Days : 17

Number nights Camping : 16

Last Patrol to Area : D.N.A. October, 1962.
P.N.D. September, 1962.

Map Reference : District Map.

Objects of Patrol : 1. Construction of all bridges, and new
road construction on the Pangia-
Ialibu Road.
2. Routine Administration.

Peter J. Barber
Peter J. Barber, P.O.

INTRODUCTION:

The objects of this patrol were to construct all thirteen bridges on the Pangia section of the Pangia-Ialibu Road, also construction of new road, and, once again, routine Administration.

DIARY:

November 8th.: Departed Station 1030. Checking work on Wiwi and Lambue Creek bridges. Arrived Tindua and straight onto Ombrei Creek. Back to Tindua 1700. 1700-1800: C.N.M. Slept Tindua.

9th.: 0730: To Wiwi Ck. Inspection of work and instructions. Onto Station-instructions. Back to Wiwi and then to Lambue Ck. Then to Yorobini and Ombrei Cks. More posts required-this organised. Back to Tindua 1245. 1320-1630: At Lambue and Yorobini Cks. Slept Tindua.

Sat. 10th.: 0800-1230: At Lambue and Yorobini and Ombrei Cks. Lease (C.M.) acreage worked out. 1500-1610: Two local pig complaints heard. Slept Tindua.

Sun. 11th.: 1000-1305: C.N.M. and complaints. 1415-1610: Miscellaneous complaints. Slept Tindua.

12th.: 0730-0830: Poreia complaints. 0830: to Lambue Ck.. Then to Wiwi and creeks in between. Back to Lambue then onto Yorobini and Ombrei cks. Pulling posts in and stones. Back at Tindua 1400. 1500-1700: At Lambue dragging timber in. 1700-1840: Two local complaints fixed up. Slept Tindua.

13th.: 0800: To Lambue Ck where approach redirection marked out. To Ombrei where next stages of work explained and marked out. Back to Yorobini where final touches on foundations marked out. Onto Lambue: timber hauling from the bush for Lambue and Yungui bridges. Poreia people questioned re alleged brawl. Onto Wiwi Ck. and then back to Tindua 1600. 1600-1740: official correspondence. 1740-1815: talks with locals. Slept Tindua.

14th.: 0745: To Ombrei Ck. and off into bush to haul in timber. Back to Yorobini where preparing to haul timber across. Onto Lambue then to Wiwi and talks with locals. Back to Lambue-further instructions and onto Yorobini. Rain and back to Tindua 1530. Talks with locals and official correspondence. Slept Tindua.

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DIARY continued:

November 15th.:0800:To Lambuei Ck.-instructions given.Then quick look between here and Wiwi Ck.Timber coming in from all directions.Onto Yorobini where timber hauling up the creek not getting anywhere fast.Onto sawmill to check on 8x2" runners.Into bush near Andawe Ck.to assist in timber hauling.Back to Yorobini where it took till 1700 to haul log to bridge site.Back to Tindua 1720. 1730-1810:Poreia men in as required re alleged brawl. Questioning.Slept Tindua.

0715

16th.:To Wiwi Ck.and creeks in between.Back to Yorobini-into bush and timber hauled out,and onto bridge.Another out of creek.Ready for decking and creosoting..Off to Ombrei Ck.Up road to assist hauling log in and onto bridge.Storm 1400 finished work.Back to Tindua:rations sorted out.Slept Tindua.

Sat. 17th.:0800:To Lambuei Ck.Decking being put down and posts creosoted.To Yorobini Ck.-creosoting.Back to Tindua 1215. 1 C.N.M. Slept Tindua.

Sun. 18th.:1130-1435:2 C.N.M.s and sundry complaints re pigs,women etc..1700-1755: 1 C.N.M. Slept Tindua.

19th.:0745:To Wiwi Ck.-instructions.Onto Station.Quick inspection.Work reallocated.Several complaints and one C.N.M. heard.Reimbursement checked.Leave pay and papers made out for Const.GUL.More instructions and general rev given and departed.Inspection of all bridges on way back arriving Tindua 1630.1630-1745:1 C.N.M. Slept Tindua.

