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PATROL REPORTS SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

MENDI 1963/64

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MENDI 1 - 63/64

Patrol Conducted by G. A. SPEED Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Mendi - Tambul Vehicular Road.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives R. P. N. G. C.) - 2, Interpreter - 1

Duration—From 1/7/1963 to 12/7/1963

From 22/7/1963 to 26/7/1963 16

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5/1963

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

Map Reference Nil

Objects of Patrol 1. To survey and mark the Mendi-Tambul Rd. between the Konia rest house and the Mialgi rest house. 2. To engage labour for and to accompany the vehicular convoy proceeding from Mialgi to Konia.

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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District Office,
Southern Highlands 67-15-4

9th October, 1963.

9th October, 1963.

District Office,
Southern Highlands

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
R.R.D.I.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1-63/64. NEWBI.

The above report of a patrol conducted with
a purpose of road survey and assisting with the movement
of vehicles into the Southern Highlands District is
acknowledged.

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(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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ACJ:BP.

67-3-2



District Office,
Mendi.
 Southern Highlands District.

29th August, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,
 Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 27th August, 1963.

Your attention is again called to the unnecessary delay between receipt by you of this Report and its submission here. Twenty seven days between offices 100 yards apart is ridiculous.

The unwillingness to work on other peoples land is understandable, however, as the land is apparently in the Western Highlands District, I will request the District Commissioner of this District to liaise with his opposite number in the Western Highlands. Of course it could well be that the Western Highlands (New Guinea) border is considerably further north of the position now assumed by the Mendi people as being their border. The Papuan and New Guinea people when referring to the border refer to their tribal border and NOT the actual political border. This matter too will be taken up with the District Commissioner.

Mr. Speed has again carried out a first class piece of work; I have personally inspected the progress to date and it is most satisfactory.

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

C.C.

Minute to:

Director,
 Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded for your information please.

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

ACJ:BP.

District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

26th August, 1963.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District.
MENDI.


MENDI - TAMBUL ROAD.

Mendi Patrol Report No. 1 of 1963/64 refers.

Some difficulty is anticipated when work is required on the Tambul section of the road. The Mendi people are expected to refuse to progress beyond the traditional border.

This being so, would you please consider approaching the District Commissioner, Western Highlands, and request him to have made available Tambul people for this section of the road.

It is my opinion that the actual border between New Guinea and Papua in this area is considerably further north of the recognised traditional land boundaries, but even if this was determined to be so, the problem of Mendi people working over Tambul land would still prevail.


(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

c.c.

Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

Assistant District Officer,
MENDI.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

Sub District Office,
Mendi,
Southern Highlands District.

23th June, 1963.

Mr. G.A. Speed,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
MENDI.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

Please arrange to depart on a patrol to the area of the Mendi Tambul Vehicular road on Monday 1st July, 1963.

Commence your patrol at the Komia Rest House and survey the route properly from that Rest House to the MAILGI Rest House in the Tambul Administrative area in the Western Highlands.

Please read memorandum 67-3-2 of 24th June, 1963, from the acting District Officer concerning this patrol.

Ensure that you mark the road route correctly with sturdy hardwood pegs.

You will be accompanied by two members of the R.F. & N.G.C. and interpreter YEBIL. Please bear in mind that members of the Police Force are not to be engaged in any form of road construction or supervision. You are well aware of previous instructions on this matter.

Advise me of any difficulties you may encounter and keep me informed of the progress you make on the survey.

(R.W. Blaikie)
Assistant District Officer.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea

Sub-District Office,
MENDI, S.H.D.

30/7/63

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

MENDI PATROL No.1 - 63/64

Patrol conducted by: G.A.Speed, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area patrolled: Mendi - Tambul Vehicular road.

Accompanied by: Europeans - Nil

Natives - R.P.N.G.C. - 2

Interpreter - 1

Duration: from 1/7/63 to 12/7/63 and from 22/1/63 to 26/7/63

Number of days: 16

Did Med. Asst. accompany: No

Last Patrol to area: DNA. - May 1963

Objects of patrol: 1. To survey and mark the Mendi - Tambul Rd.

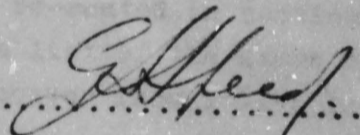
Between the Komia and Mailgi rest houses.

2. To organise the the labour force necessary

to haul the convoy of vehicles proceeding

From Mailgi (in the Tambul Administrative

area in the Western Highlands) to Komia.


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(G.A.Speed)
Cadet Patrol Officer

Mendi Patrol No. 1 - 03/63PATROL DIARYMonday 1st. July, 1963

0930 hrs. departed Mendi arriving Komia 1100 hrs. Spent the rest of the day engaging natives (about 300 males and 70 females), to haul a convoy of vehicles from Mailgi to Komia - the females being engaged to carry food-stuff for the men. Camped Komia.

Tuesday 2nd. July, 1963

Set out to meet the convoy from Mailgi. Prepared a diagrammatic sketch showing the work necessary for the construction of the road. Heard that the convoy has not yet left Mailgi. Returned to and camped at Komia.

Wednesday 3rd. July, 1963

Commenced checking gradients of the existing road, which is being re-constructed, from Komia out towards Mailgi. Camped Komia.

