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PATROL REPORTS

SEPIK DISTRICT

TELEFOMIN & OKSAPMIN 1963/64

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>TELEFOMIN</u>		
1-63/64	M. Briar	Mt Fugilil
5-63/64	K.N.J. Allen	Peramin, Tifalmin, Urapmin
6-63/64	K.N.J. Allen	Peramin, Tifalmin, Urapmin
7-63/64	N.L. Wilson	Peramin, Telefomin Local and Eliptamin
<u>OKSAPMIN</u>		
1-63/64	A. Marks	Section Strickland Gorge area
2-63/64	A. Marks	Section Strickland Gorge and Upper Tekin River area
3-63/64	J.T. Stobart	Right Tekin Valley
4-63/64	A. Marks	Fu River, Duranmin, Moduanmin and part Hewa areas
8-63/64	P.J. Lancaster	Diap River



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK (TELEFOMIN) Report No. 1-63/64
 Patrol Conducted by M. BRIAR CPO
 Area Patrolled MT. FUGILIK
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 5 (4 AMERICAN USAF, 1 AUSTRALIAN ARMY)
 Natives 5 POLICE, 1 INTERPRETER, 50-90 CARRIERS.
 Duration—From 14/8/1963 to 31/8/1963
 Number of Days 18
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO.
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5-6/1963
 Medical 5/19
 Map Reference SEE SKETCH MAP
 Objects of Patrol ACCOMPANY AMERICAN MIA RECONNAISSANCE PARTY

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

4/10/1963.

L. J. Linsler
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

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Ref: 67-8-8

Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

24th October, 1963.

The District Officer,
South Sepik District,
WEWAK.


PATROL NO. 1-63/64

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of :-

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* Patrol Report No. 1-63/64 TELEFOMIN

covering Patrol by M. BRIAR CPO


(J. K. McCarthy).
DIRECTOR.

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District Office,
Sepik District,
WENAK.

4th October, 1963

The Assistant District Officer,
TELEFOMH.

PATROL REPORT TELEFOMH NO. 1/63-64

Receipt of the abovementioned report is
acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. Briar has satisfactorily completed the
work of assisting the American party to establish itself
itself in the area and I agree that there is no need for
Mr. Briar to remain with it.

G. Linsley
(G. LINSLEY)

DISTRICT OFFICER - SOUTH SEPIK

→ c.c. The Director, Department of Native Affairs, Konodobu

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Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN.

26th September, 1963.

The District Officer,
South Sepik District,
WEWAK.

TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT 1-63/64.
ACCOMPANY AMERICAN RECONNAISSANCE PARTY.
Mr. M. BRIAR, C.P.O.

Attached please find original and duplicate of the above report, together with two sketch maps of the area visited and claim for camping allowance.

The Diary and general section of the report are presented clearly, and the officer-in-charge of the American party was pleased with the assistance given him by Mr. Briar.

As at today, the Americans still have a number of serious problems including an unserviceable helicopter at Wewak, radio communication difficulties, and a number of others. However, all their difficulties are ones that concern the American party only. My main concern has been that the Department of Native Affairs at Telefomin has assisted in every way within our capabilities.

It appears that a suitable site, but a very difficult one to prepare, has been found on a high ridge on the Hindenberg Range overlooking the Telefomin valley. This site would be approximately 6 miles east of FUGILIL, and approximately 12 miles west of Telefomin.

My present intention is not to return Mr. Briar to the reconnaissance party. I offered Major Gross the services of Mr. Briar again, and while he would have been very happy to have this assistance again, the Major stated that they could carry on quite well with the five members of the

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Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary and Interpreter TOM.
The police and interpreter were specially chosen. It was
agreed that Mr. Briar at the present would be more useful on
normal duties assisting me at Telefomin, but his services
would be available if required for special work in the future.

For information, please.

A.V. Esdale

(F.V.ESDALE)
Assistant District Officer.

PATROL REPORT NO 1 - 63/64

INTRODUCTION:

This report covers an escort patrol of 18 days to Mt Fugillil with four members of U.S.A.F. geodetic team (Major Gross, Lt Hagt rg, Cpl Yandle and Cpl Rice) and one member of Australian Army (Sgt Dawson).

Reference should be made to Telefomin Patrol No 10-62/63 conducted by Mr. J.R. McArthur for details of terrain, tracks, camp sites etc. I can add nothing further without indulging in pointless repetition.

Carriers:

Although 90 carriers seems rather a large number when compared to the carrier strength of Patrol No 10, one has to consider that on this occasion an enormous amount of equipment was carried - jackhammers (2) drills, fuel (8 drums), gelignite, shovels, axes, stores and tentage for six european personnel plus additional for Police carriers etc, in fact the 90 men were not able to cope with the full amount and actually had to shuttle cargo in relays.

All but thirty carriers were paid off on top of Mt Fugillil at the rate of 2/- per day. The remainder were kept on to clear proposed site areas etc.

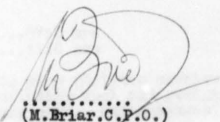
Both the Police and Carriers were well provided for with regards to blankets, cold shirts and food, by the U.S.A.F. and they carried out their duties well in conditions that were foreign to them.

No cases of sickness were recorded on the mountain although there were the usual cases of lacerations etc.

Conclusion:

The patrol suffered numerous setbacks in it's attempt to locate a site for the station - jackhammers refused to start in the high altitude, Fugillil ridge 1 was found to be unsuitable due to a high ridge situated to the north, Lone tree ridge was unsuitable due to nature of terrain, and the helicopter failed to arrive at the expected time due to mechanical breakdown.

The day after I left the American party to return to Telefomin they themselves withdrew back to Tifalmin to await the arrival of the helicopter in rather more pleasant surroundings.


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(M. Briar, C.P.O.)
Telefomin

DIARY
Telefomin Patrol No 1 - 63/64

14th August 1963. Wednesday.

Departed Telefomin Station.....1100 hrs
Arrived Urapmin Rest House.....1640 hrs

Departed Stationx accompanied by four members of U.S.A.F. geodetic team, one member of Australian Army, five members of R.P.N.G.C, one interpreter and fiftytwo carriers. Very slow walk to Urapmin Rest House. Slept night.

15th August 1963. Thursday.

Departed Urapmin Rest House.....0815 hrs
Arrived Tifalmin Rest House.....1240 hrs

Departed Urapmin arrived Tifalmin airstrip and rest house. One policeman plus twenty carriers with cargo of gellignite and fuel arrived 1630 hrs. Radio contact Telefomin 1615 hrs. Slept night.

16th August 1963. Friday.

Departed Tifalmin Rest House.....1630 hrs
Arrived Upper Tifalmin Rest House.....1715 hrs

Awaited arrival of store by plane. Radio contact Telefomin 1615 hrs - aircraft turned back to Wewak due to bad weather approaches to Telefomin. Walked to Upper Tifalmin rest house. Slept night.

17th August 1963. Saturday.

Departed Upper Tifalmin Res. House.....0730 hrs
Arrived Tifalmin Rest House.....0815 hrs
Departed Tifalmin Rest House.....1415 hrs
Arrived Upper Tifalmin Rest House.....1500 hrs
Departed Upper Tifalmin Rest House.....1530 hrs
Arrived Valley camp.....1630 hrs

Two Police and fortytwo carriers sent on ahead over range with heavy equipment. Other carriers plus Lt Hagberg (USAF) myself and two Police returned to Tifalmin airstrip to await arrival of plane and stores. Further carriers engaged at Tifalmin and Buifilman to cope with influx of more cargo, bringing carrier strength up to ninety. Departed airstrip with large proportion of stores - walked back to Upper Tifalmin rest house, assembled whole party and walked up to the head of the valley to camp spot close to Hindenberg Range. Camp set up in heavy rain. Slept night.

18th August 1963. Sunday.

Departed Valley Camp.....0750 hrs
Arrived Mountain Pass Camp.....1140 hrs

Ascended Hindenberg Range. Met two Police plus fortytwo carriers returnin back to Tifalmin to collect more cargo including fuel and gellignite. Descended Range through Moss forest to camp site. Under canvas. Radio contact Telefomin 1615 hrs. Slept night.

19th August 1963. Monday.

Departed Mountain Pass Camp.....0930 hrs
Arrived Base Camp.....1300 hrs

Walked to half way up Mt Fugilil through bamboo and moss forest. Set up camp on side of mountain at McArthur's camp site. Gellignite and fuel party arrived late afternoon. Heavy rain evening and night - very cold. Slept night.

20th August 1963. Tuesday.

Departed Base Camp.....0930 hrs
Arrived Fugillil Ridge 1 Camp.....1130 hrs

Party ascended to original camp site of previous USAF team. Cargo shuttled up mountain during day. Carriage of heavy equipment difficult due to steep ascent and moss forest growth. Slept night. Radio contact Telefomin 1615 hrs.

21st August 1963. Wednesday.

Clearing and preliminary survey of original partially completed site. Very cold. Radio contact Telefomin 1615 hrs. Slept night.

22nd August 1963. Thursday.

Walked over towards higher 'Lone tree' ridge (approx. 10,500') situated to the east - accompanied by Maj. Gross, Lt Hagberg of USAF and one Policeman. Hard walking - no solid ground, only tree roots and tops of alpine brush. From ridge just immediately west of 'Lone tree' Fugillil 1 site seen to be unsuitable due to high range to the north (not seen at camp site due to tree growth etc) Clear view of Star Mountains and area as far as Mt Juliana obtained. Deep crevasse obstructed party from progressing to 'Lone tree' ridge - returned to camp. Radio contact 1615 hrs Telefomin. Slept night.

23rd August 1963. Friday.

Work continued on preparation of Helicopter pad on Fugillil 1 in order that USAF could start aerial survey of surrounding mountains on Helicopters arrival. Radio contact Telefomin 1615 hrs. Slept night.

24th August 1963. Saturday.

Lack of rain and the drying up of small water hole necessitated carriage of water from Base camp. Work continued on Helicopter pad - slowed down by refusal of jackhammers to start at that altitude, result unable to blast limestone pinnacles with efficiency. Native party sent over to 'Lone tree' ridge to find access, water and to investigate the feasibility of putting a camp there. Party returned in late afternoon advised that ridge consisted of merely rock pinnacles and deep sink holes, no water, no possibility of establishing camp. Radio contact Telefomin 1615 hrs. Slept night.

25th August 1963. Sunday.

Observed. carriers sent to carry water from base of mountain.

