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BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1969-1970

KUNUA & TINPUTZ

Report No	Officer conducting	Area Patrolled
KUNUA	Patrol	
1-69-70	S.Gibson	Hahon, Kunua & Keriaka
2-69-70	A.Roadnight	Hahon Census Division
3-69-70	S.Gibson	Keriaka Census Division
TINPUTZ		
1-69-70	R.A.Deverell	Tinputz Coastal Area
2-69-70	R.A.Deverell	Ramazon River Area
3-69-70	R.A.Deverell	Rugen & Raua Plantation, Nam - Kerio and Tsisiko Village



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Bougainville Report No.TINPUTZ SPECIAL NO 1 - 69/70
District of Report No.2222 Patrol Conducted by R.A. Deverell Assistant District Officer
Area Patrolled Tinputz Coastal Area
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans
Natives
Duration—From. 7 / 1 /19 70 to 13 / 1 /1970
Number of Days6
Did Medical Assistant Accompany?
Last Patrol to Area byDistrict Services/5/19.68.
Medical /19
A Mil North Bougainville
Map Reference
Objects of Patrol.
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Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$
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Division of District Administration,

KOMEDOBU . PAPUA.

17th April, 1970.

The District Commissioner, Bougainville District, KIETA.

PATROL TIMPUTZ NO. 1/69-70.

Your reference is 67-1-10 of 23rd March, 1970.

- 2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Situation Report by Mr. R.A. Deverell, Assistant District Officer of Tinputz Coast Area.
- 3. Mr. Deverell demonstrated a sound approach to the Hehalis officials and it is a credit to his judgment that he was received so well by their leader Mr. Hagai and that there were no incidents. I look forward to further reports of developments from him.
- 4. The matter you raised in regards to controlling legislation over the collections, is a difficult one and is still under review.

5. Kindly pass on my commendation to Mr. Deverell.

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Department of the Administrator.



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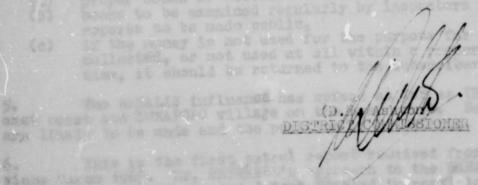
23rd March, 1970.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

TIMPUTZ PATROL No. 1 1969/70 (SPECIAL) TIMPUTZ COASTAL AREA

Forwarded herewith is the original of the report of the above-specified patrol conducted by Mr. R.A. Deverell, Assistant District Officer. Also attached is a copy of covering memorandum 67-2-2 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Buka Passage Sub-District. The latter adequately comments on the report.

- 2. Contributions to the Hahalis Welfare Society in the Tinputz coastal region appear to be more in the form of a lottery-subscriptions being paid to ensure participation in the event that H.W.S. promises are fulfilled this results from an endemic cargo mentality. The long term solution is to promote concurrent economic and political development through the local government council, and this is being done.
- 3. The matter of controlling legislation to cover such public collections as these of the H.W.S. has received some publicity and I would be grateful for any advice you have to offer regarding its introduction.
- 4. Although the matters contained in the report were previously passed under confidential cover, its tardy submission makes it of historical interest only.



c.c. The Assistant District Commissioner,

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67-2-2 KJH/efd

Sub District Office, Puka Passage, Bougainville District.

10th March, 1970

District Commissioner, District Headquarters, Bougainville.

> PATROL REPORT TINPUTZ No.1 -1969/70 R.A. DEVERELL. Assistant District Officer.

I attach original and one copy of the above report. I have the following comments:-

- The HAHALIS society has been collecting \$10 shares from subscribers since October, 1968. It is believed that a total of about \$35,000 has been collected. The society states that it intends to use the funds as a sort of development bank, floating loans to members. The actual collectors of the money, have given other reasons such as
 - (a) (b) to buy a new government, to pay for a private army, to buy independence for Bougainville.

(c)

As usual, cargo type rumour are also circulating. Following the collections at SIARA village, a 'baby garden' was established there.

As the HAHALIS society is anti-Council, I have opposed these subscriptions as a matter of policy. Whilst many people expect the administration to stop the collections by court actions, this is not possible. In cases such as this, to contribute or not to contribute must be a matter of free choice by the individual. I have confined myself to pointing out the disadvantages and possible loss.

