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MOROBE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

FINSCHHAFEN, STALUM, PINDIU

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<u>STALUM</u>		
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5-67-68	J.A. Smith	Kalasa & Dedua C.D.
<u>PINDIU</u>		
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2-67-68	R.P. Morrison	Mongi River & part Kua River Valley
3-67-68	P.H. Simpson	Morge area of Hube C.D.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOPOBE Report No. PINDIU No I 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by P.H. Simpson Patrol officer

Area Patrolled Bulum area and lower KUA of Hube CD.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 member RPNCG

Duration—From 31./7./1967 to 14./8./1967

Number of Days 15 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Feb to April 1967

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

Map Reference Morobe

Objects of Patrol Council elections.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

3/10/67

District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-64

Telegrams
Our Reference 67-2-10
If calling ask for
Mr. GGH/CEB

Department of District Administration.



Morobe District.
LAE.

3rd October, 1967.

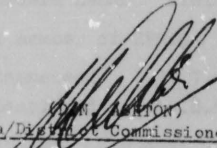
The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KORORUA.

PINDIU PATROL NO. 1/1967-68

MR. P. SIMPSON, PATROL OFFICER

Attached please find Pindiu Patrol Report No. 1/1967-68 together with comments from Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen.

2. The Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen, has adequately covered the report in his covering memorandum. Matters raised concerning Public Health Department have been referred to the Regional Medical Officer, Lae.


P. SIMPSON
a/ District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No. 67-1-1

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
PINDIU.....Morobe District.

28th of August, 1967.

PINDIU PATROL No I of 1967/68.

PINDIU.

Finschhafen Sub-District.

Morobe District.

Pindiu patrol No I of 1967/68.

Patrol Conducted by

P.H.Simpson. Patrol officer.

Area patrol led.

Lower Kua and Bulum valley of
the Hube census division.

Personel accompanying patrol.

Badera Henao field assistant.

I member of RPNCG.

Duration of patrol.

Commenced 31.7.67.

Completed 14.8.67.

15 days. 14 days on patrol.

Last patrol in area.

DDA Feb - April.

Objects of patrol.

To conduct council elections and
political education where time
permitted.

Map reference.

Morobe.

INTRODUCTION.

The area patrolled is situated on the border of the Pindiu administrative area. ~~xxx~~ The Bulum river area is by far the most backward area in the Hube census division and the writer spent as much time as was possible to speak to the male members of the community on the ways of government and the way the House of Assembly functions. The main object of the patrol was to conduct the fourth Pindiu council elections and this was completed on the 24th day of August, when the elections for the Pindiu ward were conducted at Pindiu and at Wagezaring.

The area patrolled is extremely rugged especially the headwaters of the Bulum. The area of the Kua river where elections were held is rough but cannot be compared with the Bulum. Walking in the area is not hard as the walking tracks are very well laid out and reasonably well looked after.

PATROL DIARY.

- 31.7.67. Departed for Mindik at 10.00. Arrived Kwenzenzeng at 11.15. Arrived Mindik airstrip 3.30. Overnight at Mindik mission.
- 1.8.67 Departed airstrip at 0700 for Mindik village arriving at 0740. People assembled but no election because only one candidate. Electoral roll compiled. Overnight Mindik.
- 2.8.67 Departed Mindik for Satneng at 0700. Arrived Satneng at 0815. Elections conducted and returned to Mindik. Overnight Mindik.
- 3.8.67 Departed Mindik for Aregenang at 0730 arrived at 1100. Elections conducted in PM. Overnight at Aregenang.
- 4.8.67 Departed Aregenang at 0800. Arrived Ogerenang at 1000. Further 1½ hours to Simbeng. Overnight Simbeng.
- 5.8.67 Elections conducted at Simbeng. Overnight at Simbeng
- 6.8.67 Sunday observed.
- 7.8.67 To Zewitzan 1 hour. Elections conducted. Overnight.
- 8.8.67 To Numut and Zengaren, 2hrs and 1 hour respectively. Elections at Zengaren. Overnight.
- 9.8.67 To Aregenang, via Selimbeng and Semgeta. 5 hours. Overnight.
- 10.8.67 To Tumang and Hamanarong. 2 hours and then a further one hour. Elections conducted. Overnight.
- 11.8.67 To Ebabang, 1 hour. Elections conducted. Overnight.
- 12.8.67 To Pindiu via Kwenzenzeng. 3½ hours.
- 13.8.67 Sunday observed.
- 14.8.67 Elections conducted at Pindiu for Pindiu ward.

End of Diary.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

The patrol was very well received in all villages and as usual a welcoming singsing was held in most Bulum villages and a few of the Kua villages. Prior to my departure from Pindiu I sent a letter to all villages giving the approximate days and places of the elections and I tried to keep mainly to the schedule stated.

RECEPTION OF PATROL. cont.

In some cases I arrived in the villages prior to the time of my expected arrival but I did not start elections until all the people had arrived.

VILLAGES.