Thursday 4th. July, 1963

Packed tents and food-stuff and at 0820 hrs. set out to meet the vehicle convoy. ~~at~~ 1300 hrs. met the convoy about 5 miles this side of Mailgi. Accompanied the convoy. Camped under canvas about 9 miles from Komia.

Friday 5th. July, 1963

The convoy consisting of 3 Landrovers, 2 5-ton trucks and 1 tractor, proceeded along the track towards Komia. 1330 hrs. the 3 Landrovers arrived Komia - the other vehicles remaining over night in the bush about 5 miles from Komia. Camped Komia.

Saturday 6th. July, 1963

The remaining vehicles proceeded to Komia, arriving about 1300 hrs. The vehicles then proceeded to Mendi. The patrol remained camped at Komia.

Sunday 7th. July, 1963

Sunday observed.

Monday 8th. July, 1963

Checked the gradients of the section of the road to be constructed by the Komia group. The existing road was re-routed in sections, where necessary. The afternoon was spent compiling a list of the names of those who were engaged to help bring the vehicle convoy from Mailgi to Komia. Camped Komia.

Tuesday 9th. July, 1963

Spent most of the day preparing a break-up list for the payment of those who were engaged on the above convoy. There will be no work on the road for the rest of the week as the men who will be engaged on this work were all engaged on the convoy. Patrol camped Komia.

Wednesday 10th. July, 1963

Spent most of the day collecting and preparing data for an anthropology assignment. Camped Komia.

Thursday 11th. July, 1963

The day was spent inspecting native dwellings etc., in the area.

Friday 12th. July, 1963

Assisted Mr. Fowler in the purchase of native fresh food-stuff from the Komia people. Returned with Mr. Fowler to Mendi to seek medical attention for myself.

Patrol Diary (Cont.)

13th. July to the 21st. July, 1963, was spent at Mendi, owing to the necessity for medical treatment, working in the sub-dist. office.

Monday 22nd. July, 1963

Returned to Komia. Spent all day re-routing sections of the Mendi-Tambul road. Camped Komia.

Tuesday 23rd. July, 1963

All day spent re-routing the Mendi-Tambul road. Camped Komia.

Wednesday 24th. July, 1963

Re-routing the Mendi-Tambul road - Work ceased about 1330 hrs. due to rain. Camped Komia.

Thursday 25th. July, 1963

Completed re-routing the Mendi-Tambul road as far as the Kumbemi Creek. From here to the boundary of the ground owned by the Tambul people, none or very little re-routing is necessary. Camped Komia.

Friday 26th. July, 1963

Broke camp and returned the patrol to Mendi, arriving 1600 hrs.

END OF DIARYINTRODUCTION

The primary object of this patrol was the re-surveying, re-routing, where necessary, and the re-construction of the Mendi-Tambul road, between Komia and Mailgi. Also, the organisation of the various groups who were to be working on the road. A bull-dozer, grader and tractor-trailer were also to be engaged on the re-construction of the road.

Secondary object of this patrol was the organisation of the labour force necessary to bring a convoy of vehicles from Mailgi (in the Tambul Administrative area of the Western Highlands) to Komia and hence to Mendi.

Native AffairsA. General.

The response for labour to help with the vehicle convoy was sufficient but by no means overwhelming. Those who did turn up worked very well. The councillors too, who accompanied the convoy, worked well and did a good job in keeping the men working together as a single unit.

I will comment further on the response to requests for labour for the road in the section headed "Roads and Bridges".

The patrol was well looked after by the people of Komia, who kept us ~~well~~ supplied with fresh vegetables and fire-wood.

The activities of the Local government Council in this area are followed with interest by the majority of the people. The councillors are, on a whole, well respected by the people and both the councillors and the people are very interested in the coming council elections.

B. Village Officials

The councillors who I came in contact with on this patrol, were all very conscious of their responsibility, not only to the council but to the people in whose hands their fate as councillors rests.

2. Roads and Bridges

Mendi-Tambul Road

The desire to push this road through appears to have come from two sources - one the obvious necessity for a vehicular road between Mendi and Mt. Hagen, and two, the desire expressed by the councillors of the Upper Mendi Local Government Council, to get cracking on the road and get it finished. The councillors, however, appear to have got abit carried away in their enthusiasm, to construct the road through to the Mailgi rest house and conect it up with the Mailgi-Tambul-Mt. Hagen. The people who are to build the road refuse to construct any road on the Tambul side of the traditional boundary between the ground of the Tambul people and that of the Mendi people. They claim that section of road going through the ground of the Tambul people is the Tambul people's responsibility. The trouble is, though, only this district has funds available for this road and therefore any labour engaged on it must be paid from Mendi. If, by the time the road on the Mendi side of the boundary has been completed the people of this ~~area~~ area have not changed their minds about working on the Tambul side, then the only solution that I can see is for the Tambul people to be engaged by Mendi to work on their (Tambul) section of the road.

