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WEST SEPIK DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1970-1971

TELEFOMIN

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>TELEFOMIN</u>		
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12-70-71	K. S. BLACK	Tifalmin.

OKSAMIN

1-70-71	G. M. HENKE	Om River Census Division/No. 26 & Part Leonard Schultze Census Division No. 27.
2-70-71	B. M. FISHER	Leonard Schultze River Area of E.S.D.



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PATROL REPORT

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District of WEST SEPIK Report No. TELEFOMIN NO. 1/70-71.
 Patrol Conducted by N. L. MITCHELL. PATROL OFFICER.
 Area Patrolled TELEFOMIN/UNAPMIN-TIPALMIN CENSUS DIVISIONS.
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL.
 Natives 2. MEMBERS B.P. & N.G.C. 1 INTERPRETER.
 Duration—From 10./8./19.70 to 4./9./19.70
 Number of Days 26.
 Did Medical Assistant accompany? YES.
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 16./2./19.70 TO 19/2/70 - 7 DAYS.
 Medical N/K. 23/2/70 - 25/2/70.
 Map Reference TELEFOMIN SUB-DISTRICT MAP.
 Objects of Patrol ANNUAL CENSUS / POLITICAL EDUCATION / LAND PURCHASE.

Director of District Administration,
 PORT MORESBY.

Not done as per Study

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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Division of District Administration.
District Headquarters.
VANIKO
West Sepik District.

18th November, 1970.

Departmental Head.
Department of the Administrator.
KONEDOBU

TELEFOMIN PATROL

No. 1-70/71.

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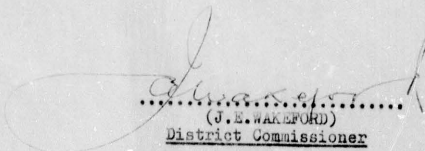
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.....
(J.E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner

HRD:KP

67-16-15

Division of District Administration,

WILSON, TAFU.

1st December, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
WAMING.

TRANSPORT REPORT NO. 1/70-71

Your reference 67-3-4 of 10th November, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Area Study and Situation Report by Mr. N.L. Mitchell, Patrol Officer, of the TRANSPORT/ADMIN Census Divisions.

A valuable report documenting local problems and attitudes.

Your comments and those of the Assistant District Commissioner adequately cover the report. I trust the Council will not waste their money on purchasing a second hand tractor that has no further economic life to the Administration. Maintaining such uneconomic plant can prove costly to the tax payer. On the whole a most informative report and the section on Law and order is of special interest. Your staff are to be commended for their prompt action at Tifalain.

J. J. Ellis
(J. J. ELLIS)
Regional Head.

cc: Mr. N.L. Mitchell,
Sub-District Office,
WILSON.
West Sepik District.



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Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference
If calling ask for
Mr.

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In Reply
Please Quote
No.

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
VANIMO
West Sepik District.

18th November, 1970.

Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
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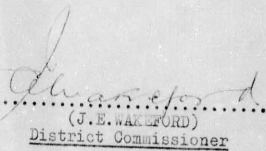
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(J. E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner

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Fischer

Sub-District Office,
TANAKOMI,
6th. November, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

COMMUNITY TELEFONIN PATROL No. 1.1970/71.

1. Attached please find three copies of the abovementioned Patrol Report submitted by Patrol Officer Mr. H.L. Mitchell to the Telefonin Local and Urapmin/Tifalmin Census Divisions. The three reports are forwarded complete with copies of Patrol Instructions and maps covering the area patrolled.
2. Due to Mr. Mitchell's early recall from the patrol and urgent transfer to border matters a complete Census Revision was not possible and thus the revised Village Population register will be held this office pending the mounting of a patrol to complete the census revision. This patrol will, I anticipate, depart telefonin inside 2-3 weeks.
3. Due to the reasons stated above Mr. Mitchell was unable to complete compilation of material for an Area Study. The following points have been raised in the attached Situation Report:-

(i) Local Government:- The disquiet of the villagers has been occasioned mainly by the stealing of monies from the Council Office. A proper steel-safe has now been acquired by the Council and no further troubles of this nature are anticipated. No lead has yet been gained as to the guilty parties in either theft.

Emphasis on Council Projects is being changed from building up the Council Building Complex on Telefonin station to getting projects going in the villages. Aid Posts and water-wells now have top priority.

The old Transport Branch tractor and trailer unit has just now come up for tender and the Council is very anxious to acquire this; ~~and~~ I do feel that it's acquisition will go some distance in proving to the people that their tax-monies are being put to sound use.

(ii) Political Education:- A considerable effort has already been expended on educating the people of the Council Area, and especially the Councillors themselves, on the aims and the role of both Local Government Councils and the House of Assembly. The Councillors and their wives indeed participated in a ten day Community Education Course which put emphasis on these topics. There is little doubt their knowledge in this field still leaves much to be desired and to ensure broader dissemination of knowledge of political matters at the village level I request that the District Political Education Officer include a patrol of the Telefonin Council Area on his itinerary when possible.

It is felt that talks on the role and functions of the House of Assembly will only begin to have real meaning for the people when their Local Member gets out into the village environment and gives them a practical demonstration on just how the House of Assembly and Members are supposed to operate.

(iii) Economic Development:- The sale of market garden produce is effectively restricted to local sales only owing to the high air-freight component out of Telefomin. Many of the times backloading on Administration Airchartrers out to Kewak or Vanimo has been pre-arranged the plane has been unable to get through because of bad weather and this has caused a high degree of wastage cost which has to be carried, ultimately, in the restricted prices paid to growers. Before another market garden venture is attempted both the quality and regular quantity will have to be improved if the 'take-off point' for such a venture is to be reached. The poor soils in the immediate Telefomin vicinity effectively preclude this take-off point being reached; this position will only improve if a road system can be pushed out from Telefomin to the nearby and more fertile valleys.

If a replacement Rural Development Officer is posted to the Sub-District I am of the opinion that the development potential of the immediate Oksapmin area should give it preference in obtaining the posting of such an Officer.

The employment opportunities offering in both the Tifalmin and Frieda River areas of the Sub-District offer the first real prospects for the people of this area to earn a regular cash income. It can only be hoped that either one or other of the mining development projects is proceeded with.

Kennecott has advised that they will be returning to Tifalmin early in 1971 at which time they anticipate commencing a drilling programme.

The seven days per week work issue has been raised again; both Kennecott and Mount Isa Mines continue to work their men on this basis despite advice that if they wish to do this wages will have to include an overtime calculation. This situation has now existed for well over twelve months and I feel the issue is either being ignored or dodged by the Labour and Mines inspectors visiting these projects. I do not feel that it is up to this office to put itself at odds with these companies by initiating prosecutions but this position is close to being reached.

(iv) Social Development:- With two Administration schools already established and a third possibly being established during 1971 it can be considered that the sub-District is now well catered for in this respect and particularly when it is realised that the population of the Sub-District only numbers some 13,500. I cannot see a fourth school being established in the Tifalmin area in the foreseeable future unless the Kennecott venture in the area proves successful.

(v) Law and Order:- It was highly fortunate that this patrol was in the immediate area at the time the alleged rape of the Tifalmin girl took place and the people witnessed the due process of law; one indeed wonders what may have occurred if Mr. Mitchell had not been in the area.

Indications are that the people have taken the incident very well and certainly do not hold any grudges against the Kennecott Company, however I feel that the episode will not be closed until the Supreme Court sitting on this case takes place at Telefomin next week. The patrol scheduled to leave for Tifalmin inside the next 2-3 weeks will be attempting to gauge the people's reactions over this trouble.

(vi) Missions:-

(vi) Missions;- The matters raised by Mr. Mitchell in connections with the people's queries raised over the prices paid them by the Mission for logs and concerning the prices of trade items in the Mission Store have been referred to the Pastor in charge at Telefomin Mr. Smith. I am satisfied that the prices paid for logs and trade-store items are reasonable but have advised Mr. Smith that it would be in order for him to ensure that the people are informed of just how these charges are arrived at.

(vii) Community Education;- It is agreed that the people of the Local Government Council Area are now at that stage where a patrol by a Welfare Officer would be beneficial to them; perhaps such a patrol could be co-ordinated with a patrol of the area by the District Political Education Officer.

4. Delay in the forwarding of this report is regretted but has been occasioned by the priority of Mr. Mitchell's Border duties and the inordinate delay in mail services between Pagel Patrol Post and Telefomin.

5. I consider this report to be a good factual coverage of the presently existing situation in the Telefomin Local and Urapmin/Tifalmin Census Divisions. There are indications that we are not communicating with these people to the degree that we must do and this will be rectified by more regular patrolling of these areas nearby to Telefomin station; a stable staff situation over the coming twelve months will go a long way to achieving this aim.

6. Apart from the unfortunate handling of spelling 'Kennecott' this is a good report by Mr. Mitchell.

For your consideration, please.

S. Fischer

(S.M. Fischer)
Assistant District Commissioner

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Division ~~XXXXXX~~
Department of the Administrator,
Sub District Office, Telefomin,
West Sepik District.

6th August 1970.

Mr. N. L. Mitchell,
Patrol Officer,
Telefomin.

Patrol Instructions - Tel Patrol No 1-70/71

As verbally discussed with you please prepare to depart on patrol to the Telefomin and Tifalmin-Urapmin Census Divisions on Monday August 10th.

You may have to delay your departure date for a few days to enable the police whom you are taking on patrol to sit for examinations which should be conducted by the Officer-in-Charge Police, Vanimo, during a pending visit to this station. Please discuss this matter with Insp. York and ensure the police you have selected for your patrol are available to see Insp. York when he arrives.

Your patrol will cover an area which comes under the Telefomin Local Government Council and the purposes of your patrol are:-

1. Census Revision for both Census Divisions,
2. Political Education and Group discussions in all villages within the two census divisions,
3. Compile a list of retired Luluais and Paltuls who could be eligible for payment in recognition of services. You will need to read 92-1-0 from the Secretary and also 92-1-1 of 6th April from the District Commissioner on this matter. This file is available in my office.
4. See our file 35-1 and the District Commissioners 35-5-2 of 31st July 1970 regarding the purchase of "Bulunumbi" land in the Tifalmin area. All purchase documents have arrived however a TF3 is to be forwarded later. Should this arrive while you are on patrol I will forward all documents to you and you should complete the purchase during your patrol.
5. As you know Kennicott Explorations have a base camp in the Tifalmin area. You should acquaint yourself with the current Mining Legislation before proceeding on patrol and I would suggest that you take the Circular entitled "Revised Notes on Mining Legislation and "Prospecting Operations" put out by the Dept. of Lands Surveys and Mines on November 3rd 1969. There is a copy of this circular in my office which you may take however it is to be returned on completion of the patrol. A report on the relationship between the Tifalmin-Urapmin people and the Mining company will be required in your patrol report. In your dealings with Kennicott Explorations converse directly with the geologist in charge, Mr. Graham, who I am sure you will find most helpful in

5. (cont)

Take with you a copy of the Rural wage rates in the West Sepik District. This is available in my office and could be of some assistance to you in the Mifalmin area.

6. General Administration.

I anticipate that you should be away for four to five weeks. The area to which you are going is badly in need of a good thorough patrol and you should not hurry your patrol unnecessarily. Spend at least one night in every village and in this I include the villages close handy to Telefomin who have been so used to being patrolled by car that they don't recall what it is like to have an Administration Field Officer actually camped in the village.

Draw the stores which you require from the Station Store. You will most certainly need tents and associated camping gear.

For your police on patrol I suggest you take Sgt. Wadonia and Constable Toria. I will not need the Sgt. for a while and the Senior Constable can take over his duties for the time being. Also the patrol will further his knowledge of the Sub District.

You will also need to take an interpreter and I suggest you utilize the Senior Interpreter Sunel ~~Sunel~~ for your patrol. You will find that he has a wealth of knowledge of the Sub District and is a very capable interpreter.

Your reports will take the form of a Situation Report and an Area Study of the area patrolled. I shall expect this report within ten days of the completion of your patrol.

Should you come across anything on your patrol in the line of Law and Order which requires Court action please arrange for all parties concerned to come to Telefomin where appropriate action, if necessary, will be taken.

Should you have any queries on the above instructions please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish you a pleasant patrol.

(K.R.Kelly)
Assistant District Commissioner

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TELEFOMIN PATROL NO. 1 - 1970/1971.

REPORT NO : TELEFOMIN NO. 1/1970-71.
SUB-DISTRICT : TELEFOMIN.
DISTRICT : WEST SEPIK.
COUNCIL/NON COUNCIL AREA : Council Area.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY : N. L. MITCHELL.
DESIGNATION : Patrol Officer.
AREA PATROLLED : TELEFOMIN - UNAPMIN/YIPALMIN CENSUS
DIVISION.
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING : 0124. Sgt. WADONIA. R.P. & N.G.C.
2503 Cst. TORIA " Senior Interpreter SUNEI
Medical Orderly SUMERING.
DURATION OF PATROL : 10/8/70 - 4/9/70. - 26 Days.
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST PATROL - D.D.A. : 16
/2/70 - 25/2/70 - 7 Days.
OBJECTS OF PATROL : Annual Census. Area Study.
Political Education. Complete a
Land Purchase Document. Report on
Relationships between KENNICOTT
Exploration and Local People. Compile
a List of Retired Luluais and Tultuls.
General Administration.
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED : 2,827.
MAP REFERENCE : TELEFOMIN SUB-DISTRICT Map.
VILLAGE POPULATION :
REGISTER ENCLOSED/NOT ENCLOSED : Enclosed (Incomplete).

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TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT
NO. 1/1970-71.

DIARY OF PATROL :

AUGUST 1970 :

Monday, 10th :

0745. Prepared to depart. Carriers assembled. 1115. Departed for KIALIKMIN No. II. Track very muddy, slippery and treacherous in places. 1445. Attack of cramp in right thigh muscle enforced a long rest. Carriers sent on ahead. Arrived at KIALIKMIN No. II at 1730. Set up tent. Carriers paid. Remained the night.

Tuesday, 11th :

0745. All Villagers assembled. Council Patrol commenced collecting Tax. Census commenced. 1200 - 1300 Lunch break. 1300 continued with Census until 1630. 1630 - 1730 Discussions with individual Villagers with queries about work and domestic problems. 1845-1935 Arbitrated on a domestic dispute over payment of a Bride Price. Remained the night.

Wednesday, 12th :

0745. All Villagers assembled. Continued with Census. 0900 Sgt. WADONIA and Const. TORIA returned to TELEFOMIN to attend Police Promotion Examinations. 1100. Completed Census for KIALIKMIN No. II. 1,115. All Villagers from FARUKMIN arrived to pay Council Tax. Decided to carry out Census at the same time. 1200 - 1300. Lunch break. 1300 Continued with Census for FARUKMIN. Census completed at 1700. Remained the night.

Thursday, 17th :

0745. Investigated a domestic dispute. Husband and wife to go to TELEFOMIN for a Court hearing. 0845. Commenced Area Study. 1200-1300. Lunch break. 1300. Inspected the Village and gardens. Village clean and neat. 1430. Continued Area Study until 1700. Remained the night.

Friday, 14th :

0745. Decided to go to FARUKMIN as the SEPIK River is fordable at the moment. Departed 0845. Track muddy and in poor condition. 0845. Crossed the SEPIK River - about 3' deep, very fast flowing and very cold. Inspected Baptist Mission airstrip which is unserviceable at present but being repaired by the surrounding Villagers. Arrived at FARUKMIN 0915. Inspected the Village. quite clean and neat. 0940. All Villagers assembled for Political Education discussion and Area Study. Discussions completed 1430. Arbitrated on Village disputes and discussed problems with individual Villagers. 1530 Returned to KIALIKMIN No. II. 1600. Sgt. WADONIA and Const. TORIA returned from TELEFOMIN. 1600-1730. Worked on Census Statistics. 1730.-1830. Discussions with individual Villagers. Remained the night.

Saturday, 15th :

0800. Prepared to depart for OKSIMIN. Departed 0845. Track muddy and slippery in patches, otherwise well defined. Arrived OKSIMIN 1000. Paid Carriers. Tent and Camp set up. 1100. Inspected OKSIMIN and KORBORENMIN No. II Villages. Both places neat and tidy. 1300. Commenced Census for KORBORENMIN No. II. Census completed 1700. 1700 - 1830. Discussions with individual Villagers re. domestic disputes, problems and employment. Remained the night.

Sunday, 16th :

0930. Commenced Census for OKSIMIN. Completed 1300. 1430 - 1600. Arbitrated on domestic disputes and problems. 1730 - 2000. Compiled Census Statistics. Remained the night.

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Monday, 17th :

0745. All Villagers, OKSIMIN and KORBORENMIN assembled for Area Study and Political Education discussions. Talks completed 1115. Prepared to depart. Departed 1200. Arrived KIALIKMIN No. II 1320. Paid Carriers. Set up Camp. 1500 - 1630 Political Education discussions with KIALIKMIN Villagers. 1630 - 1730. Arbitrated over a dispute about pigs between OKSIMIN and KIALIKMIN No. II. Villagers. 1800 - 1900. Discussions with individual Villagers. 1930 - 2300. Worked on Census Statistics. Remained the night.

Tuesday, 18th :

0745 - 0830. Completed Census Statistics. 0830. Prepared to depart. 0900. Departed for KIALIKMIN No. I. Arrived 1305. Paid Carriers. Set up Camp. Informed Assistant District Commissioner of future Patrol itinerary. Remained the night.

Wednesday, 19th :

0745. All Villagers of KIALIKMIN No. I assembled. Census commenced 0830, completed 1400. 1430 - 1730. Discussions with individual Villagers re. Employment, child maintenance and domestic disputes. 1900 - 2100. Worked on Census Statistics. Remained the night.

Thursday, 20th :

0745. All Villagers from ANKAVIP assembled. Census for ANKAVIP completed 1215. 1300. Conducted Census for FERANTIGIN. Completed 1430. Inspected KIALIKMIN No. I. ANKAVIP and FERANTIGIN Villages. Reasonably clean and neat. Discussions with individual Villagers until 1730. Remained the night.

Friday, 21st :

0745. Commenced Area Study for KIALIKMIN, ANKAVIP and FERANTIGIN. Area study completed at 1500. 1500. All Villagers assembled and Political Education discussions carried out. 1730 - 1900. Discussions with individual Villagers. Remained the night.

Saturday, 22nd :

0800. Prepared to depart for TELEFOLIP. Departed 0900. Arrived TELEFOLIP 0945. Paid Carriers. Set up tent and camp. Informed Councillors of Census programme. Remained the night.

Sunday, 23rd :

0900 - 1100. Talks with individual Villagers. 1300 - 1700. Worked on Census Statistics. Remained the night.

Monday, 24th :

0745. All Villagers assembled for Census at TELEFOLIP. Census commenced at 0815. Completed at 1220. 1320. Commenced Census for BOGALMIN. Completed at 1530. Inspected both Villages. Reasonably neat and clean. 1615 - 1730. Discussions with individual Villagers. 1900 - 2100. Worked on Census Statistics. Remained the night.

Tuesday, 25th :

0745. Heavy rain delayed Census for KORBORENMIN No. I. 0745 - 0900. Worked on Census Statistics. 0900. Councillors and Headmen of TELEFOLIP, BOGALMIN and KORBORENMIN assembled. Commenced Area Study for these three Villages. Completed Area Study 1215. 1320. Commenced Census for KORBORENMIN No. I. Village. Completed at 1530. Inspected KORBORENMIN No. I Village. Quite untidy and some houses in a bad state of repair. Villagers informed of corrective action to be taken. 1630 - 1745. Discussions with individual Villagers. Remained the night.

Wednesday, 26th :

0745. All Villagers from the three adjacent Villages assembled for Political Education discussions. Completed 0930. Prepared to depart for URAPMIN. Departed 1020. Track well defined. Muddy in patches but otherwise a good walking track. URAPMIN section of the track excellent and well maintained. Arrived URAPMIN 1535. Paid Carriers and set up Camp. Informed Councillor of Census programme. Inspected URAPMIN Village. Neat and clean and rest houses in good condition. / 3. Remained the night.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT (SPECIAL)

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Report Number : Telefomin No 3 of 1970/71
Sub-District : Telefomin.
District : West Sepik.
Council/Non Council : Non Council.
Patrol Conducted by : K.C.Forster, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled : Nim River area.
Personnel Accompanying
Patrol : Nil
Duration of Patrol : From 6/12/70 to 9/12/70, 4 days.
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Department of the Administrator,
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District Commissioner

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT (SPECIAL)

(8)

Report Number : Telefomin No 3 of 1970/71
Sub-District : Telefomin.
District : West Sepik.
Council/Non Council : Non Council.
Patrol Conducted by : K.C.Forster, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled : Nim River area.
Personnel Accompanying
Patrol : Nil
Duration of Patrol : From 6/12/70 to 9/12/70, 4 days.
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Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN,
30th December, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANUATU.

COMMENTS - TELEFOMIN REPORT NO. 3 of 1970/71.

ATBALMIN CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Attached please find the original and two copies of the abovementioned patrol report submitted by Patrol Officer Mr.K.C. Forster covering a patrol conducted to the Atbalmin Census Division for the sole purpose of ascertaining the extent of influenza in the area.
2. I was unable to issue Mr.Forster with written instructions for the Patrol as I was absent at Oksapmin Patrol Post for the two weeks preceeding the day of Mr.Forster's departure via Army helicopter for Atbalmin ; all necessary instructions were given verbally in this instance and Mr.Forster has carried these out competently.
3. The report reveals that the epidemic was very much on the wane at the time Mr.Forster arrived on the scene ; Medical teams ferried into the area by Army helicopter on 12/11/70 appear to have handled the outbreak efficiently (for the small number of teams involved).
4. The Situation Report requires no comment the area situation not having changed in the slightest since the visit by the previous patrol in April, May, June 1970.
5. It should be noted that the handling of this, the second outbreak of influenza in the Atbalmin within two years, campaign was approached very differently by the medical authorities, in their methods of treatment, to the campaign mounted in November 1969. In the 1969 campaign treatment was given for influenza and as this consisted of giving two injections over a period of two weeks teams could be utilised to cover large areas. This year however treatment was only administered for the resultant pneumonia and as treatment for this illness necessitates an injection of penicillin every second day the number of medical teams made available to deal with the Atbalmin outbreak were tied down to camping in the centres of population and treating those people who had the energy to walk in to them. For an area the size of Atbalmin I fail to see how five medical teams could tackle this style of treatment very efficiently.
6. The five medical teams, and subsequently the two Patrol Officers, had to be placed in the area and taken out by Army Bell helicopters with a very restricted payload of three hundred pounds ; it was unfortunate the larger capacity Metrangers, Hughes 500's and Allouette 3's only became available in between times for the purpose of checking out the effectiveness of the campaign and for resupply purposes. To this extent the utilisation of helicopters must be considered highly inefficient ; the small Army Bell was doing in three trips what it would have taken any of the other three helicopters only one to do. As Mr.Forster points out the payload restriction on the Army Bell is acute and the Administration is just not geared to this type of movement as tents, patrol boxes, food etc. are all unnecessarily heavy.

This matter was taken up with the Assistant Director of Community Health, Doctor Ray Mylins, during his visit here and I understand he intends to make firm recommendations as to improvements and additions which could be made to camping gear for future campaigns conducted utilising helicopters.

7. Communications with the teams in the field was a continuing headache for the duration of the campaign. The portable transceivers supplied by the Director of Civil Defense proved to be entirely useless in the rugged Atbalmin Terrain; even though operating instructions were carefully followed and batteries fully charged not one contact was made. To assess how the campaign was progressing it was necessary to attempt to procure a helicopter every 4-5 days and visit the teams in the field to receive verbal reports on progress and ascertain resupply requirements.

Main problem with the Civil Defense radios was that the aeriads could not be tuned and the transmission bulb would not light up even though batteries were charged for, in one instance, 3-4 days.

8. The following table shows the treatment given in Atbalmin Census Division:-

Area.	Influenza Treatment	Pneumonia Treatment.	Deaths.
Busilmin	136	50	-
Middle Din River	101	20	2
Niol River	244	30	-
Bilka River	256	40	4
Atbalmin Police Post	304	60	15
Nim River	360	310	-
Totals	= 1401	510	21

*Note; Influenza and Pneumonia treatments are in some cases duplicated as one person may have been treated for both complaints.

Although the Hospital Orderlies assure me that they treated all affected people in the area of their respective responsibilities I do suspect that more deaths occurred in remote and isolated hamlets; this suspicion can of course only be confirmed by the next census of the area. One thing is certain however and that is the epidemic has virtually assured that the population decline of the Census Division will continue at it's present high rate of 12-15% per year.

9. As these Influenza Campaigns look like becoming a regular feature in our Departmental Duties, time will be saved in future campaigns if a contingency plan can be drawn up covering such points as location of helicopter pads within a census division, density and location of population of an area, list of required lightweight patrol equipment for personnel being moved by helicopter, provision of a reliable communications system etc. ; to this end the following points are raised:-

- a. Considerable work has been done on the mapping of the general Telefomin area by Mining Companies, the Army and others over the past 2-3 years but to date little in the way of improved maps have been provided. Surely copies of these maps are given to the Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines and/or Department of Forests; are we in the field expected to ask for improved maps or are they issued to Sub-Districts as they become available as a matter of course?
- b. Once maps compiled from aerial photographs become available are facilities available to have these blown up to a scale where it would be possible to mark in hamlets, helicopter pads, land boundaries etc. on them; facilities for this kind of work are not to be had here at Telefomin and I doubt whether they are available to many fieldstaff -

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Patrol Report No. 3 of 3/

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time spent here on mapping is considerable and, because many copies of the one map have to be hand drawn, the approach is inefficient.

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For your consideration, please.

Patrol Report

E. M. Fischer
(E.M. Fischer)

Assistant District Commissioner.

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Telefomin Special Report No 3 of 1970/71

Diary

Sunday, 6th December, 1970 : Departed Telefomin by helicopter at 0900 and arrived at the Nim River helicopter pad at 0945. Set up camp site and talked with the medical orderly, David. Explained object of my visit to the many people present. Helicopter returned at 1400 with remainder of my patrol equipment. Afternoon spent setting up camp and talking with the people although hampered by not having fluent interpreter. Slept Nim River camp.

Monday, 7th December, 1970 : ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ All day at Nim, compiling figures and talking with the people. Helicopter in at 1000 with some rations. Slept Nim River.

Tuesday, 8th December, 1970 : 0830 departed Nim camp for Atbalmin with 10 carriers arriving top of the range at 0945. Rested for 15 mins. and then began descending into Atbalmin arriving at 1030. Track good although steep. Some slippery spots but not dangerous. Moved into Rest House. Carriers returned to the Nim River. Afternoon in the camp. Slept Atbalmin.

Wednesday, 9th December, 1970 : Helicopter arrived at 1400 and took out the policeman from Atbalmin and also the medical orderly from Telefomin. Helicopter returned at 1600 and took self and patrol gear out arriving at Telefomin at 1655. Patrol stood down.

End of Patrol

SITUATION REPORT

NIM River Area of the ATBALMIN CENSUS DIVISION

Political

The people of the Atbalmin area are still administered directly from Telefomin, retaining the old system of Lulusais and Tul-Tuls. The people have no real knowledge of the national political scene nor can they assess what it means to them. With the high degree of inaccessibility of the area it will be some time before the area would warrant the introduction of Local Government Councils. They know of the existence of the Telefomin Council and I gather that they know of it's values and have some degree of the workings involved. The area would first need some form of communication within it before it could be considered.

I can foresee no great development of the political scene until there is a better mode of transportaion in the area, but it could be expected that if the several mining ventures in the area expand then there will be an increasing awareness of political thought which will be brought back with returning labourers.

Political Education could be stepped up, but the inaccessibility to officers makes a patrol into the area very time consuming, and the end result would have to be weighed in the light of the small population that would be reached.

Economic

During the short duration that I was there I saw no development of any kind that could be classed as economic. The staple diet has none of the variety of introduced vegetables seen in other parts of the Territory, nor did I see any signs of cash cropping. Meat would be mainly pig-meat from the razor-back pig and this would be supplemented by birds and cassowaries when caught. For development the area needs an outlet and to date after 20 odd years none is forthcoming.

Coffee would probably grow as would the hardier root vegetables, however I do not know what restrictions are considered necessary by the proximity of the West Irian Border so far as quarantine.

The priorities appear to be 1. Airstrip 2. Permanent or semi-permanent representation of our department, and 3. Area studies and assessments by the various departmental representatives.

Social

The Nim River people have no access to schooling by any factor. I only met three persons all young who could speak Pidgin English, and this would have been learnt from the various policemen who have at one time or another been posted to the Atbalmin Rural Police Post.

In the Nim River area very few clothes of the European style were seen but it would be expected that if the Missions enter the area, particularly the Baptists then the position will change. Although the amount of money in an area would be better shown under the heading of 'Economic' I feel that it has also a lot to do with the social background in that an acceptance of European clothes shows a partial acceptance of change in thought and culture, and it is with enough money in the economy that clothes of this nature can be purchased.

The people of the Nim River are closely linked with the people of Atbalmin and the original migration of these people has extended over the border into the Smol River area.

Insofar as Law and Order are concerned I was not approached regarding any form of malpractise in the area. The people fully accept the fact that the Administration is the keeper of Law and Order, but at the same time they understand the limitations as to it's effectiveness.

Miscellaneous

Nil return.

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SPECIAL REPORT

HEALTH

The objects of the patrol were to ascertain the extent of the flu epidemic and to advise what measures were necessary to facilitate the control of it. I was told that in the Nim River area in which I was to work had a virtually 100% casualty rate and that urgent medical attention was needed. Upon arrival I found that the N.M.O. David at the helicopter pad site and that in the immediate vicinity all the 256 of the Nim River were there for attention.

The following figures came to hand soon after my arrival, they being given to me by the medical orderly, who had begun his patrol in the Niol River area and had then crossed to Atbalmin and thence into the Nim.

He told me that upon arrival he found a casualty rate near a 100% but in the week he had been there it had dropped to around 8%.

Niol River

Influenza 244
Pneumonia 36
Total injections of Procaine Penicillen 668

Atbalmin River

Influenza 196
Pneumonia 30
Total injections of Procaine Penicillen 226

Nim River

Influenza 350
Pneumonia 150
Total injections of Procaine Penicillen up to
and including the 6th Dec., 1970 500

As can be seen from the statistics given that there must have been many people treated who had both afflictions in both the Niol River and Atbalmin River areas.

On the day following my arrival cases treated at the Nim were

Influenza 10
Pneumonia 16

There were only 12 actual sick persons amongst these, the fact again that of duplication.

On the 8th Dec. on the day that I departed David reported to me that he had that morning treated 12 people all suffering from Pneumonia and that none had symptoms of Influenza and also reported no new cases.

The medical orderly told me that while in the Nim only 2 deaths had been reported to him, while in the Indalmin area 9 deaths were reported and he understood that 48 had died in the Atbalmin area. There seems to be some discrepancy as to the actual number of deaths in the Atbalmin area as it is believed that only 6 had died, this giving a total number of deaths as 17. The only way to really assess the actual number of deaths would be from figures becoming available from the next annual census, however this may raise problems because of the steady 8% decline from natural (as well as sickness) causes that has been apparent in this area over the last few years. Therefore the actual number may never be known.

Cases of septic sores and other minor ailments were seen amongst the people at the Nim, but the medical orderly did not have the necessary medications needed such as acraflavine. I feel that a little more attention could have been given to the equipment carried.

Health (Cont.)

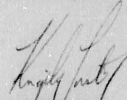
There are supplies of common medications held at the Atbalmin Rural Police Post, and in the past these have been Administered by the Police themselves. There is a reasonably large population in around there, enough to warrant the posting of a medical orderly. I base my comments upon what I saw there and in conjunction with the several comments as submitted by the A.D.C. Telefomin in his Patrol Report No 8 of 1969/70.

The people that I saw generally appeared to have recovered from the effects of the flu and I was assured that they had enough food in their gardens to see them through. The rations sent in by helicopter were used by the people while they were at the Nim camp for attention and also to feed the 9 carriers employed by the medical orderly.

When the patrol MW was lifted by helicopter into the Nim River I was told that I could only take an all-up weight of 300lbs. It was originally intended that another medical orderly accompany myself, but with the hours on the helicopter limited this was scrapped. With all the usual paraphernalia associated with mounting a patrol of at least 10 days duration which I was told may be the case, I found it virtually impossible to cut the weight down to that required unless I left many of the necessities behind. The eventual outcome was that some other party would miss out.

I feel that in flu epidemics where inaccessibility such as was experienced in this instance, where helicopters are to be used to provide the transport to enable quick and efficient handling of the illness then a suitable light-weight ration pack be designed for 1 man for 1 week. Obvious areas of excess weight were in the following items, 1. Tent 2. Patrol Boxes and 3. General food and cooking utensils. I have seen the standard equipment as issued to both the Territory soldier and the Australian soldier and if something could be worked out along these lines then I feel that a quicker and more active attack can be taken against the virus.

A larger class of helicopter such as the Bell Jetranger or the Allouette 3 could achieve as much in 1 trip as what the army Bell could achieve in 3-5 trips and more economically, funds being available.


K.C. Forster
Patrol Officer

10th Dec. 1970



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. TELEPHONE NO. 4/20/71

Patrol Conducted by V. SCHMID, ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled PART OF ATRALMIN GENGUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives ONE

Duration—From 6/12/1970 to 12/12/1970

Number of Days 7

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? YES

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services MAY/1970

Medical/19.....

Map Reference BORDER (SPECIAL) SHEET 4

Objects of Patrol asses degree of influenza epidemic in the NIDL CHECK and DIN RIVER area and to ascertain what measures of assistance were required.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

8/11/1971

[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

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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

25th January, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PATROL NO. TELEFOMIN 4-70/71.