- (i) As stated in all previous reports the housing in some villages leaves much to be desired but in some cases the housing is of a high standard. Houses are constructed of bush sawn timber, wooden or bamboo floors and wither kunai grass or karuka leaves for the roof.
- (ii). All villages are suitable sited with the exception being Numbut which is built on a spur with no water near the village. If the writer was not being transferred to another station he would build a bamboo water pipe system for these people but he is reluctant to start something that cannot be completed overnight. The people have been told to consider a new site or return to the old site which has a reasonable water supply.
- (iii). Water supply to all villages is good with Numbut being the exception. See para ii.
- (iv). Most villages had been cleaned prior to the arrival of the patrol and when asked why the people do not keep the place clean, the councillor informed the writer that the people just ignore his orders. He was and all committee men were advised of their powers concerning cleanliness in the villages and advised about the Pindiu Council's Sanitation and Hygiene Rule.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

As the Pindiu administrative area is completely covered by the council and the ~~xxxxxx~~ patrol was to conduct elections for the council remarks on the new councillors were covered in the election report.

OUTLINE OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The people are becoming interested in the House of Assembly and the way it works etc. As stated in my opening paragraph, I spent as much time as possible talking with the people about the elections etc. Lack of workmen is a problem but how to overcome this is a bigger problem as the people realise themselves that the young men just leave their villages and go to the town to avoid work, not to find work. I will enlarge on the political situation in an appendix to this report.

AGRICULTURE.

Coffee is the main crop in the Hube and both myself and the DASF officer at Pindiu have spoken with the people about a second cash crop. We have not committed ourselves to anything other than encouraging the people to grow fresh vegetables, potatoes and onions mainly. The people have asked about tea and pyrethrum but the DASF officer has told the people he will make enquiries re the above crops. The big problem in the area is transporting the coffee from the gardens to the buying points. The people in the Bulum sell their coffee at Eukaua on the coast. The other buying point is at Mindik strip.

LIVESTOCK.

There are some cattle in the Pindiu area but the only ones in the area visited are at Mindik. ~~EX~~ The people at Kotkin village have set aside some land and have planted grass in preparation for the coming of some cattle. Pigs are not plentiful ~~xxxxxxxixix~~, but fowls are seen everywhere.

FORESTS.

A survey of the timber in the back of the Bulum area was conducted by the Department of Forests last year but the results of this survey are not known. There is thick bush throughout the area and with the mission Dolmar Saw workingsome of the good timber has been removed in the lower Kua area. The council has distributed a lot of trees to be planted.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Trade stores are numerous in the area but as stated previously most if not all are run at a loss. The proposed course to be ~~met~~ held by trade and industry will be appreciated by the people of Pindiu.

LAND.

There is one outstanding land investigation to be done in the area and this is at Hamanarong. This is to be done in the near future.

COMPLAINTS.

As the writer concentrated mainly on the elections, few complaints were heard and I avoided becoming involved in the numerous discussions on pigs and females etc. The main complaint heard will ~~be~~ be explained in an appendix.

COURTS.

No courts were held on patrol.

Rest Houses.

The rest houses in the area have improved due to a letter written by the ADC Finschhafen to the President of the Council. The most noticeable thing about the rest houses was the number of snakes to be found in them.

CARRIERS.

Carriers are easy to obtain in ~~the~~ the smaller villages but in the larger they all leave the cargo to the other people, consequently no carriers. Little trouble was experienced on this patrol.

Health.

Un fortunately some of the aidpost orderlies become very bigheaded and inform everybody that they know everything and they can diagnose all types of sicknesses. In Ubaneng village a female died recently, of what I do not know, but the APO Founuk treated her and she died. Another female 12 years old, is sick and will be brought to the hospital at Wagezaring. Two males have a similar sickness and ~~will~~ will also be brought to the hospital. The matter of the behaviour of these APOs will be further explained in an appendix.

Some of the APOs complained at the lack of medicine obtainable at Pindiu but I feel the trouble lies with PHD in Lae as the hospital orderly Apisa claims that he sends the orders to Lae.

EDUCATION.

Schools are in a lot of the villages and most teach basic Kotte. There is a mission run english speaking school at Hamanarong.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The only roads in the area are the roads being constructed by the council from the Tumnang airstrip to Mindik and to Ebabang.

CEMETRIES.

The cemeteries sighted were not very well kept. An agenda item for the Pindiu Councils next meeting will be a discussion on the upkeep of cemeteries.

MISSIONS.

The only mission in the area is the Lutheran mission.

AIRFIELDS.

The only airstrip in the area is the one at Tumnang.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL.

Nothing to report.

LABOUR.

At the last census over fifty percent of the male work force was absent. Labour is short and because of this shortage some of the council projects are slow to begin. Nothing can be done to stop the men moving to the towns other than the police in Lae and the towns apprehending these men and charging them with vagrancy.

PERSONEL TAX.

The Pindiu council collects tax at the rate of \$4.50 for men and 20c for females, over the age of seventeen.

CENSUS.

No census was conducted on this patrol.

P.H. Simpson
.....
(P.H.Simpson.)
Patrol Officer.

Report on member of RPNCG.

Const I/c Zanza 8476.

A very efficient constable. Completely reliable and really knows his job. His behaviour left nothing to be desired and he is a credit to his uniform.

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APPENDIX "B".

"Kos Wok" and APOs Bulum area.