The groups that are at present engaged on the ^{road} are KOMIA, NEN, KELTA, ABUA, WAPARAGA, SEMERA, DIMIFA, KLAREG, ANGAMANDA, EGARI AND BIROP. The councillors of these groups have divided the section to be re-constructed (between Komia and the boundary) amongst themselves according to the size of their respective groups. None of the groups concerned have gardens or houses in the vicinity of the road site, in fact there are no native ~~small~~ dwellings at all in the area through which the road is to be constructed. Each group has therefore constructed temporary houses on their respective sections so that they may "sleep on the job". They are working 4 days a week - on the remaining 3 days of each week (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) they will return to their houses in order to gather food for the coming weeks work.

The first five miles of road outwards from Komia is a series of very steep climbs. The old track had to be re-routed several times before it became of a feasible gradient for the normal type of vehicle used in these parts. The construction of the road is a long job but there are no major obstacles, that I could see, to be overcome. Never-the-less, I feel that it will be necessary for some one to keep an eye on the job.

3. Native Agriculture

Sweet potato is as yet the only cash crop (apart from a small amount of vegetables), this being sold at ~~near~~ Mendi. A pyrethrum plot has been established at Komia which is being well cared for.

4. Medical and Health

Most of the medical needs of this area are well attended to by aid posts and the hospital at Mendi - the majority of the natives taking advantage of these. I came across no sickness apart from minor cuts and sores.

CONCLUSION. The road has been surveyed to the Mendi-Tambul boundary and is now well under construction. A chain and compass traverse will probably be desired - this will best be done when the road has been completed.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS..... Report No.....MENDI.....2.....63/64.....

Patrol Conducted by.....P.A. Briggs Cadet Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....Kambiri census division Mendi.....Ialibu Vehicular road.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....Nil.....

Natives.....R.P.N.G.C. 4 Interpreter 1.....

Duration—From 1...../7...../1963 to 6...../11...../1963.....

Number of Days.....442.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../5...../1963.....

Medical/8...../1963.....

Map Reference.....Sketch map accompanying report.....

Objects of Patrol.....1. Road repair between Kiburu and Oiyarip section.....

.....2. General road construction to the Ialibu border.....

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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67-15-37


11th March, 1954

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2-51/52 - MENDI

Receipt of the abovementioned report is
acknowledged with thanks.

The patrol was a good training exercise
for Mr. Briggs and I am sure he has benefited
from it.


J. K. McCarthy,
DIRECTOR.

67-15-37

AJJ:BP.

67-3-2



District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

23rd January, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1961/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report.

Mr. Briggs has carried out a first class piece of work and the entire Mendi section of the Mendi / Ialiba road is now trafficable by four wheel drive vehicles to the ANEKRA River. The IALIBU section is trafficable between IALIBU and the head of the ANEKRA Gorge and the two and a half miles which separates the road heads does not present any serious problems. A months work would see the road completed and it would be possible to drive from Mendi to Ioe via Ialiba, Tambul and Mount Hagen. However, because of lack of funds all work must now cease.

Land disputes are not new in this area but the arrival of a Lands Commission in the near future may assist in curbing the restlessness.

Concerning the Village Constable of TUTAMA, if evidence exists of his misconduct then he should be charged under Regulation 151 (2) of the Native Regulation Ordinance.

Your recommendation re the inclusion of the YERI people into the Upper Mendi Local Government Council will be investigated and considered. The current education programme dealing with the House of Assembly Elections should assist in removing any misconception.

A most useful patrol with visible evidence of its work, however, Mr. Briggs should pay more attention to his spelling.

(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

Minute to:
Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram

Telephone

Our Reference 67-1-2

If calling ask for

Mr.

Sub District Office,
Mendi,
Southern Highlands District.

28th June, 1963.

Mr. P. Briggs,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
MENDI.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

Please prepare to depart on a patrol to the Mendi - Anga gorge road as previously discussed with you. You can depart Mendi on Monday 1st July, 1963.

The purpose of the patrol is to make the road from Mendi to the Lumbi Rest House trafficable in order that timber from the Tutama timber stand may be able to be brought to Mendi. This timber is urgently need for construction projects at Mendi.

The District Officer states that there are five substantial road land slides which are to be cleared.

I suggest that you commence you patrol in the area between Kibura and Oiyarip. This portion of the road has been badly eroded and is practically impassable to heavy timber jinkers.

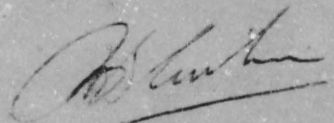
I understand that the District Commissioner will issue a declaration permitting you to use your accompanying police as supervisors on the road where necessary. Until such a declaration is received do not use your police as road supervisors.

You will be accompanied by three members of the R.P. & N.G.C. and interpreter KBI.

The District Officer has instructed that you are to continue working along the road right through to the Ialibu border if time etc permits. However the main object of the patrol is to make the road trafficable to timber jinkers.

I suggest you read memorandum 10-4-1 of 27th June, 1963, from the District Officer to the District Commissioner and un-numbered memorandum from the D.O. to myself. Both are to be found on file 10-4-1.

Any native complaints or disputes which are brought to you and you cannot settle please refer to this office. Any difficulties which you may encounter please advise me of them immediately.


(R.W. Blaikie)

Assistant District Officer.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Sub - District Office
MENDI S.M.D.

9/14/63.

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

MENDI PATROL No. 2 63/64.

Patrol Conducted by: P.A. Briggs C.P.O.

