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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MENDI No. 17 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by Mr. D. Hoban Cadet patrol Officer

Area Patrolled UNDIRI Census Division MENDI Sub-District

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans N41
8 Members R.P.&N.G.C.
Natives 2 Admin. drivers 1 M.O. broken periods

Duration—From 17/12/1966 to 31/3/1967

Number of Days 91 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 17/12/1966

Medical 19

Map Reference Fourmil KBTUBU

Objects of Patrol Maintain law and order; provide liaison and supply
between MENDI Station and the POMBADL Patrol

Director of District Administration,
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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Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

28th June, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

Mendi Patrol Report No. 17 of 6 67.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the
above report and your comments thereon.

2. Matters of Agriculture, Livestock, Education
and Health will be referred to the District Co-Ordinating
Committee.

3. A good patrol as usual by Mr. Hoban.

(D. Hoban)
District Commissioner.

C.C. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI

19th May, 1967

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI

PATROL No. 17 of 1966/67 -UNDIRI CENSUS
DIVISION - MR. C.P.O. HOBAN.

Attached please find the above report submitted by Mr. Hoban in duplicate. The patrol was of a special nature in that it was primarily mounted for the maintenance of law and order in the PUMI-SUMIA-POMBADL areas where a number of PUMI persons were killed in November 1966 by the SUMIA people.

(2) Following are comments on the report:-

(a) AGRICULTURE.

The area has been neglected in preference for the more accessible areas of the Upper Mendi and Karint census divisions. The introduction of tea as an economic crop in the Undiri census division will certainly act as a stimulus to the people as a whole.

(b) LIVESTOCK.

I support the remarks of the reporting officer and submit that the only course available is for them to sell their steers at a handsome profit. They have in the back of their minds that the steer may die if not sold and this would be a loss of their original capital outlay. It appears to me that D.A.S.F. is trying to indicate that a cattle industry has been introduced into the Southern Highlands District but, in fact, this is not the case as a self contained cattle industry in this district requires breeding facilities for the owners and these are certainly not available if only steers are available to people who are interested in this industry. I cannot see why selected individuals cannot have an opportunity to purchase cows if they have the finance available to do this.

(c) FORESTS.

The Forestry Officer, Mendi, has already assessed the Pumi timber potential and the Pumi people are keen to start constructing a road in more or less a direct route to Mendi.

(d) HEALTH.

The Upper Mendi Local Government Council, on the advice of Public Health Department Mendi, erected last year an aluminium building to be used as an Aid Post. It has not occupied since its completion in June 1966 and the Council consequently feels that they have been let down by the Department. It is doubtful if the Council will

Aid Posts for Public Health Department although they have allocated \$1,000.00 from revenue in 1967/68 to assist in the construction of hospital buildings at Mendi.

(e) EDUCATION.

The lack of opportunity for the children in the eastern Undiri Census Division to attend school is one of concern to both this office and the Upper Mendi Local Government Council. In August of this year the whole of the Mendi sub-district, including Mendi township will undoubtedly be constituted as a multi-racial Council. The direct result of this will be that virtually two census divisions, Undiri and Kambiri, will be considered backward as no educational facilities have been introduced into the area and there seems no likelihood that there will be in the immediate future unless the Education Department at Headquarters level can be convinced that there is a very evident need to distribute education facilities throughout the whole of the Mendi sub-district rather than have a concentration of facilities located in the Upper Mendi and Karint Census divisions, plus Mendi township. The Council will be only too happy to allocate funds for the construction of school buildings in the Kambiri and Undiri Census Divisions if the Education Department will consider establishing schools in the census divisions mentioned above.

(f) ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The improvement of the road in the NEGI-IORE- ENDI areas is remarkable and the people have co-operated with a will to get it completed and in good condition as they are most anxious to involve themselves in economic development projects. Tea is the main crop which will interest them in the immediate future as the Capuchin Mission factory will be able to cope with their production when the tea comes into bearing. It is to be hoped that D.A.F.S. will be able to find additional outlets for these people so that as many people as possible are engaged on multiple cash crop projects. It is my belief that if the people of this area can be encouraged to involve themselves in economic development projects crime will be cut down to a minimum as the people will be more interested in a cash economy and, being personally engaged in worthwhile activities, will tend to discuss their economic development projects instead of idling around the village and involving themselves in magico-religious practices which ultimately lead to murder and associated crimes.

(g) POTTERY.

I am pleased to see that Mr. Hoban has interested himself in a community development project whilst on this patrol. Samples of clay have been collected and will be handed to a Trade and Industry Department representative who will be visiting Mendi next week.

CONCLUSION.

This is a most interesting report submitted by Mr. Hoban and he has obviously given thought to its presentation. Camping allowance claim is attached for payment, please.

passed for payment 9/15

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J. Young-Stewart
J. YOUNG-STEWART
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Sub-District Office,
MENDI.
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT.
16th May, 1967

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 17 of 1966-67
UNDIRI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol conducted by:
Area Patrolled:

D. HOBAN, C.P.O.
UNDIRI CENSUS DIVISION

Personel Accompanying:

8 members R.P. & N.G.C.
2 drivers, 1 Medical Orderley (broken periods)

Duration of Patrol

17/12/66 - 31/3/67 -with field breaks
88 camped out

Last patrol in this area

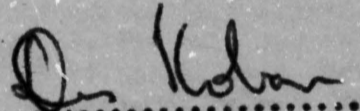
17/12/66

Objects of the Patrol

- (1) To maintain law and order following the PUMI massacre of November 1966.
- (2) To provide liason and supply between MENDI Station and POHBADL PATROL.
- (3) To improve roads and carry out normal administration duties.

Map reference

Formil Kutubu.


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(D. HOBAN)
CADET PATROL OFFICER

INTRODUCTION:

Following on the multiple murders in the SUMIA-PUMI area in NOVEMBER 1966 intensive Patrolling was undertaken by several D.D.A. Officers with a view to the apprehension of suspects and the prevention of further outbreaks of violence. These Patrols are covered in Mendi Patrol Report NOS. 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18 and 19 of 1966/67.

From the 18/12/66 Standing Patrols were maintained in the area - one based at POMBADL on the West side of the LAI RIVER conducted initially by MR. F. LEIBFRIED A.D.O. accompanied by MR. P.C. JONES C.P.O. and later by MR. C. DANGERFIELD P.O. The other Patrol was concerned with the area East of the LAI - more particularly SUMIA, PUMI, IORE, IARIA, MEGI, and IAGEN village groups - and is covered in this Report.

Both Patrols were concerned primarily with the maintenance of law and order and the restoration of peace in the area. Police investigations were handled by Sub-Inspector RITCHIE of R.P. & N.G.C. MENDI and so no mention of these proceedings will be made here.

Secondary objectives of the Patrol were;

- (1) Supply and liason between MENDI Station and the POMBADL PATROL
- (2) The improvement of roads in the area.
- (3) Normal administrative duties.

The area involved forms part of the UNDIRI Census Division. It was Patrolled only very occasionally till mid 1966. Mission activities are now quite extensive but of only recent origin, the first permanent establishment being constructed in 1964.

Economic development is negligible. Coffee, cattle and vegetables have been introduced but are not as yet widespread or successful. Some timber milling is undertaken and well supported by locals.

Traditional beliefs and practice are still strong. A portion of this Census Division is included in the U.N.L.G.C. and moves were underway for the inclusion of the whole area last September but were disrupted by the murders at PUMI. The Council has had a featureless history, no project so far has been successful and Councillors have little idea of the ramifications and benefits of Local Government. They have influence within their group but do not exercise this in ways which benefit progress and development.

The climate is invigorating and topography undulating to hilly though broken by deeply entrenched river valleys. Vegetation consists of extensive pit-pit cover with forested hill slopes.

VILLAGES:

There is no village grouping of houses in the area, the traditional hamlet grouping being practiced. The only comment I wish to make here is on hygiene which is poor. There was quite a high incidence of conjunctivitis and tropical ulcer throughout the Patrol the control of which I think is largely a matter of personal hygiene. (See Health - Pottery)

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Officials at the village level have, during the period of the Patrol, shown themselves, with a few exceptions, loath to incur the disfavour of kinsmen. The degree to which they subscribe the traditional custom is demonstrated by the fact that the Village Constables of PUMI-SUMIA and IAGEN with the Councillors of IORE served or are serving goal sentences for offences related to the PUMI murders.

On the other hand the Village Constables of ENDOWA and IORE were helpful and reliable in informing me on the local situation.
(See APPENDIX A for list of officials)

POLITICAL SITUATION:

The political situation during this period was dominated by the tension and fear arising from the PUMI murders.

The Patrol was continually engaged in investigating allegations of offences and ominous behaviour laid by one or another group against their rivals. Many of these proved unfounded but contributed to and indicated the tension in the area (See Complaints and Courts)

The real basis of the conflict between the people of PUMI and SUMIA appears to be the shortage of SUMIA land and the claims made on this by the PUMI'S. This has been a constant worry to the SUMIA'S and, I feel, has contributed largely to several incidents over the years between the two groups which culminated in the murder of PUTAP headman of WAK WAK and SUMIA by PUMIS (See Patrol Report NO 5 of 1966/67)

In view of the above MR J. YOUNG-WHITFORD A.D.C. was notified and is presently engaged in reaching a decision in land ownership there.

I do not consider however that the conflict will be resolved solely in the Court. If, as appears possible, the SUMIAS claims are defeated in Court then a new approach will be required. It is hoped that a plan for locals to purchase and plant 10 acre tea blocks in conjunction with the Capuchin Mission tea project at IARIA will come to fruition. Priority of settlement could then be given to SUMIA people and the twin objectives of a profitable occupation and separation of the conflicting groups achieved.

Throughout the Patrol attempts were made to initiate a 'MOGA' or traditional burying of the hatchet but to no avail - communication between the two groups is still frigid.

Leadership at the Village Level:

A relationship between the quality of Village Constables and the quality of Councillors who supersede them has become evident. Where an energetic V.C. was appointed in a village which is later brought under Local Government there is a reaction towards electing an amenable person who will not be too energetic in promoting Administration policy. This reaction serverley retards Council effectiveness.

The number of young ex Highland Labour Scheme men will, I think counterbalance this tendency however. Many young men expressed dissatisfaction with their elders and were anxious for progress.

AGRICULTURE:

There was no food shortage observed by the Patrol. Introduced vegetables include corn, potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage shalots, pumpkins and cucumbers. This distribution of these is, however, patchy. I think two problems present themselves here.

One is the lack of Agricultural extension work consequent upon staff shortage at MENDI, which is reflected in the local's ignorance of correct planting techniques. For example tomatoes are not stacked and so much of the crop is damaged by dampness from contact with the ground. Again potatoes are very small though I am uncertain wether to attribute this to premature harvesting, shallow digging of gardens or a soil deficiency.

The second problem is that the local's do not have other than rudimentary cooking vessels. I would imagine that cooking would improve the appeal of introduced vegetables and contribute to a more diverse and balanced diet. (See Pottery)

Considerable effort is expended by locals in providing produce for Saturday market at MENDI - walking distances of 10 miles being common. No estimate of turnover has been made for the market but a figure of \$ 500 would be conservative. Demand is steady and will increase and would, I think, warrant limited market gardening - certainly there are potential improvements in quality which would be welcome to consumers. Further this would allow optimum use of the Department of Agriculture supervision.

LIVESTOCK:

Four cattle projects have been commenced in the UNDIRI CENSUS DIVISION at MEGI, OME, IORE, and SUMIA. There are in an undesirable state.

Department of Agriculture policy seems to be based on two approaches.

(1) That initially projects should be stocked with steers and only if it is apparent after an unspecified trial period that locals are ~~capable~~ capable of caring for stock will breeding stock be made available for purchase.

(2) That MENDI Sub District does not possess country suitable for cattle grazing in that areas available are too ~~small~~ small and consequently no further attention will be given to this venture.

I have two observations to make on the above.

(a) A project in which only steers are provided cannot be considered a fair test of the local desire or ability to care for stock.

It is necessary to point out first that locals are aware of and annoyed at the obvious inability of their stock to reproduce. This was remarked on many times by the owners as well as the two men, MABI-EMALA of IORE and TIBILITA-MOIYAP of IARIA who have attended Department of Agriculture extension courses at PAIYER RIVER W.H.D. There is, then, no apparent incentive for maintaining these stock as there is no basis for an increase in their value.

When it is pointed out in addition that ~~profits~~ profits of 200% can be readily made by slaughtering the steers it can only be concluded that this is a natural and prudent course of action rather than an indication of inability or lack of interest in caring for cattle as it had been construed.

It is necessary to come to a clear understanding with the people on it when, if at all, breeding stock will be made available for purchase.

(b) Locals have expressed disillusionment with attempts at economic progress within the MENDI Sub District. IORESOK-EBABIA ex V.C. of IORE among many others pointed out that fish projects, coffee plots and pyrethum had proved unsatisfactory for one reason or another (reasons unclear to him and his people were tired of 'working for nothing'.

I think it is imperative that a clear statement on the future of cattle in MENDI be given these people by the Department of Agriculture. This will at last prevent further lack of direction and purpose leading to disillusionment and ill feeling by locals towards the Administration.

FORESTS:

The Capuchin Mission operates a sawmill at IARIA and both the METHODIST MISSION and PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT haul timber from the IAGEN area. Both these stands are becoming depleted.

In view of this then a large stand (approximately 3 ~~square~~ square miles) of beech forest on hill slopes North and West of IORE extending to PUMI (See Patrol Map) may be worth closer investigation.

If a direct road link between TUBIRI and PUMI were cut then this area would have added attraction as a result of the relatively short road mileage to MENDI involved. A distance of approximately four mile against the present 13. (See Roads & Bridges Patrol Report No. 3 of 1966-67)

Two varieties of insect, which the local people of the IORE area said ate the seeds of casurina's and beech trees, were forwarded to the Officer In Charge of FORESTS MENDI for his evaluations.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Capuchin Mission has completed planning on its 1200 acre tea lands project at IARIA. It is intended to construct a processing factory on the site and to process any leaf grown by the local people on adjoining plots. The profitable employment of the local people in setting up the project - clearing, drainage etc. - will provide a handsome secondary benefit.

During the Patrol two trade stores were opened in the UWDIRI CENSUS DIVISION - the first so far. Both these are run by Catholic N Catechist under supervision of mission staff at MENDI. Sales are small as yet with emphasis on decoration paints and clothing.

Small though steady amounts of money are earned through timber milling operations and sale of produce at MENDI market. The chief source of cash is still however the savings of returned Highland Labour scheme workers.

Further consideration will be given to the feasibility of pottery and cottage industry.

LAND:

A chain and compass survey and land investigation were submitted on a 3-4 acre block of land at MEGI called 'YORUWERI'. An application for lease has been made by Capuchin Mission under the Department of Lands FILE NO 66/2059 SH 35.

Though 1200 acres have been purchased at IARIA -IORE for the Catholic Mission tea project I do not think population pressure on land is high. Certainly proposals for locally owned 10 acre blocks run in conjunction with the mission factory should not fail for want of land - several hundred acres of ~~six~~ land are available on the South and West sides of the Mission lease.

COMPLAINTS:

The majority of complaints heard on this Patrol derived from the animosity between the PUMIS and SUMIAS and their respective allies.

These consisted of allegations of theft, threatening or insulting language or carrying of deadly weapons laid by one group or individual against their rivals.

There was no marked trend in the remainder of complaints i.e. these were not peculiar to the situation. The full range of rape, theft, ~~unlawfully~~ unlawfully injuring, insulting language and breaches of marriage agreements were heard.

COURTS:

As I did not have Magisteral powers all cases where a trial was considered necessary were referred to the Local Court MENDI.

Mention will be made of three incidents which lead to Court hearings and ultimately convictions. Others are noted in the Patrol Diary.

PAYBACK PREPARATIONS AT IORE:

On the morning of 19/12/1966 female native POMBIRI -TIBIO of IORE reported with head injuries allegedly inflicted by her husband - KALAS/PUMB. As he had failed to appear for questioning by mid day I walked with 2 Constables of R.P. & N.G.C. and D.D.A. Interpreter NANDABE to his home to question him.