In May of this year the department of Public Health conducted a school or course for all its APOs and the members of the Pindiu Council Health Committee. On their return to their respective areas the APOs proceeded to work "Kos" ie course. They all learnt about hygiene and sanitation and the councils rules. They misinterpreted the message to their own convenience and proceeded to fine people and threaten them with gaol if they did not do what the "kos men" told them to do. They fined people a dollar for the following;

- a. Not hearing the talk of the kos men.
- b. Talking at the morning lineup.
- c. Not keeping their villages clean.
- d. Failing to assemble in the morning.

If a persons child throws rubbish on the ground, the parents are fined one dollar each and every adult in the village is also fined one dollar. The kos men then went as far as fining the parents of children who did not go to school. They were fined a ten cents a day for each day. They also told the people they could not drink water out of streams that were situated below cemeteries and villages. The people have been drinking water from these streams for centuries and they havent died from water poisoning.

All money taken from the people has been returned with the exception being the money received from absent school children. The parents did not want the money back so I told the teacher to buy some things for the school and get a receipt from the store and show the people. I told the people that the whole matter was a mistake just to keep things quiet, but informed the persons concerned that action will be taken against them if they should start this sort of thing again.

APPENDIX "C".

Report on Political Education.

On this patrol I distributed all the pamphlets that were left in the office at Pindiu. As I had been sending some out with each councillor that came to the office not a great many were left. Those that were left were stapled together and dsitributed in the villages. As most of the people are in some way literate in pidgin and most of the people can read pidgin I did not go ~~at~~ to great lengths to explain the contents. For two reasons I did this. Time was short and I felt that the job had to be done properly and a lot of time spent on it and secondly political education patrols will begin in the Pindiu area soon and I thought it best for the people to read the papers first and get an idea of what the patrols will try and explain to them at a later date. The only complain heard was that the pidgin in the pamphlets ~~was~~ was not too good. In the first pamphlet the word "ronim Gavman" was interpreted the way one says in pidgin to chase.

The people are showing a lot of interest in the future patrols and if they are as interested as first impressions reveal the patrol programme should have good results.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference... 67-1-4

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Dept. of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHHAFF. Morobe District.

20th September, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
LAE. Morobe District.

PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO. 1.

I enclose the original and two copies of the above report submitted by the Officer in Charge, Patrol Post, Pindiu, Mr. P.H. Simpson.

Mr. Simpson has conducted this patrol with his usual vigour and enthusiasm and a full report on the elections has already been received and forwarded on. Mr. Simpson's presentation, spelling and grammatical construction leaves a lot to be desired. However, he has raised some interesting points.

AGRICULTURE.

The matter of alternate crops to coffee for the Huon Peninsula is one of increasing importance. Could this comment be forwarded, please, to the District Agricultural Officer for his attention.

FORESTS.

I would appreciate a copy of this survey report when it has been completed.

HEALTH.

The performance of Aid Post Orderlies in their interpretation of the Health Course is a poor reflection on the people running that course. The matter is probably settled now but I would like to know what action the Regional Medical Officer intends to take.

POLITICAL EDUCATION.

The interest shown by this group, which is the most backward in the area, is heartening. There are bound to be mistakes in the pidgin english pamphlets, but generally the translations are quite good.

Claim for Camping Allowance is also enclosed.

D.J. Murphy
(D.J. Murphy)
Asst. District Commissioner

* c.c. Officer In Charge,
PINDIU.

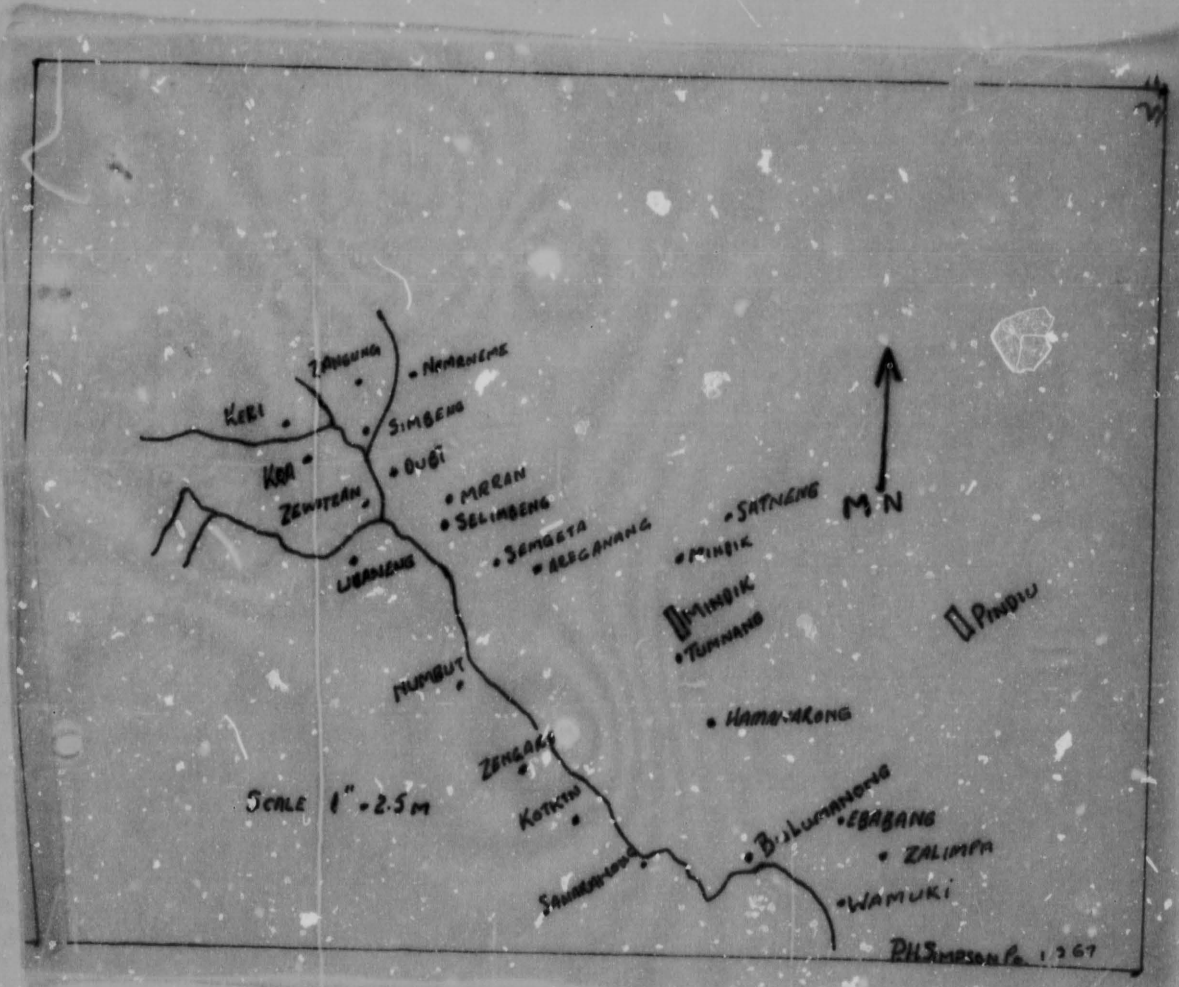
Such phrases as "all villages are suitable suited" spoil your report.

