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1964/1965

MENDI

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10 - 1964/1965	N. Wright	Stationary Patrol- Mendi Hager Road(Upper Mendi)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MENDI 1-64/65.

Patrol Conducted by N.C. McQuilty Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled KAMBIRI, UPPER MENDI(part), and KARINT(part) CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives R.P. & N.G.C. - 3 Interpreter - 1.

Duration—From 7/7/1964 to 19/7/1964 (Broken period)

Number of Days 11.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services	/ / 19	KAMBIRI	-March 64.
		UPPER MENDI	-June 64.
Medical	/ / 19	KARINT	-June 64.

Map Reference Please refer District Map.

Objects of Patrol 1. To inspect MENDI-AISAIISA road. 2. To escort P.I.R. from KOMIA to AISAIISA.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

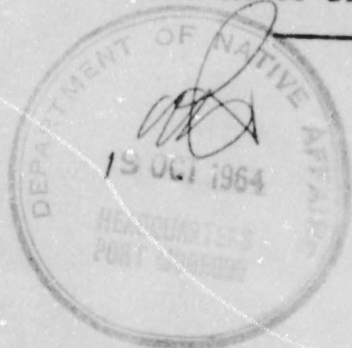
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Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... £

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

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Ref. No. 67-3-2

District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

13th October, 1964.

Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

ATTITUDE OF POLICE TO PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIMENT
PERSONNEL.

Your memorandum 67-15-1 of the 21st August, 1964,
at para. 3 refers.

Attached hereto copy of memo 67-2-1 of the 7th
October, 1964, from the Assistant District Officer, Mendi.

I agree with the conclusion arrived at by Mr.
Kent. His enquiries confirm the opinions reached by my-
self after discussions with Sgt. 1/c Homba.

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(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

c.c.

Assistant District Officer,
MENDI.

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67-2-1.

Sub District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

7th October, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Subject: Mendi Patrol Report No. 1-64/65.

Reference: D.N.A. memo 67-15-1 of 21st August, 1964.

In regard to our Director's query as to the attitude of the Police towards P.I.R. personnel travelling in vehicles through the District I wish to advise that the general attitude of this Detachment is one of tolerance tinged with disdain, as expressed in the following statement by a senior N.C.O.

"We, the police and Kiaps penetrated, pacified and opened up the country through which the P.I.R. travelled in vehicles on roads which we built".

Again as expressed by yet another N.C.O. there is an attitude that the P.I.R. en masse is a "Johnny come lately" e.g.:-

"There was no P.I.R. in the first World War and if there was no second World War there would be no P.I.R."

Again:-

"We are always the first".

2. The implications are of course that if it wasn't for the hard work done by the Police the P.I.R. would not be able to do the things they now do. There is a quiet pride in being "the first" with all the hard work and difficulties that such entails. It is most gratifying to the ego (both of Police and Kiaps) and no doubt adds up to Esprit de corps. But there are dangers. For the future peace and harmony of this country disdain, contempt should not be allowed to develop between the military and Civil arms of the country before it is granted independence. One has only to review the tragic history of some of the more recent emergent nations where the gendarmerie and military arms have been in open bloody conflict.

3. It would be most interesting if the police in other Districts hold similar views towards the P.I.R.

4. I regret the delay in answering the query however I was the impression that you had taken the matter up direct with Sgt 1/c HONBEA.

James W. Kent
(JAMES W. KENT)
Assistant District Officer.

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67-15-1

Department of Native Affairs,
Konedobu, Papua.

21st August, 1964.

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

PATROL REPORT NO. 1-64/65 - MENDI:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

I am pleased you have taken the matter of police requests up with the Superintendent at Mount Hagen and I am sure the advice proffered by you to the Sergeant and your receptiveness to enquiries has favourably impressed the police of the Kagua detachment.

What was the attitude of the police towards the P.I.R. personnel being transported by vehicle around the District? I would have thought it desirable that the troops walk and the equipment be moved by vehicle. However, reading on I notice that the troops walked for 2 hours to BELA. It is interesting to note that camp was set up in the women's club.

I have no doubt that the people were impressed to some degree on the exercises performed by the P.I.R. detachment and I feel sure that the officers and men of that Regiment were most appreciative of assistance given.


(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

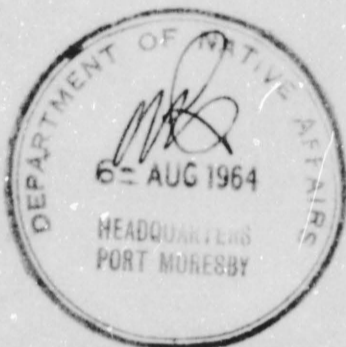
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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

31st July, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1964/65.

Thank you for the abovementioned Report which was received on the 23rd July, 1964.

As you say the Report calls for little comment. Mr. McQuilty carried out his tasks efficiently. His English expression requires improvement, would you please assist him in this regard.

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

c.c.
Minute to:

Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

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

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Sub District Office,
Mendi,
Southern Highlands District.

23rd July, 1964.

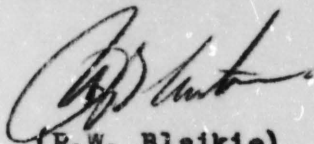
The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL No 1 of 64/65.

Attached hereto please find two copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. N.C. McQuilty, Cadet Patrol Officer.

The report concerns the recent visit to this area of a detachment of the Pacific Islands Regiment and deserves no special comment. The attendance by the local people at displays by the Regiment was rather disappointing but is typical of the general lack of interest shown by the people in anything but their own local affairs. However I am sure that should the P.I.R. again visit Mendi there will be much larger attendances as those that did come were most impressed with what they saw.

Claims for camping allowance are attached.



(R.W. Blaikie)
Assistant District Officer.

63-6-1

District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

31st July, 1964.

Superintendent,
Highlands Division.
R.F. & N.G.C.
MOUNT HAGEN.

REQUEST BY POLICE - IMPROVED CONDITIONS.

During an inspection of the Kagas Detachment on the 24th July, 1964, Reg. No. 3967, Sgt. Lingut approached me in a most disciplined and courteous manner and made three requests on behalf of the Detachment.

These requests were:-

1. That when police and their dependants proceed on leave they be paid money in lieu of rations.
2. That all police receive patrol allowance whilst on patrol duties.
3. Advice concerning a Police Association.

Insofar as items 1 and 2 were concerned, I informed the Sergeant that I considered his requests reasonable and that I would pass them on to you for comment.

Concerning item 3, I told him of the existence of the Public Service Association and advised him to have a meeting of the police and later to discuss their thoughts with the local Assistant District Officer for subsequent submission to me and then yourself.

At all times Lingut was most courteous and did not at any time display any intense emotionalism. He acted as a disciplined member of the Force, seeking advice from a Senior Officer.

I strongly recommend that at an early date you visit the Detachment and listen to their requests sympathetically.

(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

c.c.
District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District.
MENDI.
Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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

20th July, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
M E N D I.

MENDI PATROL NO. 1-64/65.

Patrol conducted by : N.C. McQuilty Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area patrolled : KAMBIRI CENSUS DIVISION,
UPPER MENDI CENSUS DIVISION AND
KARINT CENSUS DIVISION.
Accompanied by : Natives: R.P.&N.G.C-3
Interpreter-1
Duration : 7/7/64 to 19/7/64 (Broken period).
Number of days : 11.
Did Medasst. accompany : No.
Last patrol to area : KAMBIRI -March 64.
UPPER MENDI -June 64.
KARINT -June 64.
Map reference : Please refer District Map.
Objects : To inspect MENDI-AISAISA road.
To escort P.I.R. from KOMIA to
AISAISA.

N.C. McQuilty
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N.C. McQuilty,
Cadet Patrol Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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MENDI PATROL NO. 1-64/65.

Patrol Diary:

Refer Folios 2 to 8 of Field Officer's Journal.

Tuesday 7th July, 1964:

- 0745-1210: Organised patrol and gear-given instructions by D.O. and A.D.O..
- 1210-1345: Drove to IEBI Rest House. Groups of people along route told of patrol's program- also advised on road work.
- 1345 :Camp organised. Small amount of Native fresh foods bought.
- 1630 :Tractor arrived from Mendi with patrol gear and two patrol police. Very few people present at the IEBI Rest House.

Wednesday 8th July, 1964:

- 0847-1148: Broke camp at IEBI Rest House and walked to AISAIISA Rest House.
Enroute: Advised on road work and told them th Patrol's program.
- 1148 :Arrived AISAIISA rest house and set up camp. Paid carriers.
Lunch.
- 1320-1445: Walked to the ANGGURA River to inspect road and rope bridge at River. Bridge in good repair but road needs a lot of concentrated work to be any good. Returned to rest house.
Slept AISAIISA.

Thursday 9th July, 1964:

- 0930-1118: Broke camp at AISAIISA and proceeded to IEBI.
Again inspected work on road and gave advice. Road in fair condition.
- 1118 :Arrived IEBI rest house. Camp set up- carriers paid.
Lunch.
Group discussion: Complaints, Work on roads and visit of P.I.R.
Slept IEBI.

Friday 10th July, 1964:

- 0900-1035: Broke camp and proceeded to LUMBI rest house. Roads and bridges on route inspected and advised on work to be done.
- 1035 :Arrived LUMBI rest house. Camp set up. Carriers paid and sent to work on roads.
Lunch.
Councillor absent. Headmen advised on road work and told of the important sections to be done.
Slept LUMBI.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Saturday 11th July, 1964:

0900-1100: Broke camp and proceeded to MENDI -
inspected road work enroute and
advised on work to be done. Groups
also told of the P.I.R.'s visit.
1100 : Arrived Mendi-carriers paid.
Slept Mendi.

Sunday 12th July, 1964:

Observed.

Monday 13th July, 1964:

0815-1415: With ADO drove along road to be taken
by the P.I.R. to check for defaults.
People enroute informed of the P.I.R.'s
program.
1415-1500: Lunch.
1500-1606: General office duties.

Tuesday 14th July, 1964:

0745-1200: Preparation for continuing of patrol-
rations packed.
In conference with District Commissioner
as to arrangements of transport and
the P.I.R.'s program in the MENDI
administration area.
1200-1245: Lunch.
1245-1355: Drove to KOMIA rest house. Patrol gear,
police and interpreter accompanied.
Again people enroute informed of the
P.I.R.'s program.
1355 : At KOMIA people told of display to be
held at KOMIA. Labourers employed
to pull cars up a bad hill if necessary.
1515-1745: Proceeded to a bad hill on the road.
4 Land Rovers and 2 tractors got safe
passage to NEMERET to sleep the night.
1820 : 2 more tractors and 1 car arrived from
Mendi.
1845 : 1 more tractor arrived.
Slept X KOMIA.

Wednesday 15th July, 1964:

0930: S.H.D. vehicles arrived MINABEL Creek.
Mr. R.W. Blaikie ADO also arrived.
1000: W.H.D. vehicles with P.I.R. arrived MINABEL
Creek.
1045: All vehicles arrived KOMIA-display.
1240: Left KOMIA-proceeded to KLAREG.
1300: Arrived KLAREG-display.
1324: Departed KLAREG-proceeded to Lake EGARI.
1336: Arrived EGARI.
3 Land Rovers and Mr. R.W. Blaikie ADO
returned to Mendi.
1530: Flag lowered by P.I.R. and band.
Slept EGARI.

Thursday 16th July, 1964:

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Thursday 16th July, 1964:

0800: Departed Lake EGARI for NEN.
Stores and instruments on tractors to BELA.
0925: Left NEN and walked to BELA.
1125: Arrived BELA - display.
1345: Departed BELA on tractors and Land Rovers.
1430: Arrived Mendi.
P.I.R. set up camp in the Women's Club.
Slept Mendi.

Friday 17th July, 1964:

0745-1000: General Office Duties.
1030-1050: 12 Platoon and band on parade on
football field.
Inspected by District Commissioner.
12 Platoon and band marched from football
field to District Office.
District Commissioner took salute at
flag mast.
1115-1120: Blahks fired from H.B.F.N. (7.62mm)
Two smoke bombs exploded.
1245-1345: Soccer match - P.I.R. v Mendi.
Softball match - P.I.R. v Mendi.
1700-1730: Beating the retreat ceremony at the District
Office flag mast.
Marching display by the band.

Saturday 18th July, 1964:

0915-1000: Weapons display and exhibition of
fire power at MAGANI Creek.
1210: Departed Mendi on tractors and Land Rovers.
1240: Arrived OIYARIP - display.
1320: Departed OIYARIP.
1420: Arrived IEBI - display.
Slept IEBI.

Sunday 19th July, 1964:

0820: Departed IEBI for AISAIISA.
1106: Arrived at ANGGURA River.
Land Rovers returned to AISAIISA to ship gear
and instruments from tractors to the river.
1325: Arrived IALIBU roadhead and met W.H.D.
vehicles.
1352: Mr. N.C. McQuilty C.P.O. left IALIBU roadhead
1431: Arrived Mendi roadhead and drove to AISAIISA
and then proceeded to Mendi.
1700: Arrived Mendi.
Patrol Stood down.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1-64/65.

INTRODUCTION:

The two objects of this patrol were to check the MENDI-AISAISA road (KAMBIRI Census Division) and to escort the Pacific Islands Regiment through the Mendi Administration Area.

The road check was carried out to make sure the road to AISAISA was trafficable to a convoy in all weather.

For the itinerary for the Pacific Islands Regiment please refer the circular 19/1-1 of the 1/6/64 by the District Commissioner for the Southern Highlands District. (attached).

PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIMENT TOUR:

This report only deals with the Pacific Islands Regiment tour in the Mendi Administration Area.

On the 15th July, 1964 five tractors and five long wheel base Land Rovers from the Southern Highlands District conveyed 12 Platoon from D Coy ~~XX~~, the P.I.R. pipe band, gear and instruments to KOMIA. At KOMIA they put on a display. Blank rounds were fired from the H.B.F.N. (7.62mm) light machinegun. The pipe band then gave a display in playing and marching.

At KOMIA there were approximately 600 people present. When the light machinegun was fired the people were unprepared for its ability and were frightened but when the band marched onto the singsing ground they all became very interested. When the band had finished the people sang out for more.

The convoy then moved to KLAREG. Here there were approximately 250 people present. Here again when the band played the people 'pricked up their ears' and enjoyed the display.

The convoy then proceeded to EGARI. Here camp was set up in the Rest House, Police Barracks and other houses at the singsing ground. At 1730 12 Platoon and the band marched onto the singsing ground and lowered the flag. and then marched off again. The patrol slept the night at EGARI.

On the 16th July, 1964 two tractors with gear proceeded to Mendi while the remaining three proceeded to BELA with the instrument. The Land Rovers ferried the patrol personnel to NEN who then walked for two hours to BELA. At BELA there were approximately 1,000 people present, including the school children. The band put on a display of marching and playing. 12 Platoon then put on a display of fire power using live rounds.

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PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIMENT TOUR: (contd)

The convoy then departed BELA and proceeded to MENDI. Camp was set up in the Women's Club and the personnel had the evening off to do washing etc.. Patrol slept Mendi.

On the 17th July, 1964 the band and 12Platoon went on parade on the Mendi football field and were inspected by Mr. R.I. Skinner, District Commissioner. 12Platoon and the band then marched from the football field to the District Offices. There the District Commissioner took the salute.

In the afternoon a game of Soccer and softball was played with the P.I.R. v Mendi in Soccer and the P.I.R. v Mendi in the softball. The P.I.R. took the honours in the Soccer but Mendi retaliated and won the softball. At 1700 the band and 12Platoon went on parade at the District Office and ~~the~~ played the Beating the Retreat Ceremony and then gave a marching display.

On the 18th July, 1964 a weapons display and exhibitions of fire power was given at MAGANI Creek, using live rounds. The display was given with Owen guns, H.B.F.N's and S.L.R's.

At Mendi there were approximately 1,500 people present at the parades. This figure consists of approximately 500 from the Mendi schools and ~~the~~ 1,000 from the Mendi people and the people bordering onto the Mendi station. The people bordering onto the station were very poorly represented.

After the weapons display at Mendi the convoy moved to OIYARIP and the band gave a display. Here there were only approximately 100 local people present plus the school children.

The convoy then moved to IEBI. Camp was set up at the Rest House and Police Barracks. ~~blank~~ rounds were then fired from the H.B.F.N.. The band also played and marched for the very small audience of approximately 300. ~~The~~ The patrol slept IEBI.

On the 19th July, 1964 the patrol moved to the IALIBU border and transferred to ~~the~~ Western Highlands District vehicles. ~~The~~ The writer, patrol police and gear then returned to Mendi.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

KAMBIRI Census Division (Mendi to Anggura River):

From MENDI to IEBI the road is an all weather one. The surface is not first class but if small gravel was to be put on as the final surfacing material then it could be first class as far as the Southern Highlands District is concerned. At the present time the surfacing material is fairly large stones which make driving very rough. These large stones will make a good base if the

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KAMBIRI Census Division: (cont.)

small gravel is put on the top.

Bridges on this section of the road are in fair condition. The two large bridges just outside Mendi are at the moment under construction. The decking on the bridges on the IEBI side of the ANGA River will have to be replaced very shortly because of the materials used when they were built. The materials used was very small saplings with very little strong wood in them. The bark and outer portions of the saplings rots away very quickly and what is left is not strong enough to be used for bridge decking.

The road from IEBI to the ANGGURA River is only a bench cut with very little gravelling or surfacing materials on it. This section could be all weather but there are two small sections where it is easy to get bogged when the surface is wet.

The bridges on this are very good except for some small ones between AISAISA and the ANGGURA River. This is mainly because the bridges are at a different angle to the road and their width is just wide enough for a vehicle.

UPPER MENDI Census Division:

The section of road from Mendi to Komia needs the same comments as the section of road from Mendi to Iebi although the bridges on this section are in very good condition.

The section of road from Komia to Minabel Creek is only a bench. This section is all weather save for one small corner that needs gravelling. At the present time there is no gravel on this whole section.

The bridges are in very good condition but for one. This bridge is going to be built so the equipment for work on the new Mendi Airstrip can be driven from Tambul to Mendi.

KARINT Census Division:

There is very little comment needed on the section of road from Mendi to Bela because this road is constantly in use and the surface and bridges are in good condition. This does not mean that there is not work to be done on the road. With constant rainfall in this area road maintenance must go on all the time.

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Appendix 'A':

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF R.F.&N.G.C.

ACCOMPANYING MENDI PATROL

NO. 1-64/65.

Const. PIANDA REG. NO.8327:

Conduct good, slow but a satisfactory worker.

Const. PAGAHAU REG. NO.7681:

Conduct good, an experienced Const., works well.

Const. YANSUANG REG. NO.9889:

Conduct good, very satisfactory worker.

Const. MAREME REG. NO.9059:

Conduct good, shows initiative.

I certify that the above comments have been entered on the relevent Records of Service and forms R.S.1 have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.

N. C. McQuilty
.....
N.C. McQuilty
O/R.P.&N.G.C.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Appendix 'B'.

19/1-1.

Southern Highlands District,

MENDI.

1st July, 1964.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District.
MENDI.

PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIMENT OPERATIONS - MENDI AND IALIBU.

A platoon of the Pacific Islands Regiment accompanied by the Regimental Pipe Band will tour a portion of the Southern Highlands District as from the 15th July, 1964.


At various villages en-route they will give displays of marching and drill and, where opportunity exists, demonstrations of modern Infantry weapons.

Their Itinerary will be as follows:

TAMBUL/MENDI Roadhead (Mt. Giluwe) 15th July, thence by Southern Highlands District vehicles to LAKE EGARI via KOMIA and KLAREG -- overnight camp. 16th July by vehicles to NEN thence two hours march to BELA - overnight. 17th July by vehicle to MENDI - overnight. 18th July by vehicles to YEBI - overnight. 19th July by vehicles to ANKURA RIVER, crossing by cane suspension bridge, thence 40 minute march to IALIBU/MENDI Roadhead, thence by Western Highlands District vehicles to IALIBU - overnight, thence TAMBUL and MOUNT HAGEN.

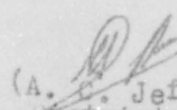
As previously advised, please instruct a Patrol Officer and two Police to meet the Platoon at the TAMBUL/KOMIA Roadhead and accompany the Patrol to the ANKURA crossing. The Assistant District Officer, PANGIA, will then supply a Patrol Officer and two Police to accompany the Platoon to IALIBU.

Please ensure that the roads to be traversed are clear of landslides and that all bridges are safe to carry loaded vehicles, ensure also that the native people are made aware of this tour.


(A. C. Jefferies.)
s/District Commissioner.

For information, all Department of Native Affairs
Field Officers.

Ref. No. 52-2
1st July, 1964.


(A. C. Jefferies)
District Officer.

PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIMENT TOUR
OF THE MENDI ADMINISTRATION AREA.

12 Platoon of D Coy and the pipe band of the Pacific Islands Regiment toured the Mendi Administration Area from the 15th July to the 19th July, 1964. In charge of the tour was Lieut. M.J. Harris as Liaison Officer, with Lieut. N. Horn as D Coy Commander and Pipe Major Jamie Whitecross in charge of the Pipe Band.

12 Platoon and the Pipe Band had displays at KOMIA, KLAREG, EGARI (UPPER MENDI C/D), BELA (KARINT C/D), MENDI, OIYARIP and IEBI (KAMBIRI C/D).

At KOMIA, to an audience of approximately 600 people, blank rounds were fired from the H.B.F.N. (7.62mm) light machinegun. The people were frightened at the ability of the weapon but soon looked in awe as the Pipe Band marched onto the sing sing ground. The band gave a display of marching and playing. When it was over the people asked for more.

At KLAREG there was an audience of approximately 250 people. Here the band gave a display of marching and playing. The people were impressed but did not appear to be moved as greatly as the people from KOMIA.

To an audience of approximately 300, at EGARI, the flag was lowered with 12 platoon and the pipe band on parade. The people here did not seem to be impressed at all although this could have been because of the solemn occasion.

12 Platoon and the Pipe Band were welcomed at BELA by approximately 1,000 people plus the BELA and MAP school children. There was a display by 12 Platoon and marching and playing by the Pipe band. At the BELA school there was a weapons display and exhibition of fire power. This greatly impressed the people and I am sure will be remembered by some of the school children who will be leaving school very shortly.

On Friday 17th July, 1964, at Mendi, 12 Platoon and the pipe band were inspected by the District Commissioner. The District Commissioner then took the salute at the District Headquarters flag mast and then there was a marching display by the pipe band. On both occasions the station people and the local people were very poorly represented. There were approximately 1,500 people present; of these 500 were school children and the remaining 1,000, station and local people.

The weapons display and exhibition of fire power held at MAGANI Creek, again, had a very poor audience. This may have been because it had been transferred from the day before.

In Mendi the presence of the school children was appreciated and I am sure some of them are thinking of making a career in the Pacific Islands Regiment. As for the station and local people I think it was treated as a pompous

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....occasion instead of an educational one.

The display at OIYARIP, of marching and playing by the band, was witnessed by approximately 100 people plus the school children from OIYARIP and KIBURU schools. The audience's impression here was a neutral one.

At IEBI the band had a display of marching and playing. Also blank rounds were fired from the H.E.F.N. (7.62mm) light machinegun. Here again the impression of the people was a neutral one. There were approximately 300 people present.

At each display given in the Mendi Administration Area the audiences were very poor. The people had been informed weeks before and they had been continually reminded of the coming tour. The reason for this poor attendance is unknown to the writer. The following are the percentages of people who attended the displays:

KOMIA	: -75%
KLAREG	: -31%
EGARI	: -40%
BELA	: -76% (Bela, Sol, Nen, Mungura, Mulim) &
MENDI	: -40% (Tubiri, Peramanda, Pororo, Sebisunda, Sunda, Fente, Lonk, Kambegibu, Moisa, Teta and Umbimi)
OIYARIP	: -41%
IEBI	: -28%

For the above places, except BELA and MENDI, the percentages have been worked out using the place population figures only. To the above percentages could be added the population figures for two or three villages, at each display point, that were expected to watch the displays from the above named places.

It is my opinion that the Pacific Islands Regiment's tour of the Mendi Administration area has been a success. If a tour, such as this one, takes place in this area every two to three years it will become more successful as the education standard is raised and also spreads.

As a conclusion I think this quote from Vol. 6 No. 1 of the Journal of the Public Service, is typical of this tour and will become more typical as the education standard is raised.

"....They are proud of their Regiment and wherever they have shown the flag in the Territory they have inspired many young Papuans and New Guineans to join the Battalion."

N.C. McQuilty
N.C. McQuilty.
Gadet Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 4 of 1964/65

Patrol Conducted by R.T. CLARSON, CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled LAI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION AND PART OF UNDIRI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives SIX MEMBERS OF THE R.P.&N.G.C.