Your reference is 67-3-4 of 8th January, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special and Situation Report by Mr. V. Schmid, Assistant Patrol Officer, of Hiel Creek and Din River areas of Atbalmin Census Division.

Both your and the Assistant District Commissioner's comments adequately cover this report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

c.c.
Mr. V. Schmid,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
c/- Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN.
West Sepik District.



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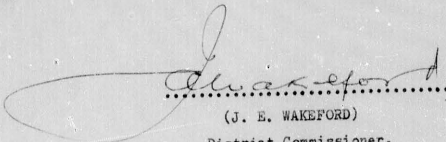
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TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT NO. 4. 70-71

Attached please find copies of Patrol Report No. 4
from Telefomin.

The patrol was a special one to assist the Department
of Public Health to combat the outbreak of influenza.

Mr. Schmid was transferred from Pagei to conduct the
patrol. His remarks on packs, rations and helicopters have
been noted by Dr. Mylius who is taking the matter up at
Headquarters.


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(J. E. WAKEFORD)

District Commissioner.

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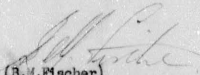
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West Sepik District,
VANUATU.

COMMENTS - TELEFOMIN REPORT NO.4 of 1970/71

ATBALAIN CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Attached please find the original and two copies of the abovementioned patrol report submitted by Assistant Patrol Officer Mr. V. Schmid covering a patrol conducted to the Atbalain Census Division (part) for the sole purpose of ascertaining the extent of influenza in the area.
2. As with Telefomin Patrol No.3 I was unable to issue written instructions to Mr. Schmid for this patrol as I was absent at Oksapin Patrol Post for the two weeks preceding the day of departure; all necessary instructions were given verbally in this instance and Mr. Schmid has carried these out competently.
3. The Situation Report requires no comment the area situation not having changed in the slightest since the visit by the previous General Administration patrol in April, May, June 1970.
4. My comments appended to Telefomin Report No.3 also apply to this patrol by Mr. A.P.O. Schmid. It should be noted that I was loath to cut down the patrol gear prepared by both Mr. Forster and Mr. Schmid as I have personally experienced being stranded in the bush because a helicopter could not return to pick me up at the appointed time; at the time the Army helicopter flew both Officers in to Atbalain it was not running one hundred percent smoothly and it was decided that both Officers needed to take extra equipment and rations just in case it did finally break down and another helicopter was not provided quickly as replacement.
5. Mr. Schmid's remarks covering possible improvements to camping gear for emergency patrols of this nature generally cover the points discussed with the Assistant Director of Community Health, Dr. Wylus; I understand Dr. Wylus will be making firm recommendations along the lines suggested.

For your consideration, please.


(B.M. Fischer)

Assistant District Commissioner.

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO. 4/70-71

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REPORT NO: TELEFOMIN NO. 4/70-71.
SUB-DISTRICT: TELEFOMIN.
DISTRICT: WEST SEPIK.
COUNCIL/NON COUNCIL AREA: Non Council.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: V. SCHMID.
DESIGNATION: Assistant Patrol Officer.
AREA PATROLED: Part of ATBALMIN CENSUS DIVISION.
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: 1 Medical Assistant
DURATION OF PATROL: 6/12/70-12/12/70, 7 days.
LAST PATROL-D.D.A.: Telefomin NO. 8 of 1969/70,
OBJECTS OF PATROL: April, May and June, 50 days.
Assess the incidence of Influenza in the area patrolled and ascertain what measures of assistance were required.

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLED: 1147
MAP REFERENCE: Border (Special) Sheet No. 4.
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER ENCLOSED/NOT ENCLOSED: Not Enclosed.

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO. 4/70-71

INTRODUCTION

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL:

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO. 4/70-71 was conducted to ascertain whether there was any sickness in the area patrolled, following an outbreak of Influenza in the ATBALMIN Census Division, and if so to treat it immediately. A Medical Assistant accompanied the patrol for this purpose.

DIARY OF PATROL:

6th. December, 1970:

0800. Final preparations for the patrol, helped get the first helicopter load away.
1100. Medical Assistant left by helicopter for ATBALMIN.
1400. Self departed by helicopter for ATBALMIN.
Slept ATBALMIN.

7th. December, 1970:

- At ATBALMIN.
Waited for the helicopter to bring in the rest of the cargo.
1400. Helicopter arrived with the rest of the load.
Slept ATBALMIN.

8th. December, 1970:

- At ATBALMIN.
0700. Departed ATBALMIN for NIOL CREEK.
1815. Arrived at NIOL CREEK. Track to AL River fair, from AL River to NIOL CREEK, rough, over grown, and in places extremely steep.
Slept NIOL CREEK.

9th. December, 1970:

- At NIOL CREEK.
0530. Sent out runners to assemble all the people.
1000. Held an informal discussion with the villagers and enquired after any sickness or deaths.
1300. Departed NIOL CREEK for UNAMKLIMIN.
1700. Arrived UNAMKLIMIN, set up camp, track fair.
Slept UNAMKLIMIN.

10th. December, 1970:

- At UNAMKLIMIN.
0730. Paid off carriers.
1000. Assembled all the people and held an informal discussion and enquired after any sickness or deaths.
1100. Helicopter flew over but was unable to land on the old pad. Put the villagers to building a new helicopter pad.
1200. Helicopter returned and took the resident Medical Assistant back to TELEFOMIN.
Talked to the villagers and arranged carriers for next day.
Slept UNAMKLIMIN.

11th. December, 1970:

- At UNAMKLIMIN.
0700. Departed UNAMKLIMIN.
0730. Arrived at DIN River. Bridge in bad repair, commenced repairing it.
0900. Departed DIN River.
1615. Arrived at TIPMUNNUMIN. Made enquiries all along the track about any sickness or deaths in the area. Track rather rough and overgrown.
Slept TIPMUNNUMIN.

12th. December, 1970:

- At TIPMUNNUMIN.
0745. Departed TIPMUNNUMIN.
1200. Arrived BUBILMIN. Track rough and overgrown. Helicopter arrived. Paid off all the carriers and loaded all the gear on to the helicopter.
1230. Helicopter left for TELEFOMIN with all the cargo. Made enquiries among all the people about any sick-

ness of deaths.
1400. Helicopter returned and flew ^{out} self and Medical Assistant.
1445. Arrived at TELEFOMIN, stood down patrol.

END OF PATROL

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SITUATION REPORT

NIOL CREEK and DIN River area of the ATRALMIN CENSUS DIVISION:

POLITICAL:

The people in this area are still administered through the old system of Laluais and Tultuls. The area is almost inaccessible and apart from the odd patrol the villagers have practically no contact with the outside world. They have a superficial knowledge of the TELEFOMIN L.G.C., but otherwise there is no political awareness. During the whole patrol only one person was found who could speak Pidgin English, which he had picked up while working around TELEFOMIN. He was a young man from the MIN River area and worked as carrier from ATRALMIN to NIOL CREEK and could not properly be said to come from the patrol area.

ECONOMIC:

During the short time I was in the area, I could not see any indication of any kind of economic activity, and the prospect of there being any in the near future.

SOCIAL:

Except for a few European articles like bushknives and axes and the odd item of clothing, the people live much as they have always done. They live scattered about in their clan area in small groups of one to two families and the vast majority still wear the traditional clothing.

They have no access to any schooling.

LAW AND ORDER:

I was not required to settle any disputes while in the area.

MISCELLANEOUS:

All return.

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SPECIAL REPORT:

The object of the patrol was to assess the degree of Influenza and ascertain what assistance was required in the NIOL CREEK and DIN River area of the ATEBALMIN CENSUS DIVISION. It was found that there had been some serious sickness and 11 deaths before the patrol arrived. However two medical assistants had been put in the area at the time, one stationed at UNAKLIMIN and the other at BUSILIMIN, and these had successfully treated the people so that by the time the patrol moved into the area there had not been any sickness or deaths for some time. The people had all recovered from the effects of the Flu and there was plenty of food in the gardens.

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APPENDIX "A"

When I was informed of the coming patrol, I was told to take enough supplies for a fortnight. This together with the normal patrol gear of myself and one Medical Assistant formed a load of quite considerable weight. Far in excess in fact of the capabilities (300lbs.) of the small Bell Helicopter provided. Even after cutting our equipment down as much as possible, the helicopter had to do four trips to carry myself, Patrol Officer Forster, one Medical Assistant and all our equipment to ATBALMIN. Apart from the time wasted, there was also the weather to contend with. In fact by the time the third trip was over, the weather had closed in and the helicopter was grounded. The helicopter could not get away again till late next morning with the result that I had to spend the day at ATBALMIN just waiting for the rest of our equipment.

There are light H-frame mountaineer packs on the market which can take a weight well in excess of a hundred pounds. The pack itself weighs less than one pound compared to the 15-20lbs. of a patrol box and is just as waterproof and with a little care will last just as long.

There are dehydrated and concentrated foods to be had and the armed forces have light weight ration packs sufficient for one man for one week.

There are also available extremely light weight tents and fleis and bed sleeves and also knives, forks, plates etc.

I feel that some sort of light weight packs could be made up with sufficient supplies for at least one week, in fact I know they can from previous experience. If equipment of the type mentioned above were available, a team of men could go into action much quicker and much more effectively than was possible with this last emergency. It would also utilise much more effectively the limited helicopter space and hours available.

There was also a complete break down in communications, as the radios supplied by the Civil Defense Organisation proved to be quite useless. When tested at TELEFOMIN at short range, transmission and reception was perfect but out in the field at long range and in mountainous terrain the results were completely nil. The sets weigh forty pounds and it meant using an extra carrier to no usefull purpose. It also meant forty pounds less of usefull cargo in the helicopter.

Naturally communications are vital. The man in the field should be able to keep the man in headquarters up to date and a radio is a must. I do not know enough about the various makes of transceiver on the market, possibly the armed forces could give some advice. The S.A.S. have a transiever the size of an average hard cover book with a range of well over a hundred miles. The Squadeall I feel would have been a lot better than the radios supplied.

V. Schmid

V. SCHMID
Assistant Patrol Officer

13th. December,
1970



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of West Sepik Report No. 5 of 1970-71

Patrol Conducted by K. Re Kelly, Assistant District Officer.

Area Patrolled Part of both the Telefomin Local and the Uragmin-Tifalain C/D.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 2 members R.P.C. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 10/12/70 to 21/12/70

Number of Days Ten (10).

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 10/8/70

Medical -----/19-----

Map Reference Telefomin Sub District.

Objects of Patrol 1. Summary Complete Census Revision. 2. Investigate Relationship between people and Mining Exploration Company. 3. Political Education. 4. Investigate fringe groups in area being brought into Telefomin Council. 5. Investigate possible road route in Telefomin region, Telefomin-Sepik area. 6. General Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

26/1/1971.

[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

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HNC:KP

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Division of District Administration,

KONELOBU, PAPUA.

1st March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
WANIMO.

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO. 5/1970-71.

Your reference 67-3-4 of 26th January, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol and Situation Report by Mr. K.R. Kelly, Assistant District Officer to the Telefomin Local and Urapmin-Tifalmin Census Divisions.

The Assistant District Commissioner, Telefomin adequately commented upon the report. I will await with interest the Area Study which is to be compiled from the joint information obtained by Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Kelly. This should be forwarded as soon as possible.

You seem to have action in hand to attend to matters arising from the report. Whilst the Telefomin/Urapmin road is desirable I agree that the Council can only be expected to do so much under the Rural Development Scheme, they should not be overloaded.

The patrol was well documented and is a credit to Mr. Kelly.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

cc: Mr. K.R. Kelly,
Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN,
West Sepik District.

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO 5 OF 1970-71

REPORT NO. : Telefomin No. 5-70/71.
SUB DISTRICT : Telefomin.
DISTRICT : West Sepik.
COUNCIL/NON COUNCIL AREA : Council Area.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY : K.R.Kelly.
DESIGNATION : Assistant District Officer.
AREA PATROLLED : Telefomin Local Census Division No 23
And
Urapmin - Tifalmin Census Division No 21.
(Patrol covered part only of both C/D's).
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING : Sgt 0124 Wadonia R.P.&.N.G.C.,
Const. 2301 Gispe R.P.&.N.G.C.,
Interpreter Sinoksep.
DURATION OF PATROL : 10.12.70 to ~~21~~ 21.12.70 (Broken)
10 days actual.
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST
D.D.A. PATROL TO AREA : 10.8.70 to 4.9.70 (26 days).
OBJECTS OF PATROL : Complete Census Revision as commenced
by Telefomin Patrol No 1 of 70/71.
2. Political Education.
3. Further investigate relationships
between Tifalmin/Urapmin people and
Kennecott Explorations.
4. Investigate the possibility of the
Atemkismin and Siktamin groups being
incorporated into the Telefomin Local
Government Council.
Investigate possible ~~xxxx~~ future road
route from Telefomin to Urapmin and also
to Sepkialikmin.
6. General Administration.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-16-36

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Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference
If calling ask for
Mr.

67-3-4



In Reply
Please Quote
No.

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

26th January, 1971.

The Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONE DOBU, PAPUA.

PATROL REPORT NO.5 1970/71
TELEFOMIN

Attached please find copies of Patrol Report No.5 from
Telefomin.

The Assistant District Commissioner seems to have more
than adequately covered the patrol in his comments.

The matter of having Proclamation attend to incorporate
the two villages will be taken up with the Commissioner for
Local Government.

The District Health Officer here has the matter at the
hospital in hand.

As soon as Kennecott resumes I will ask for an inspector
to visit the site.

Whilst I agree with a submission being made on the proposed
road Telefomin - Urapmin. I do feel that the Council has more than
it can cope with at the present time.

An informative report.

J. Wakeford
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(J.E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN,
13th. January, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

COMMENTS - TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT NO. 5 of 1970-71.

1. Attached please find three copies of the abovementioned Patrol Report submitted by Assistant District Officer Mr. K.R. Kelly covering a patrol conducted to the Telefomin Local and Urapmin-Tifalmin Census Divisions. This report supplements an earlier report (No. 1 of 1970-71) submitted by Patrol Officer Mr. L. Mitchell which had to be terminated before completion owing to Border troubles.

2. Instructions for this patrol were identical to those issued to Mr. Mitchell: it is submitted that Telefomin Patrol Reports Nos. 1 & 5 be regarded as one comprehensive report covering the Telefomin Local and Urapmin-Tifalmin Census Divisions. Additionally Mr. Kelly was verbally requested to (1) Survey the people of the Ateakisin and Siktamin areas regarding their expressed wish to be incorporated into the Telefomin Local Government Council, and (2) Make firm recommendations on a route for a vehicular road to link the Urapmin area with Telefomin.

3. The notes taken by Mr. Mitchell in preparation for the Area Study Report have not yet been received here and it has proved impossible for Mr. Kelly to submit this report seeing he only visited those villages not surveyed by the previous patrol. As the Telefomin Council Area incorporates the Telefomin, Urapmin-Tifalmin and Eliptamin Census Divisions it is my present intention to have the Officer conducting the Eliptamin Census Division patrol, scheduled shortly, to compile a revised Area Study to cover the entire Council Area. Contact has recently been made with Mr. Mitchell at Pageni Patrol Post requesting that his Area Study notes be forwarded.

The report is submitted complete with patrol map and copies of the relevant Village Population Registers.

4. Comments on Situation Report as follows:-

a. Political: Upon his return from the patrol, and during the course of actually drawing up a submission that the Ateakisin and Siktamin village groups be incorporated into the Telefomin Local Government Council, Mr. Kelly discovered that these two groups were actually included within the Council land boundaries by the original Proclamation in 1968, though the village names are not included as villages covered by Ward 5 of the Council. All that is required to include the two villages in the Council is a revision of the Council Proclamation so that the two villages are listed as part of Ward 5: a submission along these lines is being forwarded.

b. Emphasis on Council Works has now been switched from building up the Council complex of buildings on Telefomin station to the carrying out of a works programme in the villages: construction of the \$6000 Telefomin Valley Water-Supply Project is presently getting underway and three permanent material Aid Posts will be constructed before the end of the current financial year.

c. Mr. Kelly's contention that the Councillors are not reporting to the people on the achievements and future aims of the Council, are, I suspect, correct. Apart from three or four exceptions most Councillors are presently more occupied with spending all day, every day, off hunting in the bush with their newly acquired shotguns than

in concerning themselves with the development of their people and area. After the initial enthusiasm for the Council has worn off and the miracles of economic development expected have not come to pass there has been a reversion to expecting, and even wanting, Field Staff Officers to accept responsibility for development etc. ; our main task here at Telefomin will be to have Councillors accept more responsibilities for their area. The main problem revolves around economic development and the limited potential of the area. Training Courses for Councillors have been conducted frequently over the past three years and a further one will be held in April after the scheduled March elections are completed.

- d. The matter of an official visit to the Urapmin-Tifalmin area has been raised with Mr. Ivoksin and he advises he will attempt to patrol the area in the next few months.
- e. The points raised by the people in connection with Self Government and Independence are predictably conservative and are the views expressed by virtually all villagers in the Sub-District.

Economic:-

- a. The only real hope for the economic development of not only the Urapmin-Tifalmin Census Division but the entire Sub-District lies with mineral development projects. If Kennecott's Tifalmin project is successful then and only then would the production of vegetables be a viable undertaking. As Mr. Kelly mentions, the priority of posting for a Rural Development Officer within this Sub-District is Oksapmin Patrol Post where soils, roads etc. are better than those of Telefomin.

Social:-

- a. Unless the Tifalmin Mining Project is proceeded with by Kennecott there exists little likelihood that a school will be established in this general area in the foreseeable future. With three Primary 'T' schools already established in the Sub-District and a fourth approved for establishment this year, this Sub-District with a population under fourteen thousand, can be considered very adequately served by the Education Department. I am of the opinion that the Telefomin Primary 'T' school should have boarding facilities constructed to serve the children from outlying areas; this will be taken up with the Telefomin Council.

Health:-

- a. The complaint by Councillor Anoksep was looked into whilst Mr. Kelly was still on patrol. As the women in question were consenting partners and the husbands only asked for compensation the matters were arbitrated and settled to the husband's satisfaction. The District Medical Officer Vanimo was also informed of what had happened in case he wished to take the matter further. Frequently complaints are made to this office that Aid Post Orderlies are seldom in attendance; it is suspected that as many possess shotguns the problem is similar to that presently existing with the Local Government Councillors. Given a choice between either keeping their jobs or their shotguns both Orderlies and Councillors would with little doubt choose to keep their guns ; pleading, bluff or threats does little to improve their work performance for any length of time and confiscation of the guns for a short period may prove the only answer.

- b. These complaints regarding the non-attendance of the Orderlies at their Aid-Posts have also been passed on to the District Medical Officer with the suggestion that he have the Medical Assistant at Telefomin make him a full report on the allegations.

Law and Order:-

- a. It is somewhat of a relief to know that no repercussions are to be expected over the acquittal of the Kennecott European Employee on the rare charge. Local custom is fairly permissive concerning relations between young people and this tradition could easily be perverted in order to make money out of both expatriate and local employees working for outside companies like Kennecott. I feel that the Administration was extremely fortunate to have a patrol right on the spot when this trouble broke out

otherwise the present situation could be quite different. Cases of similar nature will have to be watched out for in future if Kennecott stays in the Tifalmin area for any length of time. I do not consider I have sufficient evidence to charge the Councillor with the appropriate offence and it can only be hoped that he is not re-elected in the March elections.

5. Brief comments on the appended action correspondence are made hereunder and, where necessary, each matter will be followed up under cover of separate covering correspondence.

a. Entry of Siktamin and Atomissin to the Telefoimin Council:-

The contention by Mr. Kelly that these two groups are within the land boundary outlined as Ward 5 in the original Proclamation of the Telefoimin Council in 1968 has been checked and found correct. It appears that all that is needed to incorporate these two villages into the Council is an amendment of that part of the Proclamation which names the villages covered by Ward 5. A submission has been prepared covering the necessary amendment and this will be forwarded shortly. The people have now been advised that they are within the boundaries of the Council.

b. Kennecott Explorations:-

Now that drilling operations are to commence at Tifalmin an extra effort will have to be made to ensure that the people do in fact comprehend the activities which will be carried out. To this end Mr. Kelly's suggestion that an explanation in their own language would help dispell any misconceptions the people may have is sound. Both Mr. Ivoksin and the Telefoimin Council President have visited Mount Isa and an approach will be made to both to see whether they are prepared to visit Tifalmin.

The complaint by the Okbilivip people that Kennecott is paying them day labour rates of 70¢ should be checked out by a Labour Inspector. Numerous shortcomings in conditions for their labourers have been pointed out by Field Staff Officers over the past twelve months or more but to date little, if anything, has been done by the Department of Labour to straighten the matter out. As I understand it Sunday time is still being worked at the Frieda Prospect operated by Mount Isa and by Kennecott at Tifalmin; double time is not being paid and going by the hours worked, which are ten hours per day for seven days per week, all employees are drastically underpaid.

The complaint concerning shotguns will be discussed at the next Telefoimin Council Meeting scheduled for next week.

c. Possible Road Route Telefoimin - Urapain:-

Now that the best possible route between Telefoimin and Urapain has been finally decided I am now in the position to draw up a Rural Development Submission covering this project.

d. Medical Staff - Telefoimin Hospital:-

Already discussed above. A copy of this letter will be forwarded to the District Medical Officer, Vanimo. To date the Medical Assistant Telefoimin has not advised me of the result of his enquiries; an approach will be made for a copy of his official report.

e. Amendments - Village Directory:-

In brief the suggested changes are fully supported. A submission outlining all necessary changes is being forwarded.

f. Fig Deaths - Urapain:-

This will be passed on to the District Rural Development Officer for his advice as to the cause of death.

5. Village Population Registers:-

As Mr. Kelly points out his figures cannot be reconciled with those of the previous census and, more than likely, this can be put down to errors in previous compilations; the discrepancies are large and it would be useless to attempt to reconcile the figures.

Unfortunately Mr. Mitchell totalled the figures he compiled even though he did not carry out a complete revision of either Census Division. The incomplete figures were held here pending the completion of the patrol by another officer. Instead of typing out all registers again, which I consider would be a waste of time and duplication of effort, Mr. Kelly has compiled folio 2 of the Tefafomin Local Census Division and revised Mr. Mitchell's "Totals" to read "Sub-Totals".

6. Census Divisions by Mr. Kelly.

A good, comprehensive report on the two

please.

For your information and consideration,

B. M. Fischer
(B. M. Fischer)

Assistant District Commissioner.

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Kelly.

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Telefomin, West Sepik.
32st December 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
Telefomin. West Sepik District.

TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT

NO 5 OF 1970-71.

Attached herewith four(4) complete copies, including maps and Patrol Diary, of Telefomin Patrol Report number 5 of 1970-71.

The originals and enough copies for distribution of all action correspondence pertaining to the Patrol and Patrol Instructions are contained in Appendices "A" to "F" inclusive. Copies of all action correspondence have been attached to each of the Patrol Reports.

Also enclosed four (4) copies of the Village Population Register for the Telefomin Local Census Division and the Tifalmin-Urapmin Census Division.

One (1) copy of two (2) patrol expenditure Vouchers also attached.

Camping allowance claims for K.R.Kelly A.D.O. and SIKOKSEP Interpreter forwarded herewith. Police camping allowance claims were forwarded at an earlier date.

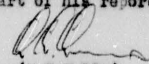
This patrol was mounted with the express purpose of completing an earlier, unfinished, patrol which was conducted by Mr. N.L.Mitchell P.O.

The aims of the patrol were as stated in Patrol Instructions 67-1 of 6th August, issued to Mr. Mitchell, with the added verbal instructions by yourself to (a) Investigate the possibility of incorporating the ATRKISHIN and SIKTAMIN people into the Telefomin Local Government Council, (b) Investigate and report on a possible route for a vehicular road from Telefomin to Urapmin and (c) Further probe relationships between the people of the Tifalmin - Urapmin area and members of Kennecott Explorations Australasia.

Mr. Mitchell was unable to do an Area Study from his report however he stated that he would forward all his area study notes for the officer who completed the patrol & so that that officer might compile the Area Study. To date these notes have not turned up at Telefomin and consequently I was not able to give an Area Study Report.

As the Eliptamin Census Division is the only remaining section of the Council area to be patrolled I would suggest that the officer who conducts this patrol be instructed to use Mr. Mitchell's notes and also his own observations and compile an area study for the complete Council area as part of his report.

For your information, please.


(K.R.Kelly)
Assistant District Officer

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TELEFOMIN PATROL NO 5 OF 1970 - 71

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA
 PATROLLED : 2,827.
 MAP REFERENCE : Telefomin Sub District Map.
 Village POPULATION :
 REGISTER : Enclosed, complete.

The Departmental Head,
 Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

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PATROL DIARY

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO 5 OF 1970 - 71

Thursday 10th December 1970.

Departed Telefomin Station 10.30 for Sepik River via KOBORENMIN village. Arrived Sepik 11.40 following rapid descent from KOBORENMIN. Reasonable bridge site here, however ascent from and descent to site considered much too steep. Walked upwards (Southerly direction) to Kunai grasslands and endeavoured to follow contours and search for a possible road route. Nothing suitable here without major earthworks. continued on in general Urapmin direction. met up with carriers at 1615 thence followed the main road towards Urapmin and made camp on the SALKEM Creek. Small amount of fresh food purchased from BOGALMIN women who have gardens in area.
Slept SALKEM Creek.

Friday 11th December 1970.

Departed SALKEM Creek for URAPMIN at 0715. Generally ascended steadily, passing alternately through small heavily timbered gullies and kunai grassland. Met by URAPMIN Councillor TINUMIN in small hamlet on Eastern Side of URAPMIN. Arrived Urapmin 1140 after good look at possible future vehicular road to area. Advised Councillor of objects of patrol. Inspected village. Neat and Tidy. Rain commenced falling 1415. Advised people of census tomorrow morning. Purchased fresh food (plentiful).
Slept URAPMIN REST HOUSE.

Saturday 12th December 1970.

0800 Commenced Census of URAPMIN. Took down 97 names which do not appear in Tax-Census Register. People claim names were in book up to 1968 census when things were apparently fouled up. Census completed 1100.
Talks with assembled people on Mineral Exploration, Political Development, House of Assembly and Local Government. With talks on L.G. particular emphasis placed on Telefomin Council Capital Works programme 70/71.
General Discussions concluded 1630. Heard Local Court Case "Unlawfully lay hold of" 1645. Defendant convicted, 4 months I.H.I Telefomin. To accompany Patrol.
Slept URAPMIN REST HOUSE.

Sunday 13th December 1970.

Departed 0815 for TIFALMIN arriving 1230. Track reasonably good but quite muddy and slippery in places. Two long stretches along almost precipitous kunai hills. A lot of cut and consolidation would be needed here for any sort of vehicular road as even the footway shows signs of crumbling at the edges in certain sections.

PATROL DIARY

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO 5 OF 1970 - 71.

Sunday 13th December 1970.

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Rest House not in very good shape. Councillor informed and he stated he was in the process of collecting material for new Rest House. General discussion with people on Mining Exploration, Political Development, House of Assembly and Local Government. Their main interest shown, not surprisingly, in Mineral Exploration. General Discussions completed 1700. Slept OKBILIVIP (Tifalmin No 1).

Monday 14th December 1970.

0800 Inspected OKBILIVIP Village. Clean but lack of latrines. New Ones to be constructed and ~~new~~ menstruation house to be replaced. Departed OKBILIVIP 0930 for BUFOLMIN which is listed in Village Directory as Tifalmin No. 2 and Upper Tifalmin. (Hopeless confusion of names here, changes recommended in body of report). Arrived BUFOLMIN over good track in 40 minutes. General discussions with the BUFOLMIN villagers on Mineral Exploration, Political Development, House of assembly, Local Government. Majority of interest shown here in Mineral Exploration. Departed BUFOLMIN for OKBILIVIP at 1330. Arrived OKBILIVIP 1410. Worked on URAPMIN Census figures. made out new village books for URAPMIN, OKBILIVIP and BUFOLMIN. Last general discussion with approximately 30-40 OKBILIVIP people at 1700. Slept OKBILIVIP.

Tuesday 15th December 1970.

Departed OKBILIVIP 0800 for URAPMIN arriving 1215. Passed over same track as described on 13th December. Unable to push on to ATEMKIAKMIN as no change of carriers available and the OKBILIVIP's unable to carry on. Decided to stay at URAPMIN and push off tomorrow as an accurate time on the road ATEMKIAKMIN - URAPMIN not known. Slept URAPMIN.

Wednesday 16th December 1970.

Departed URAPMIN 0800 passing through two hamlets down a well graded descent to the Sepik River. Excellent bridge site here with solid rock on either abutment. River five feet with only the approach from either side is almost on a level plane. General ascent towards ATEMKIAKMIN arriving at 1200. Villagers of ATEMKIAKMIN and TIMKAMIN present for talks on Local Government, Political Development, House of Assembly and Mineral Exploration. People asked for an explanation of the Council Pig Rule. Also requested an inquiry be made into Telefomin Hospital Staff. (See body of report). General discussions until 1730. Some fresh food purchased. Tent set up. Slept ATEMKIAKMIN.

PATROL DIARY

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO 5 1970 - 71.

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Thursday 17th December 1970.

0815 commenced census of ATEMKIAKMIN and TIMKAMIN. Census completed 1015. Further discussion with people. Spoke about village water supply which is hopeless. Suggested press for Council assistance in new financial year. 1130 ~~at~~ departed for SEPKIALIKMIN along good track gradual descent to OPEK River, thence downwards again to SEPKIALIKMIN arriving at 1530. Rest House and Police Barracks in hopeless state and most of the people absent despite two weeks warning of the patrols intended arrival. People from BRUNICK and the SIX River are apparently close handy for Council entry discussions. Following some slight alterations to the rest house and police barracks, slept SEPKIALIKMIN.

Friday 18th December 1970.

0800 commenced census revision of Sepkialikmin people. revision completed at 0900. Talks on Political Development, House of Assembly and Local Government, Mineral Exploration given to SEPKIALIKMIN, ATEMKISIMIN and SIXTAMIN groups. Discussion with the latter two groups re proposed entry into the Telefomin Local Government Council. some 50 ATEMKISIMIN and 40 SIXTAMIN present. All emphatically in favour of joining with the Telefomin Council (See body of report). Discussions completed at 1200 and people set about repairing rest house and police barracks. Village inspected, clean and neat. Set up tent as rest house has been demolished. Slept SEPKIALIKMIN.

Saturday 19th December 1970.

Departed Sepkialikmin 0755 for Telefomin via the low road through ATEMKIAKMIN. Track good and the general indication is that this could be considered for future road extension from the Misimin area into the Sepkialikmin area. General ascent to Telefomin arrived on station 1445. Carriers paid off. Camping gear returned to store. Slept Telefomin Station.

Sunday 20th December 1970.

Observed on Station.

Monday 21st December 1970.

0900 15 minutes by Toyota to Misimin for census. Census completed 1030 talks on Mineral exploration, Political Development, House of Assembly and Local Government. Discussions well participated in. Walked back to station, arriving 1400. Patrol stood down.

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TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT NO 5 OF 70-71.

SITUATION REPORT

TELEFOMIN LOCAL AND URAPMIN-TIVALEIN CENSUS DIVISIONS.

(a) Political:-

Local Government: The total area covered by the patrol comes under the jurisdiction of the Telefomin Local Government Council which was established in 1968. One of the objects of this patrol was to investigate the possibility of introducing two new groups into the Telefomin Council. These new groups are the SIKTAMIN AND the ATEMKISIMIN who are domiciled on the South side of the Sepik River approximately two to two and a half hours walk away from SERKIALIEMIN (a village within the Council area). Discussions were held with the ATEMKISIMIN and SIKTAMIN people and they stated that they were very interested and willing to become incorporated into the Telefomin Council. A full report with recommendations will be the subject of separate correspondence, under appropriate file heading, and will be submitted as an appendix to this report.

The people of the area are still disturbed at the thefts from the Council Office and to date no one had been apprehended. It was explained to them that the Council has recently purchased a safe and that incidents such as the aforementioned should no longer occur. Mr. Mitchell, in his report numbered 1 of 70-71 seems to feel that the people would be reluctant to pay Council tax in the next financial year if the culprit for the thefts was not apprehended. I felt that the people's reluctance to pay tax in the next financial year (and on present indications there is a definite reluctance) has been brought about mainly by the general lack of developmental work being done by the Council rather than the fact that some tax money was stolen from the Council Office.

During discussions on Local Government the Council Works Programme for the current financial year was outlined, in detail, to all villagers. It was pointed out that the Council was currently engaged in spending some \$10,000 in developmental projects which will directly improve the social status of the village people. These projects involve water supplies, Aid Posts and the construction of a School.

It was my impression that the villagers were not fully aware of the Council's current aims and future programmes. I would say this could be mainly attributed to the lack of reporting by Councillors to their electors. I do not see how this problem can be overcome. The responsibility here lies directly with the elected representative of the people. Diversification of Council meeting places might be one answer to this problem.

In general the people appear to have a reasonably knowledge of the workings of a Local Government Council. However on matters such as estimates, aims and purposes of Councils the reasonable knowledge falls away to mere guesswork and somewhat flighty imagination. A good deal of time on this patrol was spent in discussion on Local Government and it is hoped that some of what was said has been absorbed.

Local Government Councillors: Due to the nature of the patrol it is not possible to give a full assessment of the Local Government Councillors as only three Councillors were encountered during the course of the whole patrol.

The most impressive of the three was Councillor ANOKSEP of ATEMKIAKMIN. Although he has one of the largest, most spreadout Wards in the Council area, he has managed, to date, to get the majority of his constituency interested in Council aims and projects especially in the sphere of roadworks.