D.J. Murphy
(D.J. Murphy)
Asst. District Commissioner

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE. Report No. Pindiu No. 2 of 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by R.P. Morrison, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Mongi River Valley and part Kua River Valley, Hube C.D.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No.

Natives Const. Baga No. 8971, K. Bawali, Local Govt. Assent.

Duration—From 31/7/1967 to 11/8/1967.

Number of Days Twelve Days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6/1967 Mongi
3/1967 Kua.

Medical/19.....

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Conduct elections for Pindiu Local Government Council.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

1219/1967

[Signature]
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....
Amount paid from P.E.D.F. Trust Fund
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
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No. 67-2-10



Department of District
Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

GGH/DH

12th September, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU.

PINDIU PATPOL NO. 2 1967-68 -
MR. R. MORRISON, CADET PATROL OFFICER

Attached please find the report of Pindiu
Patrol No. 2/67-68 conducted by Mr. R. Morrison,
Cadet Patrol Officer, together with covering comments
by the Officer-in-Charge, Pindiu and Assistant
District Commissioner, Finschhafen.

POLITICAL SITUATION: The report reveals an interesting
situation, with the people showing some real political
awareness. As the population of the Hube is less than
half the total population of the Finschhafen electorate,
and there is a high rate of absentees, many of whom may
not vote any candidate from the area will have a hard
fight to obtain the seat.

In view of the expressed dissatisfaction with their
sitting member, the return of another "outsider" could
have some interesting effects in this Division.

Mr. Morrison has conducted a useful patrol and
has obviously taken an interest in his work. He should
work to improve his typing and pay particular attention
to matters such as an adequate left hand margin, which
would improve the appearance of the report.

(W.N. ASHTON)
District Commissioner.

Encl.
C.C. Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHHAFFEN.

Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
PINDIU.

Mr. R. Morrison,
Patrol Post,
PINDIU.

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Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHHAFEN. MOROBE DISTRICT.

5th. September 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
L.A.E. MOROBE DISTRICT.



PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO. 2-1967/68

I enclose the original and two copies of the above Patrol Report, together with claim for Camping Allowance and copy of Mr. Simpson's covering remarks.

Despite the brevity of the report and poor presentation, Mr. Morrison has submitted a meaty account of this patrol. His comments under the headings - "Outline of Political Situation" and Appendix "B" "Political Education Report" - are particularly interesting.

A paradox emerges from the people's interest in Local Government and Political Development on the one hand and their poor attendance at the polls on the other. The indefinite itinerary of the patrol is no doubt partly responsible but this should have resolved after a day or two of the patrol's movement through the area.

D. J. Murphy
(D. J. MURPHY)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c: O.I.C. Pindiu

Mr. R. Morrison, Pindiu.

67-1-1

Department of District
Administration,
Patrol Post,
PINDIU.

24th of August, 1967

The Assistant District Commissioner,
S. District Office,
FINSCHAFEN.

PINDIU PATROL No 2 of 1967/68.

Please find enclosed the original and three copies of the patrol report written by cadet patrol officer Mr R.P. Morrison. Also enclosed is his claim for camping allowance.