26th August 1963. Monday.

Decision reached to withdraw from Fugillil 1 back to Mountain pass camp - mainly due to lack of water at site. Two Police plus carriers sent down mountain with some of the cargo. Radio contact 1615 hrs. Slept night.

27th August 1963. Tuesday.

Departed Fugillil Ridge 1 camp.....1000hrs
Arrived Mountain Pass Camp.....1345 hrs

Descended mountain in medium rain to Mountain pass camp - very muddy. Radio contact Telefomin 1615 hrs. Slept night.

28th August 1963. Wednesday.

At camp site. Carriers plus two Police sent back up mountain to collect rest of cargo - gelignite and fuel etc. Rough Helicopter pad constructed. Radio contact Telefomin 1615 hrs. No news of Helicopter. Slept night.

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29th August 1963. Thursday

At camp as above. Contact Radio Telefomin 1200 and 1615 hrs. Helicopter not in operation. Slept night.

30th August 1963. Friday.

At camp as above - heavy rain. Sgt Dawson of Aust. Army departed camp for Tifalmin accompanied by ~~two~~ three police plus carriers. Radio contact Telefomin 1200 and 1615 hrs received instructions to Return to Station in preparation for A.S.O.P.A. exams. Slept night.

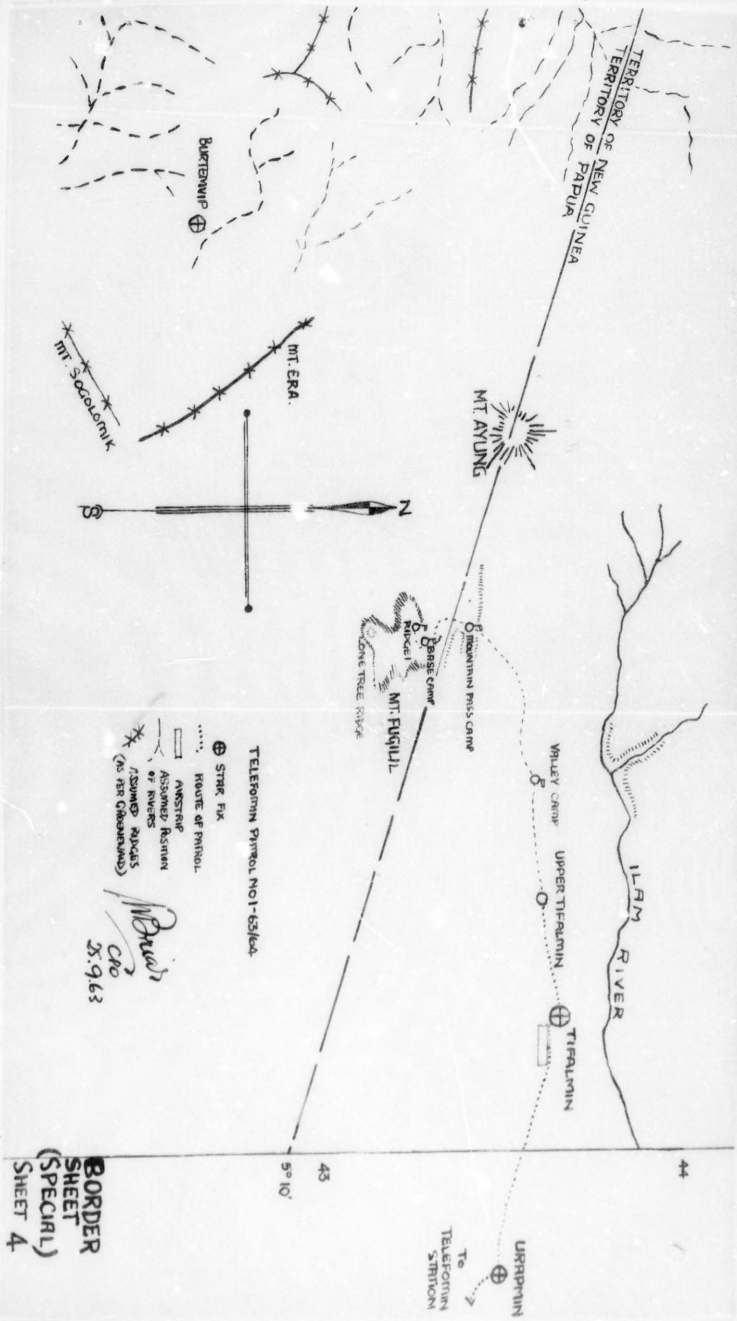
31st August 1963. Friday Saturday.

Departed Mountain Pass Camp.....	0745 hrs
Arrived Tifalmin airstrip.....	1050 hrs
Departed above by M.A.F.....	1430 hrs
Arrived Telefomin.....	1440 hrs

After giving instructions to Police and interpreter departed camp walked to Tifalmin airstrip, thence by M.A.F. cessna to Telefomin. Reported back to A.D.O.

END OF DIARY

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... SOUTH SEPIK Report No. 5 of 1963/64 (OKSAEMIN)

Patrol Conducted by... MARKS

Area Patrolled... TEKIN VALLEY

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 13/1/1964 to 27/1/1964

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol... Political Education

Director of Native Affairs,
FORT 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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
TELEFONIN.

9th April, 1964.

The District Officer,
South Sepik,
WEWAK.

OKSAPMIN PATROL REPORT - 5-63/64
TEKIN VALLEY - A. MARKS

Attached please find two copies of the above memorandum of patrol.

13th January. It was sad and unfortunate that the boy did not recover.

21st January. It is pleasing to see from this and other sections of the diary the improvement in the attitude of the Tekin people. As the WAWULMINS and LINDAMINS appear to be somewhat apathetic the next census patrol to the Tekin must ensure that some time is spent in these two areas, and that at census time, which is a time when all the people are present, that the aims and laws of the Administration are explained at length to the people.

Appendix A. I am pleased that Mr. Marks arranged this course but not surprised by any of his comments. It is a start, and makes the work of succeeding officers so much easier.

I also would like to see some of the brighter 'stars' at Oksapmin visit Wewak. Can something be done in this regard, please?

F. V. Esdale
(F.V. ESDALE)
Assistant District Officer.

5-63/64 OKS.

TELECOMIN.

SEPIK.

ARTHUR MARKS.

ONSAPMIN (TERKIN VALLEY).

POLITICAL EDUCATION RE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.

13/1/64

28/1/64

Thirteen (13).

Arthur Marks

TERRITORY OF PAFUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Oksapmin Patrol Report No. 5-63/64.

Diary.

13th January, 1964.

Departed station 0825hrs and arrived Mission 1020hrs. Patrol moved on to set up camp at TEKMIN. Self visited MISSION and general discussions with Rev. R. Williams who had just arrived to relieve Rev. Bricknell for six months. Departed MISSION with Constable AITUM and interpreter, TANDET 1240hrs. Passed DUANMIN 1440hrs, and after 10mins encountered a small boy sitting on side of track with bad stomach wound. Apparently he had fallen from a tree onto a stake which had penetrated his lower abdomen. Inquisitive bystanders ordered to construct a stretcher - and with Constable AITUM accompanying the party returned to the MISSION. An emergency flight took the boy into WEWAK the following morning but he died several days after an operation.

Arrived campsite 1505hrs - not where originally planned to be because of shortage of water at old site (in old BAKMIN garden - took census here in January, 1963). A cousin of the wounded boy, UDOK, was sent to the MISSION to accompany the boy into WEWAK. He would act as interpreter, as his pidgin is quite good.

Steady rain during afternoon and night. TEKMIN and BAKMIN groups informed that they were to attend talks re the forthcoming Territory elections - and they were asked to assemble at the campsite tomorrow morning. Small quantity of feed purchased for the patrol's carrier line.

Five-on-track:

14th January, 1964.

Lined TEKMINs and BAKMINs and gave talks on elections, outlined general functions of the House of Assembly, and procedure which would be adopted during casting of ballot papers. Seven men volunteered to attend a course at Oksapmin on the elections in approximately two weeks.

Departed camp 1245hrs and arrived DUANMIN 1340hrs. Sufficient feed purchased. Talks given on elections in the evening to several visitors into the camp.

15th January, 1964.

Heavy rain early morning. Miserable attendance by DUANMINs. Told those who had come to return and inform their kin it was necessary for all - including women - to hear the talk on the approaching elections. A quiet day, very few locals into camp, feed purchased for carriers.

16th January, 1964.

Excellent attendance in morning. Talks given and several men selected to attend course at station. Restless audience, and obviously obviously struggling to comprehend all

16th January, 1964 (cont'd): information given them. Departed DUANMIN 0942hrs and arrived TOMIANMIN 1020hrs. The road had been cut, and three rough buildings erected at campsite. Many locals present - were asked to assemble on Saturday afternoon 1900hrs. Police and carriers remained at TOMIANMIN and self departed for station 1145hrs. Arrived MISSION 1245hrs - departed at 1450hrs and arrived station 1638hrs. It was necessary for me to return to the station to inspect work being carried out on strip, and also give weather reports for the aircraft due in tomorrow.

19th January, 1964.

Aircraft did not come in on the 17th - but arrived yesterday. Word sent to the TOMIANMINS re the delay, and all asked to assemble tomorrow morning. Departed station 1315hrs at MISSION 1510hrs. Departed MISSION 1627hrs and arrived camp at TOMIANMIN 1725hrs. New road had been cut leading into camp, also the ARANINGMINS had commenced clearing their section of road. Several elders visited camp and talks given them on elections. All keen to learn, but found it hard to understand that the House of Assembly would consist of many people from numerous races - and would not be 'a man'.

20th January, 1964.

A good rellup early morning, talks given them. Departed for ARANINGMIN at 1100hrs - arrived camp 1122hrs. Three shelters had been built and a good road cut. Heavy rain during afternoon - few locals brought in feed.

21st January, 1964.

Poor attendance by ARANINGMINS and ARAMKAMINS in morning. Talks given on elections and several men to attend course at station. Departed camp and moved down the valley to KUSANMIN arriving at campsite 1215hrs. Several shelters had been constructed, and general camp area cleaned. It was heartening to see all groups clearing their section of the main track in the TEKIN valley, and also erecting shelters for the comfort of patrol personnel. No immediate directive had been given for such work. People of the Oksapmin are slowly shedding the apathy regularly commented on over the past two years. Word sent to all MIANOMIN, SEMBATI, TAVINGMIN and KUSANMIN groups to attend talks in the morning.