Area patrolled: KAMBIRI Census Division.

Accompanied by: Europeans--Nil

Natives-- R.P.N.G.C. 4

Interpreter-- 1

Duration of patrol: from 1/7/63 to 6/11/63.

Number of days: 112.

Did Med Asst accompany; No.

Last patrol to the area: P.H.D. August 1963.

Objects of patrol: 1. To clear five land slides on the
Mendi Ialibu road and to make this
road trafficable.
2. To continue constructing the road
towards the Mendi-Ialibu Area border.


(P.A. Briggs)

Cadet Patrol Officer.

Patrol Diary:

Monday July 1st.

Left Mendi at 0900hrs for the Kiburu rest house arrived at 0945 hrs. made camp and spent the morning engaging 100 men and 60 women to work on the road reconstruction. Began work that afternoon.

Tuesday July 2nd.

Work at 0720 hrs very steady workers they do not appear very interested in work and have plenty of excuses to evade it. Rain at 1500hrs forced early finish.

Wednesday July 3rd.

Work at 0730 hrs. D.N.A. tractor arrived at 0830 hrs. a big help as the people were previously carrying materials almost one mile. Also a marked improvement in the attitude towards work.

Thursday July 4th.

Work at 0820 hrs all progressing very well. Repairs of one bridge begun today finished at 1700 hrs.

Friday July 5th.

Work at 0720 hrs and a good deal of work done. Had to finish early due to the people chaffing to go and collect Karoka nuts from various places departed Kiburu for Mendi.

Saturday July 6th and Sunday July 7th spent at Mendi returned to Kiburu at 1500 hrs Sunday.

Monday July 8th.

Work again at 0750 hrs progress slower today due to the increased distance that the stone is being carried. Rain at 1500hrs.

Tuesday July 9th.

Today there were eight men absent for no apparent reason, nevertheless a good effort today.

Wednesday July 10th.

New section of road started today, the approaches to and from the Andoa creek also the work at the Oiyarip school is nearing completion. Last of land slides cleared today

Thursday July 11th.

Started raining at about 300hrs last night and continued to do so all day today.

Friday July 12th.

Expecting more rain today but none arrived a very good turn up and a good deal of work completed. Proceeded to Mendi at 1640 hrs.

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th spent at Mendi. Left Mendi for Kiburu at 1300 hrs.

Monday July 15th.

Work at 0750 hrs Oiyarip section almost complete, and a good deal more done in the Kiburu group.

Tuesday July 16th.

Good weather today and should see an approximate finish however will stay to the week end in order to tidy up a little.

Wednesday July 17th.

No work in the morning as the A.D.O. visited the WA, MOIS, KIBURU, and OIYARIP groups to give the necessary propaganda talk for the forthcoming House of Assembly elections. Work in the afternoon finished at 1630 hrs. Received report of trouble in the Undiri c/d proceeded to Mendi to report to the District Officer. Returned Kiburu.

Thursday 18th July.

Explained situation to A.D.O. and returned to Kiburu and work.

Cont.Friday 19th July.

Left for road at 0730 hrs all going well with no rain finished everything at 1540hrs. Departed for Mendi.

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st spent at Mendi. Departed Mendi at 1100 hrs for Kiburu.

Monday July 22nd .

Left Kiburu for Lumbi rest house at 0920 hrs arriving at Lumbi 1135 hrs camp made spent afternoon inspecting the approaches to the Anga Gorge. This road is overgrown with weeds and will need a week or so spent on it getting rid of these.

Tuesday July 23rd.

Began weeding the road progressed well an entirely different attitude towards work by these Lumbi people. A good quantity of food given to the patrol here.

Wednesday July 24th.

Worked on the road clearing grass finished at three in the afternoon in order to pay the Kiburu and Oiyarip groups

Thursday July 25th

Rain last night kept at it all day. A case of assault turned up and I proceeded to Mendi by car. My purpose was to inspect the road already completed as there was reports that it was in a bad state there being more land slides and that the people, after my departure had covered the road with clay in order to provide a surface. Due to both rain and traffic this clay had become almost impassable. Spent that night at Mendi.

Friday July 26th.

Spent morning drawing maps for the District Commissioner then proceeded to the Kiburu road and spent the rest of the day supervising the work of clearing the landslides and mud from the road.

Saturday July 27th.

Worked today at Kiburu in order to get the road open. The Lumbi group are working here also. A good attendance and plenty of work done

Sunday 28th July.

No work today spent morning on A.S.O.P.A. and observed the Sabbath.

Monday 29th July.

Still working at Kiburu travelling there by tractor which has joined us permanently now. A good deal of work done today. Returned Lumbi at 1500 hrs.

Tuesday 30th July.

Rain early in the morning delayed departure however the two worst pieces of road finished today.

Wednesday 31st July.

Work went very well today expect to finish by the weekend. Rain caused an early finish.

Thursday 1st August.

Left for work at 740 hrs tractor had to go to collect the A.D.O.'s cargo at the Anga Gorge all the carrying had to be done by the people hence we were slowed up a bit.

Friday 2nd August.

All o.k. left for the road at 750 hrs Tractor to Mendi for service last of the Kiburu work finished.