The report, although brief, is in detail and covers the situation in the area patrolled. The object of the patrol was to conduct the council elections and a report on the elections has already been submitted to your office. The only thing to comment on the report was the reception of the patrol. A circular was forwarded to all the people stating approximate dates of elections and polling places, but as usual they were not ready, as stated. The appendix on the political education report is very interesting, after recent correspondence received at this office and it remains to be seen if Simongi will stand for the House of Assembly elections. The proposed programme of political education patrols was forwarded to you under my 1-1-1 of yesterday's date.

My report will be submitted in the near future.

For your information, comments and onforwarding to the DC.

P.H. Simpson
.....
(P.H. Simpson.)
Officer in Charge.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No.

- : Pindiu Patrol No.2 of 1967/68.
- : Patrol Post Pindiu.
- : Finschhafen Sub-District.
- : Morobe District.

- Patrol Conducted By : K.P.Morrison, Cadet Patrol Officer.
- Area Patrolled : Mongi River Valley and part Kua River Valley
- Personnel Accompanying : Const.Euga. R.P.N.G.C. No.8971.
K.Rawali. Local Govt. Assnt.
- Duration of Patrol : From 31/7/67 to 11/8/67. Twelve Days.
- Last Patrol to the Area : D.D.A. Mongi - June 1967.
Kua - March 1967.
- Objects of Patrol : Conduct elections for Pindiu Local
Government Council.
- Map Reference :

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol covered the one Ward in Kotte Census Division which is part of the Pindiu Council area, plus the Wards in the Mongi River Area and those in the Kua headwaters.

Elections were commenced at Bongganko, Kotte Census Division, and thence ~~km~~ to the Mongi and Kua Rivers. Although the villages are close together, polling was only conducted in one village per Ward and hence walks between polling sites were about three hours in the Mongi River and five hours in the Kua.

Terrain is similar throughout the whole area, with densely covered slopes and in the Kua large areas of Kunai interspersed with the general pattern of bush. Population is highest in the Kua headwaters villages, where absentees didn't make up such a high proportion of the population as in other areas.

PATROL DIARY.

- 31-7-67 Departed Pindiu 10.30.a.m. Arrived Bongganko 1.30.p.m. Polling for Ward 7. Overnight Bongganko.
- 1-8-67 Departed Bongganko 8.45.am. Arrived Silimana 12.00 noon. populace not assembled, afternoon spent hearing complaints. Overnight Silimana.
- 2-8-67 Departed Silimana 9.00.am. Arrived Besibong 12.00 noon. Polling for Ward 5. Overnight Besibong.
- 3-8-67 Departed Besibong at 8.45.a.m. Arrived Tiren at 11.45.a.m. Polling for Ward 4. Overnight Tiren.
- 4-8-67 Departed Tiren 8.45.a.m. Arrived Gemaheng 10.45.a.m. No one there. Overnight Gemaheng.
- 5-8-67 Polling for Ward 3, conducted and departed for Ungsesu at 1.30.p.m. and arrived 2.30.p.m. Polling for Ward ~~2~~ 1 conducted. Overnight Ungsesu.
- 6-8-67 Observed Ungsesu. Overnight Ungsesu.
- 7-8-67 Departed Ungsesu 8.20.a.m. Arrived Lalang 1.00.p.m. Complaints heard. Overnight Lalang.
- (8-8-67) (Departed Lalang 8.15.a.m. Arrived Avenggu 1.15.p.m.)
- 8-8-67 Polling for Ward 8, completed at 2.00.p.m. Compiling election figures in p.m. Overnight Lalang.
- 9-8-67 Departed Lalang 8.15.am. Arrived Avenggu 1.15 pm. Compiling election figures in p.m. Overnight Avenggu.
- 10-8-67 Completed polling for Ward 9. at 1.15.p.m. Departed Avenggu 1.20.p.m. and arrived at Korumba 5.10.p.m. Overnight Korumba.

Patrol Diary. cont.

11-8-67

Departed Korumba 8.30.a.m. and arrived Yapang at 9.30.a.m. Councillor returned unopposed. Departed Yapang 1.00.p.m. and arrived back at Pindiu Station at 5.15.p.m.

END OF PATROL.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.

Reception of Patrol.

Apart from the last few villages our arrival was not expected. This was due to rigid adherence to a circular sent out prior to the patrol's departure giving approximate dates when the patrol expected to reach each ward. However we were received by the local village committee -man at each village and made to feel welcome.

Villages.

Most houses were of the standard type for the Hube area; rough bush hewn timber being used to wall and floor houses, whilst kunai, banana leaves, etc were used to thatch the roof. Standard of housing was generally very good and in several villages the local Councillor is making use of sawn timber from the two Dolmar saws in the area, to erect a new house.

All of the villages visited appeared to have a good supply of both firewood and water close to the village. The normal rush clean up had not been done as the villages did not have enough warning of the patrol's visit, but nevertheless the villages were reasonably tidy and clean. The recent shooting of several intruding pigs both in the Kua and Mongi seems to have encouraged an intensified program of fence building, which accounted to some degree for the tidy villages. Also Council appointed health committees appear to be doing a serviceable job by keeping the villagers aware of the laws in regard to hygiene.

Village Officials.

Apart from the respective Councillors in the areas patrolled, each village has a committeeman who acts as the village representative. Some of these particularly in the Kua were extremely helpful and commanded considerable respect from the people.