20th.:0800:Inspection of all bridges.Into bush at Yungiri Ck. to pull in timber.Onto Wiwi and creeks in between.Back to Ombrei and and Yorobini creeks.Back to Tindua 1750. Talks with local men.Slept Tindua.

21st.:inspection of all work.Instructions given and work re-allocated.Self from one to the other all day.Cutting of new section of road between Ombrei and Yorobini Cks. commenced.Back at Tindua 1730.Few local complaints heard.Slept Tindua.

22nd.:0800:To Ombrei and Yorobini Cks.0930-1430:Pibia and

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DIARY Continued.

November 22nd.:..... and Yungiri Cks.1500-1730:Ombroi and Yorobini Creeks.1730-1830:Talks with locals and one complaint. Slept Tindua.

23rd.:0750-1020:Ombroi-Yorobini ck.roadwork.1020:onto Yungiri Ck.Then to Pibia Ck.Back to Tindua 1300.1300-1535:at Yorobini Ck.Back to Tindua.1545-1700:Several complaints heard and instructions given.Big storm.Slept Tindua.

24th.:0830-0930:General talks with locals.0945:Departed Tindua.Complete inspection of all work done on road. Arrived Pangia 1030.

ENDS PATROL

NATIVE AFFAIRS (GENERAL).

I don't think anyone will deny that hauling great trees and rocks is hard work. It is also a fact that our objective was to complete thirteen bridges in 17 days - although quite a bit of timber, and preparation, had been hauled, and done, during October (Fga. No. 4 of 1962/63). In any case the people worked and toiled and did it and were still smiling at the finish. In other words their keenness did not wane and they got stuck into the task willingly and cheerfully.

The Village Constables have been doing a good job and seem to be improving all the time. Also a school held for them during the last week in November has already shown pleasing results.

The people are quite proud of their work and are keen to see the tractor come through. They also hope to see Education and Agriculture move in now that their road is trafficable. It seems that they now have a good arguing point for a school and for a bit of interest to be shown by the Department of Agriculture, S. & F. As reported previously Tindua and surrounding groups are most anxious and pressing in their requests for a school and cash crops. They have been put off in the past by telling them that schools and cash crops would, in all likelihood, have to wait until the road was finished. They also realise that other areas have been waiting longer than they, but I anticipate an increasing number of representations.

The present position is probably more than satisfactory except, perhaps, for a troublesome element at Poreia. As mentioned in my previous report Poreia contains a migratory faction which divides its time between Kagua and Poreia. It seems that wherever there is work that may involve them they go to the other place.

But in every other group I can find little to complain about after the way they worked during this patrol.

Indicative of the 'get this work finished' atmosphere prevailing was the appearance of particularly aged and tottery gentlemen who started helping the younger men - they were sent home with thanks, walking sticks at the ready.

ROAD:

Quite a bit of groundwork had been done by the previous patrol but the volume of work necessary to complete these thirteen bridges surprised me. We worked in four and five teams, each team allocated certain creeks to bridge.

Without the motor bike to go up and down to supervise them all I think we would not have done it in the time. This machine proved invaluable.

However, in all eleven bridges and two filled in culverts were completed - the two bridges nearest and including the Andawe Ck. were completed some time ago and are temporary.

Work was also started on the remaining uncut sections of the road between the Ombrei and Yorobini Creeks and between Pangia and the Wiwi Creek. The cutting of these new sections and the clearing of two largish landslips is all that remains to be done and I confidently expect the road to be trafficable one week earlier than my previous estimate - by 7th. December.

The road will be trafficable by this date but not completed. There remains quite a bit of cutting down of existing grades, widening, small sections to be rerouted and deepening and clearing of drains to be done.

However, this can be done at a more leisurely pace; the important thing being that the road will be trafficable.

CONCLUSION:

The Native Situation and progress on the Pangia-Ialiba Road is satisfactory. There remains quite a bit of tidying up to be done but all major work should be completed by 7th. December and it will be trafficable by that date.

Peter Barber
Peter J. Barber, P.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL- REPORT

*Duplicates at
Archives*

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 7/62 - 63 PANGIA

Patrol Conducted by P. N. COLTON C.P.O.