His house adjoined that of male native AWABE-PUMB who was murdered by people of the IAGEN on 23/8/1966.

Whilst at his house I noticed some newly marked bone-tipped arrows. Male native PUMB/?, father of AWABE became very agitated when I examined these. A through search of the house and environs revealed 94 arrows 23 of which were newly bone tipped. One of these was sheathed with bamboo and the tip bound with a leaf. Interpreter NANDABE ~~xx~~ assured me this indicated 'poison' had been worked on the ~~xxx~~ tip and it would have used shortly in an attack.

Other indications of imminent payback were untouched ripe bananas and sugar to be used in a feast after the payback and freshly painted KINIA shell to be used as compensation by AWABE'S kin for injuries sustained by the payback party.

Questioning of KALAS and PUMB resulted in 13 arrests for offensive behaviour. These men were tried in the Local Court and convicted to 6 months in HARD LABOUR in MENDI C.I. (See Local Court Records: MENDI Case NOS 1125-1137 1966/67.)

DEATH OF TONGUWEN- HEADMAN OF MIL:

On the morning of 7/3/67 the V.C. of ENDOWA informed me that TONGUWEN, a headman of MIL, had died two days previously and that traditional practise had been followed for the exposing of sorcers.

Male native MOBUAP-IBISALA and KOBULI-TERENSO of MIL, relatives of TONGUWEN, were said to have performed these rites and come to the conclusion that male native KUMISI/PANT of ESKAMP was the sorcery killer of TONGUWEN.

This report was considered gravely as there has for several years been a bitter land dispute between the people of MIL and ESKAMP-PUMBERA.

Details were sent to MR. DANGERFIELD P.O. and resulted in the conviction of KOBULI and MOBUAP, to 2 months and 4 months respectively in Hard Labour at MENDI C.I. (See Local Court Record: MENDI.- case NOS 1374-5 1966-67.)

THEFT OF KAU KAU:

On the afternoon of 28/2/67 Cpl; LALIO and Constable GANDI reported to IORE with male native IBULE-MARABINAGI, male native DUAME-TIMA, female native ONE-ADUNAGI each of SUMIA and female native MET-AREN of IORE whom he had apprehended in the act of stealing kau kau from PUMI gardens.

These four were prosecuted -IBULE was sentenced to 2 months in Hard Labour at MENDI C.I. DUAME, ONE and MET were sentenced to 2 months in LIGHT LABOUR at MENDI C.I.

See Local Courts Records: MENDI Case Nos 13340-13343 1966-67

HEALTH:

Health in this area is generally good.

Sickness was confined to conjunctivitis, tropical ulcers and mild cases of dysentery with ailments unknown to me being referred to MENDI hospital.

In the early stage of the Patrol sick parades were held almost daily as there was quite a deal of conjunctivites - treatment proved effective and within a month there was seldom a case to treat. Tropical ulcers proved more difficult to clean up as the people will not appear for the regular treatment necessary.

There is one permanently staffed AID POST in the whole UNDIRI CENSUS DIVISION - at PINJ. The U.M.L.G.C. has constructed a permanent AID POST at IORE but have been unable to secure a Medical Orderley owing to staff shortage.

EDUCATION:

There is no school wither, Administration or Mission, in the whole area of the UNDIRI CENSUS DIVISION (population 6984).

If staffing and finance allowed I think IORE would be the ideal site as there is a population of 1,917 within three miles and a reasonably well developed road network.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Roads in the area were in a poor condition in December. Village groups were not fulfilling Statutory Obligations of maintaining roads although it must be said that there was little in the form of services provided for this.

Initial road construction in the area was very rapid and consequently rough.

Road-work on this Patrol will be discussed in three sections.

(1) COMMUNICATIONS TO MEGI.

One of the objects of this Patrol was supply and liason between MENDI Station and the POMBADL Patrol. To this end considerable attention was given to the MEGI road during the rainy months of December and January -MEGI being the nearest roadhead to POMBADL. Consolidation of muddy sections was the main task.

(2) MINIMUM MAINTANCE TO IARIA AND PINJ.

Some time was spent in ensuring that the roads to IARIA, PUMI and PINJ were at least passable.

On the night of 6/2/67 a buttress of the bridge over the NIPA CREEK was washed out. This bridge was replaced - a square of 35' being involved. Payment for timbers was made in Mother Of Pearl shell.

Considerable time was spent in the removal of landslides on the steeply sloping sections of the PUMI road.

(3) IORE - MENDI ROAD:

This section of the road was given top priority for two reasons.

(a) That it is the arterial road for the UNDIRI CENSUS DIVISION - all other roads branching off it at or near IORE. It thus has the heaviest traffic circulation.

(b) Heavy demands will be placed on this road once the Capuchin Mission commences operations on their IARIA tea lands project.

The approach taken here was to remove all paving stones and to recut the surface of the road providing a heavy camber. The surface was then paved and where available gravel or sponia-like material found in local streams was used as a capping to assist water runoff.

Sharp corners were opened and where it was considered judicious culverts were filled in so as to reduce breaks in the road surface and the future maintenance road.

Paving stones within the area was in short supply, hauls of up to 1½ miles being unavailable. A tractor and trailer was secured and proved invaluable. The removal of landslides at PORORO occupied a portion of the time.

The above involved village groups in heavy work - the heavier because there was not the incentive of opening up new area. It would I think be advisable now that a reasonable network of roads exists within the MENDI Sub-District to proceed more deliberately with road construction.

Thirty-six sledge hammer heads were issued among people of PUMI, MEGI, IORE, and ONE Village groups.

In conclusion no meaningful estimate of work completed can be given because of the adhoc nature of the work.

MISSIONS:

Following the murders in the PUMI area several mission personnel withdrew for the duration.

Among these were a Seventh Day Adventist at SUMIA and two Catholic Catechists, one at PUMI and one at IORE. The Seventh Day Adventist is the only absentee at this stage - apparently at WABAG.

There is a tendency to rather bitter rivalry between the less educated Mission personnel. Several allegations and counter allegations of insulting language were laid by indigenous mission personnel against their counterparts and proved difficult to mediate. The posting of well educated indigenous Methodist Pastor to MEGI and the continual presence of Father Ben of Capuchin Mission should help to arrest what could become a bitter situation causing confusion to locals.

Timber milling operations by both Catholic and the Methodist Missions ~~benefit~~ benefit the area (See Forestry) and the benefit from the Capuchin tea project are, I think, ~~self~~ self-evident.

See APPENDIX B for list of personnel

POTTERY:

Excluding lengths of bamboo and empty tin cans the MENDI culture is completely lacking in cooking vessels. I would imagine that cooking would enhance the appeal of introduced crops such as cabbage and corn, this assisting in the acceptance for ~~the~~ more diverse and balanced diet.

A second use for containers would be to allow for a ready supply of fresh water. This could prove an assistance to Public Health Department Extension workers on personal hygiene.

In light of these considerations some time was spent in collecting various clays throughout the area and trying to mould vessels from this. The attempts were not successful as the clay tended to dry out too rapidly and crumble.

Attempts to find suitable clays will be continued and correspondence will be entered in to in order to secure technical information.

The possibility of the U.M.I.G.C. undertaking the manufacture of the vessels on a limited scale will also be investigated.

The local people showed considerable interest in the idea.

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APPENDIX 'A'

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE CONSTABLES:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
KIRIB-WAITUM	IARIA
ARIBI-WOLU	IARIA
KENGA-PONGOP	MEGI
ONES-SOMALU	SUMIA-PUMI

COUNCILLORS:

WALE TULISONK	IORE
EMBOSI-NONIA	ONE
KABI-IAMBUKUWA	PORORO
IEGI-KEGIS	TUBIRI

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APPENDIX 'B'

MISSION PERSONNEL IN UNDJRI CENSUS DIVISION

CATHOLIC

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
CLITUS-PIMEL	PUMI
WATA-ANDANO	IARIA
ETE -IBATEWA	MEGI

METHODIST

TEBIRI- ?	MEGI
? - ?	IAREN

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MENDI PATROL REPORT NO 17 of 1966-67

PATROL DIARY

Saturday, 17th December, 1966

Departed MENDI 1100 hours with MR. FRANK LEIBFRIED, A.D.O.
Arrived IORE 1200 hours. Discussions with MR. NOEL CAVANAGH A.D.C. on the
general situation.

R.O.N. IORE

Sunday 18th December, 1966

Drove from IORE to MEGI with MESSERS LEIBFRIED A.D.O. and CAVANAGH A.D.C.
MR. LEIBFRIED then walked to POMBADL. Returned to IORE.

R.O.N. IORE

Monday 19th December, 1966

1000 HOURS MESSERS Mc QUILTY, P.O., HUNTER A.D.C. and SISSLEY, P.O.
arrived with 60 detainees ex POMBADL. Party including MR CAVANAGH then
departed for MENDI. ~~Supervised~~ Supervised roadwork IORE area. 1700
hours by car to PUMI to check with Police there.

R.O.N. IORE

Tuesday 20th December, 1966

0700 hours female native POBIRI - TIBIO of IORE reported with head
injuries inflicted by her husband male native KALIAS - IANT

KALIAS upon request failed to appear so walked to his house. Large
numbers of new arrows found in AWABE'S (murdered August 23rd, 1966) house.
Questioning of suspect followed and notified MR. ORWIN a/ D.D.C. of
situation.

R.O.N IORE

Wednesday 21st December, 1966

MR. JONES, C.P.O., arrived IORE and forwarded to MEGI enroute to
POMBADL.

Carried out land investigation and chain and compass survey of
'YORUWERI' at MEGI for Capuchin Mission lease application.

Returned to IORE 1600 hours. Met MR ANDERSON a ADC there. Presented
information on manufacture of weapons to LOCAL COURT - 13 men convicted
for offensive behaviour.

R.O.N. IORE.

Thursday 22nd December, 1966

By car to PUMI with wedgehammer heads for distribution and Police
rations. Supervised roadwork. Following report by Cpl. IAMBE male native
WINALU - KUNUA of PUMI was arrested for offensive behaviour and dispatched
under escort to MENDI.

R.O.N. IORE

Friday 23rd December, 1966

Supervised roadwork A.M. By car to PUMI A.M. to check with Police.
Sick parade IORE 1200 hours.

R.O.N. IORE

Saturday 24th December, 1966

Dispatched carriers with supplies for POMBADL.

Walked to PUMI to check with Police.

Sick parade IORE.

R.O.N. IORE

Sunday 25th December, 1966

0730 hours - presented with cookies and bourbon by Father Ben.

0930 hours MR. DICKSON C.P.O. arrived with Christmas dinner - walked
to POMBADL And partook of same with MR. JONES C.P.O And LEIBFRIED A.D.O.

R.O.N. POMBADL.

Monday 26th December, 1966

Departed POMBADL for IORE via PUMBERA, ESKAMP, ENDOWA and PUMI.

Monday 26th December, 1966 Cont.

Police at PUMI reported alleged rape of female native
 PIRISA-TUNDI of PUMI by male native PAKEA-ONGE of IORE.
 Questioned PIRISA and sent for PAKEA.
 R.O.N. IORE

Tuesday 27th December 1966

A.M. rested
 P.M. To PUMI with supplies and to check with Police.
 PAKEA arrived and upon admitting having forceful sexual
 intercourse with PIRISA was arrested for indecent assault.
 Sick parade IORE
 R.O.N. IORE

Wednesday 28th December 1966

0730 Forwarded supplies to POMBADL
 0930 CPL IAMBE to MEGI -replaced ~~xxx~~ at PUMI BY Sgt. WAN.
 1130 Constable MAJOE reported absconding from Hospital Mendi
 of female with infectious hepatitis. Search ~~init~~ initiated and
 advised Mendi of report that she was a WAK WAK.
 R.O.N. IORE

Thursday 29th December 1966

A.M. Supervised roadwork at IORE.
 P.M. Walked to PUMI- allegations of threatening behaviour
 laid by male native MULI-IANT of MAMIM SCIMIA against male native
 WESUM-WANO of PUMI investigated and MULI arrested for lying and
 despatched to MENDI.
 Sick Parade PUMI.
 P.O.N. IORE

Friday 30th December 1966

A.M. By car to PUMI to check with Police.
 Met Constable BILICK en route to Mendi ex KIP with 6 detainees
 arrested by MR JONES C.P.O. Car despatched to PINJ to collect MR
 JONES.
 Sick Parades IORE and PUMI
 R.O.N. IORE

Saturday 31st December 1966

1030 hours MESSERS HITCHCOCK O.C., MENDI C.I., and DYER of
 POLICE COLLEGE BOMANIA arrived with supplies and report of escape
 of man from Mendi C.I. Report forwarded to MR LIEBFRIED ADO for
 action. MR JONES arrived ex KIP.
 R.O.N. IORE

Sunday 1st January 1967

New Years day - observed.
 R.O.N. IORE

Monday 2nd January 1967

Checked a report that a cane bridge over Mendi River had been
 replaced under Magisteral order.
 A large casurina had been felled across the Mendi- this
 dislodged and warning issued.
 Sick Parade IORE
 R.O.N. IORE

Tuesday 3rd January 1967

A.M. Supervised roadwork IORE area.
 P.M. Checked with Police at PUMI
 Sick parade PUMI and IORE
 R.O.N. IORE

Wednesday 4th January 1967

Same as yesterday
 R.O.N. IORE

Thursday 5th January 1967

Same as yesterday.
 R.O.N. IORE

Friday 6th January 1967

Sub-Inspector Ritchie R.P. & N.G.C. arrived at PUMI to continue Police investigations.
Escorted SUMIA suspects to PUMI for questioning.
P.M. roadwork in the SUMIA area.
R.O.N. IORE

Saturday 7th January 1967

Observed at IORE.
R.O.N. IORE

Sunday 8th January 1967

By car to PUMI to check with Police.
Rations issued.
R.O.N. IORE

Monday 9th January 1967

A.M. MR. LEIBFRIED returned from MENDI field break and accompanied to MEGI.
By car to IARIA to check ~~with~~ on road.
By car to PUMI to check with Police.
P.M. Supervised roadwork IORE area.
Sick parade IORE.
R.O.N. IORE.

Tuesday 10th January 1967

A.M. Supervised roadwork at IAPIA.
P.M. To PUMI to check with Police.
Sub-Inspector Ritchie returned to MENDI. Sent ~~request~~ request for Medical Orderley.
Sick parade IORE and PUMI.
R.O.N. IORE!

Wednesday 11th January 1967

A.M. Supervised roadwork at IORE.
P.M. By car to PUMI. Mediated several disputes and inspected work on PUMI-PINJ road.
Sick parade IORE.
R.O.N. IORE

Thursday 12th January 1967

A.M. Heavy rain. By car to PUMI to check with Police.
P.M. By car to MEGI to collect MR JONES.
Sick parade MEGI and IORE
Medical Orderley arrived to ascertain cause of sickness among babies.
R.O.N. IORE

Friday 13th January 1967

A.M. By car to MENDI for break -MR JONES to conduct Patrol in my absence.
P.M. Business arising out of Patrol - ~~request~~ reports to Senior Officers.
R.O.N. IORE

Saturday 14th January 1967 & Sunday 15th January 1967

Observed at Mendi.

Monday 16th January 1967

A.M. MR ANDERSON A.D.O. advised of reported preparations for a payback by PUMI headman.
By car to IORE. Investigations of report.
Heavy rain.
R.O.N. IORE.

Tuesday 17th January 1967

Walked to PUMI with informant male native MEBISI-KOA of SUMIA. Arrested four persons at PUMI for offensive behaviour.
Sick parade at IORE
Tractor and trailer arrived for road work.
R.O.N. IORE

Wednesday 18th January 1967

0730 Continued investigations as above. Became evident that arrested persons had alibis and so released them and arrested MEBISI for lying report and despatched him to MENDI.

Supervised roadwork CME.

R.O.N. OMB

Thursday 19th January 1967

A.M. Supervised roadwork at SUMIA.

P.M. Walked to PUMI.

Sick parade IORE.

EXML R.O.N. IORE

Friday 20th January 1967

By car to MEGI to check on roadwork.

By car to PUMI to check with Police.

