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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

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District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. ONE OF 1961/65

Patrol Conducted by J. S. HINES, PATROL OFFICER GRADE 1

Area Patrolled PART OF THE KEMBE CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives SIX

Duration—From 13/7/1964 to 24/7/1964

Number of Days TWELVE

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 30/5/1964

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

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol ENQUIRY AS TO SALE OF LAND FOR NATIVE RESETTLEMENT

COMPILATION OF GENEALOGIES

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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Department of Native Affairs,  
KOROROE. PAFUA.

10th September, 1964.

District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
N.E.P.D.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1-1964/65 - IALINE:

Receipt of the above-mentioned report is acknowledged  
with thanks.

2. My comments on Kagua report 1/1964-65 apply.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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District Office,  
Mendi.  
Southern Highlands District.

26th August, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
KAGUA, MENDI, PANGIA.

KAGUA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1964/65.  
MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1964/65.  
IALIBA PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1961/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Reports; each has been lucidly written and each set forth the several facts in a most competent manner. The Kagua and Mendi Reports were received on the 10th and 11th August, 1964, respectively, the Ialiba Report with its detailed Genealogies arrived here on the 24th August, 1964. I have deliberately refrained from forwarding comments on the Mendi/Kagua Reports until such time as I could study the Ialiba Report.

The background of these people is such that on receipt of Ialiba Patrol Report No. 7 of 1961/64, I firmly believed it was possible that at least large scale riotous behaviour could eventuate. The ONAI and PUNI incidents support my belief and the people involved in the MAGURA land dispute are kindred types. To this, and I support the sentiments expressed in the quotation offered by Mr. Hicks (incidentally this was part of a speech made on the 26th November, 1909.).

Unfortunately Officers of this Department do not have the powers to determine ownership of land, thus whatever an individual officer may believe concerning rights to land either by groups or individuals, the final determination may only be made by the Lands Title Commissioner. To believe that the TENDEREIRA people now waive all claims to MAGURA would be naive indeed. Mr. Hicks and Mr. Kreen have presented their "facts" very clearly but I do suggest that the old game of saying one thing to one Officer and another to a second has been played by the various parties involved.

This aspect might possibly have been avoided had it been possible for the three Officers to have held a combined meeting with all the parties prior to the decision being reached by Messrs. Anderson and Hicks. However, the present decision appears to have been well accepted and the area is now quiet. It now remains for a formal submission to be made to the Chief Commissioner, Lands Title Commission. This will be done.

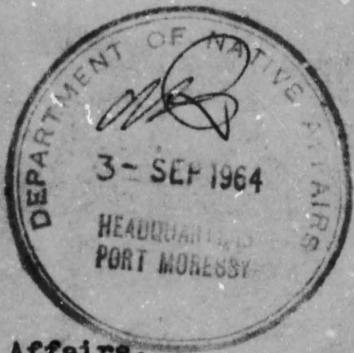
Mr. Anderson's organisation of his Patrol activities was first class for the type of patrol mounted and produced the desired results.

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All the Officers participating in this particular programme are to be commended on a first class effort in handling a volatile situation.

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

S.O.  
Officer-in-Charge,  
IALIBU.



Minute to:  
Director,  
Department of Native Affairs.  
KONEDOBU.

Patrol Reports, Kagua and Ialibu No. 1 of 1964/65 and Mendi No. 2 of 1964/65 forwarded herewith.

The tenseness has now disappeared from the situation but obviously the problem of the landless TENDEREIBA remains.

Even with all the good will in the world it is doubtful if the present parties to any litigation would peacefully accept a decision on the MAGURA land. Their primitive and lawless background is too close.

I consider that efforts should be made to seek land for the TENDEREIBA in which neither the TENDEREIBA or the "ALLIANCE" have any emotional interest. This might be possible in the area adjacent to the IORE. The Assistant District Officers, Mendi, Kagua and Pangia, however, will be instructed to endeavour to locate land for resettlement. In the meantime your assistance in obtaining the services of a Lands Commissioner would be appreciated please.

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

34-2-1

Sub-District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
M. E. N. I.

31st July, 1964

Assistant District Officer,  
M. E. N. I.

LAND DISPUTE AND REPORTED UNREST - TENDEREIBA PEOPLE.

Acting on your instructions I conducted a routine patrol through IORÉ and IARIA in the UNGERI Census Division, and through the KAMBIRI Villages of TUTAMA, IREBI, OMAI, and AISAIKA, spending fifteen days in the area.

1. Particular attention was paid to the Native Regulations and 26 men from these two divisions are at present serving sentences in Mendi for offences ranging from assault to breaches of the Hygiene and Housing Regulations.

2. The people of IARIA and IORÉ were found to be quite willing to have the Tendereiba Group back with them, provided that the Tendereibas did not get into bother with the PAWARI people or with the Administration first and then use the IARIA area as a line of retreat.

3. The TENDEREIBA people were quite willing to purchase the land MOGURA, and in fact had their pay waiting at IARIA. Mr. Hicks, Patrol Officer, very ably supervised the talks till it seemed that the land would be purchased, but at the last minute proceedings broke down, and the PAWARI people and their allies refused to sell any part of MOGURA.

4. A meeting of the patrols was organised on 21/7/64, and both myself and Mr. Hicks addressed the Tendereiba people on the hopelessness of their continuing occupancy of MOGURA, advising them that we could not countenance their remaining there against the owners wishes and possibly causing serious trouble. They were advised to move, and agreed to vacate MOGURA by the morning of 23/7/64.

5. On 23/7/64 the Mendi, Ialibu, and Kagua patrols converged on the area to check that the people had vacated it. Mr. Innes reported upon meeting us, that the Tendereiba people had passed his camp at WARIAPUTA the night before, carrying all their possessions.

They left their newly planted gardens and shanty housing at MOGURA intact. The derelict houses were demolished by our patrols and a camp was set up on the spot by Mr. Innes.

After conducting a musketry practice on the spot, in which the Ialibu detachment clearly demonstrated their superiority over the other detachments, the Ialibu and Mendi patrols moved back to AISAIKA and PAWARI respectively.



6. On Friday morning, my patrol moved to OMAI, which overlooks MOGURA but is on the Mendi side of the Ankura River. There the patrol remained for four days, keeping the area under surveillance and constructing a new Rest House at OMAI. The area remained completely deserted.

7. The TENDEREIRA's have returned to IORE and IARIA on the advice of Mr. Hicks and myself, and in the face of FAWARI antigay. They were advised that their names would be recorded in a series of separate books at IARIA, and that the Administration would endeavour to purchase some land upon which they would be resettled.

As the FAWARI people and their allies are adamant that the TENDEREIRA's should not occupy any part of the land MOGURA, it would seem that land for resettlement will have to be obtained elsewhere.

The need for their resettlement is not immediate but the people should be given some indication now that the machinery for their resettlement is in motion.

A new census should be carried out at IARIA and IORE to record the names of the migrants.

( N.J.E. ANDERSON )  
Patrol Officer Gr. 2



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Patrol Post,  
IALIBU.  
Southern Highlands District.

12th., August 1964.

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

IALIBU PATROL REPORT No. 1 OF 1964/65

Patrol Conducted by: J.S. Hicks, Patrol Officer Grade 1.  
Area Patrolled: South-western sector of the KEWABE Censu Division.  
Personnel Accompanying the Patrol: Sen Const. TAMUTAI No. 1856.  
Const 5th/yr., IAHU No. 7087.  
Const 5th/yr., HIVEKI No. 8046.  
Const 5th/yr., NONDO No. 8189.  
Const T/B. PIPAI No. 11081  
Interpreter: PANGANU.

Duration of Patrol: From 13th., July to the 24th., July 1964; a total of twelve days.

Last Patrol to the Area: Investigation of unrest at PAWARI and TIRI of five days ending the 30th., May 1964.

Objects of the Patrol: Enquiry as to likelihood of TENDERBIBA Clan buying land in the area.  
Compilation of genealogies.

*J. S. Hicks*  
John.S. Hicks.  
(Patrol Officer.)

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INTRODUCTION:

Following instructions from the District Officer and Assistant District Officer, Pangia, the Patrol departed IALIBU for PAWARI and MAGURA on the 13th., July 1964. The object of the Patrol was to ascertain the feeling of groups involved in the MAGURA Land Dispute and endeavour to obtain a decision from the 'owners' of the disputed ground as to whether they would sell a portion of land under Section 81 of the Land Ordinance 1963, to enable the clan TENDEREIBA to take up occupancy. Genealogies were also to be prepared for the various disputants. Patrols from Kagua and Mendi were to work in areas adjacent to MAGURA and contact between the three maintained.

These instructions were carried out and a temporary solution to the immediate problem was arrived at. The manner and reasons for the course of action decided upon will form the substance of this Report, as, indeed, they did the Patrol. Some doubt has occurred to whether the situation demanded the very earnest attention it received. It is something of an anomaly that such doubts can only be extinguished by an outbreak of hostilities. Was it Lord Milner who said? "If we believe a thing to be bad, and if we have a right to prevent it, it is our duty to try to prevent it and to damn the consequences." I am certain that only by the concentration of three Patrols in the area was any real understanding of the problem and circumstances surrounding it, obtained, and through this a competent decision able to be made. I have also no doubt that by sending the TENDEREIBA's away from MAGURA and back to their holdings around IORE, needless fighting has been prevented. This must remain the premise for action in such disputes occurring in areas that have lacked persistent and continued patrolling and/or contact.

The history of the MAGURA Land Dispute has been fully covered both in IALIBU Patrol Report No.7 of 1963/64, and the District Officer's 35-2-1 of the 9th., July last; it is not proposed to repeat this information here. The Patrol was primarily concerned with enquiry and compilation of genealogies. This Report will, therefore, be restricted to the same.

*John S. Hicks*  
John.S. Hicks.  
(Patrol Officer)

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DIARY:

- 13th., July. Departed IALIBU 1030 per Land Rover and tractor arriving KIRENI 1145 where carriers were waiting for walk to PAWARI. Departed KIRENI 1230 arriving PAWARI 1345. Inspected main village and asked for those involved to come in for talks tomorrow on MAGURA Land Dispute.
- 14th., July. Interviewed men as to thoughts on having the TENDEREIBA's in the area. Seem responsive to the idea of this if the TENDEREIBA's buy the land. Wish to talk about it among themselves.
- 15th., July. Instructions given on road work to KIRENI which is progressing well. Visit from Kagua Patrol which was en route LAMATIGA. Const NONDO sent to MAGURA in order to build a few houses to accommodate the Patrol.
- 16th., July. Departed PAWARI 0745 walking over poor bush tracks to MAGURA arriving 0915. Camp already established. Land disputants arrived in the afternoon and talks were held re the TENDEREIBA's buying ground. Acceptable, and boundary cutting will commence tomorrow. Recorded genealogies.
- 17th., July. TENDEREIBA's at work cutting boundaries. Note received from Mendi Patrol; appears IORE's are happy to have the TENDEREIBA's back there. Genealogies recorded.
- 18th., July. Boundary cutting continued; KEMBEREIBA's feeling uneasy about the whole thing and not as keen to sell land to the TENDEREIBA's as they were initially. Genealogies recorded.
- 19th., July. OMOI's and other disputants arrived in force delivering the abrupt statement that they wouldn't sell any land to the TENDEREIBA's and wanted them out of the area. Private discussions held with all and the decision remains firm. Appears final. Talk given on the merits of peace being maintained in the area. Swift return of TENDEREIBA's to IORE would be in their best interest. Recorded Genealogies.
- 20th., July. Recorded more genealogies. Sent note to Mendi Patrol advising of present situation also that I will come across for discussions tomorrow. Little else to be achieved here at MAGURA save a withdrawal of the TENDEREIBA's.
- 21st., July. Departed MAGURA 0750 walking over sharp limestone country of the ANKURA Gorge and arriving AISIASA 0925. Discussions held with P.O. Anderson and decision reached that TENDEREIBA's should leave the area as quickly as possible. TENDEREIBA's informed of this and advised that their return to IORE will be supervised by the three Patrols on the 23rd.,
- 22nd., July. Departed AISIASA 0915 arriving at PAWARI bridge across ANKURA River 0950. Morning was spent reconstructing bridge which was in near state of collapse. Departed bridge site 1155 arriving PAWARI 1230. Inspected road work which is nearly completed to KIRENI.
- 23rd., July. Departed PAWARI at 0810 with four R.P.&N.G.C. Walked to MAGURA despatching Police en route in order to cover the area fully. Most TENDEREIBA's had already left for IORE. Arrived camp site MAGURA 0940 where

Mendi Patrol was waiting. Kagua Patrol arrived 1230 from IAMATIGA by which time all TENDEREIBA's had left the area. Kagua Patrol camped at MAGURA, Mendi Patrol returned to AISIASA and self to PAWARI arriving 1515.

24th., July. Inspected road work being done by TIRI's to link up with PAWARI. This road is nearly completed as is the other to KIRENI. A good achievement on behalf of the people themselves who are working of their own valition. Note received from O.I.C. that Patrol will be uplifted by tractor from KIRENI today. Patrol packed up and departed for KIRENI thence IALIBU arriving Station 1800. Patrol stood down. Diary ends.