Ample feed purchased - heavy overnight rain.

22nd January, 1964.

A cold, wet and bleak morning. Meagre representation from four groups. All disbursed, and told to emphasize the importance of hearing the talks to their kinsmen - all were told to come in the morning again 'en masse' this time. Interpreters round to all groups in afternoon stressing attendance in the morning. Miserable day - small quantity of feed - and very few into camp.

23rd January, 1964.

A satisfactory attendance from all groups early

23rd January, 1964 (cont'd): morning and talk given.

Departed camp 1130 and arrived station 1310hrs.

24th January, 1964.

Mr. M. Flavel (candidate Madang - Sepik Special) and Weani-- Weani Ibeksimek (candidate Upper Sepik Open) in yesterday per AMAF and gave electioneering talk to approximately two hundred locals. All groups were informed of Mr. Flavel's intended visit well beforehand - but again little interest was shown by the Oksapmins.

Departed station 1000hrs - and arrived WAWULMIN 1115hrs. Police had set up camp here on the 23rd whilst I had gone back to the station. The bridge over TERKIN, and quite close to the camp, had been washed away, necessitating a detour of 20mins through 'pitpit' and over sloughy track. Poor state of affairs. During early afternoon all locals assembled and with police assistance, a bridge built across TERKIN (12' span here, only).

Talks given on the elections to WAWULMINs and LINDANMINs after bridge completed. None into camp late evening for the usual informal discussions. These two groups displayed their normal reticent selves, and WAWULMIN in particular has never co-operated during my term in Oksapmin. Although 'patience' is the magic word, the WAWULMINs will need to be 'smartened up' to bring them in line with most other Oksapmin groups who are now beginning to show some interest in the Administration and Mission.

25th January, 1964.

Departed WAWULMIN 0815hrs and arrived DISANMIN campsite 0946. Spoke on elections to small group who had gathered at the campsite. DISANMIN is an extension group of the DUANMINs and many had been present at DUANMIN when I had spoken on the elections.

Several men selected for course at the station, and departed for YUANMIN 1330hrs. Arrived YUANMIN campsite 1453hrs and heavy rain hindered organization of camp for several hours.

Drizzle during afternoon - no visitors to camp. Beginning to wonder in terms of the advert: ' did you Pretex yourself this morning ? '

27th January, 1964.

Talks given early morning. YUANMIN an extension group of TOMIANMIN and consisting of family units with garden holdings through to the KUTIGIN boundary. A good attendance, and several keen to attend course. Departed YUANMIN 1134hrs - passed DISANMIN campsite 1400hrs - road being enthusiastically cleared, and several detours cut - passed Hicks' old LINDANMIN campsite 1522hrs, and arrived BETIANMIN camp 1501- 1521hrs. The BETIANMINs had built three shelters close to the main Oksapmin track leading back to the station. Ample feed purchased - discussions on forthcoming elections with interested elders.

28th January, 1964.

Talks given. Good attendance. Departed 1130hrs and arrived station 1210hrs.

Oksapmin Patrol Report No. 5-63/64/APPENDIX A.

A course for 22 OKSAPMINS - selected on this patrol - was held at the station from the 3rd-6th February. They were given 2-hour lectures in the mornings and afternoons. All appeared eager, and willing to learn. However, although they grasped little of what was explained - the fact that they volunteered and presented themselves and presented themselves at the station on the appointed date augers well for future enlightenment.

The OKSAPMINS simply did not understand references to candidates, electorates and other relative information pertaining to the House of Assembly. Therefore, emphasis was placed on explaining who and what the Government was, and its immediate functions in respect to the OKSAPMIN peoples. The course took on all aspects of a minor adult education course - and through this an understanding of the mere basic principles of the elections was sought.

During November, December and January evening talks were given on the elections to all station personnel. Most piece police gained substantial knowledge - but the OKSAPMINS working permanently on the station - and many speaking pidgin - were nonplussed over the entire period. Consequently, wonderful achievements were not expected during the course, where even the interpreters only vaguely understood what was told them.

I would recommend that a group of selected OKSAPMINS be sent to WEWAK for one of these adult education courses. I am sure the organisers would find a receptive and intrigued audience. Most of these people live and die within the walls of their valleys, and have utterly no conception of what lies over the ranges to the north. A course such as this would certainly enhance Administration prestige in the area.

Arthur Marks
Arthur Marks.
Patrol Officer.

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27th May, 1964.

District Officer,
South Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5-61/64 - TELEFONIN:

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Please convey to the officers concerned in the election education and the conduct of the poll, my warmest thanks for their efforts. The result of the poll reflects how well they worked.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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District Office,
Sepik District,
WERAK.

22nd April, 1964

The Assistant District Officer,
TELEFOMIN.

TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT NO. 5/63-64 - FERAMIN,
TIFALMIN, URAPMIN - MR. K.N.J. ALLEN. C.F.O

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

The patrol was well conducted and the report well written. As you say, the election results are indicative of the effectiveness of the political education work done in this area.

This report is numbered 5. I still have not received Telefomin Patrol Report No. 3.

The lists of Patrol Reports received are -

1. M. BRIARD: escort for U.S. Geodetic Survey Party
2. J.R. McARTHUR: Eliptamin
3. -
4. J.R. McARTHUR: Tifalmin-Urapmin
5. K.N.J. ALLEN: Feramin, Tifalmin, Urapmin

[Signature]
(G. LINSLEY)

DISTRICT OFFICER - SOUTH SEPIK

→ c.c. The Director, Department of Native Affairs, Konedobu

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN.

25th March, 1964.

The District Officer,
South Sepik District,
WEWAK.

TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT 5-63/64.
K.N.J.ALLEN, Cadet Patrol Officer.

I attach three copies of the above Patrol report and one copy of map.

ELECTIONS.

To give you some idea of the success of our programme in the Tifalmin, Urapmin, and Feramin areas, I would advise that 100 percent of the eligible voters voted at Tifalmin, and over 95 percent at Feramin and Urapmin. This I consider was a very good effort, and reflects creditably on the work of our officers in these areas.

MISSIONS.

There are probably not more than 300 baptised people in the Sub-District. However the Baptist Mission reaches many more than those baptised, and exerts a quite considerable influence in the Telefomin and Eliptamin valleys.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

Generally, the soil in the Telefomin area is poor, but for the comparatively small population I still have no doubts that there is sufficient good soil in patches to support a cash crop of some sort.

I am hoping that the Department of Agriculture will test this area for pyrethum.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

I would recommend that we approach the Department of Agriculture about pyrethum before considering the hydro scheme.

GENERAL.

This I consider is quite a good report for a routine patrol. Mr. Allen has a good manner with the Native people, and I have no doubt that with further experience he will develop into a good all-round Native Affairs officer. His work has continued to improve during his time here at Telefomin.

F.V. ESDALE
(F.V.ESDALE)

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT No 8 - 63/64.

OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL: K.W.J. Allen, C.P.O..
AREA PATROLLED. PERAMIN, SIPALMIN, URAPMIN.
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING 6 members R.P.&N.G.C,
1 interpreter.
DURATION OF PATROL 31-1-64 to 12-2-64.
NUMBER OF DAYS 10 days.
OBJECTIVES Electoral Education,
General Administration.
LAST PATROL TO AREA. B.N.A. Electoral Education
January 1964.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was essentially a follow-up Electoral Education Patrol to enlarge and perhaps enlighten on previous talks. The people, although still in a backward and primitive state, were able to grasp the main points explained to them.

The terrain is rather rough and the patrol was most fortunate in having some assistance from aircraft which cut down costs of cargo carrying considerably.

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DIARY.

- 31-1-64 Friday Readied cargo and weighed same. Issued instructions and ammunition to police - who left at 0700 hrs for FERAMIN. Departed Telefomin, with Sergeant MAILA, at 1315 hrs by M.A.F. Cessna. On arrival FERAMIN Mission "airstrip" was met by villagers and walked 15 mts up to the Rest House. Brief talks with some village men and established camp generally. Slept FERAMIN.
- 1-2-64 Saturday Spoke at great length about all aspects of the Elections to assembled natives - a few hundred. P.M. Inspected the nearby villages and found these to be reasonable. Talks with various villagers, general, PM. Slept FERAMIN.
- 2-2-64 Sunday More talks to village men re the Election Interest shown. P.M. Observed. Slept FERAMIN.
- 3-2-64 Departed FERAMIN at 0800 hrs and arrived TELEFOMIN at 1100 hrs over a very bad wet track.
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- 7-2-64 Friday Readied and weighed cargo. Instructions and ammunition was issued to police previous day. Departed TELEFOMIN at 1330 hrs, with Sgt. MAILA accompanying, - for TIPALMIN by M.A.F. Cessna. Arrived TIPALMIN Mission 'strip and was met by local villagers. Walked for 30 mts up to the 'top' BUPULMIN Rest House. Met Messrs. Cranstone and Lee, the British Museum Expedition, who were occupying the rest house. Police and villagers set up my tent near the Rest House. Talks with various men re general subjects. Tea with Cranstone and Lee. Heavy rain. Slept BUPULMIN.
- 8-2-64 Saturday Spoke at great length about all aspects of the coming Elections, to a fair sized crowd. P.M. Inspected nearby villages and found these to be reasonable. Talks with various villagers about the Elections and other general matters late afternoon. Tea and general discussions with Cranstone and Lee until late P.M. - ground fog and drizzle, cold night. Slept BUPULMIN.
- 9-2-64 Sunday Partly observed. Talks with various men Sent word for the Lower TIPALMIN people to be assembled tomorrow morning.
- 10-2-64--Monday

- 10-2-64 Monday Departed BUPULMIN in drizzling rain and arrived at the OKSIVIP (Lower TIFALMIN) Rest House at 0815 hrs. At 0830hrs villages reported that a woman had been swept away by the flooded LLAM River. I despatched 2 Constables with ropes to assist village men - the body was recovered 1/2 mile downstream. After obtaining permission from wailing relatives, artificial respiration (with assistance from police and village men) was tried without success for 5 1/2 hours until rigor mortis set in. Death was caused not so much by the drowning as from severe head injuries inflicted by rocks in the stream. Due to this incident I cancelled the scheduled talk - and gave a talk instead, to village men who came at 2000 hrs. Slept OKSIVIP Rest House (near Mission 'strip).
- 11-2-64 Tuesday Departed TIFALMIN at 0800hrs and arrived URAPMIN at 1100hrs over a hard wet track. Sgt. MAILA (who obviously is not suitable for mountain patrolling) staggered in 1 1/2 hrs later, sick. Had talks with various village men who were at the Rest House and went and inspected closer hamlets. Slept URAPMIN.
- 12-2-64 Wednesday Gave extensive talks re all aspects of the Elections to assembled people - 200. Departed URAPMIN at 1100 hrs and arrived at Telefomin Station after a hard walk at 1410 hrs.
- PATROL STOOD DOWN.
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ELECTIONS.