Mediated two disputes. Advised of ML-ESKAMP land dispute and forwarded the information to MR LEIBFRIED ADO at POMBADL for action.

Requested by MR ORWIN a/DDC to report to Mendi on 23/1/67

R.O.N. IORE.

Saturday 21st January 1967

Observed at IORE

R.O.N. IORE.

Sunday 22nd January 1967

Father Ben and Mr Clark of Catholic and Methodist Missions visited camp.

R.O.N. IORE

Monday 23rd January 1967

A.M. By car to MENDI. Road at TUBIRI in poor condition. Arrested 3 persons for failing to maintain roads.

P.M. Completed 'YORUWERI' land investigation papers.

Tuesday 24th January 1967

A.M. Talks with MR MARSH D.C. re murder of Police man at LAIAGAM and relevance of this to m. Patrol.

P.M. By car to PUMI to check with Police there.

Sick parade at PUMI.

R.O.N. IORE.

Wednesday 25th January 1967

Supervised roadwork at KENGERE.

R.O.N. IORE.

Thursday 26th January 1967

A.M. By tractor to MEGI and despatched supplies to POMBADL.

P.M. Supervised roadwork IORE areas.

R.O.N. IORE

Friday 27th January 1967

Received note from MR LEIBFRIED ADO advising of threatening behaviour by PUMI men towards people of MEGI. Walked to IAGEN upon hearing two men were there then to PUMI when heard the men were there. CPL LALIO instructed to find the two men.

R.O.N. IORE.

Saturday 28th January 1967

Sgt. HAREMBE arrived ex Mendi with supplies and note advising of MR. LEIBFRIED'S posting to PANGIA on Monday 30th January.

Walked to PUMI and questioned male native WABIBIA/NOGEM - mentioned in MR LEIBFRIED'S note of Friday 27th January - and arrested him for offensive behaviour.

Note from POMBADL requesting me to be at ESKAMP at 1200 hours Sunday 29th January.

R.O.N. IORE.

Sunday 29th January 1967

0115 hours advised WABIBIA had escaped.

0400 hours to PUMI with Police. Search for WABIBIA unsuccessful

Sunday 29th January 1967 Cont.

By car to IAGEN but again ~~inx~~ negative results.
0930 To PUMI with Patrol. People advised of consequences of harbouring escapee and reward offered for information leading to WABIBIA'S apprehension.

1200 hours walked to ESCAMP. Met MR LEIBFRIED A D O .Sat in on MIL-ESCAMP land dispute Court.
R.O.N. ESCAMP

Monday 30th January 1967

Departed ESCAMP for POMBADL

Afternoon spent in familiarization with situation.

1600 hours advised of WABIBIA'S re arrest and despatch to MENDI
R.O.N. POMBADL

Tuesday 31st January 1967

A.M. Despatched two police with excess Patrol gear and instructions to pick up witnesses for WABIBIA case at MIGI and also details of and persons involved in alleged rape at IAKIA thence to MENDI.

Familiarization walk to UBURIL DEL WARAMESA and PABARONGA. Plan for roadwork in area drawn up.

Supervised roadwork at POMBADL.

R.O.N. POMBADL

Wednesday 1st February 1967

Supervised replanting of gardens at POMBADL which had been seriously depleted in trouble period.

R.O.N. POMBADL.

Thursday 2nd February 1967

Familiarization walk to PABARONGA thence skirting side of LAI gorge to LAI River bridge site.

Returned to POMBADL via LIX WARAMESA and PABARONGA. Beautiful scenery.

R.O.N. POMBADL

Friday 3rd February 1967

Supervised replanting of gardens at POMBADL.

Received note that MR. DANGERFIELD P.O. would relieve me on Sunday.

R.O.N. POMBADL

Saturday 4th February 1967

Walked to UBURIL and DEL. Explored caves and studied Birds of Paradise.

R.O.N. POMBADL

Sunday 5th February 1967

Observed TAMBARAM ceremony at POMBADL. MR DANGERFIELD P.O. arrived ex MEGI 1500 hours.

R.O.N. POMBADL

Monday 6th February 1967

Walked ~~to~~ from POMBADL to MEGI. Three school boys afraid of the road to Mendi accompanying.

By car to IORE then PUMI with Medical Orderley who held sick parade.

Returned to IORE. Bridge over NIPA creek reported washed out.

R.O.N. IORE

Tuesday 7th February 1967

Walked to NIPA creek Bridge butress washed out and timbers half rotten. Spent rest of day cutting 40' timbers for repair work.

R.O.N. IORE

Wednesday 8th February 1967

Occupied in pulling of bridge timbers. Three ~~walks~~ mile distance involved made work very slow.

R.O.N. IORE

Thursday 9th February 1967

Checked with Police at PUMI. Supervised roadwork at PUMI.
R.O.N. IORE

Friday 10th February 1967

Cpls. LALIO and BURE with Constable KIMBUNIA despatched to MENDI for conferring of Certificates of Merit awarded for work early in PUMI trouble.

Supervised roadwork at IORE.

By car to MENDE for break.

66 Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th February 1967

Observed at MENDI.

Monday 13th February 1967

By car to IORE with medical and other supplies.

Received note from MR. DANGERFIELD P.O. advising of sefretive pig kill at PUMI on 3/2/67 and of threatening language there. Informant arrived under escort 1300 hours.

Afternoon involved in ~~taxstiggittex~~ investigating this report.
R.O.N. IORE.

Tuesday 14th February 1967

Despatched all involved in pig kill together with informant information gathered to MR. DANGERFIELD, P.O. under Police escort.

Continued construction of NIPA creek bridge.

R.O.N. IORE

Wednesday 15th February 1967

A.M. Despatched supplies to POMBADL.

Completed pulling of bridge timbers.

Inspected roadwork at OME.

R.O.N. IORE

~~XXXXXX~~

Thursday 16th February 1967

Supervised roadwork at SUMIA.

R.O.N. IORE

Friday 17th February 1967

Consequent upon note from MR. DANGERFIELD P.O. spent day in investigations of pig kill at PUMI.

R.O.N. IORE.

Saturday 18th February 1967

Advised MR DANGERFIELD P.O. ~~XXXXX~~ of results of investigations for him information in court proceedings.

R.O.N. IORE.

Sunday 19th February 1967

1500 hours MR JONES CPO now O.I.C. MENDI C.I. arrived with body of detainee from DEL who died accidentally. Despatch of body with Police escort and Interpreter organised.

R.O.N. IORE.

Monday 20th February 1967

Supervised people of OME area in roadwork.

Mediated 3 ~~sixpuxes~~ disputes.

R.O.N. IORE

Tuesday 21st February 1967

Supervised people of IAIRA in construction of NIPA creek bridge

Received note from MR DANGERFIELD requesting me to send four PUMI men to POMBADL for questioning.

R.O.N. IORE

Wednesdat 22nd February 1967

Walked to PUMI and despatched four men under escort to POMBADL.

Supervised roadwork at PUMI.

R.O.N. IORE

Thursday 23rd February 1967

Roadwork in IORE Area.
Heavy rain disrupted work P.M.
R.O.N. IORE

Friday 24th February 1967

Police party arrived ex POMBADI en route Mendi for spell.
Tractor out of order. Spent several hours settling dispute at PUMI. Was advised MR DANGERFIELD had dropped all charges arising out of PUMI pig kill.

R.O.N. IORE

Saturday 25 th February 1967

Note arrived advising that Warder PORA'S wife was in difficulty with childbirth. Pora despatched to Station.

R.O.N. IORE.

Sunday 26th February 1967

Observed at IORE.

R.O.N. IORE.

Monday 27th February 1967

Walked to NIPA creek and paid owners of construction timbers with Mother of Pearl shell.

Police party forwarded to POMBADI with supplies.

Tractor repaired by Transport Department MENDI.

R.O.N. IORE.

Tuesday 28th February 1967

Six IARIA men absent from roadwork on Monday arrested and despatched with escort to MENDI.

By car to PUMI with supplies. Cpl LALIO reported killing of PUMI pig by unknown persons. Close questioning of possible culprits fruitless.

By car to PORORO and supervised replacement to perfectly good bridge removed by POROROS - their motive being to receive payment from bridge repairs.

Sub-Inspector Ritchie RP&NGC MENDI arrived and requested me to see ~~any~~ certain corroborating evidence for Supreme Court.

Upon report of trouble at PUMI returned to IORE to find CPL LALIO with four SUMIAS he had apprehended in the act of stealing PUMI Kau kau.

Sick parade IORE.

R.O.N. IORE

Wednesday 1st March 1967

Despatched 10 persons to MENDI for Local Court.

Supervised roadwork IORE.

R.O.N. IORE

Thursday 2nd March 1967

Supervised roadwork IORE.

R.O.N. IORE

Friday 3rd March 1967

Mr. Dangerfield arrived en route MENDI for break.

Supervised roadwork IORE area. By car to PUMI where CPL LALIO had received information leading to suspicion of a PUMI man as the killer of Tuesday's pig. Questioned him and issued summons for Local Court on Wednesday 8th March at MENDI.

MR ANDERSON A.D.O. and Senior Inspector Charge R.P. & N.G.C. arrived 1200 hrs. for visit.

R.O.N. IORE

Saturday 4th March 1967

Observed at IORE.

R.O.N. IORE

Sunday 5th March 1967

Observed at IORE.

R.O.N. IORE

Monday 6th March 1967

Four men escorted to MENDI for preliminary Court hearings following note from Police Station Mendi.

Checked with Police at PUMI.
R.O.N. IORE

Tuesday 7th March 1967

By tractor to PUMI with Village Constable and headman of SUMIA under heavy Police guard. Attempted to resolve PUMI -SUMIA land dispute. A boundary between the two gorges was finally worked out.

Supervised roadwork at PUMI.

Village Constable of ENDOWA reported death and sorcery devination practice performed on TONGUWEM headman of MIL. Requested all parties concerned to report to PUMI on 9th March.

1830 hours POMBABL boy arrived with serious self inflicted hand injury. First aid ineffective so a carrier party was organized and boy despatched in heavy raij to Mendi hospital.

R.O.N. IORE

Wednesday 8th March 1967

Advised MR DANGERFIELD of MIL situation by note.

Supervised roadwork at IALEM.

R.O.N. IORE.

Thursday 9th March 1967

By tractor to PUMI. Complaints made about PUMI-SUMIA boundary.

Party from MIL arrived and became evident that men from ESKAMP had been marked as TONGUWEM'S killers. Details sent to MR DANGERFIELD P.O. at POMBABL. Stern warning issued against rash action.

MR. TERINK a/DAO arrived and was escorted around Capuchin Mission tea lands. Discussions on local cattle projects.

To MENDI for field break.

Slept at MENDI.

Friday 10th March 1967

Settled business arising out of Patrol.

Familiarization with Council sawmill.

MENDI

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th March 1967

Observed at MENDI.

Monday 13th March 1967

Returned to IORE with MR J. YOUNG-WHITFORD A.D.C. who was to hold a Local Court to settle SUMIA-PUMI land dispute.

R.O.N. IORE.

Tuesday 14th March 1967

Supervised roadwork IAGEM area.

Various clay gathered and attempts at making clay vessels made. Little success.

Sick parade IORE.

R.O.N. IORE

Wednesday 15th March 1967

Supervised roadwork at XXXX. IAGEM.

Walked to PUMI to visit MR J. YOUNG-WHITFORD.

R.O.N. IORE

Thursday 16th March 1967

Supervised roadwork at IORE.

Advised that MR. CLARK of METHODIST MISSION was stuck at MEGI. Supervised party in recovery of his vehicle.

Sick parade IORE.

R.O.N. IORE.

Friday 17th March 1967

Supervised roadwork in IORE area.

Forwarded airport workers to PORONA Patrol Post by carrier.

R.O.N. IORE.

Saturday 18th March 1967

Mr. Ridge and FORSTER of MENDI Station arrived for visit.
R.O.N. IORE

Sunday 19th March 1967

Observed at IORE.
R.O.N. IORE

Monday 20th March 1967

Observed technique of taking genealogies at PUMI where MR. J. YOUNG-WHITFORD A.D.C. was holding SUMIA-PUMI land Court.
R.O.N. IORE.

Tuesday 21st March 1967

Supervised construction of roadwork at SUMIA.
Supervised roadwork at IORE.
Details of alleged rape heard at IORE and decided was no case to answer.
R.O.N. IORE

Wednesday 22nd March 1967

1000 hours by car to MENDI for ~~XXXXXX~~ EASTER break.
1300 hours received report of fighting at PORORO, and drove there MR. J. YOUNG-WHITFORD had taken care of situation.
Slept at MENDI

Thursday 23rd - Tuesday 28th March 1967.

Easter break at PORT MORESBY.

Wednesday 29th March 1967

Returned to IORE with MR RIDGEWAY C.P.O. my relief. Discussions and familiarization walk with MR RIDGEWAY.
R.O.N. IORE

Thursday 30th March 1967

Walked with MR RIDGEWAY to PUMI thence to MEGI and back to IORE.
R.O.N. IORE.

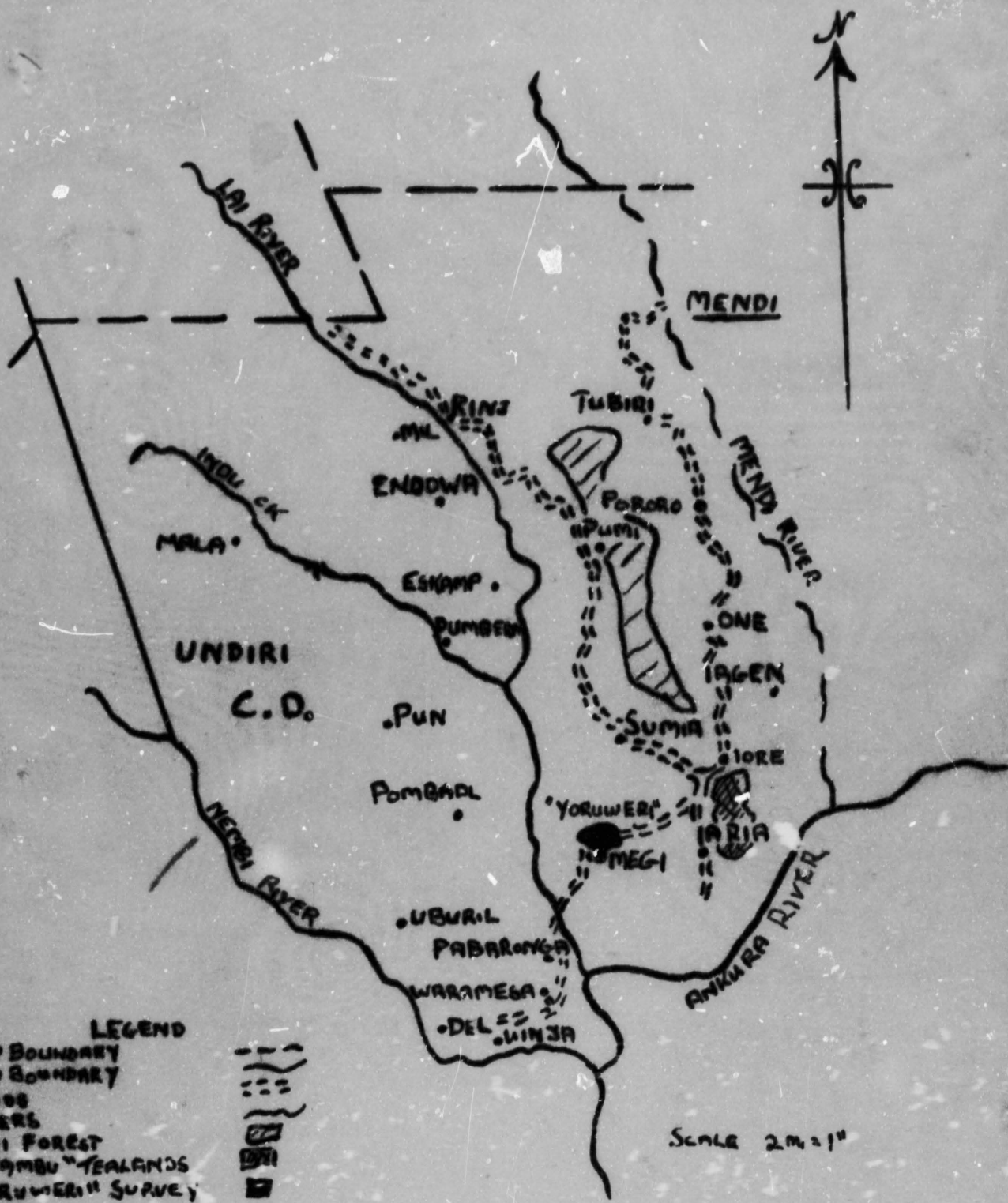
Friday 31st March 1967

Occupied in discussions with MR RIDGEWAY on general situation and writing of Patrol Report.
R.O.N. IORE.

