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PATROL REPORT No 11-69-70

— BY —

MR. P. D. OATES.

PINDIU

MOROBE DISTRICT.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

PINDIU PATROL NO. 11 1969/70

FINSCHHAFEN SUB-DISTRICT

MOROBE DISTRICT

COUNCIL AREA - Pindiu Local Government Council

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: P.D. OATES,

ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER

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(T.W. ELLIS)
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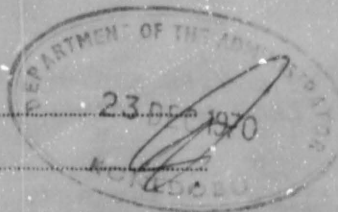
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Ebabang: Well sited, but old house. Will need replacing soon but quite servicable.

enzengzeng: New house to be started soon as old one not usable.

Zengaru: The same as Kwenzengzeng.