The Councillors in the Mongi, in particular are progressive and have strong support from their various wards as the election results testify. They obviously keep their people in touch with what is going on in the Council and go to considerable trouble to do this. Similarly with two of the Councillors in the Kua who were returned to office - one unopposed.

Outline of the Political Situation.

These people have belonged to the Pindiu Council since 1962. The capable manner in which people both in the Kua and Mongi area went about voting was indicative of the interest they have in work of the Council. No difficulties were met in the process of conducting the elections and all were completed in relatively short time. Generally if the consensus of opinion was that the Councillor had completed a reasonable job he was returned to office, in the case of those Councillors who were defeated, I think the fact that two who were defeated had two wives had a strong bearing on their defeat. This was the opinion of other Councillors also, as the people of the Hube are strong supporters of the Lutheran Mission in the area.

The Lutheran Mission in the area has a hospital and at Wagezaring and also a Mission Station at Mindik, lower down in the Kua. Lutheran influence is strong throughout the Hube Census Division at present two large churches are being built at Besibong and Ungsesu, these are being constructed from locally cut timber, and imported materials, from Lae. No doubt they will look attractive when completed.

Outline of Political Situation. CONT.

As in the rest of the Hube Census Division these areas have the problem of losing the young men and women to the towns. Rate of absenteeism according to the latest census was approximately 55%. This not only causes problems in lack of manpower to work gardens, etc but the gardens, pigs, etc of absentees are often involved in disputes. Pigs owned by someone who is absent in a town are often the cause of a wrecked garden. However, one favourable result of this absentee rate is that a considerable amount of money is sent from workers to relatives in the villages.

Agriculture.

Coffee is the primary cash crop throughout the area. However, supplementary income is obtained from selling native and European vegetables at the market at Pindiu Station. Soil is fertile, returns a good yield as far as vegetables are concerned.

Coffee is brought at Mindik, (Kua) or Pindiu. (Mongi) Both Namasu and F.M.D.S buy coffee at their stores at Pindiu, and Namasu has a store at Mindik, whilst F.M.D.S. operates a buying point. Coffee plantings are both communal and individual.

Livestock.

There are several projects involving cattle in the Mongi area, but none were sighted in the Kua. These cattle appeared to be kept for prestige value rather than as a source of meat or for breeding. Four nanny goats were seen at Yapang, in the Kua, but apparently there are no billy goats in the area.

Fowls and pigs were plentiful and some ducks frequent a rather large pond at Gemaheng.

Forests.

Both the Lutheran Mission and the Pindiu Council have a Dolmar rip saw. Several hand chainsaws are also used in conjunction with the Dolmars.

Commerce and Industry.

Trade Stores are numerous and often the cause of complaints and disputes. Some of the larger villages have up to four small trade stores. Most are running at a loss and very few owners become prosperous as the result of owning a trade store. General line of stock is poor being limited to fish and rice. The difficulty is in moving the goods from either of the two airstrips in the area. Many stores are started on money from several people, this invariably results in trouble when the trade store fails to show a profit and the investors want their money back.

Complaints.

Usual number of pig and garden disputes were heard and settled.

Rest Houses.

All the villages have a rest house and most were in reasonable condition, although a new Police Rest House was needed at Korumba.

Carriers.

Carriers were paid at the rate of 10 cents per hour. Several Councillors were absent collecting tax for the Council, and consequently carriers were very hard to get in their villages.

Health.

People throughout the area were in good health due to the efforts of the Aid Post Orderlies, and the fact that serious cases are sent to the Wagezaring Mission Hospital. Villages were also clean which helps to maintain good health in the area.

Education.

Each village has a small school which teaches the Kotte language. These are staffed by mission teachers. There are larger schools at Tobau and Pindiu. The Government School at Pindiu provides classes up to Standard six.

Roads and Bridges.

The only vehicular road under construction in the area is the road from Pindiu Station to the Wagezaring Mission, which is gradually approaching its goal.

Walking tracks in the area are quite good and bridges had just been repaired prior to the patrols arrival in some places.

Airfields.

Pindiu airstrip provides for the Mongi people, whilst those in the Kua have the Mindik strip. A wartime airstrip at Gemaheng hasn't been used since the war and has fallen in disrepair. There are no other airstrips in the area.

Labour.

As mentioned under "Political Situation", the absentee rate is about 56% of the total population. This leaves a labour source of limited capabilities. Road construction is the only source of employment of any scale in the area, and the majority of those who work on the road are women. Complaints are regularly made about the exodus of young people however with no industry in the area nothing can be done to discourage people leaving the area.

Appendices.

- A. Report on Police.
- B. Political Education Report.

END OF REPORT.

Appendix A

Report on Member of R.P.N.G.C.

Name	Conduct	Remarks.
Constable. Buga. No. 8971.	Excellent.	Good patrolling policeman, very Capable.

.....*R.P.M.*.....
R.P. Morrison.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

Appendix B.

Political Education Report.

Prior to this patrol and the other patrol which covered the Pindiu elections, political education literature in the form of the "Government in Papua and New Guinea", pamphlets and the "Sowai finds his Country", series were distributed on the station. Distribution was made through Councillors, the school and through the Government office.