Saturday 1st April 1967

Duties completed at IORE.
Received Patrol Instructions from MR. J. YOUNG-WHITFORD A.D.C. for Patrol to BELA, PINGIRID, KOMIA and KOGOBA.
Departed IORE 1000hours for KAGOBA.

END OF PATROL



LEGEND
 C/D BOUNDARY
 S/D BOUNDARY
 RIVERS
 PUNI FOREST
 "INAMBU" TEALANDS
 "YORUWERI" SURVEY
 R/M'S

SCALE 2m=1"

MENDI PATROL No.17 of 1966-67.

DISCARD



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Mem - No 18 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by C.P. DANGERFIELD PO

Area Patrolled POMBADL Area - UMARI CD

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No

Natives 29 R.P.N.G.C 1. Int. 1. H.P.O.

Duration - From 4/2/1967 to 5/5/1967

Number of Days 21 Days (broken)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by - District Services Jan/1967

Medical No /19

Map Reference Sketch Map

Objects of Patrol Maintain Law & Order

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

22/6/1967

[Signature]
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

6. It is noted under the heading of "Complaints" on Page 8 of the report that ----- "when Lemina and Pongiap are released from jail we will kill them." As you have inquired further into this statement and your inquiries are satisfactory, the matter can only be carefully watched.

7. When the elections are completed, the Council may be in a position to liaise with the District Co-ordinating Committee on programmes for these people. Your suggestions and those of Mr. Orwin will also be of considerable value to the Committee.

8. A very interesting report and the work done by Mr. Dangerfield is very important for us and for these people.



(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

c.c. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

The above and attached patrol report (No. 18) refers please.

(Signature)
(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

67-3-2

Department of District
Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

22nd June, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

Patrol Report No. 18-66-67.

Your 67-2-1 of 20th instant and the above report are acknowledged with thanks.

2. The entry of the people of these areas into the Local Government in August will be one of the main solutions to Administration problems existing.
3. We cannot expect to stop tribal killing merely by a few convictions. Sereery likewise will not be stopped. The value of Local Government to them and to us will interpret to the Administration, and it will interpret the people to one another. These people will not be left to their own devices. It is hoped that magistrates will support the Council from the outset by imposing penalties for breaches of Council's Rules (applicable to these people) which will act as a deterrent to others. By this I am not trying to be unsympathetic to these people. We cannot take it out on them if the Supreme Court or any Court deals with them lightly.
4. It is best for all concerned that these people (and any people) know from the outset where they stand with the Council. The entry into Local Government by these people means political, economical and social advancement. It might be a jolt to them, but it is going to be effective, because there will be no turning back. I do not infer that the Council take it out on these people. The council could not do so. The Council will hasten a change in their thinking and attitudes.
5. Thinking of people as recorded in paragraph 1 on page 8 of the report is interesting and I quote:-
"We have seen what has happened around Bela --
----- there they have the Council and they still killing one another. Nothing the Kiaps do stops them."
We don't want to be offended by such remarks, and I know you are not. It is very important that you have recorded such remarks because the remarks clearly show the thinking and attitudes of the peoples, which we must appreciate. We have to change their thinking and attitudes. The Council will assist in this in a direct way and more especially in indirect ways, which will discount any suggestions or inferences that we are singling these people out for vindictive treatment on our part.

67-2-1

Sub District Office,
MENDI.

20th June, 1967

District Commissioner,
MENDI

MENDI PATROL NO 18
C.P. DANGERFIELD PATROL OFFICER
STATIONARY PATROL - POMBADL

Attached is Mr. Dangerfield's report on 81 days spent in the field in the UNDIRI Census Division.

The area in which Mr. Dangerfield worked is now administered by NIPA, through their POMBADL Patrol Post, which will shortly have a road link with the area and is only an easy four hours walk from POMBADL.

Action should be taken to ensure that NIPA arranges the completion of the NEMBI River Bridge. POMBADL's task of pulse checking will be made simpler with the road link from the Patrol Post to POMBADL.

The site on the LAI River, with the central island, would appear to be the only practical one for a timber bridge, unless a sufficient quantity of cable and hardware can be made available for a suspension bridge to be put across elsewhere.

It is unfortunate that our legal system seems to these people to be inadequate. We can understand their thinking on this, but beyond privately agreeing, little can be done. The gap between the Stone Age and the 20th Century is one which only the passage of time, and economic education can bridge.

An interesting report by Mr. Dangerfield, containing thoughtful analysis of our problems in the lower Undiri.

Would you certify the accompanying Claim for Camping Allowance please, and forward it to NIPA for payment.

J. Young Whitford
.....
(J. YOUNG-WHITFORD)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram.....

Our Reference..... P.R. 18 -1966/67

If calling ask for.....

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office, MENDI,
Southern Highlands District.

6th June 1967

To the Assistant District Commissioner,
MENDI Sub-District Office.

MENDI Patrol Report No 18 of 1966/67

POMBADL and Adjacent Areas in the UNDIRI CENSUS DIVISION

(A) PREAMBLE

Patrol conducted by: **C.P. Dangerfield (Patrol Officer)**

Area Patrolled: **All of the UNDIRI Census Division west of the LAI River.**

Personnel accompanying: **Police, Mendi Detachment Members were rotated. Strength was 6-9 men.**

Interpreter: **DOMEO/SABU.**

Aid Post Orderly: **H. Ord. NOBI was resident POMBADL.**

Duration of Patrol: **4/2/67 to 5/5/67.**
91 Days - broken - 3-5/3/67 MENDI
81 Days -actual 10-11/4/67 NIPA
22-23/4/67 MENDI
25-26/4/67 MENDI

Last Patrol to Area: **Mr F. LIBBFRIED A.D.O. - Dec/Jan 1967.**

Objects of Patrol: **Maintain re-established Law and Order.**

Map Reference: **Attached sketch map.**

C.P. Dangerfield

C.P. DANGERFIELD (P.O.)
6th June 1967.

INTRODUCTION.

The writer was in charge of the FOMBADL Standing Patrol in the UNDEKI Census Division from the 4th February 1967 to the 4th May. Although stationed in the NIPA Sub-District Mr DANGERFIELD was loaned to MENDI Sub-District due to staff shortages and transfer of Mr F. LIEFRIED A.D.O. from FOMBADL to PANGIA. Further, this area controlled from FOMBADL has now been transferred from MENDI Sub-District to NIPA Sub-District, and Mr DANGERFIELD's presence enabled the people to become aware of the change in control.

The patrol's task was to maintain the peaceful situation established in the area after the FUMI Massacres. Building of new access roads best served this purpose, at the same time assisting in the development of the area. The patrol operated in conjunction with one at IORE Rest House on the opposite side of the LAI GORGE, with first Mr D. HOBAN C.P.O., and then Mr R. RIDGWAY P.O. in charge at IORE during my sojourn.

The area surrounding FOMBADL straddles the LAI/MENDI Divide and is quite rugged. The patrol controlled all Census Units between the MENDI and LAI Rivers as far north as MAIA and MIL.

Generally the people of the area are not pro-administration, nor have the basic tasks of Administration been fully achieved. Some of the reasons for this state are discussed under "Native Situation". Due to stern legal action taken after the massacres, when the people of this area in particular became antagonistic, the situation was generally quiet.

(G) DIARY

SAT. 4/2

Two Land-rover shuttles to get self and party to IORE. Slept IORE.

SUN. 5/2

To MENDI by Land-rover. Departed with party on foot at 0950, and arrived FOMBADL R.H. 1206. Discussions re local situation with Mr D. Hoban C.P.O., and with Police Detachment of 9 men. Slept FOMBADL.

MON. 6/2

Heard Court - "Unlawfully Striking" - Conviction recorded. Mr HOBAN departed for IORE at 0800. Self departed with four Policemen on tour of roads in area. Walked to UBIRIL R.H. along a track suitable in most parts for Motor Bikes. Thence on to DEL. Good turn up of DELs on road head above Capuchin Friars Catholic Mission at DEL. Continued on to MENDI River. Examined possible bridge sites for about a mile and a half along the bank. One looked suitable. From DEL walked to WARIBESA along main MENDI-MENDI-DEL Road. Thence up old road from main road to PARARONGA. This latter road needing to be completely re-embanked and graded if it is to be made accessible to four wheel vehicles. This track or road links with a road route marked by Mr LIEFRIED from PARARONGA to FOMBADL. Followed a steep, but well cut walking track up to FOMBADL, arriving at 1500. Tried to contact MENDI on portable radio. Good reception, but not being heard by MENDI. Talks with local leaders. Slept FOMBADL.

TUE. 7/2

0800 to 1600 - supervised commencement of work on FOMBADL to PARARONGA Road. St FUMBURA, FOMBADL, WARIBESA, and PARARONGA Groups working on this road. Slept FOMBADL.

WED. 8/2

Walked to DEL and marked out road to link with MENDI Bridge Site. DEL and UBIRIL Groups working near Capuchin Mission Station. Finished work at 1730, arrived back at 1850 at FOMBADL.

DIARY Continued.

THU, 9/2

Left FOMBAIL for DEL at 0900. En route found woman with child which had been cut across buttocks. Sent on to MIFUMI Hospital. Sent suspect on after. Rest of day on road work. Arrived back at FOMBAIL at 1730.

FRI, 10/2

Road work at DEL as yesterday. Slept FOMBAIL.

SAT, 11/2

Pettered round FOMBAIL.

SUN, 12/2

Observed at FOMBAIL.

MON, 13/2

Road work between FOMBAIL and PARABONGA. One court heard - "Riotous Behaviour". Slept FOMBAIL.

TUE, 14/2

As yesterday. Slept FOMBAIL.

WED, 15/2

Went to DEL in morning and spent day supervising road work. Returned late afternoon to FOMBAIL.

THU, 16/2

As yesterday. Slept FOMBAIL.

FRI, 17/2

ALL groups including those working on the FOMBAIL/ PARABONGA road worked today at DEL. Supervised until 1700.

SAT, 18/2

At FOMBAIL investigating complaint by PARABONGA men of further plotting by the FUMI's.

SUN, 19/2

As yesterday at FOMBAIL.

MON, 20/2

Road work supervised near FOMBAIL. Road progressing well. Slept FOMBAIL.

TUE, 21/2

AS yesterday. Slept FOMBAIL.

WED, 22/2

Supervised road work near FOMBAIL in the morning. Then went down to DEL and supervised road work there. Returned to FOMBAIL 1845.

THU, 23/2

Only the DEL's worked today. Supervised till 1700. Returned to FOMBAIL.

FRI, 24/2

All groups working at DEL. Supervised until 1630 and then returned to FOMBAIL.

25-26/2

Week-end at FOMBAIL.

DIARY Continued.

MON. 27/2

Road work at POMBADL.

TUE. 28/2

As yesterday. Heard one oucut - "Offensive Behaviour". Slept POMBADL.

WED. 1/3.

Supervised road work at DEL. People digging down 30 feet to find base solid where road descends into steep valley. Inspector Col Ritchie arrived POMBADL for police investigation.

THU. 2/3

Road work at DEL. People from POMBADL, PABARONGA and WARAMBA no longer assisting DEL's. Returned to POMBADL at 1700.

FRI. 3/3

Two hours walk to IORE via direct walking track. Then by Land-rover to MENDL.

4-5/3

Week-end spent in MENDL.

MON. 6/3

By Land-rover to MEL. Then walked to POMBADL.

TUE. 7/3.

Road work supervision at POMBADL.

WED. 8/3

Supervised road work in the morning at POMBADL and in the afternoon at DEL. Returned POMBADL.

THU. 9/3

Supervised road work at DEL until 1700, and then returned to POMBADL.

FRI. 10/3

As yesterday.

11-12/3.

Spent week-end at POMBADL.

MON. 13/3

Road work at POMBADL.

TUE. 14/3

As yesterday.

WED. 15/3

People working on both roads. Self supervised at DEL until 1800 and then returned to POMBADL.

THU. 16/3

Supervised road work at DEL until 1630 and then returned to POMBADL. At POMBADL heard complaints of threatening behaviour by people of MIL towards the people of ESKAMP and PUMBERA. This a result of old land dispute and of death of head man, TONGUWEN of MIL. Slept POMBADL.

FRI. 17/3

Departed POMBADL 0930 and went via IUDU Gorge to ESKAMP, arriving at IIOB. Rest of the day spent in discussions re law and order, and ascertaining cause of dispute with MIL. Slept ESKAMP.

DIARY Continued

SAT. 16/3

Left HEKAMP 0800 and arrived MIL at 1000. Poor attendance by the MIL people despite the fact that they had had ample warning of the patrol's visit. Made inquiries into charges of spreading lying reports by MIL's against HEKAMP and PUMBURA. As a result two convictions under Local Courts recorded. Slept MIL.

SUN. 17/3

Departed MIL at 0930 and climbed for an hour and a half to NAYA RIN on the top of the LAI/NIBBI Divide. Had lunch and then proceeded to land area known as INBI - the subject of dispute between MIL and HEKAMP/PUMBURA. Returned to NAYA at 1800.

MON. 20/3

Patrol party to POMBAIL. Self went with assembled HEKAMP, PUMBURA and MIL people to INBI and marked out a new temporary boundary subject to official demarcation. Continued on to POMBAIL, arriving at 1500.

TUE. 21/3

Road work as usual with POMBAIL, PARABONGA, POMBURA and WARRIBA Groups near POMBAIL. Finished 1730.

WED. 22/3

Inspected road work near POMBAIL and checked attendance in the early morning. Continued down to DEL. Supervised till 1700. Returned to POMBAIL.

THU. 23/3

All day spent supervising road work at DEL. Returned to POMBAIL in the late afternoon.

FRI. 24/3

As yesterday. Slept POMBAIL.

SAT. 25/3

SUN. 26/3 } At POMBAIL. No Courts. Several complaints heard.

MON. 27/3

Road work at POMBAIL.

TUE. 28/3

As yesterday.

WED. 29/3

People working last day at POMBAIL. Self supervised people at DEL who commence on Wednesdays. Returned to POMBAIL at 1700.

THU. 30/3

Supervised at DEL. Arrived back at POMBAIL at 1800.

FRI. 31/3

As yesterday.

SAT. 1/4

SUN. 2/4 } At POMBAIL.

MON. 3/4

Road work at POMBAIL.

TUE. 4/4

As yesterday.

WED. 5/4

Supervised DEL and UBIRIL People working near the NIBBI River till until 1700.

DESK Continued

FRI. 6/4
As yesterday at DEL. Slept FOMBAIL.

FRI. 7/4
As Yesterday. Slept FOMBAIL.

SAT. 8/4 }
SUN. 9/4 } Weekend at FOMBAIL.

MON. 10/4
Went with Mr R. McQuilty P.O. from FOMBAIL to NIPA for I.C. Council opening. Slept NIPA Station.

TUE. 11/4
Mr McQuilty sick. Spent day NIPA Station.

WED. 12/4
Returned to FOMBAIL.

THU. 13/4
Spent this day supervising road work at DEL. Road nearby to the KIBBI River. Returned to FOMBAIL 1800.

FRI. 14/4
As yesterday.

SAT. 15/4 }
SUN. 16/4 } Weekend at FOMBAIL.

MON. 17/4
Road supervision at FOMBAIL.

TUE. 18/4
As yesterday. One case of "offensive Behaviour" heard.

WED. 19/4
Inspected road work at FOMBAIL in the morning, then went down to DEL. Returned FOMBAIL 1700.