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th spent at Mendi. Left Mendi at 0900hrs for Lumbi arriving at 1100hrs on Sunday.

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Monday 5th August.

Work at 0820 hrs day spent working on the road belonging to the Lumbi group. Tractor back and is a great aid in carrying gravel for the surfacing of the road.

Tuesday August 6th.

Left for the road at 0740 hrs a very good turn up. Walked to Mendi for a meeting instituted by the District Officer. Returned Lumbi by car at 1830 hrs.

Wednesday August 7th.

Left late for the road due to rain. Lumbi and Oiyarip groups paid and instructed to work three days a week on those sections of road that I have pointed out to them.

Thursday August 8th.

Left Lumbi for Omai in order that I could talk to the groups there concerning their work. Arrived at 1000 hrs after a two and a half hour walk. No one present so all advised to turn up tomorrow.

Friday August 9th.

All still at a 'sing sing' in the Ialibu area. About two hundred eventually arrived and these were told what there was to be done and to hurry up and try to get their work finished.

Saturday August 10th.

Sent tractor to Mendi for service and to collect some Iron for culverts which I have seen lying around the road.

Sunday August 11th

Observed the Sabbath at Lumbi.

Monday August 12th.

Departed Lumbi for the Yebi rest house at 0800 hrs arrived at 1030 hrs the road is a horrible mess after the work done on it by the locals. The Yebi No. 1. and Yebi No. 2. groups were massed and a work force of 178 and 80 young men and women were engaged for work. Some food in the afternoon.

Tuesday August 13th.

Travelled to Mendi by tractor in order to gain some assistance from P.W.D. by way of some tools to work with returned empty handed. District Commissioner and myself returned by car to Yebi.

Wednesday 14th August.

Left for work at 0700 hrs cut four heavy logs for the first bridge here pulled two of them into position and built up the ϕ banks with a stone

Thursday August 15th.

Good progress with stone etc. on the road from the River Anga to the Yebi rest house. The work force on this job being selected from the people of the Yebi No. 1 groups. The Yebi No. 2 groups being employed on the bridge construction and will later be required to cut the new road between Yebi and Omai.

Friday August 16th.

Work at 0700 managed to finish the two bridges today and also the approaches to them. A fair section of road laid today.

Saturday August 17th.

Left for work at 0730 hrs. tractor to Mendi for service. Returned with a new trailer. Work progressing well

Sunday August 18th

No work today. Observed the sabbath at Yebi.

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Monday August 19th

Work again at 0745 hrs all these people seem interested enough in their and the work is progressing accordingly. Today supervised the work of the Yebi No. 1 group.

Tuesday August 20th.

Left for work at 0800 hrs due to rain which had been falling all night. Rain continued making working conditions difficult. However rain finished at around 1400hrs and work went ahead very well.

Wednesday August 21st.

Left for work at 0700hrs supervised the cutting of the new road and also managed to have a look at the work being done by the Yebi No. 1 groups all going o.k.

Thursday August 22nd.

Again visited the Yebi No. 2 group on the new cutting so far they are doing very well.

Friday August 23rd.

No work today due to their being a 'sing sing' on today at Omai all the Yebi people wanted to go and so work was left for today. I went over the new section of road with an Abney Level as I have been unable to locate any of the road pegs previously placed on the proposed bench.

Saturday August 24th.

Rained all night last night and upto 1000hrs this morning. However a good deal of work completed today. I visited the Omai group today and they are progressing very well with their work.

Sunday 25th August.

Rained again today a few complaints concerning marriages straightened out in the morning.

Monday 26th August.

Left for road at 0730 hrs. The Yebi No. 2 people began cleaning the previously cut bench today. This bench was in a horrible condition being overgrown with weeds and badly eroded with water.

Tuesday 27th August.

Rain in the morning left for work at 0700hrs with the Yebi No. 2 line today continued cleaning the bench.

Wednesday 28th August.

Road clearing still going on, spent the day with the Yebi No. 1 group quite a good stretch of stone being done today.

Thursday 29th August.

Spent the day on the new road cutting all else o.k.

Friday 30th August.

Rain in the morning delayed work. Went to the road head and did some more of the road with the Abney Level.

Saturday August 31st.

At the new road more work with the Level the Omai group have completely finished their portion of the cutting.

September 1st Sunday.

No work today. Walked to Mendi for a dentist's appointment. Slept Mendi.

Monday September 2nd.

Left Mendi at 1200 hrs for Yebi. Half a day spent in supervising the new cutting.

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Tuesday 3rd September.
No rain today, and all going very well visited the Yebi No.1 group today, they are doing very well considering that they are working very much by themselves.

Wednesday 4th September.
Left for the roadcutting today at 0700 hrs all going very well and expect to be finished in time next week.

Thursday 5th September.
Work at 730 hrs and a good deal of work done on both lines.

Friday 6th September.
Work at 0800 hrs still cutting road and laying stone. No rain

Saturday 7th September.
Again worked at the cutting. left there in afternoon for the scene of labour as the Kalaba area.

Sunday 8th September.
Sunday spent on A.S.O.P.A. assignments.

Monday 9th September.
Supervised the work at both scenes today no variation in the usual pattern.