*John S. Hicks*  
John.S. Hicks.  
(Patrol Officer)

LAND DISPUTE - MAGURA.A. Initial attitude of 'owners' to TENDEREIBA Clan returning to area:

The Patrol camped at PAWARI for several days interviewing leaders and villagers who owned or had rights acquired through warfare, on the land - MAGURA. Some 200 men were spoken to and asked for their separate opinions on the idea of the TENDEREIBA Clan buying MAGURA and returning to settle there. With two minor exceptions, each person stated that while disliking the TENDEREIBA people and fearful of them taking more land once given a foothold at MAGURA, they were willing to sell to the TENDEREIBA's. It was added that they would have to get together with WAI'IA who instigated the alliance that drove the TENDEREIBA's from MAGURA originally, before any firm decision could be reached. WAI'IA himself said that he had many objections to the TENDEREIBA's returning, but would be willing to sell the land if others' wanted this.

As seen later, purely economic interests held sway over emotional ones at this stage and the collection of genealogies was made difficult by various people who, sensing a payment for land, wanted to receive a share of it.

From PAWARI the Patrol moved to MAGURA and established a camp near where the TENDEREIBA's had already constructed a 'MEN'S HOUSE'. Here, after consultation with the KEMBEREIBA's, KUNAREIBA's, TENGEREIBA's, ANDITAREIBA's, REMURIEBA's and MAIMEBI's, it was agreed that the TENDER-EIBA's would buy all the area known as MAGURA (see map), and thereafter regain complete usufructory rights over this land. A reasonably pleasant discussion was held between all parties, including the TENDEREIBA's, in which the TENDEREIBA's agreed that the land was no longer theirs and that they would be prepared to buy it back.

B. Magura Survey:

Following the above, it was decided that a survey of the land should be made with those groups whose own land bordered on MAGURA, and who had various rights to MAGURA, directing the cutting of boundaries. This work was commenced and proceeded smoothly with corner posts being erected and the majority of work being done by the TENDEREIBA's who were no doubt eager to have the whole business over and done with and get on with the job of subsisting.

The inevitable problems occurred when the TENDEREIBA's started demanding sections of the land that, firstly the KEMBEREIBA's then TENGEREIBA's, were not willing to include in the sale. Work on the land boundaries, however, continued though it was becoming increasingly apparent that many landowners were undergoing a change of heart, and their fear of having the TENDEREIBA's back in the area was rapidly beginning to outweigh any desire for economic gain.

C. Final attitude of Magura Landowners:

The people of OMAI (KUNARIBA) who have usufructory rights over more than half of the MAGURA area, had remained reasonably quiet and sensible while the boundary marking was taking place. A Mendi Patrol in their area (see map) also managed to divert attention to other problems 'at home'. WAI'IA of KEMBEREIBA, a few TENGEREIBA's and fewer REMURIEBA's who have usufructory rights over that section of MAGURA not held by the KUNARIBA's, plus many people who have hunting and timber rights on the ground, plus the KUNARIBA's themselves; held private discussions one with the other and decided that the opportunity for material gain was not worth the trouble that would inevitably be caused by the TENDEREIBA's once they took up occupancy of MAGURA.

This decision was presented to the Patrol by 215 elder and 'angry young' men representing groups with rights on and to MAGURA. Each person was personally interviewed but the decision remained firm, that the TENDEREIBA's must leave the area and neither now nor in the future would they be able to buy MAGURA or settle there. Discussions lasting

several days failed to alter or temper the conviction that once the TENDEREIBA's were allowed back, trouble with women and land would follow. "The TENDEREIBA's are not our friends and it was only the thought of pay that ever inclined us to consider their resettlement at MAGURA. We have thought about this and realised that no amount of money is sufficient to compensate for having enemies as neighbours."

The TENDEREIBA's were present when this decision was delivered and seemed resigned to what had, for the last few days, appeared inevitable. TARGULI-SUMA, the TENDEREIBA Headman, confided that he thought this would happen, and like an elder statesman discovered at some political prank, added: "A pity really, but it was worth a try."

#### D. Removal of Tendersiba's from Magura:

It now appeared obvious that the TENDEREIBA's couldn't remain on MAGURA and that by their own admission had no claims to the land. Two alternatives remained:-

- i) That the TENDEREIBA's remain on the MAGURA land until such time as alternative settlement could be provided.
- ii) That they leave MAGURA under the eyes of the present Patrol and return to IORE where they can and have been accommodated for the past 12 or so years.

After consultation with the Mendi Patrol the latter course of action was decided upon as being in the best interests of the TENDEREIBA's and the maintenance of peace and order in the area. All three Patrols met at MAGURA and supervised the withdrawal of the TENDEREIBA's who mentioned that they had been prepared to fight for the land but the presence of the Administration had deterred them somewhat.

The return of the TENDEREIBA's to IORE was orderly and peaceful apart from comment called from hilltops to the effect that they had better not come back again. It is doubtful that they will and, I hope, obvious that they shouldn't.

#### E. Postscript:

It is emphasised that the return of the TENDEREIBA's to IORE is not a settlement of the problem although it could perhaps become one. Information received from the Mendi Patrol indicates that there is ample land at IORE and it is suggested the TENDEREIBA's be asked to purchase land in this area.

The Kagua Patrol when at LAMATIGA is believed to have been told by TENDEREIBA's living there that they would be willing to sell land known as NEKIA (see map) to the TENDEREIBA's and would be happy to have them in the area. NEKIA was previously owned by the TENDEREIBA's and was split up among various groups by WAI'IA after his conquest of the region. It is doubtful that the TENDEREIBA's who approached the KAGUA Patrol have full rights to dispose of the land NEKIA; however, this could be considered another alternative to resettlement although the TENDEREIBA's themselves have shown no inclination to accept it.

#### GENEALOGIES:

Attached are genealogies collected for all groups having any rights whatever on that area of ground known as MAGURA. Such rights have been recorded against the clans involved. Inheritance was found to be patrilineal with no related matrilineal rights through primogeniture. Most existing entitlements to MAGURA have been acquired by right of conquest and were distributed individually rather than on the basis of Clan. Only the OMOI (KUNARIBA) and KEMBEREIBA Clans are totally represented through male links as being the only people who have rights on a Clan basis. Others having rights are included on the foundation of individual ownership and not as representatives of a Clan.

Relatively recent warfare makes a mockery of the ideal 'close-

knit' society with its well defined patterns of inheritance and leadership. The total picture is therefore confusing, but it is thought the genealogies presented are accurate and include all people with rights or likely to inherit rights to MAGURA. Such groups and members of groups are:-

KEMBEREIBA CLAN	Usufructory rights.
KUNARIBA CLAN	Usufructory rights.
TENGEREIBA CLAN	Hunting and timber and Pandanus collecting rights. Some members have usufructory rights.
ANDITAREIBA CLAN	Hunting, timber and collecting Pandanus Nuts.
REMUREIBA CLAN	Hunting and harvest of Pandanus Nuts.

Full genealogies for the TENDEREIBA Clan are also attached. Inheritance is again patrilineal but a complete Clan record may assist some future compilation of census records.

Anthropological details vary only slightly from group to group and it is imagined that all the people of the area once formed the one Clan with a number of Sub-clans that have since split along lineal cleavage. This split possibly occurred about three generations ago and was almost certainly caused by groups from areas West of the ANKURA River (IORE) waging war on the PAWARI-TIRI region and the Clan structure failing to withstand the stresses applied.

A female BATA'FONABENDA is widely acknowledged as the originator of all people throughout the area. It is said she came from the top of Mount GIMUWE and presented the world with a set of male twins - ARIBUKAKO and SEKARO;- the former travelled East of the ANKURA River and founded those Clans - KEMBEREIBA, REMUREIBA, TENDEREIBA and others, while SEKARO went West establishing the groups KUNARIBA, MARIBA, ANDITAREIBA, TENGEREIBA and others.

The genealogies have been compiled in accordance with Headquarters instruction 35-2-1 of 7th., February 1963.

#### CONCLUSION:

The Patrol was, for the most part, occupied with the defined objectives; however, while at PAWARI an opportunity was presented to give instruction and supervision on the building of a road from KIRENI through to TIRI. This road is being undertaken on the initiative of the people themselves and apart from providing an economic outlet in the future, will serve as a direct link in a road from Kagua to Mendi. At present traffic from Kagua to Mendi must pass via Ialibu.

The MAGURA Land problem, however, was the main concern of the Patrol and is the one concern of this Report. There is little to add apart from suggestions for resettlement of the TENDEREIBA's which have already been made. Of the people themselves; they differ little from others throughout the area. Rather than a need for land (as ample is apparently available at IORE), their desire to settle again at MAGURA seems to have been motivated by both individual and collective pride. It is a pride that gives to disputes of this nature a certain dignity



consistent with the local personality. Such pride may through throw many obstacles in the path of transition from traditional to an economic society, but it is also that factor which may well prevent a character collapse in the midst of social breakdown.

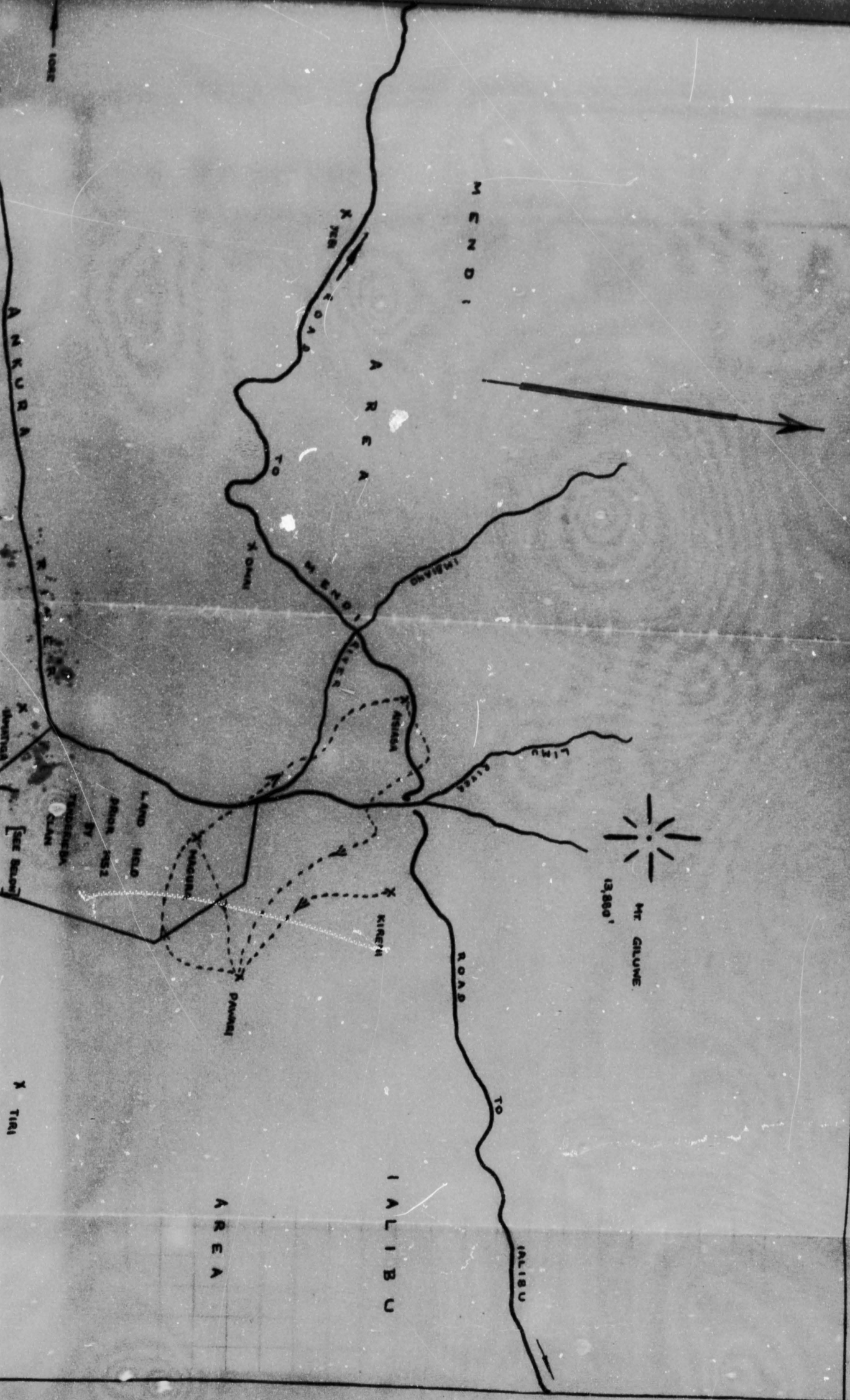
They at least, always halt before descending into the realm of metaphysics. Which, after all, is perhaps not such a bad trait upon which to build any society no matter what its aims may be.

*J. S. Hicks*

John. S. Hicks.

(Patrol Officer.)

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. TWO OF 1964/65

Patrol Conducted by JOHN S. HICKS. PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled IMBONG'GU CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives FIVE.

Duration—From 25./ 8./ 19.64 to 28./ 11./ 19.64

Number of Days SIXTY EIGHT

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3 /19 64

Medical 11 /19 64

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol COMPILATION OF TAX CENSUS SHEETS.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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15th March, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
NSW.