THU. 20/4
Supervised road work at DEL. Slept FOMBAIL.

FRI. 21/4
Mr R. Ridgway P.O. arrived from IOBE. After discussions self departed for IOBE (0900 - 1050). By L/Rover to MENDI. Slept MENDI.

SAT. 22/4 }
SUN. 23/4 } Weekend at MENDI.

MON. 24/4
By car to MENDI. From there to FOMBAIL (1200 - 1330). Slept FOMBAIL.

TUE. 25/4
Arose early and left @ 0640. Arrived IOBE MENDI 0815. Walked to MENDI. Slept MENDI.

WED. 26/4
Sat for POET ASIPA Exam in Geography. Slept MENDI.

THU. 27/4
Returned to FOMBAIL.

FRI. 28/4
Supervised road work at DEL. Slept FOMBAIL.

SAT. 29/4
Rose 0800 and walked to MUDWA arriving 1050. Mr R. Ridgway here investigating the death of a woman by crowning. Self gave advice where necessary. Slept MUDWA.

DIARY continued

SUN. 30/4

Mr Ridgway continued investigations. Some suspicious circumstances but no real evidence. Recommended that Mr Ridgway continue investigation and if no further information come to light, to close it. Slept NEOWA.

MON. 1/5

Returned to POREAH. Afternoon spent supervising road work. Slept POREAH.

TUE. 2/5

All groups working on NEHI Bridge near DEE. One group building abutments, another pulling bearers. People from KESI, KUSA, and UDWARIA working with the NEHI People. Slept POREAH.

WED. 3/5

Abutments half completed, three bearers pulled, but only one with alc for 55 foot span of bridge. Slept POREAH.

THU. 4/5

Abutments completed. Three suitable logs for bearers cut on NEHI side of the river. Great difficulty in hauling bearers, as located in very broken limestone. Slept POREAH.

FRI. 5/5

Morning spent working on bridge. Two bearers to come. Walked up to POREAH for discussions with Mr RIDGWAY, my relief. Left POREAH 1210 and arrived NEHI 1715. By car to NEHI for two weeks paid leave. Slept NEHI.

END OF DIARY

(D) OBSERVATIONS & COMMENTSNATIVE SITUATION

Prior to the PUMI Massacre this area of the UNDIRI Census Division was one the least patrolled sectors of the MENDI Sub/District. Patrolling was generally limited to annual Census Patrols. Priorities in MENDI, staff shortages, and the area's position on the perimeter of activity, caused this.

The situation in the area suffered accordingly. These people were not the prime movers of the Massacres, groups closer to MENDI, and frequently contacted, take credit for that. The natives of this area did, however, behave in a very threatening manner towards officers investigating the killings. They lack respect for the Administration imposed Law. They have no awareness of the need to accept us, or be left behind. Strangely there is no lack of desire for economic development. They have also shown themselves willing to work for this, as when they built the MEGI-DEL section of the MENDI-POROMI Road in 1966. Due to ignorance of the facts of life in the Southern Highlands they appear to have lost heart swiftly. Part of this is due to the state of the traditional society.

Failure to offer definite definite development ^{resulted in} has little progress in traditional economic life, since the establishment of MENDI 16 years. A reaction has occurred, and the old economic activity become more intense. Influx of our KENA, and the extra leisure time resultant of banning of warfare, are responsible. Status through wealth is as important as ever. The extra time is given over by male adults to business transactions. Rivalry between Group Head-Men produces the sort of tensions responsible for the Massacre. Lasting change will be wrought only if an alternative economic activity is offered. In the meantime stern application of the Law as it stands will be necessary. The people's attitude towards the Supreme Court is dealt with under "Law & Order". Constant checks should be made on the area. Native economic rivalry should be restrained, and in the future Bride-price should be limited. This has climbed phenomenally from its pre-European value - due to profit motive.

It is wrong to leave these people to their own devices. Initiative for community development must come from us - they lack means and understanding, but not desire. Many young men returned from the coast, are frustrated by the domination of the wealthy men. These enthusiasts are forced in the elders foot-steps if they want to get somewhere. Secondly something is not done the factors leading to the massacres will continue to exist; intense traditional economic activity; leading to "races" and to accusations of sorcery and poisoning; coupled with contempt for the Administrations ~~with~~ strength and for the law.

The attitude of these people is not a result of being subjected to purely punitive law and order administration. It is a result of too little contact in which to explain our aims, and establish a respect. On the leaders part there is an ignorance of their situation relative to the rest of New Guinea. To maintain their privileged positions they are willing to deny the administration. This will only change when something definite is offered to the younger and enthusiastic people. Until then the Law will have to be imposed. The old tensions still exist. If people don't like the idea of imposing, then we may as well leave them to settle their differences. This area and the District as/whole cannot pull itself by its boot laces. The people have a long way to catch up. The District represents a tenth of the Territory's population. They need more money, and the lower UNDIRI in particular.

LAW & ORDER

A discussion was held with the people of POMBADI and PABARONGA regarding the MASSACRE. It was pointed out that many of their people were not jailed, because of the killings, but because they behaved in a threatening manner towards officers who had come to investigate the affair. Had they come peacefully to see these officers - a sympathetic ear would have been lent to their side of the story.

LAW & ORDER Continued

A young man from PABARONGA (BOLI/ALT) replied that :- "We understand that now, but we were frightened. It was alright if they had just killed PUTAP. There was no reason to kill our sister (PUTAP's wife, and daughter of a FOMBAHL Head-Man), for she had nothing to do with the trouble between FUMI and SUMIA. I asked why they had not let the Administration punish the killers. In reply I was told "we have seen what has happened around BELA, where MEBING PANGIAL M.H.A. comes from and at TUDUM etc etc. There they have the Council, and they are still killing one another. Nothing the Kiaps do stops them. Our people thought that the Big Court (Supreme) would be easy on the killers, so we killed them ourselves". It appears that the Supreme Court cater for the primitive values of these people by giving lighter sentences, than they would for Europeans committing the same offence. The point is that although formerly they may not have thought it ethically wrong to kill an enemy, they did regard it as ethically right to kill those who unjustly slew, in revenge. Now that we have demanded that they cease fighting, they expect our system to exact just retribution. The point is not whether an accused be tried in what he thought was an ethical manner. For by the same ethics the victim people would feel entitled to kill in revenge. It is also interesting to consider whether or not killers would be so ready with their axes if they had to face vengeful king-men. If there is a desire to cater for the values then it should be for the society as a whole, and not for the individual's values at the spur of the moment.

Courts.

These were not numerous. Those dealt with mainly concerned assault, and offensive and threatening behaviour. The massacres and the aftermath appears to have had a dampening effect on ill humours.

Complaints.

Most of the complaints heard concerned debts and bride-price. They were not serious, and were settled satisfactorily.

Two situations bear mention however.

(1) A week after my arrival at FOMBAHL, a man from PABARONGA named MAGUSI stated that a man named NENGINA, who had lived at PABARONGA all his life had gone to FUMI, his true Clan, to reside permanently. MAGUSI claimed NENGINA had killed his only pig and distributed this. Then he had got up and said "Previously when wanted to kill LEMINA and PONGIAP (Head-Man of SUMIA), by inviting them to our House Tauberan and then slaying them. We made a mistake and killed PUTAP. When LEMINA and PONGIAP are realised from jail we will kill them." On being confronted with his uncle NENGINA, MAGUSI completely denied his statement. All other witness's denied that NENGINA had said this. No action could be taken. It is worth remembering that NENGINA is the brother of one of the FUMI Head-Men who died two years ago, and whose death was a factor in the killing of PUTAP. Further NENGINA admits that prior to the death of PUTAP he had been cross with the people of SUMIA. The reason for not taking action was that MAGUSI is a weak character, and could not be trusted. A full report on all the circumstances of the affair was forwarded to District Office.

(2) The chief Head-Man of MIL died on the 4th of March. (TONGUWEN). Two young men of MIL performed a rite on the dead man's body to find who or what killed him. They nicked the arm of the deceased with a razor blade, at each cut calling the name of a particular spirit or demon. Finally they called the name of KUMISI the Head-Man of BSKAMP. They claimed that at this cut the dead man's body bled. The reasons for accusing KUMISI of killing TONGUWEN by sorcery were:- (1) That KUMISI's brother TEGIA was killed two years earlier by MIL in a brawl over PANDANUS on some disputed land known as "IEGI". And (2) That the BSKAMP and FUMBURA people were still cross about the division of this land made in 1962, on a temporary basis prior to action by "LANDS".

Three men from MIL were jailed as a result of this affair, one for "Threatening Behaviour", and two for spreading "Lying Reports".

As a result of this business the writer went to MALA Rest House to inspect the disputed land "IEGI", lying between the INDU and ALT Rivers.

LAW & ORDER

As a result of my visit to "IBET", it was found:-

1. That the ISKAMP/KIL people drove the MILs off this Land 15-20 Years before the arrival of the Administration, and were in possession of all the disputed Land "IBET", when the administration arrived. This is admitted by elderly gent's from MIL, Normal policy in this District has been to leave alone disputes arising from occurrences before the arrival of the Administration.
2. The division of the Land was arranged through the medium of KOMIA of PINJ, an interpreter of evil nature, who has since been dismissed for graft.
3. The divider gave the majority of the PANDANUS planted by the ISKAMPs over to the MILs, and went that the ISKAMPs had to cross the MIL section to get to their section.
4. A new temporary division was cut, giving a fairer share of their own PANDANUS to the ISKAMPs. District and Sub/District Offices KENDI were notified. The people of MIL were told that if they were not happy with the new division they could see the Demarcation Magistrate in KENDI, but if they did not wish to do this they would have to accept the new division. None of the MIL People have taken advantage of this. The next Pandanus season might see more trouble over this area.

AGRICULTURE

There is no food shortage in this area at present. A seasonal trade is carried out by the people in this area. The people of NALA, PUNBURA, and FOMBATE, on the top of the range monopolise the areas PANDANUS. They exchange the nuts for the two types of indigenous beans monopolised by the DEL, UHIRI, PADARONGA, and VANDHISA People.

There is no cash cropping in the area for the moment. The people despite their negative attitude in other fields are keen to try something. The area north and south of DEL has soil classed by the O.S.I.R.O. as amongst the best in the Highlands. At DEL the top soil has a depth of several feet, drains well, and crumbles easily in the hand. The people in the area are not short of land, and if definite development can be assured, it would be possible to purchase 1000 acres between DEL and UDVANIA. This would depend on an assurance that the area would be developed. If this is not possible then there is sufficient land for large scale community blocks or re-settlement blocks. In this latter case there would be difficulty in financing a Tea Factory; unless it would be possible for native growers to use the intended TONG Factory. The writer is not clear on the time factor involved. If the Factory at TONG could be used the KENDI-POROMA Road would need a good deal of development.

North of FOMBATE around NALA is a large basin of 5-4000 acres, roughly well above 6,500 feet and sparsely populated. There is a road head at FOMBATE, two hours walk away. I feel a large scale pyrethrum block would be the only answer for the people in the FOMBATE, PUNBURA, and NALA Regions.

LIVESTOCK

There are no cattle in the area patrolled from FOMBATE. If TEA is not feasible for this area, available for cattle projects, if these can be properly supervised, and honestly be regarded as a paying proposition.

FORESTS

For the moment the use remains traditional. However as the POROMA area and the KENDI Q.D. generally are deforested, there should be opportunity for the UHIRI groups owning FISHER on the LAI Range to exploit the market which should eventually with the expansion of POROMA.

COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

No indigenous activity. A Trade Store is run by the Christian Union Mission at KA in the KENDI Valley.

LAND

Some comments applicable here are dealt with under "Agriculture". It possible a D.A.S.P. Officer should do a fall soil survey of the southern parts of the KENDI and UHIRI Divisions.

HEALTH

A Hospital orderly was resident during the patrol's stay at POMBAU. General health appeared to be good, most ailments being of a minor sort. No illness warrants particular mention. It is obvious that sanitation talks and discussions have had little effect in this area. Most houses have pit-latrines; unfortunately someone omitted to tell them that continually used latrines need lids. Also to many parents do not bother to bring their children in for treatment of minor sores which could become infected.

EDUCATION

The only functioning school in the area is that run by the O.V. Mission at UDJABIA. This school is in it's second year. The Capuchin Priests Mission have plans to start a school at DEL next year.

ROADS & BRIDGES

This patrol completed the road connecting the LAI River to the NIBEI River. Abutments were built for the NIBEI R. Bridge (span 50-60 feet), and bearers pulled. The completion of this bridge together with the building of a bridge over the LAI River, will connect NIBEI with POROMA, and provide an alternative route to NIPA.

LAI BRIDGE: The possibility of building a timber bridge over the LAI exlets, where the roads descend to the river on either side of the gorge, the span of 120 feet excludes a timber frame. This unless two abutments can be built, each 30 feet from the banks. A site for a bridge of this kind is situated about 30 yards further north along the river. Here the current channels in the centre, but is slow near the banks. However abutments would have to be stone or cement as the bottom or bed of the river is stone. About 250 yards further north is a wooded island. This could provide a centre abutment for two bridges from either side of the river, spanning 65 and 55 feet respectively without allowance for reduction of span with abutments.

ROAD WORK: A road was commenced following generally a route marked by MR P. LIBERATED A.D.O., from POMBAU to PABAROKA. This road was completed to within a short distance of PABAROKA. With a little more work this road can be connected to an old road or track running from PABAROKA through WABARISA to the main NIBEI-POROMA Road. This latter road will require complete regrading and cambering. It is noticeable that many of the roads in the NIBEI Sub/District have had to have years of continual maintenance to reach a state of reasonable condition. The reason for this appears to have been the method of construction. Bench cuts have been made to narrow and fill ground used for widening; instead of cutting down to the base clay until there is sufficient width and then cambering. Empharis was given to this at POMBAU, where the people concentrated on quality of the road rather than speed of construction. The NIBEI-POROMA Road was completed with the building of the last section from DEL to the NIBEI River, a distance a little over a mile. Work was held up when the road had to be built down a steep gully.

CUSTOMS

These people still follow the old custom of hanging the dead for several days, and mourning, before burying.

MISSIONS

The re-establishment of Law and Order has seen the stepping up of mission activity in this area. The Methodist Overseas Mission have sent a fully trained Native Pastor to their station at UBIRIL. Father BENJAMIN of the CAPUCHIN PRIARS MISSION is now using the 90 Acre Station at DEL as a permanent base of operations.

It is noticeable in the area that native catechists and evangelists are teaching the younger people to speak pidgin, together with religious instruction. The children attend all the week round and the people look upon this as schooling in a secular sense.

AIRFIELDS

The airstrip at POROMA is being extended to Category "B" capabilities.

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CONCLUSION

1. Constant patrolling will be necessary to maintain the present peaceful state.
2. If road work done by this patrol is to be capitalised there must be follow up action to complete the NEMBI Bridge, and to see that the standard of road work in the area does not deteriorate.
3. Economic development is vital if the political situation is to be improved.

C.P. Dangerfield
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6/6/67

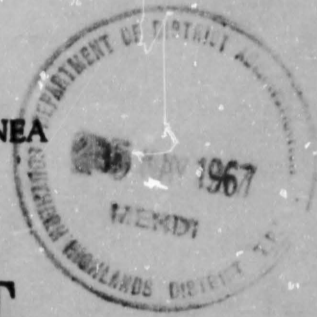


- ▲ Admin. Centre
- Rest House
- == Vehicular Road
- - - C.D. Boundary
- Sub-District Boundary

NEMBI
CENSUS DIVISION



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MENDI No. 19 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by Mr. H. K. Ridgway Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part MENDI C/D (MIPA) Part UNDIRI C/D (MENDI)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives Various N.K. Tribes

Duration—From 29/3/1967 to 24/5/1967

Number of Days 56 nights 57 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 29/3/1967

Medical =====40=====

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol To maintain Law and Order; improve roads; carry out normal Administration duties

Director of District Administration.
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

22/6/1967

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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Southern Highlands District,
KENDI.

22nd June, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KENDI.

Patrol Report No 19 of 66/67

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the above report and your comments thereon.