ONE NATIVE MEDICAL ORDERLY, ONE D.M.A. INTERPRETER PATROL.

Duration—From 26 / 8 / 19 54 to 2 / 10 / 19 54

Number of Days 38 (37 NIGHTS CAMPED)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 30 / 6 / 19 54

Medical / / 19

Map Reference ENCLOSED

Objects of Patrol AS PER PATROL INSTRUCTIONS ENCLOSED

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

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

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December 30th, 1964.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENI.

PATROL REPORT No. 4 - 64/65 - MENI

Receipt of the abovementioned Report and covering comment is acknowledged with thanks.

The Report itself is very good and is well covered in the comment from the Assistant District Commissioner to yourself.

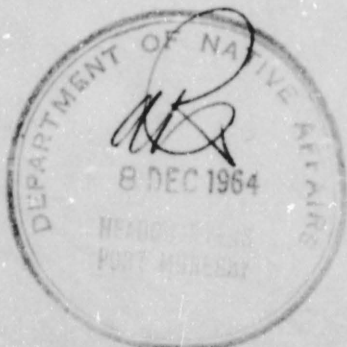
I am particularly interested in the people's response to our efforts to establish law and order.

Tell Mr. Gleeson to keep a dictionary beside him when writing Reports - and use it.

A very good Report from an obviously energetic and enthusiastic officer.


(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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Department of District
Administration.
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

1st December, 1964.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO 4 OF 1964/65.

Thank you for the a/mentioned Report which was
received on the 11th November 1964.

Your comments do not require any elaboration
from me.

The contents of paras. 34-39 will be brought
to the attention of the District Medical Officer.

I agree that Mr. Gleason could with maturity
develop into a good officer providing he receives firm
guidance.

R.I.S. (handwritten)
(R.I. Skinner)
District Commissioner.

Minute to:
Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

R.I. Skinner (handwritten)
(R.I. Skinner)
District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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- 5) Equipment and Personnel rations can be obtained from the S/D Store.
- 6) I wish you a pleasant and successful patrol.

James W. Kent
(James W. Kent)
Assistant District Officer.

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Sub District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

30th October, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Subject: Mendi Patrol No.4 of 1964/65.

Attached please find, in duplicate, a report of the above Patrol conducted by Mr R. Gleeson, C.P.O. to the Lai Valley Census Division. Documentation contains:-

- (a) Copy of Patrol Instructions;
- (b) Report;
- (c) Appendix "A" List of Village Constables and Rest Houses;
Appendix "B" List of walking times;
- (d) Amended village Population Register Undiri Census Division;
- (e) Patrol map.

2. Some comments follow:-

- (i) (Para 7): the general reception given to the patrol is most pleasing.
- (ii) (Paras 8-10): Law and order is satisfactory. Offenders in all cases referred to Mendi received prison sentences. The small number of such cases combined with the fact that the majority of disputes brought to the patrol were settled by arbitration, to the apparent satisfaction of all concerned, is most gratifying.
- (iii) (Paras 12-15): The frustration of the PELEPOI group and the apathy of the groups living in the GOLEWA Creek area is no doubt due to isolation and absence of development. Early implementation of the recently drawn up District Economic Development Programme would alleviate the situation. It is to be regretted that distance, an imminent staff shortage and the necessity to concentrate on areas closer to Mendi preclude such action in the near future.
- (iv) (Para 16): I am not aware that the Mendi Administrative Area has had an increase in murders and assaults in recent months nor can I recall any Lai people lodging complaints of assaults against Mendi people in the last three months.
- (v) (Paras 23-28): As yet no payment has been made for the bridges already constructed on the Mendi - TUMIA section of the Lai Valley road. This is the subject of separate correspondence; however I do not believe the people should be coerced or cajoled into building additional bridges until payment has been made for bridges already constructed. I understand and this is subject to confirmation, that it is proposed to link Kandep Patrol Post with a road that will join the existing Mendi-Hagen access road in the vicinity of KOMIA. I have already made known my views on the existing rash of feeder road construction and am awaiting an official directive from the District Commissioner.

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I fully support the construction of a road link Mendi-Nipa, but it should be borne in mind that such construction will be a waste of time and effort unless funds are made available for the construction of a major bridge across the Lai River. It is requested that this bridge and the necessarily for funds be brought to the attention of the District Commissioner.

- (vi) (Paras 29-33): May the contents of these paragraphs particularly para 32 be brought to the attention of the District Agricultural Officer. The appearance of a weevil like bug bears immediate investigation.
- (vii) (Paras 34-39): May the contents of these paragraphs be brought to the attention of the District Medical Officer with a request that the FINJ Aid Post be re-staffed as soon as possible.
- (viii) (Paras 42-45): The M.O.M. land application is the subject of separate correspondence.
- (ix) (Para 44): Complaints against the activities of missionaries from the Apostolic mission is the subject of separate correspondence.
- (x) (Para 45): There is much to be said for such a Committee or Conference however, I very much doubt if all the various mission bodies would agree to becoming members. I would like to be an observer at the meetings of such a conference is ever convened!
- (xi) (Paras 49-52): subject of separate correspondence.
- (xii) (Paras 54-57): I have yet to sort out and re-organize the land dispute files. Once this is done I will be in a better position to comment more fully on this aspect of Sub-District Administration.

3. This was a good patrol. Mr Gleeson has the makings of a very good officer. He is keen, energetic, conscientious and observant. A campaign in spelling and grammatical construction is indicated otherwise a good comprehensive report.

James W. Keene
(JAMES W. KEENE)
Assistant District Officer.

c. c.

Mr. R. Gleeson,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
MENDI.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 51-1-2

Sub - District Office,
MENDI,
Southern Highlands District.
25th. August, 1964.

Mr. R. Gleeson,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
MENDI.

Subject:- Patrol Instructions Mendi Patrol 4 of 1964/65.

As verbally discussed please depart on a Patrol of the LAI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION on Wednesday, 20th. August, 1964. Duration of the patrol should be four to five weeks.

2) Objectives of the Patrol:-

- (1) In accordance with Lands Circular 1/64 undertake investigations into the following Land Applications:-
 - (a) M.O.M. Lease Application - YIP (S/D File No. 35-3-26 refers)
 - (b) M.O.M. Lease Application - APIN-JIP (S/D File No. 35-3-33 refers).
- (ii) Investigate S.D.A. mission activities Upper Lai Valley (S/D File No. 50-3-2 refers)
- (iii) Undertake initial Census and compilation Tax/Census Sheets TENDEREIBA people recently returned to IARIA and IORE from MOGURA. (S/D File No. 51-3-1 refers);
- (iv) General Administration including:-
 - (a) Inspect existing vehicular roads; where necessary undertake repairs to bridges and culverts and widen approaches and corners if considered dangerous;
 - (b) Check Village Directory with current Village (Census Unit) names. No alterations are to be made without prior consultation this Office and approval District Office;
 - (c) Check particulars of Village Officials with records held this Office.
 - (d) Where minor complaints are received attempt settlement by arbitration. All complaints involving Court action must be referred to this Office.

3) You will be accompanied by the following personnel:-

No. 7448 Const. 1/C KINAI
No. 8262 Const. KAMUNGRU
No. 8886 Const. KIMBUNA
No. 6924 Const. MAREMA
No. 7855 Const. PAIRO
No. 10661 Const. LEISIAT
Interpreter NONGIA D.N.A.

4) Contact P.H.D. Mendi regarding a Medical Orderly for the Patrol.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Sub - District Office,
MENDI.
Southern Highlands District.
12th. October, 1964.

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

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1964/65.

Patrol Conducted By :- R.T.Gleeson, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled :- Lai Valley Census Division and Part of
Undiri Census Division.

Accompanied By Europeans :- Nil.
 Natives :- 6 R.P. & N.G.C.
 1 N.M.C.
 1 D.N.A. INTERPRETER PATROL.

Duration of Patrol :- 26th. of August to 2nd. of October,
 38 Days. 37 Nights Camped.

Area Last Patrolled :- June 1964.

Map Reference :- Enclosed.

Objects of Patrol :- As per Patrol Instructions Herein.

The late submission of this Patrol Report is regretted. However since completing the Patrol I have been involved in duties at the Mendi Corrective Institution whilst the Officer in Charge has been on one weeks special leave.

R. T. Gleeson
(R.T.Gleeson)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION

This Patrol No.4 of 1964/65 patrolled an area extending from DEL Rest House near the NEMBI River in the UNDIRI Census Division to PELSPUI Rest House in the northern extremity of the LAI VALLEY Census Division.

2. Five Rest Houses, IORE, IARIA, MEGI, DEL and PUMI were visited in the UNDIRI Census Division. The area surrounding these rest houses is of similar terrain, yet less picturesque in comparison with the LAI VALLEY Census Division. The swift raging LAI River was crossed twice in the UNDIRI Census Division then bridged several times more in the LAI VALLEY proper, where it is not as swift and treacherous. In the Upper LAI VALLEY the River emerges from a small stream with many tributaries, eventually forming the enormous volume of water flowing south to the KIKORI River.

3. The thick mountain forests on the towering ranges, the numerous valleys through which pass gushing creeks, the temperate days and cold nights are the aspects experienced in this typical highland area. The altitudes range from 5,500 to 7,300 feet above sea level in the habitat areas. MARISERE Rest House in the Upper LAI VALLEY is 7,300 feet above sea level, a glorious sunny day was experienced here but one could feel the nip in the air.

4. The LAI VALLEY and UNDIRI people are experiencing the Administration consolidation period. There is no economical advancement, however the people are showing signs of economic and political awareness. Food was plentiful at each rest house visited. No signs of impending famine or epidemic were noticed (Whooping cough is sweeping through the KUPUBI-ERAVE vicinities at present).

5. The total walking time in visiting twenty-three rest houses was approximately thirty-six hours. The main activities of the Patrol were road renovation and construction, two hand investigations at KIP and DEL for the Methodist Overseas Mission, compiling census of the TENDERISA group at IARIA, investigations into the S.D.A. and Apostolic mission activities in the Upper LAI VALLEY south of Kundep Patrol Post and general administration. All the incidents and results pertaining to the above mentioned activities have been included under the appropriate headings in this report or under separate correspondence addressed to the A.D.O. Mendi.

6. Three Appendices are attached to this report --- (A) List of Village Constables and Rest Houses in the LAI VALLEY Census Division. (B) Walking times between rest houses. (C) Village Population Register of the UNDIRI Census Division with alterations resulting from the census of the TENDERISA group at IARIA.

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PATROL DIARY

Wednesday, 26th. August.

After preparing patrol equipment departed Mendi S.D.O. by tractor at 1000 hrs. Arrived IORE R.H. at 1200 hrs. Departed IORE R.H. at 1300 hrs. 2 hrs walk to MEGI R.H. arriving at 1500 hrs. Conversations with V.C.KEWA of MEGI and Village Councillor WALE of IORE. Slept MEGI R.H.

Thursday, 27th. August.

Remained MEGI R.H. to reside over large singing (approx. 700 people) Discussions held with village leaders from DEL, IORE and TULIRI. Six debt disputes settled by arbitration. Police Investigation into stolen M.O.P. shell, referred to A.D.O. Mendi for court action. Slept MEGI R.H.

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PATROL DIARYFriday, 28th. August.

Witnessed pig kill. Many disputes prevailed.
Four minor riots quelled. Four disputes between KUTUBU oil traders and buyers were settled.
Slep MEGI R.H.

Saturday, 29th. August.

Departed MEGI R.H. at 0815 Hrs.
Arrived DEL R.H. at 1115 hrs.
Discussion with Father Benjamin from Catholic Mission re. airstrip under construction near DEL R.H.
CONVERSATION WITH V.C.s PIBI, TIMBA and KIBET concerning the APINJIP (Land Investigation).
Slept DEL R.H.

Sunday, 30th. August.

Day of Rest --- spent at DEL R.H. Slept DEL R.H.

Monday, 31st. August.

Much noise around camp as many men proceeded to work on the Catholic Mission airstrip.
Discussion with local leaders concerning the Land Investigation at APINJIP.
Further discussions with the owners of APINJIP.
Inspected APINJIP and the surrounding boundaries. Did not attempt to survey because people disagreed.
Slept DEL R.H.

Tuesday, 1st. September.

Compiling particulars of owners of APINJIP in effort to complete as much of the Land Investigation as possible.
Two 2Hr discussions with groups concerning bride price dispute -- settled by arbitration.
Conversation with DEL, WALUMESA, POMBAR and ORJI people concerning marriage in general.
Police Investigations into assault case between two women.
Slept DEL R.H.

Wednesday, 2nd. September.

Received note from Mr. Anderson P.O.2 instructing me to await further advise from the D.O. concerning the APINJIP Land Investigation. Meanwhile the patrol was to proceed to IORE.
Departed DEL R.H. at 1110 hrs after an hour of friendly persuasion with people working on airstrip to supply carriers.
Met Mr. Anderson and Mr Smith (M.O.M. rep.) at the LAI river crossing en route IORE R.H.
Arrived IORE R.H. at 1510 hrs. Set up camp.
Slept IORE R.H.

Thursday, 3rd. September.

The TENDREYIBA group was disorganised therefore census compilation deferred until tomorrow at IARIA R.H.
After 2½ hr discussion with the TENDREYIBA people they finally decided to be censused at IARIA R.H.
Prepared list of rations and minor items for the patrol.
Completed straightening one debt dispute during the afternoon.
Slept IORE R.H.

Friday, 4th. September.

Departed IORE R.H. at 0615 hrs. Arrived IARIA R.H. at 0918 hrs.
Compiled census of the TENDREYIBA PEOPLE total population 154.
Conversation with

Mendi Patrol Report.No. 4 of 1964/65.PATROL DIARYFriday, 4th. September. (Continued)

-----TENDEREIBA and IARIA groups concerning the former's suitable land accommodation.
 Further conversation with a man from NEGI concerning his claims to land near IARIA.
 Departed IARIA R.H. at 1400 hrs.
 Arrived IORE R.H. camp site at 1500 hrs.
 Further conversation with Village Officials at IORE on general topics.
 Slept IORE R.H.

Saturday, 5th. September.

Departed IORE R.H. at 0815 hrs.
 Arrived PUMI R.H. at 0915 hrs.
 Paid off IORE carriers. Compiled names of PUMI carriers.
 Advised Village Officials of patrols intentions --- road work, general administration.

Sunday, 6th. September.

Day of Rest --- spent at PUMI R.H.

Monday, 7th. September.

Supervision of road work on 6 mile section of road near PUMI R.H.
 Conversation with a local PUMI man concerning the return of his Marriage Gift.
 Slept night at PUMI R.H.

Tuesday, 8th. September.

Patrol departed PUMI R.H. at 0945 hrs.
 En route PINJ R.H. supervised road work and the removal of land slides, checking bridges.
 Arrived PINJ R.H. at 1400 hrs.
 Hearing the complaints of five men concerning their debtors and bride price disputes.
 Discussing report from the V.C. of ENDOWA re. the ESAMARI group still persisting in claiming disputed land at IEBI over the range from PINJ R.H.
 Slept PINJ R.H.

Wednesday, 9th. September.

Inspected Aid Post and main road whilst the people prepared a garden area for the imminent arrival of a new A.P.O.
 Inspection of roads and bridges en route KAMB R.H.
 Arrived KAMB R.H. at 1330 hrs.
 Investigation into two M.O.P. shell disputes --- both settled by arbitration.
 Conversation with V.C. EGAP of KAMB re. road work and general situation of his domain.
 Slept KAMB R.H.

Thursday, 10th. September.

Conversed with V.C. EGAP re. land under dispute between KAMB and MIL groups.
 One minor dispute over a M.O.P. shell heard and settled.
 Supervision of bridge reinforcement near KAMB R.H.
 Departed KAMB R.H. at 1400 hrs.
 Arrived TUGUP R.H. at 1430 hrs.
 Advised V.C. PURGUNG to have all group on road work tomorrow. Checked V.C.S book.
 SLEPT TUGUP R.H.

Mendi Patrol Report.No. 4 of 1964/65.PATROL DIARYFriday, 11th. September.

Supervision of road work each side of TUGUP R.H.
 Departed TUGUP R.H. at 1130 hrs.
 Arrived KIP R.H. at 1225 hrs.
 Conversation with V.C. BADI BIDI of KIP re. patrols intentions and general situation of his group.
 Casual inspection of the land to be investigated tomorrow.
 No disputes here -- good situation.

Saturday, 12th. September.

Began Land Investigation at 0300 hrs. Conversation with Rev. Rees re L.I. and LAND.
 Completed Land Investigation at 1630 hrs.

Sunday, 13th. September.

Day of Rest observed ---- on patrol. Slept KIP R.H.

Monday, 14th. September.

Inspected road whilst en route TUMIA R.H. from KIP R.H. (30 mins walk)
 PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA DAY OBSERVED BY THE PATROL. Slept TUMIA R.H.

Tuesday, 15th. September

Three minor disputes heard and settled. Police investigation into assault case and obscene language case. Both referred to A.D.C. Mendi for court action.
 Departed TUMIA R.H. at 0930 hrs.
 Inspected road whilst en route MAPKEBOL R.H. arriving at 1400 hrs.
 Police investigation into supposed rape case. (7½ hrs)
 Slept MAPKEBOL R.H.

Wednesday, 16th. September.

Conversed with V.C. TONDOBI of MAPKEBOL re. road, lepers and Village councillors.
 Two lepers apprehended and escorted to Mendi.
 R.H. and road in excellent condition.
 Departed MAPKEBOL R.H. at 1140 hrs.
 Arrived KEMA R.H. at 1220 hrs.
 Repairs to Rest House and Police Barracks at KEMA R.H.
 Reprimanded V.C. for his bad management and the disgraceful state of the camp site.
 Inspected some houses near the camp site. General house cleaning was begun.
 Slept KEMA R.H.

Thursday, 17th. September.

Pop talk given to the KEMA people on hygiene, law etc.
 Conversation with V.C. DOGUA of TUBIP re. patrols intentions and rest house site.
 Supervised the clearing of an area for the new KEMA R.H. site.
 Departed new KEMA R.H. site at 1230 hrs.
 Arrived TUBIP R.H. at 1310 hrs.
 Addressed the people on road work and general attitudes towards Village Officials.
 Continued on to IMILHAMA R.H. at 1330 hrs.
 Arrived IMILHAMA R.H. at 1430 hrs. in heavy rain.
 Advised V.C. EREPI of IMILHAMA on the road work and talk tomorrow.
 Slept IMILHAMA R.H.

Friday, 18th. September.

Addressed IMILHAMA people on road work commitments, hygiene and laws.
 Called names from census books as all were not present for the lecture.
 Reprimanded the people for their bad co-operation.

P.T.O.

Mendi Patrol Report.No. 4 of 1964/65.PATROL DIARYFriday, 18th. September. (Continued)

Departed IMILHAMA R.H. at 1230 hrs.

Arrived MARISERE R.H. at 1430 hrs.

Conversation with Village Officials concerning the patrol's intentions and general subjects. No complaints --- very quiet here today.

Conversed with two HURI men from MARGARIMA re. their business here and their intentions.

Slept MARISERE R.H.

Saturday, 19th. September.

Addressed assembled MARISERE group on road work, laws, hygiene etc.

Departed MARISERE R.H. at 1030 hrs.

Arrived WARIBA R.H. at 1100 hrs.

Held discussions with V.C.s LEMANK of WARIBA and LIBI of SEMAIP re road work and address.

Compiling information on the work and peoples and other missions attitudes with S.D.A. mission worker.

Slept night WARIBA R.H.

Sunday, 20th. September.

Day of Rest --- spent at WARIBA R.H. Slept WARIBA R.H. in Upper I.A.I.

Monday, 21st. September.

Lecture to the WARIBA and SEMAIP people re. road and path commitments, hygiene, laws etc.

Departed WARIBA R.H. at 1000 hrs.

Arrived PELEPOI R.H. at 1300 hrs.

Conversations with V.C.s PALJUL and IALIP both of PELEPOI concerning the patrol's intentions and general situation of mission and the people around PELEPOI.

Gathering information from S.D.A. missionary re. his work, attitudes of people, other missions in his area.

Slept PELEPOI R.H.

Tuesday, 22nd. September.

General talk to many assembled men re. highland labour scheme, T.P. & N.G. roads and Australia.

Compiled some H.L.S. recruits names, sent them to Mendi S.D.O.

Addressed assembled group at PELEPOI on law, hygiene and bride price disputes.

Inspected road construction to KANDEP Patrol Post from PELEPOI.

The WINJA and PELEPOI groups agreed to disbandon some disputed land near S.D.A. mission

15 minutes walk S.E. of PELEPOI R.H. after discussions were held on the matter.

Interviewed two Apostolic native mission workers re. their work, localities etc.

Slept PELEPOI R.H.

Wednesday, 23rd. September.

After conversing with V.C.s PALJUL and IALIP of PELEPOI departed PELEPOI R.H. at 0845 hrs.

Arrived WINJA R.H. at 0945 hrs.

General cleanup around WINJA camp site and set up camp.

Inspected main road to MABALA mark.

Investigated reports of Apostolic european missionaries activities at WINJA.

Slept WINJA R.H.

Mendi Patrol ReportNo. 4 of 1964/65.PATROL DIARYThursday, 24th. September.

Investigated two controversies -- one of child stealing a pig, other, bride payment.
 Fr. Malachy of Catholic Mission arrived 1000 hrs. We con. based on the mission activities at WINJA.
 Lecture to assembled WINJA group on law, hygiene, bride payment and other dealings.
 Departed WINJA R.H. at 1200 hrs.
 Easy $\frac{1}{2}$ hour walk to MALALA R.H.
 Settled one bride price dispute.
 Supervised initial construction of section of road near MALALA R.H.
 Interviewed V.C. IBE of MALALA on the general situation in his group.
 Slept MALALA R.H.

Friday, 25th. September.

Supervision of road construction --- people worked well in the presence of the patrol.
 Conversated with Fr. Malachy at 1100 hrs re the Apostolic Mission's activities at WINJA.
 Road work continued during the persistent rain.
 Slept MALALA R.H.

Saturday, 26th. September.

Addressed MALALA people on law and road work commitments. Only a small group, but lawy in road work, as could be seen by the unfinished roads.
 Departed MALALA R.H. at 1000 hrs.
 Easy 30mins walk to MONDA R.H.
 Set up camp --- advised Village Officials of the patrol's intentions on Monday.
 Patrol personnel settled down to laundry chores near camp.
 Slept night at MONDA R.H.

Sunday, 27th September.

Day of Rest spent at MONDA R.H.
 Assault case reported to the patrol this morning. Will be dealt with tomorrow morning.
 At 1700 hrs. a huge land slide occurred on the opposite side of the LAI river N.E. of the Rest House. The force of the slide threw large trees and rubble 300 yards across the LAI River. No fatalities, luckily.
 Slept MONDA R.H.

Monday, 28th. September.

Investigation into yesterday's assault case -- will be referred to A.D.O. Mendi for C.N.M.
 Addressed MONDA people on laws, road work commitments, respect for the neighbour & hygiene.
 Departed MONDA R.H. at 1100 hrs.
 Arrived SOBA R.H. after easy one hour 10 min. walk along open road.
 Two bride price controversies settled.
 Questioning one WAISIS re his behaviour in supposedly uttering threats to a European missionary.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour talking to V.C.s PORE, TEP both of SOBA and VC. KONGOP of INJEDL on general situation of their groups.
 Slept SOBA R.H.

PATROL DIARYTuesday, 29th. September

Conversed with V.C. PORE re. his debt over bride payment at TULUM.
 Not a complete attendance at the lecture. Called names from the Census books, checking whereabouts of absent people.
 Road in good condition ---- addressed SOBA people, reminding them of laws, hygiene and to practice better habits in bride price dealings.
 Departed SOBA R.H. at 1315 hrs.
 Arrived INJEDL R.H. at 1430 hrs. (1½ hrs)
 Three bride price and debt disputes settled.
 Slept INJEDL R.H.

Wednesday, 30th. September.

Addressed INJEDL people on the laws, hygiene, highland labour scheme, and various other topics.
 Questioned then arrested one man MAREN who was alleged to have exposed his genitals to a previous patrol.
 Departed INJEDL R.H. at 1100 hrs.
 Easy down hill walk to KUIANDA R.H. arriving at 1130 hrs.
 Conversation with Village Councillors of KUIANDA advising them of the patrols intentions.
 Supervision of work on the bush track to HUM over the range into the KARINT C.D.
 Settled dispute between V.C. TONDOBY of MAPKESOL and one woman WAMIA.
 Witnessed repayment of debt between two SOBA men and reprimanded the offender.
 Discussion with the Village Councillors re. timber rights between KUIANDA and HUM.
 Slept KUIANDA R.H.