4. It should be possible to control the collections. To this and, Mr. DONATUS MOLA, M.H.A., has conferred with the BUKA Council executive committee and Mr. PRATT, Crown Law Officer in RABAUL, with a view to controlling legislation being introduced. To protect the interests of the public, the Council suggests the following controls:-

(a) (b)

proper books of account to be kept, books to be examined regularly by inspectors and reports to be made public, if the money is not used for the purpose for which collected, or not used at all within a prescribed time, it should be returned to the subscribers. (c)

5. The HAHALIS influence has spread as far as TEOP on the east coast and KUNAPOPO village on the west coast. No new gains are likely to be made and the position is now static.

6. This is the first patrol report received from TINDUTZ since March 1969. Mr. DEVERELL's approach to the HAMALIS leaders was the correct one and I look for and to receiving further reports from him.

Hanrahan) Assistant District Commissioner.

TINPUTZ SPECIAL REPORT NO 1 - 1969/70

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ria ere [eT Wednesday 7th January: Met Francis Hagai and other Habilis officials at Kovanis. Discussed with Francis purpose of visit and his proposed intinerary. Returned to Tinputz.

Thursday 8th January: Arrived Teabes 3pm. and attended meeting called by Francis. Meeting closed at 4 pm. Overnight at Teabes and during the evening held informal discussion with Councillor Dana and others re Hahalis activities and other matters.

Friday 9th January: Arrived at Tinputz Station 9am and attended to general Admin matters and correspondence.

Saturday 10th January: Arrived Waropa 1.30 pm. Hahalis party had just arrived. No other meetings had been held since Teabes. Discussed with Francis his further movements. Returned to Tinputz 4pm.

Sunday

11th January: Arrived Waropa 11am and joined by
Councillor Purpur. Hahalis had held
meetings at Waropa and Teanana and were
then at Weinana. Held informal discussions
with the people at Waropa and Teanana on
Hahalis and other matters and then
attended meeting at Weinana. Hahalis
party left Weinana 1.30pm and because of
lack of response returned to Kovanis for
the night. In the afternoon held informal
discussions at Weinana then returned to
Teop to overnight. During the evening
informal discussions on Hahalis and other
matters.

Monday 12th January: Met the Hahalis party at Deos 12.30pm.

No meeting was called and the party left
2.30 pm to overnight at Raua. Returned
to Tinputz.

Tuesday 13th January: No further meetings were held and the Hahalis party left Raua and the Tinputz Administrative area this day.

TINPUTX SPECIAL REPORT NO 1 - 1969/70

This report follows Tinputz Condidential Report for January 1970.

During the period 7/1/70 to 11/1/70, Francis Hagai accompanied by seven other officials of the Hahalis Welfare Society visited certain coastal villages in the Tinputz Administrative Area. This was the first visit of Francis Hagai to this area and his purpose was to get support from the villages in the Kovanis to Iaun area which had not already contributed to the Society. During this visit no additional funds were collected and enthusiasm had waned to the extent that the visit was cut short. Francis Hagai attributes his lack of success to a previous visit to Tinputz and Teop by Donatus Mola M.H.A. and Joseph Mahen, an ex Hahalis member, who are both strong opponents of Hahalis. Francis intends to return to Teop. As Teop is the centre of leadership and opinion in the Teop - Iaun area he is anxious to get their support.

Prior to the arrival of Francis Hagai at Kovania on 7/1/70 the District Commissioner had been advised by telegram as follows: Advising you urgently that today 5/1/70 I am sending a team of spokesmen on a patrol to the Kunua Siara and Tinputz areas to explain the \$10 share we are now collecting stop. For your urgent information stop. Please reply urgently stop. John Teosin. This telegram was relayed to me on 7/1/70/

On the morning of the 6th January Francis Hagai and 7 other Hahalis officials arrived at Kovanis by boat from Soraken. They were also joined by local spokesmen or representatives from Siara, Aravia, Irue, and Deos, making a total party of 19, which Francis admitted later was too big and slow. I met him in the morning of the 7th January at Kovanis and dsicussed with him the purpose of his visit. When I suggested that I would attend his meetings he welcomed the idea and advised me of his proposed i

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A meeting had already been held at Kovanis on the evening of the 6th January. In the afternoon of the 8th January the party moved to Teabes and held a meeting. I attended this meeting together with about 30 other local people. No funds were collected and the questions asked by the people kept Francis and his spokesmen on the defensive. That afternoon the party returned to Kovanis and I remained overnight at Teabes and held informal discussions with Councillor Dana and othersto outline amongst other things my views on Hahalis collections.

The party then moved to Waropa arriving Saturday 10th January. Previously they had waited at Teop but no one turned up and Councillor Purpur slept. I met them at Waropa Saturday afternoon and discussed with Francis his further movements.