2. The arrangement for an officer to remain at Iore as being on your Sub-District staff is the requirement until cancelled by me. Any confusion must be resolved immediately. Whoever is at Iore is responsible to you entirely as Assistant District Commissioner of the Sub-District. The only requirement by me is that an officer remain there all the time, as discussed, until further notice.

3. My P58/59 of 19th instant to Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa a copy to you refers. When Mr. Wright arrives at Kendi he will be your officer to do this work which was requested by me.

Mr. McQuilty of Poroma goes on leave in August and Mr. Wright will be relieving at Poroma, Mr. McQuilty on leave.

It will be necessary for discussions with you in July so that we can arrange for another officer to replace Mr. Wright at Iore, kindly arrange to discuss this with me in early July.

4. The Coronial Inquiry arranged by you into the death of the Endowa woman is most important. The fact that you are arranging for a regular Police Officer to assist the Coroner will considerably help, thus allowing Mr. Wright to attend to other matters there.

5. Now that those areas are included in the Council I feel that we should get the Councils views on further economic development of the area. Kindly arrange for discussions with the Council and the people in conjunction with Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, Forestry in particular. Submissions could then be made to the District Co-ordinating Committee. Some submissions have been made, but I do want you and the Council to be involved in any submissions as well.

6. On this occasion Mr. Ridgway has not left himself open to criticism of being careless in the typing of the report. He has done a fine job and under the circumstances I am not criticising his typing.



Sub-district Office,
KOROR.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner

c.c. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUI.

The above and attached patrol report refers.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

Att..

67-2-1.

Sub-district Office,
MENDI.

21st June, 1967.

District Commissioner,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO. 19 of 1966/67

Further to my 67-2-1 of yesterday's date, it is advised that a Coronial Inquiry into the death of the ENDOWA woman is being arranged.

Arrangements are being made for a Regular Police Officer to assist the Coroner. It is important that the time date and place when this woman was last seen alive be obtained, if possible.

Young-Whitford
(J. Young-Whitford.)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-2-1

Sub District Office,
MENDEI.

29th June, 1967

District Commissioner,
MENDEI.

MENDEI PATROL NO. 19 of 1966/67
R.K. RIDGEWAY P.O.
(IORE STATIONARY PATROL)

Attached are copies of a report by Mr. Ridgeway on his activities during 57 days in the UNDIRI Census Division. Primarily, he was concerned with maintenance of LAW and ORDER following the PUMI debacle.

This area has been neglected in the past, and our troubles of last November were a result of that neglect. The future seems brighter, what with the incorporation of the area into the Local Government network; the establishment of a tea plantation at INAMBU near IORE in the centre of the area; the possibility of further land being made available for alienation once the people see the benefits of the INAMBU project; and the improvement of the area's road network, which will facilitate movement of technical officers interested in agricultural and forestry development.

POLITICAL AND NATIVE SITUATION:

Regretably, Mr. Ridgeway has not overstated the situation, which calls for a complete review of our administrative planning in this sub-district to ensure that the UNDIRI people get more attention from other departments, and see more evidence of it than in the past, where they have seen only the census taker and the policeman.

COURTS AND COMPLAINTS:

There is some confusion between functions and authority of Sub-District and District staff in relation to the IORE and POMBADL stationary patrols. I can only assume that through this confusion of roles, Mr. Ridgeway was not instructed to conduct a full investigation into the death of the MENDOWA woman mentioned in Courts and Complaints (P.5) District Office must have assumed that Sub-District Office had given instructions on the matter, when in fact this Office knew nothing beyond the fact that a body had been found and that Mr. Ridgeway was investigating.

In these troubled times, it would be unlikely that a clanswoman could be missing for fourteen days without her people making some outcry, unless they had something to hide.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

There is a noticeable improvement in the roads in the area. The road to IORE will have increased importance when the development of the IWANBU tea plantation is commenced. Bridges built by the IORE, IAGEN and ONE people have been paid for since Mr. Higway wrote his report.

GENERAL:

It is unfortunate that pressure of other work caused the reporting officer to rush through the preparation of this report. Numerous spelling and typographical errors leave the writer open to the criticism of being careless in presentation.

A Claim for Camping Allowance is attached for certification, please.

J. Young Whitford
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(J. YOUNG-WHITFORD)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Sub-District Office

WARRIOR HIGHLANDS DISTRICT
28th May 1967

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration

WARRIOR HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

Patrol conducted by

W. K. Ridgway

Area Patrolled:

Part of WARRIOR (WARRIOR)
Part of WARRIOR (WARRIOR)

Personnel accompanying

Various personnel

Duration of Patrol:

29/5/67 to 24/6/67
56 nights 27 days

Last Patrol to the area:

29/5/67

Objects of the patrol:

Maintain Law and Order

Improve roads

Carry out normal Administrative duties

R. K. Ridgway

(SR Patrol Officer)

W. K. Ridgway

DIARY

Wednesday 29th March 1967: 1500-1600 Organise patrol gear. 1600-1715 By vehicle to IORE. 1715-1730 Camp set up with MR HOBAN. 1730-2100 General discussions re area with MR HOBAN.

Thursday 30th March 1967: 0800-0900 accompanied MR HOBAN to SUMIA. 0900-0930 Discussion with MR. YOUNG WHITFORD. 0930-1015 Walked to PUMI. 1015-1230 Discussions with natives and MR HOBAN. 1230-1330 Returned to SUMIA 1330-1430 walked from SUMIA to IORE with inspection of MEGI road.

Friday 31st March 1967: 1030-1100 By vehicle to MEGI R.H. 1100-1115 Discussions with natives. 1115-1200 Returned IORE by vehicle. 1230-1345 By vehicle to MENDI to collect personal effects. Afternoon spent awaiting transport to IORE. Arrived IORE 2200.

Saturday 1st April 1967: 1000 Takeover of camp from MR HOBAN. Discussions with natives until 1200. 1400-1500 Walked to KENGERE. Singing inspection. 1600-1700 walked back to IORE.

Sunday 2nd April 1967: 1100 Vehicle arrived from MENDI. 1110-1115 by vehicle to SUMIA. 1140-1300 By vehicle to MENDI to collect personal effects. 1300-1500 Arranging effects. 1500-1615 By vehicle to IORE. 1615-1630 Patrol gear packed. 1630-1700 By vehicle to MEGI. 1700-1900 walked over vehicular road to POMBADL R.H. Camp set up.

Monday 3rd April 1967: All day spent supervising roadwork POMBADL.

Tuesday 4th April 1967: 0900-1000 work on POMBADL road. 1000-1150 walked from POMBADL to DEL. Road supervision DEL until 1400. 1400-1530 walked to POMBADL.

Wednesday 5th April 1967: Supervision of roadwork POMBADL all day.

Thursday 6th April 1967: Packed gear until 1000. 1000-1145 walked from POMBADL to MEGI. 1200-1400 walked from MEGI to IORE.

Friday 7th April 1967: 1000-1100 walked to SUMIA. Discussions with ADC. 1100-1130 walked to PUMI 1130-1300 talked with Police ~~XXXX~~ and Villagers. Returned SUMIA and then IORE.

Saturday 8th April 1967: Talked with villagers until 1200. 1230-1300 walked to SUMIA. 1415-1445 walked to PUMI, Returned SUMIA 1700 returned IORE 2130.

1100-1200
Sunday 9th April 1967: ~~0830-1000~~ Talks with natives. 1200-1230 walked from IORE to SUMIA.

Monday 10th April 1967: 0830-1000 walked from IORE to ONE. Talks until 1030. Returned to IORE at 1130. 1200-1330 Roll call of IORE. 1330-1700 Roadwork IORE. 1700-1800 Complaints.

Tuesday 11th April 1967: 0830-0930 Talks with natives 0930-1000 talked with Police Officer. 1000-1030 walked to ONE road section. Road supervision until 1100. Returned IORE arriving 1130-~~1300~~ 1130-1300 Roadwork IORE. 1320-1430 ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Walked to IARIA. 1430-1600 Supervision roadwork IARIA. 1600-1710 Returned IORE.

Wednesday 12th April 1967: 0830-0930 Native complaints. 0930-1000 roadwork IORE 1000-1030 walked to ONE. 1100-1300 Roll call ONE and IAGEN. 1300-1430 Roadwork ONE. 1430-1500 Returned to IORE.

Thursday 13th April 1967: 0900-0930 By tractor to IARIA. 1000-1030 returned to IORE. 1030-1145 walked to PUMI. Talks with Police and natives, until 1415 when returned to IORE arriving 1530.

Friday 14th April 1967: 0830-1000 walked to PORORO R.H. Talks with ADC 1100-1230 Returned to IORE. Talks with natives ~~xxxx~~ until 1630. 1630-1700 Native complaints.

- Saturday 15th April 1967: Day spent IORE R.H.
- Sunday 16th April 1967: 0945-1015 Walked to SUMIA. 1015-1045 Walked to PUMI 1045-1100 Talks with Police. 1100-1310 Walked to PINJ R.H. 1310-1530 camp set up. 1530-1630 Talks with villagers 1630-1730 Talk given to villagers re R.H. roads etc. 1730-1830 Native complaints.
- Monday 17th April 1967: 0845-1300 Walked to PUMI, inspecting road progress. 1320-1430 Return to IORE. Roadwork IORE until 1700. 1700-1800 Discussions with villagers.
- Tuesday 18th April 1967: 0830-1030 Walked to IARIA, and supervised roadwork. By vehicle to MEGI. Returned IORE 1230. 1430 proceeded IARIA 1500 Returned IORE, arriving 1500 by tractor.
- Wednesday 19th April 1967: 0800-1000 Roadwork IORE. 1000-1130 Census IORE. Native complaints until 1200. 1200-1300 Walked to PUMI. 1320-1340 talks with Police. 1340-1430 walked to ENDOWA Road section. 1500-1610 walked to PUMI. 1610-1700 Returned to IORE.
- Thursday 20th April 1967: Day spent IORE. Supervising of road work, native complaints, attended sick.
- Friday 21st April 1967: 0930 By vehicle to MEGI, singing in progress 1530-1645 walked from MEGI to LAI River. 15min getting cargo across bridge. 1630-1830 Walked to POMBADL.
- Saturday 22nd April 1967: Day spent POMBADL R.H.
- Sunday 23rd April 1967: Day of rest POMBADL.
- Monday 24th April 1967: 0800-0830 organising daily duties. 0830-0845 walked to POMBADL road section. 0845-1700 work on road. 1715 arrived back at camp.
- Tuesday 25th April 1967: 0830-1700 road supervision.
- Wednesday 26th April 1967: 0830-1000 Road work POMBADL. 1000-1115 walked to DEL. Road supervision. 1145-1245 Census DEL. Walked to Capuchin Mission discussion with Father. 1400-1500 Road work 1500-1615 Walked to POMBADL 1630-1730 Road work POMBADL.
- Thursday 27th April 1967: Patro; gear organised until 0945 ~~when~~ when departed POMBADL and walked to PUMBURA arriving 1045. 1100-1200 walked to ESKAMP. 1215-1300 Walked from ESKAMP to ENDOWA arriving in rain. 1330-1400 talked to villagers 1400-1500 Discussions with NCO. 1500-1910 walked down to LAI River. 1510-1600 Talked with MR DANGERFIELD. 1600-1830 Interviewing villagers. 1930-2400 Interviewing villagers.
- Friday 28th April 1967: Day spent interviewing villagers.
- Saturday 29th April 1967: 0800-0900 Interviewing villagers. 0900-1500 Walked to PAKUPI hamlet, inspection of houses, examination of body, interviewing relatives of deceased. Returned to ENDOWA R.H.
- Sunday 30th April 1967: Further investigation during afternoon ~~and~~ and evening, finishing 2330.
- Monday 1st May 1967: Day spent interviewing villagers.
- Tuesday 2nd May 1967: Camp broken, organisation of Patrol gear until 1000. 1000-1130 walked from ENDOWA to PUMI. 1130-1200 talks with Police. 1200-1300 walked to IORE. 1330-1700 Road work IORE.
- Wednesday 3rd May 1967: 0800-1000 Work on IORE road. 1000-1030 walked to ONE section. worked ONE until 1215, when returned to IORE and worked on road until 1700.
- Thursday 4th May 1967: 0800-1500 roadwork IORE. 1500-1600 Heavy rain. 1600-1730 Continued roadwork.

Friday 5th May 1967: 1000-1500 Walked to POMBADL via SUMIA track
1500-1600 Discussions with Mr. Dangerfield re POMBADL area.

Saturday 6th May 1967: Native complaints during morning. Police
inspection.

Sunday 7th May 1967: Day of rest POMBADL. Continued ENDOWA
investigation during afternoon.

Monday 8th May 1967: Walked from POMBADL to DEL 0800-0900. 0900-
0945 Walked through bush to log site. 0945-1600 Log pulled through bush.
1600-1630 returned to road at DEL. 1630-1730 Capuchin Mission DEL.
1730-1830 Walked to POMBADL.

Tuesday 9th May 1967: 0800-1000 Roll call of ESCAMP at POMBADL.
1000-1120 Road dirsektion. Walked from POMBADL to DEL via WARAMESA.
1140-1240 Roll call females DEL and other villages. 1300-1600 Log pulled
from bush to bridge site. 1700-1830 Returned camp.

Wednesday 10th May 1967: Native complaints -further investigation of
ENDOWA case.

Thursday 11th May 1967: 0830-0940 Walked from POMBADL to Capuchin Mission
DEL. 1000 arrived Bridge site. Talks with natives until 1030. 1030-1600
Log pulled to Bridge site. 1630-1700 talks with all villagers.
Returned to POMBADL 1730-1830.

Friday 12th May 1967: 0800-0900 Walked to DEL. Worked on bridge
until 1600. 1600-1630 Roll call. 1630-1730 Returned to POMBADL.

Saturday 13th May 1967: Purchase of fresh foods. 1000-1100 Census of
POMBADL. 1230-1300 Walked to PABARONGA. Census PABARONGA.

Sunday 14th May 1967: Day of rest observed POMBADL.

Monday 15th May 1967: 0800-1000 Native complaints. 1000-1500 Road
work POMBADL.

Tuesday 16th May 1967: 0800 Walked to POMBADL road section. Returned
camp at 0845. Letter written to MENDI, discussions with NCO until 1230.
1300-1430 Native complaints. 1430-1630 Work on POMBADL road.
~~WARAMESA~~ Worked on DEL road

Wednesday 17th May 1967: 0800-1015 Work on POMBADL road. 1015-1145
Walked to DEL via WARAMESA. Worked on DEL road until 1700. Native complaints.
Returned to POMBADL 1820. 1820-1930 Native complaints. 2000-2100 Native
complaints.

Thursday 18th May 1967: 0800-0900 Walked to DEL. Worked on road until
1630 when returned to POMBADL, ~~Native complaints~~ arriving 1800.

Friday 19th May 1967: 0900-1015 Walked to DEL 1015-18-- Road work
DEL. 1800-1905 returned to POMBADL. Native complaints.

Saturday 20th May 1967: Day of rest POMBADL.

Sunday 21st May 1967: Day of rest POMBADL.

Monday 22nd May 1967: 0800-1700 Work on POMBADL road.

Tuesday 23rd May 1967: 0800-0900 Road work POMBADL. 1000-1230 Walked
to IORE on SUMIA track. 1230-1600 Work on IORE and ONE roads.

Wednesday 24th May 1967: Continued road work IORE. Car not arrived so
walked towards MENDI, at 0930. Arrival of car, proceeded to PUMI, then
retruned to MENDI, arriving 1330.

INTRODUCTION

As per Patrol Instructions, the Patrol camped at IORE in the lower LAI River valley to continue road maintenance on the MENDI-NIPA and other roads in MEGI, IARIA areas. Another aim of the Patrol was to maintain law and order in the SUMIA-PUMI area, where tribal fighting took place in November, 1966. General Administration was also carried out.

The Patrol proceeded several times to the POMBADL area, filling in during the absence of the Officer stationed there and continuing his road and bridge construction in the lower LAI and NEMBI Rivers.

IORE, and the villages north and west of IORE in the MENDI River valley, are in the MENDI Local Government Council Area. The villages which the Patrol visited in the lower LAI and NEMBI valleys are still under the Village Constable system.