IALIBU PATROL REPORT NO. 2-64/65:

Your memorandum 67-3-3 of 2nd March 1965  
and attached report, refer.

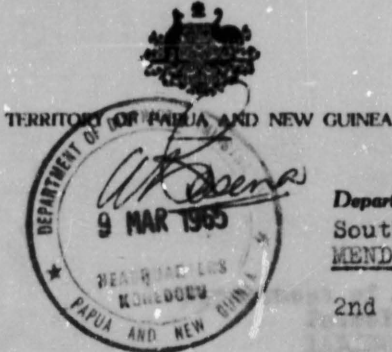
2. The attitudes of Local Government Councils  
noted in the report have been brought to the  
attention of the Assistant Director (Local Govern-  
ment) who has noted them with interest.

3. With regard to the activities of the Members  
of the House of Assembly, your comment has been  
noted. My recent circular regarding the desir-  
ability of consultation with Members on local  
elemental problems should be kept in mind.

4. Mr. Hicks has observed well and submitted a  
good report.

(T.G. Aitchison)  
A/DIRECTOR.

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Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District  
WENDI  
2nd March 1965

The Director  
Department of District Administration  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA

SUBJECT: Ialibu Patrol 2 of 64/65

Attached please find one copy of a report on the above patrol conducted by Mr. J. S. Hicks, Patrol Officer to the IMBONG'GU Census Division together with copy of covering memorandum 67-1-2 of 8th January, 1965 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu.

2. Some comments follow:

- (i) Since compilation of the report nothing further has been received regarding activities by Mr. TAMBU-MELO in spheres in which he has no jurisdiction. I can only conclude that the matter has resolved itself and the Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu by common sense explained to Mr. Tambu the fields in which his responsibilities lie.
- (ii) Permission has recently been received to purchase some 3,000 acres in the Ialibu Administrative Area. This will materially assist in the economic development of the area.
- (iii) From the law and order aspect and the response of Hansenide sufferers for treatment a most gratifying situation.
- (iv) Village Population Registers have been forwarded under separate cover.
- (v) A good patrol and an interesting if somewhat lengthy report.

3. For your information, please.

*D. H. Marsh*  
(D. H. Marsh)  
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

*Recd.  
such as to Comms have been brought to attention of ADHA.  
Work regard to the activities of the area's of your comm  
has been noted. Very similar regarding the  
desirability of consultation with members on local  
developmental problems should be kept in mind  
on these has observed well & submitted a full report*

*PC 1188*

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Department of District Administration,  
Patrol Post,  
IALIBU.

8th January, 1965

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
M E A D I.

IALIBU PATROL No. 2 of 1964/65

1. Forwarded please, for your examination and forwarding are ~~two~~ copies of the above report, compiled by Mr. J.S. Hicks. The report ~~has~~ been well presented, but I feel that Mr. Hicks would be a better and more effective reporter if he was brief and concise, instead of engaging in lengthy dissertation.
2. The mistaken idea that the people have regarding the position of NHAs has been fostered by the Member for the Kutubu Electorate, who has taken it upon himself to negate instructions by patrolling Officers regarding housing, sleeping with pigs, and road building, by telling the people that they may carry on as they were before it was thought necessary to issue instructions.
3. The Kaugel River flood plain may well become the first location for private enterprise in the Sub-District. The 120 acres of Administration Land there could also be put to use. I have heard that the land was purchased from Mt. Hagen in 1962. Perhaps you are unaware of its existence.
4. The problem of land disputes is a very real one. The people were offered a solution to their problems in the form of arbitration by a Native Lands Commissioner. They vacated the land in dispute, and waited patiently for the coming of adjudication. They are no longer patient, having waited for over a year.
5. Claim for Camping Allowance is forwarded for signature.

*M. J. E. Anderson*

M. J. E. ANDERSON  
Assistant District Commissioner.



TGN/

IALIBU Patrol Post,  
Pangia Sub-District,  
Southern Highlands District.

67-1-3

24th August, 1964.

Mr. J.S. Hicks,  
Patrol Officer,  
IALIBU.

IALIBU PATROL NO. 2 - 64/65.

Please prepare to depart on patrol on 26th August to the  
IMBONGGU Census Division.

Initially you will be accompanied by Constable 1st Class  
NUNDUBIAK, 2 Constables and Interpreter LEPLEPI.

The objects of the patrol will be:-

- (i) Compilation of Tax/Census Registers for the Census Units in the IMBONGGU C.D.
- (ii) Amend the Common Roll for the portion of the Ialibu Electorate within the Census Division.
- (iii) Prepare Labour Availability Registers for insertion in the Village Books for each Census Unit.
- (iv) Check on the assimilation of the political education programme which was conducted prior to the House of Assembly Elections. (File: 67-1-2 refers)
- (v) Check on the extension of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission activities in the area. ( File; 50-1-1)
- (vi) Carry out an investigation in accordance with the District Officer's instructions for the Land Application by the S.D.A. Mission for the land 'PILEL'. ( File: 35-3-6 refers ).
- (vii) Investigation the possibilities for a more equitable allocation on road work within the Census Division, bearing in mind that the Tambul and Kauapena Roads must take precedence over the new access roads.
- (viii) Supervise the stoning and repair of the road section between GIA and the Tambul boundary while at GIA Rest House.
- (ix) Check on village sanitation and hygiene, particularly with regard to instructions given by previous patrols.
- (x) Advise and instruct the people on the functions, benefits and responsibilities of their Local Government Council.
- (xi) General administration including Courts for Native Matters.

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Since the IMBONGGU Census Division has not been patrolled by a routine patrol for two years it will be necessary to spend several days in each Rest House to fully cover the area and the administrative matters arising. No strict schedule for movements need be adhered to and the the time spent at each Rest House will be relative to administrative requirements.

I regret that no more police can be allocated to you for the patrol but with the detachment eight members under strength and the large number of detainees at present in the Ialibu Corrective Institution it will not be possible to allocate more police unless replacements for members transferred are posted to Ialibu.

On completion of the investigation of the S.D.A. Mission land application at KOGOGA please return to the station so that the investigation report may be finalised without the long delay that will result if it is left until the patrol is completed.

Work will be continuing on the building of the Council House at KERO and clearing and landscaping the surrounding area during September but the bulk of the work should be completed by the end of September. The work on the Council House should not interfere in any way with your patrol, the times scheduled by the Council for work by the various groups have been staggered so that only one-third of the available work force will be required at any one time.

My best wishes for a pleasant and successful patrol.

( T.G. Newton )  
Officer-in-Charge.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams DISADM

Telephones

One Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration,

Patrol Post,

IALIBU.

Southern Highlands District.

24th., December 1964.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Pangia Sub-District.  
IALIBU.

IALIBU PATROL REPORT No.2. OF

1964/65.

Patrol Conducted by:- John.S.Hicks. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled:- IMBONG'GU Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying  
the Patrol :-

Const. 1/c, NUNDUBIAK.  
Const. 1/c, TAMUTAI. (one week only)  
Const. 5th/yr. NONDO.  
Const. 5th/yr. WEINE.  
Const. 2nd/yr. TOLAI.

Interpreter. LEPLEPI.

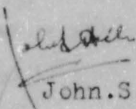
Duration of Patrol:- Commenced 26th., August 1964  
to  
25th., September 1964. Broken at this stage  
due to change in C.I.C. IALIBU, and at request of  
in coming Assistant District Commissioner, PANGIA.  
Returned to Patrol 21st., October 1964.  
Completed Patrol 28th., November 1964.

Total Patrol Days, sixty eight.

Last Patrol to Area:- House of Assembly Elections, Feb-March 1964.

P.H.D. Patrol in progress. T.B. Survey.

Objects of the Patrol:-Compilation of Tax Census Sheets.  
The affairs of natives.

  
John.S.Hicks.  
(Patrol Officer)

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INTRODUCTION:-

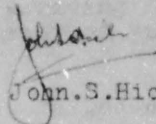
The attached Patrol instructions give a comprehensive outline of the objects of this Patrol and the need for its seemingly unwarranted length. That the time was well spent, I have no doubt. This, of course, is a reasonable premise with which to commence any Patrol Report.

A large portion of the time was spent compiling Tax Census Sheets for the 12,000 people in the IMBONG'GU Census Division who are contained within the IALIBU Native Local Government Council area. This was the prime function of the Patrol, but not I imagine, its most important. The following report contains many of the problems encountered and solved; and many of those unsolved. A few aspirations of the people living in the area; their political stability both within the IALIBU Council and as voters of the IALIBU Electorate; the system of communications throughout the area; the degree of cash cropping and the success of same. And so forth. But all this can be gathered in the oft used phrase:- 'Political, economic and social development.' At this point it is all too easy to become fogged by word synthesis and loose sight of what one is developing, or in this instance, patrolling. As one gains a greater insight into the myriad of problems that surround the development of an area, it becomes very easy to think in terms of the area and be blinded completely to the people inhabiting the area. This temptation is a great comfort in international politics of course, with quite dramatic results. Locally the temptation has been resisted through the absence of any political voice, however immature. There is no longer this absence; and in the rush for a national identity it is important to remember that the significance of any region is the significance of the people in it. When these become as pawns in some political game of chess, or zoned like refugee hunger camps, it will indeed be time to sacrifice colonial immortality on the altar of self-government.

The IMBONG'GU Census Division lies to the north of IALIBU Patrol Post, occupying the greater part of the IALIBU basin, bounded by Mt. GILUWE in the West, Mt. IALIBU in the East, the KAUGUL River in the North and the IALIBU-MENDI Road in the South. The area lies between 4,000 and 8,000 feet above sea level comprising undulating KUNAI grass hills with scattered timber stands throughout, thickening to dense mountain forest on the mountain slopes.

The people of the area have more cultural ties and economic links with the people with the people of the HAGEN Sub-district than with their Southern neighbours in the KEWABE Census Division of the IALIBU administrative region. Nowhere are these links more obvious than among the people inhabiting villages in the North eastern corner of the Division. Here the people of TONA, KUMUNGE, KUME, IMU and ORAE have an almost fierce desire for economic progress that is totally lacking among other people of the area who still imagine advancement of any sort as something that needs be forced upon them. It is unfortunately this latter group who have the more sophisticated understanding of their recent political progress through the House of Assembly and the IALIBU local Government Council. Unfortunately; because where political and economic development outstrip one another, the more hazardous result will always be found on the political tangent.

The Patrol achieved what it set out to achieve and it is hoped this report will do the same.

  
John S. Hicks.

(Patrol Officer)

DIARY:-

- 26th. August. Departed IALIBU for PEGAI'AGU, arriving 1400. Inspected village and talk on MONDANDA Land Dispute.
- 27th. August. Compilation Tax Census Sheets. Talk on Government and Council Tax.
- 28th. August. Two minor bride price disputes. Further talks and instruction on drains through village and pit latrines.
- 29th. August. Departed PEGAI'AGU 0815 arriving KENDAGL 0930. Commenced compilation of Tax Census Sheets.
- 30th. August. Inspected village and hamlets which are wide spread. Arbitrated in pig and bride price disputes.
- 31st. August. Completed compilation of Tax Census Sheets.
- 1st. September. Departed KENDAGL for PAFUGA at 0830 arriving 1035. Commenced compilation Tax Census Sheets.
- 2nd. September. Completed Tax Census Sheets. Inspected village and instructed on construction of pit latrines and several houses; also on Road work.
- 3rd. September. Departed PAFUGA 0830 arriving LEBERA 0900. Inspected Village which is in good condition.
- 4th. September. Compiled Tax Census Sheets. Arbitrated in bride price disputes. Several courts;- minor.
- 5th. September. Short walk to IAUWEANGIL where Tax Census Sheets compiled. Inspected village and hamlets.
- 6th. September. Held courts this day. Attempted arbitration on previously settled land dispute between LEBERA and IAUWEANGIL.
- 7th. September. Departed LEBERA 0810 for IOMBI arriving 1100. Commenced compilation of Tax Census Sheets.
- 8th. September. Completed Tax Census Sheets. Inspected village and out-lying hamlets. Village clean but very widespread.
- 9th. September. Courts held. Two convictions on assault. People keen to consolidate village. Site selected.
- 10th. September. Departed IOMBI 0800 for BIMBINIE arriving 0835. Inspected village and instructed on pit latrines etc.
- 11th. September. Tax Census Sheets compiled. Bride price arbitration.
- 12th. September. Departed BIMBINIE 0800 arriving KONGGINBUGL 0815. Compiled Tax Census Sheets.
- 13th. September. Inspected village and instructed on same; also on Road work. Held courts; two minor.
- 14th. September. Departed KONGGINBUGL 0810 arriving KERO 0930. Tax Census Sheets compiled. Inspected village and work on Council House.
- 15th. September. Inspected PONOGAMA Village. Marked out front of Council House. Carted timber for bridges.
- 16th. September. Compiled Tax Census Sheets for PONOGAMA. Marked further work for Council Building.
- 17th. September. Departed KERO 0800 arriving KALIBINIE 0830. Compiled Tax Census Sheets.