Area Patrolled WIRU CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. F. M. A. CHURCHILL

Natives H. R. P. N. G. C. 1 INTERPRETER.

Duration—From...../...../19.....to...../...../19.....

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? YES.

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

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

Map Reference DISTRICT MAP

Objects of Patrol 1 ESCORT AND ASSIST MEDICAL ASSISTANTS. 3 ADVISE IN DISSEMINATION

OF PROPOSANDA RE TAPUA ANTIOTEN. 3 ADVISE IN ARRANGEMENTS RE 2nd Pd. IN SECTION
4 PROPOSANDA RE COURT REPRESENTATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



67-19-80

15th October, 1963.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
N.E.N.D.I.

PANGIA PATROL 7-62/63:

The report of the above patrol is acknowledged.

Where the unavailability of a typewriter is likely to delay the submission of a Patrol Report for a long period, the report should be clearly written in long-hand with a ball-point pen. If thin paper is used sufficient legible carbons should be obtained. Particularly at the Sub-District and District levels where most action arising from reports is normally appropriately taken, it is important to have the report as soon as possible after the patrol is completed. This is why a time limit is imposed by Departmental instruction. Similarly, although Headquarters is more vitally concerned with any policy issues that might arise, it is important to have the picture of affairs in the various Census Divisions as up to date as possible.

M
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegram:

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Our Reference 67-2-1

If calling ask for

Mr. _____



Sub-District Office,
PANGIA,
Southern Highlands District.

26th July, 1963.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PANGIA PATROL NO. 7 OF 1962-63.

The original and two copies of the report on the above patrol are forwarded herewith.

The belated submission of the report is very much regretted. A letter of explanation from Mr. Colton is attached. The explanation given is accurate and I can confirm that the delay was largely unavoidable. Until such time as a second machine can be supplied, it will continue to be difficult for Mr. Colton to obtain the use of a typewriter. The single machine we now have is virtually in constant use by the clerk or myself.

The report itself is quite a commendable effort, particularly as this patrol was Mr. Colton's first solo performance and the report the first he has submitted.

The difficulties experienced in supplying the Lutheran Mission with drugs now seem largely to have been resolved. I understand that expansion of medical services at Pangia is planned by the Department of Health. This, together with the intended expansion of Aid Post facilities, should ease the burden now borne by the Mission.

No expansion of Government educational services is planned until 1965 - so I am told. However I anticipate extensive expansion of Mission educational facilities well before then. A reduced medical burden will enable the Lutheran Mission to concentrate on education. Also, now that the Headquarters of the Wesleyan Mission are being transferred to Pangia, this Mission plans to provide fairly extensive educational and medical facilities in this area.

The question of a cash-crop remains a completely uncolved problem. I find it difficult to believe that the Department of Agriculture, with its accumulated experience and technical resources, cannot suggest a marketable crop suitable for introduction into this District.

Now that Native Constables cannot be used to assist the local people, the task of developing a road network presents many difficulties. Generally the people here are willing to do the work, but there is a very definite possibility that unsupervised activity will result in much wasted effort. Unfortunately in the present context, the time officers can devote to such supervision is extremely limited.

Generally Mr. Colton's report is quite a thought-provoking document.

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

c.c. M. P. N. Colton,
PANGIA.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Sub-District Office,
PANGIA.
Southern Highlands District.


22nd July, 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
PANGIA.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in the submission of this Report. The delay was due to circumstances beyond my control, and I would like to submit the following points for your consideration.

1. Medical Patrol was stood down on the 13th June 1963, on which day, you returned from Port Moresby. On the 18th June, I departed for a police investigation of an alleged murder at POREIA. In the interim I was unable to procure the typewriter, as it was in constant use, catching up on outstanding correspondence.
2. Police investigation at POREIA, was completed on the 21st June on which date I arrived back at PANGIA. From the 21st to July 6, I was present for the Court of Petty Sessions, in which 10 witnesses for the prosecution were called. During this time the typewriter was again in constant use by yourself, both during the day, and at night.
3. It was also the end of the financial year, and I was engaged in various duties pertaining to this, ie final payment of all outstanding debts; complete station stocktake etc.
4. The clerk arrived on the 2nd July 1963, and this enabled you to catch up on all outstanding correspondence which had accrued, during the eight months period, that PANGIA had no clerk.
5. I also had my various routine duties, such as stores; the cash office etc. during this period.