The Councillors position appears to be one of prestige in the village. They are apparently called upon to arbitrate in lesser matters of village domestic life. It appeared to me that some of the village people appeared to regard the Councillor position as superseding that of the Luluai and Tultul, with the Councillor retaining the powers of the Luluai.

Councillor FUMILICK of TELEPOLIP village accompanied the patrol throughout its duration. He was helpful in all matters and assisted the patrol whenever possible. The same could be said of all other Councillors encountered by the patrol.

House of Assembly: The people of the area, including the Councillors, have very limited knowledge of the House of Assembly. Talks were instigated, by the patrol, on Central Government. These talks generally ended up with natural progression to self government. The people's reaction to suggestions of future self government was that they felt they did not understand enough about self govern. and from what they knew now they were not prepared for. and did not wish Self Government in the near future.

The Assistant Ministerial Member for Social Development and Home Affairs, Mr. W.Ivoksim, has not visited the area for some time in an official capacity and the people expressed a wish to see him to discuss the situation on Central Government and also the people of the Urapmin-Tifalmin area wish to see him to glean some information on mineral development procedures. Although the writer visited Mount Isa earlier this year in company with Mr. Ivoksim and some landowners from the Frieda River area and explained in great detail the involvements of a Mining Operation, it is felt that Mr. Ivoksim could assist greatly with a visit to the area as he can communicate directly in the Local language and would not have the difficulty of verbose pidgin english explanations.

Political Education: The general theme of political education was along the lines of Central and Local Government and the responsibilities and functions of each entity. The people listened with a great deal of interest and some intelligent questions were asked. The people again during these discussions presented the strong point that they were not yet ready for Self Government as they felt that at their present stage of development, should Self Government come quickly, they would be at a social and economic disadvantage compared with many other areas in the Territory.

All of what was said during political development discussions could not have been possibly absorbed and it is suggested that future patrols continue to expound in the lines of Political Education.

(b) Economics:-

General Rural Development: The area patrolled, in common with the whole of the Telefomin Sub District, has no cash crop. The people are, in the main, subsistence farmers.

Income in the area comes from two main sources 1. in the Tifalmin Urapmin area a fair proportion of the people are employed from time to time by Kennecott Explorations and indeed some of the Tifalmin-Urapmins go as far afield as OK TEDI seeking employment. 2. the people of the Misinmin area have their main income from sale of timber to the Mission sawmill. Secondary income source is employment as labourers by the Administration.

The Urapmin-Tifalmin group obtains a small income from the sale of vegetables generally through the Baptist Mission. This could not be considered a regular income.

The Tifalmin-Urapmin people are keen to improve their lot and they wish to try market gardening as a source of extra income. The main ~~xxx~~ drawback in a venture such as this is the lack of a good outlet system for produce. The walk from Urapmin (the closest point to Telefomin) is some five hours and both the produce and the enthusiasm of the people suffer from such a trek.

Activities of Developmental Departments: There is no Rural Development Officer posted to Telefomin at the present time. It is generally felt here and at District Headquarters that should a Rural Development Officer be posted to the Sub District he should be located at Uksapmin where the potential for extended market gardening is excellent.

Non-Indigenous Development: Kennecott Explorations Australasia have a base camp quite near the village of Bufolmin (Tifalmin No 2 - Upper Tifalmin) and have been carrying out exploratory work for minerals for some eighteen months.

There is an indication that copper has been found in the area but what remains now is to establish if the deposits located are of sufficient quantity and quality ~~xxx~~ to warrant fullscale mining operations in the area.

Members of the Kennecott team were not in the Tifalmin area during the time of the patrols visit. One of the objects of the patrol was to establish the relationship between the Tifalmin-Urapmin people and the Mining Company. Although a one-sided investigation only could be carried out this will be reported in separate correspondence under appropriate file cover.

(c) Social:-

Education: There are no schools in the area patrolled. The only school in the near vicinity is the Primary School at Telefomin which is run by the Administration.

The people of Tifalmin and Urapmin made some inquiries about the possibility of a school in their area. They apparently made the same requests to Mr. Mitchell during his patrol. It was carefully explained that certain factors, such as the small population, the isolation of the area, limited funds and teacher availability, would probably

preclude the setting up of a school in the area for many years.

Some of the people spoken to showed a genuine desire to have their children educated and I suggested that they contact the Baptist Mission which runs a small boarding house for children who are outside the immediate vicinity of Telefomin and who wish to attend the Primary school. As a second alternative I suggested that a group of people from the villages concerned build a bush material house near the school and accommodate children from the outer areas in this house on a weekly basis, having some supervisory person to ensure that the childrens domestic and scholastic needs were cared for.

Health: General health in the area is excellent. The Administration has an Aid Post at Tifalmin No 2 (Bulfolmin) and also at Urapmin. The Telefomin Council has plans during this financial year to construct a sawn timber iron roofed building at Urapmin ~~and~~ to replace the existing Aid Post and the people have already commenced cutting stumps for the building.

The Baptist Mission has an Aid Post at Tifalmin No 1 (Okbillivip) and the area is visited regularly by Mission Nursing Staff from Telefomin who are mainly engaged in Ante and Post Natal work.

The Aid Post Orderly at Tifalmin No 2 (Bulfolmin) was not present, however I took the opportunity to have a look around the Aid Post and although the environs were quite neat and clean the actual Aid Post building was far from so. What looked like, to me, a weeks supply of dirty dressings littered the ~~first~~ floor of the building and in the drug storage section there were many bottles without labels and also a bulk supply, in unlabelled plastic bags, of some sort of tablets. This situation leaves something to be desired and the matter will be taken up with the O.I.C. Health here at Telefomin.

Councillor ANOKSEP of Atemkiakmin requested that an inquiry be made into the 'goings on' of some of the Medical staff at the Telefomin Hospital. He alleged that the Medical Staff were 'preying' upon female patients. This matter will be taken up fully in sspatate file correspondence.

Sanitation was practically non-existent in the Tifalmin area. These ~~are~~ toilets which were constructed were obviously in the 'new fashion vein' i.e. of the 'see through' type. Appropriate instructions were issued regarding sanitation. One wonders why the sanitation of this area is so deplorable when the Health Education Orderly from Telefomin visits the area regularly.

Law and Order: The people are generally law abiding. Two Local Court Cases were heard during the patrol. One involving an 'unlawfully lay hold of' charge and the other was an adultery case.

The European employee of Kennecott Explorations (as outlined in Mr. Mitchell's Report Page 5) charged with rape was acquitted of that charge in the Supreme Court which sat at Telefomin recently. The acquittal did not appear to affect the Tifalmin people as they were fully aware of the circumstances of the situation and from evidence produced in the Supreme Court it would appear that the

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Counciller from Okbilivip (Tifalmin No 1) played no small part in arranging the meeting between the girl and the former accused, even though, initially, the meeting may not have been to the girls entire satisfaction.

I would say that there are no repercussions from the acquittal.

Missions: The only Mission operating in this area is the Australian Baptist Mission. Comments by Mr. Mitchell on pages 5 and 6 of his report fully cover mission activities and their relationship with the people. Further comment here is considered superfluous.

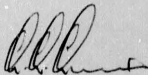
Cult and Unrest: None known or suspected.

Community Education: There is very limited Community Education in the area. The Mission fosters Womens Clubs in such places where they can afford the time and have the staff for good supervision.

The Telefomin Council has plans for a future Community Centre and Adult Literacy Centre at Telefomin. This will be a joint project assisted by the Mission and the Telefomin Buyers Club.

Miscellaneous: I did not have a chance to discuss the area with P. Wilson Wheaberoft, as he left Tifalmin two days before the patrol arrived.

It appears he has finalised his study and will not be returning to the area.



(K.R.Kelly)
Assistant District Officer.

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Kelly

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Telefomin, West Sepik,
30th December 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN.

UNITY OF SIKTAMIN AND ATEMKISMIN
TO THE TELEFOMIN COUNCIL

Unbeknowns to me, and obviously to you, the above mentioned groups are actually within the area of the Telefomin Local Government Council.

They are, by land boundary definition in the Proclamation of the Council, within the boundary of that area defined as Ward Five (5) URAPHIN.

I was not aware of this fact until I plotted the actual boundary of the Proclamation for Ward Five (5) and this clearly shows that the ATEMKISMIN and SIKTAMIN people are within that Ward.

The people did not know they were actually part of the Council and indeed still do not know. They have never voted in an election although there have been two general elections.

Perhaps the confusion arose from studying the map of Ward Boundaries in the Council. This map indicates also the land boundaries (tribal) within the Council area and it is easy to be confused as to the actual Ward Boundaries as stated in the Proclamation without first plotting the Boundaries on the actual map.

The two groups have had a Luluni Tultul system in operation until recently when the Luluni died so they obviously had no inkling that they were supposed to be part of the Telefomin Council.

Although the actual Proclamation includes the two groups and most of their land in Ward Five (5) of the Council, the Proclamation itself makes no mention of the two villages contained within that ward, namely SIKTAMIN and ATEMKISMIN.

I would suggest an amendment to the Proclamation in respect of Ward Five to read as follows :

WARD FIVE (5). Being all that area of land including URAPHIN, SIKTAMIN and ATEMKISMIN bounded by a line commencing at a pointect. ect. ect. (Then following on the land boundary description as set out in the Proclamation).

I would also suggest that something be done to inform the two groups that they are actually within the boundaries of the Council and always have been. I would suggest that Tax Collection from the group be held over until next Financial Year by which time they should have been able to collect their wits and their money.

For your information.

J.D.D.
C. Kelly
Assistant District Officer.

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APPENDIX "B" TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT

35-6-6

NO 5 OF 1970-71

Kelly

35-6-6

Telefomin, West Sepik.
30th December 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN.

KENNECOTT EXPLORATIONS

One of the objects of my recent patrol to the Tifalmin-Urapmin area was to report on relations between the people and Kennecott Explorations Australasia who have a Base Camp in the Tifalmin Valley.

Unfortunately I was only able to get one side of the relationship picture -- that of the peoples attitude towards the company-- because all members of the Company have left the area and are not expected back until mid January when Exploration and Possibly Drilling operations will commence.

In general the people are happy to have the Company operating in the vicinity as they see it initially as a good source of income. I feel that only a very few have any idea of what might happen should copper be discovered in sufficient quantities for a mining operation to go ahead.

I spent some time describing what could happen should the company decide to mine the area. My descriptions of a mining operation were listened to in open mouthed amazement. Pidgin English is certainly descriptive enough but hardly adequate for the task of an explanation of Mining operations. It is suggested that the M.H.A. Mr. W.Ivoksim be asked to pay a visit to the area as he is familiar with mining operations at Mount Isa and he could describe, in the local language, more or less what the procedure could be in the Tifalmin area. The people requested that he visit them and I understand that he has not yet visited the area in an official capacity.

In general discussions on mining exploration and operations were very well attended and listened to. some of the main points listed by the people follow:-

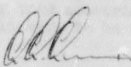
1. From previous discussions with other patrolling officers the people realise that they will be able to claim some compensation under the terms of the prospecting authority. They state they do not have any claims at this moment but intimate that they may be making some claims before the company leaves (if this happens to be the case) the area.
2. The people of SUPOLMIN (Tifalmin No 2 -- Upper Tifalmin) stated (through the Councillor) that they were not sure if they wanted the company (or for that matter any company) to mine their land. This came as rather a shock to me however I realised in further conversation that the people had an idea that if a company moved in the Company would take all their land and the people would be left landless. It was explained to them that a decision had not yet been made as to whether the area was suitable for mining or not and that if, in the future, a decision was made to go ahead that the Administration would assist the people in any negotiations which involved a Mining Lease. It was also explained to them the approximate area a mining lease could be expected to cover and that it would certainly not claim all their land or even a major part of it.

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3. The people of URAPMIN, TIFALMIN (Okbilivip) NO 1, TIFALMIN NO 2 (BUPOLMIN) and UPPER TIFALMIN all complained that the wages paid by the company was not enough. For one days work they suggested they should receive \$1.00 plus rations. The Rural Wage rate as set down by the Labour Department was carefully explained to them and it was pointed out that the Company, with one exception which ~~is~~ will be pointed out later, was generally paying an above award rate in the 70¢ per day plus full rations. I suggested that any wage increase would be a matter for negotiation between employer and employees and that the Administration could only force higher wages if the Company was paying less than the award rate.
 4. In discussions with the OKBILIVIP people they stated that the company was only paying their 'contract' (which I understand to mean on the Company Roll Book as a regular employee) labourers the 70¢ per day and issuing them with full rations. It was stated that day labourers around the camp were only paid 70¢ per day and were NOT issued with any rations. If this is the case then Kennecott are not paying the proper rate set down by law for the Telefomin Sub District which is 91¢ per day. I did not have the chance to discuss this matter with any of the Kennecott staff however the people were quite emphatic in their claims and I have no reason to believe that this is not a legitimate one. If Kennecott are only paying 70¢ per day then they are 21¢ per day short and this situation should be rectified. The people of the area have never heard of the Labour Department, perhaps a visit for Tifalmin, as soon as operations recommence, would not be out of order. Still, I realise, we have been trying for the last twelve months to get a Labour Officer to visit the place.
 5. The people complained that the employment with the company was on a piecemeal basis. It was explained that the reason for this was not known but it was most likely caused by the spasmodic bush work carried out by the company. And in view of the nature of the work it would be impossible to employ all of the people all of the time.
 6. Last complaint was that people from the Telefomin area who came to work for the company were bringing their shotguns with them and shooting game in the Urapmin-Tifalmin bush. I feel that there was a little bit of jealousy tied up in this claim as Kennecott prefers to employ people from outside Tifalmin-Urapmin ~~and~~ as the latter are not renowned ~~as~~ workers. The people were unable to relate any specific incident where the above mentioned had actually occurred. They were informed that they should take note of any future such incidents and report them to the appropriate authorities.

Apart from the above the people, as I mentioned previously, appear to be quite happy with the company and its presence in the area.

I suggest that the area be frequently visited when operations resume early in the New Year.

For your information.



(K.A. Kelly)
Assistant District Officer

APPENDIX "C" TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT

NO 5 OF 72-71

73-1-2
Kelly

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Telefomin, West Sepik.
31st December 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN.

POSSIBLE ROAD ROUTE FROM
TELEFOMIN TO URAPMIN AND TELEFOMIN TO SEPKIALIKMIN

Much has been written during the past couple of years on the possibility of a road link from Telefomin to the fertile URAPMIN Valley. In general the main justification for such a road has been to improve the economic development of the area.

Much has also been written on the possible routes this road should or could take. The main 'fly in the ointment' in the construction of such a road is the crossing of the Sepik River. It is not so much the actual bridging of the Sepik which is the problem but rather access to and from the bridge site from the floor of the valley.

There was an abortive attempt to bridge the Sepik River in 1969 by members of 2 P.I.R. Battalion assisted by the Telefomin people. Access to the bridge site was reasonably good however the bridge itself was built in the bed of the river and the abutments were built up with stone. The bridge lasted approximately two weeks before being swept away by the flooding Sepik.

I feel that there is only one way to bridge the Sepik and that is to get the bridge well above high water mark, and at the same time giving due cognisance to the fact that the site must be accessible from both the North and South side of the River.

It was with the above in mind that the patrol set out from Telefomin.

The first route which I took was almost directly South from Telefomin to the Sepik via KOBORERMIN village. There is a reasonable track here to the Sepik which is about fifteen feet wide. The access to the site is NOT good and ~~xxxx~~ one abutment is some 30 to 40 feet above the other. Following on from here I walked along the kunai foothills in an attempt to find a route which would follow the contours of the foothills. After five hours walking in the steeply sloping kunai country I struck the main walking track from Telefomin to Urupmin. Camp was set up further along this track approximately two hours walk from URAPMIN.

This route, I consider, is impracticable. This conclusion was influenced by (a) the difficult access to the possible bridge site (b) the site itself which would certainly present a problem in bridge construction and (c) the country on the South side of the Sepik does not lend itself to easy road construction by hand. Numerous small, steep gullies would have to be bridged or culverted.

The second investigation was made from URAPMIN back to ATEMKIAKMIN on December 16th. The patrol left URAPMIN and followed a kunai ridge in a North Westerly direction towards the Sepik River.

This is the shortest possible route to the Sepik. The descent is gradual along the present walking track although for a future vehicular road some better gradients would have to be looked for in places. These gradients appear to be available as the walking track follows virtually the shortest possible route.

The site for a bridge on the Sepik is excellent. The River is some five feet wide at this spot and is flanked on either side by solid stone. Possible abutments are on a level plane and a bridge of some 40 to 50 feet with a centre span of some twenty feet would successfully bridge the Sepik. The abutments are well above high water mark as assessed by local knowledge.

Coming out of the Sepik on the Northern side should not present a great problem. The walking track ascends sharply to a small ridge approximately 300 yards upstream from the bridge site. Between the bridge site and the ridge is a type of a low basin gently sloping towards the north and this should provide easier access to the ridge top.

The track then follows the ridge top to the village of ATEMKIAKMIN. From ATEMKIAKMIN it follows the ridge top to a large kunai patch through which, it has been planned, that the road extension from MISINMIN, will pass.

The main problem from the Sepik through to the Kunai patch is the 'loose' type country through which the road must pass. There is quite an amount of shale country in this area and according to local knowledge there are no handy "coronous" deposits.

Having assessed the situation from both the ground and the air (I spent some time doing a 'recce' by helicopter of possible routes) I am firmly convinced that this is the most practicable way for a road to URAPHIN from TELEFOMIN.

I would suggest that if this project is to be the subject of a Rural Development submission, an early approach be made to the Department of Public Works (Local Government Engineering Division) to have an engineer look over the route and the bridge site.

Turning now to the possibility of a road out of the Telefomin Valley along the Sepik North Bank through SEPKIALIKMIN and eventually to the Junction of the Donner (Elip) River and the Sepik River. From here the possibility of extension into the Elipamin Valley could be considered.

The part which I looked at during this patrol is from ATEMKIAKMIN to SEPKIALIKMIN along what I call 'the low road'. This track is distinct from the generally used walking track which is further to the North.

It took approximately four hours to walk from the patch of Kunai above the present site of ATEMKIAKMIN to SEPKIALIKMIN. It is to this kunai patch that the road from Telefomin is being extended.

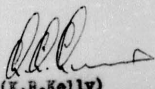
A really accurate assessment of the track followed by the patrol was not possible. It was generally covered by heavy bush and had not been used since 'the Lulual Lulual days'. I felt that having ~~the~~ followed the road further to the North (which is the main walking track) and then following this track that the latter or 'low road' has much more potential for future development as a vehicular road.

The people have been asked to clear the road and it is suggested that the engineer, should he eventually, after having a

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look at the Telefomin-Uragmin road could be asked to have a closer look at the possibilities of the ATEMKIAKMIN - SEPKIALIKMIN road.

For your information.



(K.R. Kelly)

Assistant District Officer.

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APPENDIX "D" TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT

NO 5 OF 70-71

49-1

Kelly.

49-1

Telefomin, West Sepik,
31st December 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN.

MEDICAL STAFF - TELEFOMIN HOSPITAL

Whilst on my recent patrol to the Tifalmin-Urapain and Telefomin Local Census Divisions I was approached by the people of ATEMKIAKMIN and PIMKAMIN with a complaint against the present medical staff at Telefomin.

This complaint was voiced by Councillor ANOKSEP, who represents the above mentioned people.

Councillor ANOKSEP claimed that the Medical Staff at the Telefomin Hospital were not being properly supervised and as a result were constantly bothering female patients admitted to the Hospital.

He alleged that a number of cases happened recently where a member and/or members of the Hospital Staff have been fraternising with female patients who have been married.

He claims that there is a woman I.B. patient from Eliptamin at present at the Hospital who is pregnant to a Hospital Orderly.

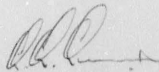
Councillor ANOKSEP stated his people felt the situation was so out of hand they were afraid to send patients to the hospital.

I pointed out to him that it generally takes two willing people to ... (Ahem !!!) "tango" and that possibly not all the fault lay directly with the Medical staff. I also stated that the matter had not been previously raised in the Council meetings or reported to the proper authorities.

It is suggested, however, that an investigation be made into the allegations as there appears to be some truth in the matter raised.

Perhaps the matter could be taken up with the O.I.C. Health at Telefomin and Councillor ANOKSEP duly advised of the course of action.

For your information.



(R.R. Kelly)
Assistant District Officer.

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APPENDIX "E" TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT

NO 5 OF 70-71

14-2-3
Kelly.

14-2-3

Telefomin, West Sepik.
31st December 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN.

AGREEMENTS - VILLAGE DIRECTORY
TELEFOMIN CENSUS DIVISION NUMBER 21.

I would like to suggest a change of village names as for the URAPMIN-TIFALMIN Census Division, Census Division number 21 of the Telefomin Sub District.

The present village directory lists Tifalmin No 1, Tifalmin No 2, Upper Tifalmin Villages and Urapmin.

When I arrived at the place known as Tifalmin on my recent patrol to the area I found that the people did not know if their village was No 1 Tifalmin, No 2 Tifalmin or one of the villages listed as "Upper Tifalmin Villages". In actual fact they referred to their village as OKBILIVIP.

The people in the next Tifalmin village were in the same boat and they referred to their village as BUFOLOMIN.

There are only two distinct villages in the TIFALMIN Valley, these are, according to the people, OKBILIVIP and BUFOLOMIN. The latter is broken into two hamlets approximately ten minutes walking distance apart, but one hamlet is visible from the other and the people claim that the two hamlets are actually the one village known as AKHUKUKUKU BUFOLOMIN.

I would recommend that the village directory be amended as follows:-

Census Division: TIFALMIN - URAPMIN, 21.

(UPPER SEPIK Open Electorate)

Approx area 180 sq. miles.

Population : 911.

BUFOLOMIN URAPMIN.

OKBILIVIP

For your consideration.



(R.R. Kelly)

Assistant District Officer.

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APPENDIX "F" TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT

No 5 OF 70-71

6-3-3

Kelly.

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Telefomin, West Sepik,
31st December 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN.

PIG DEATHS - URAPMIN

It was brought to my attention whilst at URAPMIN village that some 15 pigs had died over the past twelve months from an unknown cause.

The people claim that the pigs, all in enclosures, had been well fed and despite this they had deteriorated in condition, lost all their bristles and had eventually died.

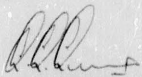
It was also stated that pigs, when taken out of the enclosure and allowed to roam at will, usually recovered from the sickness.

At first I thought the matter was being raised as a lever against the Council Pig Fence Rule as the rule is none too popular through the Sub District in the Council Area.

However the people appear to be genuinely concerned at the loss of their pigs rather than at the Council rule that all pigs shall be kept in an enclosure.

It would be appreciated if the matter could be taken up with the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries and the Urapmin people duly advised and/or visited regarding their pigs.

For your information.



(K.R. Kelly)
Assistant District Officer.

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APPENDIX TO PATROL REPORT TELEFOMIN

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Kelly.

Telefomin, West Sepik,
14th January 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTERS

TELEFOMIN LOCAL AND URAPMIN & TIFALMIN C/D.

Attached please find four copies of the Village Population Registers for the Telefomin Local and Urupmin-Tifalmin Census Divisions.

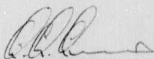
During my recent patrol I completed the registers which were unable to be finished earlier due to the sudden termination of Mr. Mitchell's patrol.

The last Census of the area was done in (Telefomin Local 1966) and Urupmin Tifalmin 1968. I was unable to reconcile some of the total populations at village level.

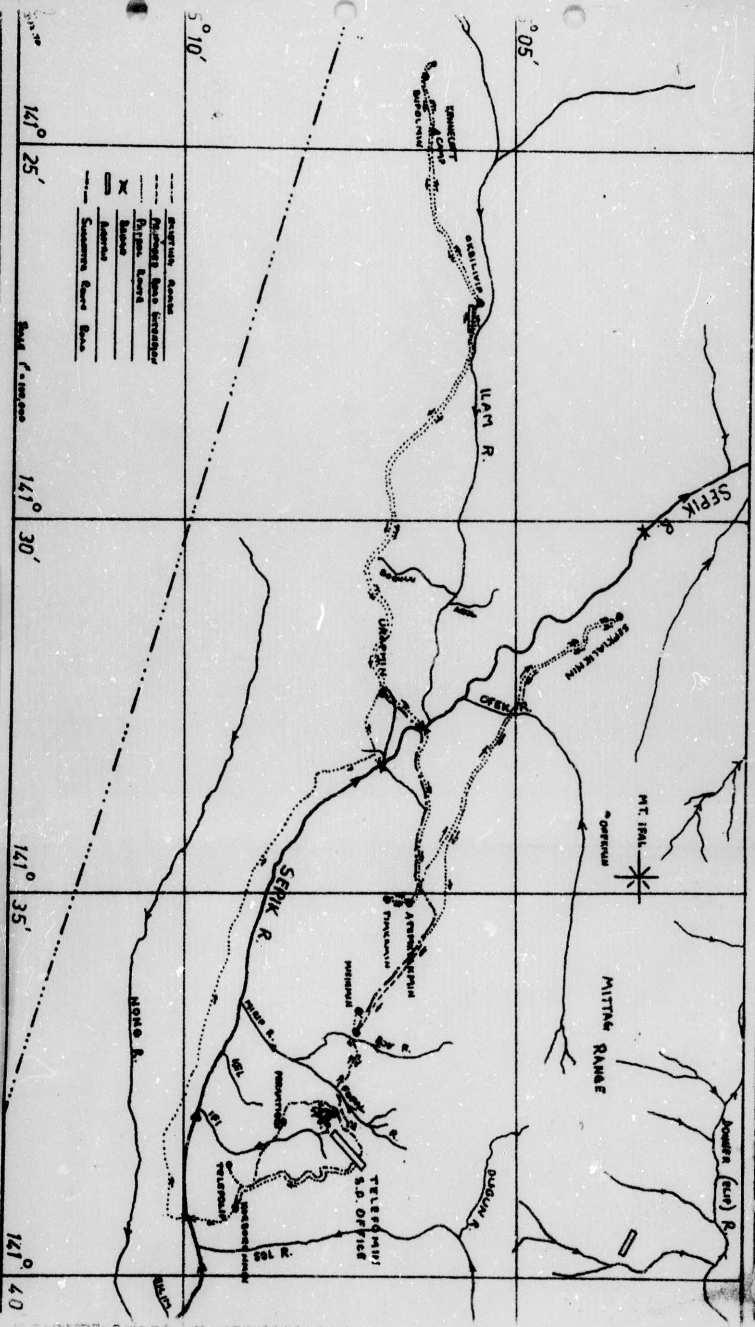
Exhaustive checks have been made of names in the Tax Census Sheets and the only conclusion I can reach is that there must have been some earlier error in the compilation of the Village Population Registers.

Errors are very difficult to detect when censuses are some four years apart.

For your information.



(K.R. Kelly)
Assistant District Officer.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of West Sepik Report No. 6

Patrol Conducted by M.H. MILNE A/Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Elipitamin Airstrip

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Nil

Duration—From 9/12/1970 to 18/12/1970

Number of Days Nine

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 29/7/1969

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

Map Reference Airstrip site observation

Objects of Patrol Assist with reconstruction Elipitamin airstrip

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

29/11/71

Michael J. ...
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator.

District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

29th January, 1971.

Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEBOBU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6. - 70/71

TELEFONIN AREA

Attached please find copies of a report compiled by
Mr. M. Milne, Assistant Patrol Officer.

The objective of the patrol was to get the airstrip at
Eliptamin in reasonable condition to allow a plane to land so that
the District Superintendent and the Senior Local Government Office
could find a site for a new school, which has been approved by the
Department of Education. This was done.

Mr. Milne has an easy style of writing and his observations
are interesting. Carriers for the future are going to be a problem,
however if the scale of wages does rise then the Administration will
have to meet them.

I see no reason why the school should not be ready, and
now that Mr. Milne is handling the matter, I am sure it will be.

(J. E. WAKEFORD)

District Commissioner.

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Fischer

Sub-District Office,
TELEFOUN,
8th, December, 1970.

Mr. M. N. Milne,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
TELEFOUN, W.S.D..

INSTRUCTIONS: TELEFOUN PATROL No. 6 of 1970/71.

1. Please make preparations to depart Telefoun tomorrow per Army helicopter for the Eliptamin Airstrip area of the Sub-District. Make every effort to keep the weight of yourself and your equipment within the 350 pound payload limit of the helicopter.
2. The sole purpose of your patrol will be to work with the Eliptamin people on reconstruction of the Eliptamin airstrip. I recently inspected the work already completed by the people and am of the opinion that their work effort will have to be more organised if the airstrip is to be opened on the 18th. December, 1970 when the District Education Officer is scheduled to visit the area to inspect the proposed Primary 'T' School site adjacent to the airstrip.
3. As the result of my inspection I consider your main efforts should be aimed at improving the drainage of the airstrip and the gravelling of a central strip down the entire length of the airstrip.
4. Your Patrol Report will consist of Diary, Situation Report, and Special Report setting out the work completed, your estimate of the standard of the airstrip and an estimate of the people's enthusiasm and commitment to working to achieve construction of the Primary 'T' School.
5. Apologies for the short notice given to undertake this patrol. The original intention was that reconstruction of the airstrip and construction of teacher's house and classrooms be a Council/people responsibility however this approach must be modified to at least facilitate completion of the airstrip reconstruction to allow the D.E.O. to view the site. At every opportunity impress on the people that responsibility for these projects lies with them but that we will assist them where possible.

[Signature]
(D. J. Fischer)
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
TELEFOIN,
13th January, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
WAMIMO.

COMMENTS - TELEFOIN PATROL REPORT No. 6 of 1970-71.

1. Attached please find three copies of the abovesmentioned Patrol Report submitted by Assistant Patrol Officer Mr. M.H. Milne covering a patrol to the Eliptamin airstrip area of the Eliptamin Census Division. The patrol was conducted for the specific purpose of assisting the people of the Eliptamin Valley to construct an airstrip up to commercial standards. The Report is submitted complete with copies of Situation Report, Special Report, Diary and map.

2. Comments on Situation Report as follows:-

a. Political:- Council President Kamasep is in fact the backbone of the Telefoin Council and it is he who has initiated the Primary 'P' School project at Eliptamin. Unfortunately the other four Eliptamin Councillors and the majority of the people are not prepared to work to the degree required to bring this project to early completion.

Council President Kamasep's visit to Australia has proved most worthwhile and the stories and knowledge he has imparted to the Eliptamin people is playing a large part in their political development.

b. Social:- It is only in recent years that labour has been sought from this remote part of the Territory and society has yet to adjust itself fully to the long absence of the young men. The Eliptamin is not yet fully recruited so the area cannot be closed to recruitment. Society will have to come to accept the absence of the young men as one of the prices they have to pay for the development the vast majority of the people want.

c. Economic:- As Mr. Milne points out carriers for Administration patrols are becoming harder to find each year. The Administration now has to compete with the conditions offered by both Kennecott and Mount Isa. To obtain carriers it is now necessary to offer a daily wage of 50¢ plus rations and as the long arduous patrols out of Telefoin lose their novelty appeal to the young men it will prove more and more difficult to obtain carriers. If either the Kennecott or Mount Isa mining projects is developed it may be impossible for the Administration to attract carriers unless wages are even more attractive than those paid by the mining companies. The present Sub-District annual wage bill for carriers is in excess of \$6000 and provision of rations would cost over \$3000 : if either mining project is proceeded with costs can be expected to approximately double. This constitutes one of the reasons why an airstrip should now be constructed to serve the remote and virtually unreachable Athalmin and West Mianin Census Divisions.

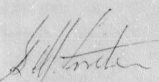
3. Comments on Special Report as follows:-

a. Although construction of the airstrip has been completed to a reasonable

standard recent reports given me by both Council President Kamasep and Mr. Milne indicate that although the Eliptamin people generally want the Primary 'P' School very few are willing to put in the sustained effort necessary to achieve early completion of the project. Mr. Milne has just now completed a further patrol to the Eliptamin to assist the people with the airstrip and the school however he reports that on occasions only the women turned up to work. There is little doubt that the people want the school but there is now every sign that they now expect the Administration to push the school after their initial display of minimum effort. I am loath to fall into this 'trap' and consider it far preferable that the school take a further twelve months to construct under present arrangements than completing it in 3-4 months using direct administration methods of organisation. Final authorisation for the new Eliptamin school was only given by the District Inspector of Education Mr. Kalo on the 18th. December, 1970, and the time is far too short to have the school opened for the start of the 1971 school year. The present position is that timber for the school teacher's house is now stacked at Telefomin awaiting the arrival of the Eliptamin people en masse to carry it back to the school site. Carriers are arriving here in twos and threes and the timber will eventually all arrive at Eliptamin : under supervision of Field Staff it could be done much quicker but I consider it imperative that the Eliptamin people accept ultimate responsibility for the project. Once the rate of progress becomes a little more clear I will be contacting the District Inspector of Education to set a possible opening date for the school.

Further upgrading of the Eliptamin airstrip can be considered to be of more concern to the Administration than the opening of a Council sponsored school and to this end Mr. Milne will again be proceeding to Eliptamin within a week.

For your information and consideration, please.



(B.H. Fischer)

Assistant District Commissioner.

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TELEFOMIN PATROL No. 6 of 1970/71.
ELIPTAMIN CENSUS DIVISION.
SUPERVISION OF LABOUR - ELIPTAMIN AIRSTRIP.

DIARY.