Thursday, 1st. October.

Addressed assembled KUIANDA group, reminding them of laws, hygiene, and respect for others in their dealings.
 Departed KUIANDA R.H. at 1300hrs.
 Arrived TULUM R.H. in the KARINT C.D. at 1530 hrs.
 Conversed with L.G.C. Councillor re. shocking condition of the rest house. Repairs began.
 Walked ½ mile to TULUM Primary 'T' School and conversed with Mr. E. Mason T.I.C.
 Slept TULUM R.H.

Friday, 2nd. October.

Settled one minor debt dispute.
 Reprimanded a young mission worker for unthinkingly destroying trees at SOBA recently.
 Investigation of ill-feeling report between WOMBIP-ALUMANDA and TULUM groups.
 Retired V.C. LOA of TULUM was reprimanded for his not reporting the ill-feeling to Admin.
 Departed TULUM R.H. at 1030 hrs.
 Arrived S.D.O. Mendi reported to Mr. Kent, A.D.O. Mendi.
 Patrol completed today. 38 days duration.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

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7. At most places visited during this patrol we were received with good spirit, co-operation and, large quantities of food for the patrol to purchase. The people were, in most cases, pleased to see the patrol's arrival, mainly I feel, because there were many disputes outstanding for the conductor to settle. Where there were few controversies the Village Officials and leaders were asking questions concerning the distribution of shovels for road work or advice on the purchase of nails for bridges or gaining advice on many and varied subjects which arose during discussions. A perusal through the diary will disclose that small debts and 'marriage gift' problems were the prominent disputes. In second place were the numerous conversations held with various individuals and groups on a variety of subjects. Thirdly, the incidents which required court action.

8. A few of the disputes needed clarification only because the two parties had become involved in so many debts and exchanges that their blundering had arisen to contestation. In all cases the controversies confronted were straightened. Then the onlookers and involved parties were advised to have more respect for their fellowman when arranging 'marriage gifts' or in day to day dealings. In minor or complicated disputes every effort was made to have both sides unanimous and happy.

9. In any discussion the people were always eager to gain knowledge of the coastal areas. They were also interested in the laws pertaining to theft, assault and riotous behaviour --- the laws which are so often broken by the Mendi people. Even great attention was shown when I explained various functions of the body and some causes of simple sickness e.g. headache, stomachache etc. All of these topics interest the people intensely, indicating that they want to learn and improve their ways.

10. There were six cases which required court action. These were referred to the Assistant District Officer after I had completed the police investigations. The six cases comprised of one stealing, three assault, one obscene language and indecent exposure. In all cases if the offending party had paused to think and referred the matter to the visiting patrol, then maybe the results would not have developed into breaking the law. It is therefore pleasing to note that all the innumerable disputes which were settled peacefully were brought to the notice of the patrol before a deviation to the age old custom developed.

11. At DEL in the UMBIRI Census Division there were many local people working on a new airstrip site on the Catholic Mission land whilst the patrol was present. It was frightening to hear the eerie cries about 7 a.m. and see about two hundred men, with shovels at the ready, charging to work on the airstrip. I queried the excitement attached to this work. The Village Constable TEIA from POMBAL, a nearby group, replied, 'We are situated in the centre of Mendi, Nipa and Kagua each place being over a days walk away. The LAI River gorge near PARARONGA is difficult or near impossible for road construction, so an airstrip is our best means of supplying transport and improving our area!

12. In the northern extremity of the LAI VALLEY Census Division the PELEPOI people seem to have the feeling of being locked away in the valley. However there are signs of economical awareness here. They have partially constructed roads but no vehicular road access as yet to either Mendi or Kandep Patrol Post. There is a minority of people in this area who have never been to a Government outstation or seen a permanent material house because of the long distances and isolation. But most of these people are beginning to realise the benefits of having money, education and transport (land or air). They expressed the desire to have a European establish a store, mission and school in this area, particularly near WINJA Rest House where there is a good airstrip site.

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13. In the North West Section of the LAI VALLEY Census Division, up the GOLEWA Creek a tributary of the LAI River, the people were impartial to the presence of the patrol. The main groups are KEMA, IMILHAMA, TUBIP and SEMAIP. There was no evident enthusiasm to progress. Most of the Village Officials were lacking in interest and showing little encouragement to their groups. A strong belief in the TAMBARAN exists in this area. Many WARIBA and SEMAIP people were attending a TAMBARAN ceremony near LALEGAM, approximately two days walk away from WARIBA, when the patrol visited. Courteously the Village Constable from WARIBA met the patrol at MARISERE to explain his groups absence. He said that the TAMBARAN ceremony meant very much to him and his group. It is our only means of expelling sickness and death. There is no direct access to medical facilities and the missions are not influential, he continued. So we will continue with the TAMBARAN ceremonies until we find a better way of defeating sickness and death, he said.

14. Only two-thirds of the IMILHAMA group assembled for the lecture and road work. When the names were called from the census books and the absentees were sought after the other third came hurriedly to the Rest House. Their excuses being ----- I just did not bother to come or I only attend when there is census revision. This type of attitude is prevailing. Before the patrol departed from IMILHAMA the people had been strongly reprimanded for their bad co-operation and reminded not to try the same thing on a next patrol.

15. On the patrols arrival at KEMA Rest House the people were found sitting watching. The Village Officials or the people did not think to prepare the rest house, latrines and police barracks which were in a terrible condition. An atmosphere of moroseness prevailed when impetus was given to the camp site renovation. These people under discussion now are isolated by the rough terrain. There are no medical facilities and strong mission influence also. They seem psychologically depressed in their attitudes. It is my opinion that frequent contact with the Administration is the answer for the people to become aware of its aims and objectives and so overcome their apparent lack of enthusiasm and indifference for progress.

16. During conversation at FINJ, KIP, MAPKESOL, MARISERE and WINJA the people expressed that they were frightened to walk to Mendi alone because of the untrustworthy people in the Local Government Council area. They think it is a considerable risk to pass through the L.G.C. area en route Mendi, because there has been a few murders and assaults there recently. Apparently there has been instances of the LAI people being bullied by the people in the closer reaches of Mendi. There is no ill-feeling between the LAI and KARINT people, but the former do distrust the latter.

17. Young men were advised of the opportunity to earn money and gain some outside experience by signing on for the Highland Labour Scheme. A few young willing men were sent to the Sub - District Office Mendi for onward movement to the coast. At some places there was reluctance shown by the parents because of deaths on the coast of recruits and the thought of their son leaving them alone. Naturally many young men want to go to the coast for two years and be employed, but they are deterred by their parents sudden bursts of love and warnings.

18. Taking into account the varying degrees of contact, the distant access due to rough terrain and the absence of medical facilities and strong mission influences the native situation in the LAI VALLEY and the part of the UNDIRI patrolled is generally satisfactory.

END OF THE NATIVE SITUATION

VILLAGE OFFICIALS AND REST HOUSES.

19. A list of Village Constables and respective Rest Houses in the LAI VALLEY Census Division is Appendix A to this Report.

20. Each rest house in the LAI VALLEY has a resident Village Constable and accompanying are usually two Village Councillors to help in the organisation of the group. The proportion of populations ~~is~~ well suited with the Village Constable appointments. Although there is room for improvement in the attitudes of a minority, the majority of Village Constables encountered during the patrol were showing marked enthusiasm and co-operation in enhancing the Administrations aims.

21. The condition of the Rest House site and adjoining roads was a good indication of the Village Officials influence and interest. One could almost depict the character of the Village Officials by the appearance of the roads and rest house sites on arrival at each destination. Unfortunately this cannot be said for the Village Officials in the groups mentioned in the Native Situation of this report, including the MALALA group, where there are no better replacements to be found.

22. The KEMA Rest House site was unsatisfactory. It had been erected on uneven loamy soil. Subsequently when wet the surrounding camp site area was like a quagmire. The rest house was unsafe because the foundations were rotten. A new site was selected by the people approximately ten minutes walk north west of the old site, on higher, dryer ground. V.C. LUPA mentioned that this new site would be more central for his group. Apart from this rest house at KEMA all other rest houses visited were satisfactory. Minor renovations were carried out at all camp sites. But over all the rest houses and adjoining buildings were in good condition during this patrol.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

23. The main accessible vehicular road from Mendi to the LAI VALLEY extends, obstruction free, south to IORE Rest House in the north of the UNDIRI Census Division, thence north beside the LAI River to TUMIA Rest House (approximately 20 miles). From TUMIA farther north to PELEPOI there are no bridges but the road bench is almost completely constructed. Approximately 40 to 50 bridges will be needed on this section, including one large bridge over the LAI River at SOBA (approx. 60 ft. span).

24. This LAI River bridge and two incomplete sections of road at MALALA and PELEPOI are the principal obstacles obstructing a good road extending from Mendi to Kandep Patrol Post in the Western Highlands District. Small bridges from SOBA to PELEPOI could be constructed if and when the LAI bridge is originated. It would be a subsequent waist of time, wood and work to construct these small bridges now. Considering the amount of road and bridge construction which have been accomplished during the past four years in the LAI VALLEY, it is not absurd to envisage a major road through the LAI VALLEY from Mendi to Kandep Patrol Post. The LAI River bridge at SOBA will be a major construction. The Administrations bridge artisans and money will definitely be needed eventually to complete this task, if the road is to link Mendi with Kandep.

25. Land slides are common on the section of road from IORE to KAMB. Road maintenance was greatly destined to the removal of innumerable land slides. The people were advised to remove any land slides straight after occurrence, so the amount of work would not accumulate, also to avoid unnecessary delay or hindrance to vehicular traffic.

26. All bridges were inspected. Most were found to be secure except some past KIP on which the decking has been wired in place of nails. Vehicles crossing these wired decking bridges need to take precautionary care. The diminishing foundations of a small high bridge near KAMB Rest House were reinforced with stones logs and earth. This bridge was satisfactorily repaired before the patrol departed.

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27. The KIP and MAPKEBOL groups in the LAI VALLEY are painstakingly building a road to NIPA. Eventually when the NIPA, KIP and MAPKEBOL people have completed this road, the Nipa Patrol Post will have vehicular road access to Mendi. The sections where the KIP and MAPKEBOL groups are building will be of little benefit to them because the main Mendi - LAI road is nearby. Nevertheless they are doing their best in accordance with the instructions issued by Mr N.D. Lucas, Patrol Officer 1960-61. However both Village Constables from KIP and MAPKEBOL expressed the desire for their people to concentrate on the upkeep of gardens and to rebuild new houses when their section of road was completed in the near future.

28. In all parts patrolled there were roads under construction or completed. This is a credit to the encouragement of previous patrols, but in particular a sign of good co-operation and hard work by the people.

END OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

29. There were no signs of food shortage in the areas visited. The patrol was greeted with an abundance of indigenous vegetables and a fair amount of introduced vegetables too. At most places the people wanted to barter for money, they appear to be acquiring a monotonous dislike for the inferior salt and face paint trade goods.

30. Potatoes and cabbages are produced everywhere, but tomatoes, beans, lettuce and turnips are restricted to certain areas only. At PELEPOI, three hours walk south west of Kandep, the turnips purchased were of considerable size (one seen was the size of a soccer ball). Although these turnips are included in the diet occasionally, the people seem more inclined to invite a monetary income from them.

31. ^{Potato} The marble sized ^{potato} is too common. Very few large potatoes were sighted. The reason for this common small potato is uncertain. It could be the soil, the peoples techniques or a dozen other factors. But this may be of interest to the Agriculturalist.

32. The coffee in its various stages of growth nearby each rest house site in the LAI VALLEY was inspected, and seems to be generally good. There was a small bug noticed, similar to U.S.A. Bol weevil, destroying the leaves on the coffee trees at TUGUP. This insect is not harming the coffee buds. It is not in plague numbers. It is only eating holes in the fleshy leaf. The coffee tenderers are keeping the plots weed free and generally tidy.

33. Three goats were sighted at KAMB. The owner was very surprised when I demonstrated milking then consumed some of the milk. I explained that goats milk was beneficial to the diet and told him to try it. Perhaps the introduction of goats --- with milking instructions --- would be a step in the right direction.

END OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

Mendi Patrol ReportHEALTH AND HYGIENE.

34. There is only one fully established Aid Post in the entire area patrolled. This is at WINJA. The Aid Post Orderly here advised me that the people were still not completely confident in medical treatment. In many cases they would revert to the TAMBARAN ceremony. The A.P.O. has one to two days walk to Mendi to replenish medical supplies when necessary.
35. Another unstaffed Aid Post situated near PINJ Rest House is being well kept by the people until a replacement A.P.O. arrives. The PINJ group had a well maintained vehicular road section, so preparation of the Aid Post garden area was achieved while the patrol was present..
36. Three new lepers from KAMB and SOEAW were sent to the Mendi Handsomide Colony for examination and/or treatment. Two other lepers who had absconded from the Colony recently were returned under Village Constable escort from MAPKEBOL. There still a few of these absconders at large in the MARGARIMA area. These were too distant for the patrol to contact.
37. The accompanying Native Medical Orderly was very busy treating sores, lacerations and scabbies etc at all rest houses visited. There were no signs of whooping cough, the common cold or prominence of any particular disease. The health situation was generally satisfactory.
38. Particular stress was placed on house, personal and general hygiene in the lectures given to many groups. On many occasions the people seemed to treat this subject as a joke — washing the face and sweeping the house of a morning was too troublesome. They were also told to develop an interest in the appearance of their small home and surrounding gardens, e.g. plant shrubs, stone paths and build drains. Then eventually they will have pride in their home, instead of waisting many days gossiping and smoking without a thought about their living.
39. In my opinion these people need continual instruction/dwelling and personal hygiene, a thing which is taken for granted in our european society being thought of as unimportant to the primitive man. Beauty is something which primitive people find hard to understand. However I feel that if they gain the sense of beauty and pride in their homes they will gain a better sense of the law, education and the sentiments than exists at present.

END OF HEALTH AND HYGIENEMISSIONS

40. During this patrol of nearly all the western side of the Mendi Sub - District much contact was made with various missions and missionaries in the area.
41. At WINJA in the Upper LAI Census Division there are four different missions situated within a mile radius of the WINJA Rest House. They are the S.D.A. Lutheran, Catholic and Apostolic mission bodies. With only six hundred people in the WINJA group there is much consternation and friction prevailing. The old TAMBARAN is still very strong and why, mainly I feel, because it has one code to abide by even though it may be fruitless from a european viewpoint. Missions are in active competition with each other. One gets the impression mainly to obtain as many 'converts' as possible in order to gain supremacy in the eyes of the people. Unfortunately this active competition is merely not excessive zeal but antagonistic.

MISSIONS

42. At DEL in the UNDIRI Census Division the Catholic Mission have applied for a block of land called AREP. The Application was made because the DEL people wanted the Catholic Mission to reside there. The land is a very good site for an airstrip in this rough area, so the people initiated the airstrip construction under the guidance a priest. As soon as the Methodist Mission realised that the Catholic Mission had applied for AREP, they applied for APINJIP right next door (a small creek namely NARU Crk is the boundary).

43. I was amazed when I realised the close proximity of the two leases, and more so in that both missions were interding to build airstrips. This situation need not have arisen had both missions considered the wants of the people firstly. If they had thought of the people first (particularly as they are so enthusiastic about constructing an airstrip), a large airstrip of Piaggio 166 category could have been constructed without any trouble. This being of benefit to the people primarily, then the missions. The people had the strip on AREP under the process of construction and they were naturally adamant when a second strip was intended to be built. Consequently the APINJIP Land Investigation was abandoned, resulting in considerable embarrassment for the Methodist Mission.

44. The second incident which was reported to the patrol by an Aid Post Orderly and a Catholic Mission Catechist stemmed from the activities of a European Apostolic Missionary from Kandep. These native informants alleged that he came to WINJA in the north of the Upper LAI and said that he wants to establish a european mission station at WINJA with a trade store, airstrip etc. and all other missions are to clear out of the area or else he will burn down their mission stations. Because of the desire of the people for european settlers and economic development he is gaining many supporters. If this station ~~is~~ eventually it will be an asset to this isolated area. No confirmation of the alleged statement to burn existing mission centres could be obtained. I doubt if such was made particularly as at least one of the informants could be considered biased towards another missions intended entry into the area. What does exist is friction between the supporters of the Apostolic Mission and the nominal members of existing missions over an airstrip site and for their own choice of religion.

45. It is suggested that all Missions in the Mendi area establish a Sub - District Mission Development Committee. The sole purpose of this committee will be to discuss situations such as the two explained above with the aim in mind of helping the people and considering their point of view first. Then taking steps to establish a mission station etc. I dearly think that heated discussions in the conference room would be far better than the unsatisfactory, indeterminable rancours which are existing at present over mission stations and spheres of influence.

END MISSIONSEDUCATION.

46. Eleven scattered mission stations, mainly Methodist and Catholic, posted with native pastors and mission workers are the only sources of education in the LAI VALLEY at present. Many remaining mission outposts were not catering for education because schooling facilities were not available and the mission worker was incapable of teaching.

47. I was informed continually by the mission teachers that truant players and short period reconiters (viz. the children who come to school for a few days to have a look, then leave) are the main child problems in their schools. But N.R.O. Reg.No.117 (4) is unable to be enforced. There is also inadequate schooling accommodation in the LAI VALLEY Census Division.

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48. Furthermore, the parents have not reached the stage of appreciating education for their children. The forefathers custom of parental control was mainly demonstrative in pig tending, household chores then fighting for the boys, and in gardening, pig tending thence eventual marriage for the girls. This is rational to an extent. But where education is concerned it is very hard to gain results if the parents persist in their forefathers customs. Without the law to enforce schooling in these small schools, truant problems and parental misunderstanding will remain to exist. Although the mission outpost schools in the LAI VALLEY are conducted by unqualified teachers, the fundamental basis of school are present. The missionaries are industriously forming a good precedent for future schools which will be eventually established in the LAI VALLEY Census Division.

END EDUCATIONLAND INVESTIGATIONS

49. Two land investigations were detailed to this patrol in the Patrol Instructions. Both investigations on APINJIP at DEL Rest House and KIP at KIP Rest House resulted from the applications by the Methodist Overseas Mission.

50. Initially a nine acre block was investigated at KIP, but was rejected by the Land Commissioner because this was not in accordance with the four acres applied for on the Application for Tender Form. I was informed by the M.O.N. representative Reverend J. Rees that KIP was intended to be a central mission station in the LAI VALLEY Census Division. But now the main station is to be centred at TUGUP, half an hour walk south of KIP. The Land Investigation carried out this time on KIP was on a smaller block (approx. 3 acres) on which there is to be a small mission outstation only. The investigation was successfully accomplished in accordance with the Lands Circular Instruction No.1 of February 1964.

51. At DEL the local people are constructing an airstrip on the Catholic Mission lease, namely AREP. Incidentally this lease has not been finally approved as yet by the Lands Commissioner. Nevertheless the DEL, POMBAR, WALUMESA and UNJA populations are proceeding with the strip construction, under the guidance of Father Benjamin from the Catholic Mission at Mendi, with appetent enthusiasm.

52. Actually the people thought the patrol had arrived at DEL to supervise the work on the airstrip. They were surprised to realise that I was intending to investigate the M.O.N. lease on nearby land, namely APINJIP. After lengthy discussions with the owners of APINJIP and various leaders I did not attempt to proceed with the investigation. The owners advised me that they were unaware of the Methodist Overseas Missions intentions to lease APINJIP. They had intentions also, to replant the displaced gardens from AREP onto APINJIP now that the new airstrip was taking shape. It was also impractical to the people for both missions to be within close proximity of each other with two separate airstrips. The KIP Land Investigation will be subject to separate correspondence.

END LAND INVESTIGATIONSCENSUS TAKINGTENDEREIBA GROUP AT IARIA

53. A Village Population Register is enclosed with this report in accordance with D.N.A. Circular Instruction No.164A of the 8th. of December, 1952. The whole of the TENDEREIBA group, recently retrenched from MOCURA near CWAI Rest House in the KAMBIRI Census Division, were re-censused at IARIA Rest House in the UNDIRI Census Division. The total population is 154, 83 males and 71 females, which brings the total population recorded 1963/64 in the UNDIRI Census Division to 6995. All the necessary statistics have therefore been changed in the IARIA census figures on the Village Population Register enclosed.

END CENSUS TAKING

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54. One man TAGILI, the spokesman for the TENDEREIBA group reiterated the desire to return to MOGURA near OMAI Rest House, east of IORE Rest House. But these desires were promptly quashed with the reminder of Messrs. Anderson and Hicks' discussions and activities when the group were expropriated from MOGURA. Discussions were held at length with the IARIA and TENDEREIBA groups concerning suitable accommodation for the latter now that they are willing to settle at IARIA.

55. The IARIA people were not disconcerted over the TENDEREIBA people settling with them. Infact they were pleased to help. However the TENDEREIBA group may not acquire a sense of land ownership unless their land is specifically purchased or designated by the Administration. Both groups were advised to primarily make a conscientious effort to settle the land problem amongst themselves. They were advised in this manner with the intention to deter any over confident inferences that the Administration would resettle them inevitably.

56. After discussion with the TENDEREIBA people was complete, a man from the nearby MEGI group exhumed another land claim. Apparently just prior to the end of the tribal fighting in this area there was a small group, namely KUSA who were driven from their land by the neighbouring IARIA group. There are still a handful of dihardis amongst the KUSA group now living at MEGI, who want to reclaim their lost land. The IARIA group was opposed to this claim, of course. The KUSA Representatives were sternly warned to abandon their claims and expel any further intentions of resettling on this disputed land.

57. There is a common plot of disputed land inbetween many groups in the LAI VALLEY and UNDIRI Census Divisions. To name a few noted by the patrol: IARIA v KUSA, IORE v MEGI, PJNJ v MIL, KUIANDA v SOBA, TUMIA v KAMB, ESAMARI v ENDOWA and PILEPOI v WINJA. I reiterated previous P.O. and A.D.O.s ruling to any queries — 'disputed land is to be left abandoned! In all cases during this patrol this direction was being adhered to, however the 'dihards' were forever inquiring into the possibilities of trying to settle on the disputed land.

END DISPUTED LANDCONCLUSION

58. Considering I commenced this patrol only two weeks after my transfer from the HURI situation at Tari, I felt a little strange with the Mendi people during the first week of the patrol. But with a similar native situation, disputes and procedures common to the Highland People I soon acquired sufficient local knowledge to be confident in my work.

59. Whilst perusing through old Patrol Reports I have noticed many improvements since the earlier days in the LAI VALLEY Census Divisions. In particular the institution of vehicular roads and cleared walking tracks have decreased walking times immensely. The small number of Village Constable appointments in 1960 have increased to the adequate twenty-one in 1964. Some older Village Constables are still outstanding in their interest and enthusiasm. Rest House names and places have almost completely changed to the present satisfactory titles. The tremendous road construction tasks initiated by 1959-60 patrols are now eventuating into a beneficial road network.

60. Even though there has been a highly evident physical change, the people still possess inevitable inclination towards the customs of their native forefathers (e.g. TAMBARAN) which will last for many years hence, no doubt. On the contrary, there has been an imbued change from the tribal fighting days to the present depths of Administration consolidation.

62. The accompanying patrol personnel were co-operative, well behaved and inspiring in all aspects of their duties. Particularly the Patrol Interpreter NONGIA who displayed a conscientious approach in all interpreting tasks. R.S.1 Forms for the R.P.&N.G.C. have been forwarded to the Police Commissioner. Camping allowance claim for self is forwarded herewith.

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APPENDIX 'A'

LIST OF VILLAGE CONSTABLES AND REST HOUSES.
THE LAI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION.
COMPILED 13TH. OCTOBER 1964.

<u>REST HOUSE</u>	<u>VILLAGE CONSTABLE</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
Kamb	Egap Kala	84	639	1-7-60	fair
Tugup	Pungung Hep	83	279	1-7-60	fair
Kip	Badibidi Wadial	82	701	22-6-64	good
Tumia	Esindal Kubual	81	413	1-10-62	fair
Mapkebol	Tendobi Ua	80	668	1-7-60	v.good
Kema	Alupa Keleba	86	308	1-7-60	fair
Tubip	Dogua Tubank	88	223	1-7-60	good
Zailhama	Eropi Di ⁹¹		459		bad
Marisere	Pandal Baru		436		fair
Wariba	Lewank Pau	76	361	1-7-60	good
Semai	Libi Tedar	95	380	1-11-60	fair
Pelepei/Agrop	Ialip Kibak	77	947	1-7-60	v.good
Pelepei/Timorop	Paijul Ibirā	99	"	1-11-60	v.good
Winja	Mapa Sumbura	96	587	1-11-60	good
Malala	Ibe Pame	78	259	1-7-60	fair
Monla north	Pondal Landam	79	440	28-8-63	good
Soba/Komberop	Tep Tene	98	637	1-11-60	good
Soba/south Agrop	Pore Peiānk	97	"	1-11-60	good
Injedl	Kongop Kendo	85	502	10-10-62	good
Kuienda	Hump Hongol	89	301	1-7-60	fair

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APPENDIX 'B'
LIST OF WALKING TIMES.
LAI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION
MENDI SUB-DISTRICT.