A meeting was held at Waropa on Sunday morning the 10th January which was short and attended by only 10 people with little enthusiasm. Another meeting was held at Teanana with no success after which the party moved to Weinana. On Sunday morning I was joined by Tinputz Council Vice President Sampson Purpur, and after the above meetings we had informal discussions with the people at Waropa and Teanana and then attended the meeting at Weinana. This meeting was better attended by about 30 local people however again no funds were collected and little enthusiasm shown. By now Francis Hagai was quite discouraged and attributed his lack of success to a previous visit by Donatus Mola M.H.A. and Joseph Mahen to Teop on 26/11/69. Indeed many of the questions asked of Francis were in reference to Mola's criticisms of Hahalis.

On Sunday afternoon the 10th January the party left Weinana and that was the last meeting held. They proceeded back to Kovanis for the night. I returned to Teop with Councillor Purpur and stayed overnight. During the evening informal talks were held on Hahalis and other matters.

On Monday the 11th January the party walked to Deos then without calling a meeting left to overnight at haua. They left Raua and the Tinputz Administrative Area the following morning without any further meetings. My main purpose on this patrol was to meet the Hahalis officials, familiarise myself with their aims (in lieu of the many and varied rumors), to guage the peoples reaction and support, and also outline the Administrations views on Hahalis collect ins.

The Hahalis officials I mot are certainly no fools and they are dedicated to their cause. Francis is a dynamic leader and impressive speaker. One young student remarked to me that while Francis spoke it stirred his inside. (Bel bilong me i guria). It is a pity that his efforts are not directed towards a more worthwile cause. This is certainly a more respectable Hahalis than what I have read of previously. They were not belligerent in any way, they at all times liased with the Councillors, and did not force themselves on the people. Francis did remark that the people could subscribe later when Hahalis were starting to accomplish their aims. They were willing to discuss with me their aims and activities and welcomed my attendance at meetings, (on the surface anyway). Good relations were maintained except that I did not help them in any way.

Francis described the present aims of the Society were to set up a <u>Bougainville</u> bank which would extend credit to its Bougainville contributors or members. After a period of time, which was not defined, the Society would hold a meeting in liasion with the Administration, Missions, and Councils on the lines of a council estimates meeting to appropriate the money. Because these aims are relatively netulous they have given rise to various wild interpretations.

The useful points of his visit were that he emphatically denied the rumors that this money was to be used to sponsor an independence movement or was connected with cargo. In fact he defied any man to produce cargo by spending money at the semetery. Francis blames Radio Bougainville for the publicity about cargo however he cannot deny that various pokesmen or representatives have also suggested cargo. At one Tinputz meeting it was suggested that many of his spokesmen may not be clear about Hahalis principles and objectives. He replied that at a Hahalis meeting before Christmas on Buka, it was resolved that all the funds should be collected before the end of 1969 so that the work could begin in 1970. He suggested that this resolution may have been misinterpreted by various4 spokesmen.

This visitbof Hahalis met with little success, which may be attributed to a number of factors. The efforts of Donatus Mola M.H.A., Joseph Mahen, various Admin. Officers, Fr. Pelletier of Tearouki Mission who has often precahed anti-Hahalis messages from the pulpit, certainly have not helped the Hahalis cause. Furthermore the people from the above area are poo Administration, and pro Council, and Co-operative and other business activities are progressing well. During this patrol I put the view that in this area the Council, C()-operatives, Savings Clubs, and general business were going ahead well and I did not wish anything like this nebulous collection by Hahalis to interfere with these activities. During this patrol the Administration was criticised fro not taking firmer action against Hahalis and this is a difficult one to explain. Even if it were possible to restrain Hahalis in these renewed efforst this would only make them martyrs. The people must decide for themselves.

The people from the above area are still suspicious of the fact that the Hahalis Society will still not join with the Buka Council and subscribe to their own religion, whilst at the same time pledge support for the various organisations. To my ming the original contributors fall into two categories: (a) Those diehards anf misfits who would contribute towards anything with a cargo flavour, (b), those people who are not short of a dollar who are simply interested in what Hahalis car produce. As yet no one has become as hysterical as these people down South who play the mining stock market. At the Tinputz Council general meeting on the 14th January 1970, a resolution was passed to the effect that the Council did not wish the Hahalis officials to return to the Tinputz area. The main opponents of this resolution were Councillor Kaksi of Tsisiko and Councillor Dana of Kovanis. Neither of these Councillors supported Hahalis but wished Hahalis officials to return to Tinputz for further clarification of the \$10 share.