- 9.12.70. 4.30 pm. boarded Army helicopter at Telefomin arrived Eliptamin strip at 4.40 pm. Set up camp at edge of strip, met Councillors. Settled in.
- 10.12.70. 8 am. Held meeting of all Councillors and co-ordinated labour, approx 150 men and women. Commenced carrying and laying of gravel, digging of drains and consolidating gravel in centre of strip. Finished at 4.30 pm.
- 11.12.70. 8 am. organized labour and also assisted in carting gravel. digging drains and smoothing rough patches till 4.30 pm.
- 12.12.70. Saturday and about a dozen men turned up. Worked at bad section of runway till 12 pm. Rest of day observed.
- 13.12.70. Sunday observed at camp.
- 14.12.70. 8 am. Councillor Ibalsep of Afogovip had a complaint that a village man had interfered with a young girl, 5 years. Interviewed all parties and arranged for Councillor to accompany witnesses and accused to Telefomin with my report for A.D.C.'s information.
9.30 am. Supervised labour and worked with them on strip till 4.30 pm.
- 15.12.70. 7 am. all labour on site, organized and made alterations as I saw fit in an endeavour to have strip operative by 18th.
2 pm. arrival of interpreter Sunei with a note from A.D.C. asking my opinion as to whether strip will be ready Friday.
4 pm. finished for day.
- 16.12.70 7.30 am. sent Sunei to station with my advice to A.D.C. and ten carriers to bring back strip markers.
Continued work on strip. By 4.30 pm 1000 ft. of gravel had been laid.

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Diary cont...

- 17.12.70. 8 am. Commenced work on strip, continuing as before though have organized gang to tamp down surface.
- 11.30 am. Wind sock pole collapsed while attempting to place wind sock.
- 3 pm. Lindsay Smith - Baptist Mission - arrived from Telefomin.
- 4 pm. Radio arrived, set up ariel.
- 4.30 pm. Tried to contact A.D.C., unsuccessful.
- 5 pm. Arrival of markers which were placed.
- 6 pm. contacted mission at Telefomin and gave strip report.

- 18.12.70. 7 am. contacted mission and gave further, final strip report.
- 11.30 am. arrival of M.A.F. and school site inspection party.
- 1 pm. cleaned camp.
- 1.15 pm. departure on foot for Telefomin.
- 5.15 pm. arrived station.

it did in their work, seemed to realize the importance of having a separate strip. It was at least surprising to know that a school for his area is really being set up, and that the people, of course have a knowledge of the primary school at Telefomin because the fact that it is a school of government, I care for a fact that the school has been open a great deal of time especially for the people of the village, and during the long period of knowledge on education and the importance of education of both sexes and the better of the village. Learning the way to be organized and be started by the school and the people believe that they are encouraged to work in their own way that paper is sent from the school and the school is the only unit that other people have been working their people with the school.

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ELIPTAMIN CENSUS DIVISION.

SITUATION REPORT.

Political

Comparitively speaking, the groups who made up the labour force on the reconstruction of the Eliptamin airstrip are politically aware, at least to the Local Government level. This is no doubt due to the close proximity to the Telefomin station and the Telefomin Local Government Council which has representation throughout the Eliptamin area.

Whilst working on the strip I observed between 150 and 200 persons from nine villages and under the more or less direct leadership of five Councillors, who were, and were from.....

Councillor Kamasep - Teraptavip village.
 Councillor Bop - Agamtavip, Avankaman,
 Councillor Ifolsep - Tatentigin, Biltavip, Utentigin.
 Councillor Ibalsep - Afogovip, Bolbil.
 Councillor Afupnok - Komdavip.

It appeared to me that almost all the people working on the strip were well aware that a school was pending for the area, and, though it didn't always manifest itself in their work, seemed to realise the importance of having an operative airstrip. It was at least encouraging to know that a school for the area is really wanted by most, and that the people, of course have a knowledge of the primary school at Telefomin besides the fact that it exists.

Regarding the people's knowledge of higher forms of government, I know for a fact that Councillor Kamasep has spent a great deal of time explaining to the people of his village, and airing his fairly considerable knowledge on legislative and parliamentary procedure of both Papua and New Guinea and Australia. Kamasep has been to Australia and he assures me that his people no longer believe that cars are manufactured in caves by white spirits, that paper is made from wood and is not cultivated naturally. I can only trust that other councillors have been enlightening their people. (with the truth)

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SITUATION REPORT.

Political cont....

In theory, the Eliptamins are fortunate in having a local M.H.A. who speaks the same language and is familiar with these people. Most people I spoke to know who their member is, though I doubt if many of the older men realise that they have a member or what one is. There were no old people working on the strip so I didn't get a chance to find out.

As I was not patrolling around, I can only say in conclusion that I saw the situation only as it presented itself on the airstrip.

Social.

One of the main behavioral problems I observed was the lack of any real cohesion between the different village groups at work. Each councillor controlled his own group who were reluctant to work alongside another councillor's group. Whether this is a traditional behavioral pattern or only based on "team rivalry" I don't know for sure. The language and customs of the groups are identical so I am inclined to assume the latter.

One of the most predominant features of the social behavior of these people I observed was the way in which the women worked, far harder, per unit than the men. Although distasteful to my European style outlook, it is the prevalent attitude in a society where men have been tradition bound to warfare and have not yet found a reasonable substitute.

The housing I happened to casually observe at Teraptavip was typical for the area, stilted, sapling walls, cane floor, kuni roof, though a few houses had iron roofs here, and there was one sawn timber dwelling being built.

Communication between the groups appears to be good and everybody seems to know everybody else. (as well as everybody else's business)

One seemingly major problem I noticed was the fact that a lot of young men are signing long term contracts to work in Mt. Hagen and leaving young wives to ~~fall~~

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SITUATION REPORT.

Social Cont....

to wittingly or unwittingly lure lusty single men into adultery. One can hardly blame the wives who are left for up to two years, and whose contracted husbands are undoubtedly enjoying any benefits that Hagen has to offer.

Finally the general health of the people is good, at least the people I saw. No person is ever really far from medical aid and there appears to be an abundance of food including vegetables.

Economia.

The monetary economy has taken a firm grip on this area, not that the system would collapse without money, but simply the fact that the people know and like what money can do.

There have been and are from time to time, many people from this area employed at Telefomin, including policemen, and there is no lack of the realization of the value of money. This situation is such now that carriers are becoming harder to find for patrols and any small service requested of the people is (or would like to be) dependent on exchange - money.

Insomuch as an economy for this area goes, there are quite a few men working for the Baptist mission at Telefomin, at the station itself, at Las company near Ambunti at Hagen, and Kennecott I believe. No actual productive economic activity is engaged in at village level though vegetables have been sold from the Eliptamin area to Telefomin station. Lack of roads seems to be the main "thorn in the foot" here. Perhaps when the Eliptamin airstrip becomes an institution things will change, along with the coming to being of the school.

Despite the foregoing, the people still are basically subsistence gardeners, and there will have to be much progress in communications, education etc before any sort of sound economy could possibly be thought of.

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SPECIAL REPORT.

I found the existing strip at Eliptamin to be approximately 1600 ft. long running in an approximate north south direction. The surface was soggy in places, devoid of grass and the strip was uneven with small hillocks down its length. The Eliptamin people had already laid a section of gravel about 30'x30' at the top end of the strip. It was obvious that the strip was badly drained, the edges were higher than the centre which was in a depression.

On the 10th. December, I met the five Councillors along with some village people, and after a discussion we decided that if the strip was to be functional by the 18th. a servicable gravel strip 35 ft. wide should be laid down the length of the strip to provide a firm taxi way for aircraft. It was also decided that at the same time an attempt should be made to improve the drainage, this was discussed further by the councillors and the 15C-200 people who volunteered their labour and three groups were organised to cart gravel from the river, lay the gravel and improve the drainage. There was a particularly soggy and infirm section of strip extending 150 ft. from the approach end of the runway. It was decided to leave this in favour of improving the more favourable sections.

Starting, therefore about 150 ft. from the approach end, river gravel was laid in a 35 ft wide strip slowly creeping towards the top end of the runway. Another team commenced laying gravel from the top end, down. At the same time drains were dug across the strip and the side drains were improved and cleared. Besides assisting on the runway I had a more or less full time job settling petty disputes and advising on matters concerning who should work where etc. to obtain the best results.

On the morning of the 14th. December, Councillor Ibalsep approached me in company with two women, a girl aged five and a village man. All were from Afogovip. The substance of the complaint was that the women had accused the man of interfering sexually with the young girl the previous night. I took down a detailed account of all the parties and my own observations, and whilst I thought there was much to be doubted, arranged for the councillor to accompany the party, with my report to the A.D.C. Telefomin for his consideration. This was the only instance of trouble reported to me.

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SPECIAL REPORT.

By Wednesday the 16th. December there was about 1000 ft. or more of gravel laid and I was able to write to Mr. Fischer A.D.C. that I was confident that the strip would be open Friday. It had rained on occasions and the gravel section remained firm.

At this stage it was estimated that a strip of about 150-200 ft near the top end of the runway would not be completed by Friday, however this section was very firm earth from which all irregularities had been removed.

On Thursday afternoon Mr. L. Smith of the Baptist Mission arrived. By this stage there was about 1300 ft of gravel laid starting 150 ft from the bottom end of the strip, and after an inspection we radiod the Mission at Telefomin and gave a fairly enthusiastic strip report. A further strip report was given at 7 am 18.th December and at 11.30 am the party from Vanimo arrived and inspected the proposed site for the Eliptamin school. I walked back to Telefomin that afternoon.

There is yet a fair amount of work to be done on this strip to make it a lasting asset to the area. The drainage is not yet sufficient and the side drains will need to be deepened to about five ft. before they will be below the level of the centre of the strip. The present depth of these drains is from 2-3 ft. The remaining 350 odd feet to be gravelled could be accomplished easily providing the labour is again available.

The bottom (approch) end of the strip is much lower than the top end giving an uphill run for landing aircraft and a speedy, short run before taking off. As the surface is a fairly good one now, I feel that the only big problem lies with the improvement of drainage. The further leveling out and up grading of the runway should not prove difficult.

M. R. Milne
M.R. MILNE.
A/Patrol Officer.
Telefomin.

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Thursday, 27th :

0745. All Villagers assembled. Census commenced. 1200 - 1300. Lunch break. 1300. Continued with Census. 1330. Discovered that the Census Sheets were incomplete. No record of 87 people who claim to have been previously counted. Letter written to Assistant District Commissioner requesting any further Census Sheets remaining at Sub-District Office or new sheets to complete the Census to be sent to URAPMIN. 1345 - 1430. Investigated an alleged assault. 1440. Commenced Area Study. 1630 - 1730. Discussions with individual Villagers. Remained the night.

Friday, 28th :

0745. Cnst. TORIA and party for Court Hearing departed for TELEFOMIN. Decided to go to TIFALMIN and complete URAPMIN Census on return. 0845. Departed URAPMIN. Track muddy, slippery and very steep in places. Arrived TIFALMIN at 1240. Paid Carriers and set up Camp. Rest Houses in poor state of repair. Most of the Villagers absent so worked on Census statistics. 1700. Informed the Councillor of the Census programme. Inspected the Village which was not very clean. Councillor informed of this. Remained the night.

Saturday, 29th :

0900. Commenced Census for TIFALMIN. Completed 1215. 1330 Commenced Census for OESIVIP. Completed at 1630. 1630 - 1730. Discussions with individual Villagers. 1745. Informed of an alleged rape involving a European employee of KENNICOT Exploration Company and a 16 year old indigenous girl. Conducted a preliminary investigation. Remained the night.

Sunday, 30th :

0900 - 1200. Continued investigation into the alleged rape case. 1230. Cnst. TORIA returned ex. TELEFOMIN. 1400. Walked to KENNICOT's Base Camp and informed the Geologist in Charge, Mr. M. GRAHAM of the allegation. Accompanied Mr. GRAHAM to TELEFOMIN by Helicopter and informed the Assistant District Commissioner, Mr. KELLY of the allegation. Mr. KELLY informed the District Commissioner, Mr. J. E. WAKEFORD. Advised by the District Commissioner that Inspector YORK would come to TIFALMIN tomorrow to conduct an investigation. Returned to TIFALMIN by Helicopter. Informed the accused that a serious allegation had been made against him and that Inspector YORK would conduct an investigation tomorrow. Returned to Lower TIFALMIN. Remained the night.

Monday, 31st :

0745. Continued questioning witnesses in the alleged rape case. 0900. Went to URAPMIN by Helicopter to pick up a Baptist Mission Infant Welfare Nurse who would be required as a Medical witness. Returned TIFALMIN 0915. Continued investigation. 1430. Inspector YORK arrived by Helicopter. Briefed Inspector YORK and assisted with his Investigation. 1530. Inspector YORK departed for KENNICOTs by Helicopter. Organised witnesses for movement to TELEFOMIN. 1555. First load of witnesses plus interpreter departed by Helicopter for TELEFOMIN. Total of twelve (12) witnesses ferried to TELEFOMIN by Helicopter. Remained the night.

September, 1970 :

Tuesday, 1st :

0745. Councillor and Headmen assembled for Area Study. Completed at 1100. Inspected surrounding Villages and Councillor informed of faults. 1300. All Villagers assembled for Political Education discussions. Completed 1445. 1445 - 1630. Discussions with individual Villagers re. domestic problems, employment and worries. Remained the night.

Wednesday, 2nd :

0745. Prepared to depart for UPPER TIFALMIN. 0810. Departed. Arrived 0900. Track muddy in places but otherwise good. The Carriers organised the setting up of the tent and camp. Inspected the Village. Very neat and clean. 1300. Commenced Census for UPPER TIFALMIN. Completed Census at 1700. 1730 - 2130. Discussions with Mr. W. WHEATCROFT, Anthropologist, about various aspects
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of TIFALMIN life and culture. Remained the night.

Thursday, 3rd :

0745. Went to KINNIGOTS for a discussion with Mr. GRAHAM about aspects of their operations. 1000. Commenced an Area Study. 1215. Received a note from the Assistant District Commissioner that the Patrol was suspended and that the writer was to return to TELEFOMIN immediately and prepare for transfer to VANING. Camp dismantled and Carriers organised. Patrol departed under the supervision of Sgt. WADONIA. 1345. The writer returned to TELEFOMIN by Helicopter.

Friday, 4th :

1800. Patrol arrived back at TELEFOMIN.

Saturday, 5th :

0900. Carriers paid. Equipment returned to Store and routine patrol administrative matters carried out.

END OF PATROL.

INTRODUCTION.

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL :

TELEFOMIN Patrol No. 1 of 1970/71 was conducted as the Annual Census Patrol to the TELEFOMIN and TIFALMIN/URAPMIN Census Divisions. The specific objects of the Patrol were :-

1. A complete Census Division and Area Study of both Census Divisions.
2. Political Education discussions in all Villages within the Census Divisions.
3. Compile a list of retired Lulusai and Tultuls who are eligible for payment in recognition of their services.
4. Complete Land Purchase Documents for the purchase of "BULUNUMBI" land in the TIFALMIN area.
5. Compile a report on the relationship between the TIFALMIN/URAPMIN people and KENNICOT Exploration, based at UPPER TIFALMIN.
6. General Administration.

Unfortunately the objects of the Patrol have only been partially carried out. This state of affairs was brought about by the suspension of the Patrol in its fourth week and the result of the writer to be transferred immediately to PAGEI Patrol Post.

It is estimated that a further two (2) weeks would have been required to complete the Patrol. Another two (2) days would have been required in the TIFALMIN Area to complete the Area Study, hold further discussions with the people, with Mr. H. GRAHAM (Geologist in charge of KENNICOT Exploration), interview members of their indigenous work force, carry out further discussions with Mr. W. WHEATCROFT (An American anthropologist based at UPPER TIFALMIN) and carry out routine Administration. On the Patrol's departure from TIFALMIN it was planned to stay at least for one (1) day at URAPMIN to complete the Census Revision, Area Study, Political Education and Routine Administration. From URAPMIN the Patrol planned to visit SEPKIALIEMIN, TIMKANIN, and MISINMIN and then return to TELEFOMIN Station, but due to reasons already stated, the latter stage of the Patrol did not eventuate. Therefore it is not possible to submit the required Area Study and full Census Revision. This Report is submitted as a Situation Report, with attached Appendices covering matters which were actually dealt with by the Patrol. Information gathered for the Area Study will be compiled in 'Note' form and forwarded under separate cover to the Assistant District Commissioner, TELEFOMIN. This information may be of use to another Officer when the Area Study and Census Revision is completed.

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TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1970-1971.

SITUATION REPORT.

B. POLITICAL :

LOCAL GOVERNMENT :

The TELEFOMIN local Government Council has been established since 1966.

Given that the Council is still in its infancy, and that its financial resources are very limited, but during the course of the Patrol it was consistently pointed out, by the local people, that they have little or no tangible evidence of the use of their taxation money. There is feeling of disquiet amongst the people at village level, and it is felt that steps should be taken in the very near future to rectify this situation.

During the course of the Patrol the Council House was broken into, and a sum in excess of \$300.00 was stolen. Earlier on in the year the Council House was broken into and a sum of money stolen. To date there have not been any arrests for these offences. These two robberies have created a feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction within the Council area. Varying degrees of dissatisfaction were expressed to the Patrol, the most serious forms being within the Villages close to TELEFOMIN Station. The consensus of opinion is that if there were no arrests made in the foreseeable future there will be a general reluctance to pay Council Tax next year.

Generally the people of the area have a very limited knowledge of the functions and aims of a Local Government Council. A considerable amount of time was spent during the Political Education discussions informing the people of the aims, purposes and functions of the Local Government Council and it is felt that this trend should be elaborated upon during future Patrols. Generally the people were quite receptive to these discussions and showed an interest in acquiring further knowledge.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS :

The Councillors met during the course of the Patrol have varying degrees of influence within their wards. The Councillors of URAPMIN, KIALIKMIN No. II, KIALIKMIN No. I, LOWER TIPALMIN and UPPER TIPALMIN have a reasonable strong influence within their wards. The Councillors of FAKUPMIN, OKSIMIN/KORBORENMIN No. II, TELEFOLIP/BOGALMIN, ANKEVIR/FERANTIGIN and KORBORENMIN No. I appear to have only a limited degree of influence within their wards. It was noted that quite a large percentage of the Councillors are the sons of Luluais, Tultuls and the traditional Headmen of the Villages. Thus it is felt that the sphere of the influence of the Councillors will increase in the future.

Overall the Councillors only have a basic knowledge of the aims of Local Government Councils and it is felt that further education of the Councillors would improve the Council 'image' and increase the dissemination of information throughout the Council areas.

Throughout the course of the Patrol all Councillors were quite helpful and actively assisted the Patrol.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY :

The people visited by the Patrol had only a very vague idea of the functions and aims of the House of Assembly. The people are aware that they form part of a larger political entity, but overall their knowledge of the Central Government is extremely limited.

The recent visit of the Committee for Constitutional Development has given rise to a feeling amongst the more enlightened people that the people of the TELEFOMIN area are not ready for self-Government.

The younger section of the Community and a number of the more enlightened older section displayed a desire for more knowledge and information about the Central Government.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER/S :

The local Member for the House of Assembly, Mr. WESANI IWOKSIM, is held in high regard throughout the area visited.

During the course of the Patrol Mr. IWOKSIM was in the TELEFOMIN area and visited a number of Villages. He informed the people of his recent visit overseas, and held discussions with the people in the PERAMIN Valley and TELEFOMIN Area. The people of the TIFALMIN Valley expressed disappointment in that Mr. IWOKSIM DID NOT VISIT THEIR AREA. It was explained to the TIFALMIN people that Mr. IWOKSIM had to return to PORT MORESBY to attend the August Sittings of the House of Assembly. The people stated that they would like to see the Member on his return to TELEFOMIN.

POLITICAL EDUCATION :

A series of discussions were carried out in each of the Villages visited. As previously pointed out the people have only a very limited knowledge of the functions and aims of a Local Government Council and the House of Assembly. Therefore the theme of the Political Education discussions was limited to informing the people, and encouraging discussions about the basic aims and functions of the two Governmental bodies, and that these forms of Government are complementary to each other. It was stressed that there are divisions of responsibility, i.e. Local Government Councils were responsible for certain functions and services within their specific Council Area, and that the Central Government was responsible for the development, welfare, law and order, and defence of the Country as a whole. It was further stressed that the two forms of Government, working together foster a feeling of unity, and in doing so the Country becomes stronger and develops towards self-Government.

Further discussions revealed that the concept of Elected Members of the Central Government and Local Government Councils was *accepted* and understood throughout the area. The Central Government is *accepted* not visualised as an entity consisting solely of Senior Public Servants. This conception has undoubtedly been aided by the peoples' contact with their Elected Member.

As previously stated, there is a feeling amongst the more enlightened people of the area that the TELEFOMIN people are not ready for Self-Government, and will not be ready for quite some time. The reasons put forward by the people were, that compared to other areas in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, the TELEFOMIN people have only received the benefits of the Administration for a very short period of time. Consequently, the people have not reached the stage of development, socially, economically, educationally and politically that gives them the expertise needed to compete with the more advanced areas. Thus there is a feeling that if Self-Government comes in the near future, the TELEFOMIN people will be at a disadvantage. It appears that these feelings were also communicated to Mr. WESANI IWOKSIM, M.H.A.

Generally the Political Education discussions were accepted with a fair amount of interest and it is felt that the people will gain awareness as future Patrols expound their aspects of Political Education.

B. ECONOMICS :

GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT :

The economy of the Area Patrolled is far from viable. This is brought about by the poor soil of the area, relatively small population, isolation from markets and the high cost of transporting by air the produce out of the area.

Agriculture, basically, is still at the subsistence level, although a small percentage of people do cultivate European type vegetables for sale within the area.

The source of income to the people is limited to :-

1. Sale of timber for local consumption;
2. Sale of vegetables and firewood;
3. Administration and Private Enterprise Employees; Patrol Carriers;
4. Sale of Artifacts; and
5. Local persons employed outside the area.

During the course of the Patrol it was continually brought to the attention of the writer that the people wish to increase their cash earnings. There is a potential for Rural Development in the area in the form of market gardening and the sale of timber, but this is limited by the lack of a suitable market outlet, and the cost of airfreight.

If the Mining Exploration Company, (KENNICOT EXPLORATION at TIFALMIN) does expand to a large scale mining operation, then the potential for expanding the economy is quite good, but at this stage the possibility of large scale expansion in the mining industry appears to be rather nebulous.

While in the TIFALMIN Area it was noted that a Missionary from the Summer Institute of Linguistics had planted several types of citrus trees, avocado and guava trees. The produce of these trees was of a reasonable quality. The area also produces good quality bananas, paw-paw, pineapple and a range of European type vegetables. It is felt that particularly in this area, where the soil is superior to the rest of the TELEFOMIN Area, that there could be a potential source of income for the people.

Traditionally the people of the TELEFOMIN, and more particularly the TIFALMIN Area, grow tobacco to trade with their immediate neighbours. It is felt that this fact warrants investigation to see if a commercial type of tobacco could be grown on a cash crop basis.

With regard to the two preceding paragraphs the writer is not able to check the appropriate Files to see if such crops have, in fact, been tried before in the TELEFOMIN Area.

ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENTAL DEPARTMENTS :

During the course of the Patrol the Assistant Rural Development Officer stationed at TELEFOMIN proceeded on leave and a Posting. It is not known if he will be replaced. This situation has caused some concern amongst the local people and they expressed a desire for a replacement. It is felt that a replacement Officer is required as the people are keen to expand their rather limited agricultural potential. It was also felt that is a suitable cash crop could be introduced into the area, that there would be sufficient young men prepared to assist with the development of such a crop.

NON-INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT :

The only non-indigenous development of the area patrolled is being carried out by KENNICOT Exploration Company, based at TIFALMIN. This firm are conducting Prospecting operations to determine the extent of the copper deposits in the area.

A preliminary discussion with Mr. M. GRAHAM, Geologist in Charge, revealed that the Prospecting Programme at the moment is trying to ascertain if drilling operations should be commenced in the near future. Mr. GRAHAM states that it is not possible to predict the outcome of the Prospecting operations at the moment, but that the Company has at least another year's work in the area.

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Mr. GRAHAM estimated that about \$10,000.00 has been paid out to the TIFALMIN/TELEFOMIN Area since the Company commenced operations in the TIFALMIN Area. This amount can be broken down into payment for building materials, building of houses and general construction, plus payment for indigenous labour within the prospecting area. The larger percentage of indigenous labour employed by the Company comes from the TELEFOMIN Area, as Mr. GRAHAM has found that the local TIFALMIN people have proved unsatisfactory as labourers.

As per Patrol Instructions a report on the relationship between the TIFALMIN/URAPMIN people and KENNICOT's was required. However, due to the recall of the Patrol, the Report can only be submitted for the limited time the Patrol was in the area, and is therefore rather superficial.

Generally the TIFALMIN/URAPMIN people are quite happy with the Mining Company. The main reason for this appears to be the large amount of money that has been injected into their economy. Overall they feel that the Company may, if it starts large scale mining operations, be the answer to their economic problems.

The only problem brought to the attention of the Patrol was that the firm are employing labour from outside the TIFALMIN area and that work was carried on a seven day a week basis. The people stated that they do not wish to work seven days a week, but are willing to work on a five day a week basis.

It was intended to discuss the above with Mr. GRAHAM to see if some agreement could be made, but this did not come about, due, again, to the recall of the Patrol.

SOCIAL :

EDUCATION :

There is an Administration Primary "M" School at TELEFOMIN Station which serves the TELEFOMIN Area. The Baptist Mission at TELEFOMIN provides limited boarding facilities for school children outside the immediate area. The Mission also conducts an Adult Literary Programme and their Pastors' conduct small Bible Schools at Village level.

While the Patrol was in the FERANIN/TIFALMIN Valleys it was constantly brought to the Patrol's attention that the people wish to have schools established in their areas. It was carefully explained to the people that the small population of the areas concerned, limited funds and the availability of teachers would probably preclude the setting up of Administration schools in their areas, but nevertheless their wishes would be passed on to the appropriate authorities.

It was noted that the TELEFOLIP and BOGALMIN Villages, which are less than one hour's walk from the Administration school at TELEFOMIN, that only one child attended the Administration school. It is felt that possibly the TELEFOMIN Local Government Council could take some action to increase the attendance of school age children from these two Villages.

HEALTH :

Generally the health of the people in the areas visited was quite good. There is a Department of Public Health's controlled hospital at TELEFOMIN and Aid Posts at TIFALMIN and FERANIN Villages. The Baptist Mission provides an excellent Pre-Natal, Anti-Natal and Infant Welfare Service to these areas.

The Patrol was accompanied by an indigenous Medical Orderly who treated people as required. It was noticed that in outlying areas there is some reluctance to carry in seriously ill people. It was impressed upon the people that it is their responsibility to ensure that seriously ill people received prompt medical attention.

It was also noted that in the TELEFOLIP and BOGALMIN Villages there were several children suffering from minor skin complaints and colds. It appears that their parents are reluctant to take

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their children to the Station Hospital if they are only suffering from minor complaints. Once again the people were informed of their responsibilities and it is suggested that the personnel from the Station Hospital should make regular visits to these Villages.

Overall the sanitation of the Area Patrolled ranges from barely satisfactory in the PERAMIN and TELEFOMIN Villages to poor in the TIFALMIN Area. The people were informed of the necessity to construct adequate toilets.

LAW AND ORDER :

Two (2) cases of alleged assault by the husband on his wife was reported to the Patrol. Both cases were referred to the Assistant District Commissioner at TELEFOMIN for further action.

While the Patrol was at LOWER TIFALMIN a sixteen (16) year old Indigenouse girl alleged that she had been raped by an European employe of KENNICOT Exploration. An intensive preliminary investigation was carried out into this allegation. Mr. M. GRAHAM, Geologist in Charge was informed and the writer accompanied Mr. GRAHAM by Helicopter to TELEFOMIN Station to inform the Assistant District Commissioner. The following day an investigation was carried out by Inspector YORK from VANIMO. The accused was later charged, brought before the District Court and later remanded in custody for the next Sitting of the Supreme Court.

The reaction of the local people to the above events was, on the whole, one of astonishment. The fact that an European was involved, the speed of the investigation, the ferrying of witnesses to TELEFOMIN by Helicopter and the subsequent decision of the District Court, all combined to leave the people rather astounded.

Every effort was made by the Patrol to inform the people that what they had observed was the due process of Law, that the law applied to each individual without prejudice and that it was their duty to inform the authorities promptly when the law was broken.

It is difficult to evaluate what may have happened if the writer had not been in the immediate area. Some of the local people interviewed were quite incensed and some of KENNICOT's staff felt that if the incident had not been reported there could have been serious trouble at a later date.

Mr. GRAHAM was most helpful in clearing up the matter, and provided the Company's chartered Helicopter for the bringing of witnesses. Mr. GRAHAM is most concerned about the whole incident and hopes that it will not effect the Company's relationship with the people. It is felt that the people are quite satisfied with the handling of the incident to date, and it is doubtful if there will be any serious repercussions.

MISSIONS :

The only Mission operating in the area is the Baptist Mission based at TELEFOMIN. The Mission has an European staff of three (3) Married couples and a Nursing Sister.

Some of the services provided by the Baptist Mission have already been mentioned under the Headings of HEALTH and EDUCATION. Other services provided include the operation of Mission airstrips, one in PERAMIN Valley (at present unserviceable, but being repaired) and one at TIFALMIN. The Mission also manages a Trade Store at TELEFOMIN which is the property of the Council of the Elders of the Baptist Church in the TELEFOMIN sub-District. The Mission airstrips are used to allow for the transportation of Infant welfare Nurses to particular areas to hold Clinics; transportation of sick persons and the re-supply of goods to Trade Stores in the area which are normally run by the Mission's resident Pastors. In addition the Infant welfare Sister runs training courses and local girls are being trained in Infant welfare work.

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The Mission also operates a Saw Mill and while the Patrol was at ANKAVIP some criticism about the price paid by the Mission for timber was voiced by the local people. This matter has now been referred to the Assistant District Commissioner.

While the Patrol was at KIALIKMIN No. II in the PERAMIN Valley some criticism was voiced about the lack of education facilities. It was stated that, compared to other Missions, the Mission at TELEFOMIN has done very little in providing education facilities for the area. It was explained to the people that compared to other larger Missions, the Mission at TELEFOMIN only had limited resources, but notwithstanding, their views would be passed on. Mr. L. SMITH, the Missionary in Charge was informed and he states that the Mission will review its education policy this year.

The only other criticism voiced concerns the Mission Trade Stores, the price of goods, and, to the people, the apparent concentration of effort by the European Missionaries to build up a thriving business. These views have also been passed on to Mr. SMITH, and it is felt that the Mission would be well advised to inform the people of the economies of running a Trade Store, and to clear up the misconception of the ownership of the Trade Stores. (The writer was not aware of this ownership of the Trade Stores until a later discussion with Mr. SMITH).

While the Patrol was at TIFALMIN two (2) European Members of the Mission constructed a prefabricated permanent material Infant welfare Clinic. The total cost of the construction is approximately \$600.00 and it is the Mission's policy to build these units throughout the area served by the Mission.

It was noted that the Mission had to pay for the supply of local materials and labour to construct the Clinic. This situation has also arisen in other areas in which the Mission has built these units.

With regard to the preceding paragraph the writer feels that in line with current Rural Development programmes which emphasize Self-Help that some attempt should be made to educate the people about the importance of the people themselves providing assistance to such projects. It is hoped that the above will not be construed as criticism towards either the people or the Mission, but it is felt that an educational programme along these lines would assist the development of the area.

Generally the Mission is well accepted and liked throughout the area.

CULT AND UNREST :

None known or suspected throughout the area Patrolled.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION :

The Baptist Mission is actively fostering Womens' Clubs throughout the area patrolled and there is a Womens' Club at TELEFOMIN Station.

There is a general interest throughout the area in basketball and soccer.

Other than the above there are very limited facilities for Community Education. The people have expressed a desire for an increase in Community Education within the area and it is felt that if an extensive welfare patrol could be carried out in the near future it would do much to assist social development in the area.

MISCELLANEOUS :

Mr. W. WHEATCROFT, an American Anthropologist, has been conducting a study into the Magico-Religious beliefs of the UPPER TIFALMIN area. He states that he has gathered a large amount of very useful data and is extremely happy with the progress he has made. Mr. WHEATCROFT appears to be well liked by the people and has been accepted into their society.

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APPENDIX 'B' :

LIST OF RETIRED LULUAI'S AND TULTUL'S :

As per Patrol Instructions a list of retired Luluais and Tultuls who could be eligible for payment in recognition of their services was compiled. It was fully explained to the persons concerned the reason for compiling this list.

The list is as follows :-

FERRANIN VALLEY :

KIALIKMIN No. IILULUAI ; FUTUICK KANINGIM : 12 Years service. Retired on the establishment of the TELEFOMIN Local Government Council. Certificate presented to him on 21/6/68.

LULUAI : ITAVENGIM PAMENING : 12 Years Service. Other details as above.

FAMUKMIN :

TULTUL : DANGPOFNOK AMSTNOKNOK : 12 Years Service. Other details as above.

OKSIMIN :

LULUAI : IABINIOK INIMOPNOK : 2 Years Service. Other details as above.

TULTUL : MUNDERIOK KULAGOP ; 12 Years Service. Other details as above.

KORBOENMIN No. II :

LULUAI : ASONENGIM URANSOGIM : 12 Years service (?). Other details presumably as above, as the Certificate has been lost.

TULTUL : BARAKAFIOK NODOPNOK : 9 Years service (?). Other details presumably as above as Certificate has been lost.

TELEFOMIN VALLEY :

ANKAVIP :

LULUAI : FEMSEP NAMBABISEP : 13 Years service. Retired on the establishment of the TELEFOMIN Local Government Council. Certificate presented 21/6/68.

KIALIKMIN No. I. (DROLENG - 6:am.) :

LULUAI : NIFINIM ARATARENG : 13 Years service. Other details as above.

FERRANTIGIN :

LULUAI : AMU-TOK ABARENGIM : 13 Years service. Other details as above.

KORBOENMIN No. I :

LULUAI : US-AU-ULOK KWENGSEP : 10 Years service (?). Other details presumably as above. Certificate burnt in a house fire.