REST HOUSE TO REST HOUSE		CARRYING TIME	CONDITION OF ROAD OR PATH
KAMB	TO TUGUP	30 mins.	GOOD MAIN ROAD
TUGUP	TO KIP	35 mins.	" " "
KIP	TO TUMIA	25 mins.	" " "
TUMIA	TO MAPKEBOL	1 hr. 30 mins.	GOOD ROAD, GOOD PATH.
MAPKEBOL	TO KEMA	50 mins.	PAIR PATH
KEMA	TO IMILHAMA	2 hrs —	GOOD ROAD, BAD PATH.
IMILHAMA	TO MARISERE	2 hrs —	BAD PATH IN SECTIONS.
MARISERE	TO W. RIBA	40 mins.	GOOD ROAD.
W. RIBA	TO SEMAIP	50 mins	PAIR PATH.
SEMAIP	TO PELEPOI	3 hrs 15 mins.	BAD PATH.
W. RIBA	TO PELEPOI	3 hrs —	PAIR PATH.
PELEPOI	TO WINJA	1 hr. —	GOOD ROAD.
WINJA	TO MALALA	30 mins.	GOOD ROAD.
MALALA	TO HONDA	30 mins.	GOOD ROAD.
HONDA	TO SOBA	1 hr. 15 mins.	GOOD ROAD.
SOBA	TO INJREL	1 hr 30 mins.	PAIR PATH UPHILL.
INJREL	TO KUIANDA	30 mins.	PAIR PATH DOWNHILL.
KUIANDA	TO HUM	1 hr. 45 mins.	BAD PATH OVER RANGE THEN GOOD ROAD

R. J. Gleason
 (R. T. Gleason)
 CADRET PATROL OFFICER

CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM THIS PATROL -- LAI VALLEY.

SUBJECT

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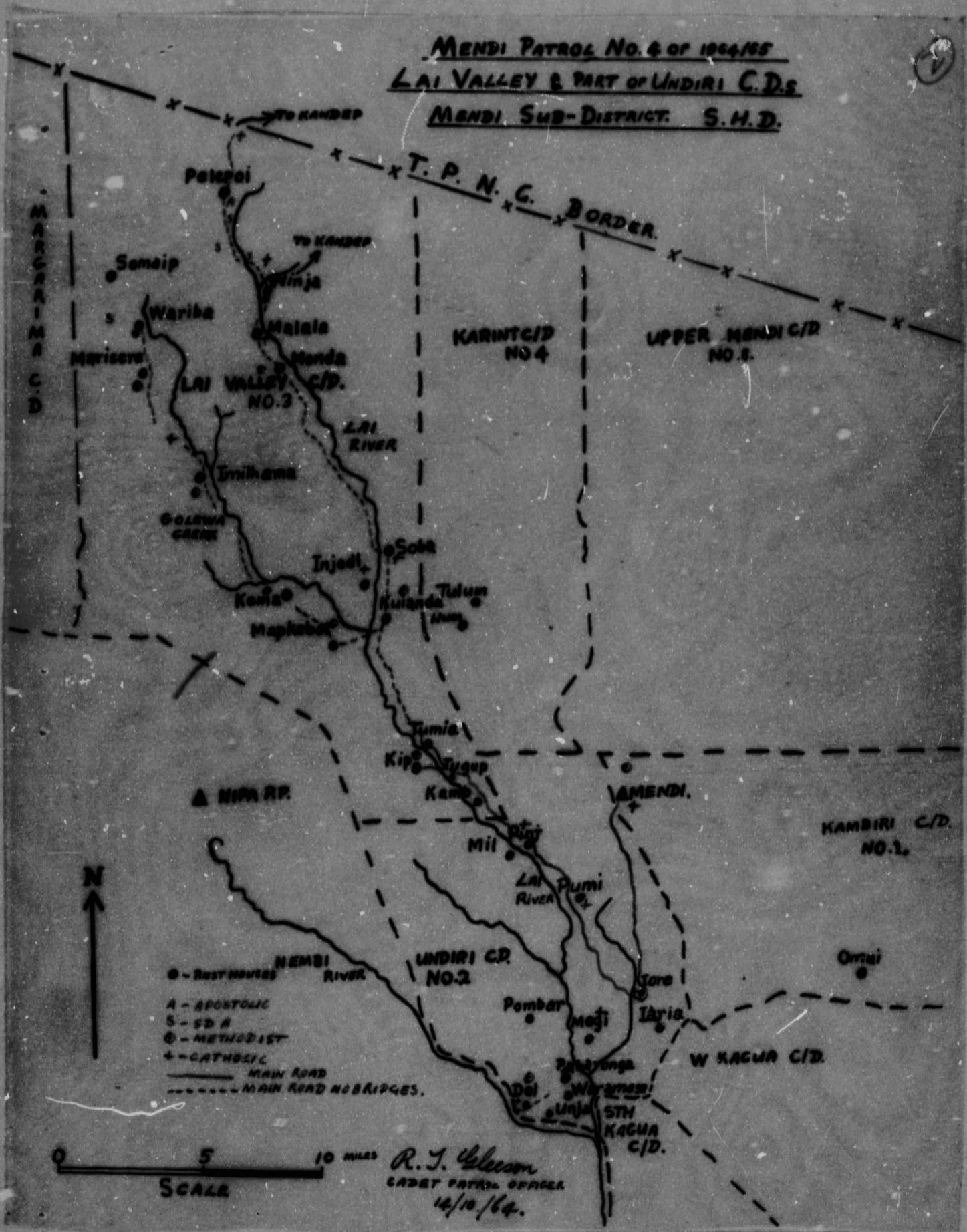
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Land Investigation	-----	M.O.M. Lease	KIP	1. District Officer, MENDI.
				2. Director of Lands, KONDORU

Report on S.D.A. Mission activities				1. Assistant District Officer, Mendi.
Upper LAI Valley. (S/D File No. 50-3-2)				2. District Commissioner, S.H.D.

R. T. Gleeson.
 (R. T. Gleeson)
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

MENDI PATROL NO. 4 OF 1964/65
LAI VALLEY & PART OF UNDIRI C.D.S
MENDI SUB-DISTRICT. S.H.D.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Mendi No. 5 of 64/65

Patrol Conducted by K. Karukuru Assistant Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part Upper Mendi Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 2 R.P.&N.G.C. 1 Interpreter

2 Administration Drivers

Duration—From 24./8./1964 to 24./12./1964

Number of Days 123 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Nil

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 15./2./1964

Medical February./1962

Map Reference Patrol Map Attached herewith.

Objects of Patrol Patrol Instructions Enclosed.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

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

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24th March, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
WENDI.

MRSDI PATROL NO. 6-64/65

Your 67-3-2 of 18th February, 1965 refers.

2. Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.
3. Mr. Karukuru has carried out good work and submitted an interesting report.
4. Such courses as you suggest are valuable, but not the only means of improving English expression. Self-improvement is to be encouraged in this field.
5. It is pleasing to note that frequent contact and advice is being given to Mr. Kaurkuru in his work.

T. G. Aitchison,
A/DIRECTOR. 7

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

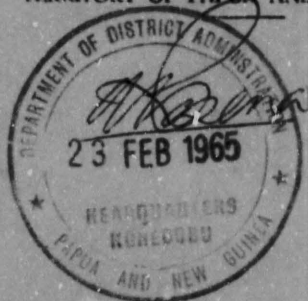
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Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District
MENDI

18th February 1965

The Director
Department of District
Administration
KONEDOBUBU. PAPUA

SUBJECT: Mendi Patrol 6 of 64/65

Attached please find original copy of a report on the above patrol undertaken by Mr. K. Karukuru, Assistant Patrol Officer, to the Upper Mendi Census Division, Mendi Sub-District.

2. Some comments follow:

- (i) A report which contains a number of observations and comments of more than passing interest. I refer specifically to the paragraphs headed "Village Officials" which deal with Councillors and their standing in their various electorates.
- (ii) It is obvious that future patrols to the Council area will have to undertake explanatory discussions on the objectives of Councils and the interdependence of Councillors and electors to ensure that the Council is understood and accepted by the people.
- (iii) The Dimifa timber lease has been purchased and documents forwarded to Headquarters.
- (iv) Unfortunately a tractor and trailer was not immediately available when work commenced on the Komia section of the Mendi-Tambul road. It was sent to assist two weeks after work started and for approximately six weeks worked in conjunction with a John Deer and trailer hauling stones and sand for road surfacing.

3. Completion of the report was delayed on the instructions of the then District Commissioner who allocated additional field duties to Mr. Karukuru immediately his patrol terminated.

4. Mr. Karukuru is a keen and energetic field officer who displays an intelligent approach to his duties. At times his English expression is not up to standard, however, I feel sure that this could be corrected by attendance at the Administrative Staff College. I would welcome his posting back to the District after he has completed his leave.

D. R. Marsh

(D. R. Marsh)

A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
Mendi.

5th January, 1964.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
Mendi.

MENDI PATROL No.6 of 64/65.

Patrol Conducted by: K.Karukuru Asst Patrol Officer(Tr)

Area Patrolled: Part Upper Mendi Census Division.

Accompanied by: Europeans: Nil.
Natives: 2 Members Of R.P.A.N.G.C
1 Interpreter.
2 Admin Drivers.

Duration of Patrol: 24/8/64 to 24/12/64. (24/8/64 to 25/9/64, accompanied Mr.Haviland on Mendi Patrol No.3 of 64/65. From 26/9/64 to 24/12/64 on Mendi Patrol No.6 on Mendi Tambul road.)

Last Patrol to the Area: District Admin Patrol February 64.
3 weeks.
D.A.S.F. 20/5/64 18 days.
P.H.D. February 1962.

Objects of Patrol: Patrol Instruction Enclosed. Mendi Tambul Road work.

Map Reference: Map of the Area attached.

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Mendi Patrol No.6 of 64/65.

INTRODUCTION:

The main objective of this patrol was to accompany Patrol Officer Mr. Haviland to obtain as much practical experience as possible of patrol as stated by the Assistant District Commissioner in his 67-1-2 of the 14th August, 1964. The observations and comments on this report deals only on the top part of the Upper Mendi Census Division and Officer's stay at Komia to do the road work. The Upper Mendi people are experiencing the Administration activities in their area. There is no economical progress to a large extent, however the people are showing signs of economical and political awareness.

Political awareness of the area has been shown from the fact that these people have taken keen interest during the recent voting of the House of Assembly Elections. With regard to economy of the area; planting of pyrethrum and coffee have been encouraged. Just recently some local headmen of Upper Mendi have been on an educational tour to the Western Highlands District. During the tour the four men (KONOL of Klareg, YUNUNK of Kundaka, MATO of Egari, and YEMINI of Enip) visited various economical projects as pyrethrum and coffee nurseries and plantings in Minj and Wabag and the timber cuttings at Hagen which the people have leased to the Administration. On their return two of ~~these~~ these men were taken on patrol to give talks on what they have seen over in the Western Highlands. All appeared to be interested in listening to the talks, but it remains to be seen whether any of these has been registered in the minds of the ~~ix~~ listeners.

The Upper Mendi Census Division comprises of the group of hamlets in the area commencing from TENTE close to the Mendi Administrative area and all groups of hamlets on the eastern bank of the Mendi river running almost in a northerly ^{direction} as far as Kelta and ^{groups of hamlets on} western slopes of Mt. Giluwe. The area patrolled was slightly ~~ng~~ higher than Mendi about 7,000 feet A.S.L, and the soil is red clay. There is sufficient subsistence farming carried out to meet their everyday needs, but villages on the western slopes of Mt. Giluwe (KOMIA? KLAREG, KUNDAKA, ENIP, and DIMIFA.) are subject to shortage of food due to occasional frosts.

Irrespective of what has been said in the above paragraph there is sufficient good quantity and quality of European vegetables grown as seen during the recent patrol.

DIARY OF PATROL:

- 24th August. Departed Mendi by tractor at 10.30 hrs. Arrived DIMIFA 11.45 hrs. Talks with local people about the timber lease at DIMIFA. Overnight at DIMIFA.
- 25th August. Assembled owners of the timber land and left with them to mark the timber area at 08.30 hrs. Commenced marking from KENGENIPE creek down towards KORN creek. Heavy rain delayed the work and returned to DIMIFA at 1800 hrs. Overnight at DIMIFA.
- 26th August. At DIMIFA. Patrol Officer Mr. Haviland heard native complaints. Sketch map of the previous day's survey, drawn. Send word out for 100 local people to come and work on the Giluwe road. Made up a book of Tax Census Register sheets for Upper Mendi Census unit. Overnight at DIMIFA.
- 27th August. Mr. Haviland left the camp at 0600 hrs to continue survey of timber land. Received orders from Mr. Haviland to remain at the camp to recruit the 100 labourers and follow on after him when finished. returned from survey at 17.30 hrs. Overnight DIMIFA.

PATROL DIARY:

- 28th August. Left Dimifa 0800 hrs to continue the previous day's survey down KORN creek, with Mr. Haviland. Heavy rain delayed the work again. Returned, overnight DIMIFA.
- 29th August: Continued the survey to the point of commencement. After hours of discussion on timber land adjacent to KESOMROMBA no conclusion could be drawn to the ownership. Matter left to the decision of Native Lands Commissioner. Returned to camp in heavy rain and then to Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 30th August: Sunday observed at Mendi. Left Mendi at 1700 hrs and arrived DIMIFA at 19.30 hrs. Overnight at DIMIFA.
- 31st August: Tax Census Register compiled for DIMIFA and ENIP group. Apprehended 3 male natives who failed to produce their children for census purposes. Taken lists of names of owners of timber land surveyed. Left DIMIFA 13.30 hrs for KLAREG arriving 15.50 hrs. Overnight at Klareg.
- 1st September: 0800 hrs assembled all three villages groups (KLAREG, KUNDAKA and KAPAGAL). Sent them off to clean and build cemeteries after having been told to do so by previous patrols. When finished at 12 noon all continued work their respective sections on the main Mendi Tambul road. Mr. Haviland heard native complaints. Overnight at Klareg.
- 2nd September: Revised census and compiled Tax Census Register sheets for the three groups. Left Klareg at 15.55 hrs for Komia arriving 16.55 hrs. Overnight at Komia.
- 3rd September: Land rover arrived from Mendi and left Komia with Mr. Haviland on the land rover to attend the Upper Mendi Local Government Council meeting. Left Council chamber at 1700 hrs and returned to Komia. Overnight Komia.
- 4th September: Compiled genealogies for Komia people claiming ownership on timber land in dispute. Supervised the work on the road.
- 5th September: Census of Komia group, revised and Tax Census Register for the group compiled. Left Komia at 15.30 hrs. Mr. Haviland heard native complaints. Overnight at Birop.
- 6th September: Sunday observed at Birop.
- 7th September: People assembled and worked on the road. 1700 hrs to 1900 hrs more native complaints. Overnight at Birop.
- 8th September: People continued the road work as the previous day. More native complaints heard. Overnight Birop.

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PATROL DIARY Cont'd.

- 9th September: Continued the road work. Land rover from Mendi arrived. Left with Mr. Haviland on the land rover to attend Upper Mendi Local Government Council meeting. Adjourned the meeting due to insufficient numbers of members present to make a quorum. Returned to spend overnight at Birop.
- 10th September: People continued to work on the road. More native complaints were heard. Overnight at Birop.
- 11th September: People continued to work on the road. Mr. Haviland drew the map of timber area surveyed. Three male natives apprehended for assault. Overnight Birop.
- 12th September: Assembled all Birop. Census revised and Tax Census Register compiled for the area. Left Birop 14.15 hrs arriving Egari 1500 hrs Overnight at Egari.
- 13th September: Sunday observed at Egari.
- 14th September: Assembled all owners of scholl land Moga near Egari. Walked around the boundaries with the owners, before paying them. Returned to Egari rest house and paid the owners in M.O.P. shells worth £110. Overnight Egari.
- 15th September: People from Egari Angamanda and Semera assembled and worked on the road. Received orders from Mr. Haviland to go round the boundary of the scholl land putting hardwood posts. Returned to camp 16.30 hrs. Overnight at Egari.
- 16th September: Census of Egari, Angamanda and Semera group revised. Tax Census Register for each group ~~revised~~ compiled. Talks on planting of pyrethrum given. Left Egari 15.30 hrs arriving Abua 1700 hrs. Overnight Abua.
- 17th September: People worked on the road. Received word from local people about an escapee from Mendi C.I. Police sent and apprehended the escapee. Mr. Haviland heard native complaints. Overnight at Abua.
- 18th September: Census for group revised. T.C.R compiled for the area. Heavy rain during the census. Council rules explained with particular emphasis on sanitation; registration of births, deaths and marriages. Left Abua 1500 hrs arriving Nene 1600 hrs. Overnight at Nene.
- 19th September: Nene and Kelta group assembled at 0800 hrs. Nene group worked on the road to Mendi river. Kelta group collecting sand and stone for Council ~~tax~~ Aid Post to be built in that area. Land rover arrived from Mendi. Mr. Haviland ^{and Sam} proceeded on the vehicle to Mendi for weekend. Overnight at Mendi.
- 20th September: Sunday observed at Mendi then returned to Nene in the afternoon. Overnight at Nene.

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PATROL DIARY Cont'd.

- 21st September: Nene group continued to work on the road. Keltas carrying stones and sand for the Aid Post. Mr. Haviland and self helped the Council carpenter laying the foundation of the Aid Post. Overnight at Nene.
- 22nd September: Left Nene with Mr. Haviland to attend the Executive Council meeting at Bela. Overnight at Bela after the meeting.
- 23rd September: Left Bela after the meeting for Mendi. Afternoon at the Sub-District Office. Left Mendi at 16.30 hrs for Nene arriving 1900 hrs. Overnight at Nene.
- 24th September: Nene group continued to work on the road to Mendi river and Keltas on sand and gravel for the Aid Post. Overnight at Nene.
- 25th September: Nene and Kelta groups sent off to continue the previous day's work. Later in the afternoon received word from Asst District Commissioner Mendi to proceed straight back to Komia. Arrived Komia at 1800 hrs by land rover. Overnight at Komia.
- 26th September: Komia Klareg and Bi-ops assembled and divided them into various groups for carrying stones. Mr. Haviland and self supervised the work on the road. Overnight at Komia.
- 27th September: Supervised the road work all day. Overnight at Komia.
- 28th September: Continued to work on the road, filling holes with stones and levelling off the boggy areas and lining stones. Overnight at Komia.
- 29th September: Continued to work on the road. The Asst Administrator for Services passed through by land rover with S.E.D. District Commissioner and two members of the House of Assembly. Mr. Haviland proceeded with the Official party to Mendi and self remained to continue the work on the road. Overnight Komia.
- 30th September: Self supervised the work on the road. Overnight at Komia.
- 1st October: Continued to work on the road. Mr. Haviland arrived from Mendi. Overnight at Komia.
- 2nd October: Lined the cargo boys. Divided into various groups for carrying stones and lining them on the road. Mr. Haviland left with original bulk of the patrol continue the patrol. Overnight at Komia.
- 3rd October: Saturday observed at Komia. Overnight at Komia.
- 4th October: Sunday observed at Komia. Overnight at Komia.

PATROL DIARY Cont'd.

- 5th October: Labour lines checked and sent off to collect stones. Others lined the stones on the road. Self supervised the work on the road. Overnight at Komia.
- 6th October: Roadwork all day till 16.30 hrs. Overnight at Komia.
- 7th October: Supervised the work on the all day. Overnight at Komia.
- 8th October: John Deer supplied by P.W.D. helped the labor line to carry the stones. Supervised the work all day. Overnight at Komia.
- 9th October: Continued the road work till 16.30 hrs. Overnight at ~~Komia~~ Mendi for the weekend.
- 10th October: Saturday observed at Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 11th October: Sunday observed at Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 12th October: Monday reported to Sub-District Office and left Mendi by land rover for Komia. Arrived Komia 13.30 hrs. Supervised the work on the road. Overnight at Komia.
- 13th October: 0700 hrs roll call of the labour line and supervised the work on the road. Overnight at Komia.
- 14th October: Tractor arrived from Mendi with Kaukau for labour line working on the road. Tractor remained overnight and helped the work on the road. Overnight at Komia.
- 15th October: Continued same as the previous day. Overnight at Komia.
- 16th October: All labour line left the work on the road for a big ceremonial gathering at Birop. Stayed at Komia and made out the lists of boys and number of days they worked on the road for their pay. To Mendi for weekend Overnight at Mendi.
- 17th October: Saturday at Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 18th October: Sunday Observed at Mendi. Returned to Komia in the afternoon. Overnight at Komia.
- 19th October: Roll call. Names of new ones entered to work on the road. Supervised the work. Overnight at Komia.
- 20th October: Both tractor and John Deer carted the stones cargo boys lining and heaping stones on the road. Overnight at Komia.
- 21st October: Tractor U/S john deer continued to work on the road. Finalised the names of the labour line and send off to Mendi for their pay. Overnight at Komia.
- 22nd October: Supervised the work on the road. Overnight at Komia.
- ~~23rd October: Worked on the road. In the afternoon came down~~

PATROL DIARY Contd.

- 23rd October: Worked on the road lining and carrying stones. Self supervised the work till 18.30 hrs. Left Komia by land rover for to Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 24th October: Saturday at Mendi. Overnight Mendi.
- 25th October: Sunday observed at Mendi. Overnight Mendi.
- 26th October: Left Mendi with A.D.C. on road inspection. Arrived Komia 13.30 hrs. Overnight at Komia.
- 27th October: Roll call at 07.30 hrs. Labour line off to work on the road. Overnight at Komia.
- 28th October: Roll call 07.30 hrs. Labour continued to work on the road under supervision. New lists of boys made out for onforwarding to D.W.O for October pay. Overnight at Komia.
- 29th October: Continued to work on the road all day. Overnight at Komia.
- 30th October: Supervised the work on the road. Recorded number of trees cut down for compensation to the owner. Left Komia by land rover to Mendi for weekend. Overnight at Mendi.
- 31st October: Saturday observed at Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 1st November: Sunday observed at Mendi. Returned to Komia in the afternoon. Overnight at Komia.
- 2nd November: Roll call of labour line and off to work on the road. Supervised the work. Overnight at Komia.
- 3rd November: Roll call. line divided into two groups lining and heaping stones on the road. Proceeded to Nemarey with 20 bods and John Deer to help the Tipper from Hagen through to Tambul. Returned to Komia at 20.00 hrs. Overnight at Komia.
- November:
4th November: Supervised the work on the road. Land dispute between the Komias and Birops brought to the notice of the patrol. Both parties were sent in to Mendi to A.D.C for his advice on the subject. Overnight at Komia.
- 5th November: Road work all day till 1700 hrs. Overnight at Komia.
- 6th November: Continued the road work as previous day. Land rover arrived from Mendi and proceeded to Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 7th November: Saturday at Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 8th November: Sunday observed at Mendi.
- 9th November: Reported to the A.D.C and returned to Komia with A.D.C on routine road inspection. Overnight at Komia.
- 10th November: Roll call of the labour line at 07.30 hrs

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PATROL DIARY Cont'd.

- 10th November: Roll call of labour line at 07.30 hrs. Divided them into two groups carrying and lining stones on the road. Overnight at Komia.
- 11th November: 07.30 hrs roll call. Supervised the work on the road. Overnight at Komia.
- 12th November: Continued to work as the previous day. Overnight at Komia.
- 13th November: 07.30 hrs roll call. Supervised the work till 1700 hrs. Overnight at Komia.
- 14th November: Left Komia by land rover from Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 15th November: Sunday observed at Mendi. 1500 hrs left Mendi by land rover arriving Komia 1600 hrs. Overnight at Komia.
- 16th November: 07.30 hrs roll call. Supervised the work. Heavy rain interrupted the work. Continued after rain till 17.30 hrs. Overnight at Komia.
- 17th November: Continued as previous day. Heavy rain again and continued till 17.30 hrs. Overnight at Komia.
- 18th November: Supervised the road work. More rain during the day. Continued after rain till 17.30 hrs. Overnight at Komia.
- 19th November: The road work continued during the heavy rain till 17.30 hrs. Overnight at Komia.
- 20th November: 07.30 hrs roll call and supervised the work on the road till 17.30 hrs. Land rover arrived from Mendi and proceeded to Mendi for the weekend. Overnight at Mendi.
- 21st November: Saturday at Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 22nd November: Sunday at Mendi and returned to Komia. Overnight at Komia.
- 23rd November: 07.30 hrs roll call. Labour line sent to work on the road. Supervised the work. Overnight at Komia.
- 24th November: 07.30 hrs roll call. Supervised the road work till 1300 hrs. A.D.C arrived at the camp to hear the land complaints between the Komias and Birops. No conclusion could be drawn to ownership of the land so the area of land in dispute declared reserve and matter to be brought to notice of Native Lands Commissioner for his decision. A.D.C returned to Mendi, self overnight at Komia.
- 25th November: Supervised the work on the road. Overnight at Komia.
- 26th November: Continued the road as the previous day. Overnight at Komia.