During this patrol literature was distributed in villages throughout the Mongi area and part of the Kua. The "Government in Papua and New Guinea", sheets were distributed to those in the various villages who could read Pidgin English. These people then read aloud the contents of the sheet. In some villages questions were asked but in general, villagers said they would prefer to wait until the Political Education Patrol. The purpose of this they said was to prepare general questions and questions on the literature which was distributed. As it was the purpose of this patrol was to conduct L.G.Council elections and there would not have been sufficient time to have a comprehensive discussion in each place.

Although no comprehensive discussions were held, villagers showed concern about the failure of their local member to - as they put it, "show any interest in the Hube". A group from Besibong village were also concerned about Simongi, the present Council President, standing for the House of Assembly elections. They put forward fears that if Simongi were to stand and win, they would be left without representation on the Council, as Simongi would be too busy with his duties in Port Moresby to attend Council meetings. It was pointed out that Simongi was the only one who could answer this and they were advised to talk to him about it.

The people in these areas patrolled have a decided interest in the work of the House of Assembly and are looking forward to the proposed Political Education Patrols. As yet they still find it difficult to comprehend the idea of preferential voting. They are anxious to see a man from the Hube in next years election and as a result are showing a deep interest in this political education programme. Despite the fact that much of the terminology is hard for them to grasp.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Marobe Report No. Pladiu report No. 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by P.H. Simpson. PO

Area Patrolled Monge area of HUBs CD

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives One member of RPNGC.

Duration—From 19./..9./1967 to 24./..9./1967

Number of Days 6

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services August /1967

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

Map Reference Fournil of Huon Milinch of Dregar

Objects of Patrol Political education and Routine Administration,

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

B 111, 1967

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$

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

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67-6-16

December 27th, 1967

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO. 3 - 67/68

Receipt of the above report is acknowledged.

2. The report only gives one a limited sketch of what is happening in the area. I think that Mr. Simpson needs to develop his powers of observation or his ability to record what he sees.

3. The village of Besibong and the route of the patrol was not shown on the patrol maps.

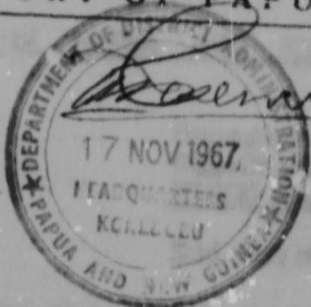
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegram.
Our Reference... 67-2-10
If calling ask for
Mr. GGH/DH



Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

9th November, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District
Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 1967/68

Attached please find the report of
Pindiu Patrol No. 3 of 1967/68 conducted
by Mr. P.H. Simpson, Patrol Officer.

The report indicates the general
satisfactory situation in the area patrolled
with the apparent exception of Besibong
Village.

The Officer-in-Charge at Pindiu,
should make every effort to discover the
cause, if possible, for the Besibong
people differing so much in attitude and
standards of health and hygiene from
other villages in the area.

It is hoped that the political
education campaign can be completed for
this area before the House of Assembly
Elections.


(W. ASHTON)
a District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHHAFFEN, Morobe District.

Ref: 67-1-4

2nd November, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
LAE, Morobe District.

PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO. 3 - 1967/68.

I enclose the original and two copies of the above
Patrol Report submitted by Patrol Officer, Mr. P.H. Simpson.

It is a pity that this patrol had to be interrupted.
It will now be difficult for the in-coming officer to complete
the political education programme of the Hube area before
next year's elections.

This is a brief report of a brief patrol and Mr.
Simpson is still having difficulty with presentation of his
reports. However, his direct turn of phrase is sometimes
refreshing.

Claim for Camping Allowance and Patrol Map were
not enclosed.

D.J. Murphy
(D.J. Murphy)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
PINDIU.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-1-1

PINDIU.
Finschhafen.
Morebe.

Patrol No 3 for 1967/68.

Patrol Conducted By.	P.H.Simpson. Patrol Officer.
Area patrolled.	Hube census division. Monge river.
Personel accompanying.	One member of R.P.&N.G.C.
Duration of patrol.	19/9/67 to 24/9/67.
	No of days 6 days.
Last patrol into area.	DDA. August 1967.
Objects of Patrol.	Political education and routine administration.
Map reference.	Milinch of Dreger. Journal of Huon.

INTRODUCTION.

Pindiu patrol post is centred in the Menge river area of the Hube census division. This patrol was cut short due to the writer having to attend a short course on law in Las and the patrol will not be completed due to the transfer in the near future of the writer. The objects of the patrol were routine administration and political education of the people. The latter object was the more important one and the writer spent a lot of time with the people discussing the House of Assembly, Local Government Councils and the elections to be held next year. The people in the area are fairly bright and discussions were free and very open.

DIARY.

19/9.	Departed Pindiu for Gemaheng at 0830	Arrived Gemaheng 1000.
	Overnight Gemaheng.	
20/9.	Gemaheng to Magedzetsu. 2 hrs.	Overnight.
21/9.	Magedzetsu to Tiren. 1 hr.	Thence to Gubu. 1 hr. Overnight.
22/9.	Gubu to Besibong. 1hr.	Overnight.
23/9.	To Silimana. 2 hrs.	Overnight.
24/9.	To Pindiu.	

End of Diary.

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Reception of patrol.