Because of previous Electoral Education patrols to all three centres the people had more than a vague idea of what the new development was, interest was apparent and most adults at FERAMIN, TIPALAMIN and URAFMIN gathered to hear the talk.

I ran over aspects covered in the previous talks and explained more fully the more abstract reasons motivating the Elections. However though some of the keener, younger people may have gained a little from the talks in this direction, the majority of the listeners did not benefit greatly and seemed much more attentive when the actual mechanics of voting were discussed and demonstrated for them. Speaking through interpreters certainly does not aid a speaker trying to put across a new and difficult subject - a large percentage of the over-all value of the points raised and discussed is usually lost, and the people tend to become bored with waiting to hear the translation.

However the people seem to have grasped basic, fundamental facts and should be able to credit themselves satisfactorily on the day. They have had explained to them the names of the candidates and areas comprising their Electorates, Open and Special, - and have been advised to discuss the subject among themselves in their villages as it is a matter concerning not only educated coastal natives, and Europeans, but all of us. It is most likely that a high percentage of the population will come to poll on the day.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The patrol was favourably received at all three cantres, - FERAMIN, TIFALMIN (Upper and Lower), and URAPMIN. Village officials were all present to greet us on arrival and a high percentage of the population came to hear the talks about the Elections. Although we were fortunate to have some assistance from Cessna aircraft to do some ferrying on the outward legs of the patrol we had two 'walk-backs' and no difficulty was experienced in obtaining cargo carriers for these. The men were helpful and anxious to assist at all times.

The various hamlets were inspected in all areas and were usually satisfactory with regard to general hygiene and sanitation - though not all that is to be desired. Attempts had been made in most villages - evidence of freshly cut grass, burnt rubbish etc., to present some picture of cleanliness. Houses are still the traditional split stick and grass, (raised) dwelling; - lined with bark inside for protection against severe cold. Pigs and dogs sleep in the bush or in the houses with the people.

The two members of the British Museum Expedition (apparently doing Ethnological work) have established themselves in the Rest House at BUPULMIN (Upper Tifalmin) and have won the confidence of the populace there. The villagers are bringing in to them the desired artefacts and are happily demonstrating gardening techniques, housing and bridge building methods and so forth.

No complaints or contentious matters were raised by the people.

HEALTH.

Aid Posts have been established at FERAMIN and OKSIVIP (Lower Tifalmin) manned by reasonably competent Aid Post Orderlies. From general observation health and general hygiene was good - however this patrol did not include measles and any bad cases of sores, burns or other sickness would doubtlessly be left in the villages when the people came to the Rest Houses.

The Orderly at FERAMIN expressed his desire to transfer from FERAMIN as the people did not supply him with food and other things. The Orderly wished to return to the Miptiman Valley, his home area. I advised him that he should approach the Medical Assistant when one is posted to TELEFOMIN in the near future.

I inspected the Aid Posts and found them to be reasonable - bottles and medicines etc. labelled, rubbish tins regularly emptied and so forth. Both Posts appear to have the confidence of the people and are fulfilling a useful function.

MISSIONS

Currently there is only the Australian Baptist Mission Society Inc., actively operating in the area. This growing body is controlled by Mr. Don Doull and has a trained Sister, both of whom fly regularly out to the small mission 'strips' by M.A.F. aircraft to ~~indulge in~~ *carry out* infant welfare work and general missionary matters. The mission influence is not great and there are in actual fact only a few devotees in each centre. Small literacy classes are being held by mission trained young men in each centre. The aim here being to teach the people to read and write in their own language and in pidgin - possibly English for the more intelligent.

AGRICULTURE, and LIVESTOCK.

There is currently nothing of importance in this field. The soil in the area is reportedly very poor and stoney. Perhaps some research may benefit regarding the introduction of some livestock - if economically sound and feasible. Mr. P.O. McArthur made a suggestion regarding stocking the streams with fish - something may possibly be attempted in this direction.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT.

The only current source of income throughout the area is payment for cargo carrying from the various patrols - and to some extent the sale of artefacts and fresh vegetables to station personell.

Unlike other Sepik sub-districts not much can be expected even agriculturally - most land being steep rocky mountain slopes, washed out valley floors or poor and apparently unproductive swampy flats. Much of the low quality soil would possibly be due to the basic limestone layer throughout.

Unless some pastoral or mineral enterprise is evolved the small population is deemed to remain poor, if not backward for the foreseeable future. At present the people are gaining education without a supporting economy. The result of this could be that more and more of the younger men will eventually leave to work in the more developed and promising coastal areas thus giving rise eventually to greater difficulties. Were the Aust. Government politically confident to a greater extent, and prepared to divert money into more long term and 'secondary' projects in the Territory, - the Telefomin valley with the strong youthfull Sepik river draining it through a narrow chasm at the western end would possibly make an excellent hydro-electricity scheme. However this is of course merely speculating. In the meantime there would seem to be a need for more research regarding some sort of money-making in the area, - though there are doubtlessly many more areas more in need of research and development than the backward, under populated Telefomin valley.

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REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE R.P.& N.G.C. ACCOMPANYING.

It should be noted that as the patrol was of a very brief nature I did not have sufficient opportunity to properly gauge the capabilities and deficiencies of the police accompanying. Also some members came on the shorter PERAMIN leg of the patrol and some came on longer TIFALMIN and URAFMIN trip.

6185	Sgt MAILA	A conscientious, able and commanding N.C.O. - but he is not suitable for mountain patrolling due to his physical condition (which is too late to change). Most respectfull.
10900	MIRGAM T/Const.	Satisfactory.
8224	KAUBE Const. 13yrs.	Satisfactory.
8477	MODEIP Const. 11yrs.	Satisfactory.
8992	PIGI Const. 10yrs.	Good bush worker.
9494	WAGIN Const. 9yrs.	Satisfactory.
10421	WAMOI Const. 5yrs.	Satisfactory.
8695	YAGANUGU " 12yrs.	Satisfactory.
	WAMI	Satisfactory.

The attitude of police to people and people to police was ~~affectionate~~ usually friendly and affable - due partly no doubt to the presence of some local members. However the police were at all times alert and in a position to cope with trouble.

K.N.J. Allen
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K.N.J. Allen
Cadet Patrol Officer.

CONCLUSION.

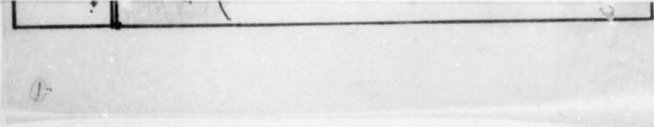
The duties of the patrol were ~~assigned~~ clear cut and were successfully completed. The areas patrolled were co-operative and peaceable towards the patrol and no contentious matters were raised by the people.

The adult population seemed interested in the Elections and most aspects thereof, and listened to the information given in a patient and courteous manner. All groups had at least a few questions to ask and these were explained as fully as possibly to those inquiring. Applause generally followed each address. Many people too, had reportedly been discussing the Elections in their villages.

The natives are at this stage backward socially, politically and educationally - and no marked improvement can be expected in the foreseeable future.

K.N.J. Allen

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K.N.J. Allen
Cadet Patrol Officer.



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27th May, 1964.

District Officer,
South Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6-1963/64 - TELEFOMIN:

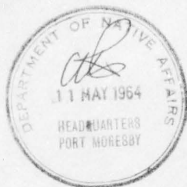
Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. You should take up the matter of medical aid at Telefomin with the District Commissioner.
3. I am pleased Mr. Sedale has clarified the position relating to what is being done in the education field and where responsibility is being accepted.
4. Please ensure that samples of fluid and adequate description of the terrain accompanies the samples when forwarded.
5. The attendance at the polling booths reflects great credit on the officers associated with the electoral education programme.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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District Office,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

5th May, 1964

The Assistant District Officer,
TELEFOMIN.

PATROL REPORT TELEFOMIN NO. 6 of 1963/64 -
ELECTIONS - FERAMIN, TIFALMIN, URAPMIN -
MR. K. N. J. ALLEN

The elections were well conducted by Mr. Allen
and his team in these areas.

I note that under "economic development", para 2,
Mr. Allen stated -

"Oil soaks, or marshy springs smelling of oil
were reported to be on the track from KOMDAVIP
to TELEFOMIN".

Please ensure that the next patrol investigates
and reports on these soaks or springs. Small samples should ✓
be collected and forwarded.

[Signature]
(G. LINSLEY)
DISTRICT OFFICER - SOUTH SEPIK

→ c.c. The Director, Department of Native Affairs, Konedobu

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN.

15th April, 1964.

The District Officer,
South Sepik District,
NEWAK.

TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT No. 6-63/64.

Attached please find Telefomin Patrol Report 6-63/64, which patrol was led by Mr. K.N.J. Allen, Cadet Patrol Officer, accompanied by Mr. D. Ament, Education officer, and Mr. D. Doull of the Baptist Mission to the ELIPTAMIN, FERAMIN, TIPALMIN, and URAPMIN areas for election polling.

EDUCATION.

The literacy classes conducted by the Mission and mentioned by Mr. Allen, do not have any classes in English. The classes consist of a great deal of bible instruction, together with some simple instruction in reading and writing in the vernacular and counting. The teachers themselves probably never went above a Prep 2, perhaps a Standard 1 grade, which will give you an idea of the standard of these classes.

With reference to the eight pupils mentioned as attending the ¹/₂ Telefomin Primart T school, these are young boys who board at the Baptist Mission and attend the Administration school on the station.

HEALTH.

The Sub-District still does not have a Medical Assistant and we have been without one for 4½ months.

ELECTIONS.

As mentioned in an earlier report, there was a 100 percent roll up in the TIPALMIN area, almost 100 percent in the URAPMIN and FERAMIN areas, and a good percentage in the ELIPTAMIN area.

MISSIONS.

Mr. Allen has summed up accurately the policy of the Baptist Mission in this area when he says "...policy is a very passive one entailing gaining the confidence of the people over a long period, eventually training indigenous teachers who would prove more effective in obtaining overall progress."