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PATROL DIARY Cont'd.

- 27th November: 07.30 hrs roll call. Divided the labour lines into three groups carrying gravel, stones and lining stones on the road. Land rover arrived from Mendi and proceeded to Mendi for weekend. Overnight at Mendi.
- 28th November: Saturday at Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 29th November: Sunday at Mendi then returned to Komia. Overnight at Mendi Komia.
- 30th November: 07.30 hrs roll call. Names of new workers taken. Supervised the work on the road till 16.30 hrs. Overnight at Komia.
- 1st December: Labour lines continued to work on the road carting and lining stones. Overnight at Komia.
- 2nd December: Continued to work on the road. Heavy rain interrupted the work during the day. Overnight at Komia.
- 3rd December: Continued as the previous day. Overnight at Komia.
- 4th December: 07.30 hrs roll call and divided the labour into two groups carrying stones and lining the stones on the road. Down to Mendi for weekend by land rover. Overnight at Mendi.
- 5th December: Saturday at Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 6th December: Sunday at Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 7th December: Reported to the office. General office duties. Overnight at Mendi.
- 8th December: At the office. Routine correspondence. Met the Director of District Administration. Overnight at Mendi.
- 9th December: 07.45 hrs reported to the office. Left Mendi by land rover for Komia arriving 13.30 hrs. Supervised the work on the road. Overnight at Komia.
- 10th December: 07.30 hrs roll ~~all~~ call and supervised the work on the road. Overnight at Mendi Komia.
- 11th December: Supervised the work on the road as previous day. Then to Mendi by land rover for weekend. Overnight at Mendi.
- 12th December: Saturday at Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 13th December: Sunday at Mendi. Then returned to Komia in the afternoon. Overnight at Komia.
- 14th December: 07.30 hrs roll call. Komias helped the labour on the road work. Supervised the road work. Overnight at Komia.

PATROL DIARY Cont'd.

- 15th December: 07.45 hrs roll call. Supervised the work on the road till 1700 hrs. Overnight at Komia.
- 16th December: After roll call at 07.30 hrs the labour line refused to work on the road, for not being paid for the month of November. However after much talking and explanation few willing ones stayed behind to work on the road, while the rest went home. Overnight at Komia.
- 17th December: After roll call at 07.30 hrs all the labour line went to work on the road under supervision. Finalise the names of workers and number of days each worked for December's pay. Overnight at Komia.
- 18th December: Received orders to move to Mendi the previous day. Prepared to move down to Mendi. Main bulk of the patrol moved to Mendi by tractor at 14.30 hrs. Waited the arrival the arrival of pay for December. Land rover arrived at 1500 hrs. Pay the labour line off and proceeded to Mendi by land rover. Overnight at Mendi.
- 19th December: Saturday at Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 20th December: Sunday observed at Mendi. Overnight at Mendi.
- 21st December: Reported to the office. Saw the D.C. with A.D.C and Mr. Hicks Patrol Officer. Received orders from the D.C. to proceed to camp Giluwe to move the Bailey Bridge through to Mendi from Tambul. Left Mendi by land rover at 1500 hrs. Arrived Komia, 1600hrs. Overnight at Komia.
- 22nd December: Proceeded to camp Giluwe. Left patrol gear at the camp and proceeded to Minabel creek and started moving the bridge through to Komia bit by bit. Continued the work till 18.30 hrs. Overnight at camp Giluwe, after hearing from D.C. to wait for the air-drop the next day on the air. Overnight at Giluwe.
- 23rd December: Waited for the air-drop at the camp till 12noon. Proceeded to M Minabel creek to continue the work on the bridge. The D.C. arrived on the scene and dropped the note saying to move straight to Hagen. Left the work and continued on to Hagen arriving 15.30 hrs. Overnight at Hagen.
- 24th December: Left Hagen by land rover at 07.30 hrs for camp Giluwe arriving 1100 hrs at the camp. Mr. Hicks gave orders to move the patrol to proceed to Mendi following the land rover. Proceeded to Mendi by land rover with Mr. Hicks. Overnight at Mendi.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

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OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.

Reception of the Patrol: At each of the rest houses in the part of the census division that the officer patrolled the local people received the patrol with good spirit and co-operation. Large quantities of food were brought for the patrol to purchase. At some places where the vehicular road was bad the patrolling officers had to spend two to three days or even a week to straighten the road before moving on. When this happened, just about 80 to 90% of the people capable of work turned up on the road. All co-operated well and large sections of the road improved in short time which would have taken them months to do. A perusal through the diary will disclose that six out of the seven rest houses visited so far by the writer; the patrolling officers have to delay the patrol for certain length of time to do the road work before moving on to next rest house.

Villages: The standard and types of houses visited in the area were poor, but taking into consideration, the environmental condition that these people live in, they could not be blamed and nothing worse could be said about it. The houses are built of bush material mainly the kunai roof and soft wood timber. One could never stand up on entering their houses for the height is only about three to four feet wall and the apex of the roof is only five and half to six feet above the ground. One has the feeling of being a quadruped from the time he enters these houses up until the time he gets out of it.

Eventhough the houses are too low for comfort they have their advantages. As the altitude above sea level is approximately 7,000 feet temperate days and cold nights were experienced, and the houses are built to meet these conditions. A fire inside the house is all they need to keep them warm without any consideration for warm clothing.

But the disadvantage of this type of house is that there are no provision allowed for ventilation. Only one door of about two feet wide by three feet high. When they have the fire going inside, there is no outlet for smoke and inside of the house is covered with soot. Not only that, but pigs the only livestock in the area, sleep in the same house with the owner and his family. I am not being pessimistic about the above statements because it takes time before a new way of life could be adapted into the traditional ones which the people have been accustomed to for years. So far the Councillors in each of the areas visited have taken pride in their home life. Each has built the tall round houses where they can walk in and out of the houses. This I feel is a good example by the Councillors to their

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OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.

Villages: (Cont'd)

community and I am sure that this example will be copied by the people in the foreseeable future.

There are numerous creeks with good supply of water that the people of this area are never short of water supply. But it is rather appalling to see that they take no advantage of this good supply of water to wash themselves. I doubted very much if they ever had a wash for once in their lives.

Village Officials: All villages inside the Upper Mendi area are under the Upper Mendi Local Government Council and Councillors in each village are elected by the people themselves. So far all of them are playing their parts very well, but the people who elected them are not co-operating with them. This is because in their social structure the elders ~~with~~ who possess more of the native wealth of M.O.P. shells and pigs has more to say among their little communities than the Councillors. Following ~~their~~ their interests in the native wealth more of their time is spent in search of ~~these~~ M.O.P. shells and looking after the pigs than the time they spent on maintenance of the sections of vehicular roads they suppose to work for two days of each week.

The only Councillor that has his mob under control is YANGEN of Klereg village. He is in his forties and at one stage a fighting leader of this area. At other places I found out a very unusual reason for the elected Councillors. All these Councillors in other places were elected on the basis that the local elders could have influence over them and not the vice versa as we know. Should the influence of these local headmen over the Councillors be of advantage to the community nothing could be said about it, but at present it has a detrimental effect on community because everybody is still interested in M.O.P. shells and pigs and would listen attentively ~~like~~ talks on this subject rather than listen to the Councillors. My informal discussions with Councillors from Komia, Klereg, Dimifa, Bircp, Egari and Angamanda disclosed that the Councillors have to produce for the elders the M.O.P. shells and pigs, everytime he has something to tell the people. Should his native wealth exceeds his authority the people are prepared to listen to him, otherwise he is told to keep his mouth shut.

Another thing I found out during informal discussions with few local headmen and most of labour line from the above villages is that most of the people have no or lack the ~~knowledge~~ knowledge of the duties of the Councillors.

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Village Officials Cont'd.

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When I asked some of the people why did ~~they~~ the Councillor was elected if the people were not co-operating with him. None had any idea of why the Councillor was elected. All I got was that they were told to elect a Councillor which they did and that was about all they knew. So I strongly recommend that the duties of the Councillors must be explained to people and part of the ways in which he is to carry out this duties. The Councillors are not elected to get the name Councillor and the badge, as the people seem to regard them as such.

Outline : Political

Situation.

The people are quite aware of the current political situation taking place throughout the Territory and the work of the Local Government Council in their area. Mendi patrol No. 26 of 63/64 and the patrolling officer's memo 51-4-1 of the 17th March 1964 refers. Of the 2,489 eligible voters on roll 2,225 voted during the recent House of Assembly elections indicating rather an encouraging 89%. Unfortunately according to the people the local member of the Mendi Electorate has not been through the Upper Mendi areas since he was elected. Some these Upper Mendi people have approached me during my stay on the road work at Komia to find out why this was so, but having no knowledge of the time spent by the member nothing definite could be given. The only advice I gave them was to see their Councillors at one of their monthly meetings to ~~send~~ ~~write~~ written request to Local member asking him when it will be possible for him to visit the area.

No cult movement or organization was reported. Even though the people co-operate well with Administration and Mission they expect everything to be done for them. For instance the Administration school at Mogol near Egari and erection of Council Aid Post at Kelta. They have been screaming for the school and a teacher was made available; they were told to ~~build~~ build a classroom and houses for the teachers. When the teachers arrived last year he had to spend good part of last year building the classroom and before a good class work could be started. The same thing applied to Council Aid Post at Kelta. The trouble with these people is that they want to be paid for work they do. It is a well known fact that they have to be paid for the work but at least they are expected to do other things to help themselves. I refer to the recent statement made by the District Commissioner at the opening of the Tari Local Government Council. " Administration can only help them by the availability of the field officers to give advice on ~~whatever~~ whatever they need, but the hard work has to come from the people themselves. "

Outline of Political Situation.

The establishment of the Local Government Council have brought the people together and almost wipe out the tribal inferiorities but there is still a lot of rivalry going on ^{between} the traditional enemies particularly over land and lying reports of one tribal enemy poisoning another when some of the local headmen dies. Mendi patrol No.3 of 64/65 deals fully with land disputes. Field Officers Journal folio 46 paragraph 211 deals with dispute between the Komias and Birops which is a perennial event wherever there is a patrol going through the area.

Agriculture.

As mentioned under introduction the area is subject to occasional frosts and people suffer from shortage of food, but not for a length of time. Despite the fact that good quality of potatoes, onions, tomatoes, and cabbages grown in the area they seem more interested in sweetpotatoes than any of the above named. They only complain about the shortage of food when the sweet potato is affected by the frosts. But they could be shown or taught that planting of these vegetables should go hand in hand so that when ^{one} is affected by the frost they can fall back on to the other.

There is a good supply of fresh food for cash sale available, ^{but} very little is carried to market at Mendi every Saturday for the lack of transport and the long distance they have to be carried. The only cash crop in the area are the pyrethrum and coffee. Only 5,681 coffee trees are grown in the whole of the Upper Mendi area. This coffee is grown on small areas not more than an acre averaging about 50 to 60 trees per block, and pyrethrum is planted in the same way. Those already planted and were seen during the patrol were no more than half an acre. When the flowers from the pyrethrum were picked the areas have been diverted back to planting of sweet potatoes. When two of these cash crops reach maturity the people themselves take the matured products and sell them to the District Agricultural Officer.

The only livestock in the area is the pig. As this is one of their treasures the pigs are well looked after. Quite often it is the pigs that get better deal when there is likely to be shortage of food.

Forests.

There is a good forest area with good stand of timber at DIMIFA. So far the people have previously leased part of this area to the Administration close to the main Mendi Tambul road. This was one of the main objectives of the patrol

Forests Cont'd.

a week was spent at DIMIFA doing the survey of the area that the people are willing to lease to the Administration. The ~~main~~ complete reluctance of the owners of the timber area to lease the land has been the source of frustration in the development of Mendi area during the past. Full report of this was submitted by Mr. Haviland in his 33-1-1 of Sub-District Office file Mendi on the 5th October 1964. One of the main reasons of their unwillingness to lease the timber land is that; previously Administration had promised to replant the area north of Dimifa rest house and had not done after cutting all the timber. The first step by the Pangal group in offering KESOMROMBA for lease is an experiment. Others will follow suit when the projects ^{are} under way. Should this happen and an Officer is sent out to do survey of the remainder of the area it is advisable to find out first a small group of owners who are ~~are~~ willing to lease their area and survey it. This will take a lot time but experience in the previous survey showed that trying to find out owners of the whole area to do the survey as a whole will be waste of time and energy. They would sit and talk for hours without finding out the true owners of the area. Mendi patrols No. 32 of 63/64 and No. 3 of 64/65 will show that of the 17 days spent on talking to find out the owners: 12 days were spent talking without getting anything done until Pangal group offered Kesomromba which took ~~half~~ 4 days to find out the owners and to do survey.

Land.

There is enough land for the people, but they seem to have no ideas of the true owners. Mr. Haviland's 51-2-3 of the 10th November refers. One disagreement between the two groups Komia and Birops was settled by Mendi Patrol No. 3 of 51/52. From then on it has been brought up to every patrol since. It was brought before Mendi Patrol No. 3 of 64/65 and again twice on Mendi Patrol No. 6 of 64/65. Assistant District Commissioner was notified of this and came up to Komia to investigate it. However after hours informal discussions no true owners of the area was identified and the disputed area was declared reserve until the advice of the Native Lands Commissioner was received.

Complaints.

Most of the complaints brought forward were payments of debts on pigs and M.O.P ~~shells~~ shells. All these were settled by arbitration by Mr. Haviland.

Courts.

An alleged sorcery by three women at BIROP in May 1964 had caused certain amount of unrest ⁱⁿ BIROP. This was reported to the patrol at BIROP. Four men of BIROP were convicted in the Supreme Court for assaulting the three women with hot wires. The recent unrest was investigated by Mr. Haviland and one SAP of BIROP was convicted on two charges of spreading

Courts Cont'd

lying reports, causing the unrest in the area, and contents of Reg.No.80 of N.R.O's regarding sorcery was explained fully by Mr.Haviland.

Rest Houses:

The seven of the rest houses in the Upper Mendi area visited by the writer when accompanying Mr.Haviland were in good condition. All of them are situated on vehicular road and are easy reach either by walking or vehicle. The distance between each rest house on foot is no more than an hour and half.

Carriers, Canoes etc:

All villages are situated within short distance from one another and there is no problem of hiring carriers, because the men volunteered freely to carry the cargoes. As stated by Assistant District Commissioner in his 67-1-2 of the 14th August 1964, carriers were paid in money at the rate of 1/- an hour. Some trade goods were taken and were given to the people at their request.

Education:

Though there are trained-native mission representatives in all villages there is no school work carried out. One Catholic Mission school carrying out the school activities is at EGARI. It has an attendance of 60 children, and is preparatory stage.

Mogol near Egari is the only Administration school in the area. The school started last year and still in the preparatory stage too, but there will be three teacher this year 1965 and standard one will be introduced. The attendance at last school year was 52. The extra teacher, a new class-room and introduction of standard 1 should increase the number of attendance this year.

Roads and Bridges.

Main existing Mendi Tambul road is trafficable in all weather as far as two miles past Komia rest house. Beyond this vehicles could pass through when dry but during ^{wet} weather it is impassable. From Mendi to Komia the road is marked into sections, which each village group is responsible for the maintenance of their marked section. No action has been taken so far to carry out the statutory obligations of maintenance and as said earlier the officers have to spent much time on the patrol to work on the road. After 25th September the writer remained at Komia to continue the road work on the Mendi Tambul road. The assistance given by the Komia people before a sufficient number of labour could be obtained was very much appreciated. The Komia people carried stones for a mile from the river to help the

Roads and Bridges Cont'd.

repairs to be carried out. The Komia people continue to give their assistance after sufficient number of labour was obtained and worked on the road until the writer was called. Three months was spent on this road lining stones but only one mile of it has been done. This is because the first two weeks of October; the stones were carried for a mile whereas with tractors it would have been a lot easier. However after a request tractor was supplied but during wet weather the tractor could not work because it continues to ruin the road and had to wait till the rain ceased. This also took two to three days before the rain stopped. In the meantime the labour line had to carry the stones and the tractor had to wait for the rain to avoid further destruction of the road. As well the impatience of the labour line of getting paid at the end of each month delayed the work. When it was a week overdue for the pay the whole mob refused to work until they were paid for last month. There is still a lot of work to be done on this road and my recommendation is that a tractor should be supplied to the officer-in-charge of the road work: otherwise it is a wastage of time, labour and money.

Cemeteries:

In some of the village groups the cemeteries were overgrown and some work was done in clearing this overgrowth. Where the villages using their next door neighbours' cemeteries were encouraged to build their own. The Kapagal and Kerinda group were using the same cemeteries with the Klaregs and Komias. Both of the above named ~~were~~ build their own cemeteries during the recent patrol.

Missions:

Missions seen working in the area were the ~~for~~ Catholics and Lutheran. The representatives of the Lutheran mission are working in Komia, Sirop and Angamanda and all the rest are Catholics. The Catholic Missions in the area are administered from their headquarters in Mendi whereas the Lutheran representatives are administered from Tagoba in the Western Highlands District. All the representatives of both missions are ~~not~~ trained native Pastors, except the Catholic mission school at Egari run by an European representative of that mission.

Labour:

The general labour in the area are casual ~~labour~~ and contract labours. Most of these labours are employed on contract basis and are sent to the coast for three years on the Highland Labour Scheme. Of the seven rest houses ~~visited~~ visited the census revision showed that altogether 255 of the 16-45 age group are away working in and outside the District. The area is

~~not~~ ~~subject~~ to

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not subject to shortage of labour. Demand for labour in Mendi area is generally met from local sources but the typical attitude of making excuses ^{of} looking for pigs and kinas to get out of work is the only problem with the local labour. This does not apply very much when they are employed in Mendi but on the road work. There is no economical project in the area undertaken by the indogenous members to be the employers of labour. The attitude of these people towards the prevailing wage paid by the Administration when they are temporary on the road work seems to be the only problem. They want to be paid the wages they demand. This demand for more money for less work ~~and call things~~ has been shown by the people on the road and the unwillingness of the Pangal group in selling the timber rights to the Administration until the pay demanded by them has been paid.

Census:

The previous census figures were revised for the area and compilation of Tax Census Register undertaken during the census revision. A specimen of village Population Register form of the area is attached to Mendi Patrol No.3 of 64/65 submitted by Mr. Hayilant. ~~xxxxxx~~ A good attendance at each census places and ^{not deliberate} no absentees were reported except the casual and contract labours working either in or outside the District.

Personnel:

During this patrol the writer was accompanied by two members of R.P.&N.C.C. and two Administration drivers. All co-operated well when the road work was being carried out.

Const. GUNUA Reg.No.7573. A good worker and excellent conduct but tends to be loose and untidy at times when not reminded.

Const. AWA'ALI Reg.No.9081. An excellent worker and respectful one. Could be a good N.C.C. material as he gains more experience and siniority.

~~Conclusion~~

Conclusion:

As there is lot of work to be done on this road labour should be demanded from outside Mendi area should the attitude of the people in demanding more money for less work continues. Once again I would strongly recommend that future work on this road should be done with the help of a tractor otherwise it is wastage of time and labour.

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K. Karukuru,
Assistant Patrol Officer.

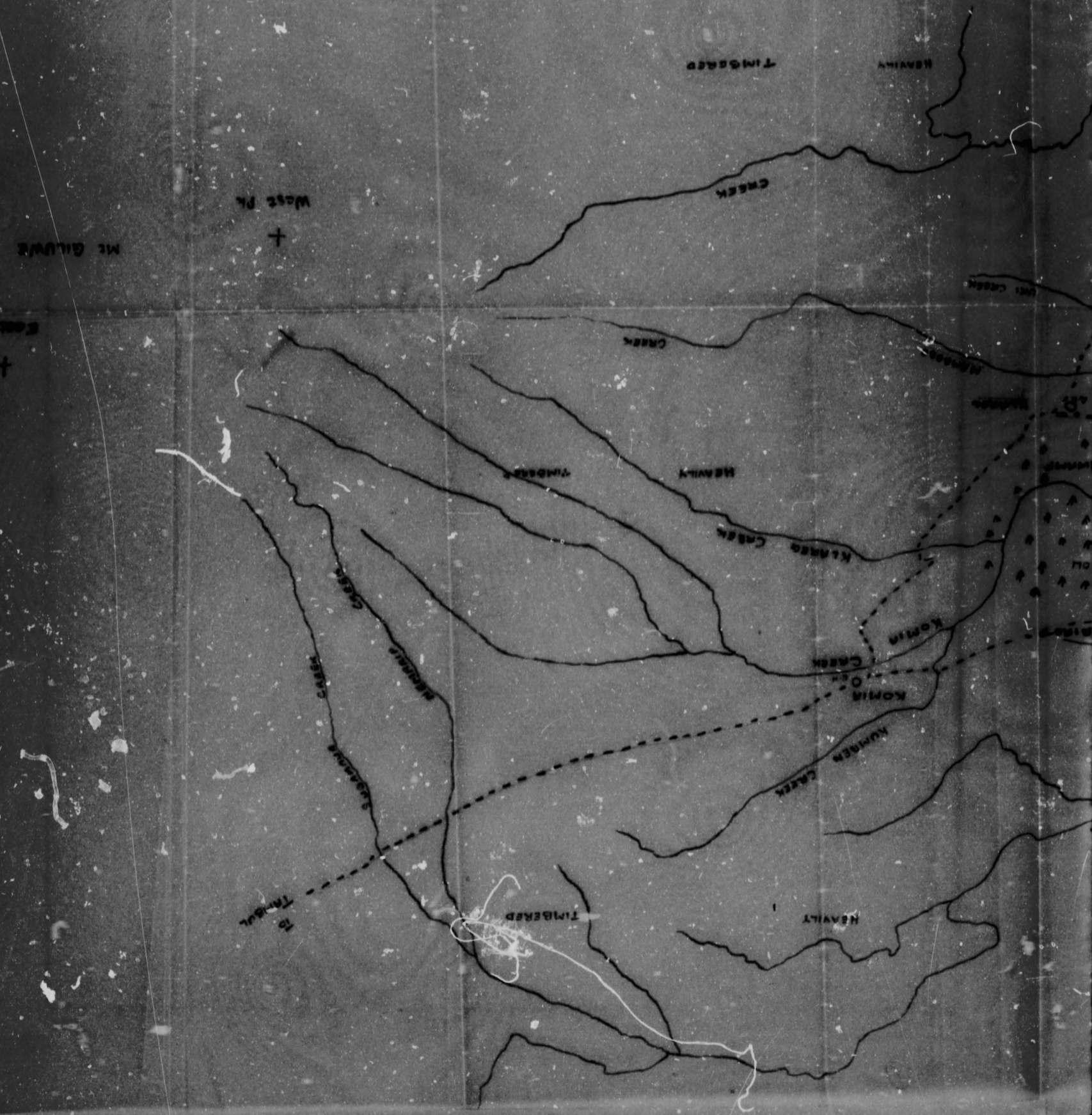


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CENSUS DIVISION

SCALE 1" = 2 MILES APPROX

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 7 of 1964/65

Patrol Conducted by T. G. NEWTON, Patrol Officer Gr. 1.

Area Patrolled Part KABINT CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No.

Natives Seven Members R.P. & N.G.C.

One Interpreter, D.D.A.

Duration—From 12./11./1964 to 27./11./1964

Number of Days 15

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 29./10./1964

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Map Reference Census Map of Southern Highlands District.

Objects of Patrol Investigation into murders committed near WAMBIP

Rest House on 11/11/64.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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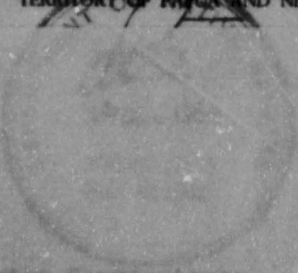
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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19th February 1965

67-15-9 District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
NSHM

19th February, 1965.