The patrol was very well received in all villages except the village of Besibong. As I stated in the introduction the people are fairly bright, that is with Besibong being the exception. Besibong is the home village of the president of the Pindiu Local Government Council, but it is by far the worst village in the Hube. The people did not expect the patrol even though the writer had sent a letter to the village committeeman and had sent a messenger to the village the previous day. The people in Besibong are very dumb and appear to inbred to a certain extent.

Villages.

(i). The standard of the housing in most villager is very pleasing and this shows that the councillors are influencing the people and the village health committeemen are doing the work required of them. Besibong is the exception to the above comments. The housing is very poor. Simongi appears to be taking a lot of interest in erecting a mansion at Besibong and leaving the rest of the village.

(ii). All villages are situated on the best available sites.

(iii). Water supply is good in all villages. The council has erected tanks at Tiren and Besibong.

(iv). Cleanliness and hygiene and sanitation. Refer (i). In addition, Besibong reminds the writer of a large pig sty.

Village Officials.

The president of the Pindiu Council, Simongi Kangiong of Besibong, was absent at the time of the patrol visiting his village but in all other cases the councillors accompanied the patrol through the wards. All councillors and committeemen in the villages are reasonable, once again Besibong being the exception.

Political Situation.

~~Reference~~ See appendix B.

Agriculture.

The main cash crop in the Hube is coffee, and all villages are looked after by agricultural assistants stationed at Pindiu. The crops appear to be looked after reasonably well but the coffee in Besibong needs attention. The writer spoke with the agricultural officer at Pindiu and action has been taken to overcome the problem. The majority of the blame lies with the people but I feel the Agricultural Assistant in Besibong could move about a little more. The DASF officer at Pindiu has taken action.

The people are being encouraged to grow potatoes as a second crop but only a few have started this. Other crops are being experimented with by the DASF people.

Livestock.

A few cattle are to be seen but the main livestock is fowls and pigs.

Forests.

The area patrolled is not thickly forested and some of the villages are completely surrounded by kunai grass. The writer has distributed a lot of trees to the people in these villages and these seem to be coming along very well. The council is taking steps to start a nursery in the area, so that future requirements of timber and firewood will be available.

Commerce and Industry.

Most villages have at least one trade store but unfortunately most of these are run at a loss. These people are I believe, reluctant to listen to reasoning when profit and loss ~~is~~ in stores was discussed with them.

Land.

At present there is no land available for sale to the administration. A mission lease at Bopong is being investigated. There was a serious land dispute in Besibong but this was settled with the help of the demarcation committee-men. The dispute was trivial but the Besibongs saw fit to have a fight over it.

Complaints.

A few complaints of a very minor nature were heard.

Courts.

No courts were heard on patrol.

Rest houses.

Rest houses are fairly maintained in all villages. Besibong is the exception again.

Carriers.

There was no trouble at all in obtaining carriers. Carriers are paid at the rate of 10 cents per hour.

Health.

The Department of Public Health maintain aidposts at Bulu and Gaieng. Health in the area is very good and the Aid Post Orderlies are working very well. Medical supplies are short at present and have been since the new system of ordering began some time ago. This problem was discussed with Mr B. Knee NA on a recent visit to Pindiu. A freak child was born recently at Silimana. Lae has been notified.

Education.

The Department of Education maintain a school at Pindiu and the mission have an English school at Bopong. There are also mission schools at Gemaheng, Magedzetzu Tiren and Besibong.

Roads and Bridges.

The only road in the area is the Wagezaring road which is being constructed by the Pindiu

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Roads and Bridges.

by the Pindiu Council. Walking tracks are reasonably well maintained.

Cemeteries.

These people take a very unusual interest in their cemeteries. The cemeteries in each village are very well maintained and are headed by a large white cross. I feel that there are no cargo ideas involved but these people were and still are cargo inclined. I am keeping an eye on the situation.

Missions.

The only mission in the area is the Lutheran Mission, and this heading needs no comment.

Airfields.

The only airstrip in the area is the Pindiu strip and this is maintained by the Administration.

Anthropological.

Nothing to comment on.

Labour.

As stated in all previous Pindiu Reports, the labour situation is far from pleasing. With most of the labour potential absent the bulk of the work falls on the shoulders of the females.

Personal Tax.

The Pindiu Council has a tax rate of \$4.50 for males and 20 cents for females.

Census.

No comment.

Geography / Topography.

No comment.

End of Patrol.

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Appendix. A.

Report on member of R.P.&N.G.C.

Const Baga No 8971.

A good constable. Ever reliable and efficient. Leaves nothing to be desired on patrol, always there and it is never necessary to ask him to do something twice.

Appendix B.Report on Political Situation and Political Education.

All the literature that has been received at Firdiu has been distributed to the people in all the villages. When distributed the writer wrote to all the village committeemen and told them to read the papers carefully and prepare any questions that may be asked and answered by the next patrol through the area. All the papers were stapled together and this was a better idea than distributing the papers singularly as the people seemed to lose the loose papers and did not read the papers. Questions asked by the people showed that the people are reading the papers. One of the main questions asked of the patrol was the way to remove a member of the house. If the particular member was not acceptable to the electors. The reason for this question is that the people in the hube are very dissatisfied with the local member of the House of Assembly.

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