GENERAL.

Quite a good report. Mr. Allen's work continues to improve, and he does not appear to have any failings which could not be corrected in time.

N. V. E. Dale
(F. Y. ESDALE)

c.c. Mr. K.N.J. Allen,

Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA. (9)

TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT No 6 - 63/64.

OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL: K.N.J. Allen, C.P.O..
AREA PATROLLED : ELIPTIMAN, FERAMIN,
TIFALMIN, URAPMIN.
PERSONELL ACCOMPANYING : Mr. D. Doull - Baptist Mission.
Mr. D. Ament - Education.
6 Members R.P. & N.C.C..
2 Interpreters.
DURATION OF PATROL : 14-2-64 to 5-3-64.
NUMBER OF DAYS : 19 days.
OBJECTIVES : Conduct House of Assembly Election
General Administration.
LAST PATROL TO AREA. : D.N.A. Electoral Education,
January 1964.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol constituted the Telefomin Mobile Polling Team. The team consisted of a Presiding Officer, an Assistant Presiding Officer, a Poll Clerk, and two native Interpreters. The ballot boxes, portable booths and all notices and signs were set up and exhibited at all Polling Centres. The polling places were at TERAPDAVIP and KOMDAVIP in the Eliptiman Valley, FERAMIN in the upper Telefomin Valley, URAPMIN in the lower Telefomin Valley, - and OKSIVIP in the TIFALMIN Valley. General interest was apparent amongst villagers in all areas, and Administration prestige and influence was further consolidated.

DIARY.

- 14-2-64 Friday Issued instructions and ammunition to police and despatched them with other patrol members to TERAPDAVIP, Elapamin Valley.
Organized cargo for shuttles for the Mobile Polling team and finally departed Telefomin at 1330 hrs by M.A.F. Cessna. Walked from the TERAPDAVIP Mission 'strip 15 mts to the TERAPDAVIP Rest House where villagers were waiting. Weather closed in on the valley and the two other members of the Polling team, MR. Doull (Mission) and Mr. Ament (Educ.) were unable to be flown in. Organized the setting up of tables and shelters for the polling.. Slept TERAPDAVIP.
- 15-2-64 Saturday Talks with villagers assembling for polling Messrs Doull and Ament and remaining cargo shuttled in by the M.A.F Cessna, which had remained overnight at Telefomin. Polling commenced and continued until mid-afternoon. General talks with some men after flag ceremony. Slept TERAPDAVIP.
- 16-2-64 Sunday Observed. Walked to, and inspected, TERAPDAVIP. Slept same Rest House.
- 17-2-64 Monday Polling commenced at 0800hrs and continued until mid-day. Investigated a 'sanguma' poisoning and confiscated the needles, but found insufficient evidence to proceed. Slept TERAPDAVIP.
- 18-2-64 Tuesday Departed TERAPDAVIP at 0830hrs with Mr Doull and Mr Ament, 20 carriers, and arrived KOMDAVIP, still in the Elapamin Valley, at 1130hrs. (Mr Ament and self sick). Talks with local natives and constructed bush tables etc. for polling the next day. Inspected KOMDAVIP Aid Post, - reasonable. Slept KOMDAVIP.
- 19-2-64 Wednesday Polling commenced at 0800hrs and continued until mid-afternoon. P.M. Inspection of village - fair. General talks with natives. Slept KOMDAVIP.
- 20-2-64 Thursday Mr. Doull elected to walk back to station because of Mission commitments and departed with some police and some electoral cargo at 0815hrs. Mr. Ament and self departed with the remaining cargo at 0820 hrs and arrived at TERAPDAVIP at 1105hrs. Talks (general) with some villagers. Slept TERAPDAVIP.

- 21-2-64 Friday Mr. Ament, Corporal, one interpreter some cargo and self shuttled back to Telefomin, some police having to walk. Waited for overdue Bell Helicopter for ferrying to FERAMIN but as the Helicopter was grounded in the Hindenberg Ranges due to weather conditions, and did not arrive until late afternoon, slept TELEFOMIN Station.

- 22-2-64 Saturday Helicopter shuttled Mr. Ament, Mr. Doull and self, no police, interpreter and cargo to FERAMIN Rest House in 4 trips (in less than 45 minutes). Local natives much impressed. Polling until mid-afternoon. Slept FERAMIN.
- 23-2-64 Sunday - Sunday observed. Mr. Doull held a church service then elected to return to the station for Mission commitments, and departed at 1200 hrs. Slept FERAMIN.
- 24-2-64 Monday Polling resumed at 0800 hrs but only continued for 15 mts, - and no more votes were cast. However Mr. Ament and self manned booths all day in case late-comers arrived. Slept FERAMIN Rest House.
- 24-2-64 Tuesday Departed FERAMIN at 0815 hrs and after a fast walk on a wet track arrived TELEFOMIN at 1100hrs (2 1/2). Paid carriers and stood petrol down. P.M. Radio skeds, met A.D.O. Esdale on his return from Helicopter survey of Star Mts..

- 28-2-64 Friday Readied and weighed cargo for TIFALMIN patrol. Some general office work and radio skeds. Departed at 1245 hrs per M.A.F. Cessna for TIFALMIN. Messrs Doull and Ament and some polling equipment also ferried by Cessna. ~~Polling~~ Spoke with assembled people re. Elections and set up camp - and polling equipment, at the 'mission strip' OKSIVIP Rest House. Slept OKSIVIP.

- 29-2-64 Saturday Polling commenced at 0800hrs and continued until 1330 hrs. Messrs Cranstone and Lee of the British Museum Expedition filmed the polling. Manned booths until 1800 hrs. General discussions with Luluai and other villagers P.M.. Tea, chess with Ament and Doull. Slept OKSIVIP.
- 1-3-64 Sunday Observed. Walked up to BUPULMIN Rest House (Upper Tifalmin Valley) and lunched with Cranstone and Lee. Visited top hamlet, 1/2 hours walk, and had a general inspection. Returned to OKSIVIP and slept.
- 2-3-64 Monday Manned booths all day but no voters arrived due to the excellent 110% response Saturday. Slept OKSIVIP.

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- 3-3-64 Tuesday Readied cargo and departed OKSIVIP at 0815 hrs. Wet track - arrived URAPMIN at 1135 hrs. Spoke about the Elections to village/area officials, and supervised the setting up of polling booths, bush tables etc.. Slept URAPMIN.
- 4-3-64 Wednesday Polling commenced at 0800 hrs and continued until almost mid-day. Mr. Doull, Mr. Ament and self manned booths however until 1800hrs. Slept URAPMIN.
- 5-3-64 Thursday Departed URAPMIN at 0715 hrs with 20 carriers. 3½ hours of open hot walking over the BEHRMAN Mt. foothills, crossing Sepik River, and Telefomin valley floor, - back to the Station.
Carriers paid and Patrol stood down.

End of Telefomin Mobile Polling Patrol.

ELECTIONS.

The overall response to the Elections was excellent. The polling created wide interest and received a high attendance from villagers of all ages and sex. Unfortunately no photographs of candidates were available but the majority of villagers had in mind a Number One preference and many were able to rattle off all candidates named on the Ballot Papers. They had very little difficulty with the actual mechanics of the polling and the whole polling proceeded quickly and efficiently. ~~but~~ No pressure or urging was bought to bear on the voters to hurry.

It was noticed however that many voters, men and women, became noticeably nervous whilst in the actual polling booth. Village officials and interpreters said that the people had in fact thought about candidates and decided who to vote for in their villages but that ^{they} became a little nervous whilst trying to nominate their preferences, causing some ~~primitive~~ people (usually the more primitive) to forget their original choices. Women participated as much as the men and were not influenced to any great extent by the manner of voting of the males - although the men always voted first. Also it was observed that no villages seemed to have unanimous choices of candidates.

In all the Elections were successfully carried out in the Telefomin, Su Ekiptiman and Peramin valleys. Even though the people complied favourably this time, it was a great step forward in their political education, and the next Elections should be all the more substantiated, contested and successful because of it.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

As with the Pre-Election patrolling, this patrol was favourably received at all villages visited, by all four groups of people. Even though it was emphasized that this was not a Census patrol, and that they were not committed to come if they did not wish to do so, - the attendance at the booths and the voting response were most encouraging.

Once again again we were most fortunate to have aircraft to ferry the patrol quickly and cheaply into the different census divisions, and some Helicopter assistance was also greatly appreciated. On the walk-backs the village men were co-operative with cargo carrying, although in the FERAMIN, TIFALMIN, and URUPMIN areas they had twice carried cargo recently for Pre-Electoral patrols.

Villages and most hamlets were inspected in the presence of village officials (i.e. those in the vicinity of the patrol's route) and apart from these common minor faults, were found to be satisfactory. Pigs and dogs were in and around houses as per usual.

A complaint was made by WAGASEP of ABUNKAMIN that he had been 'sanguad', or poisoned by UTENTIGEN natives.

WAGASEP produced the poison needles and nails which he claimed had been pushed into various parts of his torso and which, after intermittent periods up to 2 months, had been ejected through nostril, eye, penis and ear holes. The needles, about seven, were made from sago thorns, cassowary quill points, and honed wire. The needle WAGASEP claimed to have been ejected through his penis was a wire one about three and a half inches long.

WAGASEP's poisoners were named and came to TERAPDAVIP for questioning. However all three had rather substantial alibis and no charges could be laid against ~~six~~ them. WAGASEP obviously believed that he had been poisoned and had reportedly been ill. Also the case occurred over 12 months previously but I was unable to establish any ulterior reason which would explain the prolonged delay in reporting. Those concerned were warned against using sorcery and the laws and penalties explained.

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The Tul Tul of IBALIBIP hamlet complained that KOMDAVIP villagers had stolen a pig which had wandered into the bush near the hamlet. The complaint was made whilst the patrol was en route KOMDAVIP and the Tul Tul accompanied us there, where the village officials were summoned. The KOMDAVIP Luluni denied any knowledge of the pig and other villagers suggested that it had either died or become wild in the bush. The Tul Tul accepted this happily enough and the matter closed.

At KOMDAVIP a slight incident involving the wife of the KOMDAVIP Aid Post Orderly and Constable MODZIP occurred. Approximately 9.00 o'clock at night the woman was wending her way back from a latrine when the Constable flashed a torch in her direction; she took fright and told her husband that a policeman has attempted to assault her. The Orderly then stormed to the Police barracks and struck MODZIP. Corporal KUSINOK was forced to stop the ensuing scuffle and was himself pushed in the process. The following morning I admonished all offenders severely. I suspect that the woman had been responding to MODZIP's subtle advances during the afternoon, and that the case was one not so much as of 'attack or assault', as of 'unexpected confrontation'.