REPLY TO REPORT NO. 7 OF 1964/65

I have read the above-mentioned report which
The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
NSHM all the above-mentioned reports to this
shocking murder. The fact that it occurred in the
patrol report no. 7 - 1964/65 - NSHM
basic concepts of administrative officers in their area.
Receipt of the above mentioned report
together with covering memorandum is acknowledged
with thanks.

Mr. Newton is to be congratulated for
the manner in which he carried out his investigations
into the murder.

A well written report.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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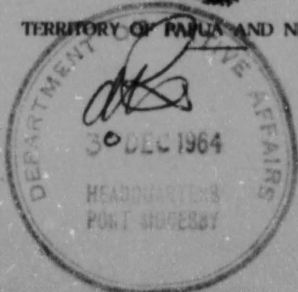
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Mr.

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Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District
MENDI

17th December 1964

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI

MENDI PATROL REPORT No. 7 of 1964/65

Thank you for the abovementioned Report which received on the 11th December 1964.

Mr. Newton has submitted a very succinct Report and has covered all the known background aspects to this shocking murder. The fact that it occurred in the centre of the Council area, adjacent to an Aid Post and on the main vehicular road indicates the people's basic contempt of Administrative efforts in their area. Not only should a close watch be maintained in and around WAMBIP but firm administrative action and pressure should be applied on every opportunity. These people must be made to feel the Administration's teeth if respect for law and order is to be upheld.

(b) A good patrol well reported.

R. I. Skinner

(R. I. SKINNER)
District Commissioner

Minute to: The Director
Dept. District Administration,
KONEDOBU

For your information please.

R. I. Skinner

(R. I. SKINNER)
District Commissioner

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Sub District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

11th December, 1964.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Subject: Mendi Patrol No. 7 of 64/65.

Attached please find following documents relating to the above patrol conducted by Mr T.G. Newton, Patrol Officer to the Kerint Census Division.

- (1) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (12) Camping Out Allowance Claim submitted by Mr. T.G. Newton.

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Some comments follow:-

- (a) The patrol was mounted following confirmation of the triple murder of Tulum and Hum men at Wabip;
- (b) Main objectives were to prevent an outbreak of hostilities between the TULUM and WABIP following the murders and to undertake investigations into the murders.
- (c) Two Tulum men survived the ambush. At an identification parade these men did not identify three of the four youths who voluntarily gave themselves up to and were arrested by Mr Newton on the first day of the investigations. As the three lads concerned are extremely youthful, probably no more than fifteen, it is doubtful whether they participated in the actual killings, although they may well have played an inactive part, as spectators, in the ambush. Apart from their statements there is no evidence to support their claims as being the actual murderers. It is more likely that they were selected as scapegoats and that charges against them will be withdrawn. The fourth person, who is some four to five years older and physically capable of murder, was identified on the parade together with eight others as participating in the ambush. These nine have been formally charged and Lower Court Hearings have commenced.
- (d) The murders have created an atmosphere of distrust throughout the general area. The people have been unsettled and although the patrol has withdrawn from the Tulum - Wabip area a close watch is being maintained as prompt action will be necessary should anything unforeseen occur.
- (e) Mr Newton handled a difficult situation with firmness and in a sensible manner.

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For your information, please.

James W. Kenty
(JAMES W. KENTY)
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-1.

Sub District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

30th November, 1964.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Mendi Sub District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1964/65.

Patrol Conducted by: T.G. Newton, Patrol Officer Gr.1
Area Patrolled: TULUM and WAMBIP Areas of KARINT
Census Division.
Accompanied By: 7 Members R.P. & N.G.C.
1 Interpreter, D.D.A.
Duration of Patrol: 12th to 27th, November, 1964
15 nights camped.
Area Last Patrolled: 29th October, 1964.
Map Reference: Southern Highlands District Census
Map (Fourmil).
Objects of Patrol: Investigation into murder of three men
at WAMBIP on 11th November, 1964.

(T.G. NEWTON)
Patrol Officer.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 7 OF 1964/65. (9)

PATROL DIARY.

THURSDAY, 12th NOVEMBER, 1964.

Patrol commenced at TULUM Rest House. Camp organised and instructions issued to Patrol Party.

Night At TULUM Rest House.

FRIDAY, 13th November, 1964.

Toured TULUM area and noted vantage points from which watch was kept by groups of WAMBIP men.

Visited TULUM school while people gathered food from gardens near WAMBIP boundary. Maintained watch on movements within the WAMBIP area.

Discussions held with TULUM people regarding implications that Cdr. HAPON (TULUM) was responsible indirectly, for murders.

Night at TULUM Rest House.

SAURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER, 1964.

Watch on general area maintained mourning still in progress at TULUM. Discussions held with POREI (ex V.C. of SOBA) and TULUM headmen regarding arrangements for burial of TULUM men.

Compensation for deaths offered by Cdr. HAPON's relatives - matter left in abeyance.

HUM man buried at HUM, death payment from TULUM's accepted by HUM people. TULUM's still awaiting people from LAI Valley.

Night at TULUM Rest House.

SUNDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, 1964.

Instruction given that TULUM burials will take place - burial site prepared. 1500 hours Heavy storm - burials delayed until morning.

Night at TULUM Rest House.

MONDAY, 16th NOVEMBER, 1964.

0700, Burial of TULUM men held.

Routine work on houses and gardens started again. Patrol equipment made ready for move. Work detailed for repairs to area, Rest House and other facilities.

Night at TULUM Rest House.

TUESDAY, 17th NOVEMBER, 1964.

Work commenced on Rest House and surrounding area.

Discussion with Teacher in Charge, Primary "T" School, TULUM re possibilities for opening school again - No pupils have attended school since 11/11/64.

Patrol made ready to move to WAMBIP Rest House. 1500 vehicle arrived. 1530 move completed. Not a soul at WAMBIP Rest House. Camp set up.

Night at WAMBIP Rest House.

WEDNESDAY, 18th NOVEMBER, 1964.

A.M. People gathered at Rest House from 0700 work not sent to tell people to attend approx. 50% of male population at Rest House but very few women and children.

P.M. Mr Jefferies, Deputy District Commissioner and Mr Kent Assistant District Commissioner arrived at Rest House. Decision made to apprehend as many suspects as possible on the spot.

Roll call held - 9 suspects taken to Mendi for questioning.

Remaining people dispersed quietly. 2000 hrs. Patrol Officer and Agricultural Officer from Kandep arrived at Rest House. 2030 hrs. departed for Mendi.

Night at WAMBIP Rest House.

THURSDAY, 19th NOVEMBER, 1964.

Census of WAMBIP Census Unit. 1 suspect detained for questioning. Questioning of people suspected of having knowledge of murders.

Night at WAMBIP Rest House.

FRIDAY, 20th NOVEMBER, 1964.

A.M. Further questioning of people from groups assembled at Rest House - Everyone claims to have been miles away from the murder site at the time the murders occurred.

P.M. Mr Jefferies, Deputy District Commissioner visited Rest House and brought Census Books for ALAMANDA and IMILA. 2 suspects taken to Mendi for questioning.

Night at WAMBIP Rest House.

SATURDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 1964.

Census of ALAMANDA, IMILA and WAMBIP Census Units. 2 more suspects located (said to have different names from those in their Census Books).

P.M. District Commissioner Mr Skinner and Deputy District Commissioner, Mr Jefferies visited WAMBIP. Mr Skinner visited TULUM area with self.

Night at WAMBIP Rest House.

SUNDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER, 1964.

A.M. Visited areas where killings were said to have taken place and examined area where NOADL was pursued before being killed.

Night at WAMBIP Rest House.

MONDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, 1964.

Census continued at WAMBIP Rest House. Questioning of people re actions of suspects already detained at the time of the murders. 3 further suspects detained.

Discussions with Mr J Meehan, T.I.C., MAP P.T.S. re actions of MAP people at time of murders and later reactions.

Night at WAMBIP Rest House.

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TUESDAY, 24th NOVEMBER, 1964.

Investigations continued - questioning of suspects. Information volunteered that UNDABAL (Wambip) and ONSOAL (Alamanda) Sub-Clans were the only groups involved in the killing - no names of participants were given.

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Night at WAMBIP Rest House.

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WEDNESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1964.

Investigations continued. Walked through WAMBIP, ALAMANDA and ISILA Hamlet Groups - Ceremonial grounds and men's Houses visited.

Several tracks, blocked with obstacles were cleared. One Men's House was protected by a newly erected pallisade - Tracks very steep.

Night at WAMBIP Rest House.

THURSDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, 1964.

Investigations continued - questioning people re events at time of murders - no information obtained. Young and middle aged men are particularly resolute in denying any knowledge of murders.

C.N.M. case heard against man for threatening Police Constable.

Night at WAMBIP Rest House.

FRIDAY, 27th NOVEMBER, 1964.

Investigations continued - several spokesmen stated that nobody would give any information as the young men responsible for killings had voluntarily been taken into custody on the day the murders occurred. Spokesmen said that no one else had any knowledge of the murders. Assistant District Commissioner Mr Kent arrived at Rest House and advised that patrol would return to Mendi today.

Mr Mason of P.T.S. Tulum brought list of WAMBIP pupils absent on day of murders.

Patrol returned Mendi and stood down at 1530 hours.

END OF PATROL.

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DIARY: Folios 4 to 7.
of Field Officer's Journal refer.

INTRODUCTION:

On Wednesday, 11th November, 1964 at 1600 hours I was advised by the Assistant District Commissioner, Mr Kent, that several men from TULUM Census Unit had been murdered at WAMBIP.

I proceeded with Mr F. Haviland, Assistant District Officer, to the scene of the alleged crime. En route, near TENTE, we were stopped by four young men carrying axes. The leader of the group spoke to me. I then arrested the four men and sent them to Mendi under police escort.

On arrival at WAMBIP we found several places on the side of the road where there were numerous bloodstains. We also found a patch of undergrowth near the road which had been trampled down, there were bloodstains in this area.

The group then proceeded to TULUM Rest House where we were informed that the body of a man was being held. We sighted and indentified the body of a TULUM man, there were numerous axe and arrow wounds on the body.

I was further informed that another man who had received two arrow wounds had been carried to HUM. I proceeded to HUM where I found that the man had died soon after being carried there. I viewed the body and had it identified to me. I also took possession of two arrow heads.

On returning to TULUM Rest House it was ascertained that there were five men (four from TULUM and one from HUM) in the party which was ambushed near WAMBIP Rest House. Two men had escaped from the ambush and a further two had been killed. The two men who escaped stated that another man had been last seen running further into WAMBIP land.

Mr Haviland continued interviewing one of the witnesses at TULUM and with four police I proceeded to WAMBIP accompanied by one of the men from the ambushed party. At WAMBIP we were shown the site of the ambush and located several tracks where paths had recently been forced through the undergrowth. Unfortunately falling light caused the search to be abandoned as I was afraid that indiscriminate searching in the dark would possibly obscure tracks.

I returned to the road near WAMBIP and waited for Mr Haviland's return from TULUM. We then returned to Mendi arriving there at 1750 hours. Report to the Assistant District Commissioner Mr Kent was made by Mr Haviland and myself. Mr Kent gave instructions for me to proceed to WAMBIP on the following morning to continue the search for the missing man.

Thursday 12th November, 1964.

With a detachment of 7 Police I proceeded to WAMBIP to continue the search for the missing TULUM man. On arrival at WAMBIP I was informed that the body of a man had been located by a creek adjacent to WAMBIP land and had been carried to TULUM by a group of UMBERA men.

I then moved to TULUM where I viewed and had indentified the body of the man found that morning. The Deputy District Commissioner, Mr Jefferies, arrived at TULUM to commence investigations into the case. It was then arranged for the body of the HUM man to be carried to TULUM for post-mortem examination.

Mr Haviland arrived at TULUM with Dr Rodrigue who performed the post-mortems on the three bodies.

The Assistant District Commissioner, Mr Kent, also arrived at TULUM and instructed me to mount a patrol at TULUM

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initially, thence to proceed to WAMBIP and carry out investigations into the murders.

I moved to Mendi by vehicle and collected patrol equipment then returned to commence the patrol at TULUM Rest House.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The murders which occurred at WAMBIP on 11th November, 1964 were a result of the death of a headman of ALAMANDA Census Unit (WAMBIP Group) in May this year. The headman EIBAUI of UNUSOAL Sub-Glan fell dead at MAP while walking towards Mendi to be present for the Governor General's visit there. It was later stated that when EIBAUI had fallen to ground his head had pointed in the direction of TULUM, EIBAUI's relatives adduced from the above that he had been "poisoned" by the TULUM people. The TULUM group have been traditional enemies of the WAMBIP group. The WAMBIP's said that they would get revenge for EIBAUI's death.

Several months later various WAMBIP men stated that a TULUM man, LOWA, was responsible for the "poisoning" of EIBAUI. LOWA was a recognised leader in the TULUM group. Threats regarding reprisals were made by the WAMBIP's.

Mr F. Haviland investigated the situation in October this year while on patrol in the area. LOWA of TULUM and several men from WAMBIP were found guilty of various breaches of the Native Regulations and sentenced to terms of imprisonment in the Mendi Corrective Institution. About the same time several men from TULUM were sentenced to short terms imprisonment for breaches of Council Rules. Five of the latter were returning to TULUM on 11th November following their release from the Mendi Corrective Institution on the same day. The group was unarmed and had no hostile intent. As the group passed through WAMBIP en route to TULUM they were attacked from an ambush beside the vehicular road near WAMBIP and Aid Post.

The suspected causes of the murders and details of the events leading up to them are dealt with fully in Mendi Patrol Report No. 3 of 1964/65 by Mr F. Haviland, Assistant District Officer.

TULUM Rest House.

The patrol remained at TULUM Rest House for five nights to permit the people to settle down following the murders of two men from TULUM Census Unit and one man from HUM Census Unit which is allied to TULUM. When the patrol commenced feelings against the WAMBIP groups were running very high among the TULUM people. The TULUM's were also afraid that they would suffer further attacks from the WAMBIP people. The presence of the patrol precluded anything untoward happening with regard to the former and reassured the people in the case of the latter.

The mourning period at TULUM lasted for four days and at HUM for three days. This period permitted the people to give vent to their feelings without taking any steps in the way of effecting revenge. Several influential men at TULUM wished to prolong the mourning indefinitely to make the people more mindful of their grievances against the WAMBIP group. To prevent further ill-feeling being generated and since the bodies were rapidly approaching a state of decomposition the provisions of Regulation 100(1) of the N.R.O's were invoked and it was ordered that the bodies were to be buried in the village burial ground on 15th November. A very heavy thunderstorm interrupted the burials and the bodies were buried in the early morning of the 16th November.

Since the man from HUM Census Unit who had been murdered was only walking with the TULUM men at the time the murders occurred the TULUM people arranged for a death payment to be made to the relatives of the murdered HUM man. It was agreed by both groups that the HUM man's death resulted from his association with the TULUM men at the time the killings occurred, however the HUM group attached the blame for the death on the WAMBIP people only.

Court proceedings which resulted in the murdered men being detained in the Mendi Corrective Institution were instituted by Councillor HAPON for breaches of the Upper Mendi Local Government Council Rules. Some of the relatives of the murdered men placed the blame for the killings on Councillor HAPON claiming he was responsible for the circumstances whereby the WAMBIP's were able to attack the TULUM men with impunity.

The question of blaming Councillor HAPON was discussed at length and it was explained by myself that HAPON could in no way be held responsible. Payment to the relatives of the murdered men was offered by HAPON's relatives but the payment was refused by the prospective payees who said they would prefer to await the result of investigation and subsequent legal action against the actual murderers. The implications of the allegations will probably hinder HAPON's work as a Local Government Councillor until the resentment dies down.

Advice was received from POREI (ex Village Constable) of SOBA in the Lai Valley ~~that all people~~ would behave in a hostile manner and possibly take violent action towards anyone from the Mendi area who visited the Lai Valley. Further questioning elicited the fact that the threats were made by a small group at SOBA who had been friendly with the murdered men and their relatives. The threats made were customary and expected as evidence of friendliness to an allied group which had been wronged.

While the patrol was at TULUM the people requested escorts before they would gather food from their gardens. The majority of the TULUM gardens are situated along the border of their land and WAMBIP land. Casual visits by myself to the TULUM school, also on the TULUM - WAMBIP border, were regarded by the TULUM's as sufficient safe guard for their gardening activities. It was felt preferable to reassure the people without giving them outright protection as the major task of the patrol at TULUM was to allow the people to resume their everyday life without being constantly afraid of attack or fermenting ill-feeling with the thought of taking punitive action themselves. With the above, in view, the people were advised to go about their normal tasks following the mourning period. Various improvements to the Rest House and surrounding area were detailed and work commenced on these tasks before the patrol departed from TULUM.

Although the situation in the TULUM area was not good when the patrol left it had, at least, achieved some semblance of normal living. The people are content to wait, for the time being, to see what action will be taken to apprehend and deal with the people responsible for the deaths of the men from TULUM and NUM.

WAMBIP Rest House.

The patrol departed from TULUM Rest House by vehicle and proceeded to WAMBIP Rest House. The distance separating the two Rest Houses is approximately 2 miles.

Heavy rain was falling when the patrol arrived at WAMBIP unannounced. There were no people near the Rest House area. After a short time several people arrived to assist the patrol to make camp at the Rest House. Food and firewood were readily produced for purchase by the patrol.

During the patrol's stay at TULUM it was reported numerous times that the WAMBIP people were enquiring as to the patrol's intentions. It became clear that the WAMBIP people were apprehensive about any action that might be taken by the patrol.

The patrol remained at WAMBIP Rest House from 17th to 27th November but at no stage was any co-operation given by the people to assist the investigations into the murders. Every person questioned claimed that he or she was working or otherwise engaged in an area far removed from the vicinity where the killings took place. The Aid Post Orderly at WAMBIP Aid Post which is situated only 100 yards from the ambush site claimed he was sick and was asleep in bed at the time the murders occurred and therefore knew nothing of what had happened.

The story that the four men young men, who were arrested while

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walking to Mendi, had committed the crime was maintained unanimously by all people questioned.

A list of persons implicated in the murders was compiled from the statements of the two TULUM men who had escaped from the ambush. Mr A.C. Jefferies, Deputy District Commissioner, and Mr J.W. Kent, Assistant District Commissioner, arrived at the Rest House on the afternoon of 18th November. A roll call from the Census Book was held at nine men whose names corresponded to the names given by the eye-witnesses were taken to Mendi for further questioning.

On the following days a full census was taken of the WAMBIP, ALAMANDA and IMILA Census Units. These census units acknowledge WAMBIP as their group name. A further six suspects were sent to Mendi for further questioning; their names or aliases corresponded to names given by eye-witnesses.

It was ascertained that no men were missing from the three Census Units so it must be assumed that people with full knowledge of the murders have refused to divulge or acknowledge any information held. The paucity of information obtained must be attributed to the fact that the people know they are secure from legal sanctions if no witnesses can be produced to give evidence against them. The pattern of the murders indicates that the crime was premeditated with a considerable number of men involved. At least two men are supposed to have gone to Mendi to check on the release of the TULUM men from the Corrective Institution. Another party of men waited in an ambush position after they were alerted as to which road the TULUM men were using. A further party cut off any retreat by the TULUM men by moving up behind them.

The above is a reasonable conclusion to the evidence received by myself, however, it must be realised that with only two survivors, both TULUM's, and with the main instigators refusing to volunteer any information, the conclusion is based only on circumstantial evidence.

It would appear that the WAMBIPs were determined to revenge the death of their headman, EIBAUI, and were willing to go to any lengths to do so. The situation which occurred whereby a group from TULUM would have to walk through WAMBIP land to return home on a known date proved to be the opportunity the WAMBIPs were seeking.

When the patrol first arrived in the area there were several pigs to be seen in various gardens. On later tours of the WAMBIP area no pigs were seen anywhere. It can only be assumed that the people were afraid of retributive action and had sent their pigs to outside groups for safe-keeping.

Visits were made to various ceremonial grounds, with their attendant men's houses, in the WAMBIP area. In one case a palisade had been erected, apparently to protect one end of the men's house. At this particular men's house entry from the other three directions would not have been at all difficult. A number of tracks leading to and from the TULUM area had been blocked and any entry through these barricades would have been noticed by the occupiers of small 'watch-houses' erected near the barricades.

It was reported that a 'sing-sing' was held by various members of the WAMBIP group to celebrate the deaths of the TULUM men. No evidence could be found to support the rumour and it did not appear that any of the ceremonial grounds had been used for a feast.

The WAMBIP people still appear very apprehensive as to the consequences of the action of some men of their group. At the moment it would appear that the only hope of achieving evidence sufficient to bring the guilty parties to trial will come if one of the guilty may be persuaded to give evidence against his fellows thence others may be induced to do likewise. It would appear that the majority of the people have little fear of legal sanctions and if the people responsible for the murders at WAMBIP are permitted to go free it will justify a feeling that legal processes are insufficient to maintain a respect for law and order in the area.

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One obvious repercussion from the killings is the question of the future of the TULUM Primary "T" School. Following the murders the parents of the school children were afraid to send their children to school. The school is situated on the border between WAMBIP and TULUM thus it is easily accessible to both groups. Neither group is willing to allow their children to come into close proximity to other group.

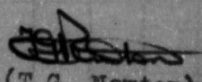
Each group is afraid that the other will adopt the traditional method of revenge by attacking people or children who have no means of defending themselves.

The school enrollment comprised 60% WAMBIP and 40% TULUM, but neither group has sufficient school-age children to warrant a school to itself. Since the groups near WAMBIP are served by the MAP and BELA Primary "T" Schools it would not be possible to draw on them for further pupils to assist the WAMBIPS to have a sufficient number of pupils to warrant a school.

It would appear necessary now to give some thought to the possibility of moving the school to a site between TULUM and ORIA these two Census Units have no enmity between them and they have sufficient population to warrant a school. There is only one permanent material building at the present school and most of the local material buildings are will require replacement shortly.

Although it appears to be a drastic step to move a school from its present site because of enmity between the groups which the school serves the enmity between the groups appears so strong that it will take a long time, possibly years before reciprocal trust between the groups is restored.

For your information, please.


(T.G. Newton)
Patrol Officer Gr. 1.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of...SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS...- MEND Report No. 9/1964 - 1965.

Patrol Conducted by...Peter R. Kerr... Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled...Undiri Census Division and Part Lai Valley Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans...M. Eggleston... C.P.O. In Part Only.

6 Members R.P. & N.G.C.

Natives...2 Native Medical Orderlies

2 Patrol Interpreters

Duration—From...../...../19.....to...../...../19..... Broken Periods Refer Title Page of Report.

Number of Days...M. Eggleston... 10 Days camped out (nights) *PL*
Self 6 Days camped out (nights) *PL*

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../6/1964

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

Map Reference...Milinch Mendi Fourmil Kutabu

Objects of Patrol... Refer Title Page of Report.

Director of Native Affairs, *DDA*
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

29/9/1965

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... £.....

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

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5th November, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MURUMBidgee.

NEWM PATROL REPORT NO 9/1964-65.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a very interesting patrol report by Messrs Kerr and Eggleston, covered by your memorandum 67-3-2 of 29th September, 1965.

2. The comments of both Mr. Furst and yourself have been read with interest.
3. Mr. Kerr is to be complimented for this long patrol carried out in a leisurely manner. His competency and conscientiousness are fully evidenced in the fine report submitted.
4. I cannot see why Mr. Eggleston was not instructed to submit a report as part of his training. I am sure he learned a lot from Mr. Kerr on this lengthy patrol. Young officers should be taught how to observe carefully everything that is happening around them, as they move from one Rest House to another and take detailed notes under the suggested headings as found on pages 13-13 of the Standing Instructions handbook, so that at the completion of the patrol, the writing of a detailed report does not become a tedious job.
5. It is encouraging to notice that these people want to be included in a Council. They have to learn that the introduction of a Council into their area will not solve all their problems.
6. The value placed by these people on the mother of pearl shell seems too high at present. With more sophistication and education, I am sure that money will take the place of shell.
7. I hope the introduction of the Tea Industry in this area will help the people develop economically. Village farmers can cultivate their own plots and sell their produce to be processed at the factory.
8. I do not think that the Health Department will be able to set up five Aid Posts at the places mentioned by Mr. Kerr. We can expect one or two at most. It is obvious that Mr. Kerr has given health problems a lot of thought, but the suggestion of the introduction of five aid posts for 2032 people is a bit far fetched.

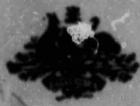
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9. I am very pleased indeed to read about the road work done in this area. These roads are essential notwithstanding the course development may take in this area.