- 10th. September. Inspected village and instructed on pit latrines and several pig houses. Held courts, - minor.
- 19th. September. Departed KALIBINIE 0810 arriving at MARAL 1150 having inspected road and pig houses en route. Compiled Tax Census Sheets. Good source of European vegetables.
- 20th. September. Held courts; minor disputes only.
- 21st. September. Departed MARAL 0800 arriving KOKOGA 1230 inspecting pig houses and hamlets en route. Compiled Tax Census Sheets. Held courts, - minor.
- 22nd. September. Inspected village and surrounding hamlets. Many land disputes this village. Arbitrated in several disputes.
- 23rd. September. Land survey for SDA Mission Lease; genealogies compiled. Courts from KENDAGL and KOKOGA; minor.
- 24th. September. Further inspection of KENDAGL Village and hamlets. Little work being done as instructed.
- 25th. September. Departed KOKOGA at 0800 arriving at IALIBU 0900. Patrol stood down.  
Break in Patrol at this stage due to change in OIC and to write full report on Land survey for SDA Mission Lease.
- 21st. October. Departed IALIBU 0900 per Land Rover arriving KABUGOPOBIL 1000. Established camp at KABUGOPOBIL. Made Road and Bridge payments at GIA and PIAMBIL.
- 22nd. October. Compiled Tax Census Sheets for KABUGOPOBIL. Inspected village which is in excellent condition and well laid out.
- 23rd. October. Held courts; minor disputes only. Talk to people on Council and tax.
- 24th. October. Departed KABUGOPOBIL 0815 arriving NAGOB 0845. Commenced compilation of Tax Census Sheets for this enormous group.
- 25th. October. Inspected village and widely scattered hamlets. Held courts.
- 26th. October. Completed compilation of Tax Census Sheets. Land dispute with people from ORAE still brewing.
- 27th. October. Held courts; minor nature only. Heard talk of KOANGIL Land dispute which has been put before Lands Commissioner.
- 28th. October. Departed NAGOB 0800 arriving PIAMBIL 1030. Commenced compilation of Tax Census Sheets.
- 29th. October. Completed compilation Tax Census Sheets; large population.
- 30th. October. Held courts and inspected village. Instructed on pit latrines and village construction which is in poor shape.
- 31st. October. Departed PIAMBIL 0745 inspecting road side hamlets en route GIA arriving 1015. Compiled Tax Census Sheets for this group. Asked people to line for combined talks with TAMBUL people on Monday. O.I.C. TAMBUL to attend.
- 1st. November. Completed Tax Census Sheets. Visited OIC TAMBUL.
- 2nd. November. OIC TAMBUL failed to appear for talks. Talk to people on House of Assembly etc.

- 3rd. November. Departed GIA 0800 arriving TONA 1030 having talked to people at PIAMBIL. Compiled Tax Census Sheets for TONA inspection by PIAMBIL Aid Post Orderly.
- 4th. November. Inspected TONA Village. Several Courts and minor arbitrations.
- 5th. November. Departed TONA 0745 arriving KUME 0850; across half completed road. Compiled Tax Census Sheets and heard one court.
- 6th. November. Inspected Village; widely spread. Heard Courts and arbitrated in brewing land dispute.
- 7th. November. Departed KUME 0800 to KUMUNGE via Mission Station. Compiled Tax Census Sheets and inspected road work on new IALIEU - HAGEN Road.
- 8th. November. Inspected Village and Hamlets. Also inspected Govt land lying idle. Extensive land holding of this group.
- 9th. November. Marked and pegged road work to be done to KAUGEL River and loop road to Mission Station. Held courts and tried to settle quarrel over timber rights.
- 10th. November. Departed KUMUNGE 0745 for IMI. Compiled Tax Census Sheets this group.
- 11th. November. Went into IALIEU Station for monthly Council Meeting. Returned to IMI.
- 12th. November. Inspected Village and held courts and minor arbitrations. Assisted Council Clerk with Tax Collection.
- 13th. November. Talk given on agriculture area. Assisted Council Clerk with Tax Collection.
- 14th. November. Assisted Council Clerk with Tax Collection from KUME and KUMUNGE.
- 15th. November. Instructed bridge construction on main road. All appear very willing to get on with the job.
- 16th. November. Departed IMI 0800 arriving ORAE at 0830. Commenced compilation of Tax Census Sheets before rain set in. Discussions in afternoon; - land and pigs.
- 17th. November. Completed Tax Census Sheets. Held Courts; - land disputes only?
- 18th. November. Inspected Village and hamlets. Further courts held; - sorcery still very strong in area.
- 19th. November. Departed ORAE 0745 arriving MOGA 0830. Compiled Tax Census Sheets for this group and PABARE and PUGLPIRI. Held courts in afternoon.
- 20th. November. Inspected all three villages. Ordered several houses destroyed. Marked burial grounds at PABARE and PUGLPIRI.
- 21st. November. Departed MOGA 0730 arriving KISENIPOI 0930. Compiled Tax Census Sheets for KISENIPOI. Land dispute brewing with OGAI people; - trying to sort same out among themselves.
- 22nd. November. Compiled Tax Census Sheets for OGAI and PUGADEL. Held courts and minor arbitrations.
- 23rd. November. Inspected villages of KISENIPOI and OGAI; also visited ground KOANGIE which is awaiting discussion by Land's Commissioner.





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POLITICAL SITUATION:-

After only five months of Local Government participation, the area is already developing a Council personality and an awareness of their common bond in the Council movement. This is evident from a rechanneling of many demands that were before directed at the Administration. There is still the cry; "What can the Government do for us?" But, and this is especially true in the North eastern section, a new chant is gaining in popularity: "What can the Council do for us?" This is a question that the Council must answer with some positive assistance if it is to retain the present degree of support and interest.

There are, of course, the disinterested groups who see in the Council some Government scheme to take from them what money they have in the cunningly concealed form of Council Tax. These villages of GIA, PIAMBIL and NAGOB have a population of just under 3,000 between them, and have strong cultural ties with the TAMBUL people who exert some influence in the region. The TAMBUL people claim that they have the biggest Councillor of all in Mr. KOITAGA-MANI MHA, yet they do not have to give so much as a penny away in Tax. With the limited understanding they have, it is difficult to refute such a statement, especially when Mr. KOITAGA himself appears none too keen to do so. The only satisfactory solution appears to lie in the inclusion of the TAMBUL area in a Native Local Government Council.

Collection of Council Tax from GIA, PIAMBIL and NAGOB was completed without incident but the full cooperation of these people within the IALIBU Council cannot be expected until the notion that they are being 'got at' has been expelled.

Awareness of any political force at work on their behalf is restricted to a vague personality cult personified in both Mr. KOITAGA of the IALIBU Electorate and Mr. TAMBU-MELO of the KUTUBU Electorate. This is not to say that the people have no grasp of the importance of the House of Assembly. It is to say, however, that what grasp they do have is a belief in the power of their member over the Government; not as a power in the Government. Mr. TAMBU-MELO has fostered this distinction and has attempted arbitration in one Land Dispute at ORAE, claims for which have long since been filed with the Land's Commissioner. It is noted that the village of ORAE is well outside Mr. TAMBU's Electorate.

Throughout the Patrol many disputes were heard involving payment and return of articles paid in 'bride-price'. It appears the IALIBU people are not alone with these problems. The attitude to the whole thing may be morally lax but it is financially rewarding. One woman was found to have been married twelve times, she retaining half of the 'bride-price' upon each subsequent divorce. This sort of thing has become the norm rather than the exception and the mere possession of a female in the line is looked upon as a business source. The IALIBU Council has become concerned with the problem and has passed a resolution restricting initial payment to ten articles: payment for women marrying for the second time being kept at a minimum of five articles. This Council resolution may prove difficult to Police, and has already met with considerable opposition from many of the people of the Council area; however, full support should be given at this stage to this particular resolution, thereby avoiding many future hazards and ensuring a little basic economic knowledge.

AGRICULTURE:-

The IMBONG'GU Census Division has fully recovered from the disastrous effects of severe frosts which occurred during 1962. The area is fully self-supporting in staple crops and is capable of providing upwards of 3,000 lbs per week of sweet potato to the Government Patrol Post and various Missions in the region. European vegetables are in plentiful supply near to the IALIBU Station especially in the villages of MARAL, KALIBINIE and KO. The villages further away from the Station are beginning to feel their neglect and the Councillor at KISENIPOL has protested strongly at the many advantages gained by people living near to IALIBU. Once the Local Government Council is fully established with tractor and trailer, perhaps something can be done to even the scale in this regard. In the meantime, for anyone prepared to walk into IALIBU Station, the market there is quite capable of absorbing the produce offered.

Coffee has been planted on the alluvial flood plain of the KAUGEL River and appears to be growing and bearing well in spite

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of the complete lack of any assistance whatsoever, apart from that initially given in planting the crop. This same area embracing the villages of TONA, KUME, KUMUNGE, IMI and ORAB has perhaps the greatest agricultural potential of anywhere in the IALIBU administrative area, if not the Southern Highlands. Rich alluvial soils are lying vacant along with 120 acres of Government land purchased at KUMUNGE in 1962 for the price of £148.10.0. The people of this area, as mentioned earlier, are crying out for someone to show them the way. A little assistance and a deal of instruction has prevented these people from getting beyond the clean house and lavatory stage; which incidently, they have in abundance. I think providence has been relied on for just a little too long; but even providence must get off its ethereal backside to achieve anything and this is what must be done if the Administration is to assist these people and itself towards an economic goal, however shaky.

Han Suin came to his Father one night. "Father," he said, "I have found a job with the Emperor's Elite Guard." Han Suin's father replied, "Son, I know a man who will pay you 3 yen a day to empty lavatory pans. Would not this be more honourable?" Wise indeed are the Chinese of old. Only of old.

**LAND:-**

By way of continuity. It is believed MR. R. Neville MHA has made application for 3,000 acres of the above mentioned land below ORAB at a place known as PERAGAI. The granting of such a lease will, of course, greatly assist Mr. Neville, but this is also true for the people of the area. The Administration has done nothing about its own land here, and it may well be to the advantage of all concerned if those willing to spend money and time in this region, be given every opportunity to do so. It is pleasant to imagine that our social system is based on this sort of thing.

It may be noted that these KAUGEL River flats are only sparsely settled and a conservative estimate of land able to be alienated would be in the region of 10,000 acres. 4,000 acres of this would require clearing prior to the growing of cash crops.

**COMPLAINANTS:-**

Complainants heard during the Patrol were confined to Bride-price, pigs and land in that order. Land proved the most serious of the three, perhaps because it affected the most people. All the disputes heard were those for which claims had already been lodged (some six in all) and are awaiting hearing by the Land's Commissioner.

**COURTS:-**

Several courts were heard being mostly of a minor nature; - failing to attend census, neglect to clean around houses and the like. With the emergence of the Local Government Council, Councillors are arbitrating in many disputes that have before been rewarded by Court action and Gaol terms. No particular trend is obvious from the number or nature of the Courts heard, except that life is going on as is usual.

**HEALTH:-**

The general health of the people inhabiting the IMBONG'GU Census Division, is very good. Three Aid Posts throughout the area are doing excellent work. This is especially true of that Aid Post at KERO, the Aid Post ~~Orderly~~ Orderly of which is particularly competent and very keen. The Bible Mission Station at KAUPENA have a qualified nurse on their staff and this is reflected in the high standard of health and cleanliness reached by people living in villages nearby.

During the course of the Patrol a large outbreak of chickenpox swept through the Division occasioning discomfort and disfiguring to those whom it attacked; however, these were passing effects no serious results being observed.

Leprosy has been strongly attacked by teams centred at Mt. Hagen and has resulted in the complete control of this disease through

-out the IMBONG'GU. It is gratifying to learn that the IALIBU people are most cooperative in respect offering themselves for treatment, particularly since the policy of treating Lepers in their own Village has been in operation.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:-

As can be seen from the accompanying map, the IMBONG'GU Census Division is well covered by a network of roads linking every village of the Division. It remains only for two roads to be linked up to provide a complete network for the entire area. This is estimated to be completed by June 1965.

Apart from one section at GIA near the TAMBUL border, all roads are in excellent condition and quite capable of carrying heavy vehicles in wet conditions without cracking up.

The road through KO and KISENIPOLI to KUMUNGE and the KAUGEL River is certainly the strongest of any in the IALIBU area having had ample opportunity to compact. The continuation of this Road through the NEBILYER Valley into MOUNT HAGEN is a mere mile apart, two major bridges remaining for its completion;- over the KAUGEL and NEBILYER Rivers. This road must be regarded as the economic outlet of the PANGLA Sub-district, which we are assured has quite a potential. It is believed both Mr. Neville and Mr. KOITAGA will attempt to gain funds for the construction of these bridges through whatever influence they have in the House of Assembly. It is realized that once own particular area of Administration is more real and wanting to the exclusion of every other part of the Territory. I think it is a matter of common sense, however, to channel money into those regions where the population is most ready to help itself; where the people have matured sufficiently (or perhaps not yet discovered to the contrary) to realize that it is not always desirable or possible to get something for nothing.

MISSIONS:-

There are five Missions operating throughout the IMBONG'GU being the Seventh Day Adventists; the Lutheran Mission; the East West Indies Bible Mission; the Evangelical Bible Mission and the Roman Catholic Mission. Of these various facets of Christendom, the Lutheran Mission has the greatest number of adherents; some 4,000. Each Mission, of course, disowns the others with the not so remarkable result that many people treat them as something of a joke. This does not prevent school attendance and weekly church gatherings, but it is preventing a replacement religious system for their own traditional one that is being destroyed.