It was interesting to note that the people of FERAMIN, only 3 hours up the Valley from Telefomin, were less sophisticated than the other groups, including the Eliptiman people. At FERAMIN fewer people wore European manufactured lap laps etc., and fewer spoke Pidgin English than in the three other areas.

MISSIONS.

As explained in Patrol Report No 5 63/64, the only Mission currently in the area is the Telefomin based Australian Baptist Mission controlled by Mr. Don Doull. Mr. Doull's policy is a very passive one entailing gaining the confidence of the people over a long period, eventually training indigenous teachers who would prove more effective in obtaining overall progress. The Mission has been instrumental in the construction of three small 'strips' at FERAMIN, ~~ELIPT~~ TERAPDAVIP and TIPAMIN, and constantly maintain same. Its influence is not great but is steadily growing.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Nothing startling is evolving in this field. Any progress would probably be in agricultural or man-power directions. The Eliptiman valley seems to be slightly more fertile than the Tifalmin or the Tifalmin Valley, and something may be done agriculturally here. Agricultural surveys have been carried out but the usual governing factors such as markets, transport and labour seem to be the current retarding influences. Economic development in the other valleys was covered in Patrol Report No. 5 - an Electoral Education patrol.

In the Eliptiman valley fossils with iron-pyrites were found in shale strata. 'Oil' soaks, or marshy springs smelling of oil were reported to be on the track from KOMDAVIP to TELEFOMIN. Some future mineral or petroleum wealth may stop a coastal exodus of the areas more educated males in the foreseeable future.

EDUCATION.

The natives in all areas are becoming increasingly sophisticated; some more so than others. Young children from all groups are attending the Government school at Telefomin and the Baptist Mission holds regular 'literacy classes' in all areas through trained indigenes. The latter scheme has been introduced by Mr. Don Doull the Baptist missionary and includes adults as well as youths. Approximate figures regarding those enrolled in both forms of advancement are given below:-

* Mission literacy classes		* <u>Telefomin Primary T School</u>
<u>in villages.</u>		
Tifalmin	- 20	Pupils from:-
Urapmin	- 20	Tifalmin
Feramin	- 15	Urapmin
Eliptiman	- 25 (Terapdavip)	Feramin
	15 (Kondavip)	Eliptiman
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HEALTH

Health and Hygiene were reasonable but were not all that is to be hoped for. The patrol didn't involve censusing and not really bad sores, burns, or cases of child neglect were observed. Aid Posts were all inspected and apart from some minor matters appeared to be satisfactory.

CONCLUSION.

The patrol completed those aims which it set out to complete. The people met were friendly and gave their assistance when required to do so. The polling presented no difficulty and the European and native staff selected by the Upper Sepik Returning Officer to assist with the various tasks relative thereto were most able and helpful.

Village to village tracks were usually rather rough and often wet and slushy but with the scattered population and also because Government patrols are not usually frequent, the villagers cannot at this stage be expected to devote an overly intensive track building campaign for our comfort. Some track maintenance however should be organized by village officials from time to time, and Government spades are allocated for this purposes when adequate supplies are available.

In all it would appear that the people are gaining in education, both formal and political, but at the moment do not have a supporting economic development to employ the former.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT.

District of SEPIK. Report No. TELEFOMIN No. 7 of 63/64.
Patrol Conducted by N.L.Wilson. Cadet Patrol Officer.
Areas Patrolled FERAMIN; TELEFOMIN LOCAL and ELIPTAMIN.
Patrol Accompanied by - EUROPEANS NIL.

NATIVES Medical Assistant for Feramin
7 members of R.P.&N.G.C.
1 Interpreter - Sunel.

Duration - From 16/6/64. to 23/6/64.
7/7/64. to 9/7/64.
18/7/64. to 21/7/64.
24/7/64. to 31/7/64.

Number of days 22 Days.

Last Patrol to Area by District Services January 1964.

Medical May 1963

Map Reference MAP ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol CENSUS.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

DIRECTOR OF NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTH SEPIK Report No. 6 of 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by MARKS

Area Patrolled TERANGLIN + TEKIN VALLEYS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 15/2/19 to 27/2/19 64

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

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Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol House of Assembly elections - polling

Director of Native Affairs,
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Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.....

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6-23/64 OKS. TELEFOMIN SEPIK.
ARTHUR MARKS.
OKSAPMIN (TERKIN VALLEY)
1964 ELECTIONS FOR THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

15/2/64 26/2/64
TEN DAYS (10).

John Lee

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Okeapina Patrol Report No. 5-67/64.

Diary.

15th February, 1964.

Elections began on station (Okeapina Static Beeth) 0600hrs. Self as Presiding Officer and Rev. Williams as Assistant Presiding Officer. Beeth closed 1200hrs. Absentee votes cast by station personnel. TERANMIN and SANAPTIANMIN in to vote. Rev. Williams returned to Mission 1215hrs.

16th February, 1964.

Departed station 1400hrs. Arrived KUSANMIN campsite 1540hrs and prepared beeths etc for tomorrow morning.

17th February, 1964.

Rev. Williams arrived from Mission 0745hrs. Elections commenced 0800hrs. KUSANMIN, ARANIMIN, SERBATTI, TAVINMIN and MIANOMIN groups in to vote. Beeth closed 1200hrs - and Rev. Williams returned to Mission.

18th February, 1964.

Departed KUSANMIN 1000hrs and arrived TOMIANMIN 1055hrs. A very good resthouse had been constructed both for self and police. Messareas had been well cleaned. A good effort.

19th February, 1964.

Beeths organized. Rev. Williams arrived camp 0745hrs. Elections commenced 0800hrs. Beeths closed 1200hrs and Rev. Williams departed for Mission 1205hrs.

20th February, 1964.

Patrol departed for station 0700hrs and arrived 0940hrs.

22nd February, 1964.

Departed station 0615hrs and arrived BETIANMIN camp 0730. Police had departed station late yesterday to organize camp. Beeths set up - Rev Williams arrived 0740hrs and elections commenced for the BETIANMINs at 0800hrs. Beeths closed 1200hrs and Rev. Williams departed for Mission 1215hrs.

23rd February, 1964.

Patrol departed BETIANMIN 0615hrs - arrived Mission crossroads 0900hrs. Rested - patrol moved on to DUANMIN 0910hrs - self visited Mission. Departed Mission with Constable BELIAPOSA 1450hrs and arrived DUANMIN 1620hrs. An excellent resthouse had been built, and the track leading into the camp well cleared.

24th February, 1964.

Rev. Williams arrived 0745hrs. Beeths organized, and

24th February, 1964 (cont'd): elections for the DUANMIN, SEREMTI, BAKMIN and TROMIN groups commenced 0600hrs. Beeths closed 1800hrs - Rev. Williams departed for Mission 0615hrs.

25th February, 1964.

Departed DUANMIN 0800hrs - arrived KUSANMIN campsites 0930hrs. Rested. Departed 1000hrs - travelled over undulating country through MIANOMIN settlements - climbed sharply over ridge dividing ARIKA and TEKIN Rivers - followed sluggish and evergreen track and arrived DISANMIN campsites 1152hrs. Several rough shelters had been constructed for patrol.

26th February, 1964.

Beeths readied - Rev. Williams arrived 0747hrs - elections for DISANMIN and YUANMIN groups commenced 0800hrs. Beeths closed 1800hrs.

Departed

27th February, 1964.

Departed DISANMIN 0800hrs for station. Rev. Williams left patrol via track followed on the 25th and returned Mission. Self continued on to station via LINDANMIN. Arrived station 1000hrs.

Approximately 36% of certified Okaspin electors voted. The figure is 4% lower than I expected, but I feel is not unsatisfactory. Superstition and an inherent fear of sorcery play a big part in Okaspin societies. Many elders, including several influential men, did not vote for by marking a ballot paper they believed it could fall into the hands of a 'sungguas meri' and they would eventually be gagged. It was expected that the glistening red ballot box would be ~~view~~ with uncertainty and distrust in many instances. No amount of convincing could persuade the elders that this innocent fibre glass structure did not possess spiritual powers. Approximately 80 women voted. Most were dissuaded by the men - whether through fear of sorcery, or believing that their womenfolk should propagate the species and tend to the gardens only - it is difficult to gauge. When asked directly, inarticulate mumbled phrases were the answers.

Many of the younger generation, particularly those who have worked on the station for several years, now regard many of their former superstitions rather disdainfully. I would not be naive as to reckon the spiritual power of the 'haus tabaram' has been discarded by the younger generation; but it is through them that future political awareness can be conceived. An extensive programme over the next three years dealing with the Territory's Governmental and political structure would certainly benefit these people at the next elections.

Arthur Marks.
Patrol Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
TELEPOMIN.

9th April, 1964.

The District Officer,
South Sepik District,
WEWAK.

OKSAPMIN PATROL REPORT 6-63/64
ELECTION POLLING PATROL - A. MARKS

Attached please find Memorandum of Patrol submitted by Mr. A. Marks, and which covers the polling period in the Teramin and Tekwin valleys of the Oksapmin area.

The political education programme is to continue, and information disseminated on every future patrol. Under these circumstances the Oksapmin people should be able to vote reasonably intelligently in four years time.

Failure of these people to vote reasonably intelligently in four years would be a reflection of the work of future patrol officers in this sphere.

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Assistant District Officer.

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Dept. of Native Affairs,
Konedobu. Papua.

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5th October, 1964.

District Officer,
South Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7-63/4 - TELEFOMIN.

Receipt of the abovementioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

I think it unwise for officers to stimulate people's interest in schools when there is so little chance of schools and teachers being provided.

The fact that village officials can now make arrests and bring the offenders to Telefomin reflects a desirable change in attitude from what it was two or three years ago.

The proposal to show the people how to construct a more durable sheet of "morita" is sound and should be followed. Demonstration is far better than all the talking.


I should be pleased to know why the Department of Public Health does not purchase fresh foods from the people when other Departments do so. This should be rectified.

Seek advice from the Agricultural Officer at Wewak concerning the burnt coffee leaves.

Even though the reported soak did not turn out to be oil, any other such information should be investigated.

The people's attitude appears to be satisfactory.