TULTUL : ULUNBOPNOK ILUPTUMIN : 13 Years service. Retired on the establishment of the TELEFOMIN Local Government Council. Certificate presented 21/6/68.

TULTUL : PAGANENGIM TUNULISEP : 13 Years service. Other details as above.

TELEFOLIP :

TULTUL : DILAL SIMNOK (BANANGSEP) KUTIMEN GIM : 11 Years service Other details as above.

BGGALMIN :

TULTUL : BAIUPNOK TINOTOROK : 3 Years service. Other details as above.

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APPENDIX 'B' :

LIST OF RETIRED LULUAI AND TULTUL :

TIFALMIN VALLEY :

URAPMIN :

LULUAI : AMBOKASEP TABOSONIM : 12 Years service. Other details as above.

LULUAI : TIBAINING (IANMINGIM) : UNAN CUBIP : 12 Years service. Other details as above.

TULTUL : DOROK (DOLMOPNOK) AFANOK : 12 Years service. Other details as above.

TULTUL : SAGARAPNOK : 12 Years service. Other details as above.

TULTUL : WALBENGIM KWOLELENGIM : 3 Years Service. Other details as above.

LOWER TIFALMIN : (OKSIVIP) :

LULUAI : TONAGEN (TONAKING) UGAIN : 13 Years Service. Other details as above.

TULTUL : WANSEP (WANOK) KABERENG : 12 Years service. Other details as above.

UPPER TIFALMIN :

LULUAI : ANANIM DULAOK : 12 Years service. Other details as above.

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APPENDIX 'C' :

LAND PURCHASE : TIFALMIN AREA :

As per Patrol Instruction Land Purchase Documents for the purchase of a section of land known as "BULUNUMBI" in the TIFALMIN area were to be finalised. This was not accomplished due to the absence of one of the Agents and the other two (2) Agents stating that they were unaware of the price, which was agreed upon for the sale of the land.

Full details of the above have been passed on to the Assistant District Commissioner at TELEFOMIN for his further action.

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APPENDIX 'D' :

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION :

The General Administration details of the Patrol were as follows :-

1. Domestic Disputes : There were dealt with at Village level by means of arbitration or in the two (2) cases of assault, forwarded to TELEFOMIN for Court Hearings.

2. Child Welfare and Maintenance : These problems will be dealt with by separate correspondence through the TELEFOMIN Sub-District Office.

3. Persons seeking employment were informed of the necessary qualifications and given such advice as was available, or referred to the Sub-District Office, TELEFOMIN for further assistance.

4. Advice was given for the need to construct toilets or replace existing ones, and the need to construct sufficient pig pens throughout the area.

5. Certain aspects of the General Administration have already been covered under the Headings of HEALTH, EDUCATION and MISSIONS in the Situation Report.

6. Over a number of years a social problem has developed in the immediate Station Area. This has been caused by a tendency for some single women to form an association with indigenous single men from outside the TELEFOMIN Area. The results of these associations have been a small number of illegitimate children and deserted mothers.

A certain amount of resentment towards Station personnel has built up and some women in the Area find themselves partially ostracised within their Villages. It was claimed by several women that as their reputation is now so bad there is little hope that they will be able to get married in the future.

It is extremely difficult to suggest a course of action for solving the above mentioned problems, but it is felt that a close watch should be kept to discourage the tendency of local women forming temporary liaisons with transient Station personnel.

7. All Villagers were advised of the Small Estates provisions under the Wills, Probate and Administration Ordinance of 1966, and the need to provide information about each death that occurs in their Area.

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APPENDIX 'D' :

CONCLUSION :

Overall the Patrol was extremely well received in every Village. A plentiful supply of fresh vegetables and fruit were normally available. There were no difficulties in obtaining Patrol Carriers, who performed their duties, over rather difficult terrain, quite satisfactorily.

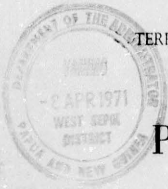
All the other Members of the Patrol performed their duties extremely well and were a great assistance to the writer.

N. L. Mitchell
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(N. L. MITCHELL),
PATROL OFFICER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. TELEFOMIN No.2 70/71

Patrol Conducted by K.S.Black Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled East Mianain and Nenatuman.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 2 Police, 1 Hospital Orderly, 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 25/8/70 to 9/9/70
+ 20/11/70 to 1/12/70

Number of Days Eighty Eight (88)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 20/12/1968

Medical 20/12/1968

Map Reference Fourmil Way River.

Objects of Patrol Census revision, political education, liaison between
Carpentaria Explorations and villagers.

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

*Amount Paid
filed 14/12/70*

MLP:VDFK

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6th July, 1971

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

CARPENTARIA EXPLORATIONS CO., PTY., LTD.
FRIEDA RIVER.

Thank you for your memorandum 67-16-57 dated the 17th June, 1971. The matter to which you refer to is being investigated and you will be advised, in the near future, the outcome of these enquiries.

to
(R.B.M. Digby)
for SECRETARY

DDA 67-1657 (62)



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6th July, 1971

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for SECRETARY

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KOMODOOR. DAFUA.

17th June, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of Labour,
P.O. Box 5644,
BORCKO.

EXTRACT FROM PATROL REPORT

The following information has been extracted from Patrol Report No. 2 of 1970/71 covering East Mianmin and Nenatuman, Telefomin Sub-District, West Sepik District. Patrolling Officer K.S. Black, Patrol Officer,

The period of patrol: 20.11.70 - 30.1.71.

"Extract"

Mr. Black made the following remarks after a visit to Carpentaria Exploration on the Frieda River:

"It was later learned from Mr. Hall that the present basic rate of pay for casual labour at the camp is \$20.00 per month plus rations. Mr. Hall said that he was awaiting a decision from the Labour Department, who had previously informed him that a rate for Frieda would be fixed in accordance with the requirements of the Native Employment Ordinance. To date nothing has been received on this matter so he is forced to play the wage situation by ear.

The question of a midday break for workers was also raised. At present only expatriates and a few skilled indigenes are allowed the privilege. It is considered that this is hardly an unreasonable demand, especially for those working within the camp perimeter, however no decision was reached. Mr. Hall argued that in many cases work out-put per man is so minimal that the labourers shouldn't need an official rest during the day. There didn't seem to be a great deal of pressure for a meal break so the matter was left to Mr. Hall's discretion."

For your attention please.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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KONEDCHU. PAPUA.

16th June, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
YANUMU.

TELEFONIN PATROL NO. 2. - 1970/71

Your reference 67-3-4 of 23rd April, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census, Area Study and Situation Report by Mr. K. Black of East Mianmin and Menatuman Census Divisions.

I feel that the Local Government Council system should not be extended at this stage to the East Mianmin area for these reasons:-

- (a) extremely poor communications to and from the area;
- (b) the small population - 895;
- (c) traditional enmity of Mianmin people with Telefonin people;
- (d) extreme lack of economic potential;

In fact I do not think the matter of a council should be actively pursued by patrolling officers.

Mr. Black has carried out an arduous patrol which is marred only by the late submission of the report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

23rd April, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONDUBU.

TELEFONIN PATROL REPORT NO. 2/70-71

Attached please find copies of Patrol Report No. 2
70/71 from Telefomin.

I realise that there have been a lot of interruptions
and changes at Telefomin but I feel that such a long delay is
entirely unwarranted.

I have nothing to add to the Assistant District
Commissioner's comments.

J. B. Wakeford
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(J. B. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner.

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Division
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Dept. of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN,
5th. April, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
YAKIRO.

COMMENTS - TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT 2 of 70/71.

1. Enclosed please find the original and two copies of the abovementioned Patrol Report submitted by Patrol Officer Mr. R. Black covering a patrol conducted to the East Mianmin Census Division and Frieda River Copper Prospect areas of the Sub-District. The Patrol Report is submitted complete with copies of Area Study, Situation Report, Special Report covering Frieda Copper Prospect, Village Population Register, patrol map and Patrol Instructions.

2. Delay in onforwarding of the report has been occasioned by my absence on the patrol of the Leonard Schultze Census Division and the compilation of my report covering this patrol, and, additionally, by involvement with matters concerning the landslide disaster at Tifalmin. My apologies for this delay.

3. Comments on Area Study as follows:-

(i) Population: A letter setting out changes to the Village Directory will be forwarded shortly

(ii) Literacy: At para. (e). Issues of various magazines and booklets have been handed to the Baptist Mission for distribution. Such distribution will be much easier when the Sand River airstrip is completed.

(iii) Local Government: Although it appears that the East Mianmins are at the stage where the introduction of the Local Government system of Administration could be ~~xxx~~ considered I cannot see this to be feasible given the present communications problems with the area. The nearest East Mianmin village is 3 1/2 days walk from Telefomin and the furthestest 7 1/2 days. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Telefomin Local Government Council.

4. Comments on Situation Report as follows:-

(i) Political: The East Mianmin people's interest in Local Government is evident however the small population (895) plus their isolation from Telefomin will make the introduction of this system of Administration most difficult. I will advise further on this when the matter has been discussed by the Telefomin Council.

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b. The House of Assembly will continue to have no meaning to such people as these until such time as "their" elected representatives find the time to get around their Electorates. The traditional barriers between the Telefomin and Mianmin people will be the main stumbling block to the Mianmin people joining the Telefomin Council.

c. A request will be made to Mr. Iwoksini that he visit the East Mianmin.

(ii) Economic :

As Mr. Black points out it would be virtually impossible for the small East Mianmin population to construct any vehicular roads in their area. I do however think it is feasible to construct improved walking tracks to link the area with Watabung village on the May River. From both the economic and communication points of view I do consider this area would be better administered from May River Patrol Post and however a submission along these lines in November 1968 was not accepted.

b. The District Agriculture Officer at Veniro will be asked to supply a quantity of seed coconuts for the area. Fish are plentiful in all tributaries of the Sepik River.

c. Applications for shotguns by East Mianmin people will be considered on their merits.

(iii) Law & Order:

The Mawamin tultul was subsequently found guilty of this charge of assault and sentenced to a short term of imprisonment.

(iv) Mission : The Baptist Mission Telefomin carries out excellent work in both the health and adult literacy fields in many parts of the Sub-District. The basis of the Mission's success in these fields is their good communications system built around a network of five airstrips (Sannu River will be the sixth) spread over much of the Sub-District.

(v) Unrest : The movement of younger men out of the area seeking work has not been excessive and there is nothing that can be done to uphold this protest by the village elders.

5. Suspension Footbridges:

Submissions for Minor New Works funds for these two bridges will be given high priority however the bridging of both the Sepik and Strickland Rivers will have to come first; submissions for these two projects have been made for the 1971/72 Financial Year.

6. Temsamin Aid Post :

The proposal that a permanent material Aid Post be constructed at Temsamin cannot be supported. In the report submitted by the Hospital Orderly who accompanied the patrol it is stated "The cleanliness of the Aid Post is satisfactory and the condition of the Aid Post building is also fair."

7. Comments on Special Report:-

Many of the points raised by the Labourers working at the Prigda Copper Prospect have been raised and reported upon ~~in~~ reports resulting from previous visits by Telefomin Officers. At paragraph nine of his 3-20-1 of the 22nd June, 1970, addressed to The Secretary, Department of Labour, Mr. G.D. Collins, Chief of Division, Labour Administration states " An examination is now being made of

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the value of rations issued to each labourer and when current figures are received from Mr. Hartley the Department will be in a much better position to assess whether or not the current rates of pay are sufficient and in accordance with requirements of the Native Employment Ordinance. On balance it would appear as though individual labourers are being underpaid to the extent of 50-100% per week"

In this report Mr. Black states that he was advised by Mr. Hall, Geologist in Charge of the Frieda Prospect that the Company is still awaiting advice from the Department of Labour as to wage rates to be paid at the Prospect. In previous correspondence I have stated that the Company will not change it's wage rates until firmly directed to do so by the proper authorities : they expect to be advised on this point but to date this advice has failed to materialise.

b. The query in regard to "Income Tax" is not understood. The general labourer would not have to pay any such tax as his fortnightly wage is less than \$16. Mr. Black neglected to inquire further into just how these "taxes" were paid and the matter will be pursued further at a later date.

c. Other matters raised in the special report will be taken up by separate correspondence.

8. As the Rematuman group is incorporated in the Ekiptamin Census Division Mr. Black's revised census figures will be held Telefomin pending the completion of the Ekiptamin Census Division patrol, scheduled shortly.

9. It will be noted that Mr. Black has claimed for Camping Allowance for the time he was at Ambunti awaiting aircharter uplift back to Telefomin. Mr. Black advises he actually camped under canvas on Ambunti station as all available accommodation was at a premium at the time of his visit: as no claims have been made for Accommodation Warrants or Travelling Allowance for this period I consider the claim to be reasonable.

10. A somewhat lengthy patrol by Mr. Black but well reported and informative.

For your consideration, please.

J. F. Fischer
(B. F. Fischer)

Assistant District Commissioner.

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Division XXXXXXX
Department of the Administrator,
Sub District Office,
West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

21st August, 1970.

Mr E.S.Black,
Patrol Officer,
TELEFOMIN.

Patrol Instructions - Telefomin Patrol No.2-70/71.

As verbally discussed with you please prepare to depart on patrol to the East Mianmin Census Division and the hamlets of Wabia and Unamo in the Nenatuman area on Monday August 24th. I realise that Nenatuman is listed in the Village Directory under the Eliptamin Census Division however I feel it would be such more convenient to tackle it from East Mianmin than Eliptamin.

The purposes of your patrol are -:

1. Census Revision of both East Mianmin and Nenatuman.
2. Political Education and group discussions in all villages visited.
3. Compile a list of retired Lulusis and Tultuls who could be eligible for payment in recognition of services. You will need to read 92-1-0 from the secretary and also 92-1-1 of 6th April from the District Commissioner on this matter. This file is available in my office.
4. As you know Carpentaria Explorations have become established in the Frieda River area. You should acquaint yourself with the current Mining Legislation before proceeding on patrol and I would suggest that you take the circular entitled "Revised Notes On Mining Legislation and Prospecting Operations" put out by the Dept. of Lands Surveys and Mines on November 3rd 1969. A report on the relationship between the Wabia-Unamo people and the Mining company will be required in your patrol report. In your dealings with Carpentaria Explorations converse directly with the geologist in charge, Mr. Hall, who I am sure you will find most helpful in all matters. Take with you a copy of the Rural Wage Rates in the West Sepik District. This is available in my office and could be of some assistance to you in the ~~xxxx~~ Frieda area.
5. Rather than use a permanent carrier line from Telefomin attempt to recruit carriers from village to village. This will eliminate the high costs of supplying rations to some 100 men and will also mean that you will not require air-drops. Make prior arrangements for your movement from the Frieda River to Ambunti as you will need some form of river transport to complete this leg of the patrol. Approximately one week before your intended arrival at Ambunti please contact me and I will make arrangements for your uplift at Ambunti. Make certain that you will require only one aircraft for your return to Telefomin.
6. General Administration.

I anticipate that you should be away for about seven to eight weeks. The area to which you are going has not been patrolled for some time so you should not hurry unnecessarily.

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Draw the stores which you require from the Station Store. You will most certainly need tents and associated camping gear.


I suggest that you must select two police and an interpreter to accompany the patrol. Also contact the Health Extension Officer at the Telefonia hospital as he may wish to send a medical orderly with the patrol.

Your report will take the form of a Situation Report and an Area Study of the area patrolled. I shall expect this report within 3-4 days of the completion of your patrol.

Should you come across anything on your patrol in the line of Law and Order which requires Court action please arrange for all parties concerned to come to Telefonia where appropriate action, if necessary, will be taken.

Should you have any queries on the above instructions please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish you a pleasant patrol.


E.R. Kelly,
Assistant District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT.

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Report Number. Telefomin No.2 of 1970/71.
Sub District TELEFOMIN.
District. West Sepik.
Type of Patrol. Area Study. Annual Census.
Patrol conducted by K.S.Black, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled. East Mianmin, Nenatunan.
Personnel Accompanying Patrol. 2 Police, 1 Hospital Orderly,
1 Interpreter.
Duration of Patrol. From 25/8/70 to 9/9/70
20/11/70 to 30/1/71.
Number of Days. Eighty Eight (88)
Last D.L.A. Patrol to Area. 20/12/68.
Duration. Thirty Six (36)
Objects of Patrol.....1. Census revision.
2. Political education.
3. Liaison between Carpentaria
Explorations and villagers.
Total Population of Area Patrolled. East Mianmin-
Nenatunan =

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

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District Commissioner.

It is felt to clarify the varied contents of this report a short introduction should be helpful.

Two completely different groups were visited by the patrol, these being the East Miammin and the Nenatumans. The objectives in the East Miammin were the usual census revision and routine administration and the Situation Report and Area Study within deal solely with this East Miammin Census Division. Appendices A to D which are attached are also pertaining to this area.

As distinct from this the Nenatuman situation has been covered in a Special Report headed Mining. Census figures for this area are also attached.

This patrol was unique in being the first to utilise carriers from village to village, instead of having a permanent team of Telefomin men. Despite the relatively sparse population throughout the area this method proved to be very successful and it is recommended that future patrols follow suit. Not only does it boost the local economy but also saves the high costs of airdrops.

The patrol was postponed after having been in the field for 16 days, due to Mr Black being called up to attend an in service training course at P^h Moresby. On his return to Telefomin the patrol was resumed with as little delay as possible.

As instructed inquiries were made to determine the number of retired Luluals and Fultuls in the area however it was found that there are none.

At one stage the patrol was forced to branch into the West Miammin Census Division in pursuit of a man wanted for assault. Two extra police were sent from Telefomin to assist and the person was eventually apprehended without incident. Radio contact was continually maintained with Telefomin at this time.

After finally reaching Ambunti the patrol returned to Telefomin by aircraft.

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TELEFOMIN PATROL No.2 - 70/71.

25th August 1970; Awaited for carriers. Departed Telefomin at 1100 hrs and after walking in a Westerly direction for 4 hrs made camp at an abandoned village near the Ofek River. Overnight Ofek Camp.

26th August 1970. Broke camp at 0700 hrs and reached the summit of the Mittag Range at 0900 hrs. Thence descended for 4 hrs to make camp on the Klip River. Fresh foods purchased. Radio contacted Telefomin. Overnight Klip R. Camp.

27th August 1970. Broke camp at 0700 hrs and proceeded to climb the nine thousand foot Donner Range. Summit reached at 1130 hrs thence made descent until 1400 hrs to make camp on the Northern slopes of the Donner. Overnight Donner Camp.

28th August 1970. Broke camp at 0730 and continued down the Northern slopes of the Donner Range until reaching the Miamia Airstrip at 1230 hrs. Fresh foods purchased. Radio contact with Atbalnia and Oksapmin. Camp established by 1400 hrs. Overnight Miamia Airstrip Camp.

29th August 1970. Broke camp at 0800 hrs and arrived at Sogavip hamlet at 1000 hrs. Brief talks with people there and then moved on to arrive Timelmin Village at 1200 hrs. Quantity of fresh foods purchased and Telefomin carriers given rations and paid off. Medical treatment given by Health Educator. Overnight Timelmin.

30th August 1970. Sunday; rations checked and arrangements made for carriers to enable movement to Temsapmin. Quantity of fresh food purchased. Further medical treatment given by Health Educator and hygiene talks conducted. Overnight Timelmin.

31st August 1970. Departed Timelmin at 0730 hrs and with 35 Timelmin carriers proceeded down the Uk River until 0830. Thence turned North and after crossing four steep ridges arrived at Temsapmin at 1300 hrs. Camp established in Kanobil Hamlet by 1430 hrs. Fresh foods purchased. Talks conducted on location of aid-post, malaria and hygiene. O/night Temsapmin

1st September 1970. Conducted census at Temsapmin and tabulated figures. 1300 hrs radio contact made with Atbalnia and Oksapmin. Talks with villagers about sickness and sorcery. Overnight Temsapmin.

2nd September 1970. Held meeting with all Temsapmins present. Discussions re House of Assembly, L.G.Council and economic development. Departed Temsapmin at 1230 hrs and arrived at Usareimin at 1430 hrs. Discussions with Usareimin and Bovaripmin villagers re migrations in area. Fresh foods purchased and 510 radio set up. Overnight Usareimin.

3rd September 1970.

Conducted census of Usareinnin and Boveripmin groups and tabulated figures. Radio contacted Telefomin at 1300 hrs. A few minor local problems settled arbitrarily. All people given a medical check up by Health Educator Mr D. Misop. Fresh foods purchased. Overnight Usareinnin.

4th September 1970.

Held meeting with all Usareinnins and Boveripmins present. Discussions had on politics, economic development, and other matters of general interest. Talks also given by Health Educator. Factual information gained for area study. Overnight Usareinnin.

5th September 1970.

Notice received from ADC to return Telefomin. Departed Usareinnin at 0700 hrs and reached the Uk River at 1200 hrs. Radio contact with Telefomin made. Thence followed the Uk upstream for 1½ hrs before arriving at Timelmin Village. Medical treatment given by Mr Misop. Overnight Timelmin.

6th September 1970.

Sunday. Stock-take made of patrol rations and all items for November patrol packed away in rest house. Fresh foods purchased and rations for home journey made ready. Timelmin carriers selected. O/night Timelmin.

7th September 1970.

Departed Timelmin at 0700 hrs and arrived at the Mianmin airstrip at 1000 hrs. Thence ascended the Donner Range for 5 hrs to make camp on its northern slopes. Camp established by 1600. O/night Donner.

8th September 1970.

Broke camp at 0700 hrs and after ascending a further 1000 ft reached the summit of the Donner Range (9000' A.S.L.) Thence descended a slope of some 50 deg. for 6000 ft to reach the Elip River by 1200 hrs. From the Elip, commenced the ascent of the Mittag Range to arrive at Komdavi Village at 1530 hrs. Fresh foods purchased. Overnight Komdavi.

9th September 1970.

Departed from Komdavi at 0700 hrs and reached the summit of the ~~Mittag~~ Mittag Range at 0900 hrs. Thence descended into the Telefomin Valley and arrived at station at 1100 hrs. Carriers arrived 1330 and were paid off and given rations. Patrol temporarily stood down.

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TELEFOMIN PATROL No.2 - 70/71.

20th November 1970.

Departed Telefomin at 0830 hrs and reached the summit of the Mittag Range by 1130 hrs. Thence descended and arrived at Terapdavip Village at 1400 hrs. Talks with people re site for school. Fresh food purchased and rations issued. Overnight Terapdavip.

21st November 1970.

Departed Terapdavip at 0730 hrs and arrived at Tagatentigin at 1000 hrs. Fresh food purchased and rations issued. Talks with people re employment with Mining Company, politics and other matters of interest. Overnight Tagatentigin.

22nd November 1970.

Departed Tagatentigin at 0700 hrs and after 4 hours ascent reached the summit of the Donner R. Thence 3 hrs descent into the headwaters of the Fak River where camp was established by 1600 hrs. O/night Fak Camp.

23rd November 1970.

Broke camp at 0630 hrs and followed the Fak River downstream for 7 1/2 hours. Camp established near the Mianmin Airstrip by 1500 hrs. Rations issued. Overnight Mianmin Airstrip.

24th November 1970.

Departed Mianmin Airstrip at 0800 hrs and arrived at Timelmin after 3 hours walking. Brief talks with village officials from Timelmin and Segermin. quantity of rations stored on the 6th September found to be ruined by rats. Telefomin carriers paid and rations issued. Radio contact made with Telefomin. O/night Timelmin

25th November 1970.

Telefomin carriers departed for home at 0630 hrs. Census postponed due to continual rain. Two serious pneumonia cases treated by Hospital Orderly Mr Mayok. Talks with various Timelmin people. Overnight Timelmin.

26th November 1970.

Conducted census of Timelmins and tabulated figures. A few local problems arbitrarily settled. Medical treatment given by Hospital Orderly. Overnight Timelmin.

27th November 1970.

Discussion with all Timelmins present re economic development, politics and other matters of general interest. Factual information gained for area study. medical treatment given. Selected carriers for walk to Temsapmin. Purchased fresh foods. O/night Timelmin.

28th November 1970.

Departed Timelmin at 0800 hrs and arrived at Temsapmin at 1300 hrs. Camp established and carriers paid. Brief talks with Temsapmin luluai and others. Fresh food purchased. Overnight Temsapmin.

29th November 1970.

Sunday observed. Overnight Temsapmin.

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30th November 1970.

Inspected houses and sanitation at Temsapmin. Discussion with all the Temsapmins present on hygiene, politics, economic development and other matters of general interest. Radio contact with Telefomin at 1500 hrs. Carriers arranged for walk to Bovaripmin. Overnight Temsapmin.

1st December 1970.

Departed Temsapmin at 0830 hrs and arrived at Bovaripmin at 1100 hrs. Camp established at Karapdavip Hamlet by 1230 hrs. Carriers paid and brief talks with luluai and others. Awaited arrival of Bovaripmins from surrounding hamlets. Overnight Karapdavip.

2nd December 1970.

Bovaripmins assembled at Karapdavip Hamlet. Talks concerning economic development, politics and other matters of interest conducted for several hours. Radio contact with Telefomin 1500 hrs. Carriers arranged for return movement to Timelmin. Fresh food purchased. Overnight Karapdavip.

3rd December 1970.

Departed Karapdavip Hamlet at 0700 hrs and reached the Uk River by 1200 hrs. Thence 1 hr walking upstream to arrive at Timelmin Village. Camp established by 1400 hrs, carriers paid. Overnight Timelmin.

4th December 1970.

Most of Timelmin men absent from village on pig hunt. Talks with Village Officials and elders. Medical treatment given by Hospital Orderly. Carriers selected in afternoon for walk to Sogamin. Overnight Timelmin

5th December 1970.

Departed Timelmin at 0700 hrs with 65 Timelmin and Sogamin carriers. Ascended a 6000 ft Range to the north of the Uk River and then descended to arrive at the Manari River at 1000 hrs. Crossed another Range and descended into the headwaters of the May River. Up hill again to arrive in the Sogamin area at 1300 hrs. Camp established by 1400 hrs and carriers paid. Fresh food purchased and medical treatment given. Talks with Village Officials. Overnight Sogamin.

6th December 1970

Sunday. New Sogamin church opened with much celebration and feasting. Overnight Sogamin.

7th December 1970.

Conducted census at Sogamin and tabulated figures in population register and village book. People examined and given medical treatment by Hospital Orderly. Overnight Sogamin.

8th December 1970.

Group discussion with Sogamins re Central and Local Government, hygiene, law and order and other matters of interest. Factual information gained for area study. Radio contact with Telefomin on #10 radio at 1315 hrs. Inspection of houses and sanitation. Overnight Sogamin.

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9th December 1970.

Departed Sogamin at 0700 hrs and arrived at Lomtavip Hamlet at 0800 hrs. Housing and sanitation inspected and instructions made in village book. Thence walked for 4 hours, crossing several small ridges, to arrive at Wameimin at 1200 hrs. Met village officials and others. Camp established by 1330 hrs and carriers paid. Small quantity of fresh food purchased. Overnight Wameimin.

10th December 1970.

Conducted census of Wameimin people, at a hamlet on the Wanagu River, and tabulated population figures. Medical treatment given by Hospital Orderly. Carriers selected for movement to Amaromin. Talks with various people. Overnight Wameimin.

11th December 1970.

Group discussion in Wameimin 'house sing-sing'. Talks involved law and order, political and economic development and other matters of interest. Further medical treatment given by Mr Mayok. Radio contact with Telefomin at 1300 hrs. Again talks with village officials and others during afternoon about local matters. Factual information gained for area study. Overnight Wameimin.

12th December 1970.

Morning rain. Radio contact with Atbalmin at 1200 hrs. Afternoon walked for 1 hour to a nearby hamlet in the headwaters of the Wanagu River. Inspected houses and sanitation and gave talks on hygiene. Late afternoon returned to camp and conducted discussion on L.G. Councils. Overnight Wameimin.

13th December 1970.

Sunday. Medical supplies arrived from Mianmin Airstrip ex Telefomin; carriers paid. Cargo made ready for movement to Amaromin. Overnight Wameimin.

14th December 1970.

Departure delayed because of heavy rain. Departed Wameimin at 1200hrs and arrived Bufutitabip hamlet at 1400 hrs. Housing and sanitation inspected. Thence two hours walking to arrive at Amaromin on the Urame River. Camp established by 1700 hrs. Met village officials and purchased fresh foods. Wameimin carriers paid and food issued. Overnight Amaromin.

15th December 1970.

Conducted census of Amaromin people and inspected housing and sanitation. Talks on hygiene by Hospital Orderly and medical treatment given. Radio contact with Telefomin. Overnight Amaromin.

16th December 1970.

Group discussion on Central and Local Government, economic development, law and order and hygiene. Heard a report from the Fiak that there was an axe fight there recently. Radio contact with Telefomin at 1300 hrs. Obtained factual information for area study. Medical treatment given by Mr Mayok. Carriers selected. Overnight Amaromin.

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TELEFOMIN PATROL No.2 - 70/71.

17th December 1970.

Departed Amoromin at 0900 hrs and made camp on the May River at Kusereimin, at 1200 hrs. Radio contacted Telefomin at 1300hrs. Checked patrol rations which were carried to Kusereimin on the 3rd of August from Telefomin, carriers paid. Talks with village official. No fresh food available. Medical treatment given to men with wounds from axe fight. Overnight Kusereimin.

18th December 1970.

Learned that the Kusereimin group no longer habitate the area but have migrated some 15 miles further down the May River. Census conducted of Mifimipbip and Wamu people who are now living at the confluence of the Wamu and May Rivers. Radio contact with Telefomin at 1300 hrs. Medical treatment given by Hospital Orderly. Overnight Mifimipbip.

19th December 1970.

Group discussion with Mifimipbip and Wamu people on Central and Local Government, economic development and other matters. A few pneumonia cases treated. Information obtained for area study. Carriers selected for movement to Mawaimin. Overnight Mifimipbip.

20th December 1970.

Sunday Observed. Overnight Mifimipbip.

21st December 1970.

Departed Mifimipbip at 0800 hrs and after crossing a ridge followed the Fiak River w/ stream until arriving at Mawaimin at 1200 hrs. Carriers paid. Radio contact with Telefomin. Overnight Mawaimin.

22nd December 1970.

Awaiting arrival of Mawaimin clans from surrounding hamlets for census. Heavy rain this morning making the Fiak flood may be the cause for their late arrival. Fresh food purchased. Several Mawaimins questioned to determine whereabouts of tultul who was involved in axe fight. Overnight Mawaimin.

23rd December 1970.

Police sent to nearby hamlets to investigate rumours that tultul is in hiding there. Still awaiting Mawaimin groups for census. Fiak still flooding. Radio contact with Telefomin at 1300 hrs. Medical treatment given to many people with scabies. O/night Mawaimin.

24th December 1970.

Police returned with several Mawaimins who feared they would be punished if they attended the census. People questioned to determine whereabouts of tultul. Radio contact with Telefomin at 1300 hrs. Further medical treatment given by Hospital Orderly. Overnight Mawaimin.

25th December 1970.

Observed. Overnight Mawaimin.

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26th December 1970.

Census of Mawaimins and list of Fiarimin names compiled. Carriers sent to Mifimipip and returned with extra rations. Two police arrived from Telefomin to assist in search for Mawaimin tultul. O/night Mawaimin.

27th December 1970.

Sunday. Departed Mawaimin at 0800 hrs and followed the Fiak upstream for 5 hrs. Thence proceeded North West for 2 hrs to make camp at the foot of the Aki-Fiak Divide. Rations issued to carriers. O/night Fiak R.

28th December 1970.

Broke camp at 0700 hrs and heading West ascended the Aki-Fiak Divide reaching its summit at 1100hrs after a steep climb. Thence crossed several spurs to make camp in a Fiarimin Hamlet on the Northern side of the Aki Valley. Camp established by 1600 hrs. O/night Abunavip Hlt.

29th December 1970.

Broke camp at 0630 hrs and descended to the Aki River reaching it at 1000 hrs. Mawaimin tultul apparently hiding at Urapmin. Forded the Aki and then walked in a westerly direction on the southern side of the Valley until 1430 hrs. Camp made by 1630 hrs on the Bunionean River. Overnight Bunionean Camp.

30th December 1970.

Broke camp at 0730 hrs and headed west for 3 hours. Instructed carriers to remain hidden. With Fiarimin guide, four police and several village officials moved to a position above tultuls' hideout and descended upon it at 1115 hrs. A woman and three children apprehended. Thence descended for 30 minutes and surrounded a garden house. Mawaimin tultul apprehended at 1200 hrs. Thence descended further to arrive at Urapmin Village at 1230 hrs. Radio contacted Telefomin at 1300 hrs. Word sent for carriers and camp made by 1500 hrs. Late afternoon tultuls' three accomplices apprehended by police on a nearby track leading to garden area. Overnight Urapmin.

31st December 1970.

Pig offered by Fiarimins in exchange for two prisoners; offer not accepted. Western law explained. Several yaws cases treated by Hospital Orderly. Radio contacted Telefomin at 1300 hrs. Purchased small quantity of fresh foods. Overnight Urapmin.

1st January 1971.

Morning rain. Departed Urapmin at 1000hrs and walked east along the southern side of the Aki Valley until 1530 hrs. Yawa patients accompanying to Mawaimin. Camp made on the Namora River by 1700 hrs. O/night Namora R.

2nd January 1971.

Broke camp at 0700 hrs and walked east for 5 hrs. Camp established at Someimin Village by 1330 hrs. Radio contacted Telefomin at 1600 hrs. Rations issued to carriers. Several Fiarimin people sighted and their names recorded for census. Overnight Someimin.

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TELEFOMIN PATROL No.2 - 70/71.

3rd January 1971.