At present there is little economic development in the area; some coffee and few cattle.

The Patrol was diverted to ENDOWA village in the LAI valley after it was reported by an NCO of R.P.N.G.C. at PUMI, that the body of a female native of ENDOWA had been found in the LAI River, in what appeared to be suspicious circumstances.

POLITICAL & NATIVE SITUATION

The Patrol was received with indifference by most of the villages in the IORE area, as in actual fact this Patrol was just continuing on the Patrol that has been in the area since the tribal fighting. These villages are beginning to feel that the immediate glory of the PUMI massacre and the fight between the IAGENS, are not worth the close watching of the area which the Administration has pursued. The constant Patrolling is having the desired effect to a certain extent, in that the village way of life is interrupted to the degree that the villagers are kept busy on wholesome projects i.e. roads, gardens, and little time is left for the furthering of inter-village disputes. An Officer constantly in the area also has an effect on the maintenance of law and order, however, it is my opinion that not everyone in the area has a healthy respect for Law.

About ~~the~~ ten (10) men from IORE and SUMAI, including the IORE Local Government Councillor, were in goal at the time of my residence at IORE. The Councillor and nine others have since returned to the village as they were discharged on preliminary hearing of the indictable offences with which they were charged, due, I believe, to unfortunate circumstances. As I have not ~~ix~~ returned to IORE for any length of time since their arrival, I am unable to report the effect of their return on the villagers. I have had no report of anything significant from the Police stationed at IORE, and I noticed the ex-detainees working on the road when I returned to the Station. However, I think the situation bears watching, as it has been my experience that the average villager in this type of primitive area finds it difficult to understand how a person guilty of a major offence which possibly would carry the death penalty in native custom can be acquitted under the Administration Law on what to them are trivialities. Loss of faith in the Jaw as we know it, I believe, could lead to pay-back murders such as those that occurred between the SUMIA and PUMI villagers, because of lack of effectiveness.

IARIA and MEGI, not involved in the recent fighting as far as I know, have not had their traditional village life upset. Apart from visits on road days, these villagers saw little of the Patrol. The IARIA villagers are allied with some KAGUA villages, and expressed distaste for the fighting on the MENDI side. They appear enthusiastic about the proposed tea development in their area, but needed added encouragement to ensure a full attendance at road work, and the construction of proper roads. Not all villagers attend work on the MEGI section of road, but are plodding on with improvements. At one stage it was hard to get carriers from MEGI to POMBADL, but this is now satisfactory.

The PINJ villagers needed encouragement in roadwork, and in general affairs. In spite of the Patrol giving notice of plans to stay at PINJ in three days time, on arrival at PINJ, the rest house buildings were in a filthy and dilapidated condition. No preparations were made. The villagers were very slow to assemble, and a poor attendance. A talk was given regarding housing, roads, laws, but unfortunately the Patrol was unable to return to PINJ to ascertain the result of the encouragement given.

The situation at ENDOWA in some respects was poor. The Village Constable TOBULI, was given instructions as to his responsibilities as a V.C., which he seems to be ~~neglecting~~ neglecting; does not encourage road work; avoided the Patrol for a week after his presence was requested; appears more interested in females than in ~~his~~ his Village Constable responsibilities. The rest house at ENDOWA, although not old, was left to become dilapidated, making necessary the construction of a new Barracks, re-roofing and flooring of rest house, and the construction of a cook house, ~~before~~ before Patrol was to be able to camp successfully at ENDOWA. Villagers are not the least bit interested in improving their diet or in growing cash crops. Encouragement was given in these fields, but met with a total lack of enthusiasm. In the investigation carried out into the death of POMBERE-SOLUA of PAKUPI, a clan included in the ENDOWA Census Unit, the Patrol met with ~~mutual~~ distrust, lies, and a reluctance to assist in any way by villagers.

I find the general attitude of the PUMI villagers one of sullen agreement to the present state of affairs, as though waiting for the day when the Police will no longer be stationed in their area, and they will then settle their account with neighbouring villager. I have gained this impression from several minor incidents reported to me, which took place during my absence at POMBADL. These involved people talking in double meanings, which is the custom of these people when wishing to hide something important which they want to say, and cases where people have actually stated that they did not like the Police keeping an eye on them. The R.P.N.G.C. NCO at PUMI ~~inform~~ informed me that he found it difficult to keep track of everyone, as they were not co-operating willingly with their own protection. It is my opinion that in the future it will not be a problem of the other villages in the area again attacking the PUMI villagers, but one in which the PUMI villagers themselves will start a fight, for the previously mentioned reasons. The outcome of the Supreme Court cases will ~~no doubt~~ no doubt have an effect on the PUMI villagers, for better or worse, and only, by continued direct administration of the area at the present, can we instil into the PUMI villagers a healthy respect for Law and the Administration.

Generally, the villages in this area are still very primitive, in spite of some pidgin speakers; numerous men who have worked as labourers outside the District; proximity to MENDI Station; and Missions all over the place. They do not appear particularly interested in improving their housing i.e. pigs still sleep in the women's house, not enthusiastic in planting introduced vegetables crops; coffee gone to ruin; still practise primitive rites on the bodies of dead leaders; still believe in ~~the~~ and practise sorcery; and carry out punishments for sorcery i.e. murder. Very suspicious of Administration, as generally everyone tries to avoid the truth as long as possible, until they find out

the reasons behind the questions. We probably will see little change in the near future with their attitudes, until they see some economic development in the area. At present they have little incentive to make them believe there is a better way of life than the traditional way.

The villages between the lower LAI and NEMBI Rivers, appear even more primitive than the villages in the IORE area. They are good workers when under supervision, many of their leaders assisting. However, they still like to do things their own way if they are permitted. Their spirit has not been broken, and I feel that if it was put to good use i.e. some form of development, it would be successful, and would also tend to avoid the lethargic attitude which the villagers in IORE area have fallen into. However, I feel that they still have more to learn regarding basic law and order, and proper respect for the Administration.

The POMBADL Village Constable has returned from goal, but does not appear to be very influential at the moment. A village leader, a man noted for ~~his~~ his cheeky opposition to previous patrols, has also returned to the village recently. It was noticed that whenever he spoke, everyone would stop and listen. A leader of this type should be cultivated to a pro-Administration attitude if possible. He could be trouble maker otherwise. The Village Constable of MALA, a village ~~connected~~ connected with POMBADL, appears very enthusiastic, a ~~good~~ good worker, and is not afraid to reprimand the rest of the villagers in the area, if they need it. However, it came to notice that he was not so wonderful behind the Patrol's back. Is inclined to construct a road to fit his ideas instead of following the instructions given by an Officer. In other words, satisfactory if watched.

The DEL/UBIRIL villagers have worked hard on the roads and bridges, and a good attendance at road work if encouragement constantly given. The villages on the NIPA side of the NEMBI River, helped out quite enthusiastically on the MENDI side. Several complaints and disputes were ~~xxxxxx~~ brought to the Patrol by these NIPA residents. It was noticed that few were brought from the villagers on the MENDI side of NEMBI.

The villagers in both the IORE and POMBADL areas have little faith in P.H.D., ~~of~~ their faith is overshadowed by their traditional beliefs, as they constantly kill pigs for the spirits for illness, and usually only bother about medical treatment when advised by an Officer, or when they see a vehicle going to MENDI. People have actually stated that everyone seems to die in the hospital. It was explained that this is because they do not take ill people to the hospital soon enough.

It can be seen from the above that the native situation the IORE POMBADL area is poor, but I imagine that ~~thisxxxxxx~~ it is an improvement to what it was five months ago. I think however, that this form of Administration, of keeping Patrols at a base camp such as IORE and POMBADL, achieves a great deal. It is possible to keep an up-to-date finger on the pulse of the area, by seeing attitudes and actions, learning and assisting with the problems of the villagers. It is my opinion that if staff were available a base camp is the ideal way to effectively and constantly Administer a Sub-District, i.e. base camps throughout the Sub-District dealing with ~~the~~ minor problems of each base camp of villages, thus ensuring no area is neglected in any way, the villagers see an interest is being taken in them thus building up faith in the Administration, any trouble brewing would likely be detected, and there would be no lack of follow-up action after the completion of a Patrol, which is important, but often neglected.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

This area has been neglected regarding improvement of subsistence crops and introduction of cash crops which are suitable to the area. Coffee planted years ago has been neglected. I understand a MEGI man is planting a new coffee garden, with the assistance of D.A.S.F. Introduced vegetables are hard to purchase in the lower LAI and NEMBI valleys. A few cabbages were purchased at ENDOWA and potatoes, tomatoes and beans at IORE. The prices demanded were exorbitant compared to KAGUA, or even Australia.

The tea industry at IARIA will be a definite asset to the area, financially and morally. I hope DASF is planning to encourage indigenous tea planting projects, using the Mission factory. It appeared to me that there was sufficient land in the MENDI/LAI River valleys for indigenous projects, and I think that later there will be ~~not~~ no shortage of villagers interested in the project once the Mission is set up. These projects would be a success if proper encouragement is given, especially regular inspection and guidance.

Most villages in the area are complaining of shortage of sweet potato, but as the weather has not been abnormal, I can only suggest that they have not prepared enough gardens. As the villagers only work three days a week on the road, they should be able to prepare enough gardens in the other four days. The KENGERE, MEGI and ENDOWA villages have found enough time to build their ceremonial ~~big~~ long houses recently, so I do not consider the roadwork at present affecting their gardens. I do not consider the shortage serious at the moment, and see no reason why the Administration should give any assistance.

The SUMIA, IORE villages have two and four steers respectively. They are combining to care for the animals, grazing them at various places in the two villages. MEGI killed and sold a cow at a singsing a few weeks ago, and only have a calf left. It seemed a terrible waste to kill a cow at this time, when cows are so scarce. IORE has been asking for cows to breed with, but all they have at present are steers, which can only be eaten. The IORES' are anxious to start a herd, and there is a suitable herdsman in the IORE village, who was trained at BAIYER RIVER by DASF for such a purpose. ONE has three ~~villages~~ steers left, as I believe one was trapped in a ditch and died.

COURTS AND COMPLAINTS

All villages in the IORE area, except ESAMP and PUMI brought various complaints and disputes to the notice of the Patrol. Numerous bride price and debt disputes were brought forward. These were settled by arbitration where possible and those not settled were forwarded to ~~THE~~ MENDI.

MEGI and KENGERE (IORE) brought a land dispute to the notice of the Patrol. This dispute originated when a Mission desired to buy timber. The KEGERES alleged that the MEGIs were selling timber on KENGERE land. After discussions with the groups, they themselves reached an agreement.

Some TENDERAIBA Clansmen resident at IARIA did not wish to return to their ancestral land, MOGURA, on the MENDI/IALIBU/KAGUA border, which recently was given back to the TENDEREIBA by a Deputy Lands Commissioner. They claim, however, that the clansmen already returned to MOGURA were trying to force those at IARIA to return. I informed them that as long as the IARIA villagers were happy to have them stay at IARIA, I did not see any reason why they must go back. I think the proposed economic development ~~x~~ in the IARAI area may have encouraged them to stay.

A group of PUMI (KAGUA) villagers approached the PATROL at

POMBADL, saying that they had tried to buy back their ancestral land from the USA villagers who won the ground at the time of tribal fighting in the area. The USA villagers took the pay but kept the land. The matter was referred to Sub-District Office, KAGUA.

Whilst at FOMBADL, I received a note from Snr. Constable LALIO that a woman was found floating in the LAI River and her village had not reported her missing until she was found. I proceeded to ENDOWA as soon as possible, two days later, to investigate her death. With no medical evidence, and as it was fourteen days after her death that I viewed the body, the exact nature of cause of death could not be determined. The villagers told lie after lie, some admitting they were lying, and no headway was made with the investigation, as to whether she died by suicide, accident or murder. I do not know if they lied because they were afraid, or because they were hiding something, which could amount to the same thing.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

A main aim of this Patrol was to maintain and improve, where possible, the roads in the IORE area. This was carried out as far as possible, however, the Patrol spent half the time at FOMBADL and ENDOWA. Although the villagers are getting the idea of proper road construction, they need to be continually supervised by an Officer, as they are inclined to do a rough job to speed the progress up. At ONE a suitable surfacing material is found, which compresses and hardens into an excellent surface, slightly slippery when wet, but if stones underneath protrude slightly, traction is still maintained. With the use of a tractor, it would be worth while surfacing as much road as possible with this material, as it binds and provides a smoother surface than river gravel. Two bridges have been replaced at IORE and IAGEN.

At FOMBADL, the Patrol continued cutting the new road from POMBADL rest house down to the existing road at WARAMESA, DEL. The road has only a few hundred yards to go to reach the partially constructed WARAMESA road. At DEL, logs were pulled for the NAPU and for the NEMBI bridges. The abutments for the NAPU bridge were constructed. Several men were injured during the pulling of these logs, however, none seriously.

IORE, ONE and IAGEN alledged that they had not received the pay for previous bridges built on their road. Acting on advice from the ADC, MENDI, MR. YOUNG-WHITFORD, I told the villages that on completion of the bridges they would be paid.

There is still a lot of work to be done in both the POMBADL and IORE areas.

CONCLUSION

The Patrol attempted to carry out the instructions as far as possible. I found this Patrol of good experience for myself.

The appropriate R.P.N.G.C. RS 1 forms have been filled in. Herewith claim for camping allowance, for your approval.

R. K. Ridgway
 R.K. RIDGWAY
 PATROL OFFICER
 26/5/67



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MENDI No. "21 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by Mr. D. Hoban Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part UPPER MENDI C/D Part KARINT C/D

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. ANDERSON D.O. (initial stages)

Natives D.D.A. Interpreter Pungu

Duration—From 1 / 4 / 19 67 to 4 / 5 / 19 67

Number of Days 33 days camped out

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 29 / 4 / 19 67

Medical =====19=====

Map Reference FOURMIL KUTUBU

Objects of Patrol Repair bridges at KARGOBA; Familiarize self with operation of Council building projects at MAP and BELA; Assess material requirements for Council building projects at PINGIRIP-KANDEP road.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MCRESBY.

Forwarded, please.

22/6/1967

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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Southern Highlands District,
MEUDI.

22nd June, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MEUDI.

Patrol Report No. 21-66/67.

The above report and your 67-2-1 of
20th instant are acknowledged with thanks.

2. The idea of Mr. Hagan completing the
building is a very good one. It means that despite the
difficulties encountered, the project can be finished.
It is important that your staff do such jobs like this
at times. It means you are solving a problem, not
creating one.

3. Roads and bridge work will need to be
continued.

4. Obviously an effective patrol.

c.c. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

The above and attached report refer, please.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D.R. Marsh'.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

Att..

67-2-1

Sub District Office,
MENDI.

20th June, 1967

District Commissioner,
MENDI

MENDI PATROL NO. 21 of 1966/67
D.F. HOBAN C.P.O.
PART UPPER MENDI AND KARINT
CENSUS DIVISIONS

Attached are copies of a Patrol Report by Mr. Hoban covering 33 days camped out in the Upper Mendi and Karint Censur Divisions.

This well set out report needs little comment from me.

Council school projects mentioned under 6 are no further advanced because of delays in supply of hardware from Madag. Most of the timber required is immediately available, but carpenters are proving impossible to attract. To this end, it has been decided that Mr. Hoban do the best he can with his limited carpentering skills in an effort to complete the projects.

The KANDEP PINGIRIP road is calculated to reduce road mileage KANDEP- MT. HAGEN by at least 40 miles, reducing their freight costs considerably. It is an example of the inter District Co-operation which is seldom manifest between two Districts. A great deal remains to be done, but the project is well within our capabilities barring further unforeseen mayhem amongst the people of the Mendi administrative area. The roadwork has had a favourable effect on the cohesion of previously enemy groups currently engaged on the project.

A Claim for Camping Allowance is attached.

J. Young Whitford
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(J. YOUNG- WHITFORD)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Yours faithfully,

J. Young-Whitford

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Pumi Rest House,
Mendi Sub-district

31st. March 1967.

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Mr. D. Hoban,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
On Patrol,
OIRE.