Mr. Wilson has done a good job.


J. K. McCarthy,
DIRECTOR.

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District Office,
Sepik District,
MEMAL.

22nd September, 1964

The Assistant District Officer,
TELEFOMIN.

PATROL REPORT TELEFOMIN NO. 7 of 1963/64 - FERAMIN,
TELEFOMIN LOCAL and ELIPTAMIN - MR. N. L. WILSON CPO

These were, as you have said, a well conducted patrol and a well presented report. I have been particularly pleased to note Mr. Wilson's steady improvement in the standard of his reporting.

I take it that the Police were used to demonstrate and supervise road construction in the Feramin area only whilst the patrol was there and that they are not being used normally to supervise roadwork - your attention is drawn to the prohibition of this enjoined by the Commissioner of Police in his Circular Instruction No. 47/59 of 19th October, 1959.

It would appear that a Rest House would be conveniently located at SEPKIALIKMIN to serve patrols going beyond to the ATBALMIN and WEST MIANMIN areas, and I am in full agreement with the assistance given this small group to build it.

Why does Public Health Department alone of Administration Departments at Telefomin NOT purchase fresh foods from the people?

Can anything be done to improve the quality of the A.P.O's work at Kamlavip?

Extracts will be made of the sections of the report relating to Agriculture and Education and passed to the relevant Departments' representatives.

The Department of Lands will be advised of the mistake concerning the previously reported oil seepage.

(G. LINSLEY)
DISTRICT OFFICER - SEPTEMBER

c.c. Mr. N. L. Wilson, C/- 29 Murray Crescent, MARUKA, A.C.T.

→ The Director, Department of Native Affairs, Konedobu

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Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

File 67-1-2
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN.
5-9-64.

The District Officer,
South Sepik District,
WEWAK.

Telefomin Patrol Report No.7 of 1963-4.

Herewith Mr. Wilson's Patrol Report, plus
Claim for Camping Allowance.

Reference the Rest House at SEPKIALIKMIN,
work is now in hand on this building. Two Police Constables will
be sent out to help with the construction of the Rest House in
regards to the sewing up of the sago palm leaves.

Reference Coffee, Page 8 of the report, this
has already been brought to the notice of the DAO Wewak, ref. Tel.
Patrol Report No.11 of 1962-3. Again it is repeated that it is a
pity that coffee could not be actively encouraged by the D. of Agric.
or some other crop as this may then give these people some incentive
Produce could be backloaded in the Administration Charters.

I am sure these people often wonder what purpose
we are serving in the area, other than to inconvenience the old
men, who would like to carry on in the ways of their Grandfathers.

Apart from our local school and hospital, what
have we given them? (that they want).

Reference Education, despite the Peramins'
attitude this area would be suitable for a Primary T School.
There is a Mission Airstrip at the site, served fortnightly by
the AMAP Cessna. This could be increased to a weekly service
if necessary as the strip is only five minutes flying time from
Telefomin, as against six hours walk. A motor bike track is
planned in the near future.

A little more attention needed to spelling in an
otherwise well presented report. A well completed report.

J. Cochrane. / DDO Telefomin.

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Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

File 67-1-2
Sub District Office,
Telefomin.

12th June 1964.

Mr. N. Wilson,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
TELEFOMIN.


Telefomin Patrol Report No. 7 of 1963-4.

Please prepare to depart on Tuesday, 16th June
for a Patrol of the Telefomin Local and Klipamin areas.
The objects of the patrol are Census
and General Administration.

Please refer to the Matters for Attention On
Patrol file and attend to any outstanding matters, example
a. Coffee at BILTAVIP,
b. Oil Snake-Klipamin Valley,
c. Schools- Wewak 26-1-1 of 3rd June 1964, etc.

The patrol is to be unhurried and ample time
to be spent in all villages.

For your information, please.


J. Cochrane,
Assistant District Officer.

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PATROL REPORT

District of BEPIK. Report No. TELUKMIN No. 7 of 63/64.
Patrol Conducted by N.L. Wilson. Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled PERAMIN, TELUKMIN LOGAL and MELIPTAMIN.
Patrol Accompanied by - EUROPEANS NIL.

NATIVES Medical Assistant for Peramin.
7 members of R.F. & N.G.C.
1 Interpreter - Sunel.

Duration - From 16/6/64 to 23/6/64.
7/7/64 to 9/7/64.
16/7/64 to 21/7/64.
24/7/64 to 31/7/64.

Number of Days 22 days.

Last Patrol to Area by District Services January 1964.
Medical May 1963.

Map Reference MAP ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol CENSUS.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

DIRECTOR OF NATIVE AFFAIRS,
FORT MURSEY.

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District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO. 7 of 63/64.

15-6-64. 0800 Departed West House for TELEFOMIN and ELLIPTAMIN

INTRODUCTION.

The objects of this patrol were basically that of Census and General Administration. Although there were some items to be investigated in certain areas; Coffee at RILTAVIP and the supposed 'oil soaks' on the road from Kosdavip to Telefomin; Investigate the road potential in Fersuin; and also the thoughts of the people of Fersuin if a school was to be established there.

These topics will be discussed under their respective headings later on in the Report.

The areas covered on this patrol were two distinct areas. The first being the Telefomin Local, or those villages in what could be called the Sepik Valley. The second area is KHE TAMIN situated in the valley of the ELIP River.

The disjointed nature of this patrol could be attributed to the varying and time consuming activities being conducted at Telefomin. The later part of the patrol in Elliptamin was hurried owing to the proximity of the ATBALMIN patrol.

DIARY.

16-6-64. 1010. Departed Telefomin for KVALIKMIN, arrived 1400.
Set up camp at Kialikmin Rest No. 50.
1800. Flag Ceremony.

16-6-64. Informal talks with the village officials and headmen of the FERSUIN villages. Gave them instructions for their people to congregate in their respective villages for Census. Also sounded them on whether they wanted a school in their area or not. Elliptamin for Fersuin arrived 1130.

17-6-64. 0730. Lined Kialikmin for census, completed 1000.
1030. Departed Kialikmin for Census FERSUIN, arrived 1100. 1115 Lined Fersuin for census completed 1315.
1400. Departed Fersuin for Rest House, inspected road enroute, arrived R.H., 1510.
1800. Flag Ceremony.

The village of Fersuin and the Mission Store are on the southern bank of the Sepik River, and at all points the water is swiftly flowing. A sector of the bank downstream from the airstrip was inspected but no reasonable site for a bridge was found.

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18-6-64.

0800 Departed Rest House for OKSIMIN and KOBORENMIN arrived 0910. Lined both villages for Census, completed 1230.

1300 Departed Oksim~~in~~ and Koborenmin, for Rest House arrived 1415.

Worked on Census figures.

The villages of Oksimin and Koborenmin are adjoining. Whilst there the people asked for spades and shovels, to work on improving the road between their ~~village~~ village and the Rest House.

During the evening some village officials arrived and asked for a policeman to show them and to supervise them in the building of the intra-village roads. This was agreed upon by the patrol.

19-6-64.

Inspection of the new road works.

1800 Flag Ceremony.

Some shovels arrived from the station and were distributed amongst the villages.

20-6-64.

0730 Inspection of road works. Walked upstream to find a ~~brig~~ bridge site to cross the Sepik. A suitable site was found near the top end of the airstrip near the parking bay.

21-6-64.

Observed.

22-6-64.

Road inspection. The new works coming on quite well.

23-6-64.

0855. Departed Kialikmin for Telefomin arrived 1330.

The walking time from KIALIKMIN to TELEFOMIN is four hours. The terrain the road passes through is rough undulating country broken by two large streams, the SOL and the OUM Rivers. The Sol has cut a steep ~~gorge~~ gorge approximately 400ft., deep in the terrain. This will be a great setback in the construction of a road to Feramin.

7-7-64.

0800 Departed Telefomin for SEP KIALIKMIN arrived 1600. Set up camp, pitched tents etc.
1800 Flag Ceremony.

- 8-7-64. 0830 Sepkialikmin was lined for census, completed 0900. Inspected the surrounding area for a Rest House Site. Inspected the Sepkialikmin garden hamlet ~~is~~ returned to the Rest House at 1645. 1800 Flag Ceremony.
- 9-7-64. 0700 Departed Sepkialikmin for Telefomin, inspected Atemkiakmin hamlets enroute. Arrived Station 1430.
- 11-7-64. 1015 Departed Station for Kialikmin where they were lined. Village inspection. Returned to Station 1500. This village is situated on a good tractor road and it is approximately 2 miles from the station. The road is kept in good repair by the villagers.
- 13-7-64. 1200 Departed station for Telefolip. The people were lined for census.
1400 Departed Telefolip for Bogalmin. Lined villagers for Census.
1500 Departed Bogalmin for Koborenmin where the Koborenmin villagers were lined.
1600 Returned to Station.
The villages of Telefolip and Koborenmin are approximately 3 miles from the station on a fair road. The villagers undertake the necessary maintenance of this and undertake new works when a burst of enthusiasm strikes them.
- 14-7-64. 0900 Departed station for Atemkiakmin arrived 1115. Lined Atemkiakmin and Timkamin for Census. Completed 1230.
1300 Departed Atemkiakmin for Misinmin arrived 1420. Lined villagers for Census.
1500 Departed Misinmin for station arrived 1600. This would be the easiest direction to put in a road to serve a further segment of the local populace. The terrain is practically flat or slow undulating country.
- 18-7-64. 0800 Departed Telefomin for Terapdavip (Eliptamin) arrived 1215. Set up Camp.
1400 Departed Rest House for village inspection. The track from the station to Terapdavip is rather tough going on the station side of the MITTAG Mts.