10. No patrol map was attached to this report.

(F.G. Aitchison)
A/INSPECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference 67-3-2
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District
Administration
Southern Highlands District
MENDI

29th September 1965

Director
Department of District
Administration
KONEBOBU

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO 9 OF 1964/65

Attached report submitted by Mr P. Kerr, Patrol Officer of a patrol conducted by Mr Eggleton, Cadet Patrol Officer and Mr Kerr together with comments of Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi is forwarded herewith for your information, please.

Unfortunately the report does not give a true picture of the work done by these two young officers. Firstly they were successful in negotiations which lead to the alienation of a block of 1400 acres of land suitable for the growing of tea. This is the first major alienation of agricultural land achieved in the Mendi Sub-District.

Secondly the road from Mendi was extended to MEGI. It is planned to extend this road to DEL eventually, thus linking another portion of the District with the Headquarters.

It is recommended a favourable comment be placed on the personal files of Messrs Kerr and Eggleton.

Relevant portions of the report have been referred to the District Medical Officer and District Agricultural Officer, Mendi.

Other aspects of the report are covered by the comments of Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.

(D. R. Marsh)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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

17th September, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Subject:- MENDI PATROL NO. 9 OF 64/65.

Attached please find two copies of a Report on the above patrol conducted by Mr. Peter R. Kerr P.O. to the Undiri Census Division and lower section of the Lai Valley Census Division. Camping Allowance claims submitted by Mr. Kerr and Mr. Eggleston C.P.O who accompanied Mr. Kerr for part of the patrol are also attached.

2. Some comments follow:-

- (i) It would appear that patrol instructions were verbal as no written instructions can be located on file at this office.
- (ii) Hospitalization of Mr. Kerr due to injuries suffered in a car accident, a short period of convalescence, special leave to Australia and then transfer from Mendi to Pangia:-
 - (a) Delayed submission of the Report;
 - (b) Terminated the patrol before all objectives were accomplished.
- (iii) Mr. Kerr accomplished a great deal of the patrol, particularly in regard to:-
 - (a) The purchase of approximately 1,400 acres of first class tea lands at IORE and IARIA. In the Mendi context this was no mean feat and could only have been accomplished by perseverance and tact.
 - (b) Extension of the road system to link Iore and Iaria; Iore to Nagdi thence to the DEL area and ultimately to Poroma Airstrip in the Nambi valley. As you are aware the Iore-Poroma road will link with the road system extending out from NIPA thus affording direct road access Mendi-Nipa. Repairs to the existing Mendi-Iore and Lai Valley roads were also undertaken.
- (iv) Although basic administration Mr. Kerr is to be commended for his attention to toilet facilities, water supplies and cemeteries as also for his visits to hamlet groups. Far too often patrolling officers overnight at Rest Houses. They neglect to personal relationship aspect and fail to realize the administrative benefits that accrue from personal visits to homesteads and isolated hamlets.

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(v) The report reveals that unless there is fairly constant contact and follow up action on projects initiated through Administration officers, the people rapidly lose interest, begin to feel neglected and become apathetic and sceptical towards the Administration and objectives. The report also reveals that the potential for political, economic and social development exists but such potential can only be successfully exploited and interest maintained by fairly continuous contact. It is to be hoped that the staff position does not deteriorate to the extent that a follow up patrol cannot be mounted within the next six weeks.

3. I propose to deal with certain aspects of the report e.g. Local Government, Land etc. under separate cover; however, it is requested that comments and observations under Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, Land and Health be extracted and forwarded to the relevant Departmental Heads for their information and comment. As only part of the census revision of the Lot Census Division was undertaken I do not propose forwarding census figures which will be submitted when the census is completed.

4. Despite a few spelling mistakes and left out words a good report on a highly successful patrol. Mr. Kerr is a competent and conscientious field officer. Pangia's gain is Mendi's loss.

James W. Kent
(James W. Kent)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. Peter R. Kerr,
Patrol Officer,
PANGIA.

PATROL REPORT

Mendi Patrol No. 9/1964 - 1965.

Area Patrolled: UNDIRI Census Division and Part LAI VALLEY
Census Division.

Patrol Conducted by: Peter R. Kerr Patrol Officer

Accompanied by: Europeans; M. Eggleton Cadet Officer
Part Only.
Natives; 6 Members of R.M.C.
2 Patrol Interpreters
2 N.M.C.s

Duration of Patrol: 9th February 1965 to 12th February 1965
15th February 1965 to 25th February 1965
10th March 1965 to 15th April 1965
27th April 1965 to 30th April 1965
25th May 1965 to 17th June 1965

Self: ~~25~~⁶⁵ days actually camped out (nights)
Mr. Eggleton: 193 days actually camped out (nights)

Objects of Patrol: Investigation of Iore/Iaria "INAI BU" Tea
Lease
Routine Administration
Road and Bridge Construction and Repairs
Payment for Road Maintenance as per Money
Works Orders
Find Road Route from Megi to Del over Lai
River
Conduct Anti - Yaws Campaign
Census Revision of Lai Valley C.D.
(NOT COMPLETED)

Map Reference : Milinch MENDI : Fourmil KUTUBU.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Patrol, conducted over broken periods, covered the whole of the Undiri Census Division, lying approximately South of Mendi Administrative Centre and part of the Lai Valley Census Division, lying approximately North West of Mendi Administrative Centre.

2. Both areas are fairly stable, having received many patrols over the past few years. The completion of the Mendi/ Lai Valley Road enabled quick contact of both the Undiri and Lai Valley Census Divisions. These patrols however, being Census and road constructing tended to very rapid ones resulting in a feeling of neglect.

3. This fact became obvious by the way the patrol was virtually begged to remain for 3 or 4 days in each Rest House to talk over problems and to work hand in hand with the people on roads and other development projects e.g. fish pond construction.

4. Part of the Undiri C.D. belongs to the Upper Mendi Local Government Council and these groups often asked the patrol when the rest of the people would be incorporated as well. These L.G.C. groups are Tubiri, One, Pororo, and Iore.

5. With the completion of the Iore/Iaria Road and the Iore/ Megi Road I think that Iaria, Megi, and Pumi Census Units, being keen and co-operative groups, should be brought into the Council as soon as possible resulting in their influence spreading rapidly.

Patrol Diary

- 9th February Departed Mendi by landrover at 1200 and arrived Iore Rest House at 1330. Preliminary discussions with Village Officials re Investigation of Tea Land for lease. Road work and housing etc also discussed. Camp established and settled in.
Slept Iore
- 10th February Discussions with Iore leaders and Agents named and recorded while Mr Eggleton began survey. 1000 to 1230 inspected Aid Post sites and best position marked out. Road link to Iaria tentatively gone over till 1400. Heavy rain stopped field work and afternoon spent discussing development with people. Evening on Investigation Report.
Slept Iore
- 11th February 0800 Mr. Eggleton continued surveying while self continued investigation report and further negotiations with Iore, Pumi and Iaria for more land. 1330 departed Iore to work with Mr. Eggleton and clear up disputes till 1600. Evening spent on investigation and traverse plotting.
Slept Iore
- 12th February Survey work till 1450 then patrol returned to Mendi arriving 1620
At Mendi
- 15th February Patrol despatched to Iore while self to Lake Kutubu for Station duties and despatch of Bosavi Patrol.
Refer P.O.J. folios 9/65 to 12/65 of Mr. Eggleton's for period 15/2/65 to 25/2/65 where he acquired land to about 900 acres at Iore and Iaria. END OF Mr. EGGLETON'S PORTION OF PATROL.
- 10th March Departed Mendi at 1000 to continue patrol arriving Tubiri Rest House at 1030. Patrol settled in and road work began at 1300. Discussions with Village leaders and houseline inspection and minor disputes till 1630.
Slept Tubiri
- 11th March Anti-Yaws campaign from 0745 to 1030. Road and bridge work for rest of day.
Slept Tubiri
- 12th March Roadwork and bridgework paid for as per Koney works order for work carried out during latter part of 1964 and from 1130 ~~1200~~ to 1700 fish ponds constructed and minor disputes settled.
Slept Tubiri
- 13th March Roadwork continued from 0830 to 1330 when rain became too heavy to work. 1430 to 1600 minor disputes settled and discussions with leaders held. Extra patrol gear and bridge construction equipment arrived at 1730.
Slept Tubiri
- 14th March Observed at Tubiri. Slept Tubiri
- 15th March To Tulum with Police and A.D.C. to investigate reported disturbances - all well At Mendi.

- 16th March Departed Mendi to resume patrol at 1100, road work progressing and bridge decking on Tubiri bridges replaced. 1230 to 1750 continued work on road.
Slept Tubiri
- 17th March Departed Tubiri at 0900 and arrived Pororo at 0935 1015 to 1650 road repairs and bridge replacement, houselines and cemetery inspected and instructions issued accordingly. Evening spent discussing tea as a cash crop.
Slept Pororo
- 18th March 0730 to 1720 road and bridge repairs carried out.
Slept Pororo
- 19th March 0800 to 0950 general problems and queries sorted out. 1015 to 1300 anti-yaws campaign and road payments made. 1400 to 1730 road maintenance carried on but hampered by landslides necessitating widening. Evening settled minor disputes.
Slept Pororo
- 20th March Departed Pororo at 0845 and arrived Iore Rest House at 0920. Patrol settled in and work parties organised to cut timber for bridge replacement, lay stone and widen roads. Afternoon spent preparing to liase with Nipa Patrol to find possible road link from Iore to Del and new airstrip site at Poroma in the Nambi Valley. 1600 Village Constable from Iaria arrived to report killing of young newborn child.
Slept Iore
- 21st March 0800 walked to Iaria to inspect site of above reported death arriving 0915. All concerned sent to Mendi and self returned Iore at 1430. Rest of day observed at Iore.
Slept Iore
- 22nd March Departed Iore at 0805 and plotted road to Megi arriving 1030. Issued instructions to Megi people then proceeded down to Lai Valley River. Cane bridge repaired and patrol arrived Iburapi Base Camp at 1430. Discussions with Mr. Hicks and crossing for bridge site selected - re Mendi/Nipa road link.
Slept Iburapi
- 23rd March Departed Iburapi at 0735 and plotted road to Webinamu Rest House arriving 1030. Set up camp and conducted anti-yaws campaign, settled minor disputes and inspected houselines till 1800
Slept Webinamu
- 24th March Departed Webinamu at 0815 and plotted tentative road to Del and people instructed to begin work Arrived Del 0935. Anti-yaws campaign conducted for Unja, Del, Ubiwil, and Uria lines. All Census Books lost. H.L.S. recruits despatched and complaints settled to 1400. Walked to Poroma airstrip site Area good and plenty of land available for tea plantings. Discussed problem of confusion arising from airstrip sites. - Refer section in report on Missions. Returned Del at 1845.
Slept Del
- 25th March 0815 returned to Webinamu to inspect road work and give anti-yaws injections to Pombadi. All well minor disputes and houseline inspection for rest of day.
Slept Webinamu

- 26th March Departed Webinamu at 0815 and walked to Megi via Lal River crossing arriving 1130. Set up camp and began work on Megi/Iore road till 1500. 1600 to 1800 minor disputes settled.
Slept Megi
- 27th March 0800 to 1030 anti - yaws campaign conducted. 1100 to 1630 continued work on road.
Slept Megi
- 28th March Departed Megi at 0800 and marked road to Iore and then walked to Iaria arriving 1100. Rest of day spent on discussions re extension of Tea Lease.
Slept Iaria
- 29th March Names called and anti - yaws campaign conducted from 0800 to 1045. 1130 to 1230 marked Iaria section of road and people began work. 1300 to 1830 began resurveying land for tea lease. Evening spent on discussions with people re development etc.
Slept Iaria
- 30th March 0730 to 0830 road gangs organised and despatched 0845 to 1450 cut new boundary for tea block. 1530 to 1740 inspected road work and marked new sections.
Slept Iaria
- 31st March Heavy rain till 1000 then despatched road gangs and self continued survey work till 1400. 1430 to 1730 worked on road and settled minor disputes.
Slept Iaria
- 1st April Kenkeri group arrived to work on road with Iaria. Self continued survey till 1430. 1500 to 1820 worked on road and commenced bridge construction.
Slept Iaria
- 2nd April Road gangs organised and despatched while self then completed survey till 1145. 1230 to 1730 worked on road and bridge construction.
Slept Iaria
- 3rd April 0800 to 1730 continued work on road and evening spent on Investigation Report.
Slept Iaria
- 4th April 0800 to 1030 collected owners names and improvements for tea lease. 1100 departed Iaria and marked Iore section of road and arrived Iore at 1330. Rest of day observed.
Slept Iore
- 5th April 0800 to 1745 worked on road.
Slept Iore
- 6th April 0800 to 1030 acquitted road payments and then worked on road till 1730.
Slept Iore
- 7th April 0800 to 1630 road and bridge construction.
Slept Iore
- 8th April 0800 to 1830 worked on Mendi/~~XXI~~ Nipa and Iore/Iaria roads.
Slept Iore

- 9th April 0800 to 1300 worked on Iore road and 1345 to 1750 worked on Iaria and Megi roads.
Slept Iore
- 10th April 0800 to 1500 called names conducted anti - yaws campaign and then worked started on new Rest House site, fish ponds and cow paddock.
Slept Iore
- 11th April Day observed at Iore.
Slept Iore.
- 12th April Ioro/Iaria road completed at 1000 and patrol departed Iore at 1100 and arrived One at 1230 after re routing sections of Mendi/Iore road. Anti - yaws campaign from 1300 to 1500 then road gangs despatched while self worked on bridges.
Slept One
- 13th April 0800 to 1500 road widening and stoning carried out 1600 to 1830 houselines inspected and cemetery cleaned.
Slept One
- 14th April 0800 to 1530 road maintenance. 1600 to 1830 minor disputes settled.
Slept One
- 15th April 0800 to 1300 road maintenance then patrol walked to Mendi for Easter Break.
At Mendi
- 27th April 0900 patrol to Iore to resume work arriving 1115 Road maintenance work inspected and camp settled in for rest of day.
Slept Iore
- 28th April 0900 to 1500 collected improvements for Iore portion of tea block.
Slept Iore
- 29th April 0900 to 1645 worked on new Iore/Megi road.
Slept Iore
- 30th April To Mendi to complete Investigation report for "INA"BU Tea Lease.
At Mendi
- 25th May 0830 departed Mendi to resume patrol after completion of Investigation Report and Station duties. Arrived Iaria after inspecting newly completed Iore/Iaria road. and returned Iore at 1100. patrol settled in and rest of day spent on minor disputes.
Slept Iore
- 26th May 0730 organised road gangs to work on Me. road and themselves inspected one section of road maintenance. 1430 continued work on Iore road, stoning etc till 1750.
Slept Iore
- 27th May 0800 to 0930 minor disputes settled and road gangs organised. 1000 walked to Megi and worked on Megi road till 1430. Returned Iore at 1530 and supervised bridge work till 1835.
Slept Iore
- 28th May 0800 to 1730 worked on Mendi/Nipa road at Iore and Pumi
Slept Iore.

- 29th May Land known as "TIGIRI" at Iaria purchased for Capuchian Mission from 0845 till 1100 then returned Iore arriving 1230. 1330 to 1500 completed Iore bridges. 1600 C.N.M. Convened for breach Contra Reg. 71(a) of N.R.O.'s.
Slept Iore
- 30th May Observed at Iore.
Slept Iore
- 31st May Road gangs organised then patrol departed for Pumi at 0930 arriving 1045. Patrol settled in and from 1300 to 1630 settled minor disputes and worked on road.
Slept Megi
- 1st June 0800 to 1100 anti-yaws campaign conducted. 1200 to 1430 C.N.M. convened and dealt with complaints Contra Reg. 71(e) and 71 (c). of N.R.O.'s.
Slept Pumi
- 2nd June 0930 departed Pumi and arrived Pinj at 1130. Worked on Pinj section of road from 1230 to 1430 then heavy rain stopped work.
Slept Pinj
- 3rd June 0800 to 1200 anti-yaws campaign carried out. 1330 to 1630 rebuilt Pinj bridge and 1700 to 1830 settled minor disputes.
Slept Pinj
- 4th June 0800 to 1500 worked on road. 1545 C.N.M. convened and case heard Contra Reg. 84(2) N.R.O.'s.
Slept Pinj
- 5th June 0830 departed Pinj and organised road gangs of Pinj and arrived Kamb at 1000. Began investigation of drowning of Chiabe Roman Catholic catechist at Mil. Nothing coming to light although neighbouring groups suspect foul play.
Slept Kamb
- 6th June Observed at Kamb.
Slept Kamb
- 7th June 0800 to 0930 conducted anti-dysentery inspections and treatments. 1030 to 1850 reconstructed bridges and settled minor disputes at Kamb.
Slept Kamb
- 8th June Day spent reconstructing damaged bridges.
Slept Kamb
- 9th June Census Revised and additional book issued 0800 to 1150 Anti-yaws campaign x till 1300 and disputes settled for remainder of day. Evening on book work.
Slept Kamb
- 10th June Departed Kamb at 0820 and inspected road and bridges to Tugup Rest House arriving 0915. 0930 to 1130 inspected houselines and cemetery. 1230 to 1800 road maintenance
Slept Tugup
- 11th June 0800 to 1815 worked on roads and bridges,
Slept Tugup
- 12th June 0815 to 1130 revised census and conducted anti-yaws campaign. 1230 to 1600 settled minor disputes and completed bridge replacement. Evening on book work.
Slept Tugup

- 13th June Day observed at Tugup.
Slept Tugup
- 14th June 0800 departed Tugup and inspected "punt" site for crossing Lai River near Kip. Arrived Kip at 1000 1100 to 1200 held talks with M.O.M. at Kip and then 1300 to 1530 worked on road maintenance.
Slept Kip
- 15th June 0800 to 1100 inspected houselines settled minor disputes and from 1230 to 1630 continued work on road. Evening spent discussing development and fish ponds with people.
Slept Kip
- 16th June 0830 to 1230 carried out census revision and anti-yaws campaign. 1400 to 1630 settled minor disputes and inspected houselines. Evening on books.
Slept Kip
- 17th June 0800 departed Kip for Tumia arriving 0920. Revised census from 1000 IX to 1230. 1330 patrol had to quell rioting at Rest House. Evening on books.
Slept Tumia
- 18th June 0830 self requiring medical treatment for damaged hand caused in previous day's disturbance so patrol departed at 1100 and arrived Mendi at 1630.
At Mendi.

END OF PATROL DUE TO ACCIDENT AND TRANSFER TO PANGIA.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS:

6. Once it was realized that the patrol was to be an extended one and that it was not merely a 'get up and go' type, the people were at all times keen, hard working and co-operative.

7. All Rest House accommodation was excellent and where possible the patrol called in at all hamlet groups en route. Many groups expressed the desire to build their own Rest Houses and they were encouraged because the more personal the contact for the Undiri and Lai Valley Census Division, the quicker their economic development. It would also banish all feeling of neglect which occasionally the patrol felt.

8. Food supplies were abundant for the patrol's use even though it was noticed that the people were visiting adjoining Census Divisions to purchase food for the patrol when there was a shortage at the home area.

9. Housing at all places was up to Highland standard and at every hamlet group visited the people rebuilt toilet facilities and began fencing off water supplies to keep pigs out.

10. At Dol and Megi Census Units the people were advised to move their houses from the tops of the ridges, nearer to the Rest House. This was done because their gardens were so far from their houses and also to improve contact by the Administration. They agreed with this suggestion and when the patrol was last in the vicinity the move had begun.

11. No changes were necessary in the two C.D.'s, of Village Officials. All appear to be pro-Administration, keen workers and generally had the full support of the people. It was stressed at all points of call, that the patrol visited, that the V.O.'s were appointed by the Administration to bring direct contact to the people and any violence would not be tolerated.

12. Most Village Officials have a fair working knowledge of Pidgin English or Polise Motu so there was no difficulty getting things organised.

13. As no changes are recommended, no list of Village Officials is appended. A copy is held at Sub-district Office for reference.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE ADMINISTRATION:

14. As already stated the attitude towards the patrol at first was one of apathy and scepticism, however this rapidly changed as the patrol and the people became friends and work on their neglected roads, hygiene, development and sanitation got underway.

15. After the first few days the people were remaining at the Rest house long after the day's work had been completed, to discuss problems and to acquire a better understanding of the policies of development put forward by the Administration.

16. Carriers were always available and co-operation at nearly every Rest House was excellent. New roads were constructed willingly and maintenance on existing roads continued long after the patrol had moved to other Rest Houses.

17. At times, at places like Del and Pami in the Undiri and Tumia in the Lai Valley, there appeared to be an attitude of "we can beat the government" present. I thought this could be a throwback of the recent Wambip/Tulum murders, however this too proved to be incorrect mainly attributed to past neglect.

18. The Del people numbering about 1200 are at present in a state of flux due to a disturbance between the Administration and The Capuchian Mission and the Methodist Overseas Mission. Each vying for the labour to construct roads and bridges and airstrips, however all trouble is now finished and the people are now working on the new Poroma/Megi road link, which will eventually link the area with Mendi Station, which will complete access roads to all portions of the Undiri.

19. While at Tumia Rest House a slight skirmish began between men of the group over distribution of money, this too was settled quickly after it looked as though it would develop into a large scale brawl between the group and the patrol. The Tumia people were ashamed of their rash behaviour and I feel that they are now completely settled again. The patrol remained with them for almost two days until it became necessary for myself to obtain medical treatment for a damaged hand.

20. While in the same area the Tumia and Tugup people approached the patrol with a complaint about their neighbours the Kips. Apparently the Kips, numbering about 700 were looking down on the Tumia and Tugup people numbering about 600.

21. The cause of this is a large tribal fight about 10 years ago when the Kips scattered the combined Tumia and Tugup lines. Ever since then there has been jealousy and rivalry flaring up, especially at ceremonies. The Kip people were brought together and the matter discussed and they eventually agreed that petty bickering could only lead to trouble and further killings.

22. These incidences could hardly be classified as either anti-Administration or serious and if the area is watched no trouble should develop, at least the fact that the Administration has heard about them may tend to act as a deterrent against violence.

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 23. Current Political Thoughts tend towards Local Government Councils. Keeness was displayed at all Rest Houses for their inclusion in the existing Upper Mendi Local Government Council. There was not always an awareness of what a Council does but the people seemed to think they would miss out on development if they were not included in a Council.

24. It was explained that they would be included in the existing Council or have a Council of their own as soon as there was staff available and they were in a position to fully grasp the meaning of a Council and its functions.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS MISSIONS:

25. At the time of the patrol, the active Missions in the area were the Methodist Overseas Mission and the Roman Catholic Capuchian Mission, both with headquarters at Mendi.

26. The M.O.M. relies mainly on semi-trained catechists based in various villages. They teach the rudiments of the gospel and hygiene and seem to be fairly well received by the people. Periodically a European Pastor tours the area and furthers the teachings of the catechists.

27. The Capuchian Mission also has semi-trained catechists based in the majority of villages who are visited each week by a European Father.

28. No real animosity exists between the Missions, in the areas I visited, although at times there was confusion by the people as to which was right. It was explained that it is the choice of the individual to follow whatever Mission he liked and no compulsion or force was allowed.

29. On the whole the people's attitude towards the Missions was acceptance and most are prepared to listen to the teachings if they are not compelled to do so.

30. The untimely drowning of a Native Catechist from Chimbu, who was a Roman Catholic, brought forward two suggestions, firstly that he was pushed into the Lal River by the Mil people who had a similar drowning a few years ago, and secondly that he was fishing and fell in. I was in the course of investigating this matter and the situation is being watched and investigated still.

OTHER PROBLEMS:

31. One point which bears mentioning is the people's reluctance to accept cash. They prefer Mother Of Pearl (Kina) at all times. The value of Kina to them goes as high as £10 to £15 for an unpolished shell, and is way out of proportion to the Administration Value of 25/- This is mainly due to scarcity in the early stages of the Administration's contact and it now figures prominently in Bride Price, which can be as high as 10 Kina or about £100. As the currency will be changed to decimals next year I see the people becoming more confused with money and more determined than ever to stick to their stable currency - Kina.

32. Some of the more radical men who have ventured to the coast realise that Kina will eventually be regarded as useless, but for the majority, Kina is the answer.

33. Absentee-ism is not high in either Census Division and ~~there~~ there is ample labour available, however if economic cash crops are not quickly introduced and / or employment offered in Mendi, there will be a terrific labour migration out of the District. At several places young men asked about being employed at Mendi or the coast, they were told there was not much opportunity at Mendi but to hold on for a while as there may be

tea and pyrethrum in the area very soon.

AGRICULTURE, STOCK, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY.