Sunday. (Two police and four prisoners departed Someimin at 0715 hrs for six day walk to Telefomin via the Tabu and Sepik Rivers.) Departed Someimin at 0730 hrs and headed east. Reached the headwaters of the Aki at 1200 hrs, thence steep ascent to arrive at the Dindim River at 1330. Camp established by 1500 hrs. Overnight Dindim R. Camp.

4th January 1971.

Broke camp and ascended the Aki-Fiak Divide. Thence heading east descended to the Fiak River and followed it downstream to arrive at Mawaimin at 1130. Camp established by 1300 hrs and radio contact with Telefomin made. Carriers paid and fresh food purchased. Yaws patients treated by Hospital Orderly. Overnight Mawaimin.

5th January 1971.

Group discussion with Mawaimins on Central and Local Government, law and order, and economic development conducted. Hospital Orderly also gave hygiene talk. Yaws patients and others given treatment. Carriers selected for movement to Mifimipbip. Overnight Mawaimin.

6th January 1971.

Final treatment given to yaws patients. Fiak in flood, awaited for current to subside. Departed Mawaimin at 1200 hrs and walked down the Fiak for 3 hrs. Thence ascended a steep ridge and descended again to arrive at Mifimipbip at 1600 hrs. Overnight Mifimipbip.

7th January 1971.

At Mifimipbip. Patrol rations checked and scaled into carrying bags. Awaiting carriers from Ameromin, Wameimin and other Mianmin Villages. Medical treatment given by Hospital Orderly. Rations issued. Overnight Mifimipbip.

8th January 1971.

Departed Mifimipbip at 0730 hrs and followed the May River for 7½ hours. Camp established by 1630 hrs. Overnight May River.

9th January 1971.

Broke camp at 0730 hrs and continued following the May River downstream in a northerly direction. Keimal River forded at 1200 hrs, Watabung reached by 1400. Met village people from Usareimin and Hoetmin. Overnight Watabung.

10th January 1971.

Sunday. Mifimipbip carriers paid and given rations for their return trip. Taken by canoe to nearby hamlet and inspected new house sing-sing being built by East Mianmins. Medical treatment given by Mayok. Fresh food purchased. Overnight Watabung.

11th January 1971.

Talks with village officials and others from Kusereinmin. This group have now moved into the Ambunti Sub District. Radio contact with Telefomin at 1300. Carriers selected for movement to Nena River. Rations issued. Overnight Watabung.

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12th January 1971.

Departed Watabung Camp at 0730 hrs and headed east following the Usage River. Called a halt at 1500 hrs and camp established by 1630. Overnight Usage R.

13th January 1971.

Broke camp at 0700 hrs and continued walking up the Usage River. Usage-Oma Divide crossed at 1200 hrs and then followed the Oma River downstream until 1530 hrs. Overnight Oma R. Camp.

14th January 1971.

Broke camp at 0730 hrs and continued walking until reaching the flooding Marce River at 0830. Trees felled and a kunda bridge was quickly constructed by the carriers; crossing made without incident at 1130. Thence walked until 1400 hrs arriving at Carpentaria Exp. Koki 3 Camp. Continued walking for another 2 hrs to arrive finally at the Top Camp. Met Company Officials. Carriers paid, rations issued. Overnight Top Camp.

15th January 1971.

Further talks with Carpentaria Officials and arrangements made for air movement to Wabia. Late afternoon meeting with landowners and labourers; wages and working conditions etc discussed at length. Overnight Top Camp.

16th January 1971.

Prepared for flight to Wabia however unable to go due to bad weather. Further talks with Company employees. Overnight Top Camp.

17th January 1971.

Sunday. Departed Carpentarias' Top Camp by helicopter and arrived at Wabia Village after a short flight at Midday. Met village officials and compiled names for census. Overnight Wabia.

18th January 1971.

Talks on mining conducted and landowners advised to depart for the Top Camp to receive occupation fees. Village inspected and one badly burnt youth to return via helicopter to Top Camp for treatment. Overnight Wabia.

19th January 1971.

Talks with a few village elders and then departed in the afternoon by helicopter for the Top Camp. Medical treatment given to Wabia youth with burns. Overnight Top Camp.

20th January 1971.

Wabia and Unamo landowners gathered and talks on mining and occupation fees conducted for several hours. 1500 hrs radio contact with Telefomin. 1500 hrs occupation fees paid to landowners with Company Officials present. Evening attended meeting between native overseers and geologists. Overnight Top Camp.

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21st January 1971.

Census of Wabia and Uname people and further discussions on mining and working conditions. Radio contact with Telefomin at 1300 hrs. Carriers selected. Overnight Top Camp.

22nd January 1971.

Departed Top Camp at 0730 hrs and walked in a north easterly direction. Forded the Maree River at 1500 hrs, then continued walking for another hour. Overnight Nena Camp.

23rd January 1971.

Broke camp at 0500 hrs and followed the Nena River downstream until arriving at Carpentaria's original Base Camp at 1100 hrs. Wabia carriers paid and rations issued. Overnight Base Camp.

24th January 1971.

Sunday. Awaiting arrival of river transport. Overnight Base Camp.

25th January 1971.

Departed Carpentaria's Base Camp at 1000 and arrived at the new airstrip site after a short journey by Jet-boat. Overnight Airstrip.

26th January 1971.

Assisted with repairs on jet-boat. Thence travelled by river to Paup Village where camp was established. Overnight Paup.

27th January 1971.

Departed Paup at 0800 hrs and arrived Ambunti after some 6 hrs travelling by jet-boat. Patrol equipment weighed. Overnight Ambunti.

28th January 1971.

Radio contact with Telefomin and arrangements made for aircraft movement to Telefomin. Overnight Ambunti.

29th January 1971.

Awaiting arrival of aircraft. Radio contact with Telefomin and Treasury Wewak to confirm aircraft arrangements. Began typing of patrol diary. Overnight Ambunti.

30th January 1971.

Departed Ambunti by Irelander at 0930 hrs and arrived Telefomin after a short flight. Patrol stood down.

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Political:

All of the area patrolled is still being administered under the village official system, thus the people have had no practical experience with L.G.Councils. Many Mianmins, especially village elders, appear reluctant at the thought of becoming part of a council, however it was evident that much of this resistance is due to their lack of knowledge of the local government system. For example, in one village an elderly woman claimed that she had heard she would be gaoled if she failed to pay council tax, adding that she was too old to earn a cash income. The rule of tax exemption for certain handicapped people was explained which seemed to put her mind at ease a little. It was also apparent that many people thought that taxes are collected several times a year, thus they feared that they would be unable to meet this continual drain on their income. It was explained that taxes are collected only once annually and that the elected councillors, on the advice of their constituency, would decide what rate of payment should be made. It was evident that some people were uncertain as to why taxes should be collected. In answer to this it was explained that if councillors should decide to assist or improve an area with certain projects they would most certainly require money to realize their plans. It was emphasised that tax monies are all returned to the people in the form of aid posts, roads, and other council benefits.

Another surprising complaint came from Wameimin Village. Here the people stated that they had heard that it was part of a councils activities to promote prostitution, and that the money raised became part of council revenue. They were assured that such rumours are completely untrue.

Yet another doubt about councils was voiced at Mawaimin. The people claimed that as no-one in their area is able to speak pidgin, it would be impossible for their elected member to communicate at meetings. It was explained that interpreters could be used without much difficulty until such time as pidgin was thoroughly understood.

Also for some reason, many people seemed to think that if they became part of a council they would have little time for gardening and other normal village activities.

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It appeared that they completely overestimated the changes that a council would bring. It was stressed that the most important change would simply be that, through a council, they would have a continuous medium to express their views and needs. For comparison, it was explained that under the present luluai system, the only time they could really air their ideas was on the occasional visit of a government patrol.

On the other hand there were quite a few people who insisted that they were ready to become part of the Telefomin Council. They seemed to think that their non inclusion in council affairs to date indicated that they are inferior to the Telefomin people.

All considered the peoples' interest in the Council proved to be far more widespread than anticipated. At group discussions the subject was always left for them to mention first, and it was interesting to note that every village had comments to make. Considering this awareness which was displayed right throughout the area towards local government, it is suggested that the time has come for the inauguration of the East Mianmin into the Telefomin Local Government Council.

The Mianmin tribes, although on paper are constituents of the Upper Sepik Open Electorate, in practise have't got a clue what its all about. Unfortunately they have never been called on to vote, due to only one candidate standing in 1968, and thus it is even difficult for them to understand the purpose and need for elections.

The basics of democracy are simply not working in this area. To date the Mainmins have had no contact at all with their local Member and so it is not surprising to hear them say that they don't know what the House of Assembly is for. At Amaromin after a lengthy talk on the topic the people were asked if they understood or had any questions. One young man stood up and said, 'Nogot wari, em i samting bilong kiap tasol.' They don't seem to appreciate that it is something very much belong them.

Confronted by this situation every end - eavour was made at group discussions to explain the functions of the Assembly and also the need for contact between Member and electors. Emphasis was put on the fact that such a liaison could possibly lead to much help and benefit to themselves.

Political:

TELEFOMIN PATROL No.2 - 70/71.

It was obvious that traditional barriers between Telefomin and Mianmin is partly the reason for the lack of communication between the MHA and his constituency. At Temsapain for example, the people asked why didn't they have a member for the House of Assembly. When told that Mr Iwoksim from Telefomin was their member they appeared to become very confused. 'But he is not one of us, a Mianmin, they rebuked, how can we possibly talk with him.'

To some extent people confused the Council with the House of Assembly. The difference in structure of these two institutions was explained at length however the fact that both are working toward a common goal, viz the development of the Territory, was also made clear.

Although the concepts of self government and independence were mentioned many times, the reaction of the people was mere confusion. Not unlike the Telefomins they declared that New Guineans would be lost without Australian guidance, however it is assumed that they are not aware of the many formally educated indigenes who are now beginning to penetrate every sphere of the Territory's work force.

During group discussions the Central Government topic prompted little enthusiasm. Talks were very one sided as most villagers had little to contribute to this vague and relatively complex subject. It was evident that few were able to grasp a very clear understanding of the big meeting place in far away Moresby. To them who have never received any direct assistance from the House of Assembly, the whole concept of the matter remains nothing more than insubstantial theory.

It was very evident then, that little emphasis has been made in the past on political education in the Mianmin. Although future government patrols will no doubt help to further enlighten these people, the most effective means of education would be if Mr Iwoksim himself could find time to visit the area.

As many people are now able to read pidgin it is intended to circulate various government magazines throughout the area. If this can be done regularly the Mianmins should be able to keep reasonably up to date on current political activities in their country.

Few radios were sighted in any of the villages however it is possible that more will be purchased now that a good wage income can be earned with nearby mining companies. To date there would have been very little political education through this medium.

SITUATION REPORT.TELEFOMIN PATROL No.2 - 70/71.Economic:

The economy of the area in terms of rural development is almost non-existent. Occasionally small quantities of vegetables are sold at the Mianmin Airstrip when the Mission visits the area by plane, however the amount is negligible.

The planting of cash crops was not encouraged by this patrol as the nature of the terrain would forbid the conveyance of such produce. Suggestions in the past that a network of access roads could be constructed by the people appear to be rather ludicrous. There is simply not the population in the Mianmin to meet the work load of such a gigantic task. Perhaps if the country itself was more hospitable and far less rugged the idea of road building could be considered, but as it is the thought is definitely out of the question. The Department of A.S.F recognised the handicap of trying to introduce cash crops to Mianmin several years ago and thus the area was abandoned in this field.

Despite the futility of extending economic crops much of the area has proved to be very fertile. Small low lying alluvial plains surrounded by towering precipices produce vast quantities of native foodstuffs such as taro and banana. Unlike many other groups within the Telefomin Sub District the East Mianmins are never short of food.

Several villagers asked if coconuts and fish could be introduced to the area purely for nutritional value. This is considered to be a reasonable request and efforts will be made to procure these items for them.

Despite this lack of rural economic development the average Mianmin today has more in his pocket than ever before. Quite large groups of men from all villages have spent at least a few months working for Carpenteria Explorations at the Frieda River.

Unfortunately problems have arisen by this movement of workers to and from the Frieda. Several village elders complained that with the young men being often absent, they are unable to protect their gardens from wild pigs. They added that unless a few shotguns were allowed in the area they would not be able to continue working for a cash wage. Considering the length of friendly government contact with these people, some fifteen years, and their very progressive nature, it is considered that it would be unforgivable to deny them the right to a shotgun licence any longer.

In short, although economic gain from rural development is not practical, the continual presence of a mining company will insure a readily available cash wage for many years to come.

SITUATION REPORT.TELEFOMIN PATROL No.2 - 70/71Social:- Education.

Although only one person from the Mianmin has completed primary education, vast numbers are presently attending the many mission adult literacy classes which have been established in the area. These schools teach basic arithmetic, pidgin and bible reading.

It was mentioned by a few mission teachers however that since work became available with Carpenteria, attendance has decreased to some extent among the young male students. Although these adult classes may not qualify people for any specific work they are valuable in other ways. Firstly it was found that many Mianmins are now quite able to talk fluent pidgin, thus overcoming the tiresome communication barrier of the past. Discussions now flow quickly and more people are able to voice their problems and opinions. Other obvious advantages are that people are now able to understand the value of money, and can also enjoy the pleasure of writing to friends away from home.

It was noticed from figures collected that in a few villages men only attended classes however it is probable that women will follow suit later, as they have done in more sophisticated places.

The mission teachers have had about four to five years training at Telefomin and all appear to be running their schools as efficiently as can be expected.

Requests were made in several villages for government schools to be introduced to the area, however it was made clear that it would probably be many years before staff and finance would be available for this.

Health.

Fortunately it appears that on the whole the East Mianmins are less vulnerable to disease than people in the surrounding areas. Probably as a result of their relatively fuller and more varied diet they are much bigger in physique and appear to be healthier and more energetic. Whereas neighbouring tribes were severely hit by the recent influenza epidemics the Mianmins were hardly effected. In fact during the last epidemic there was no abnormal rise in the number of Mianmin people with the complaint.

Quite a few cases of pneumonia and other respiratory diseases were treated during the patrol. A small outbreak of yaws was also encountered in the Fiari-min area however the treatment given was quite sufficient

Health. (Cont.)

to ensure that the patients would soon be rid of their repulsive multi-coloured sores.

The contagious skin disease scabies was also found to be rife in many villages. The people after treatment were advised to wash themselves and their clothes more thoroughly to help prevent further outbreaks. Also countless people have the troublesome but less severe skin infection 'grille'. Surely something can be done to rid the area of this complaint, it seems inhuman to simply ignore it. Malaria was another illness which was found to be quite prevalent.

After inquiring into the reasons for certain deaths since the last census it was discovered that in several cases no medical treatment was sought from the aid post. It seems that the village medicine man still plays a large role in healing the sick, however the people were warned that if traditional methods appeared to be failing they should not be reluctant to seek assistance from the aid post orderly. No doubt only time will instill a greater confidence in the peoples' attitude to modern drugs.

It was observed that when a person dies, the first reaction from the people is to try and determine who was responsible for working sorcery against the victim. Although the Health Educator attempted, with the help of colourful charts, to explain that possibly some sickness may not be caused by magic, it was apparent that his words were reaching many deaf ears. It is only natural that these people would reject theories so opposite to their own, on the causes of illness.

At every village discussions on hygiene were given, as ~~ix~~ the need for them was only too obvious. Apparently no one from their primitive past has ever suggested that washing is quite essential to help prevent disease. Living conditions were also found to be rather squalid, with mangy dogs and pigs all happily residing together in their owners house. Still, what can be done, words aren't going to change this situation overnight.

There is one native materials aid post in ~~ix~~ the area, at Temsapmin, and despite the reluctance of some to attend it when illness strikes, it has undoubtedly done much to improve the health of the people. A newly established permanent materials infant welfare clinic at the Fimelmin airstrip also provides much assistance. At monthly visits by the mission sister, mothers come from as far afield as Waxeimin Sogamin and Bovaripmin to have their children checked.

SITUATION REPORT.TELEFOMIN PATROL No.2 - 70/71.Social: Law & Order.

On the whole the Mianmins appear to be very law abiding and peaceful people. The only situation requiring court action was a small fight that developed after a sing-sing at a hamlet near Mawaimin. The main offender was the Mawaimin tultul, who realising his folly tried to escape by hiding near Urapmin, some four days walk west of his own village. When finally arrested it became apparent that his ignorance of western law was the main reason for his dash for freedom. He had been warned by village elders from Amaromin and Fiarimin that death would be far more pleasant than serving time at Telefomin. Some of the stories he related about their ideas of alleged treatment of prisoners could only be described as ridiculous and primitive. Three Fiarimins who encouraged and assisted the tultul in his pilgrimage were also apprehended and escorted to Telefomin for court action. This had been the first time that a Fiarimin villager had ever seen a government station.

Slight disturbances were also reported between the Wameimin and Sogamin villagers. Apparently after a Wameimin womans' Sogamin husband died, she was confronted at Sogamin by her brother who requested rather strongly that her children should be returned to Wameimin. The mother objected and friction developed between the two groups, however it had subsided into settlement by the time the patrol reached the area.

More social trouble of this nature was found at both Bovaripmin and Mawaimin. Here the age old custom of elders selecting who a young female will marry was being met with determined opposition. In both cases the would be bride had deserted her appointed man, which tends to cause more complications than can possibly be imagined. The people were told that it was up to themselves to settle the problems however it was stressed that under no circumstances would violence be tolerated, to meet these ends.

It would appear then that all the East Mianmins, except perhaps the relatively unsophisticated Fiarimins, are quite aware of the more important principles of modern literal law. It is also probable however that social pressure, traditional sanctions and customary discipline also play a large part in maintaining order throughout the area.

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SITUATION REPORT.TELEFOMIN PATROL No.2 - 70/71.Social. Government Services.

The Timelmin people asked if their airstrip could be extended and a patrol post constructed there. They were advised that present commitments are such, that a station could not possibly be established at Timelmin now, or in the near future.

These requests can be seen however as typical of the pro administration attitude in the area, and indicate a keen desire by the people to have as much contact with the outside world as possible.

Mission.

Two missions have been responsible for influencing the Miammins, the most important being the Telefomin stationed Baptists. Their work in the area can only be described as highly commendable.

As mentioned earlier they have established adult literacy classes in most villages, and attendance figures indicate that they are very successful. They have also constructed a clinic at Timelmin which provides an invaluable service to the area. It is mainly due to encouragement from the Baptist Mission that the Mifimipip and Wamu groups have combined to construct an airstrip at the confluence of the May and Wamu Rivers. When completed this also will enable regular medical assistance from the mission nurse. It is quite possible that part of the reason for the peaceful living in the area could be attributed to the Biblical Ten Commandments.

The other mission mentioned was the Lutherans. Although they have never been to the area it is probable that they were the first to introduce Christian doctrines. Several years ago a government patrol to the area apprehended about six youths for their part in a tribal fight. Because of their age it was decided not to gaoil them, but instead they were sent to a Lutheran Mission in Madang. Apparently they spent about four years there and during that time were introduced to several technical skills. Today these men are quite prominent in their respective villages and have no doubt been able to give their friends a sound insight into life in other parts of the Territory.

Despite the many advantages that the mission has brought, it has also caused a few minor misgivings. For example, one Timelmin Chap after being happily married with two wives for many years suddenly takes the good word to heart, and refuses to support his second wife and her two children.

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When questioned he replied that he had made a promise to God to have only one wife. He was strongly advised that the time for such a decision was before he accepted the bride, and that if he continued to neglect his family legal action would be taken.

There has also been some amount of disturbance caused by over zealous indigenous pastors pushing the gospel too hard in places where it is not yet really appreciated. For example opposition has been met at Wameimin. Sticking by ancient magical beliefs, and spiritual communication with their powerful ancestors, they strongly refuse to accept the new teachings. The main fear voiced by Wameimin elders is that if they abandon their ancestors, the latter in turn will not assist them in their gardening and hunting activities and sickness will overtake them. The keen missionaries were advised that they would probably make much more headway if they eased up a little in their endeavours. It is only natural that some of these people will offer resistance to something as foreign to them as the gospel.

All things considered, mission intervention into the area has done much to denounce the more repugnant features of primitive life and have helped to put the mianmins on the road to civilized living.

Unrest:

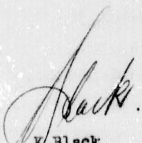
A certain amount of concern was voiced by village elders concerning the movement of young people to places of employment. Having lost a little of their former tight discipline village headmen requested that official restraint be put on youths, whom they claim wander aimlessly from the Fak to Watabung, without showing any desire to become settled. It was discovered that these young men have land rights in both areas so they could hardly be called squatters. When questioned they claimed that it is much easier to obtain work in the lower reaches of the May River than at Telefomin, thus they chose to live there for part of the year. It was decided that their movements are not really harmful, and would simply have to be accepted by those resisting change to traditional modes of behaviour.

SITUATION REPORT.TELEFOMIN PATROL No.2 - 70/71.Miscellaneous:

It was noticeable that the Timelmin people have become far more sophisticated than the rest of the Miamin clans. It is suggested that the reason for this is probably because they have been exposed to almost continual contact from Europeans for the last four years. In 1967 two S.I.L. women settled at Timelmin to learn the miamin language and they were still there at the time of this patrol. Also during the years 1968 and 1969, an anthropologist was in the village and it is probable that he too influenced these people to quite an extent.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the East Miamins are a very friendly group who strongly support both the administration and the mission. Only a minority of village elders are tending to prop against change, and all things considered, no other reaction from them could possibly be expected.


E. Black
Patrol Officer.

MINING

TELEFOMIN PATROL No.2 - 70/71.

As instructed, after visiting the Miannin area, this patrol moved east to make contact with Carpenteria Exploration personnel, who for the last few years have been conducting a mineral survey in the upper Frieda River. Contact was also made with the landowners of this area, namely the Nenatumans, who are direct descendents of the Eliptamin Valley people near Telefomin.

Mr.R.Hall is in charge of Frieda Operations and at present has about four expatriates working with him. He proved to be very co-operative and assisted the patrol whenever he could. Drilling activities which are now drawing to a close have been supervised by Mr R.Walker, an employee of the Australian Geo-Prospectors Company which sub-contracted to Carpenteria.

The patrol aim was primarily to act as a liaison between mining company officials and indigenous landowners and labourers, should it be so desired by both parties. Soon after arriving at Carpenterias' camp labourers from many parts of the Telefomin Sub District presented themselves and aired several grievances. Summarised these amount to the following;

- (a) Request for helicopter transport between the Frieda and their home areas.
- (b) That electricity and plumbing be installed in the labourers sleeping quarters and mess.
- (c) Complaints about the company employed ex government medical assistant.
- (d) Wage rise for those employees who have worked for some time with the company.
- (e) Requested that the company carry out exploration work nearer to Telefomin.
- (f) Complained that no midday break is allowed.
- (g) Questioned the reason for income tax deductions from salaries.

At an overseers meeting which was held some days later most of these questions were discussed. With respect to air movement Mr Hall stated that helicopter transport of labourers would be impossible as both the company machines were continuously required at Frieda.

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After some discussion however it was agreed that fixed wing aircraft could possibly be utilised for this task after the completion of the company's new airstrip. Mr Hall did emphasize however that any such future arrangement would mean that labourers would have to remain employed for twelve month periods. The overseers appeared to appreciate the necessity for these conditions.

In answer to the second question about improvements to the labourers living quarters Mr Hall said that he had not forgotten previous requests of this nature, and that materials were on order to rectify the matter.

In reply to the request for higher wages to those who have been with the company for some time Mr Walker stated that this was already present policy. To illustrate this he named several labourers who had been given salary rises due to long and efficient service. Mr Hall added that all the men who worked hard would be those to receive pay increases.

It was later learned from Mr Hall that the present basic rate of pay for casual labour at the camp is \$20.00 per month plus rations. Mr Hall said that he was awaiting a decision from the Labour Department, who had previously informed him that a rate for Frieda would be fixed in accordance with the requirements of the Native Employment Ordinance. To date nothing has been received on this matter so he is forced to play the wage situation by ear.

The question of a midday break for workers was also raised. At present only expatriates and a few skilled indigenes are allowed the privilege. It is considered that this is hardly an unreasonable demand, especially for those working within the camp perimeter, however no decision was reached. Mr Hall argued that in many cases work out-put per man is so minimal that the labourers should'nt need an official rest during the day. There didn't seem to be a great deal of pressure for a meal break so the matter was left to Mr Halls' discretion.

Not unlike most people in the world the labourers also complained about income tax. The reason for tax was explained thoroughly and seemed to be understood.

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A few other matters raised by various people around the camp included reports of neglect and inefficiency by the company employed ex government medical assistant. On the surface these allegations appeared to be completely untrue. Probably the main reason for these accusations against the health officer, is due to an incident which occurred in October last year. At that time, due to some misunderstanding, a sick Wabia women who thought she was unable to obtain medical help from Carpentaria died while trying to return to her village from the companys' Top Camp. Many people were under the impression that the company refused to medically assist non-employees, however this was found to be definitely unfounded. Possibly another reason for this apparent lack of confidence by some in the coastal born medical officer could be simply due to traditional mistrust.

On the whole the medical facilities at the Frieda appear to be quite adequate. All labourers are medically examined before commencing work, and a large range of medical supplies are in stock at the camp. An ex government aid post orderly from Eliptamia has been employed to assist the health officer. A new native materials hospital has recently been constructed and can accommodate six patients.

Despite company efforts to maintain good health in the area however, a few men have died or taken ill whilst in the Frieda. Although to the western mind this sickness is inevitable many of the local people, Mianmins in particular, looked at the ailments as the work of some demented spirit which they believe haunts the area.. Thus the Frieda has been branded a 'ples masalai' and this alone is the major reason for the refusal of many people to work there.

It is suggested that a visit to the area by an officer from the Department of Health would probably prove to be very beneficial. Requests for such a visit have been made several times now to the District Medical Officer Wewak.

People from many different areas requested that the mining company should be asked to establish itself in other places besides the Frieda. The basics about mineral exploration were explained at length with emphasis on the fact that valuable rock deposits are a very rare commodity indeed. It was added that the Telefomin area has been thoroughly searched and was found to contain no saleable minerals.

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This question was also recently raised at a Telefomin Council meeting.

It appears that the recent wealth to some people, that the company has brought, has prompted a bit of gambling. A few confused men confronted holding \$1 - \$5 raffle tickets asking for an explanation and when would the prize money arrive. On being informed that he had backed a loser one man requested that he should be given a refund on his ticket. The chances of winning a lottery were explained and the men were strongly advised not to indulge further. It is considered that on a wage of \$20.00 per month the buying of lottery tickets is an exorbitance which can hardly be afforded.

It was suggested by the labourers that facilities for storing liquor be constructed at the Camp from profits gained at the company store. Mr Hall was quick to offer an alternative which should definitely be for the better. The company has decided that a school-gymnasium will be built for the benefit of employees who wish to participate. It is intended that English will be taught in the adult literacy section of the establishment. The labourers accepted this alternative but still had a thirsty look in their eyes.

Frieda Landowners:

On the 20th January the Wabia-Unamo land - owners were given the sum of \$225-00 in payment of occupation fees for the period 1st July 69 to 30th June 70. Much contact was had with these people and during discussions current mining legislation was explained at length.

Grievances heard from these people were as follows:

- (a) Their women were being abducted by immoral company employees.
- (b) That company trade store prices are too high.
- (c) Feared that wages would decrease after the payment of occupation fees.

In answer to the first problem it was suggested that the onus was on them to ensure that their women did'nt habitat the Camp area. It was also mentioned that it is company policy not to allow women to remain domiciled on the work site.

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It was explained that the reason for the high store prices was due to the inaccessibility of the area. It was added that any small profit the store made was going to be utilised for their own good.

It appears that the landowners had confused occupation fees with wages. An effort was made to explain that the two are in no way connected, and that wages would most definitely not be reduced. Emphasis was made that the occupation payments were for nothing more than the lodgement on, or utilization of the area. It was stressed that the ground is still completely owned by them, and that payments in the future would continue until the company finally evacuates.

All considered however the Wabia people have no real complaints. They express great joy that the company has come and appreciate fully the benefits that they can gain if the area is exploited. In all, they seem very easy-going people who will cause little fuss in the future as long as their rights are protected.

Exploration Progress:


At present stage one of the Frieda project is being completed, with the subsequent withdrawal of all drilling equipment. It is envisaged that for the time being only a skeleton staff of some six expatriates, and limited numbers of indigènes, will be employed by Carpentaria.

Although it appears that the quantity of copper could be quite substantial, other outside influences such as falling copper prices, could cause long decision delays about the future of the prospect.

Conclusion:

The relationship between Carpentaria Explorations and the Wabia landowners can only be described as harmonious. Also most indigenous employees are on the whole, satisfied with their living and working conditions.

The main reason for this trouble free situation is probably due to realistic efforts by the company to continually maintain compatible contact with the people.


K. Black,
Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX C.

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SUSPENSION FOOTBRIDGES.

TELEFOMIN PATROL No.2 - 70/71.

As mentioned previously the Mianmin people requested government assistance to help them construct two suspension footbridges in their area. The first of these was to cross the Fak River near the Mianmin Airstrip, the second to cross the May River near Mifintipip and the new proposed airstrip site.

As can be seen from the attached location sketch, the Fak bridge would link the present Mianmin Airstrip with the East Mianmin Census Division, population 895. The present cane bridge has to be replaced every three to four months, and the people are now having much difficulty in finding materials for its construction. Over the years all the vines in the vicinity have been used.

Not only would a permanent materials suspension bridge enable communications to be maintained with the East Mianmin people at all times, but even more important, the people would have reliable access to their airstrip and medical clinic. At the moment many women are reluctant to take their children to the clinic because they fear the perilous scramble over the Fak on the sagging cane bridge.

Likewise a bridge over the May River is also highly desirable, especially when the new airstrip is completed and medical facilities are made available at Mifintipip. There is several hundred people to the north in the Watabung area who will constantly utilise the bridge in the future.

In both cases the present bridge sites would be ideal locations for the permanent materials footbridges. At these points both the May and Fak are near to 250 feet in width.

The total cost of materials for the construction of each bridge is estimated at approximately \$650-00 with an added costing of \$200-00 for airfreight of materials to Telefomin. A detailed list of materials and costing is to be found at the end of this proposal.

It is envisaged that the construction of both bridges could be undertaken by members of the P.I.R. on a Civic Action Patrol.

The construction of the Fak River bridge would also link the Tamsapmin aid post with the Mianmin airstrip, traffic between these two points are of course medical supplies one way and seriously ill patients the other .

SUSPENSION FOOTBRIDGES (Cont.)

Due to the inhospitable nature of the terrain throughout the East Mianmin area very little government aid has been channelled there in the past. If however these bridges could be built the presently neglected Mianmins would see that at least some interest in their welfare exists.

List of the necessary materials, quantities and subsequent price follows:-

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description.</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price.</u>
1.	Cable - 1/2" Diameter Galv. Steel Wire Rope (Main Cable)	700 ft.	\$180.00
2.	Cable - 3/8" Diameter Galv. Steel Wire Rope. (Hand Cable)	725 ft	\$ 75.00
3.	Wire Rope Grips 1/2" Diameter.	32	\$ 10.00
4.	Wire Rope Grips 3/8" Diam.	48	\$ 8.00
5.	Chainwire "Cyclone" 2in. sq. mesh 10 Gauge width 4 ft roll of 66 ft.	11 Rolls	\$276.00
6.	Spacer Bars 1/2" Diameter M.S. Round 3 ft length.	35	\$ 70.00
7.	xxxx Pliers - wire cutters suitable for 14 G wire.	2	\$ 10.00
8.	Tie Wire - Galvanised Coils of 1200 ft.	2 Coils	\$ 20.00
9.	Cost of airfreight of above materials to Telefomin.		\$200.00

The total estimated cost of one bridge is thus \$849.00. Accordingly an allocation of \$1700.00 would be sufficient to complete this proposal.

APPENDIX D.

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AID POST.

TELEFOMIN PATROL No.2 - 70/71.

The only aid post in the area to the north and north west of Telefomin is the native materials building at Tensapmin. Although this post is an invaluable service to both East and West Mianmin its present condition is deplorable.

Sagging precariously to one side it has been temporarily propped up by poles against the walls. As it will soon have to be replaced it is suggested that perhaps funds could be made available for the construction of a permanent materials building.

Only now are people of this area beginning to gain confidence in modern drugs thus the flow of patients is becoming greater and greater. A recent patrol to the West of Tensapmin revealed that the people of that area have in the last few years been decreasing in numbers at the morbid rate of 10% per annum. Up until now these West Mianmins have been reluctant to travel to Tensapmin because of tribal warfare. It was noticed however at the time of this patrol that they too are relying on the aid post to curb the numbers of them that have been dying from sickness.

Thus it can be seen that the Tensapmin aid post, which is in a very central position as far as population goes, is doing much to maintain good health in an area of some 700 square miles. The population although only a relatively low 1500, is mainly lacking in numbers due to many unchecked epidemic diseases which have mercilessly struck the area in the past.

No plan has been suggested as it is probable that aid posts are all built to a fixed design. It is likely that such a building would not cost more than \$1000.00, which is little to pay for a guarantee of continual medical assistance in this area for many years to come.

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Public Health Department,
Talefofia,
West Sepik District.
5th February, 1971.

District Health Officer,
Public Health Department,
VAHIO. W.S.D.

Subject: Mianmin Patrol Report No. 2/71/71.

On the 20th November, I accompanied the B.S.A. patrol which was carried in the East Mianmin Census Division. The purpose of this patrol was to bring Law and Order, health and hygiene into this area. All the patrol equipments, rations, funds and other facilities used during this patrol, came out of B.S.A. fund except medical supplies were supplied by this hospital.

AID POST.