I submit the above points for your sympathetic consideration.


(P. H. COLTON)
Cadet Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference 67-1-2

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Mr.

Subdistrict Office,
PANGIA,
Southern Highlands District.

12th May, 1963.

Mr P.N.Colton,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
PANGIA.

PANGIA PATROL No.7 - 1962-63

Please be prepared to leave Pangia with a medical patrol during the last week of this month. The actual date of which the patrol will depart will depend on the commitments of the Medical Assistant, Mr A.H.Churchill of Ialibu.

The objects of your patrol activity will be:-

- (1) To escort the medical assistant and help arrange camps, purchase of food, carriers, movement between groups, etc;
- (2) To assist in the dissemination of propaganda regarding the triple-Antigen campaign and to assist with the organisation of the people at the actual inoculation centres;
- (3) To advise and assist with the arrangements for and the location of inoculation centres for the second and third round of injections; and
- (4) Dissemination of propaganda regarding the Common Roll and the elections and routine administration as required.

Please keep in mind that the patrol will be concerned mainly with medical matters and that (4) above should disrupt medical arrangements as little as possible.

One interpreter and four members of the Native Constabulary will accompany the patrol. Please see me regarding the selection of the men to go with you.

I expect that the patrol will be of four to five weeks duration during which the whole of the Wiru Census Division will be covered.

A copy of these instructions is to be appended to each copy of your patrol report.

I trust that you and Mr Churchill will have an enjoyable and uneventful tour.

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

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT.

District: Southern Highlands. Pangia Report No. 7 of 62/63.


Patrol Conducted by: Peter Norman Colton, C.P.O.

Are Patrolled: Wiru Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by: Mr. E.M.A. Churchill.
4 members R.P. & N.G.C.
Interpreter
2 Aid Post Order Keys.
3 Carriers.

Last Patrol to Area: D.N.A.

P.H.D.


(P. N. COLTON)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

DIARY.

- May 20th. Pangia Monday people from KAUWO and MAIA assembled at station; talk given re-Triple Antigen, health and hygiene etc. People checked by E.M.A. Overnight Pangia.
- 21st. Pangia Tuesday departed 0800 hours for MELE and stopped enroute at KUMIEN at 0845, where people from PONDIA and KUMIEN assembled and talk re-health and hygiene, triple Antigen, roads etc. Departed at 14.45, after hearing complaints - arrived MELE at 15.45 - food purchased. To mission at night for discussion. Overnight MELE Rest House.
- 22nd. MELE Wednesday: people assembled and talk given re-Triple Antigen etc. All checked by E.M.A., incl. MELE schoolchildren. No complaints - departed MELE 10.15 hours., arriving MORO 13.20 hours. People already assembled - talk given re-Triple Antigen etc - all medically - checked plenty of sores etc. Three complaints ^{HEARD} settled - hamlet inspected. Overnight MORO Rest House.
- 23th. MORO - Thursday: Departed MORO 08.40 hrs for ARIA - over much improved walking track to ARIA arriving at 09.35 - people assembled, usual talk given - all checked by E.M.A. - several minor complaints heard and settled - new road inspected in p.m. - discussions with Mission re-road and other matters. Overnight ARIA Rest House.
- 24th. ARIA: Friday - departed for APENDA at 08.45 hours - enroute stopped at MORIA - 40 mins walk away - people assembled and usual talk given - people checked - miles of sores etc., some possible yaws reported. No complaints and departed for APENDA at 11.35 arriving APENDA 13.10 hours - food purchased - complaints heard.
- 25th. APENDA: people from both APENDA and POGARI assembled - usual talk given - all medically checked - road inspected. Departed APENDA 14.20 arriving TAGURU at 16.05 - ~~food~~ purchased - hamlet inspected. Overnight TAGURU Rest House.
- 26th. TAGURU: Sunday - awaited completion of religious observances, and people assembled at mid-morning - talk given re-Triple Antigen - health and hygiene, roads. Complaints in afternoon. To Wesleyan Mission at night for discussions. Overnight TAGURU Rest House.
- 27th. TAGURU: Monday - departed 07.55 hours for KUABINI arriving at 1105. Stopped en-route at NOIYA assembled at KUABINI. Camp set up - food purchased - talk given re-Triple Antigen