Seventh Day Adventist Mission activities in the area are restricted to villages of LEBERA, IAUWEANGIL and KOKOGA, which have a combined population of 1,000 people. Their greatest influence is at IAUWEANGIL where no organised competition is experienced. Ten children from this village are away at Mission School for Seventh Day Adventists in the Western Highlands and will possibly return to IALIBU as Pastors to further confuse the various congregations as to who in fact does sit 'on the Right hand.' The activities of this particular Mission appear legal and 'above board'; no complaints being lodged against them and no evidence of any complusion or scandal in their work. At present the Seventh Day Adventists are a minor faction only; and if in their struggle for dominance of the area, steps are taken that are illegal or unethical, I feel sure the Administration will be informed of this by the IALIBU people themselves; and most certainly the other Missions operating in the vicinity. It was Robert Frost who commented, "Forgive me Lord my little jokes on thee. And I'll forgive thee thou great big one on me."

LABOUR:-

Labour availability Registers were compiled for every Census Unit;- thirty in all. Over recruiting was evident in some eight units but nowhere did the number absent at work exceed the limit by more than six. It has become practise for people wishing to be recruited under the Highland Labour Scheme, to walk directly into MOUNT HAGEN

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without the knowledge or approval of the OIC IALIBU. The Labour Officer at MOUNT HAGEN has been informed of this and his assistance requested to ensure that those people wishing to work inform their Patrol Post prior to their recruitment.

CONCLUSION:-

The Patrol was routine which did not detract from its interest. The majority of the people of the IMBONG'GU Census Division are keen to help themselves and it is hoped they don't lose this; for at no time in any country's development would this be more fatal.

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*J. S. Hicks*  
John S. Hicks.  
(Patrol Officer.)

IMBONG'GU CENSUS DIVISION



- INCOMPLETE ROAD SECTIONS
- X VILLAGES
- + AID POSTS
- LAND APPLICATION BOUNDARY
- COMPLETED ROADS

SCALE: 1 inch represents 1 mile

MAP TO ACCOMPANY IALIBU PATROL REPORT  
 No. 2. OF 1964/65.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 3 of 1964/65

Patrol Conducted by P. N. COLTON, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled KEWARE CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives SIX

Duration—From 23/11/64 to 17/12/64; 11/1/65 to 3/3/65

Number of Days 75 nights camped out

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No. One Aid Post Orderly

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / /19 Feb., March, 1965.

Medical Nov/1964 T. B. Survey

Map Reference S. H. D. Map

Objects of Patrol As per instructions

<sup>DA</sup>  
Director of ~~Native~~ Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

2/4/1965

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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57-15-32

June 2nd, 1965.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
KERR.

**LAND PATROL REPORT No. 1/64-65**

Receipt of the above report forwarded by your memorandum 67-3-3 of 2nd April, 1965, is acknowledged.

- 2. This is an interesting and informative report by Mr. Colson and it is to be hoped that the improvement in attitudes suggested is in fact a reality. The attitude to the Member of the House of Assembly is fairly typical and there is no doubt of the need for continued explanation of the actual role of the member.
- 3. The proposal to include this area in due course in a local Government Council should assist in the development of the area and in the general level of comprehension.

*T.G. Atchison*  
(T.G. ATCHISON)  
Director

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone

Our Reference 67-3-3

If calling ask for

Mr.



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District  
MENDI

2nd April 1965

The Director  
Department of District  
Administration  
KORUWUO. PAPUA

SUBJECT: Ialibu Patrol 3 of 1964/65

Attached please find one copy of a report on the above patrol conducted by Mr. P.N. Colton Patrol Officer to the KEWABE Census Division together with a copy of covering memorandum 67-2-2 of 22nd March, 1965, from the Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu.

2. Some comments follow:

- (i) I agree with the Assistant District Commissioner Ialibu that area administration must be brought to this Census Division. It will be of immense psychological benefit to the people as well as initiating social and economic development. It could be done either by the establishment of a separate KEWABE Local Government Council or by the incorporation by the KEWABE Census Division into the Ialibu Local Government Council. I favour the latter and have already informed you of this in my 41-2-2 of 23rd March, 1965. My 44-3-1 of 31st March, 1965 should be read in conjunction with these comments and my 41-2-2 of 23rd March. The Local Government Survey report will be forwarded with appropriate comments when received.
- (ii) The matter of payment for construction of Polling Booths has been taken up with the Chief Electoral Officer.
- (iii) Additional funds for payment of road construction and maintenance in the IALIBU area are being allocated to the Assistant District Commissioner.
- (iv) In respect of observations and comments on the attitude of the people to their elected member (vide Political Situation Page 9 of Report) both the Assistant District Commissioner Ialibu and Kagua have been instructed to supply confidential reports. These will be forwarded under separate confidential cover when received.
- (v) The matter of Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries activities and the necessity for co-operation and liaison is being taken up with the District Agricultural Officer, Mendi.



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(vi) Village Population Registers are being forwarded under separate cover.

(vii) A good report on an extremely useful patrol. It will be necessary to consolidate and extend what has been achieved by a follow up patrol in the near future.

(viii) Mr. Colton's recent gazettal as a magistrate should be of administrative assistance.

3. Just for your information, please.

Business Highlands District,

B.P.A.L.

REPORT NO. 3 OF 1951

Please find attached, copies of the report, which follows a patrol by Mr. P.A. Colton, into the KIVARE Census Division lasting 75 days.

(D. R. Marsh)

All objects of the patrol DISTRICT COMMISSIONER approved.

Political Situation

It appears obvious from the report that the success of the KIVARE Council depends on the extent to which we will be able to develop a health service for the people.

The success of the project for construction of filling places depends on the progress of the work started on 27th February. This work has been carried out by officers constructed in the

It is a fact that non-co-operation between Agriculture and this Commission is retarding progress in the area. Several suggestions by us to the agriculturists at Kagua, but a meeting might be in our mutual advantage, the meeting has not eventuated. I believe that work is being done at Kagua shortly, so the situation should improve.

Roads and Bridges

I feel that at least a further \$200 is required to complete payments on the Kagua road. Eleven miles of this road have been built, right to the bridge site on the Kivu River. Seven miles of this road is completely blocked, whilst the remaining four miles has been stopped but not started. All this has been achieved for the sum total of only \$200.

Law and Order

Mr. Colton's patrol would have been more effective had he not been hindered. Dealing with criminals on the spot has a more definite effect than sending the offenders to court to be dealt with according to law.

Apart from a singular lapse in 1951, when the VIMI people killed three persons, the people of the KIVARE have an excellent record. It is to be hoped that they continue their peaceful existence.

67-2-2

Department of District Administration,  
Patrol Post,  
IALIBU.

22nd March 1965

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
N E N D I.

IALIBU PATROL No. 3 of 1965

Please find attached, copies of the above report, which follows a patrol by Mr. P.H. Colton, Patrol Officer, into the KEWABE Census Division lasting 75 days.

All objects of the patrol were satisfactorily achieved.

Political Situation.

It becomes obvious from this report that the sooner the KEWABE Council becomes a reality, the sooner we will be able to develop a healthy line of thinking among these people.

The matter of non-payment for construction of Polling places was taken up with you on my .9.12.1 dated 19th February. This memo also referred to the edifices constructed in the IMBONG'GU Census Division.

Agriculture.

It is a fact that non-co-operation between Agriculture and this Department is retarding progress in this area. Despite several suggestions by me to the Agriculture Officer at Kagua, that a meeting might be to our mutual advantage, the meeting has not eventuated. I believe that extra staff is coming to Kagua shortly, so the situation should improve.

Roads and Bridges.

I feel that at least a further £400 is required to complete payments on the Kagua road. Eleven miles of this road have been built, right to the bridge site on the Iare River. Seven miles of this road is completely stoned, whilst the remaining Four miles has been stoned but not capped. All this has been achieved for the sum total of only £650.

Law and Order.

Mr. Colton's patrol would have been more effective had he his Court powers. Dealing with complaints on the spot has a much better effect than sending the offenders to Ialibu to be dealt with according to law.

Apart from a singular lapse in 1961, when the TIRI people killed three persons, the people of the KEWABE have an excellent record. It is to be hoped that they continue their peaceful existence.

Land.

I believe that Mr. Kummerley, Native Lands Commissioner, is schedule to visit Ialibu in the near future. The appointment of Mr. C.G. Day, the A.D.C. Kagua, as a Deputy Lands Commissioner, should also assist in clearing up the backlog of land disputes generally.

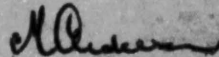
Census.

Tax Census Sheets were compiled during this patrol. Village Population Register sheets were also made up, but fell victim of an accident when they were used this morning to light the stove in Mr. Colton's house. The perpetrator of this outrage, has been dismissed. I will ensure that Mr. Colton completes a new set of figures as soon as possible, and have advised him to keep his correspondence more carefully in the future. He has rather a disorganized approach to paper work which is not reflected fortunately, in this report.

General.

This report covers a patrol which may seem overlong, but almost every day was effectively used to improve the image of the Administration in the Kewabs. The area study carried out by Mr. Colton during the patrol will be forwarded under separate cover.

A well presented report of a useful patrol.



M.J.E. ANDERSON.  
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

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Patrol Post,  
IALISI,  
Southern Highlands District.  
19th, March, 1965.

The c/Assistant District Commissioner,  
PANGIA Sub-District,  
IALISI.

IALISI PATROL REPORT No. 3 OF 1965/66.

Please find attached the above Patrol Report.  
My apologies for the delay in the 1st submission  
of this, but it was due to the onset of the dentist. He arrived  
on the station on the same day as I completed my patrol. I had  
two teeth removed and had to have four stitches inserted in  
my mouth. This has been causing me some considerable discomfort.  
For your sympathetic consideration, please.

*P. J. [Signature]*  
P. J. [Name]  
(Patrol Officer)



Telegrams  
Telephone  
Our Reference 67-1-2  
If calling ask for  
Mr \_\_\_\_\_

Department of District  
Administration,  
Patrol Post,  
IALIBU.

18th November, 1965

Mr. P.N. COLTON,  
Patrol Officer,  
IALIBU.

Patrol No. 3 of 1964/65  
Patrol Instructions.

Please prepare to undertake a patrol of approximately Two Months duration into the Kewabe Census Division. During this patrol you should carry out the following:-

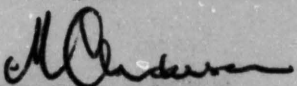
1. Census Revision. This has not been done for almost two years. Pay special attention to non-attendance at Census, and send the offenders to me at Ialibu.
2. Local Government Survey. Consult your Departmental Standing Instructions for details required.
3. Roads and Walking Tracks. The section of vehicle road between Ialibu and Mali should be repaired, and in some places, re-graded. Walking tracks between the various Census Units should also receive attention.
4. Economic Development. Do all you can to raise the peoples' enthusiasm for the planned dissemination of Pyrethrum through their area in March, April and May of 1965. Have selected men prepare areas of an acre in extent, adjacent to established roads. These men will form the spearhead in the coming push to develop this hereto backward area.
5. Physically Handicapped Children. Obtain details of any children or adults in this category. In all probability, you will not be given this information willingly and may have to make very discrete inquiries.

The following personnel will accompany you.

Sgt. BAGASEL.  
Consts. GUMBULI,  
BITUK,  
PIPAI.  
Interpreter PANGANU,  
Aid Post Orderly NANDIA.

During this patrol, I have no objection to your occasionally visiting Ialibu, especially when operating along the vehicle road. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any problems.

Good luck on your first solo patrol in this area.

  
M.J.E. ANDERSON.  
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegram INTRODUCTION.

Telephone

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr

Patrol Post,

IALIBU.

Southern Highlands District.

This patrol was of a routine nature. It is of particular interest in that it is the first in the area since the House of Assembly Elections. In both myself and the a/Assistant District Officer to the area, it was of particular importance to discover if the area had any problems peculiar to the people.

The a/Assistant District Commissioner, (acting), due to the Christmas Pangia Sub-District, of the first part, it was more than clear that IALIBU existed in this area, and this was not like practice in the second part. The results were very heartening.

THE IALIBU PATROL REPORT No. 3 OF 1964/65.

The IALIBU Station, bordered by the IALIBU/IALIBU road in the North, the IALIBU River in the South, the IALIBU River in the East and the IALIBU River in the West. The area is between 5,000 and 6,000 feet. It is mainly rugged country with some roads on the western side. The whole area generally slopes towards the east.

Patrol Conducted by:-

P.N. COLTON, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled:-

KEWAKE Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying

Sgt. S/c HEGASEL

the Patrol:-

Const. S/yr. GURBULI

Const. S/yr. BITUK

Const. Bugler 1/yr. PIPAL

Aid Post Orderly NANI

Interpreter PANGANU.

Duration of Patrol:-

23rd. November 1964 to 17th. December 1964.

11th. January 1965 to 3rd. March 1965.

Last Patrol to Area:-

House of Assembly Elections, Feb-March 1964.

P.N.D. Patrol November 1964, T.B. Survey.

Objects of the Patrol:-

As per instructions.