Tuesday 10th September.
Work at 0830 hrs good day today work progressing very well. Rain early in the afternoon.

Wednesday 11th September.
Rain since yesterday afternoon people went to work however cleared in the afternoon and remained o.k. for rest of the day, work went ahead very well.

Thursday 12th September.
Left for work at 730 hrs all going ahead o.k. Heavy rain at 1400hrs caused early finish.

Friday 13th September.
Began work at 0700hrs in the rain, rained for the majority of the day but work went ahead well. Finished work at 1930 hrs and the road was open from Mendi to past Omai.

The period between 14th and 16th was spent at Mendi. On the A.D.O's orders.

Tuesday 17th September.
Reported to the Sub-District Office at 0745 hrs. Then decided to accompany the A.D.O on an inspection of the road just completed travelled nineteen miles from Mendi.

Wednesday 18th September.
With drew police from road supervision today due to the expiry of the special permit granted by the District Commissioner for previous work. This will mean a general easing up of the rate of work due to the lack of supervision.

Thursday September 19th.
Left for work at 0700hrs, walked to Omai in the morning and then returned to supervise the work at the Yebi No. 1 group.

Friday 20th September.
Left for Omai at 0800hrs. spent the whole day there helping with the levels on the road.

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Saturday 21st September.

Work again today all going ahead o.k. Two Police and the Interpreter dismissed to Mendi today for the weekend. Three courts heard and settled. A heavy thunderstorm in the afternoon finished work.

Sunday 22nd September.

Observed the Sabbath and completed an A.S.O.P.A. assignment today.

Monday 23rd September.

Work again at 0700hrs a little bit of trouble with the Albanda line being absent for work otherwise all o.k.

Tuesday 24th September.

Work at 0645hrs managed to visit the three sites, Omai Yebi No1, and Yebi No2 all progressing well.

Wednesday 25th September.

Work at 0700hrs began putting stone on the new road today did not visit antone elsetoday.

Thursday 26th September.

Work at 0730 hrs today Supervised the Yebi No1 groups today, all appear to be progressing well.

Friday 27th September.

Again to work with the Yebi No. 1 line mainly putting the surface on that section of road on which they have already put the stones,

Saturday 28th September.

Tractor to Mendi for service and repairs, work continued as usual.

Sunday 29th September.

Observed the Sabbath at Yebi.

Monday 30th September.

Work until 1200hrs when due to the peoples wish they were all assembled and a discussion on the proposed extension of the Upper Mendi Local Government Council took place. The result being that I should make known to the authorities the desire of the Yebi group to have their area included within the Council boundaries.

Tuesday October 1st.

Work at Omai has been discontinued until such time as they can be more strictly supervised. Spent today with the Yebi No. 2 group.

Wednesday 2nd October.

Again worked with the Yebi No. 2 group, have the most difficult part finished now.

Thursday 3rd October.

Left for work at 0700hrs. Got around to both the two groups. Both appear to be doing alright.

Friday 4th October.

Stone has run short with the Yebi No.2 group and so they are now gathering it and stockpiling it close to the road from where the tractor will carry it to the roadhead also asked and received permission to remove all stone from the numerous old 'sing sing' grounds in the area.

Saturday 5th October.

Yebi No. 1 still working on the road while the Yebi No. 2 group has started to build the new rest house.

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Sunday 6th October.
Observed the Sabbath at Yebi.

Monday 7th October.
All o.k. spent the day with the Yebi No.1 group putting stones on the road. The Yebi No.2 groups are still gathering the stones for their section.

Tuesday 8th October.
All work proceeding well, the worst of the repairs that the Yebi No1 group have to make are almost finished now. Spent the day with this group.

Wednesday 9th October.
Have begun to line the stones gathered by the Yebi No. 2 group. The tractor doing the actual carting. Spent the day here.

Thursday 10th October.
Conditions better than they have ever been. The worst of the swamp ground in the Yebi No.1 group's area is now finished. Received a letter from the A.D.O. requesting that I should be in Mendi for the weekend so that my accompanying Police would be present for the Ministerial visit.

Friday 11th October.
Left Yebi for Mendi at 0700 hrs by tractor arriving at 1000 hrs.

October 12th and 13th spent at Mendi.

Monday 14th October.
Left Mendi at 0800hrs for Yebi arrived at 1100 hrs rest of day spent on road work.

Tuesday 15th October.
Work again with the Yebi No.1 group have showed them how I want the shoulder of the road cut and have sent them back to the starting point to do this.

Wednesday 16th October.
Walked to Omai and called the names from the Village Book selected a new labour line and today marked the road and the places for two bridges at the Omai AisaAisa boundary these bridges are in very awkward positions but I think at this stage they will be alright.

Thursday 17th October.
Stayed all day working with the people on the Yebi No. 1 section. The people of Yebi No.2 are still gathering stone for their portion.

Friday 18th October.
Still gathering stone with the Yebi No.2 people. rain today caused an early finish.

Saturday 19th October
There is quite a substantial pile of stones piled up at the Yebi No.2 road. Tractor to Mendi today for service and repairs.

Sunday 20th October.
Observed the Sabbath at Mebi.

Monday 21st October.
Went Omai today and marked the road approaching the bridge with an Abney level. The amount of stone in the ground is going to make any road cutting very hard.