DIARY (CONT)

- May 27th. health and hygiene, also Common Roll. Received advice that A.D.O. going to Port Moresby. Information compiled re Common Roll. Overnight under canvass KUABINI.
- 28th. Departed KUABINI for UNDIAPU at 1120 hours, after hearing complaints. Arrived UNDIAPU 1255. Camp set up - food purchased - people of WEMBU and KOIA, also assembled here - talk given re-Triple Antigen etc. Common Roll etc. People of WEMBU only checked by E.M.A. Overnight under canvass UNDIAPU.
- 29th. At UNDIAPU - Wednesday - people of UNDIAPU and KOIA assembled and all medically checked - complaints in afternoon - question re-Common Roll - Overnight UNDIAPU.
- 30th. UNDIAPU - Thursday - departed 0845 for TIMBARI arriving 1005. Camp set up - food purchased. People assembled usual talk given. Complaints in p.m. Overnight under canvass TIMBARI.
- 31st. TIMBARI: Friday - departed 0805 for TEMPIKENI arriving at 1305. Stopped en-route at PUGI, where people of LAUE and PUGI assembled - usual talk given - proceeded to TEMPIKENI - food purchased several complaints heard - hamlet inspected. Overnight TEMPIKENI Rest House.
- June 1st. TEMPIKENI - Saturday - people assembled - usual talk given - all people medically checked - departed 1320 for TUNDA arriving at 1400 hours. Camp set up - people from nearby KEREBARI, assembled here, so given talk together with TUNDA - people from KEREBARI only medically checked. Overnight TUNDA.
- 2nd. TUNDA - Sunday - people from TUNDA assembled and medically checked - nearby KEREBARI ($\frac{1}{2}$ hour walk) inspected - departed TUNDA for MARABIN at 1420 arriving at 1450 hours. Camp set up food purchased. Several complaints heard. Overnight MARABIN Rest House.
- 3rd. MARABIN - people assembled and usual talk given - all medically checked - departed for MAUBIN at 1150 - arriving at 1230 people assembled already - usual talk given all medically inspected - no complaints - departed 1530 for PANGIA - arriving at 1835. Overnight PANGIA.
- 4th. At PANGIA - Tuesday - re-stocked - rations issued for station people and prisoners - departed PANGIA 0815 for

DIARY (CONT)

- June 4th. BORONA - arriving at 1145 hours. People from KARUE, BORONA and POROGO assembled here. All given usual talk, and people from KARUE, only medically checked. Overnight BORONA Rest House.
- 5th. BORONA - people from BORONA and POROGO assembled - all medically examined - complaints and surrounding houses inspected in afternoon. Overnight BORONA Rest House.
- 6th. BORONA: Thursday - departed BORONA 0820 for KARANI arriving at 0925. People from YARO also here. All assembled and given usual talk - all medically checked - AID POST at YARO visited - complaints (2). Overnight KARANI Rest House.
- 7th. KARANI: Friday - departed KARANI 1015 hours, due to carriers not turning up - left in rain, arriving at POREIA at 1145 in heavy rain. Camp set up and food purchased. Unable to assemble due rain - complaints heard. Overnight under canvas POREIA.
- 8th. POREIA - Saturday - people assembled and usual talk given - all medically checked. Broke camp and departed for WARUBOI at 1145 arriving 1445 - people already assembled and given talk - all medically checked by E.M.A. Overnight WARUBOI Rest House.
- 9th. WARUBOI - people from PAURA assembled and talk given - inspected by E.M.A. - departed for TINDUA via WARABABE at 1045.
Arrived TINDUA in rain at 1155. People from WARABABE and TINDUA assembled and given usual talk - all checked by E.M.A. Overnight TINDUA Rest House.
- 10th. TINDUA - Monday: departed for MONDANDA leaving bulk of cargo at TINDUA - 1/2 hour easy walk - people given usual talk and all medically checked - back to TINDUA - spent rest of day hearing minor disputes and complaints. Also questioned people re Common Roll. Overnight TINDUA Rest House.
- 11th. TINDUA - Tuesday - departed TINDUA 0845 for LEGA arriving at 1005 hours. Camp set up - food purchased - people given usual talk - all medically examined - complaints in afternoon. Overnight under canvas.
- 12th. LEGA - Wednesday - departed LEGA 0940 for LOLUABO arriving at 1020 hours and people already assembled - usual talk given - all medically examined.