The patrol was successful in what it intended to do, in the way of Census and roadwork. There was however a much more important object gained. This was restoring to some degree the people's interest and faith in the Administration. This cannot be overemphasized and pointed out. But it is a fact that the people are now looking toward the Administration with more interest. Before, they did not think that the Administration was interested in them or their problems.

*P.N. Colton*  
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Patrol Officer.

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(Patrol Officer)

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was of a routine nature. As such it had particular interest in that it is the first routine patrol in the area since the House of Assembly Elections. As both myself and the s/Assistant District Commissioner are new to the area, it was of particular importance to discover if the area had any problems peculiar to the people.

The patrol was broken into two parts, due to the Christmas break. By the end of the first part, it was more than clear what was needed in this area, and this was put into practice in the second part. The results were very heartening.

The KEWABE lies roughly to the south and west of the ILLIBU Station; bordered by the MENDI/LALIBU road in the North, the IARO River in the South, the MAMBU River in the West and the ANDAWKEI Creek in the East. The area lies between 5,000 and 8,000 feet. It is mainly rugged country covered with kumasi, and timber stands on the mountain slopes. The whole area naturally slopes towards the IARO River, and into this, the area is drained by series of creeks and rivers.

The people have no real ties with IMBONG'GU Census Division. Their main cultural and economic links are with the Kagau people, with whom they have a common language. The people are an excitable lot, and very, very talkative. They will always insist on having the last word, no matter what is being discussed.

The people of this area have reached the stage in their development where they are questioning the sagacity of the Administration. They can no longer be talked into doing something if they can see no real and immediate material gain forthcoming. The people living in close proximity to the station have a much better grasp of what is being done, and what is being attempted. They are however sick of being asked to do things for which they do not get paid.

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F. N. COLTON.  
(Patrol Officer)

1964.

- Nov. 23rd. Departed LALIBU 1500, arriving MUNGUMABO 1645. Food Purchased. O/N Mungumabo R.E.
- Nov. 24th. At MUNGUMABO - Tax Census Sheets compiled. Talk re the aims and policies of the Administration, given. Minor complaints heard and settled, - coffee nursery visited and house inspection carried out. O/N Mungumabo.
- Nov. 25th. Departed Mungumabo at 0815, arriving TULI at 1030. People already assembled and Tax Census Sheets compiled. Talk given re the aims and policies of the Administration. Food purchased. O/N WELI R.H.
- Nov. 26th. At TULI - House inspection and coffee nursery visited. Discussions with the people in the afternoon. Three minor disputes heard and settled. Discussions at night with various natives in the Rest House. O/N TULI R.H.
- Nov. 27th. Departed TULI 0820, arriving PONOWI 0920 - easy walk. Tax Census Sheets compiled and the usual talk given to the people. An area of land has been set aside by the people of this group and given to the people of KEKA who have migrated in. This visited and boundaries marked. O/N PONOWI R.H.
- Nov. 28th. At PONOWI - House inspection carried out and coffee nursery visited. Discussions held with the people and minor complaints heard. O/N PONOWI R.H.
- Nov. 29th. Departed PONOWI 0830, arriving KOMBEMI at 0945. Walking on vehicular road all the way. Unable to Census due to heavy rain, so minor disputes heard and settled. Discussions at night with about thirteen Village Constables who had met me here. O/N KOMBEMI R.H.
- Nov. 30th. At KOMBEMI - Tax Census Sheets compiled and the usual talk given to the people. Discussions held. House inspection and coffee nursery visited. O/N KOMBEMI R.H.
- Dec. 1st. Departed KOMBEMI 0730 arriving IAMBALA 0830. Camp set up in very heavy rain. Unable to carry out Census. O/N under canvas IAMBALA.
- Dec. 2nd. At IAMBALA - Tax Census Sheets compiled and the usual talk given to the people. Minor disputes heard and settled. O/N. under canvas at IAMBALA.
- Dec. 3rd. Departed IAMBALA 1145. Late start due to house inspection. Arrived MAIMEBI 1520. Food purchased. O/N MAIMEBI R.H.
- Dec. 4th. At MAIMEBI - People of PONGOMA and MAIMEBI censused here. Disputes in the afternoon. One alleged indecent assault sent to LALIBU for hearing. O/N MAIMEBI R.H..
- Dec. 5th. At MAIMEBI - House inspection of both hamlets carried out. Further discussions in afternoon when the people were once again assembled. O/N MAIMEBI R.H.
- Dec. 6th. Departed MAIMEBI 0800, arriving KIRENI 1030. Police barracks marked out and erected. Food purchased. Minor disputes heard and settled. O/N KIRENI R.H.
- Dec. 7th. At KIRENI - Tax Census Sheets compiled. Usual talk given and general discussions held with the people. More disputes heard. O/N KIRENI R.H.



1964.

- Dec. 8th. At KIRENI - House inspection carried out and coffee nursery visited. Road between KOMBEMI and KIRENI inspected, also the road to the MENDI border. O/N KIRENI R.H.
- Dec. 9th. Departed KIRENI 1040 - late start due to heavy rain and lack of carriers. Arrived MANKERA 1300 in heavy rain. Camp set up and food purchased. O/N under canvas MANKERA.
- Dec. 10th. A MANKERA - Tax Census Sheets compiled. Usual talk and discussions held with the people. Big migration to TIRI recorded. O/N under canvas MANKERA.
- Dec. 11th. Departed MANKERA 0800 arriving PAWARI 0915. Tax Census Sheets compiled and usual talk and discussions held. Several minor disputes settled. Food purchased. O/N PAWARI R.H.
- Dec. 12th. At PAWARI - house inspection and coffee nursery visited. General talk with various natives. O/N PAWARI.
- Dec. 13th. Departed PAWARI 0730 arriving TIRI 0915. Tax Census Sheets compiled and usual talk and discussions held. Discussions in rest house at night with various natives. O/N TIRI R.H.
- Dec. 14th. At TIRI - People assembled for another talk when camp struck by miniature whirlwind causing Tax Census Sheets to be scattered all over the countryside. Most of them recovered but the Census for TIRI had to be done again. O/N TIRI R.H.
- Dec. 15th. At TIRI - house inspection carried out and coffee nursery visited. Departed 1230 for MAMBI. En route the small group at MUNKU were assembled and Tax Census compiled and the usual talk and discussion held. Arrived MAMBI at 1715. O/N MAMBI R.H.
- Dec. 16th. At MAMBI - Food purchased and Tax Census compiled for both MAMBI and PUNDURA. Usual talk and discussions held. Minor disputes settled. O/N MAMBI R.H.
- Dec. 17th. Departed MAMBI for IALIBU station arriving 1300. Patrol stood down for Christmas festivities.

1965.

- Jan. 11th. Departed IALIBU per tractor for IARENA arriving at 1200. IARENA 15 minutes from the main road. Very widely scattered group and all the people had arrived. Minor disputes heard. O/N IARENA R.H.
- Jan. 12th. At IARENA - Tax Census Sheets compiled and talk given re the aims and policies of the Administration, and a discussion held with the people. O/N IARENA R.H.
- Jan. 13th. At IARENA - A feeder road surveyed and marked out. More minor disputes. House inspection and coffee nursery visited. O/N IARENA R.H.
- Jan. 14th. Departed IARENA 0805, arriving at PAHL 0910. Food purchased and Tax Census Sheets compiled. Usual talk and discussion with the people. O/N PAHL R.H.
- Jan 15th. At PAHL - more discussions had with the people and many minor disputes settled. A search made for a possible bridge site but was unsuccessful. O/N PAHL R.H.
- Jan. 16th. At PAHL - house inspection carried out and the coffee nursery visited. More disputes settled. O/N PAHL R.H.

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1965.

- Jan. 17th. Departed PAHL 0830 arriving MULI at 1000. Food purchased and Tax Census Sheets compiled. Usual talk and discussion held with the people. O/N MULI R.H.
- Jan. 18th. At MULI - House inspection carried out and coffee visited. Many disputes settled. O/N MULI R.H.
- Jan. 19th. At MULI - general discussion with the people - also told them that I would be staying at MULI to repair the road over the Muli Hill and the Kaniari Peaks. Would also construct a ford over the KUNI Creek. Work commenced that afternoon. O/N MULI R.H.
- Jan. 20th. At MULI - the people of MULI, PAHL, IARENA, PAIBO? KABUBIKIE, IATE, MAMBI, PUNDURA, RIBO, and some from MARALI were gathered and explained to them what was going to happen and their part in it. Poor response. Work commenced. O/N MULI R.H.
- Jan. 21st. At MULI - certain tasks allotted to certain groups. Continued to construct the ford. O/N MULI R.H.
- Jan. 22nd. At. MUBI - roadwork continued - visited by Mr. Anderson and all the people assembled and paid for roadwork which they had been doing since the road had first been opened. Spiel given by myself and Mr. Anderson. O/N MULI.
- Jan. 23rd. At MULI - roadwork continued. O/N MULI R.H.
- Jan. 24th. At MULI - Sunday observed.
- Jan. 25th. At MULI - roadwork continued. O/N MULI R.H.
- Jan. 26th. At MULI - roadwork continued. O/N MULI R.H.
- Jan. 27th. At MULI - roadwork continued. O/N MULI R.H.
- Jan. 28th. At MULI - roadwork continued. O/N MULI R.H.
- Jan. 29th. At MULI - roadwork continued. O/N MULI R.H.
- Jan. 30th. At MULI - people given the day off. Took the opportunity to walk to IATE to discover a possible road route. Returned via the IARO River trying to find a bridge site. O/N MULI R.H.
- Jan. 31st. At MULI - Sunday observed.
- Feb. 1st. At MULI - work resumed on the road, ford nearly completed. O/N MULI R.H.
- Feb. 2nd. At MULI - roadwork continued. O/N MULI R.H.
- Feb. 3rd. At MULI - roadwork continued, and tractor sent out to purchase fresh feed for the station. People most happy about this. O/N MULI R.H.
- Feb. 4th. At MULI - roadwork continued. O/N MULI R.H.
- Feb. 5th. At MULI - roadwork continued. O/N MULI R.H.
- Feb. 6th. At MULI - people given the day off. Search for a suitable bridge site over the IARO carried out, but once again unsuccessful. O/N MULI R.H.
- Feb. 7th. At MULI - Sunday observed.

1965.

- Feb. 8th. At MULI - work resumed on the road. Tractor out again to purchase fresh food. O/N MULI R.H.
- Feb. 9th. At MULI - roadwork continued, ford finally completed. O/N MULI R.H.
- Feb. 10th. At MULI - roadwork continued. Alternative route to ISTE inspected. O/N MULI R.H.
- Feb. 11th. At MULI - Visited by the Agricultural Officer from KAGUA. As a result piece of land was marked out at IARENA and PAHL and two at MULI for the growing of PYRETHRUM. Roadwork continued. O/N MULI R.H.
- Feb. 12th. At MULI - the people of all the groups working on the road assembled at the KUNI Creek and a general talk given to them. Work allocated to certain groups. O/N MULI R.H.
- Feb. 13th. Departed MULI 0800 arriving PAIBO 0905. Tax Census Sheets compiled and talk given re the aims and policies of the Administration. General Discussion then followed. Food purchased. O/n PAIBO R.H.
- Feb. 14th. At PAIBO - minor disputes heard, mainly people from the KAGUE area. General discussion with various natives. O/N PAIBO R.H.
- Feb. 15th. Departed PAIBO 0800 arriving KABUBINIE 0935. Camp set up in heavy rain - food purchased - minor disputes. O/N under canvas KABUBINIE.
- Feb. 16th. At KABUBINIE - Tax Census Sheets compiled. Usual talk and discussion held. Houses inspected. More discussions at night. O/N under canvas KABUBINIE.
- Feb. 17th. Departed KABUBINIE 0820, arriving IATE 0930. Food purchased and Tax Census Sheets compiled. O/N IATE R.H.
- Feb. 18th. At IATE - people assembled and usual talk given and general discussion held. House inspection and minor disputes heard. Discussions with various natives at night. O/N IATE R.H.
- Feb. 19th. At IATE - commenced surveying new road to MULI from IATE. Returned to IATE 1910. O/N IATE R.H.
- Feb. 20th. At IATE - patrol moved to RIRO - survey of new road and preliminary clearing of bush completed to MULI. Thence to RIRO via MARALI, arriving 1730. O/N RIRO R.H.
- Feb. 21st. At RIRO - Tax Census Sheets compiled and usual talk and discussion held. Minor disputes in afternoon. O/N RIRO R.H.
- Feb. 22nd. At RIRO - House inspection - new Aid Post inspected, should be completed in two more weeks. More minor disputes in the afternoon. O/N RIRO R.H.
- Feb. 23rd. Departed RIRO 0815 arriving WANGAI 0845. Camp set up and food purchased. Tax Census Sheets compiled and talk and discussion held. O/N WANGAI under canvas.
- Feb. 24th. At WANGAI - house inspection and minor disputes. Discussions at night with various natives. O/N under canvas WANGAI.
- Feb. 25th. Departed WANGAI for MARALI. Two hours walking time. Arrived MARALI in heavy rain. Food purchased. O/N MARALI

1965.