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On Thursday the 29th January a meeting was held at Siara Village by John Teosin on the completion of a large native material meeting house. This meeting was publicised over Radio Bougainville and all contributing villages in the Tinputz area were represented. At this meeting the Hahalis officials were pressed for further clarification as to the future use of the collected funds, however nothing new was disclosed except that when all parts of Bougainville had been vovered an estimates meeting would be held at Siara. At present the attitude is wait and see.

The ball is now in the court of Hahalis. Meanwhile, Hahalis activities have caused a ferment of Administration and Council work particularly in the North Ramazon area where a Cadet Patrol Officer is now stationed at Tsisiko and feeder roads are being built with Rural Development Funds and Council Road Maintenance Funds.

(R.A. Deverell)

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Assistant District Officer

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

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District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. TINPUTZ SPECIAL NO. 3 1969/70
Patrol Conducted by R.A.DEVERELL A.D.O.
Area PatrolledRAMAZON. RIVER. AREA
Patrol Accompanied by EuropeansNII.
Natives COUNCILLOR TOBOIN OF NAMERIO. COUNCILLOR KAKSI OF KESPOHIT.
Duration—From2/4/19.70to15./.4/1970
Number of Days6.
Did Medical Assistant Accompany ?N.O
Last Patrol to Area by-District Services/8/1969
Medical /19
Map Reference FOURMIL BOUGAINVILLE
Objects of Patrol TO SURVEY THE RAMAZON RIVER AREA AND LOCATE THE BEST POSSIBLE RIVER CROSSING AND ROAD SYSTEM INTO THE NORTH RAMAZON AREA.
Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.
Forwarded, please.
19,5,19 To Million 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 the Administrator, Bougainville District, District Headquarters, KIETA.

18th May, 1970.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator, KONEDOBU.

TINPUTZ PATROL NO. 2 1969/70 - RAMAZON RIVER AREA. TEOP DIVISION

Report on the above specified patrol, conducted by Mr. R.A. Deverill A.D.O., is forwarded herewith. Also enclosed is a copy of the Assistant District Commissioner, Buka Passa ge Sub District's covering memorandum 67-2-2 of 5th May, 1970, which adequately comments on the matters raised in the report.

2. Construction of a ford over the Ramazon River will do much to open up the area north west of Tinputz and provide do much to open up the area north west of Tinputz and provide a very necessary economic and social outlet for the people. A report (Hutjena No. 3 1969/70) on rural development road work in the area which will be served by the Ramazon ford is being forwarded under cover of my memorandum 67-1-3 of even date and should be read in conjunction with this report. We now await clocation of the 1970/71 rural development programme funds. Provision of these funds and commencement of work on the ford will serve to show the people that the Administration interest in them is a continuing one.

Att.

Assistant District Commissioner, C.C. Buka Passage Sub District,

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26th May, 1970

District Commissioner, Bougainville District, KIETA.

TINPUTZ PATROL NO. 2/69-70.

Your reference 67-1-10 of 18/5/70.

- 2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. R. A. Deverell, Assistant District Officer of part Teop-Tinputz Census Division.
- 3. At this stage I have nothing to add to the concise covering comments.

(T. W. Ellis)
Secretary
Department of the Administrator.



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Att.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
Buka Passage Sub District,
HUTJENA.

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Sub District Office, <u>HUTJENA</u>, Buka Passage, Bougainville District

5th May, 1970.

District Commissioner, District Headquarters, KIETA. Bougainville.

PATROL REPORT - TINPUTZ No.2-1969/70
RAMAZON RIVER AREA
Mr R.A. DEVERELL - A.D.O.

1. I attach original and one copy of above report. I have the following comments.

RAMAZON CROSSING

2. As the reporting officer states, a plan and specifications have been drawn up, an officer is available to supervise construction and the District Co-ordinating Committee has given the project first priority for Rural Development in 1970/71.

DEOS-NAMKERIO ROAD

3. I agree that this route provides the best access into the west RAMAZON villages. I have requested the Local Government engineer to arrange a survey of the route and I shall include the project in the Sub District Rural Development programme.

GENERAL

4. It is unfortunate that europeans in the area have lost faith in the Administration and the Council. I think that as much as can be done with the resources available is being done. It would be a simple matter for RAUA, BANIU and MackIWI Plantations to develope the Cessna strip at BANIU, as other plantations, missions and private organisations have done throughout the district. There is nothing like a bit of self help.

5. A routine patrol requiring no further comment. Mr. DEVERELL is being pleasingly active in the field and has command of the situation at TINPUTZ.