Tuesday 22nd October.
Spent today with the Yebi No.2 group putting the stone on the road the tractor having pulled the stone to the road head yesterday.

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Wednesday 23rd October.

Again with the Yebi No.1 group stone placed on the bench. Slight rain.

Thursday 24th October.

Today spent with the Yebi No.1 group cutting the road shoulders and putting gravel on those parts already completed.

Friday 25th October.

ROADS Paid both these two groups a total of £240 or one pound per person for two months work Then walked to Omai, timber for the two bridges in a long distance away from the actual site very hard work. Land-slides were cleared. The approaches to and from the Andoa creek were surfaced with gravel.

Saturday 26th October.

Spent today with the Yebi No.1 group repaired a piece of badly deteriorated road, will start the last of the work on Monday.

Sunday 27th October.

at Kiburu being finished the Patrol moved to the Lush. Observed the Sabbath at Yebi.

Monday 28th October.

Walked to Omai and supervised the work on the bridges here at 1100 hours the tractor arrived and assisted in pulling logs for the two bridges. Working towards Jumbi. This continued until August the 12th and resulted in approximately three miles of road being surfaced.

Tuesday 29th October.

Worked with the Yebi No.2 group today stoning the road. The tractor carted the gravel for the surfacing of those sections completed.

Wednesday 30th October.

The tractor returned to Mendi for exchange of drivers. Walked to AisAisa and supervised the pulling of the last of the logs for the bridges.

Thursday 31st October.

Left Yebi for AisAisa, arrived there at 1000hrs approximately 1 1/2 hours walk Campmade and the rest of the day spent on the road.

Friday 1st November.

Today pulled all of the logs into position for the first bridge. This was as much as could be done due to the fact that I was unable to get nails from Mendi to complete the job.

Saturday 2nd November

No work today due to their being a 'sing sing' being held at the AisAisa ceremonial ground.

Sunday 3rd November.

Observed the Sabbath at Ais-Aisa.

Monday 4th November.

Pulled the logs for the second bridge today and got them into position. The Omai group scavenged some nails and managed to nail one of their bridges.

Tuesday 5th November.

Straightened up the approaches to this second bridge today. Again the Omai people completed another bridge, leaving only one to be done.

Wednesday 6th November.

Departed Omai for Mendi by tractor arrived Mendi at 1200hrs a four hour trip over some twenty one miles of road. At thirteen hundred hours the Patrol stood down.

CONCLUSION

There was a total expenditure of \$755 for the work done on the Omai-AisAisa road is not open for a distance of twenty two miles. That further grants frequent visits by a D.S.A. for the consolidation of the work completed by this Patrol.

Peter A. Briggs
(Peter A. Briggs)
C.P.O.

INTRODUCTION.

The purpose of this Patrol being to clear landslides between the Kiburu and Oiyarip sections of the Mendi-Ialibu road and to make this road traffic-able to timber jinkers and what ever other traffic that may need to use this road. Then to proceed along the road making what ever repairs and new work may be necessary.

ROADS and BRIDGES.

The Patrol camped at Kiburu between July, and 21st, a total of twenty days. During which time a large section of new road was laid and the three landslides were cleared. The approaches to and from the Andoa creek were surfaced with creek gravel and where the corners were too hard for the tractors etc. to negotiate easily they were widened and resurfaced. Also on the ascent out of the gorge much of the road remained as the original bench and was in a very water-logged condition. Where necessary on this portion stone and gravel was laid and drains cut. The work at Kiburu being finished the Patrol moved to the Lumbi section of the road.

On arriving at Lumbi work began on removing the numerous weeds which had over grown the road descending to the River Anga. This job occupied one week and on its completion a start was made on resurfacing the road from the Oiyarip-Lumbi mark, working towards Lumbi. This continued until August the 12th and resulted in approximately three miles of road being surfaced.

This work being completed the Patrol moved to the Yebi rest house and the second objective was begun. At Yebi, due to the size of the population it was more convenient to engage a picked group of young men and women, these being selected from the Yebi No. 1 and No. 2 groups. The Yebi No. 1 group was required to work between the Anga Gorge and the Yebi rest house. The Yebi No. 2 group worked between the Yebi rest house and the Yebi Omai boundary.

The Yebi No. 1 group began by putting stone and gravel on the road from the River Anga working towards the Yebi rest house. This occupied them all the time that the Patrol stayed here and through their efforts a section of five miles was completely surfaced. After completing two bridges the Yebi No. 2 group began cleaning the bench already cut. This bench ascends to the range of hills which is the boundary between the Yebi and the Omai groups. This being completed work began on cutting the new bench which crossed the above range, the line of this road had been previously marked by Mr. P. Crowe in May of 1962 but unfortunately I could find only two of these marks. This meant re-levelling the whole road route once again. At the same time as the Yebi No. 2 group were working on this section the Omai group were completing theirs. This new portion of road was completed in one month. The Yebi No. 2 group then began surfacing the road from the Yebi rest house up to the Yebi-Omai mark, this is to be their sole work, as far as roads are concerned, until its completion.