- Feb. 26th. At MARALI - Tax Census Sheets compiled and general talk and discussion held. Big dispute over Pandanus Nuts - finally settled. O/N MARALI R.H.
- Feb 27th. Departed MARALI 0800 arriving ISELE 0920. Camp set up and food purchased. Tax Census Sheets compiled. Usual talk and discussion held. House inspection carried out. O/N under canvas ISELE.
- Feb. 28th. Departed ISELE 0815 arriving at IAMI IAMI at 0945. Camp set up and food purchased. Tax Census Sheets compiled. O/N under canvas IAMI IAMI.
- Mar. 1st. At IAMI IAMI - house inspection also road inspected. More disputes heard and settled. O/N under canvas IAMI IAMI.
- Mar. 2nd. At IAMI IAMI - big dispute over pandanus nuts heard. Involved approximately two hundred natives. Nuts inspected and dispute finally settled. O/N IAMI IAMI under canvas.
- Mar. 3rd. Departed IAMI IAMI 0820, arrived IALIDU 0900. Police stood down. END OF PATROL.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

There are two diverse types of attitudes in this area. The first one is the attitude that the Administration has let us down badly, and we must do something about this. The second one is that everything has been done, we no longer need think about progress. These two attitudes show a complete lack of faith and understanding of what the Administration is attempting to do.

To elaborate on the first ones:- Many men have been to the Coast as Highland Labourers. They have seen what is being done in other areas, and what is not being done in their own. It is not unusual for the people to walk through to Mount Hagen and see what is being done there. The people can also look toward the IMBONG'GU Census Division and see greater progress there than in their own area. The people feel that the Administration has focused all of its attention on the IMBONG'GU at the expense of the KEWABE. They claim that part of the reason for their backwardness is due to the fact that the Administration has been too busy looking after the IMBONG'GU, to worry about the KEWABE. They feel completely let down.

The people are very money conscious and appreciate its importance. They cannot see any way in which they can get this elusive stuff. Coffee which has been planted as a trial, has proved to be a failure in most cases. They work on the road and although they were promised payment have not as yet received it. They built Polling Booths for the House of Assembly Elections, and were promised £10. per Booth. They have not been paid for this.

These two things, i.e. non-payment for the construction and maintenance of roads, and non-payment for Polling Booths, are the backbone for the lack of interest shown by the majority of the people. This genuine complaint by the people was evident after the first part of the patrol. It was clear that if this patrol was to have any real effect on the people, some recognition of the work performed by the people, must be made. Discussions were had with the a/Assistant District Commissioner during the break, and when the patrol was at MULI payment was made to some of the groups. All the groups of course could not be paid simply due to lack of funds. Nevertheless roughly 1,000 adults of both sexes were affected. They received approximately 3/- per head for work performed over the last three years. Payment was also made to women who had been working carrying gravel to the airstrip and had never been paid. The tractor and trailer were sent out to collect kau kau from the more distant groups.

The <sup>RESULT</sup> outlook of this activity was an immediate improvement in the outlook of the people concerned. They became much more co-operative and open and friendly. They once again commenced to take an interest in their future. The result was most heartening.

Concerning the second attitude, - this can be said to exist in only two groups.- The groups of PONOWI and IARENA. This attitude is far more dangerous in my opinion than the one already discussed. The people are in a state of complete lethargy, No interest is taken in anything much, Not even their old customs. They are simply sitting down and awaiting instructions from anyone who cares to get up and tell them what to do. Fortunately this is not widespread.

Very many talks were had with the people regarding all manner of things. The only thing that must be done to these people is to show an interest in them and give them something constructive to do, where they can earn money. Once this is done the people and the area can be assured of some progress.

At the present time the KEWABE can be divided into two attitudes corresponding to the two parts of this patrol. The attitude of the groups first visited has not basically changed, as they were not effected by the payments made. They are still holding the Administration in great disfavour. The groups visited in the second part, are now showing an interest in what is going on around them. Their interest has again been aroused and much of their faith has been restored in the Administration.

#### POLITICAL SITUATION.

Once again the situation is not very bright. The people want two things. They want their own Local Government Council, and their own Member in the House of Assembly. They are very confused as to the workings and purposes of both.

In regard to a Local Government Council their desire for one is based mainly on pride. "The IMBONG'GU has a Council, the KAGUA area has a Council. Why can't we have one?" The people feel somewhat ashamed and left out of things through not having their own Council. They are quite often sneered at by the other areas mentioned. With proper handling this feeling of pride could be turned to good use in the political development of the area. A local Government Survey was conducted of the area, and this will be forwarded under separate cover.

With the House of Assembly, the people are at a loss. They were apparently expecting so much, and to date nothing has happened. The majority of the people are now starting to question their own wisdom in voting for Mr. TAMBU MELC. Mr. MELC had promised them a variety of projects which would assist them in their development, but to date nothing has eventuated.

The political education of the people, however, is not an insurmountable problem. It simply means explaining and explaining the position to them, and gradually light will dawn. There is also the thought voiced that the House of Assembly is something which benefits the Government and not the people. The people saw the amount of work involved in the Elections, and, as they have not yet benefited, it must be the Government who has. The non-payment for Polling Booths plays an important part in fostering this idea.

Polling Booths were erected at KOMBEMI, PAWARI, PAHL, and PAIBO. The natives concerned were promised £10 per booth. To date nothing has been paid. We are unable to pay for these buildings as we have no funds. Perhaps some funds could be made available? It is imperative that the people be paid for these buildings. How can one tell them that the House of Assembly is something to help them, when all they can see is a huge building, erected at great expense and time to the locals, when the House won't even recognise their efforts.

#### AGRICULTURE.

At the present time the only cash crop the people have is their own native produce. There is only a very limited local market for this for a limited number of people. The people who can benefit for this, are those close to the station or close to vehicular roads. It is only recently that the tractor has been sent out on these roads to bring in produce purchased from outlying groups.

In 1962 trial coffee plots were planted at most Census Units. As mentioned earlier, only about 25% of this coffee appears, to my inexperienced eye, to be any good. The rest is stunted, and in many cases rotting in the ground. This is probably due to the altitude and the rainfall.

The hopes of a lot of the people have been dashed by this failure. Many of them feel there is no economic future in their area and they are bitter about it. There are very few European vegetables grown in the area, as the people claim the soil will not support their growth.

Whilst at MULI a very brief talk was had with the Agricultural Officer from Kagua. I was informed that PYRETHRUM would appear to be a suitable crop for this area. He also informed me that he had sufficient seed for ten acres of Pyrethrum. Acting on this, one acre plots are being cleared at MULI, PAUL, PAIBO, KEBIGI, and PONOWI. Further acre plots will be tried at KIRENI, PAWARI, MAINEBI and TULI.

A cattle project has also been commenced at MAMBI, and work is under way constructing fences, crush, etc.

Any economic development that is going to take place in this area, must come through the Department of Agriculture in the first instance. For this to be done correctly so that the maximum effect is given, there must be the fullest co-operation between the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, and this Department. This is just not the case here at the moment.

With an Agricultural Officer stationed at KAGUA, it is only commonsense that full use should be made of his abilities, advice and any material assistance he may be able to give. With the situation as it is in this area at present, it is almost an impossible task for the Agricultural Officer to supervise effectively any projects that can be started in the areas administered by IALIBU, PANGIA and KAGUA. The only answer is, of course, co-operation. We at IALIBU are prepared to assist the Agricultural Officer in any way possible.

At the present time there are continual bands of Agricultural Field-workers wandering around the area. The office at IALIBU is not informed of their movements or their proposed activities. Quite often these Fieldworkers from Kagua make themselves unpopular with the people, by not explaining their intentions fully. In the eyes of many, these Fieldworkers are simply giving the people more work with no pay.

If the Department of Agriculture has any definite plans for this area, we are unaware of them here. Surely if heads were put together, something definite could be worked out for this area. This would be much better than the haphazard policy which is being followed at the present time.

#### MISSIONS.

There are only two Missions who have any great influence in this area. These are the Lutheran Mission, run by Mr. E. WEBER; and the Catholic Mission run by Father H. KUSERNICK. The Lutheran Mission is stronger in the area at the moment. This however will not last long, as many of the Lutheran Mission 'evangelists' are not very happy with their lot. They claim that they get no support from Mr. Weber. Unless Mr. Weber changes his policy he is going to lose a lot of adherents.

To date there is no religious conflict between the adherents of the two missions, although there is animosity between the heads of the Missions. The local people recognise this for what it is, and are quite amused by the whole thing.

Despite what the Missions would like us to believe, Spirit Houses are still very much in vogue. I personally noticed three new ones being built. There are many more hidden away in the bush.

The Gospel Tidings Mission has a small group of adherents at IATE. Nothing big however.

The S.I.L. has a house at MULI, and at the present time it is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. K. Newton, who are busy learning the language so as to translate the Bible into the local language. Their influence is mainly at MULI. They do not hold church services, but are simply employed in learning the language.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Most of the area still can only be visited by foot. There is at present roughly 20 miles of road which is the responsibility of the KEWABE people to look after. The roads bring one into contact with the following groups:-

MENDI/IALIBU Road: PONOWI, KOMBEMI, IALALA, KIRENI. This road also serves as the boundary between the two Census Divisions, and is maintained by people from both areas.

KAGUA/IALIBU Road: IAMI IAMI, KEBIGI, IARENA, MULI, PAIBO.

This means that 60% of the area and population cannot be seen by road. It is of course essential that an area has an adequate network of roads, if it is to progress to any marked degree. It is also just as essential that the people be paid for the work involved.

Some three weeks was spent at MULI repairing the KAGUA/IALIBU road. Little or no maintenance had been done on this road since its completion. Approximately four miles of road was cambered and stoned. A ford was constructed over the KUNI Creek (about 1½ miles from MULI). The road from this Creek to MULI was widened, and re-routed in some places.

Counting on the goodwill which had been generated by payment of the some of the outstanding debts, a feeder road was marked out going to IARENA. This is only about half a mile long. When this is completed it is hoped to continue it to PHEL.

A further road was surveyed from MULI to IATE, a distance of six miles. It is proposed that this road will link up the following groups eventually, IATE to RIRO, thence WANGAI, and joining the main road again at KEBIGI.

The people realise the importance of building roads but naturally enough they are not prepared to work for nothing. The time for promises is passed, and now some sort of definite action is required if the area is to progress. It is hoped that further funds will be forthcoming to pay all outstanding debts incurred by the Administration in the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges.

LAW AND ORDER.

Prior to the patrol's arrival in this area, the only type of complaints that were brought to the office, were the really more serious ones. It was very rare that a minor dispute was brought for arbitration. There were also many minor breaches of the law which were not being brought forward. Not because the people didn't want to, but because they felt that their dispute would not be listened to. This deplorable state has now been rectified and all manner of disputes and



arguments are coming to the office for arbitration.

There were no major breaches of the law. Any breaches that were brought before the notice of the patrol were sent on to IALIBU for hearing. The main type of offences committed were minor assaults.

As the Pandanus nut season was in full swing there were enumerable disputes concerning this, as this nut is highly prized as a source of protein. The other type of minor dispute which is very prevalent, is to do with bride price, etc.

#### LAND.

The people are still moving back to their original land which was lost during the fighting. The two most startling instances occurred at KEIA where a large proportion of the people migrated to PONOWI. The other instance occurred at MANKERA where a total of 63 persons moved to TIRI. In each case the people who wished to move, had purchased the land from the conquerors, and definite boundaries had been marked out.

Only one major land dispute was brought to the patrol's notice. This will be registered and the papers forwarded in due course. It can be anticipated that this movement back to old land will continue for some time yet. It can also be expected that this will result in more land disputes.

#### HEALTH AND HYGIENE.

Generally speaking the overall health of the people is good. The main killer is pneumonia. The main minor type of affliction being scabies. It was most heartening to see the way in which the lepers are responding to the campaign that is being conducted by Mr. D. Vincin, Medical Assistant of Mount Hagen. Of thirty two lepers noticed by this patrol, only one was not going regularly for treatment at the nearest Aid Post.

Generally the houses of the people are kept reasonably clean. Each house in the area has its own latrine and rubbish pit, which are used by the people. Each Census Unit has its own Cemetery. In most cases this is bordered by flowers and small shrubs.

There are two completed Aid Posts in the area. One at KOMBEMI and one at IARENA. There are two more under construction, one at KIRENI, and one at RIRO. Two more are proposed, one for IATE, and one for TIRI. When these final two are completed it will give the whole area a fair coverage, and there should be no-one more than two hours away from an Aid Post.

It is my belief that the practice of infanticide is still going on in the area. This was borne out by the fact that there were no physically handicapped people noticed by either myself or the Aid Post orderly who accompanied the patrol. Before the advent of the Administration, this custom was rife in the area. Even though the child was killed, it was still accorded a proper and correct funeral. Even to-day, a child is not given a name if it looks as if it is not going to survive, but is given a special name.

In regard to sub-normal children none were noticed, although there were several sub-normal adults noticed.

#### CENSUS.

A Census of the whole area was conducted and Tax Census Sheets compiled for all units. The figures and statistics

are attached.

A list of the Census Units is given below, as there were some changes made. These changes should be noted and amended in the Village Directory.