Forwarded, please.

(K.J / Hanrahan)

Assistant District Commissioner

TINPUTZ SPECIAL PATROL REPORT NO. 3 1969/70.

ROAD SURVEY - NORTH RAMAZON AREA.

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Departed TIMPUTZ, 8 A.M. by TOYOTA arrived KESPOHIT 8.20 A.M. surveyor road from KESPOHIT to the RAMAZON.

Overnight KESPOHIT.

FRIDAY 3rd APRIL.

Returned to Ramazon River, and surveysofor one mile upstream and one mile downstream. Crossed the River and proceeded to NAMKERIO and then surveyso NAMKERIO to DEOS roal. Cvernight at Namkerio.

SATURDAY 4th. APRIL.

Survey the existing vehicular crossing near DEOS and completed surveying the DEOS-NAMKERIO road. Overnight at Namkerio. Informal discussions during the evening.

SUNDAY 5th APRIL.

Departed NAMKERIO 8.30 A.M. arrived TINPUTZ 11 A.M.

MONDAY 6th. APRIL

Visit by Mr.S. Chalmers and J. Smith of P.W.D. Kieta and together inspected Ramazon crossing.

WEDNESDAY 15th. APRIL

Visit by Mr. Lee Local Government Engineer who inspected RAMAZON crossing and discussed plans and costs for a cement ford.



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Department of District Administration, the Administrator

Patrol Post, TINPUTZ, Bougainville District, 20/4/70.

TINPUTZ SPECIAL REPORT NO. 2 1969/70- ROAD SURVEY - NORTH RAMAZON AREA.

The purpose of this patrol was to investigate the Ramazon River Area with the view of locating the best possible river crossing and road system into the North Ramazon Area.

The North Ramazon Area which consists of the villages of NAMKERIO, TSISIKO, LOMSIS, ARAVIA, TETAKUTS, CHINPATS, TENDU, WICHIBU, TUMURI and NEBLAHIU and Plantations BANIU, MACKIWI RAUA and RUGEN, has a population of 1500 local people and 10 Europeans. The area has been neglected for some time, the main reason being the problem of communications caused by the frequent flooding of the Ramazon River and the lark of a suitable crossing.

The Europeans in the area have lost faith in the Administration and Council for their neglect of the area and have been concerned of being cut off from the essential postal, aircraft and hospital services available at Tinputz.

The local people have been left in an Political, Economic and social vacuum by Administration, Council and Missions. The Council has allocated a tractor, trailer and terracer blade to this area but the work has suffered due to a lark of supervision.

Recent successes in this area by the Hahalis Welfare Society; whereby they collected in excess of \$6000 in return for nebulous promise has brought this area to the limelight. As the best answer to Hahalis is to promote renewed economical, political and social thought a base camp has been establised at TSISIKO with this object in view. Since August 1969 this base camp has been staffed by a Cadet Patrol Officer. Furthermore \$4000 has been spent on feeder roads in the area.

From a recent report, TINPUTZ No. 2 1969/70 it is now clear that renewed Administration and Council efforts are meeting with success. The two roads TSISIKO-LCMSIS and TETAKUTS-ARAVIA are about a completed. The voluntary labour form on these roads has been considerable, and the above money has been used as a nominal payment to about half the workers. Furthermore planting and clearing activities have re-commenced. Recently Development Bank loans have been applied for the purchased of a tractor and the commencement of a trade store and bakery business. A

However the communication difficulty with the rest of the Tinputz Administrative Area and link with essential services is still a problem.

further R.D.F. allocation of \$4000 has been applied for the

BANTU-TSISIKO-DOMSIS Roads for the 1970/71 District allocation.

Refer to the attached map for the position of the existing main road. The Ramazon River at the existing crossing is relatively narrow being only 90 ft. across. From the known history of the river it has never diverted from this position. Indeed the left bank consists of a story 50 foot cliff. Unfortunately the ford or crossing requires continual maintenance and after period of heavy rain it becomes deeply gauge and impossible to cross.

Furthermore the main road into RAUA Prariation climbs steeply on to a coronous escarpment and then drops steeply down again by a narrow cutting into the plantation where it winds throught the trees and over a number of badly maintained bridges. After leaving the trade store the road again climbs steeply on to the RAUA plantation plateau. This would be a costly and difficult section of road to improve effectively and would best be diverted for people who wish to travel from TINPUTZ to the North Ramazon villages.

During this patrol I investigated the only two possible alternate routes into the North Ramazon Area.