It is surprising there is only one aid post in this Census Division, and yet much of densest population comes from this area. This I feel is inadequate and much effort should be made to bring health and hygiene to this area. The cleanliness of the Aid Post is satisfactory and condition of the Aid Post building is also fair.

General Sanitation.

The general sanitation the villages are poor as those people have no sound knowledge health and hygiene. This I should say that they far behind with their personal health and hygiene.

Toilets and refuse disposals - There were no latrines and rubbish holes, as these people are quite primitive and villages are scattered about, following their tribal groups and customary rules.

As far as their own customary rules are concerned, people are living quite happily, however, one of the things I notice during this patrol is that nearly every men, women and children have scabies, ring worms. Few diarrhoea, pneumonia, conjunctivitis and multiple sores.

Health Education talks given about the spread of:

- (a) Scabies and diarrhoea and how to prevent them.
- (b) Personal health and hygiene
- (c) Chicken pox and ring worms.

I told them that they should wash themselves and their clothings when they have scabies and chicken pox and put their clothes on the sun kill the germs. Mr. K. Black, Patrol Officer also helped me in giving health talks to the people.

The following diseases were treated during the patrol:

Pneumonia-6, Scabies-40, Diarrhoea-4, Conjunctivitis-15, Yaws-4,

Minor sores and abscess-30.

Total patients treated-- 99

The people told me that they are quite happy to another Orderly and M. CoH. in their area when ~~the~~ the new strip in their is completed.

For your information please.

Typed by: F. Kababa
Health Ext. Officer.

For: Mayok Ufensep,
Hospital Orderly.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST GEBIK Report No. TELEPHONE NO 3 OF 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by A.C. FORSTER, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled Part Atbalmin Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Nil

Duration—From 6 / 12 / 1970 to 9 / 12 / 1970

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Day / 19

Medical / 19

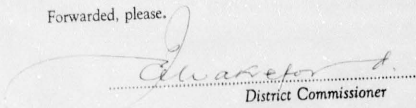
Map Reference Border (Special) Sheet 4

Objects of Patrol assess degree of flu epidemic in the Nin River Area and to ascertain what measures of assistance were required.

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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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU.....Papua.

26th January, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

TELEFONIN PATROL NO.3 - 70/71

Your reference 67-3-4 of 8th January, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special and Situation Report by Mr. K.C. Forster of Port Abbalmin Census Division.

Relevant extracts making recommendations have been forwarded to the Director of Civil Defence.

Paragraph 9 of the Assistant District Commissioner's comments refers. 1:250,000 series maps are available from the Army on request from this Headquarters. These are updated from time to time, when sufficient material is available to justify the changing of existing maps. The Army is currently working on the border but the latest maps available at present of the Telefomin area were printed in 1966. I enclose herewith 2 copies each of Blucher Range and May River.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head

c.c. Mr. K.C. Forster,
Sub District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

BR:LB

67-16-32

Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU.....Papua.

27th January, 1971.

The Director,
Department of Civil Defence,
PORT MORBY.

TELEFONIN PATROL REPORT

NO.3 - 20/71

The attached extracts from the abovementioned patrol report are forwarded for your information.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head



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The Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
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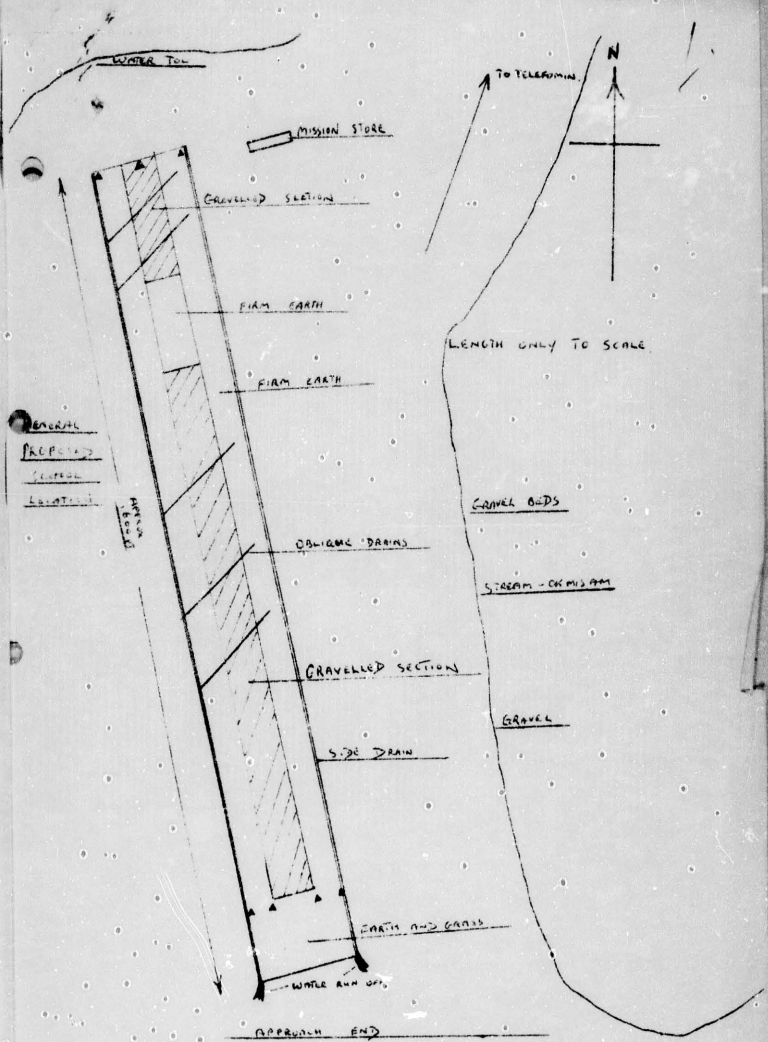
TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORTS NO. 3. 70-71.

Attached please find copies of a special patrol conducted by Mr. K. C. Forster Patrol Officer.

Mr. Forster was sent to Telefomin from Vanimo to assist in dealing with the influenza outbreak.

The mechanics of dealing with these outbreaks in the future, larger helicopters, light weight packs etc., is I understand being taken up by Dr. Mylius and the failure of the type of wireless used by the Director of Civil Defence.

J. E. Wakeford
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(J. E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner.



ELIPTAMIN AIR STRIP



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of West Sepik Report No. 7. 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by M.H. MILNE A/Patrol officer

Area Patrolled Eliptamin census division, airstrip site

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No.

Natives No.

Duration—From 5./1./1971 to 17.1./1971

Number of Days 7

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 18./12/1970

Medical /19

Map Reference Airstrip site observation

Objects of Patrol To assess attitudes of the people towards co-operation in assisting with the building of the Eliptamin school, and to assist as able.

Director of District Administration, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please

15.12.1971

[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

[Dotted lines for additional amounts]

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TELEFOMIN PATROL No. 7. 1970/71.
ELIPTAMIN CENSUS DIVISION.

Report number.	7 of 1970/71.
Sub-District.	Telefomin.
District.	West Sepik.
Council/Non Council area.	Council area.
Patrol Conducted by.	M.H. MILNE.
Designation.	A/Patrol Officer.
Personell accompanying.	Nil.
Duration of Patrol.	seven days.
Last patrol D.D.A.	6 of 70/71. 18.12.70. M.H. MILNE.
Object of patrol.	Assess attitudes of the people in co-operation in assisting with the building of the proposed Eliptamin school, and to assist with same as far as possible.
Map reference.	Eliptamin airstrip and position of proposed construction of school facilities.
Village population register,	Not enclosed.

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District Office,
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West Sepik District.

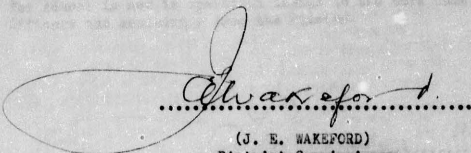
12th February, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
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PATROL REPORT NO. 7 - 70/71 TELEFOMIN

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(J. E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner.

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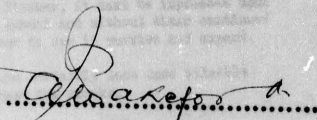
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District Commissioner.

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Division of District Administration,

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3rd March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
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TELEPHONE PATROL NO. 7 OF 1970-71.

Your reference is 67-3-4 dated the 12th February,
1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Situation
Report by Mr. M.H. Milne, Assistant Patrol Officer of the
Kliptamin Census Division.

Comment on this patrol has been adequately covered by
the Assistant District Commissioner, Telefamin.

It is indeed pleasing to see eventual commencement
of a Primary "T" School in such an isolated area as this.
However, as outlined by Mr. Fischer, it must be impressed upon
the people that it is their school and without their continued
assistance, they cannot expect to see it survive and expand.

D.D.A. Officers have certainly done some valuable
work in this area over the past few months.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

cc: Mr. M.H. Milne,
Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN
West Sepik District.



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The Secretary,
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(J. E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner.



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TELEFOMIN,
25th January, 1971.

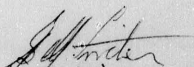
The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VAUHO.

COMMENTS - TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT No. 7 of 1970/71.

1. Enclosed please find three copies of the abovementioned Patrol Report submitted by Assistant Patrol Officer Mr. M. Milne covering a patrol conducted to the Eliptamin airstrip area of the Eliptamin Census Division. This patrol was a follow-up visit to the Eliptamin airstrip by Mr. Milne: Telefomin Patrol Report No. 6 covers an earlier patrol conducted by Mr. Milne which was completed on the 18th December, 1970.
2. Nil comments on Situation Report. No change in the situation in the two weeks since the previous visit.
3. Comments on Special Report as follows:-
 - a. As you may be aware the establishment of a Primary 'T' School in the Eliptamin Valley was first raised by Telefomin Council President Mr. Kamasep Dureibengim. After representations by the Telefomin Council in this matter the District Inspector of Education Mr. Kalo visited the Eliptamin airstrip on the 18th December, 1970, and after inspecting the proposed school site advised that he gave his approval for the establishment of the Eliptamin School. The Telefomin Council has been granted a subsidy of \$1400 for the construction of two teacher's houses at Eliptamin.
 - b. In my covering comments on Patrol Report No. 6 of 1970/71 I pointed out that only a minority of the Eliptamin people realise that they and the Council have final responsibility for the construction of the school. While the majority of people do in fact want the school very few are prepared to work to that degree necessary to construct the school inside a few weeks so that classes may commence early in the 1971 school-year. The initial enthusiasm has now worn off and there is probably a general expectation that the Administration will now move in and complete the 99% of the work remaining.
 - c. The question is does the Administration now move in and organise the people to carry out this project? I am of the opinion that it would be far better for the school to be constructed by the people over the next twelve months than it would be to complete construction within 3-4 months with Field Staff supervision and organisation.
 - d. The Eliptamin people have been advised that the saw timber for the first teacher's house is stacked at Telefomin awaiting their coming to carry it back to the Eliptamin airstrip: over the past three weeks only approx. 20% of the timber has been collected. As Mr. Milne mentions in his report as soon as the airstrip work was completed to that stage where a plane would land all the men left to hunt game in the Om River area: all knew full well that work on the school area, teacher's house, and further work on the airstrip had still to be carried out.
 - e. The people have been advised repeatedly that this office will afford them any necessary assistance in this project but that the final responsibility is their's. I am next to certain that if this project is taken over by

the Administration the people will consider the school to be "the Administration's school" and later problems of maintenance and relationships with Administration Staff could arise. I intend pushing the project gently but after so many centuries without a school I cannot see that it is imperative that it be opened within the shortest possible time. It will possibly take a few weeks to sink in that the Administration is not going to make the running for this project and in that time nothing much will possibly be accomplished, but once the people do finally realise that the Administration is not bluffing the main stumbling block will be overcome and they should be able to complete the project inside 5-3 months.

For your information and consideration, please.



(S.M. Fischer)

Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,

TELEFOUIN,

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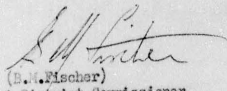
Mr. M.H. Milne,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
TELEFOUIN, W.S.D..

INSTRUCTIONS - TELEFOUIN PATROL No.7 of 1970/71.

1. Please prepare to depart Telefouin tomorrow for a patrol to the Eliptamin airstrip area of the Eliptamin Census Division. This is a follow up patrol to the patrol you conducted to the Eliptamin airstrip in mid-December 1970.

2. Recent reports received at Telefouin indicate that since the airstrip has been brought into operation the people have somewhat neglected the clearing of the proposed area for the Eliptamin Primary 'T' School. The sole purpose of your patrol will be to ascertain the truth or otherwise of these reports and, if they prove to be correct, to impress on the people their responsibilities in this matter.

3. As with your Patrol Report No.6 of 1970/71 your patrol is for a special purpose and thus your report will comprise the following;- Diary, Situation Report, Special Report and map.



(B.M. Fischer)

Assistant District Commissioner.

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO. 7. 1970/71.
ELIPTAMIN CENSUS DIVISION.

DIARY.

- 5.1.71. Arrived M.A.F. at site of Eliptamin air-strip 11.45 am. Set up camp and settled in. 1 pm. spoke with Councillor Dabalsep and discovered that most of village men gone to Om river area - hunting. Spent rest of day trying to discover whereabouts of other Councillors, sent word to this effect.
- 6.1.71. 7.45 am. Councillor Dabalsep appeared with about twenty women who had volunteered to clear site of proposed school buildings, and about five men. Assisted with clearing site till about 4 pm.
- 7.1.71. 7am. went by myself and marked out approx. dimensions of teachers house. 8.30 am. appearance of Dabalsep and four men. Spent day cutting timber for posts, extremely hard work with little man power, no sign of other Councillors or volunteers.
- 8.1.71. Continued clearing bush with what volunteers available. 10 am. walked to Teraptavip village to assess situation. Met Councillor Kamasep and arranged that he would send some men into Telefomin to bring back timber for teachers house. Sent further word out in the hope that I would be able to meet Councillors Ifolsep and Bop.
- 9.1.71. Saturday. Again tried to find out whereabouts of man power. At 12 pm. a helicopter from Helicopter Transports Lae landed at strip in the belief that it was Telefomin. Re-directed pilot. 2 pm. walked to Teraptavip, a few men about, Kamasep to accompany them to station tomorrow to collect timber.
- 10.1.71. 9 am. Kamasep left for station with about 10 men. Saw Councillor Ifolsep today

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TELEFOMIN PATROL No. 7. 1970/71.

ELIPTAMIN CENSUS DIVISION.

ELIPTAMIN CENSUS DIVISION.

DIARY.

11.1.71.

and he informed me that the men from his villages had returned also Councillor Bob. Arranged to hold a meeting of all available volunteers and Councillors at 8 am. Monday.

11.1.71.

Arrived Teraptavip village 8 am and awaited arrival of villagers from Agentavip, Avankaman, Afogovip, Bolbil, Komdavig, Tatentigin, Bilbavip, and Teraptavip. Councillors Bob and Ifolsep arrived about 9 am. with about forty men who had volunteered their labour. Selected about ten to continue cutting posts and the remainder to walk to Telefomin to collect timber. The twenty or so women who came were to join the others already at site clearing. Had a long discussion with all present explaining the importance of this work, self help etc.

10 am. Cleaned my camp site, and at 10.30 am walked back to Telefomin arriving same 2.30 pm.

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TELEFOMIN PATROL No. 7. 1970/71.
ELIPTAMIN CENSUS DIVISION.

SITUATION REPORT.

Political.

This report could be described as a follow-up or continuation of Telefomin patrol No. 6 1970/71, relevant to my previous patrol at this static location, the Eliptamin airstrip site from 9.12.70 to 18.12.70.

The political situation was covered in this previous report, about three weeks ago from this date. The same groups of people were encountered by me this time, on location and there is little else I could add, for understandably the political situation has not changed in this short time.

If I may repeat what I have already stated "the groups encountered..... are politically aware, at least to the Local Government level.... due to the proximity of the Telefomin station and the Telefomin Local Government Council which has representation throughout the area.

Social.

A summary of the social aspects in my patrol report No. 6 may be read as part of this report as the situation remains the same.

Economic.

My comments as per above apply. There is little economic activity in this area. No actual productive economic activity is engaged in at village level. The people are still basically subsistence gardeners and hunters at village level.

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agreed to go to Telefomin to carry a letter, and I selected the
... remaining men and women to be the majority already engaged
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TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT No. 7. 1970/71.

ELIPTAMIN CENSUS DIVISION.

SPECIAL REPORT.

The main objective of this patrol was to assess the attitudes of the people towards co-operation in assisting with the building of the Eliptamin school (buildings) with regard to the enthusiasm of the local people in this work.

I suffered a setback in this task, for, on the date of my arrival most of the Eliptamin men were absent, hunting on the Om river. There was only one Councillor present, Dabalsep, and a few men who for some reason had not gone to the Om. The village women, of course remained. No person had any idea as to the return date of this absent majority although varying estimates were given. In the meanwhile a considerable number of females co-operated in clearing the building site, assisted vainly by about five men and Dabalsep. I sent out word by numerous runners that I would like to confer with the four Councillors from the area although I was assured that they too, were out on the Om. Dabalsep and his five men had offered to start cutting timber for the house posts, so I assisted in this task whilst the women did mainly clearing work.

On the eighth of January I walked into Teraptavip with a view to seeing what was what and I met Councillor Kamasep, lately returned from Telefomin. I had a discussion with Kamasep and it was arranged that he would leave with as many volunteers as possible from his village, to collect the timber or part thereof from Telefomin. I had given this collecting of timber priority, as it was the major task and most difficult. Once all the sawn timber had been carried to Eliptamin, it was then a matter for the carpenter to construct the house. Shortly after this Councillor Ifolsep made an appearance and stated that all his line had returned along with Councillor Bob's group. Ifolsep then went and spread word that there would be a meeting of all available labour and Councillors on Monday morning the eleventh. In the meantime I had been consolidating clearing work and the cutting of posts with what labour I had.

On the morning of the 11th. as pre-arranged, I met the Councillors at Teraptavip in company with about forty men and a number of women who had decided to give their services to

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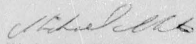
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this proposed school. Of these men, about thirty had agreed to go to Telefomin to carry timber, and I selected the remaining men and women to help the minority already engaged in clearing and post cutting. I spent a good deal of time this particular morning explaining to all present the importance of their work with regard to this, their school, and the necessity for self help.

I did not have the patrol equipment or time to tour the villages throughout this division to personally assess the attitudes at home level and of necessity this task was left to the Councillors. I found it disturbing that out of about 1800 people there was such a poor initial response. I have ascertained that all the people I spoke with realise the nature of the work involved and I have tried to make it clear that the success of this project will depend on their efforts. It remains to be seen whether they will accept this or revert to the apparently prevalent thinking that the Government will provide all in youth and old age.

I have deliberately let the people work out for themselves the way they should go about their efforts on this school. I let them know that I was there to help in any way I could and made sure that they understood the issues. I feel that any attempt to pressure the people into participation, however subtle the means, would be a mistake (apart from being humanly wrong) and would or could only lead to dissatisfaction and resentment resulting in failure.

The work has been spelt out and is simple and basically that they make a concerted effort to get this timber from A to B and build a bush material school house it is to be hoped, with enthusiasm. With the labour potential this should take but a short time.


Michael MILNE
A/patrol officer.

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TELEFOMIN PATROL No. 7. 1970/71.
ELIPTAMIN CENSUS DIVISION.

APPENDIX "A" (To special report)

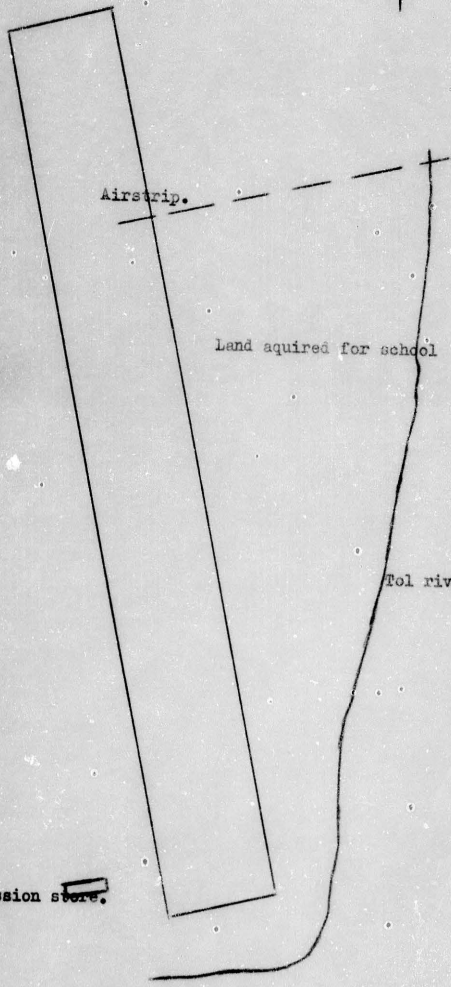
The major problem and a great hinderence to this patrol is the seemingly insurmountable problem of getting more than about 10% of the people of the Eliptamin area to gather together for this community project.

There appear to be a hard core minority of people who realise the value of a school and are or appear willing to do something positive, this is the 10%. Although I am loathe to say this, and I trust there could be an ethnic reason for it, the actions of many males I observed could best be described as lazyness, nothing more, nothing less.

I cannot see this school project being completed before about three months until there is a determined effort made by these people to do something, and I am speaking of the other 90%. Perhaps one way would be to allow all the womenfolk to lump the timber over to Eliptamin as they alone appear to appreciate the value of hard work, now and then.

M.H. Milne
M.H. MILNE.

AREA OF LAND ACQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSED
ELIPTAMIN SCHOOL IN RELATION TO AIRSTRIP.



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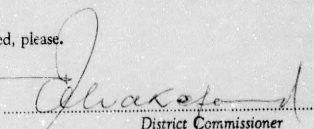
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. P. 70. 71.
 Patrol Conducted by H. H. WIRA (Assistant District Officer)
 Area Patrolled ELIPTIMAN - Elijptiman Customs Division (being part of DISTRICT Council)
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans ONE
 Natives ONE
 Duration—From 13. / 12. / 19 20 to 21. / 12. / 19 20
 Number of Days 4 Days
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19
 Medical / / 19
 Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED
 Objects of Patrol LAND INV. STGATION

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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29/3/1971

 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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KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

15th April, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik,
VANIMO.

TELECOMIN PATROL NO. 8 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-3-4 of 30th March, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. H.U. Wura, Assistant Field Officer, to ELIPTAMIN on Land
Investigation.

The patrol being of a general nature no further comments
are necessary.

T.W. Ellis

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



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West Sepik District.

30th March, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 8 70-71

This report was inadvertently filed away at Telefomin and
has only just come to light.

It is forwarded to you for record purposes.

J. E. Wakeford
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(J. E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner.

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Report No. TELEFOMIN NO. 87/70/71

Sub District: TELEFOMIN.

District : WEST SEPIK.

Patrol Conducted By: H.U. WURA.

Designation : Assistant Field Officer.

Area patrolled: ELIPTIMAN- Eliptiman Census Division
being part of Telefomin Council Area.

Personnel accompanying
patrol for only one day: MR. K.KALO (District Education Inspector)
MR. P.S.GALL (S.L.S.C.)

Duration of patrol 18th/12/70 to 21st/12/70. = 4 Days d

Last patrol to Area:

Object of Patrol: LAND INVESTIGATION.

Total population of
area patrolled: 2,000

Map reference: Sketch map attached.

LAND INVESTIGATION REPORT.

ELIPTIMAN SCHOOL - ELIPTIMAN CENSUS DIVISION

INTRODUCTION:

This Special patrol was conducted into ELIPTIMAN in Eliptiman Census Division in the Telefomin Sub District.

The purpose of the patrol was to asked the people where and which area they decided to put a new school, to make out a land application for the said land and also to do a survey of the land and an Investigation Report on the land. On the first day of this patrol I was accompanied by Mr. K.KALO District Education Inspector and Mr. P.S.GALL (SIHO). We departed together from Vanimo, to Telefomin and then to Eliptiman. At Eliptiman Mr. KALO and Mr. GALL saw the said piece of land and they said it was a good site for the school They flew back to Telefomin and then to Vanimo. This said piece of land is adjacent to the present existing Mission airstrip at Eliptiman. We went by aircraft from Vanimo to Telefomin then to Eliptiman. I walked from Eliptiman to Telefomin.

COMMENT:

This patrol was really good except for few days of rain, which made the tracks very slippery. The walking track from Eliptiman to Telefomin follows up streams of River TUL which we crossed many times and we had difficulty in climbing the undulating hills on our way.

Concerning carriers - movement was fairly good and quick. Mr. KAMASEP DULUP and his people did a very good job when I was there. The Land applicant form, Investigation Report and plan have been completed and submitted to the ADC, Telefomin.

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TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT NO. 70/71

DIARY OF PATROL.

FRIDAY, 18th December, 1970.

Departed Vanimo 09:30 hours for Sepik Aircharters for Telefomin, arrived Telefomin 11:15 hours. Departed Telefomin 11:30 hours per (M.A.F) aircraft with Mr. KALO and Mr. GALL and myself for Eliptiman, arrived there 11:40 hours. As soon as we arrived there the councillors took Mr. KALO Mr. GALL and myself and they showed us the said land to build the new school. Mr. Kalo and Mr. Gall left again in the same day via (M.A.F) aircraft for Telefomin then to Vanimo. Started surveying in the afternoon but the heavy rain stopped us for the rest of the day. Slept at Eliptiman.

SAURDAY, 19th December, 1970.

08:30 hours gathered the people together and the president of the Council and we went across to the said land and started surveying.. We finished surveying the said piece of land after lunch. The said land is adjacent to the present existing mission airstrip at Eliptiman. I was trying to do the land Investigation Report but some of the owners were not present. Slept at Eliptiman.

SURDAY, 20th December, 1970.

0800 hours to 1000 hours was waiting for the people they went to church. After church I gather the said owners and we started doing land investigation report. The investigation took us few hours, because there were many said owners to be recorded. Finished everything during the day, and Slept at Eliptiman.

MONDAY 21st December, 1970.

Departed Eliptiman 09:15 hours for foot with one guide and four carriers for Telefomin. The track was very slippery because of a few days of rain. We had difficult in climbing undulating hills all the way. The track follows TOL river which we crossed so many times. The patrol arrived at Telefomin 1330 hours, Paid off the carriers and thanked them for their generous help. Worked in the office for the rest of the afternoon. Slept at Telefomin.

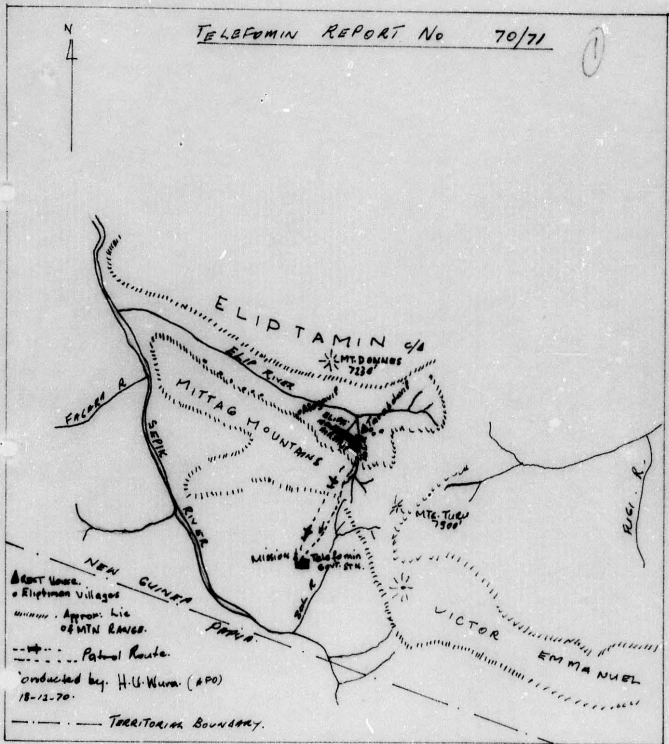
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT



Report Number..... 9 of 1970-71

Sub-district..... Telefomin

District..... West Sepik

Type of Patrol..... Special (Council Elections).

Patrol Conducted by..... G.M.Henke, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled..... Telefomin Local Government
 (Council and/or..... Council Area. (Feramin Group)
 Census Division/s.).....

Personnel Accompanying Patrol.....
 Interpreter.....
 1 Member R.P.&.N.G.C.
 Polling Clerk.....

Duration of Patrol—from 10/3/71 to 12/3/71

No. of Days..... Three

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: 1970

Date August 1970. Duration 25 days.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) Conduct Telefomin Local Government Council Elections.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 875

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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District Commissioner.

67-16-58

KJH:KP

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

30th June, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO. 9 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-3-4 of 29th April, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. G.M. Henke of FERAMIN Census Division.

The report is of a routine nature and requires no
comment from me.

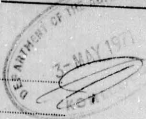
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Secretary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

29th April, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KORORODU.

TELEPHONE PATROL REPORTS NOS. 9, 10, 11 - 1970/71

This report covers the Council Elections and is for your records.

The election appeared to go smoothly.

(C. E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner.



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Mr. Fischer

Division ~~Conservation~~ of District Administration.
Department of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN,
14th April, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

COMMENTS - TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT No.9 -70/71.

1. Enclosed please find three copies of the abovementioned Patrol Report submitted by Patrol Officer Mr. G. Henke covering a patrol conducted to part of the Telefomin Local Government Council area. The patrol was conducted for the special purpose of assisting with Council General Elections and spent only three days in the field.
2. My 42-1-2 of the 30th March, 1971, which is a complete report on the Telefomin Local Government Council's General Elections, also refers.
3. Comments as follows:-
 - (i) An effort will be made to explain to the people the function of a scrutineer prior to the 1972 House of Assembly Elections. The appointment of scrutineers is a safeguard against allegations of shortcomings in electoral procedure and will be viewed in this light.
 - (ii) It certainly appears as if preferential voting played a large part in the result of elections for ward 17. The concept of preferential voting will not be easily explained to the majority of Telefomin villagers.
 - (iii) All other points covered in my 42-1-2 of the 30th March, 1971.
4. Map and Situation Report are not submitted with this short specialized report.
5. Attached please find Camping Allowance claim submitted by Interpreter Sinsinal for authorisation, please.

(B.M. Fischer)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL REPORT

Report Number : 9 of 1970-71.
Subdistrict : Telefomin.
District : West Sepik.
Type of Patrol : Special (Council Elections).
Patrol Conducted By : G.M.Henke, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled : Telefomin Local Government Council
Area (Feramin Group).

Personnel Accompanying Patrol: Interpreter Dutikmosep,
Const. S. PapaJaum.
Polling Clerk.

Duration of Patrol - From 10/3/71 to 12/3/71.

No. of Days : 3.

Last DDA Patrol to area : 1970.

Date : August 1970 Duration : 25 days.

Objects of Patrol : Conduct Telefomin Local Government
Council Elections.

Total Population of area Patrolled: 875.

Director of District Administration

KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT NUMBER 9 OF 70-71

PATROL DIARY

- Wednesday 10.3.71 : Departed Telefomin 0830 for Kialikmin arriving 1230. Set up camp. Talked to people and arranged for elections to be held tomorrow. Inspected village and latrines. Slept Kialikmin.
- Thursday 11.3.71 : Commended elections for Ward 15. Nominations called and polling commenced. Polling completed and result of election declared at 1215. Left for Famukmin at 1315 and conducted elections there. Election completed and returned to camp at Kialikmin 1700. Arranged carriers for tomorrow. Completed election returns.
- Friday 12.3.71 : Departed Kialikmin 0830 for Oksimin. Arrived 1000. Conducted elections and then walked on to Telefomin station arriving 1830. Carriers paid off and patrol stood down.

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TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT NUMBER 9 OF 1970-71.

The following is a short report on the Telefomin Local Government Council Elections conducted by me in the Feramin Area of the Council. The Patrol was brief (three days in the field) and no difficulties were encountered.

This report follows the pro forma as set out in Division 21, Section 37, of the book "Directions for the conduct of elections for Local Government Councils".

Sec. 37 (a) Please find both forms 10 and 11, Voting statistics and Voting Summary attached.

(b) Type and duration of pre election campaign unknown.

(1) Manner of elections: Three wards were included in this Local Government Election, (i.e.) KIALIKMIN Ward 15, FAMUKMIN Ward 16 and OKSIMIN Ward 17. All the elections were carried out at the respective villages thus the polling places ~~xxxx~~ were Kialikmin No 1 village, Famukmin village on 11.3.71 and Oksimin village on 12.3.71.

The duration of elections was $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours for Kialikmin, $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours for Famukmin and $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours for Oksimin. All electors had to be assisted by polling clerk to fill out their ballot papers. I feel that this was done accurately and there were no informal votes in the whole of the three wards. One candidate could print his name.

Although asked each time, no candidate nominated any scrutineers, probably due to the 'blind' trust in the "Kiap" by the people and also lack of understanding to the scrutineers job. There were three candidates in Ward 15, two in Ward 16 and three in Ward 17.

In the election of Ward 15 NAMETOK KOMOTOK was the peoples choice (from the night before) and the other two candidates tried for 'fun'. This however does show that the people are beginning to realize that the polling place is where you decide the winner and not round the fire the previous night.

NAMETOK KOMOTOK won 151 votes to 4 and 6 in the first count.

In the election of Ward 16 an identical election to that held in 1969 took place. The same two candidates nominated with the same winner, rather a biennial entertainment day for the village people by the two local champions and the Admin. It was found later that there are two lineages in the village each of the candidates were head of the lineages and the winners lineage is larger in that it includes more electors. Thus URIAPNOK DUGIPEPNOK won 61 votes to 48.

In the election in Ward 17 there was something of a surprise. After a two hour nomination period, three men were nominated two of them very young and the third an ex-Councillor. After the first Count the ex-Councillor was excluded with only four votes between the other two candidates. After the second Count and distribution of preferences TEBANGIM YAROK (the youngest) won by two votes. 21 of the 27 votes were excluded as no preference was shown.