PONGWI, HUNGUNABO, TULI ( the people previously censused at KEIA are now censused here at Tuli, due to large migration ex KEIA), IANALA, KOMBEMI, MAIMEDI, KIKENI, MANKERA, PAWARI, TIRI, MUKU, PUNDURA, MAMBI, PAH, IARENA, MULI, PAIBO, KABUBINIE, IATE, RIBO, WANGAI, KEBIGI (changed from MARALI to avoid confusion with the Census Unit in the Imbong'gu), ISELE and IAMI IAMI .

VILLAGE CONSTABLES.

Generally a helpful bunch with a genuine interest in their immediate area. Please find attached the recommendations for the dismissal of four Village Constables. Two are recommended for dismissal simply because they have migrated back to their original lands. The other two for other reasons. Also the recommendations for the appointment of others.

A suitable replacement was not found for two of them. If the recommendations are accepted, two more will be recommended to take their place, by the next patrol in the area.

R.F. & N.G.C.

The members who accompanied this patrol did a good job despite the fact that they were often required to work overtime. Appropriate comments have been entered in their Records of Service, and copies sent to the Commissioner.

CONCLUSION.

From this patrol it is evident, that if this area is going to progress, and I can see no valid reason why it should not, certain points should be borne in mind and acted upon.

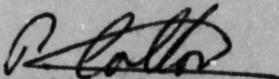
To restore the faith of the people in the Administration, all outstanding debts should be paid. These are road and polling booth payments.

There should be much more co-operation between the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, and this Department.

Finally, intensive patrolling to maintain and increase the interest of the people, that has been generated by this patrol. If the people's interest is allowed to lag again, it would be catastrophic both for the area and the Administration.

If these points are followed through, there is no reason in the world why the area will not progress as it should. The people, I feel, will be more than pleased if they can be shown that the Administration is capable of more than just talk.

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P.N. COLTON.  
(Patrol Officer.)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Ialibu No. 4 of 1964/65.

Patrol Conducted by L. Sari Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Imbeng'gu Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil  
Elias Topukur, Local Government Assistant,  
One member of R.P. & N.G.C.  
Natives Two Interpreters.

Duration—From 29 / 4 / 1965 to 2 / 5 / 1965.  
5 / 5 / 1965 to 12 / 5 / 1965.

Number of Days Twelve (12) days.  
Ten (10) Nights camped out.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 17 / 3 / 1964.

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

Map Reference Nil

Objects of Patrol Council Elections.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MCRESBY.

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 .....

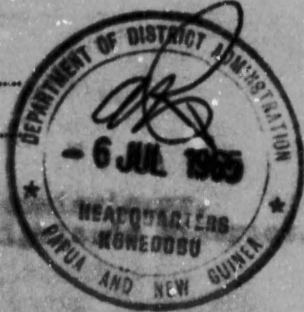
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams  
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Our Reference 67-3-3  
If calling ask for  
Mr.



Department of District  
Administration  
Southern Highlands District  
MENDI

30th June 1965

Director  
Department of District  
Administration  
KONEDOBU, Papua

SUBJECT: Ialibu Patrol 5 of 64/65

REFERENCE: My 67-3-3 of 10th June, 1965.

Attached please find copy of memorandum, 67-2-2 of 12th June, 1965, from the Assistant District Commissioner, Fangia Sub-District answering the queries raised in my 67-3-3 of 10th instant.

2. Poor English Expression was the culprit and the ambiguities contained in the report have now been adequately explained, consequently no further action is required.

A. J. Zweck  
(A. J. Zweck)  
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-2-2

Department of District Administration,  
Patrol Post,  
IALIBU.

12th June 1965

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District.

M. E. A. D. I.

Ialibu Patrol No. 5 of 1964/65.

Comment contained in your 67-3-3 dated 10th June, to Director, Department of District Administration, and directed to me, is noted.

The paucity of information in the subject report was as a direct result of an instruction which I gave to LEANA. His first attempt was a much longer document but contained so many shortcomings that I referred it back to him. It was reduced in form and re-submitted. It was intended that the report which he prepared on the Elections would give adequate indication of his ability to make accurate and concise observations.

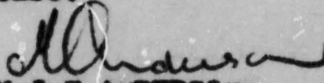
I realise that I was in error in so directing the Reporting Officer to make only a brief summary of his activities, but he was very disheartened when the initial rejection was made. I will in future ensure that Standing Instructions are followed.

Voting in the first elections was not forced but I understand, from what I am able to ascertain from the Interpreters here, that many men preferred to be enloopers at the initial elections, and had to be asked to vote. People who had changed their electorate voted at neither their old or new locations, because of lack of interest.

This time, however, the people were very keen to cast their votes. Migrants made sure that they were correctly registered and then cast their votes. Latecomers at polling places, who arrived after the initial rush was over, presented themselves worriedly to ask if they could cast their vote.

Perhaps the interpretation of the last sentence in the Report would have been different had the word 'interest' been substituted for initiative.

For your information, please.

  
M. J. E. ANDERSON.  
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

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67-15-42



Department of District Administration,  
Southern Highlands District,  
10th June, 1965.

25th June, 1965.

Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MELB.

SUBJECT: Patrol Report No. 2 of 64/65.

VALLEY PATROL REPORT NO. 4/64-65

Attached is a copy of the above patrol conducted by Mr. G. Carl, District Commissioner, Southern Highlands District, 19th May, 1965. Your memorandum 67-3-3 of 10th June 1965, refers.

2. Thank you for Mr. Carl's Patrol Report.

3. All comments made on the report have been noted. As this officer is quite new to the tasks set him, he needs a lot of guidance and assistance by his immediate Superiors. Mr. Carl would be well advised to study your comments found in paragraph 2(3). Standing instructions. The Assistant District Commissioner, will be instructed to ensure future compliance with such instructions.

(iii) Mr. Carl has submitted a much fuller coverage of the village in his Election Report and statistics of which have been forwarded to the Regional Local Government Officer, Mount Hagen.

(iv) I am not sure of what (T.O. Attention) in his last paragraph. His comments imply that writing was not correct. I am sure that this was not so, but asking the Assistant District Commissioner, to check and advise me.

(v) This is the first report submitted by Mr. Carl since his posting to this District. It is a most disappointing document. A certain degree of weakness in English expression is understandable and may even be accepted but not in view of the errors contained in this report. However, it is a matter which should be rectified and assistance by immediate superiors in providing directions to this effect will be issued to the District.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.



Department of District Administration  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

10th June, 1965.

Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBUBU...Papua.

SUBJECT: Ialibu Patrol No. 4 of 64/65.

Attached please find a report on the above patrol conducted by Mr. L. Gari, Patrol Officer to the Imbong'ga Census Division together with copy of covering memorandum, 67-2-2 of 29th May, 1965 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu.

2. Some comments follow:-

(i) Patrol was mounted to enable Mr. Gari to conduct the second elections to be held by the Ialibu Council.

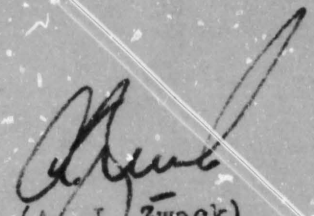
(ii) The report is far too brief and does not comply with Formal Patrol Report requirements laid down in Vol. I of Departmental Standing Instructions. The Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu will be instructed to ensure future compliance with such instructions.

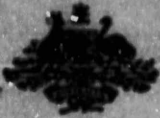
(iii) Mr. Gari has submitted a much fuller coverage of the election in his Election Report and statistics copies of which have been forwarded to the Regional Local Government Officer, Mount Hagen.

(iv) I am not sure of what Mr. Gari means in his last paragraph. His comments imply that voting at the last elections was forced. I am sure that this was not so, however I am asking the Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu to check and advise me.

(v) This is the first report submitted by Mr. Gari since his posting to this District. It is a most disappointing document. A certain degree of weakness in English Expression is understandable and may even be accepted but not infuture to the extent contained in this report; moreover paucity of information cannot be excused. Guidance and assistance by immediate superiors is essential and directions to this effect will be issued to the Assistant District Commissioner, Ialibu.

3. For your information, please.

  
(A. J. Zweck)  
s/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Patrol Post,  
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Southern Highlands District,

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Department of District Administration,  
Patrol Post,  
IALIBU.

29th May 1965

District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District.  
M E N D I.

IALIBU PATROL No.4 of 1964/65.

Forwarded please are two copies of a Patrol Report  
by Mr. L. Sari, Patrol Officer.

The report is brief, and covers the period spent  
by Mr. Sari in conduct of Council Elections. He also  
prepared the Election Statistics and report which were the  
subject of my 41-1-3 of 29th May 1965.

Certain weaknesses are present in his English Expression,  
but these should improve as the writer gains experience.  
A Contingency for Camping Allowance is forwarded for your  
authorization, please.

M.J.E. ANDERSON.  
a/Assistant District Commissioner.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.

Patrol Post,  
IALIBU.

Southern Highlands District,

25th. May, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Patrol Post,  
IALIBU.

The second Ialibu Local Government Council  
elections were conducted from the 29th. day of  
April to the 12th. day of May, 1965, and the area  
patrolled was the Ialibu Patrol No. 4 of 1964/65.  
One polling place was about eight minutes  
walk from the station and most of the polling places  
were along the three main roads of Nendi, Tadiul via  
St. Hugh, and Ialibu. The Ialibu Patrol No. 4 of 1964/65.  
Imbeng'gu Census Division.  
Second Ialibu Local Government Council Elections 1965.

Officer Conducting: L. Gari. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : Imbeng'gu Census Division.

Accompanied by : Elias Tepukur. Local Government Assistant.  
One member of R.P & N.G.C.  
Two Interpreters.

Period of Patrol : 29th. day of April to 2nd. day of May, 1965.  
to  
5th. day of May to 12th. day of May, 1965.  
A Total of (12) Twelve days.  
(10) Ten nights camped out.

Objects of Patrol : Council Elections.

*L. Gari.*  
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L. Gari.  
(Patrol Officer.)

INTRODUCTION.

The second Ialibu Local Government Council elections were conducted from the 23rd. day of April to 12th. day of May, 1965, and the area patrolled was that of Imbeng'gu Census Division.

One polling place was about eight minutes walk from the station and most of the polling places were along the three main roads of Mendi, Tambul via Mt. Hagen, and Kaupena Mission Station. The two polling places not on the main road were Kombi and Pagluga, however, a vehicular road branched off from Tambul road went to these two polling places but it was not trafficable as rivers were not bridged.

*L. Gari.*  
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L. Gari.  
(Patrol Officer.)

Patrol Diary.

- 29.4.65 Departed Ialibu Station at 0745 for Penegama, Kero, Kenggingil electorate by land rover. Arrived 0814. Election started at 0900 until 1400. Departed this electorate at 1415 for Iembi and Iauwiangil electorate. Walking time 1 hour 15 minutes. Slept at Iembi village.
- 30.4.65 0845 election started until 1530. Departed Iembi village at 1545 for Pagluga and Lebera electorate. Walking time 1 hour 20 minutes. Slept at Pagluga village.
- 1.5.65 0900 election started until 1430. Slept at Pagluga village again.
- 2.5.65 Departed Pagluga village at 0900 for Kombeme village to be picked up by land rover. 1030 departed Kombeme village by land rover for Ialibu station.
- 5.5.65 Departed Ialibu station at 0745 for Maral, by land rover, Ke, Kalabinie and Kebiri electorate. 0830 election started until 1230. Departed Kalabinie village at 1300 for Kisenipoi Electorate. Slept at Kisenipoi village.
- 6.5.65 0830 election started until 1245. 1300 departed for Mega electorate but since there was no rest house at Mega, the patrol proceeded to Orae electorate. However, self and the clerk, Elias were picked up by the a/A.D.C. Mr Andersen on a land rover to Orae. Carriers time 2 hours 12 minutes. Slept at Orae.
- 7.5.65 0830 election started on Mega electorate people at Orae until 1430. Observed rest of the day at Orae.
- 8.5.65 0800 election started on Orae until 1230. 1300 departed Orae electorate for Imi electorate. Walking time 20 minutes. Camped at Imi for Imi, Kuminge and Tena, Kume electorates.
- 9.5.65 Observed at Imi.
- 10.5.65 0800 election started at Imi and Kuminge electorate until 1300. Observed rest of the day at Imi.
- 11.5.65 0830 election started at Imi for Tena and Kume electorate until 1300. Observed rest of the day at Imi.
- 12.5.65 0930 departed Imi village by land rover for Ialibu station. Arrived 1130. Patrol stood down.

The end of the patrol diary.

ELECTIONS.

The patrol was well received in all the electerates which the patrol visited. At the elections people were quiet and listened to their names. In time for casting votes some aged people were assisted by interpreters to vote and in general the elections were carried out successfully.

There is no doubt that the people have grasped the idea of elections and they knew that the 'whisper ballot' system with preferential voting was to whisper in the ear of the officers who were recording the votes on the ballot papers.

It was also noticed that these people were not sophisticated therefore they were not expected to write their own choice, and this idea of not writing their own choice will go on for sometime. strictly speaking, these people do practise their primitive ways of life but it hoped that they will improve themselves as they are gradually improving in health.

In my opinion, people in this second election for the Ialibu Local Government Council have shown more initiative than in the first election as they came up voluntarily to vote even if they came up late for the elections or if they were migrating into that particular place.

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