DIARY (CONT)

June 12th. Tractor arrived ex Ialibu to collect Mr. Churchill. Complaints heard in afternoon, and LOLUABO hamlet inspected. Overnight LOLUABO Rest House.

13th. LOLUABO - Thursday - more complaints in morning - departed 1030 hours, arriving PANGIA 1130 hours - Patrol stood down. Ends Patrol.

ENDS PATROL.

June 18th. Tuesday departed PANGIA 0905 for POREIA, via KARANI, arriving POREIA at 1430 hours, Camp set up in rain, and body of adult female native examined in late afternoon. Overnight. POREIA.

19th. POREIA: Wednesday, various witnesses interviewed, and acting on information received, search instituted for adult male native NIRIBU. Returned to camp in afternoon, to find NIRIBU there. Interviewed same and took him into custody. Over night POREIA.

20th. POREIA: Thursday various natives interviewed, and ^{ALSO} murder site inspected. NIRIBU again interviewed. Over night POREIA.

21st. POREIA: Friday departed POREIA late morning due to heavy rain, arriving PANGIA late afternoon. Ends Patrol.

ENDS PATROL.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was primarily a medical patrol, to give the first of three injections of TRIPLE ANTIGEN to all children three years old and over.

At every place visited, the patrol was greeted with enthusiasm by the people. No trouble was encountered and at all places people cheerfully helped set up camp and carry the patrol's gear. At all places ample food was brought forward to be purchased.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

I was struck most by the overall attitude of willingness and co-operativeness towards the Administration. Although no direct request was made by the people for any one particular thing, they appeared anxious to hear any ideas that the Administration may have.

I was particularly surprised by the co-operation of the smaller units, particularly PUGI, LAUE and WEMFU. Although LAUE and WEMBU, were regretfully not visited, much evidence was seen in their improvement of walking tracks and houses.

At all the census units which were visited, the people had built houses around their traditional ceremonial grounds. In some of the larger units there were up to 125 houses built. On the average, these houses were no more than six feet apart, in most cases less than this.

On being questioned about this, the people informed me that it was their own idea, and the reason they had done it, was so that everyone was close at hand, when a patrol came.

This of course presents a grave fire and health risk and the people were informed of this fact, and that they would have to remove certain houses and build them elsewhere.

In many instances these houses were only for show purposes, the real domicile being in the bush. When presented with this fact the people ruefully admitted it was true.

The regard the people have for an impartial outsider to settle disputes was shown, by the number of minor complaints which were brought forward at each unit. This also demonstrates I think the high regard the people hold for the fairness of previous decisions by D.N.A. officers.

HEALTH.

Generally speaking the people's health is good, in that there are no contagious diseases. But there is a great abundance of cuts and sores. The main killer appears to be pneumonia. The prevalence of cuts and sores, is due to the lack of Aid Posts.

There are Aid Posts at, WARABABE, PANGIA, IARO and one under construction at APENDA. Mr. E.M.A. Churchill proposes to build one at UNDIAPU and one at TEMPIKENI.

The only other health service is provided by mission which in the most cases is rudimentary due to lack of skill and lack of supplies.

The Lutheran Mission at Pangia, attempts to give a health service, but is continuously hampered by lack of supplies. The Bible Mission at Mele suffers from the same complaint. Even so the treatment that is available, is totally inadequate for a population of approx. 15,000.

In discussions with Mrs. Hertle of the Lutheran Mission she informed me that she has an average of 60 outpatients per day and an average of 30 inpatients. There is only herself and a "Doctor Boy" to look after these patients.