- 1. The existing walking track from KESPOHIT to NAIKERIO and;
- 2. A road from DECS to NAMKERIO using the existing Ramazon River vehicular crossing. From NAMKERIO which and othe first of the North Ramazon villages there is a good road system to TSISIKO.

KESPOHIT-NAMKERIO BOAD.

This road if possible would be ideal as it is direct and

being only 2% miles long is only a fraction of the distance of the existing road. The River however in this vicinity is 500 foot wide and the main channel is continually changing its position. As the road from KESPOHIT crossing the lower foothills it undulates with grades up to 8% and 6 small streams are crossed where bridges or culverts would have to be constructed. Furthermore on the KESPOHIT River bank there is a 150 drop to the River and a 200 ft. drop on the NAMKERIO side. This would involve considerable pick and shovel work to grade the road down to the River.

DEOS - NAMKERIO ROAD.

This road is definitely the most suitable route into the North Ramazon Area from TINPUTZ. From the present River crossing this route follows the main road for 2 miles then turns left and climbs for about 300 feet to a ridge which extends for 5 miles to NAMKERIO. As the ridge is flat and well drained it is a perfect location for an easily constructed and maintained road. Already the NAMKERIO people have cleared a 30 ft. wide path for 3 miles from NAMKERIO village. This only relatively difficult section is the climb to the ridge which involves 200 ft. of road at 8% and 100 ft. at 10-15%. However there would be no difficulty in benching the steeper sections.

From the above I conclude that to overcome the present problem a permanent River crossing should be constructed near the existing cross and a road constructed direct to NAMKERIO as outlined above. This road would be shorter, more easily maintained, and would cut off the difficult section through RAUA Plantation. As this proposed road also runs through RAUA Plantation the matter has been discussed with Mr. Watkins the Manager, and he has raised no objections.

On the 15th. April, Local Government Engineer Mr.J.Lee
Visited Tinputz and inspected the existing Ramazon river crossing
(for the 70th time so he says) Engineering plans and costs for
a cement ford on crossing previously designed and forwarded
by his Officer were discussed. The designe which consists of
a cement ford with Gabion baskets and Reno mattresses was slightly
modified by Mr.Lee to include an extra width of Reno Mattress.
The cost would now be about \$2100. (Public Works Headquarters
reference 97-18-001 of 12th March 1970)

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As Gabion baskets are now used throughout the Territory they are soon to be stocked by Government Stores in Rabaul.

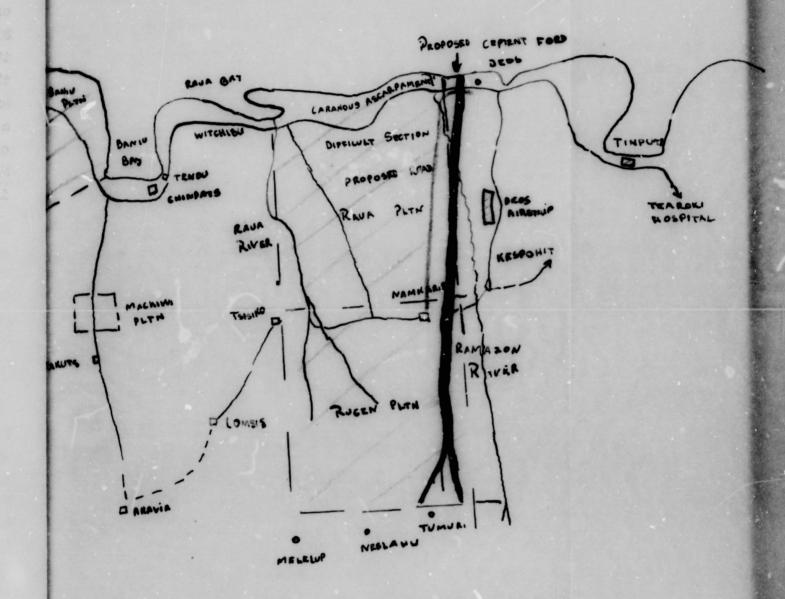
All other materials for the project are available from Rabaul suppliers. Mr. Lee has advised that a technical assistant for the construction of the project ill be appointed by his officez.

The project is now first priority on the District schedule of Rural Development Project for 1970/71 and an allocation of \$3500 has been requested. Unfortunately it is disappointing that a bridge cannot be constructed, however a cement ford is the best solution considering the nature of the river and the anticipated available funds. Many amateur engineers including some Public Works Officers have given the project little chance of success and have suggested instead a wooden bridge with piles. Mr. Lee does not agree and recommends that a single span bridge is the only answer, the cost of which would be at least \$20,000

R.A. Deverell.

(ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER)

TINPUTZ SPECIAL PATROL REPORT NO 8 1969/70 ROAD SURVEY NORTH RAMAZON AREA



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

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District of Bougainville	Report No. Tinputz Special No. 1969/70
Patrol Conducted by	everell A.D.O.
Area Patrolled Rugen & Raua Pl	antations, Namkerio and Tsisiko Villages.
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans	NIL
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Did Medical Assistant Accompany?	No.
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Director of District Administration, PORT MORESBY.	Forwarded, please.
19,5,1970	Commissioner Commissioner
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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

28th May, 1970.

The District Commissioner, Bougainville District, KIETA.

PATROL NO. TINFUTZ 3/69-70

Your reference 67-1-10 of 18th May, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. R. A. Deverell Assistant District Officer of part TEOF-TINFUTZ Census Division.

The matters arising from this short patrol will be covered in separate correspondence.

(T.W. ELLIS)

C.C. Department of the Administrator.

Mr. R. A. Deverell,
Patrol Post,
TINPUTZ. Bougainville District.

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Department of the Administrator, District Headquarters, Bougainville District,

18th May, 1970.

The Secretary, Department of the Administrator, KONEDOBU.

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TINPUTZ PATROL NO. 3 1969/70

Report on the above specified special patrol conducted by Mr. R.A. Deverill A.D.O. together with the Assistant District Commissioner's covering comments are forwarded herewith.

- 2. The special nature of the patrol was to inquire into matters raised by you in your memorandum 35-14-11 of 16th January, 1970, concerning ownership of portions of Rugen and Raua Plantations. The Director of Lands, Surveys and Mines' memorandum 1584 of 12th January, 1970 to you contains the basis of approach of the investigation.
- 3. This report should be read in conjunction with my memorandum 35-2-9 of even date which sets out land areas available to Tsisiko and Namkerio villages, previous N.G.L.T.R.O. action and objections to Final Orders.

Att.

Assistant District Commissioner, C.C. Buka Passage Sub District, HUTJENA.

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Sub District Office, HUTJENA, Bougainville District.

7th May, 1970

District Commissioner, District Headquarters, KIETA. Bougainville.

> Patrol Report TINPUTZ No.3-1969/70, RUGA and RAUA PLANTATIONS, Mr. R.A. DEVERELL Assistant District Officer

- 1. I attach original and one copy of the above report.
- 2. The patrol was of a special nature, to further enquire into native occupation of RUGEN and RAUA Plantations. Mr. DEVERELL's report, and my comments, are forwarded under cover of my 35-2-81 of 6th May, 1970.
- 3. No further comment on the report is necessary. Forwarded, please.

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(K.J Hanrahan)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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TINPUTZ SPECIAL PATROL NO. 4 1969/70.

Rugen and Raua Plantations.

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Overnight TSISIKO.

SATURDAY 11th. APRIL: Inspected TIMBIBRAN and DABABUR Reserves, Overnight TSISIKO.

SUNDAY 12th. APRIL: Proceeded Namkerio Village and listed

land holdings of this village. Returned and overnight TSISIKO.

MONDAY 13th. APRIL: Recoded land holdings of TSISIKO Village.

Overnight TSISIKO.

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Patrol Post, Timputs, Bougainville District. 30th April 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner, Sub District Office, HUZJENA

RUGEN AND RAUA PLANTATION

Your reference 35-2-81 of the 3rd April 1970.

This report refers to a complete land study for the villages of Mankerie and Tsisiko. The above memorandum only refers to Rugen Plantation, however the situation as it affects Rama Plantation has also been included in this report as the problem everlapps. I have also added comments of my own in addition to the information required.

Appendix 'A' lists the land heldings of the various elams and the areas being utilized by Mankerie and Tsisiko Villages. The Amara, Natavit and Makalip elams refer to the Manigure or Ragle as their 'Pidgin'. The Masi and Makai elams are under the Susu or Hernbill 'Pidgin'. Slight spelling differences and pronounciations from previous correspondence, where the information has been collected in another area, is due to dialectal differences.

The overall clan leaders are as follows:-

Hankerio Village	Hakai Wasi	Clan	Kebaha Rika
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Tsisiko Village	Nakai Amara Nakalip	:	Virosi Keere Vopim.

Each piece of land is being used by a number of related family groups which I call a lineage, and each lineage has a leader or head. The other names listed are each representative of a family group.

Appendix 'B' refers to information relative to the three Reserves Timbibean, Debasini and Dadabur, which are inside the boundaries of Rugen and Raua estates and are held in trust by the Head of the Department.