34. At the present time the ~~main~~ ^{main} people rely on subsistence farming, their main crop being Sweet Potato. These crops are small and undersized compared with other parts of the Highlands and this is due to the fact that the people do not change their garden sites for about 6 to 8 years not giving the soil to revitalise itself. There is no shortage of land and I feel that the Agriculture department should be called upon to explain the best methods of cultivation etc. Where new gardens have been made the crops are large and more nourishing.

35. This is also emphasised by the way European type vegetables grow well in newly worked gardens. Other crops grown include potatoes, tomatoes, cabbages, peas, beans, bananas, carrots, taro (limited) and pandanus nuts.

36. Due to the long distances from the Station, not many of the people of the Undiri and Lai Valley are able to carry their produce to market, however as the roads of the areas improve the Council and private enterprise may be able to be persuaded to purchase surplus but until such time the people are eating the produce themselves which helps to balance their diet.

37. Coffee projects and nurseries were started a few years ago but were neglected by both Administration and people resulting in overgrown plots with poor trees. It is hoped that Agriculture patrols can be organised to visit the two areas as the people themselves have on numerous occasions requested this.

38. While at Iore, two cows were purchased by the Village Councillor and it won't be long before this precedent is taken up by the neighbouring groups. The animals are regarded as "prestige animals" but with proper channeling it could well become a Native Cattle Industry - especially in the Undiri C.D.

39. Already all groups on the Mendi/Iore road have begun preparing paddocks and water holes so that when they are financially able they too can have cattle.

40. Pigs are highly prized and there was no evidence of Anthrax ~~to~~ to be found. They form an integral part of the people's life, taking part in ceremonies and sharing living quarters with their owners as well as being used for Bride, Jeath and debt payments. Fowls bring a market price of £2 per rooster and £3 per hen. They are not as highly valued by the people as are pigs but help provide protein and prestige to the men and women of a group.

41. At Tubiri, One, Pororo, Iore, Iaria, Pumi and Pinj fish ponds are being constructed and should add greatly to the protein diet of the people, if they can be persuaded to eat them.

42. At present the bordering to Mendi Station utilise timber for low cost housing etc but apart from that there is no commercial use of timber except for bridge construction. There is no shortage of timber and in the Lai Valley would prove an excellent source of in-come if transport arrangements could be made to pick up pitsawn timber.

TRADE STORES:

43 There is now one trade store being built in the Undiri by the Councillor at Iore, he will only provide limited stocks at first but as Iore forms the junction between Mendi, Iaria, Lai Valley and the proposed Poroma road it could develop into a worthwhile business.

LAND:

44. One of the purposes of the Patrol was to Investigate the establishment of a Tea Industry, plantation and factory site at Iore and Iaria. At first there was reluctance to part with the 1000 odd acres required for such a scheme but after a while they realised it was their opportunity to ~~make~~ progress and Mr. Eggleton C.P.O. and myself were able to survey approximately 1400 acres known as "INAMBU" at Iore and Iaria.

45. In conjunction with this a road link was built between Iore and Iaria, which provides access to the Tea block and Mendi. The Mendi/Iore road was widened in parts, stoned and bridges replaced. Once this road is completely stoned etc it should be easy to maintain.

46. Another road was constructed from Iore to Megi and work has now begun in extending this road to the Del area and ultimately to Poroma Airstrip in the Nembi thus providing another access road to an airstrip for the tea block.

47. With these roads and ~~in~~ the enthusiasm of the people and provided there is not too much delay in commencing the project, it should be a successful venture and be the basis of a tea industry in the Mendi Sub-district.

48/ Also at Iore the people wish to lease approximately 50 to 70 acres for the purpose of establishing an Aid Post, School and Agriculture Extension Centre. This was discussed with them and should be utilised as the people are keen for progress and have a very pro-Administration outlook which is a marked contrast to other groups in the Mendi Subdistrict.

49. The people at Pororo have also stated they are willing to lease about 40 acres for the establishment of a school. And, at nearly every Rest House the people either wanted an Aid Post or an Administration School and all were willing to set aside areas of land for this purpose.

50. There appears to be no land shortage in the two Census Divisions and no real disputes were brought to the notice of the patrol, except at Mil where there was confusion of a previous officer's advice in 1964. The dispute was recorded and is awaiting the settlement of the Lands Commission.

COMPLAINTS:

51. Complaints were fairly frequently brought before the patrol for advice and sometimes arbitration and these included; debts, marriage disputes, pigs etc, all of which were settled one way or the other to everyone's apparent satisfaction. The two Census Divisions are fairly stable and nothing really serious occurs to disrupt their daily lives.

COURTS:

52. The Court For Native Matters was convened only six times being; 2 cases of adultery Contra Reg. 84(2) of the N.R.O.s and 4 cases of assault Contra Reg. 71 (a) of the N.R.O.s.

HEALTH:

53. Surprisingly enough the people of the Undiri and the Lai Valley are fairly healthy, I say this because there are no Kanned Aid Posts operating. Naturally minor injuries and ailments were numerous but there were no more than 10 cases sent to Mendi hospital for treatment. Among these were broken bones, severe burns and a few cases of child malnutrition.

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54. In conjunction with the patrol, an anti-yaws campaign was carried out, this also helped to eradicate minor infections etc. The roll up for injections was almost 100% of people still residing in their villages. Where possible aged and invalid persons were visited in their homes by the capable N.M.O.'s who accompanied the patrol and who carried out their duties well in the field of health and ~~hygiene~~ hygiene.

55. There was an out break of dysentery in the Lai Valley at Kamb which resulted in 5 deaths but as the patrol was in the area all remaining sufferers were treated and the outbreak did not reach epidemic proportions.

56. I do however recommend, when staff permits at P.H.D. Mendi, the setting up of Aid Posts in the following places to avoid further similar outbreaks; 1. Icre - to cater for Iore, Iaria, Pumi and Megi Census Units.

2. Pororo - to cater for Pororo, Iagen, One and perhaps Tubiti C.U.s.

3. Del - to cater for all 5 Del groups, Pabaronga, Pombadi and Waramesa C.U.s.

4. Pinj - to cater for Pinj, Mil and Pumi C.U.s.

5. Kip - to cater for Kip, Kamb, Tugup and Tuma C.U.s.

These are essential if the health of both areas is to be maintained. At present the nearest facilities for all these people are Mendi or Nipa hospitals being many hours walk away.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

57. During the course of the patrol the Mendi/Nipa and the Lai Valley Roads underwent a great deal of reconstruction, widening, stoning and where necessary bridges were replaced.

58. At the present time the roads are in quite good condition but the next patrol will have to see that maintenance has been continued according to instruction.

59. Two new roads were built from Iore to Iaria for the Tea Project, approximately 3 to 4 miles and Iore to Megi also approximately 4 miles. The Megi road will eventually proceed to the Lai River and then link up with the Del to Poroma road at present under construction.

60. When these roads are completed it will mean that all parts of the ~~MM~~ Undiri and most of the Lai Valley will be accessible by road.

61. The Lai River crossing now only awaits the punt (at Kip) to complete the road link to Nipa Patrol Post.

CEMETERIES:

62. All cemeteries were inspected, cleaned and occasionally remodelled. On the whole they were quite reasonable and only showed small signs of neglect since the last patrol. Instructions were given accordingly.

CENSUS:

63. Only part of the scheduled census revision was done in the Lai Valley but the completed revised figures for the four groups are attached. From last year's totals for the groups I ~~am~~ censused, the balance is as follows:-

Total Population 1964	2032	
Book errors 1964	-18	2014
New Names	+ 3	2017
Double Entries	- 7	2010
Births	72	2082
Deaths	55	2027
Migrations		

Aid Posts are a vital number of people serviced

Said Posts?

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Carried forward:

Migrations In	46	2073	
Migrations Out	24	<u>2049</u>	being

total for 1965.

64. As can be seen, the errors were outstanding and I would suggest that the Officer who completes the Census Revision keeps a close check on the totals, names doubly recorded, book errors and names not crossed out etc.

65. Thirty seven of the fifty five deaths were in the one month to thirteen year age group, which tends to indicate that there are lacking medical and Infant Welfare facilities. Main causes of death were pneumonia and dysentery which also supports my conviction that the areas need more Aid Posts.

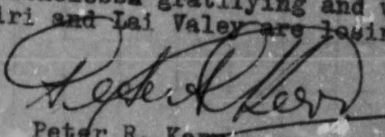
66. Migrations were steady being either for marriage or for groups returning to their traditional land now that tribal fighting has ceased.

PERSONNEL:

67. All personnel who accompanied the patrol behaved well and performed their duties without question and diligently. Morale was high and no incidents occurred to upset the patrol's presence at any Rest House. Reports for the members of the R.P. & N.G.C. have been entered on their respective records of service and also forwarded to Headquarters (Police) Konedobu. The Interpreters acquired on patrol and the Native Medical Orderlies were all an asset to the patrol and its success in dealing with the people.

CONCLUSION:

68. Attached please find Camping Allowance Claims for Mr. M. Eggleton C.P.O. and myself, together with Mr. Eggleton's relevant P.O.J. folios 9/65 to 12/65 inclusive. The patrol conducted over broken periods and not completed due to injuries and my transfer to Pangia was nevertheless gratifying and worth ~~xxxx~~ it as the people of the Undiri and Lai Valley are losing their feeling of neglect.


Peter R. Kerr
Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No MENDI NO. 10/64-5

Patrol Conducted by N. WRIGHT, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled STATIONARY PATROL, MENDI - HAGEN ROAD (UPPER MENDI C/D)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 4 R.P.N.G.C., 4 WARDERS, 1 N.M.O.,
1 INTERPRETER, 1 LABOURER, 1 TRACTOR DRIVER.

Duration—From 8/3/1965 to 20/5/1965

Number of Days 68

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol REPAIR MENDI TO MT. HAGEN ROAD.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

18/6/1965

[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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

To: District Commissioner
From: District Commissioner
Date: 30th June 1965

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DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICTS
P.O. BOX 100
PORT MORSBIE

30th June, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
HHEH.

HINDI PATROL REPORT NO. 10/64-65:

Your memorandum 67-3-2 of 18th June 1965, refers.

2. Thank you for Mr. Wright's Patrol Report.
3. As Mr. Wright accomplished the task set in a satisfactory manner, no comments are necessary from this office.

(T.S. Aitchison)
A/DISTRICT

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
Telephone 67-3-2
Our Reference
If calling ask for
Mr.

Department of District
Administration
Southern Highlands District
MENDI



18th June 1965

Director
Department of District
Administration
KONEDOBUBU. Papua

SUBJECT: Mendi Patrol 10 of 64/65

Attached please find one copy of a report on the above patrol conducted by Mr N. Wright (Patrol Officer) together with a copy of covering memorandum, 67-2-1 of 17th June, 1965, from the Assistant District Commissioner, Mendi.

2. Mr Wright's patrol duties were connected solely with the improvement and repair of the Mount Giluwel section of the Mendi - Mount Hagen access road. This road is the only vehicular link with Mount Hagen until such time as the main road via Ialibu is constructed. Mr Wright did a very good job of work under adverse terrain and climatic conditions.

(A. J. Zweck)
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-2-1

Sub-District Office
MENDI

17th June 1965

District Commissioner
MENDI

MENDI PATROL 10 OF 1964-65

The original and one copy of the above report is forwarded herewith for your consideration please. Submission of the report was delayed by Mr Wright's transfer to Komo.

As the patrol was concerned only with the improvement of the Mendi - Hagen road, little comment on the report is necessary.

Mr Wright has submitted an adequate report which is marred only by the numerous errors of spelling therein.

All concerned have done a good job on this patrol and no doubt the local people will be glad to see the road opened to traffic after more than seven years of spasmodic work on this road.

(E. M. O'Neill)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No.

KOMO Patrol Post,
TARI Sub District,
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

5th June, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO. 10/64-65 - MENDI-HAGEN ROAD.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of the patrol was to repair and make trafficable a 4-5 mile section of road extending from a point, some 3 miles east of KOMIA R/H, eastward to the slopes of MT. GILUVE.

This section of road rises from approx. 7,500' to 9,000'. It is situated in the UPTER MENDI C/D which is administered from MENDI.

As there are no natives in the immediate vicinity to carry out maintenance at a later date, a permanent native material was constructed so that future officers will have a camp from which to work when maintenance is required. Buildings suited for use as labourers quarters and stores have been built. The camp site is approx. 9,000' ASL.

To provide labour initially, 20 prisoners were transferred from the MENDI Corrective Institution. Four Warders and four Police were allocated as guards. These were changed every fortnight.

Other personell included a Native Medical Orderly, an Interpreter, a labourer (who was used as a carpenter), and a tractor driver.

A tractor plus two trailers were allocated and after being pushed up to the campsite, were used, in conjunction with the prisoners, to carry stone and other material required for the roadwork.

Supplies were brought out from MENDI by a once weekly tractor service, which also brought relief personell. This tractor was able to bring these stores to within 4 miles of the camp, they were then carried to the camp by the prisoners.

The prisoners worked westward from the camp towards KOMIA R/H. After Easter 1,000 local natives were employed on the road, working eastward from KOMIA R/H.

The patrol worked, for the duration of the patrol, from the one camp.

DIARY:

A diary is attached. My Field Officers Journal, folios nos. 1-15, paras. 20-91 also refer.

DIARY.

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MENDI PATROL NO. 10/64-65 - MENDI-HAGEN ROAD.

8th March, 1965.

Departed Mendi by tractor for KOMIA.
At KOMIA discussions with local councillors re roadwork, build-
materials for camp houses and carriers for following day.
Prisoners sent up to camp with some supplies.
Night KOMIA.

9th March.

Departed KOMIA, three hours walk to camp with prisoners and
locals carrying majority of cargo for camp.
Work on camp buildings and area.
Night Road Camp.

10th March.

Prisoners to KOMIA to help push tractor and trailer, carrying
fuel and most of remaining cargo, to camp.
Store building completed, clearing of camp area carried out,
work on permanent toilets and rubbish pits commenced.
Night Road Camp.

11th March.

Prisoners sent down to KOMIA to load large wire rope onto
tractor sent out from MENDI.
First Aid building, toilets and tractor shelter completed.
Night Road Camp.

12th March.

Driver took tractor plus 14 prisoners down to KOMIA to pick
up second trailer.
Work on living quarters.
Heavy rain from 2pm stopped work for the day.
Night Road Camp.

13th March.

Living quarters for interpreter, labourer and driver completed.
Drains dug around buildings and living area.
Night Road Camp.

14th March.

Observed.
Night Road Camp.

15th March.

Work on road commenced.
Local women arrived with kunai for roof of my house.
Night Road Camp.

16th March.

Work on road.
Heavy rain from 2.30pm stopped work for the day.
Night Road Camp.

17th March.

Work on road until 10am.
Prisoners to KOMIA to meet tractor with reliefs and food,
tractor did not arrive prisoners returned.
Night Road Camp.

18th March

Work on road and my house.
Night Road Camp.

19th March.

Work on road.
Reliefs arrived 11am.
Heavy rain from 2.15pm halted work for day
Night Road Camp.

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20th March.
General work on camp area and buildings.

21st March.
Observed.
Night Road Camp.

22nd March.
Supervised road work by prisoners.
Locals arrived with kunia for roofing.
Heavy rain from 2.15pm halted work for day.
Night Road Camp.

23rd March.
Supervised road work by prisoners.
Heavy rain for two hours after lunch.
All prisoners working on my house at finish of rain as road too wet.
Night Road Camp.

24th March.
Supervised prisoner's roadwork in morning.
Prisoners started putting roof on my house in afternoon.
O.I.C. TAMBUL Patrol Post, W.H.D. arrived, discussions re roadwork.
Night Road Camp.

25th March.
Supervised prisoner's roadwork in morning.
Prisoners finished roof of round house in afternoon.
Night Road Camp.

26th March.
Walked down to KOMIA Rest House to meet A.D.C. O'Neil for discussions re roadwork, supplies etc.
Returned to camp.
Night Road Camp.

27th March.
General work on camp area and buildings.
Night Road Camp.

28th March.
Observed
Night Road Camp.

29th March.
Supervised work on road and house.
Prisoners sent to extricate two P.W.D. tractors, enroute to Hagen from bog.
Night at Road Camp

30th March.
Went by tractor to TAMBUL to do inventory of S.H.D. gear in this area, tractor proceeded on to Hagen.
Returned to camp by land rover in company with O.I.C. TAMBUL.
Night Road Camp.

31st March.
No roadwork due to rain.
Prisoners worked on camp buildings in morning.
Prisoners down to KOMIA in afternoon to meet tractor from MENDI.
Locals arrived with pitpit blinds for my house.

1st April.
TAMBUL line arrived and started work on their section of road near camp.
Walls put on round house and roof on kitchen.
Two P.W.D. tractors enroute MENDI left two miles from camp as bridge out.
Night Road Camp.

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2nd April.

13 prisoners sent to erect temporary to enable tractors to proceed MENDI.
Bridge finished but one tractor and trailer badly bogged work suspended due to heavy rain at 2.45pm.
Remainder of prisoners worked on round house.
Supervised Tambul roadwork.
Night Road Camp.

3rd April.

Prisoners spent all day in pulling two tractors out of various one so badly bogged that word sent to MENDI for some extra equipment.
Night Road Camp.

4th April.

Observed.
Night Road Camp.

5th April.

Prisoners worked all day on my house.
P.W.D. clerk Jim Ridges called in enroute TAMBUL, unable proceed further due state of road, looked at bogged vehicles and returned MENDI.
Night Road Camp.

6th April.

Prisoners worked on road in morning.
All my gear moved from tents into house in afternoon.
Supervised Tambul road work.
Night Road Camp.

7th April.

Road work in morning.
To KOMIA to meet tractor with reliefs and supplies.
Night Road Camp.

8th April.

Supervised road work all day both prison and Tambul.
Night Road Camp.

9th April.

Supervised road work all day.
Night Road Camp.

10th April.

Prisoners erected bridge to allow access to road surfacing materials.
O.I.C. TAMBUL visited to inspect Tambul road work.
Night Road Camp.

11th April.

Observed.
Night Road Camp.

12th April.

Roadwork.
A.D.C. O'Neil arrived to inspect roadwork and camp.
Night Road Camp.

13th April.

To KOMIA for meeting with councillors re roadwork.
Road sections allocated.
Night Road Camp.

14th April.

Returned to MENDI for Easter break.

In MENDI from 15th to 20th April.

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21st April.
Returned to camp from MENDI with Len Tarrant P.W.D. Plant Operator.

Night Road Camp.

22nd April

To KOMIA to supervise roadwork.

Night Road Camp.

23rd April.

To KOMIA to supervise road work.

Night Road Work.

24th April.

Supervised prison road work near camp.

Night Road Camp.

25th April.

Observed.

Tambuls returned to continue roadwork.

Night Road Camp.

26th April.

Supervised roadwork of Komias, Tambuls and prisoners.

Night Road Camp.

27th April.

Supervised roadwork of Komias, Tambuls and prisoners.

Night Road Camp.

28th April.

Prisoners pushed P.W.D. tipper out of bog.

In afternoon prisoners down to KOMIA to meet supply tractor.

I supervised Komia roadwork.

Night Road Camp.

29th April.

Supervised road work of Komias, Tambuls and prisoners.

Night Road Camp.

30th April.

Supervised Komias, Tambuls and prisoners on road work.

Night Road Camp.

1st May.

Stayed at camp and supervised prisoners and Tambul roadwork.

Night Road Camp.

2nd May.

Observed

Night Road Camp.

3rd May.

To KOMIA to supervise roadwork.

Cliff Kitner passed through enroute Hagen.

Night Road Camp.

4th May.

To KOMIA to supervise roadwork.

Night Road Camp.

5th May.

Supervised roadwork near camp.

In afternoon went with prisoners to meet supply tractor.

Night Road Camp.

6th May.

Supervised roadwork at KOMIA.

Both Sub Inspector Drummond and A.D.O. Wright from TAMBUL visited.

Night Road Camp.

7th May.
Supervised Komia roadwork.
Tractor driver sent MENDI to obtain new rear tyre for tractor.
Night Road Camp.

8th May.
At camp supervised prisoners roadwork also brought fresh foods.
Night Road Camp.

9th May.
Observed.
Night Road Work.

10th May.
Supervised Komia roadwork.
Driver returned from MENDI with new trailer and tyre spares.
Night Road Camp.

11th May.
Supervised Komia roadwork.
Night Road Camp.

12th May.
Supervised Komia roadwork and met supply tractor.
Notified of transfer to KOMO.
Night Road Camp.

13th May.
Supervised Komia roadwork.
Night Road Camp.

14th May.
Supervised prisoners roadwork.
Heavy rain from liam halted work for day.
Night Road Camp.

15th May.
Supervised prisoners roadwork and purchased fresh foods.
Night Road Camp.

16th May.
Observed.
Night Road Camp.

17th May.
Supervised Komia roadwork.
Night Road Camp.

18th May.
To TAMBUL to meet P.O. Mr.P.Colton from IALIEU, who is to take over camp, and bring him back to camp.
Night Road Camp.

19th May.
Handed over camp to Mr.Colton
Night Road Camp.

20th May.
D.C. Mr Zweck and A.D.C. Mr.O'Neil to inspect work.
Returned to MENDI with them to pack in readiness for transfer.

END OF PATROL

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PAVING SITUATION:

In consequence of the reluctance of the local people to do roadwork, some six miles of road within the Southern Highlands, from the camp to the border with the Western Highlands, was given to the Western Highlands to repair. This work was supervised from TAMBUL Patrol Post. Because of the distance involved from TAMBUL, several of the TAMBUL lines working in the vicinity of the camp were supervised by myself, with the Officer from TAMBUL making periodic visits to check the progress of the work.

The subsequent loss of roadworking money to the Western Highlands caused a certain amount of consternation among the locals. After discussions with Village Councillors during which the importance of the road, as a help to economic development also as a means of lowering trade store prices, which because of the airfreight involved are very high, the people agreed to start work on the roadwork started just prior to Easter.

In the vicinity of 1,000 people from the following lines: KOMIA, BIROP, ANGAMANDA, KLAREG, EKARI, ARUA, KELIA and NENE, worked on the road. Each of these lines were given a section of road to repair. Half of the work force of each line worked from Monday to Wednesday, the other from Thursday to Saturday. Houses were built in the vicinity of the road by each line so that they were able to live on the job.

Once work started, the people worked well. In four weeks close to 3 miles of road had been repaired and surfaced, this included several bridges.

No untoward incidents were experienced during the patrol and in general everybody worked as well as could be expected. The local Village Councillors from the NENDE L.S.C. gave assistance when it was required of them and were instrumental in keeping the work moving along at a reasonable rate.

All patrol personell fulfilled more than adequately the tasks allotted them, S/C MALIO and S/C WARDER MAINAR were exceptional in this respect.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

The section of road which was being repaired, as previously stated, rises from approx. 7,500' to 9,000'. This rise consists of an initial series of hairpin curves to approx. 8,500', then a sharp descent to 8,200' with a climb to 9,000' on the other side.

A road bed already existed, this at one stage had been trafficable, but, due to the lack of drainage, failure to remove black soil from the bed and heavy rain this had become a series of bogs and was all but impassable.

The main things done were to build an efficient drainage system, remove the black soil down to the clay underneath and put a camber on the road. This done the road bed dried out fairly quickly after rain and the water ran off the road instead of lying on it. When this had been done, large stones were buried in the road bed, smaller stones on top and then on top of this, where available, gravel. This formed a reasonable all weather surface.

The main problems encountered during this work were, inclement weather and the availability of stone. Stone quite often had to be carried for distances approaching one mile, this slowed work down considerably.

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We were lucky, were the prisoner's work was concerned, to find stone close to the road in the vicinity of the camp. This was loaded into the tractor and transported to the roadhead where the prisoners were working. A deposit of a coronas type material was found, this was used to consolidate the stone.

Of the section to be repaired all but about one mile has been finished. Mr. Colton P.O. from IALIBU has now taken over where I left off.

Weekly reports on the progress of the road were sent to the A.D.C. MENDI.

I feel that this section of road plus the 6 miles to the border, while being a reasonable all weather road for light traffic such as land rovers, will never be really suitable for heavy traffic.

My reasons for saying this are;

1. The heavy rainfall of the area.
2. Maintenance. There is no population in this particular area.
3. Even after drainage, removal of the black soil and stoning, heavy vehicles have a tendency to break through the clay underneath with subsequent rains turning this into a bog hole if early maintenance is not done.

CONCLUSION:

This patrol being a stationary one, remote from population, with my only contact being with persons working on the road and in view of my short time in the District, comments under any other headings would be in the nature of educated guesses, only.


N. Wright,
Patrol Officer.

Population Register

Area Patrolled.....

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ATTENDANCE		ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				STUDENTS				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
Out		Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing Age	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults		
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45				M	F	M	F	