- 19-7-64. 0800 Departed Terapdavip for Bolvil, inspected Afogavip enroute. Discussions with village officials and headmen of both villages.
1800 Flag Ceremony.
- 20-7-64 0800 Departed Bolvil for Komdavip arrived 1100.
1200 Departed Komdavip for Misinmin for village inspection and then returned to Komdavip.
1500 Departed Komdavip for supposed oil seepages.
1630 arrived back at Rest House.
1800 Flag Ceremony.
The walk ~~far~~ from Komdavip to Misinmin is rather a steep climb in the later part of the journey to Misinmin. There is a small landslide and the road goes up through the middle of it. This does not seem dangerous in the dry weather but in ~~it~~ extremely wet weather the surface may start to move. A reasonable alternative to this present route was not found.
- 21-7-64. 0745 Departed ~~1~~ Komdavip for Telefomin arrived Ofekamin at 1200. Had lunch and then moved on to the station at 1300 arrived 1515. Patrol stood down.
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25-7-64 0830 Departed Telefomin for Terapdavip arrived 1300. Set up camp.
1800 Flag Ceremony.
- 25-7-64. Lined Terapdavip, Afogavip and Kobramin.~~xxxx~~
1100 Departed Rest House for village inspection. Returned to Rest House 1400.
Worked on Census Figures.
1800 Flag Ceremony.
- 26-7-64 0850 Departed Terapdavip for Atemtigan arrived 0955.
Lined villagers for Census completed 1015.
1030 Departed Atemtigan for Abunkamin arrived 1130.
Set up camp.
1500 Lined Abunkamin for Census.
1800 Flag Ceremony.
A picturesque view of the upper end of the Eliptamin valley was observed at Atemtigan.
- 27-7-64 0830 Departed Abunkamin for Agamtavip arrived 0920.
Inspected village and then moved on to Tatemtigan.
Lined Tatemtigan, Biltavip and Agamtavip at Rest House completed 1300.
1400 Departed Rest House for Biltavip. Inspected village ~~at~~ and Coffee garden.
Returned to Rest House at 1730 after inspecting Tatemtigan village.
1800 Flag Ceremony.

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- 28-7-64. Worked on Census figures.
1800 Flag Ceremony.
- 29-7-64. 0830 Departed Tatamtigan for Bolvil arrived 1210.
1330 Lined Bolvil for Census.
1500 Inspected Lulusai's hamlet and returned to Rest House.
1800 Flag Ceremony.
At Bolvil both hamlets were clean, although the Spirit House needs replacing and within the grounds, cleaned. The people assured the patrol it would be done at its departure.
- 30-7-64, Received a message from the Assistant District Officer that he would be departing for ATBALMIN on the Monday.
0900 Departed Bolvil for Komdavi arrived 0950.
1000 Lined Komdavi for Census.
1400 Lined Misinmin for Census village inspection.
1800 Flag Ceremony. Slept Misinmin.
- 31-7-64 0800 Lined Inantigin and Iuatigin for Census. Completed 0830.
Departed Rest House for Ofekamin arrived 1230.
1300 Lined Ofekamin for Census completed 1320.
1330 Departed Ofekamin for Telefomin arrived 1530.

END OF DIARY

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Two people were brought to Telefomin from FERAMIN and were brought before the Court for Native Affairs and were prosecuted under Reg. 67A. The defendants one being a male and the being a female.

Five people from Komdavi were brought to Telefomin to appear before the court. The first one was a male native and he was prosecuted under Regulation 84(2). The other four male natives were prosecuted under Regulation 119.

One male native was brought in from Misinmin for assault and he was prosecuted under Regulation 83(a) N.A.R.

At Misinmin two people refused to attend the Census upon the orders of the Lulusai and when the Tul Tul went down to speak to them they ran away into the bush. The Tul Tul then reported back to the patrol. One of the persons has been prosecuted twice previously for failure to attend Census. The village officials have been ordered to arrest the two people and to bring them to Telefomin.

The people of SEPKIALIKMIN village were asked to build a

Rest House by Mr. Esdale Assistant District Officer. This had not been done. The patrol had a look around the area and found a suitable area for the buildings.

The reason given by the Village official as to why they hadn't built the Rest House etc. is that their village population is very small to undertake lengthy construction jobs, which in this case would be so.

This village, in the area patrolled, is the only village that has access to sago palm leaves. So with the permission of the persons owning the lands of sago the Administration could build the rest house and other buildings. This could be done by the policemen who are acquainted with sowing "morita". If the Sepik River method of sowing was used, then the building could be expected to have a life of approximately 10 years with minor maintenance.

It could be expected that if this was done the buildings would be used at least five times by patrols going to Atbalmin, West Mianmin and including the twice yearly census patrol to Sepkialimmin itself.

Also the policemen would be able to show the people how to make a more durable style of sheet "morita" as the ones they make are easily penetrated by heavy rain.

The proposed site of the rest house is situated on the north bank of the Sepik River near the Bridge to Atbalmin. It is also on the road to West Mianmin. The site is approximately 5 1/2 hours from Telefomin.

A complaint was received from the Luluai of ABUNKAMIN re a pig (boar) belonging to Constable Wasinok who is at present stationed at Oksapmin. The Officer in Charge Oksapmin was queried about what Constable Wasinok wants done with the pig. Wasinok wants the pig destroyed if it is destroying the village gardens, when this is done he wants the carcass sent to Telefomin for sale. The villagers were quite happy with this arrangement.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

The style of housing is similar throughout the area, the houses being rectangular, approximate dimensions 15 x 10 feet. The houses are constructed about two feet above the ground. The floor is not usually set on posts but is lashed to the vertical wall bearers. The walls consist of double layers of pickets commencing at floor level and rising to a height of approximately seven feet. This is the traditional method carried over from the period when the people were in a fear for their lives in a night attack.

The lower portion of the house, beneath the floor is also fenced in. This section is used for storing of plants etc. The floor of the house is made from the bark of large trees.

The villages are all set out in a "U" shape, with the spirit houses at the bottom of the "U". The spirit houses are usually built on the crest of the spur upon which the villages are situated.

In most cases the rest houses were well constructed and some were of the log cabin type. This was probably introduced by the Mission who also have buildings of this design. The kitchens for the rest houses are removed from the rest houses and are usually of a poorer quality of workmanship.

The police quarters are quite satisfactory and some have permanent sapling beds.

The rest houses in all cases are removed from the villages and are within reasonable distance of running water.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The village officials seemed to be in a permanent lethargic state, although they seem to be doing their duty to the best of their ability.

The Lulual of Misinmin has been dead for some time. So one, UNUMENGIM - IPMOI ENGIM i is recommended to be given the position of lulual of Misinmin.

During the patrol only one Tul Tul was encountered who could speak Pidgin English with any fluency.

HEALTH.

In the area patrolled there are three Aid Posts. These are situated at the following villages; Kialikmin (Feramin), Terapdavip and Komdavip in Eliptamin. The medical equipment at the Kialikmin A.P. was in rather an untidy state. As the Native Medical Assistant accompanied the patrol to Feramin to conduct a medical inspection of the populace nothing more needs to be said.

The Aid Posts at Terapdavip and Komdavip were clean and set in rather pleasant surrounds. The Aid Post Orderly was very helpful and he seems to be a cut above the one at Komdavip who does not inspire confidence.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Economic Development plays a minor part in the lives of the people of Telefomin. However some enterprising people

cut timber and sell it to either the Administration or the Mission. This enterprise is usually limited to those villages with timbered land adjacent to the station, this restriction is owing to the rough terrain. Although some natives have reciprocating land rights etc with the local villages and so earn a stipend through this activity.

'Truck Cropping' plays a minor roll by comparison with established coastal and highlands areas, but to the women it is an important money earner. The people usually bring their produce to the station on Thursday for the market. With perishables some people 'hawk' these around the station during the week. The Administration also purchases large amounts of native foods from the people with the exception being P.H.D.

The foods produced by the local people are tomatoes, cucumbers, Chinese cabbage, sweet potatoes and the occasional lettuce and paw paw.

Coffee is only grown at Biltavip where they have approximately 300 immature trees. The patrol visited the garden and found the coffee planted in what appeared to be good soil. The owner had attempted to plant shade but this was not successful as the trees did not have enough foliage.

Some of the leaves appeared to be burnt by ~~sun~~ the sun although it could have been some blight. It was decided not to send samples of this to D.A.S.F., Wewak, knowing D.A.S.F. agricultural policy on Telefomin.

MINING.

A reported oil soak was investigated but the report was found to be false. The reported soak consisted of three springs saturated with 'rotten egg gas'.

EDUCATION.

Upon the instructions of the Assistant District Officer the potential for a school at PERAMIN was investigated. The area could ably support a School. But the people do not want one.

The elderly people and the parents have seen the products of the Government Schools and when the 'products' return, they do not like the attitude they adopt towards the traditional leaders of the villages. This could only be a minority of the returned children from the schools but as in a Western Society the ~~minor~~ majority gets blamed for a certain minorities unresponsible actions. Various children from a cross section of the community were asked whether they wanted a school and the answer was NO.

The number of children in the Peramin area are 148 males

and 136 females, plus 6 males at the Telefomin Primary " T " School. The people said that the ~~kind~~ children were only at the school to please the Administration.

The Rest House (at Kialikmin) is roughly central to all the villages in the Feramin area. Drinking water is 200 yards from the Rest House. The walking times between villages are:

KIALIKMIN	to	FAMUKMIN	20 mins.
KIALIKMIN	to	OKSIMIN - KOBORENMIN	55 mins.

The village populations are as follows;

KIALIKMIN	299 persons
FAMUKMIN	188 "
OXSIMIN	164 "
KOBORENMIN	216 "
TOTAL	<u>867 PERSONS.</u>

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The grass on and about the roads was all cut, but no attempt had been made to drain or grade the roads. Shovels were distributed to those villages that had interest enough to ask for them.

At Feramin the people asked for supervising policemen to help them in their work. It was not beneath the police's dignity to grab a shovel and " show the way ". The result is astonishing, the people have almost constructed internal roads in (area.

CONCLUSION. An impression was gathered on this patrol that the people of Feramin do not want a school situated in their area.

The road system in the Feramin is almost completed. A motor bike could travel between all the villages if there was a bridge built across the Sepik River.

The patrol was well received in all villages.

It is hoped that ~~at~~ this patrol meets with your approval.

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N.Wilson. C.P.O.

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Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN.
Sepik District.
21st August 1964.

Commissioner,
Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary,
KOHEDORU.

R.P.G. N.C.O. - PATROL TELEFOMIN.

Please find enclosed seven R.S. form 1's for the following six policemen who accompanied a patrol to the Telefomin Local and Eliptamin Census Divisions.

7403	Const 1/c	Kusinok	A good N.C.O., works hard.
7605	"	Siniwah.	A very good worker and a thinker. N.C.O., material.
7876	"	Wami,	works hard and is keen.
8249	"	Kaupa.	A quiet, willing worker.
8977	"	Moruma.	Willing worker but surley on occasions.
9494	"	Wangin.	Cheerful indisposed with moody behaviour on occasions.
10755	Const/Bugler	Peter	A bit of a 'grease merchant'. A worker.

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E. Wilson. C.P.O.