Perhaps more education could be given to the people regarding preferences.

After the elections each councillor was given his badge and I told and explained to him some of his expected responsibilities. The actual physical running of the elections went smoothly, mainly I would think, because this is the third election in the area.

- (3) Feminine Interest in Elections: No women were nominated or nominated anyone and I think it will be quite some time before there is. However the power of a woman is not to be "underestimated". On two occasions in separate Wards it was observed that the wife of a candidate offered a very strong resistance against his standing -- both candidates did not stand. No reason could be found to ~~explain~~ their attitude but simply that they did not like their husbands being Councillor.

- (4) Incidents, if any: Nil.
- (5) Absenteeism: A total of 28 people were not present who in my opinion could have reasonably been expected to attend. Seven men and twentyone women in the three Wards. Interesting to note three times as many women as men. Absentees from the District ect. unknown. There appears to be a fair few at Mt. Hagen, Rakanda and Kennecotts (Tifalmin).
- (6) Analysis of Statistics: To be done in final report.
- (7) Summary: The elections were all successful, particularly in Ward 17's case where a surprise (even to the people) candidate was elected. Quite a deal of interest was shown as proved by the small number of absentees of 28 out of a possible 431 approx 1/16 or .06%.
- (8) Appendix:
 - Ward 15 MANETOK KOMOTOK: Male approx 35 years married. manages a native owned Trade Store. Educated to Standard 2. Pidgin Speaker.
 - Ward 16 Not applicable as previous councillor re elected.
 - Ward 17 TEBANGIM YAROK: Male. Approx 22 years. Single. Has worked at Tifalmin with Kennecott. No formal Education. Pidgin speaker.
- (c) Elected Office Bearers: As yet unknown.

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For your information.

G. M. Henke
 (G.M.Henke.)
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... 10 of 1970-71
 Subdistrict..... Telefomin
 District..... West Sepik
 Type of Patrol..... Special (Council Elections).
 Patrol Conducted by..... K.S.Black Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled } Telefomin Council Area
 (Council and/or } (Eliptamin Group).
 Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol
 1 Interpreter
 1 Member R.P.&.N.G.C.
 Poll Clerk.

Duration of Patrol—from 5/3/71/ to 19/3/71

No. of Days..... Fifteen

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: 1971

Date..... 5th January 1971 Duration 7 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... Conduct Telefomin Local Government Council elections.

Total Population of Area Patrolled. 1755

Director of District Administration,
 KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

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KJH:KP

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

30th June, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

TELEFOWIN PATROL NO. 10 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-3-4 of 29th April, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. K.S. Black, Patrol Officer of ELIPTAMIN Census Division.

A routine election patrol requiring no further
comment.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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District Office,
VANIMO.
West Sepik District.

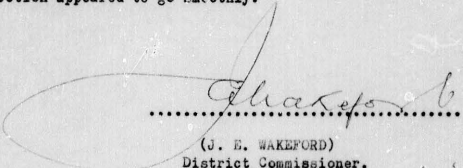
29th April, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORTS NOS. 9, 10, 11 - 1970/71

This report covers the Council Elections and is for your records.

The election appeared to go smoothly.


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(J. E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr. Fischer

Division
~~Department~~ of District Administration.Department of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,TELEFOMIN,
14th. April, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

COMMENTS - TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT No.10 -70/71.

1. Attached please find three copies of the abovementioned Patrol Report submitted by Patrol Officer Mr. K.Black covering a patrol conducted to the Eliptamin Valley area of the Telefomin Local Government Council. The patrol was carried out for the sole purpose of conducting Council General Elections in part of the Council area.
2. My 42-1-2 of the 30th.March,1971, which is the complete report on the Telefomin Local Government Council's General Elections,also refers.
3. Comments on report as follows;--
 - (i) It will certainly be some time before women in the Telefomin Council area would dare to challenge male supremacy in any field. We can only hope that that barriers against women standing for election will be worn away in time.
 - (ii) As Mr.Black points out Telefomin society has to a considerable extent polarized into progressive and conservative factions. All the old men and women and a considerable proportion of the younger women and men are virtually ultra conservatives and are against any change which will effect their traditional ways of life. Several of the Councillors of the old Council have advised me that the effort to change traditional ways proved too much for them. I can only see change coming about when the large number of younger men, now absent working on plantations in the New Britain and Western Highland Districts, return to the area with their horizons broadened and holding firm ideas on just what hard work may achieve.
 - (iii) All other points covered in my 42-1-2 of the 30th. March,1971.
4. Map and Situation Report are not submitted with this short specialised report as this area was recently covered by Telefomin Patrol No.7 of 1970/71.
5. Enclosed find Camping Allowances claims submitted for your authorisation,please.

P. V. Fischer
(P. V. Fischer)

Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL REPORT

Report Number : 10 of 1970-71
 Subdistrict : Telefomin.
 District : West Sepik.
 Type of Patrol : Special (Council Elections).
 Patrol Conducted By : K.S.Black. Patrol Officer.
 Area Patrolled : Telefomin Local Government Council
 Area (Eliptamin Group).
 Personnel Accompanying Patrol: Interpreter Sunei.
 Const/Bug. Kaku.
 Polling Clerk.
 Duration of Patrol - from 5.3.71 to 19.3.71.
 Number of Days : 15 days.
 Last DDA Patrol to area : 1971
 Date: 5.1.71 Duration: 7 Days.
 Objects of Patrol : Conduct Telefomin Local Government
 Council Elections.
 Total Population of Area Patrolled: 1755.

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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District Commissioner

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PATROL DIARY

Friday 5.3.71

Departed Telefomin 0900 hours and reached summit of Mittag Range at 1200 hours thence three hour descent to arrive at TERAPVADIP. 1600 hours village hit by violent storm which blew over many trees and one house. Short talks with people however no-one has come forward as a Candidate for the election. Overnight TERAPDAVIP.

Saturday 6.3.71

Ward 14 Councillor elected unopposed. Talks about Council functions to assembled people. Overnight TERAPDAVIP.

Sunday 7.3.71

Observed at TERAPDAVIP.

Monday 8.3.71

Departed TERAPDAVIP at 0730 and walked to AGUMTAVIP. Camp established by 1030 hours. Carriers paid off. Nominations for Council elections called. Two Candidates nominated. Ballot papers prepared. Overnight AGUMTAVIP.

Tuesday 9.3.71

Elections Conducted at AGUMTAVIP. Result of election notified and minutes of last Council meeting circulated. Overnight at AGUMTAVIP.

Wednesday 10.3.71

Departed AGUMTAVIP and walked to TAGATEMTIGIN. Nominations called for. Overnight TAGATEMTIGIN.

Thursday 11.3.71

Election conducted for TAGATEMTIGIN (Ward 11). Overnight TAGATEMTIGIN.

Friday 12.3.71

Departed TAGATEMTIGIN 0700 hours and arrived at BOLVIL 1200 hours. Only one person nominated. Remained overnight.

Saturday 13.3.71

Further nominations and conducted elections at BOLVIL. Overnight BOLVIL.

Sunday 14.3.71

Observed at BOLVIL.

Monday 15.3.71

Departed BOLVIL at 0700 and arrived at KOMDAVIP 1000. Carriers paid and fresh food purchased. Three candidates for election. Ballot papers prepared. Overnight KOMDAVIP.

Tuesday 16.3.71

Election conducted at KOMDAVIP. Results notified to all assembled. Carriers selected for tomorrow. Overnight KOMDAVIP.

PATROL DIARY

Wednesday 17/3/71

Departed KOMDAVIP 0700 hours and arrived MISINMIN 1000 hours. Talks with people about Council and electoral matters. Thence proceeded to INANTIGIN arriving there at 1145 hours. Camp established. After lunch walked to largest INANTIGIN hamlet about 3/4 of an hour away from the camp and spoke to people about the elections and council matters. Returned to camp late afternoon and prepared ballot papers. Overnight INANTIGIN.

Thursday 18/3/71

Conducted election Inantigin. carriers selected and remained the night at INANTIGIN.

Friday 19.3.71

Departed INANTIGIN 0630 and carriers arrived at Telefomin Sub District Office at 1330. Paid Off carriers. Patrol stood down. Completed election patrol report.

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TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT NO. 10 OF 70-71

The above referenced patrol report is prepared as a special report dealing with the conduct of the Telefomin Council Elections which I conducted from March 5th to March 19th in the ELIPTAMIN area of the Council boundary.

The following information follows a proforma set out in "Directions for the Conduct of Local Government Council Elections" Division 21, Section 37.

Section 37 (a).

Statistical returns in accordance with forms 10 and 11 are attached.

S.37 (b) (i)

All Councillors were informed some four weeks in advance as to the election team's patrolling programme, both verbally, and by circular which was brought to the notice of all electors by the Councillors.

There is no doubt that none of the Councillors or rather candidates for election as Councillors made any efforts towards securing votes for themselves prior to the polling day. Most Candidates appeared reluctant towards standing for election, and it was only pressure from electors that made them do so.

S.37 (b) (ii)

Manner of elections: Six polling places in all were used and voting time was one full day i.e. 0800 to 1600. 98% of electors required assistance in recording their votes. No ~~Scrutineers~~ Scrutineers were nominated by Candidates.

S.37 (b) (iii)

Feminine Interest in Elections: No women stood for election in these Wards. The suggestion that they were quite entitled to was met with laughter at most places. Traditional leaders in the Eliptamin area have always been men thus it will probably be some time before women feel they have the right to hold such a position as Councillor in their community.

S.37 (b) (iv)

Incidents: At the moment in the Eliptamin there is a large amount of friction between people with traditional ideas and those who fully support modern Western ways of life.

Many Councillors feel that it is their responsibility to stamp out traditional habits such as (1) garden singsings which involve the ~~burying~~ burying of ancestors bones in cultivated areas; (2) Initiation of young boys who are forced to run the gauntlet to manhood in initiation ceremonies.

Several ex-councillors said they didn't want to seek re-election because their people continued in their old ways and would not listen to their councillors advice.

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Thus after most elections these groups of elders and moderns argued for hours without restraint.

S.37 (b) (v)

Absenteeism: Attendance at the polling booth was quite good. About 3/4 of the eligible population came to vote and the majority of those that didn't were not available anyway.

S.37 (b) (vi)

Analysis of Statistics: See attached forms.

S.37 (b) (vii)

Summary: Out of the six Wards only two went uncontested. In the Wards that were contested it appeared that no candidate had been pre-selected.

Although the electors were keen to vote only one councillor Mr. TOMATO from TAGEMTIGIN showed any enthusiasm to the role.

S.37 (b) Appendix

Successful Candidates not previously members of the Council are as follows.

- (1) FRENTENGIM SARUKIM -- Ex-Luluai and about 40 years of age. Elected unopposed to the position. No formal education. Has a fair speaking knowledge of Pidgin English.
- (2) TOMATO FAPSEP -- Spent two years at Rabaul in 1966/68 as a plantation labourer. He is married and about 30 years of age. He has a good speaking knowledge of Pidgin English. Should be a good Councillor as he is keen.
- (3) WALU DANKAROK -- Single approximately 22 years of age. Has attended literacy classes held by the Baptist Mission at INANTIGIN for the past three years. He is literate in Pidgin English.

S. 37 (c)

Elected Office Bearers: Not yet known.

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For your information.

K.S. Black

(K.S.Black)
Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... 11 of 1970-71

Subdistrict..... Telefomin.

District..... West Sepik.

Type of Patrol..... COUNCIL ELECTION

Patrol Conducted by..... B.M. Vaninara.

Area Patrolled } Part of both Urapin & - Tifalmin and
 (Council and/or } Telefomin Local Census Division.
 Census Division/s.) } Telefomin Local Government Council Area.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

Const. Kalai Philipai

Const. J. Tarkur (for part of the patrol.) Tom (Interpreter)

Edelly A.P.O. (Urapin to Tifalmin and back.)

Duration of Patrol—from 5 / 3 / 71 to 15 / 3 / 71

No. of Days. ~~15 (ELEVEN)~~ 11 (ELEVEN)

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: ~~1970~~ 1970 Patrol No. 5 of 1970/71.

Date. 10 / 12 / 70 to 21 / 12 / 71 Duration. 10 Days.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... Conduct Council Election in Ward 5, 6, 7, and 8 for the
 Telefomin Local Government Council.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 1283 as per Patrol Report No. 5 of 1970/71
 Census Division.

Director of District Administration,
 KONEDOBUI.

Forwarded please.

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[Handwritten Signature]
 District Commissioner.

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30th June, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO. 11 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-3-4 of 29th April, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. B. Vaninara of URAPMIN and TIFALMIN Census Divisions.

A routine election patrol requiring no further
comment.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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Division of District Administration,

District Office,
VANIMO.
West Sepik District.

29th April, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

TELEPHONE PATROL REPORTS NOS. 9, 10, 11 - 1970/71

This report covers the Council Elections and is for your records.

The election appeared to go smoothly.

J. E. Wakeford
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(J. E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner.



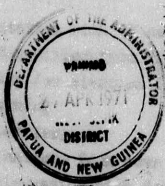
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~~Director~~ of District Administration,
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TELEFOMIN
21st April, 1971.



The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

COMMENTS - TELEFOMIN PATROL No.11 of 1970/71.

1. Attached please find the original and two copies of the abovementioned patrol report submitted by Assistant Patrol Officer Mr. B.M. Vaninara covering a patrol conducted to the Urapmin-Tifalmin Valley area of the Telefomin Local Government Council. The patrol was carried out for the sole purpose of conducting Council General Elections.
2. My 42-1-2 of the 30th March, 1971, which is the complete report on the Telefomin Local Government Council's General Elections, also refers.
3. My apologies for the late submission of the Report; delay has been occasioned by Mr. Vaninara's attention to a training programme conducted for newly elected Councillors.
4. Comments on Report as follows:-
 - (i) Pre-Election Campaigns; As noted by Mr. Vaninara traditional leaders play a large part in pre-selecting just who will stand for election and in fact whether there is need for an election at all. Previous Councils have been largely composed of men who hold close relationships to traditional leaders however the result of this election shows a slight trend to nominate men for their wider outside experience and/or education.
 - (ii) Incidents;- The people from Ward 8 who travelled to ward 9 to vote were not allowed to do so. Ward 8 is located nearer to Telefomin Station and the people from the villages in this Ward have been involved in road maintenance work etc. while those in more remote Ward 9 have yet to be involved to any degree in such work. The attempt to vote in Ward 9 can be considered to be an attempt at escaping from day to day tasks introduced by the Council which interferes to some extent with traditional life. The matter will be discussed at the first meeting of the new Council.
5. Map and Situation Report are not submitted with this short specialised report as this area was recently covered by Telefomin Patrol No. 5 of 1970/71. Enclosed please find Camping Allowance claim submitted for your authorisation.

B.M. Fischer
(B.M. Fischer)

Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL DIARY.

- 5/3/71. 10.a.m. Depart Station with 18 carriers for Urapmin.
On the way met Councillor from Misinmin told him to get his people together by Sunday for election in his ward.
- 4.15 Arrived Urapmin
- 4.30. Paid off carriers.
Opened Nomination. Took down one.
- 7.30. Informal discussion with Councillor and committees who came to see us that night.
Slept Urapmin.
- 6/3/71. 7.a.m Prepared for the conduct of election in that ward .
took down one more nomination.
- 8.45. Got the peiple together, gave a pre- election talk to them and showed them g voting procedures.
- 9.15. Opened Elections.
- 6.30. Closed Elections.
- 8.p.m. visit from the former councillor and committees.
Slept Urapmin.
- 7/3/71. Sunday observed. Arranged for carriers to Tifalmin.
Visit Villages.
Slept Urapmin.
- 8/3/71. 7.am. Counted Votes and announced them ~~xxx~~ name of the new councillor.
- 9.15. Left Urapmin with 23 carriers for Tifalmin.
- 1.15. pm. Arrived Tifalmin.
The Councillor and Committees came down to see us.
Opened Nominations and told the to tell the people wishing to nominate anybody to stand for elections as Councillor get the persons they are nominating and come down and see me between now and the start of elections ~~xxxxx~~ tomorrow.
- 2.30 Paid off carriers.
Later had a visit from the councillor from Upper Tifalmin who came to find out from me the date of election in his ward.
Told him Wednesday.
While waiting for nominations, was preparing Election materials However till dark no one came to give nomination.
Slept Lower Tifalmin.

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9/3/71. 7.a.m. Everything ready for the election.
Still no one came to give nominations, as every one was attending a meeting up in the village.
About 9.30. a.m. all of them came down in a long procession led by the Councillor and the former Luluai.
The Councillor came up to me and told me that there won't be any elections held because the people would not nominate any other person. They all want him to be Councillor again.
Asked the people if they had any other person to nominate, but all said "No". They said they want the Councillor to be Councillor again. He is a good man, he had looked after them well so they will not nominate any other. Various people stood up and gave their views this included a woman.
10.30 Closed the election and announced their new Councillor. Had informal discussion with some men on the pig rule of the council which they say did not have much effect in their area as people were still ~~letting~~ letting their pigs out.
12.15 went up to Upper Tifalmin to take nominations from that ward. Only took one their pre-selected candidate, who was their former Councillor.
6.30. Return to Lower Tifalmin.
Slept Lower Tifalmin.

10/3/71 8.30 Walked up again to Upper Tifalmin.
9.00. A.m. Arrived.
Asked for further nominations.
There was no more given as the people were having a meeting up in ~~the~~ the village.
Not many people around to convince me so We had an election.
Opened at 10.a.m
By 2.30. p.m. all of the people that were there had all voted. Waited until 6.30. p.m. then closed Elections.
At 5.10p.m. 5 more people came to vote.
6.30. counted votes. (104 people voted and only 63 out of the ~~men~~ book were absent, ~~most~~ Most working for Kenicott Exploration Co. operating in the area.
7.00 p.m. went back to Lower Tifalmin.
Slept Lower Tifalmin.

11/3/71. 9.15. Started walking back to Urapmin with 17 carriers.
1.50. p.m. Arrived Urapmin.
2.15. Paid off carriers.
Sent Constable Kalai back to Station as Constable James Turtur had come to take his place.
Heavy rain started and kept on until dark.
Slept Urapmin.

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12/3/71 Heavy rain stopped us from proceeding to Misinmin in the morning.
11.30. Sent Tom to inform the people of Misinmin ward to gather
at Misinmin by Sunday ready for election on Monday.

Could not get any carriers to carry for us as most of the men had
gone to Telefomin to carry for Atbalmin Patrol and the remainders ~~was~~
were out in the gardens.

In the afternoon distributed copies of minutes of the last Council
meeting in the village and arranged for some carriers.

Rain started again . Went back to Rest House.

Slept Urapmin.

13/3/71. 7. a.m . Got ready to depart for Misinmin. Carriers delayed us
and we did not start untill after 10. a.m.

Those people we asked to carry for us yesterday were unwilling to
carry for us. Got 6 boys and 4 men and started for Atemkiarikmin.

Atemkiarikmin got 4men to change the 4 smaller boys whom I sent back

Told Councillor to get his people to Misinmin by Sunday afternoon
or Monday morning. Proceeded on to Misinmin .

5.20.p.m. Arrived Misinmin.

Not many people in the village.

Paid off carriers.

Heavy rain started and continued till dark.

Slept Misinmin.

14/3/71. Sunday Observed. Waited for nominations at Mlainmin.

Afternoon was told people from Ofekmin refused to come and vote in
their ward and most of them had gone up to ward 9.

Slept Misinmin.

15/3/71. 8.e.m. Prepared for elections. Still there were no nominations.
Many people had not arrived yet. So we waited for the next 1½ hour.
By 9.30. most of them had arrived. Asked for nominations again and
their pre-selected Candidate was brought forward.

10.a.m. Was told that all the people had arrived so I asked them ~~again~~
if they had any further nominations to give.

All replied with a loud roar of "NO" .

No Elections held . Candidate elected unopposed.

11.00. Started walking back to Telefomin.

12.15. Arrived. Paid off carriers.

PATROL STOOD DOWN.

PATROL REPORT NO. 11 of 1970/71

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PATROL REPORT.

This report is a Special Report on Local Government Elections carried out in wards 5,6,7 and 8, in the Urapmin/ Tifalmin, Telefomin Local Census Division, in the Telefomin Local Government Area.

The duration of the patrol was solely Council Elections, however Political Education matters were also dealt in informal discussions with the people and in the talks that were delivered before the start of every election in the above wards. In these talks it was stressed that Local Government is a fundamental body for raising the social and economic development of the people. So that election time is the time for them to think and pick a good man who is prepared to work for them and talk for them at Council meetings. Also it was told to them that through their elected representatives to the council they are helping run their own local affairs.

After this election procedures were shown and explained to the people so that they could have a fair idea of what to do when casting their votes.

PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.

After having been through wards 5,6,7 and 8, it appeared that none of the candidates had done any pre-election campaigns. In all the four wards the councillors organized pre-election meetings in which the candidates were selected. Ward 6 had four of these before the election in which the councillor constantly refused to stand but the people would not nominate any other. So that in ward 6,7, and 8, the candidates pre-selected were elected unopposed. In ward 5 although they had pre-election meetings the two candidates who stood for election mutually agreed to stand together and left it for the people to choose by voting who their next councillor will be.

These pre-election meetings resulted in delays on the people's part to submit their nominations well before the start of any elections. In this way the ordinary villager without any influence in his community have to wait for the village leaders to bring forth their pre-selected candidates. Here again only the most influential will do this, the others were probably discouraged by their lack of pidgin knowledge, but when their leaders have started it off these came in to give their views on the candidate.

MANNER OF ELECTION.

There were four marked Polling places, however only two were used. The elections that were conducted in wards 5 and 7 were by Secret Ballot. As most of the registered voters were illiterate a

pollclerk was available to assist the voters in marking their votes. Nearly all those who voted did their voting by whispering their preferences to the Poll Clerk who marked their votes.

There was no election held in wards 6 and 8 as the seats were not contested. This is because the people in their pre-election meetings selected only one candidate whom all the people agreed ~~in~~ about to be their councillor.

Although ward 7 had a pre-selected candidate and the seat was not contested an election was held because there were not many people around for a convincing majority of the people in the ward. However at close of the poll at 6.30 p.m. it was found that 104 of the registered voters voted and 63 absentees.

SCRUTINEERS.

There were no scrutineers appointed by any candidates. This would not be thought of by people in these wards as all ~~were~~ were incline to use the "Pre-Selection System."

FEMININE INTEREST.

Though no women stood for elections or was nominated their interest in the election was high. Many did turn up and voted on the days of election in their wards. Women councillors would be almost unknown in this area at their present level of literacy.

INCIDENTS.

There were no serious incidents met except for a minor one at ward 8. Here the people from Ofekmin a village in this ward refused to vote in their ward. They wanted to vote in ward 9, and only four men turned up in ward 8. Their refusal could be on tribal grounds or as was told that they want to be in a ward where the councillor does not put much pressure on the people to work on roads or anything for the good of their area.

ABSENTEEISM.

Absentees from the wards were not high. Most of the absentees were in the locality during the elections other than the few absent out from the ~~the~~ District. These are mainly Contract Labourers or at schools or those who have had a little education and are employed in other Districts. ~~It~~ A majority of those in the locality are employed by Kennicott Mining Company operating in the area.

SUMMARY.

Great interest ~~was~~ in the elections was displayed by the people in which ever ward was ~~entered~~ entered. In all the wards most of the people gathered a day or early in the morning of the day of the elections and nearly all stayed through to hear the outcome of their votes.

In wards 6 and 8 where no elections was held, the people gathered to put forward the only candidate pre-selected by them to be their councillor. When further nominations were asked for a village leader would get up and ~~give~~ speak on the candidate then everyone ~~would~~ would give a loud roar of approval to his becoming their new councillor.

Out of these four wards, wards 5 and 8 returned new councillors to the council. Wards 6 and 7 retained their old councillors. This retention could be a result of the lack of majority of pidgin speakers in the wards as it was noticed that a majority of the mature men cannot speak pidgin.

Dispite the delays on the people's part to submit their nominations quickly and the refusal of the Ofekmin people to come and vote in their ward, the Election went on smoothly and the people co-operated well.

BIOGRAPHIES OF NEWLY RETURNED COUNCILLORS.

Ward.5.

ROGOMISEP LEJAP.

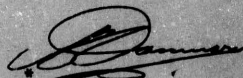
He is married, with two wives and three children.
Approximately 30 years of age.
Received Mission Education for 5 years.
Had been employed by Kennicott Company as Supervissor of labour line for the last two years.
Have not travelled.
Speaks Pidgin English.

Ward 8.

Peter Magono.

Age approximately 29 years.
Married , With two children.
Mission Education 4 years.
Failed two years A.P.O. course study at Wewak.
Assistance Mission teacher at Urapmin and Tifalmin 4 years.
A P.W.D. driver for 5years.
Present - Mission Driver.
Have not travelled.
Speaks Pidgin English.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of West Sepik Report No. No. 3 of 1970-71.

Patrol Conducted by K.S. Black, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Tifalmin.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 4 Police, 4 Interpreter, 2 Aid Post Orderlies,
Duration—From 21 / 3 / 1971 to 30 / 3 / 1971 1 Health Extension Officer.

Number of Days 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Yes

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 21 / 12 / 1970

Medical 7 / 19

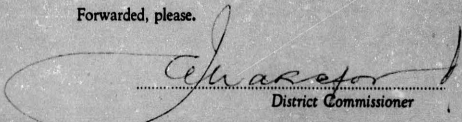
Map Reference Telefomin Sub District.

Objects of Patrol Conduct search for victims of the Tifalmin Land Slide.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

17 / 5 / 1971


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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27th May, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
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TELEPHONE PATROL NO. 12 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-3-4 of the 17th May, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. K.S. Black of part Tifalmin Census Division.

No further comments are necessary from this Headquar-
ters. Mr. Black is to be commended on the way in which he went
about this task.

Queries in relation to :-

- (a) Administration assistance to Tifalmin villagers; and
- (b) Expense incurred in the employment of labourers;

will be followed up from this Headquarters.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-16-65

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Department of the Administrator,
District Office,
Vanimo,
WEST SEPIK DISTRICT.

17th MAY, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOB PAPUA.

TELEFOMIN REPORT NO. 12 1970/71

Attached please find copies of Report No. 12 of 1970/71.

The Report covers the work done after the landslide at Tifalmin. Mr. Black did an excellent job and we are now waiting for advice from Headquarters on what the Administration intends to do to assist these people.

J. Wakeford
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J. E. WAKEFORD,
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Division

~~SECRET~~

67-1-211) Latest advice given the Department of the Administrator, Mission Bolafoma is the Sub-District Office, will most probably, not TELEFOMIN as the near future. The Mission is presently 7th. May, 1971. Kennecott Company over the possibility of a joint venture to construct a new airstrip further west in the Tifalmin Valley.

(viii) As advised in my 11-1 of the 27th April, 1971, the owners of the area of land covered by the landslide have advised that they are willing to surrender an area 20 by 20 yards for use as a cemetery. The grave of the small girl Kathryn Steinkraus is located within this area.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,

and his patrol did everything possible to SAVE survivors and/or the bodies of those lost in the disaster. A mission is being given a period of 10 days was put.

COMMENTS - TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT No. 12 of 1970/71.

1. Attached please find three copies of the abovementioned Patrol Report submitted by Patrol Officer Mr. K. Black covering a patrol conducted to the Tifalmin Valley area of the Sub-District. This patrol was undertaken for the sole purpose of organising a rescue attempt for the victims of the Tifalmin landslide disaster. Owing to the emergency nature of the patrol instructions were not issued in writing.

2. Comments on Special Report as follows:-

- (i) Due to the assistance afforded the Administration by the Kennecott Exploration Company per medium of their Jet-Ranger helicopter the Telefomin patrol reached the disaster area only one and a half hours after the slide occurred.
- (ii) At the time of the patrol's arrival at the slide the Ilam River was completely blocked off causing a large volume of water to bank up upstream; this situation presented grave danger to any person walking on or downstream from the slide. It took courage to search for survivors under these conditions and Mr. Black and his police are to be congratulated for the effort they made to locate survivors on Sunday afternoon.
- (iii) Even after having viewed the landslide it is difficult to imagine just how the slide occurred. Talking with Kennecott geologists and a civil engineer who visited the site it appears that the ground which covered the most distance (6-700 yards) was air borne for the entire distance travelling at speeds up to 110 knots.
- (iv) A total cost of \$640 has been incurred in the employment of labourers to undertake the rescue attempt. To date no funds have been made available by Civil Defence to enable me to clear this amount presently being held as an outstanding Treasury Advance.
- (v) To date the Tifalmin people have not yet decided on a new site for their village. The six tents left behind by Mr. Black are still being fully utilised.
- (vi) To date the relief supplies of clothing, bedding, eating utensils etc. requested under cover of your S1-1-2 of the 2nd April, 1971, have not been supplied. These items are still required. Though the Tifalmin people are experiencing no major problems with food supplies and ~~shelter~~ housing it will be

(vii) Latest advice given this office by the Baptist Mission Telefomin is that their Tifalmin airstrip will most probably, not be reopened in the near future. The Mission is presently negotiating with the Kennecott Company over the possibility of a joint venture to construct a new airstrip further east in the Tifalmin Valley.

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2. Mr. Black and his patrol did everything possible to locate survivors and/or the bodies of those lost in the disaster. A continued effort extending over a period of ten days was put into the search. It was impossible that anything further could have been done.

For your consideration, please.

B. M. Fischer
(B.M. Fischer)

Assistant District Commissioner.

DIARY.

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TELEPHONE PATROL No. 3 - 79/71.

21st March 1971.

Sunday. Departed for Eifalnia via helicopter at approximately 1600 hrs and commenced search for victims of land slide which completely destroyed Gustav Hamlet. Set up portable radio and measured length of the remains of the Eifalnia airstrip. Overnight Eifalnia.

22nd March 1971.

Supervised work in disaster area. Radio contact made with Telefonia every hour. Overnight Eifalnia.

23rd March 1971.

Search for survivors continued. Some 200 labourers working on diggings. Overnight Eifalnia.

24th March 1971.

Continued digging in the land slide. Only one body recovered to date. Overnight Eifalnia.

25th March 1971.

Continued supervision of rescue work. Overnight Eifalnia.

26th March 1971.

Radio contact still being made regularly with Telefonia. Continued supervision of rescue work. Overnight Eifalnia.

27th March 1971.

Continued supervision of rescue work. Overnight Eifalnia.

28th March 1971.

Sunday. Digging at land slide site continued all day. Overnight Eifalnia.

29th March 1971.

Digging at land slide continued. Received word in afternoon to cease digging. Overnight Eifalnia.

30th March 1971.

Paid labourers and returned to Telefonia via the MAF Cooma at 1700 hrs. Carriers with camping gear and digging equipment arrived Telefonia at 1800 hrs. End of Patrol.

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SPECIAL REPORT.

TIFALMIN LAND SLIDE.

On Sunday the 21st of March 1971 at approximately 1500 hrs, a landslide containing some three million cubic yards of muddy alluvial soil fell upon a Tifalmin hamlet called Oksivip. Although the population of this hamlet in was 117, at the time of the fall there was only 7 indigenous people in the village.

The slide was reported by an employe of a mining company in the area about one hour after it happened and a patrol from Telefevia was at the site about half an hour after that. The initial thought was that there would be survivors requiring medical treatment, however after searching until dark it became apparent that only a miracle could have saved anyone caught in the village at the time. The caving muddy material was between 8 and 15 feet in depth and had completely submerged the village site. A geologist later calculated that the slide blasted over Oksivip at approximately 80 knots.

Also in the hamlet at the time was an American linguist, (employed by S.I.L.) and Mr W. Stienkron, his wife and 24 two young daughters. The youngest daughter Katherine aged 24 was the only person found in the quagmire. It is probable she died instantly under the force of the avalanche.

Digging for bodies continued for eight days, with about 220 labourers on the job. Although many large deep trenches were dug during the period, very little of the village was recovered or sighted. In fact out of 22 buildings only small sections of about three were located. It is imagined that the force of the slide must have smashed everything in its path, leaving bits and pieces strewn over several hundred yards.

The Tifalmins have not yet decided on the site for a new village. Some wish to build again near the airstrip however others want to abandon this site and move up onto the slopes of the surrounding mountains. Six tents and a quantity of rice was left at Tifalmin by this patrol. The tents should enable those reconstructing the village to live on the site rather than be scattered about the area in garden houses. It is suggested that the administration could further assist by supplying building tools, until the job is completed, and nails. All the tools that the people owned have been lost.

Tifalain Land Slide. (Cont.)

Assistance in the form of clothing has been given to the people by the Baptist Mission at Telefeomina. In case any other body should wish to assist in this manner the following population figures will give an idea of what clothing is needed.

Children.		Adults.	
M. 54.	F. 47	M. 52.	F. 27.

Present Christian population total is thus 118

Those killed in the slide are as follows-

Indigenous :	Kiaiven Atanang	M	36 years.
	Pingen Yonagin	F	32 years.
	Orninal Apogin	M	31 years.
	Angibank Niek	M	41 years.
	Taryogan Sabidan	F	22 years.
	Walaban Orninal	F	9 years.
	Imkandj Bafocin	F	8 years.

American :	Walter Stienkruis	M	45 years.
	Yonnie Stienkruis	F	40 years.
	Kerry Stienkruis	F	11 years.
	Katherine Stienkruis	F	2 years.

Katherine Stienkruis was buried near where her body was recovered, on the 29th March, and a service for her and the other people who lost their lives was conducted by Rev Beaver the following day.

Black.
Black.
Patrol Officer.

SITUATION REPORT.

No information for the standard situation report was gathered by this patrol. The last thing in everyone's mind at the time was political, social and economic development.