She has neither the time, the accommodation or the supplies to do the task as efficiently as she would like.

The only solution, of course, is a hospital to be built at Pangia. Until such time as a hospital is built and has a competent staff, I feel that the health of the people in the WIRU, will not improve, but will stay as it is now.

A hospital at Pangia will serve a three-fold purpose. It will improve the standard of health of the people, give reasonable on the spot care for anything serious, and will be good for public relations.

At the moment the people come to the station to get treated, and walk straight past the Government Aid Post and walk another mile to the Lutheran Mission. Surely this lack of confidence in a Government Aid Post, is not a good thing.

At the risk of being over-critical I believe it is as much the Administration's responsibility as it is the missions, to care for the sick.

I realise the Dept. of Public Health, has its hands full, but surely it can spare a Medical Assistant, funds and trained staff for a hospital, for an area with a need such as Pangia's.

AGRICULTURE.

The time is now ripe, I believe for a visit to this area by the D.A.O. As far as I would judge the soil is quite rich, and there are large tracks of virgin land, a.e. still under forest cover.

In view of the present "hurry-up" policy of the Administration I think some attempt should be made to give these people a good substantial cash crop, in order to develop this area economically.

At the present time the only cash crops are native foods, which are purchased in limited quantities by the mission and by the Government station.

The majority of people in the EAST WIRU, do not even enjoy this much, as they are too far away from the station, and understandably cannot be bothered to walk in.

EDUCATION.

At present there is one Government school in the area. This is at Pangia. The missions do have schools, but they are more for Christian teaching than they are for basic education. Quite a number of these mission classes are run by semi-literate natives only.

The impact of missions in regard to education is practically non-existent as far as looking to the future is concerned.

ROADS.

Roads capable of carrying vehicular traffic have been commenced at KUMIEN, MELE, MORO, ARIA, MORIA and APENDA. The people have entered into this with great enthusiasm, and have shown remarkable progress since my last visit on which I accompanied Mr. A.D.O. O'NEILL. When this is completed, it will be a great boost in all ways (ie economically, socially etc) to the people.

In the other areas, work has been done, but only on improving existing walking tracks. The improvement is by no means great, although the people claim they are anxious to start building a vehicular road. In this they were encouraged.

COMMON ROLL.

Discussions were had with the people in the census units where the forthcoming elections had been explained to them. The main impression I received, was that they could not quite grasp how one man could represent so many people. They also asked the very natural question what is in this for us. An explanation of this point, and how a democratic community functions was made to them.

With follows-up patrols I think the people will have grasped the idea of an election, and all that it involves, by the time the elections are here.

MISSIONS.

There are at present five mission stations in the WIRU. The Lutheran Mission at Pangia; the Capuchin Mission at Pangia; the Wesleyan Mission at Taguru, and the Bible Mission at Mele and Aria.

There is an Evangelist from at least one of these mission, at practically every census unit. Without trying to be anti-mission, I believe that the missions are more interested in converts than they are in helping to bring the people forward to a stage where they can help themselves. As far I can see, the amount of effort the missions are putting in to help the people develop economically, socially and in the schoolroom is, in most cases negligible.

Credit must be given however to the Lutheran Mission, on the grand job they are doing in giving treatment to the sick.

CONCLUSION.

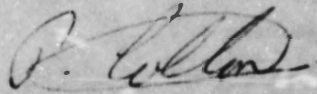
Due to the hurried nature of this patrol, I was unable to visit, and/or stop at all census units, as I would have liked.

With the assistance of other departments, I feel that the future rapid development of the WIRU, can be anticipated. It is realized however that PANGIA, is not the only area requiring this assistance, but I do feel at least some could be sent.

With regard to a hospital at Pangia, I cannot stress often enough, the urgent need there is here for one. If only Pangia could have four or five well trained Hospital Orderlies, this would be a good start.

In regard to Village Hygiene, sanitation, housing etc, the people seem to be grasping the idea of this quite well, although in several instances, the work done was only two or three days old. The answer to this of course is in regular and constant patrolling.

Generally speaking the Village Constables are a competent bunch, and proved to be of quite assistance to the patrol.



(P. N. COLTON)
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