Dear Mr. Hoban,

PATROL NO. 21 of 1966/67 - PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

Having been relieved of your duties associated with the PUMI murders you are to proceed tomorrow, the 1st. April, to Komia and join Mr. A.D.O. Anderson who is in that area repairing bridges on the main Mendi-Mt. Hagen road. You will place yourself at his disposal and assist him in the completion of the bridges requiring immediate replacement. When these are completed you will then supervise the management of the Council sawmill under the control of Mr. Anderson until that officer is satisfied that you are conversant with its operation.

2. At the direction of Mr. Anderson you will then proceed to the MAP-BELA-PINGIRIP area and undertake the following:

- (a) Assess the timber requirements needed for the erection of classrooms and teachers' quarters being undertaken by the Upper Mendi Council in the Bela and Map areas.
- (b) Despatch your requirements list to Mr. M. Anderson for supply.
- (c) Whilst awaiting supply of materials proceed to PINGIRIP and supervise the construction of the Kandep-Pingirip Road.
- (d) On receipt of materials for the erection of school buildings at Map and Bela proceed to the completion of these buildings seeking assistance from either Mr. Anderson or myself if you run into difficulties.

3. Having spent some months in handling the native situation in the direct IORE area you will find this particular task a further extension of your training in this Department in your first term. I desire you to apply yourself particularly to the Council project in the Bela and Map areas as this is of paramount importance to both the Council and the Administration. Once the building materials are available to you, you must immediately leave the Pingirip area and proceed to complete the Council projects advising me when this occurs so that I can arrange for your relief on that road.

4. You will please hand a copy of this letter to Mr. Anderson when you join him tomorrow. I wish you a pleasant sojourn in this new area of the sub-district you are visiting.

Yours faithfully,

J. Young-Whitford
J. Young-Whitford

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Mr.

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office
MENDI
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT
May 1967

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration

MENDI PATROL No. 21 of 1966/67
UPPER MENDI AND KARINT Census Divisions

Patrol conducted by;

D. Hoban, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled;

Parts Upper Mendi and Karint
Census Divisions

Personnel accompanying;

Mr. ANDERSON, D.O. initial stages
D.D.A. Interpreter Pangu

Duration of Patrol;

1/4/67 to 4/5/67
33 days camped out

Last Patrol in the area;

29/4/67

Objects of the Patrol;

(1)
Assist Mr. Anderson in the repair
of bridges on the MENDI-Mt. HAGEN
road near KARGOBA

(2)
Under Mr. Anderson's supervision
familiarise self with the operation
of the U.M.L.G.C. portable sawmill

(3)
Assess COUNCIL requirements for
Council school building projects
at BELA and MAP and place orders as
appropriate.

(4)
Whilst awaiting supply of materials
mark out and commence construction
of the PINGIRIP-KANDEP road.

(5)
When materials to hand construct
classrooms at BELA and MAP.

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Map reference;

D. Hoban
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(D. Hoban)
Cadet Patrol officer

PATROL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

1. It was intended to achieve four ends on this Patrol-
(1) To assist Mr. ANDERSON, A.D.O., in replacing bridges on the Mt. Hagen-Mendi road which had either collapsed or were dangerous and which had consequently caused the closure of that road to all traffic.

(2) Upon completion of (1) to accompany Mr. ANDERSON to KOMIA and there to familiarize myself with the operation of the U.M.L.G.C. portable sawmill with a view to future supervision of its operation.

(3) To assess material deficiencies and place appropriate orders for the Council school building projects at BELA and MAP and when the material was on site to construct the classrooms.

(4) Whilst awaiting supply of the building materials to survey and commence construction of the PINGIRIP- KANDEP road.

2. This Report will be limited to an account of progress on the specific tasks set the Patrol.

3. This Patrol was recalled on the 4/5/'67 by Mr. J. YOUNG-WHITEFORD, A.D.C., as I was a witness in Supreme Court @ hearings at MENDI.

BRIDGES - Mt. HAGEN-MENDI ROAD

4. Mr. ANDERSON had very nearly completed the replacement of bridges on the Mt. HAGEN road when I arrived at KARGOBA on Saturday 1/4/'67. Two hours supervision on Monday 3/4/'67 saw the completion of the last bridge.

Mr. ANDERSON and myself then proceeded to KOMIA.

FAMILIARIZATION WITH COUNCIL SAWMILL

5. A "FORESTMILL" portable saw was landed in MENDI for the U.M.L.G.C. in February.

The saw was set up on the edge of heavy forest approximately North-East of KOMIA R/H and 1½ miles off the Mt. HAGEN road. There are extensive stands of fine milling timbers in the area which forms the Western slopes of Mt. GILUWE.

The local people - both timber owners and labourers - showed a great deal of enthusiasm for the venture. On the spot cash payment for logs snigged to the saw site proved very popular. At all times a more than adequate supply of timber was provided.

A partial costing breakdown is attached as Appendix "A". Continued running of the machine will allow accurate entries for running costs and thus provide a truer analysis.

I think it would be unwise to entrust the operation of the saw to a solely indigenous crew at this stage. I found the machine quite sophisticated and there are many adjustments which must be made religiously if the mill is to be efficient.

A mechanical breakdown on the 4/4 brought operations to a halt.

I feel that the two days were well spent.

COUNCIL SCHOOL PROJECTS = BELA AND MAP.

6. The U.M.L.G.C. had contracted with the EDUCATION DEPARTMENT to build three double classrooms - one at BELA and two at MAP - in mid 1966.

This project was only partially completed when the carpenters available to the Council were transferred and so construction has been at a standstill since August of 1966.

One classroom at MAP is almost completed - only a wall and storeroom remain to be completed. Cement foundation pads have been poured for the other two classrooms. Preparatory to recommencing construction a list of materials required was compiled and sent to the Council Clerk at MENDI for his attention.

These materials are not as yet on hand in MENDI.

PINGIRIP-KANDEP ROAD.

(7) The object in this period of the Patrol was to find a reasonable route for a road which would link up the KARINT Census Division road network with a road presently being constructed by personnel from KANDEP Patrol Post, W.H.D., if time allowed construction was to be undertaken.

With improvements on the road from PINGIRIP to SEMP and NEN to KLAREG and the bridging of the MENDI River at SEMP KANDEP would have access to Mt. HAGEN via the MENDI - Mt. HAGEN road.

It had been agreed that MENDI Sub-District would be responsible for surveying and constructing the section of the road link from PINGIRIP R/H to the ridge crest which forms the watershed of the EGILT Ck. and MARIENT River and is ~~000~~ at that point the border of Papua and New Guinea.

This involved a distance of approximately seven miles of which approximately three miles had been surveyed and partially constructed - the remainder being surveyed by this Patrol. Discussion of Patrol roadwork will under four heads.

SURVEY - EGILT TO P.&N.G. BORDER.

(8) a. The Eastern bank of the EGILT Ck. is broken by several streams and slopes in the upper reaches are too steep for road construction.

The Western bank also posed problems. Limestone buttresses and sinkholes in the lower sections of the ridge on this bank forced the proposed route to follow the floodplain of the EGILT Ck. well into the range and meant that the climb to the P.&N.G. border was commenced at a point where the possibility of securing reasonable grades was reduced.

A route was nevertheless marked down this side of the EGILT Ck. Heavy virgin forest was encountered; transverse slopes of 60 degrees (approx.) and the gravelly nature of the soil will make landslides very likely in the future. On the other hand little bridging will be required on this section of the road and there are pockets of limestone scattered throughout the forest suitable for paving.

The route marked is I think reasonable - a more definite decision will be possible when the route has been cleared for timber.

EGILT - PINGIRIP SECTION.

(9) This section of the road has been partially completed. It passes through level to undulating country skirting the Western banks of the KEE Ck. and North of SANGSO the EGILT Ck.

This Patrol supervised the construction of 256' of necessary bridges and culverts on the PINGIRIP- EGILT section. It only remains now to cord and pave a swampy section, roughly 1/4 of a mile long, between PINGIRIP and SANGSO for the road to be open to vehicular traffic as far as EGILT. In places where local people have worked without supervision widening and the cutting of a camber will be required.

PINGIRIP - SEMP ROAD.

(10) A road has already been cut between these two Census points. A great deal of work will be needed however before the road is suitable for continuous traffic. Negative camber, narrow paving and several steeply graded sections will require attention. Roughly four miles is involved.

MENDI RIVER BRIDGE.

(11) A bridge over the MENDI River at or near SEMP is necessary to link KANDEP to the Mt. HAGEN road. A search for bridge sites was made and three possibilities noted;

a. Roughly 500 yards South South East of SEMP R/H and 200 yards upstream from the confluence of the MENDI River and KEE Ck. A single 96' span bridge is involved. This is the most attractive site from the point of constructing road approaches and the directness of the route.

b. 800 yards North East of SEMP R/H. A small island of boulders roughly 4' above average river height affords opportunity for building a central support and thus a double span bridge with 60' and 50' spans involved. Unfortunately this site would involve a deviation of 1 1/2 miles from a direct route and extensive earth moving owing to the steeply sloping country involved.

c. Roughly 1 1/2 miles downstream from SEMP R/H. A single 86' span involved. A diversion of roughly 2 miles from a direct route but with relatively easy road construction as the country is level.

CONCLUSION.

THREE of the objectives of this Patrol were achieved - the construction of the Council schools at MAP and BELA proved impossible as materials ordered did not arrive.

Finally I think the enthusiasm and energy of the people of SEMP, MAREP, SANGSO, PEMBI, PASURIM and PINGIRIP - the Village groups involved in roadwork in the area - was exceptional. Working with them was most enjoyable.

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APPENDIX "A"

Preliminary details-
Cost revenue for Council sawmill

COST

\$1:80 per 100 S/F
\$0:10 per 100 S/F

To labourers for snigging timber
To owners of timber

REVENUE

\$10:00 per 100 S/F

For filled timber

There is a wastage rate estimated at 15% which would mean with adjustment that a net profit (excluding mill operating costs which are as yet unavailable) of \$7:60 per 100 S/F is being made.

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limestone

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PATROL DIARYSaturday 1st April 1967.

Patrol No. 17 stood down.

Received instructions for Patrol No. 21 from Mr. J. YOUNG-WHITFORD
A.D.C.,Departed IOBE 1000 hrs. by car for KARGOBA in the UPPER MENDI
C/D. Arrived KARGOBA 1700 hrs. where met Mr. ANDERSON, A.D.C.,
R.O.N. KARGOBASunday, 2nd April, 1967.

A.M. for walk through alpine grassland and forest.

P.M. walked to P. and N.G. border at MINNABEL Ck.
R.O.N. KARGOBA.Monday, 3rd April, 1967.Completed construction of two bridges near KARGOBA and proceeded
by tractor to KOMIA.Spent afternoon in setting up and operating "Forestmill" saw
R.O.N. KOMIATuesday, 4th April, 1967.Requested the people of KOMIA to postpone the replacement of the
KELENDIA Ck. bridge till HAGEN-MENDI transport backlog was cleared.Observed operation of "forestmill" saw - 1400hrs. mechanical
breakdown. Mr. ANDERSON to MENDI.

R.O.N. KOMIA.

Wednesday, 5th April, 1967.Supervised construction of bridge over KELENDIA Ck. Completed 1500 hrs.
R.O.N. KOMIA.Thursday, 6th April, 1967.By tractor to MENDI with sawn timber. Secured plans of Council
Classrooms and Patrol Advance of \$40.By car to BELA 1400 hrs and noted material requirements for school.
R.O.N. BELA.Friday, 7th April, 1967.

Walked to MAP and noted requirements for school there.

Returned to BELA and compiled order for Council Clerk.
R.O.N. BELA.Saturday, 8th April, 1967.

Despatched materials order to MENDI.

Departed BELA for PINGIRIP 1030 hrs. Road in poor condition.

Advised people of IMILA, HIEP, ORIA, PASURIM, PEMBI, SEMP,
MAREP and PINGIRIP to appear for roadwork on Monday.

R.O.N. PINGIRIP.

Sunday, 9th April, 1967.

Observed at PINGIRIP.

R.O.N. PINGIRIP.

MONDAY, 10th April, 1967.Departed PINGIRIP 0715 hrs. along road presently being constructed
towards EGILT. Reached edge of forest @ 1020 hrs. and constructed
bush camp there.

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp

Tuesday, 11th April, 1967.0715 hrs. set out along EGILT Ck. to its watershed which forms
the P.&N.G. border.0850 Hrs. commenced marking a route down the side of this ridge
from the Border ridge to my camp. Very heavy bush and transverse
slopes of 60 degrees encountered.1630 hrs. attempt abandoned when progress halted by large limestone
Buttress.

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Wednesday, 12th April, 1967.

Wednesday, 12th April, 1967.

Day spent in searching lower banks of EGILT Ck. in attempt to find route which would avoid limestone buttress.

Note arrived ex. S.D.O. Requesting estimate of work involved and tools necessary.

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Thursday, 13th April, 1967.

Walked to EGILT Ck. waterhed and commenced cutting new route. Three rock chimneys encountered. 3½ miles of route marked.

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Friday, 14th April, 1967.

Walked from Egilt to Semp noting details of work necessary to open a road from McMENDI River to the P.&N.G.

Considerable time spent in checking MENDI River for bridge sites.

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Saturday, 15th April, 1967.

Two disputes mediated. Observed.

R.O.N. SEMP.

Sunday, 16th April, 1967.

Walked from Sempto EGILT Ck. Camp.

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Monday, 17th April, 1967.

0730 walked to where had previously left off road marking. Cut a route through to Egilt Ck. Camp. Steep slopes, heavy forest and stone.

One dispute mediated.

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Tuesday, 18th April, 1967.

Spent day supervising culvert construction on the road near EGILT. Moderate rain P.M.

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Wednesday, 19th April, 1967.

Continued road construction at EGILT.

Cloudburst 1530 hrs

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Thursday, 20th April, 1967.

A.M. drizzle. 1130 hrs. heavy rain - work abandoned.

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Friday, 21st April, 1967.

Spent day hiking around lowerbank of Egilt in attempt to find route for final section of road. Limestone buttresses and sinkholes

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Saturday, 22nd April, 1967.

Observed at Egilt.

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Sunday, 23rd April, 1967.

Supplies and mail arrived. Advised that \$1000 plus shovels, picks and crowbars would arrive mid-week.

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Monday, 24th April, 1967.

Supervised bridge construction on the road between EGILT and SANGSO. Three bridges completed.

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Tuesday, 25th April, 1967.

Continued bridge construction at SANGSO.

1400 hrs. car arrived to fetch Interpreter PUNGU - Court witness.

R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Wednesday, 26th April, 1967.

Day spent in bridge construction South of SANGSO. Two bridges completed and 8 large timbers pulled to site for the morrow.
R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Thursday, 27th April, 1967.

Bridge construction and cording of swampy sections of road near PINGIRIP. Very heavy rain 1500 hrs. - work abandoned.
R.O.N. EGILT Ck. Camp.

Friday, 28th April, 1967.

Supervised bridge construction. Heavy rain 1420 hrs. - work finished. 1830 hrs. note arrived advising that car was waiting for me at PINGIRIP.
1840 hrs. walked to PINGIRIP to find car had returned to MENDI.
R.O.N. PINGIRIP.

Saturday, 29th April, 1967.

Arranged for cargo to be brought down from EGILT.
R.O.N. PINGIRIP.

Sunday, 30th April, 1967.

Observed at PINGIRIP.
R.O.N. PINGIRIP.

Monday, 1st April, 1967.

Spent day supervising construction of bridge near PINGIRIP. Two disputes mediated.
R.O.N. PINGIRIP.

Tuesday, 2nd April, 1967.

Spent day supervising construction of bridge near PINGIRIP.
R.O.N. PINGIRIP.

Wednesday, 3rd April, 1967.

Spent day supervising construction of culverts and removal of muddy sections of road prior to cording on swamp section between PINGIRIP and SANGSO.
R.O.N. PINGIRIP.

Thursday, 4th April, 1967.

Supervised cording of swampy section between PINGIRIP and SANGSO. Note arrived 1130 hrs. ex. S.D.O. requesting me to appear for presentation of evidence in Supreme Court at MENDI.

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