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With the initial purchase of 12,000 acres or 20 square miles by the German Administration which now comprises Rugen and Raua Estates, all the available land to Tsisiko and Mamkerio Villages was included, (except for a small area of 50 acres around the present Tsisiko Village). Old trees near Mamkerio Village and at the back of Rugen Estate evidence the fact that these people claimed or were living in the area at the time.

The respective acreage figures for the above Plantations are as follows:-

Plantation	Total Acresse	Planted Undeveloped
Raua	6465	600 1000 5865 5465
Rugen	6015	320 320 5695 5695
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The people are now aware of the boundaries of Rugen and Raua and are also aware the respective owners have clear titles. They have also been informed there is the chance they will forfeit their plantings and be removed if the owners wish to take legal action. However they find this hard to escept particularly as they claim they have no knowledge of the original purchase, and furthermore, of the combined Estates area of 12,480 acres only 920 acres has been planted leaving 11,560 acres undeveloped much of which is prime agricultural land. I have no record, but if Final Orders were made I cannot agree that if the people were properly consulted and made fully aware of the implications and the full extent of the boundaries of the Estates they would never have agreed to such Griers.

At present virtually the whole of Tsisiko and Mankerio Villages are utilising land inside Rugen and Raua Estates.

Mankerio Village itself is inside the Raua boundary. The attached Appendix 'A' and sketch map shows all the land traditionally available to Mankerio and Tsisiko Villages, and apart from a small area around Tsisiko Village and the Reserves L'basini, Dadabur and Timbibean, all this land is within the above boundaries. On the mountainous Morthern side Lomsis and Meblahiu village land comes to the boundary of Rugen. On the Mountainous Western side Meblahium, Melelup, and Tumuri village land extends to the Western boundary of Rugen. On the Southern side Kespohit and Pokapa village ground is adjacent to the Southern boundary....

In the past there has never been any interchange of clan land rights between any of the above villages. If say Amara clan representatives from Tsisiko Village tried to use Amara clan land of Lomsis Village this would result in bitter fighting. In using Rugen and Raua land these people are exercising their traditional Land rights and even those using the Reserves are in their minds the traditional owners. It is obvious that these people have been living in this area for some considerable time however with the emphasis now on cash cropping they have started to plant and this has brought the situation to light. Furthermore in the past some people have left Tsisiko and Mamkerio Villages and married into Tumuri and Meblahiu villages. As the land in this area is not suited for each cropping these people are now returning to their villages and reclaiming old land rights. 10 family groups have returned within the last few years.

Appendix 'B' includes details of the three Reserves Dadabur, Debasini, and Timbibean, which have a total area of 1020 acres. The present population figures from the village registers are as follows :-

Tsisiko Village 138 persons 30 family groups
Hamkerio " 207 56
345

If the people of Mamkerio and Tsisike were forced to settle on these Reserves the total area would have to be divided amongst 345 persons or 86 family groups. That is 12 acres per family group. However I estimate there is only 800 acres available for planting and this reduces the figure to slightly less than 10 acres per family group. I do not consider this amount of land sufficient for the future needs of the people. Resettlement blocks are usually 40 acres.

In the past a number of Officers have attempted to explain the legal position with regard to these boundaries. Reserves and define the boundaries. These areas however are still only being occupied by the traditional owners. Any attempt to infringe or interfegs with these supposed rights by forcing other settlers into these areas would meet with a hostile reaction.

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On the advice of the Plantation mamagers and Administration Officers planting has ceased for now. Apart from cautioning the people Rugen manager Mr. L Frost has taken no other positive action. However Burns Philp District Plantation Manager Mr. Childs has recently returned from leave and I expect his next visit will be with a view of taking legal or other action. Court action would be a good thing as it would at least get the whole matter off the ground.

Mr. Watkins a trustee of Raus Estate has also only taken setion to caution the people. However he is concerned that since two years ago when he previously cautioned the Namkerio people they have made considerable gains. At present he is not prepared to take legal setion and is waiting for Burns Philp of Rugen to make the first move. He has suggested he is willing to sell land in the Uhitapanos and Ahil area to the Administration but would not disclose a price. He would not consider selling to the local people as he would have to bear the cost of surveying and this would also not solve has problem. Since 1967 Mr. Watkins has spoken of logging timber on Raus and also the development of 10 by 40 acre blocks to be settled on by some 67 his Highland labourers. As yet however he has no immediate plans.

(R.A. Deverell)
Assistant District Officer

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