After having completed their section of the new bench the Omai group began clearing the old previously cut road going down to the Omai-Aisaisa border this included the construction of five bridges ranging in length from fifteen to thirty five feet. Due to the absence of nails in Mendi a further four bridges had to be left, to be constructed when nails were available

The small bridges which were left should provide no difficulty when the local men come to construct them. However the bridge spanning the BIANO creek, which is the Omai Aisaisa border is seventy four feet long and I felt that this would be a little difficult for them to do entirely on their own for this reason all the bearers were placed into position and the decking was cut and left at the bridge site. This left only the nailing of the decking to be completed.

The Patrol spent six days at Aisaisa cutting the approaches to these bridges. The road descending to the River Angorais completed except for eight minor culverts which will be completed when nails are available.

CONCLUSION.

There was a total expenditure of £735 for the work completed, and the Mendi-Ialibu road is now open for a distance of Twenty two miles past Mendi. I feel that fairly ~~xxxxx~~ frequent visits by a D.N.A. car are necessary for the consolidation of the work completed by this Patrol.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.General.

The people of this Census Division have the reputation of being lazy and indifferent towards work and progress, however apart from a few individual exceptions I found them to be both interested and willing to improve their position in all aspects of life.

The proposed extension of the boundaries of The Upper Mendi Local Government Council has been well received by those who will benefit by it and a certain amount of jealousy by those who have been left out. This feeling was illustrated by the two Yebi groups when their Village Officials and headmen approached me and asked me to see what could be done to have them included in the new area. They point out that they not only have the best ground and the largest population (1139) of the census division, but they were in times long ago recognised as the leaders of the whole Kambiri area. This attitude shows a good deal of promise as far as future plans are concerned.

The amount of young men wishing to enter the Highlands Labour Scheme is far in excess of the reasonable limit as far as over recruiting is concerned. Also I encountered a fairly general wish to gain positions with the Administration either as Interpreters or as general labourers. The reason for this I was told was that everyone else has a man in the Administration and we feel a bit left out.

There is still evident the old inter clan rivalry and in some cases ill feeling. In most cases they are based on the death of influential head men who have almost invariably been poisoned by the rival group. Rather than avenge the death by force, they resort to giving 'shame' to the accused group. This is done by beginning competitions in which live animals are bought and kept within the Clan, these animals range from Tree Python to Ant Eaters. At the time agreed upon for the conclusion of the competition all of the accumulated wealth of the groups are massed and the M.O.P. shell value of each animal is estimated, the wealthiest group is the winner and prokes his point.

It proved to be fairly difficult to get any one group to under-take work belonging to another whether this group was aligned with them or were their traditional enemies. The fact that the work done would be of benefit to every one and that who ever did the work would receive the pay for it seemed to make no difference. These people seem to have no concept of anything larger than their own Clan. For this reason I feel that any large scale programme for any type of community development would be of little success if left entirely to their own efforts.

Concerning the forth coming elections for the House of Assembly, there is still a deal of confusion between these and Local Government Council Elections. An indication of this confusion is the statement made by the Yebi Village Councilor, after I had spent an hour explaining it to him, he said "All my people will vote for me and I will sit in the Council House at Bela, Kela being the headquarters of the Mendi Local Govt'. Council.

From this attitude there appears the idea that every group will elect one candidate, and vote for that candidate. The man representing the largest Census Group will poll the most votes and could end up being the representative of his Electorate. As far as I can see this is what will happen unless the whole aspect of the voting system is explained until the time of the elections.

There are at present two fairly large Land Disputes active in this area, the first and the most serious concerns an area of land on the Kagua side of the Angora River, this dispute has already been dealt with by the C.I.C. of Ialibu and on a previous patrol to this area with Mr. F.E. Haviland a group of antagonists were apprehended. We left the area fairly quiet but I fear that once again the right to the land is being protested. An incident of this kind occurred while I was camped at AISAISA, a group of men from Tagenda in the Kagua Administrative area walked through the disputed area breaking trees and gardens on the basis that other people were using their land without their knowledge, or approval. The people occupying the land at present (Omali Group) were very upset as they feel that the land is theirs. This dispute would involve some thousand people and if it ever came to a matter of force could prove very serious.

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The second of the disputes concerns the people of the MOITUP group, who prior to Administration influence were driven off their land by a series of attacks by various other clans. This Moitup group then settled over a wide area of land already held by other people with whom they were related, one of these groups are the Aibunda people of the Yebi No. 1 Census Group. These people living with the Aibunda group now wish to re-claim their land which is that ground bounded by the Mendi and Anga Rivers and also by the Tutama rest house

Previously the ground was split into three sections, the first section, that closest to the junction of the two rivers was given to the USA group of the Kagua area, the middle section was given to no one but left undecided while the third section was given to the TUTUMA group. This Tutama group has now begun to build houses and gardens upon the middle section which the Moitup group claim as theirs. The Moitups have broken the houses and gardens and erected their own. As yet this is not a serious dispute, but it would certainly bear investigating.

The people of the Aisaisa, Limbiali and Pundia census groups are I feel still wary of the Administration and its objectives. In the six days that I spent at Aisaisa no food was forthcoming from the people and there was a marked absence of the usual group of men coming to the rest house for a talk. The general attitude towards work, although not grudging could hardly be called eager.

Perhaps this uncertainty could be accounted for by the fact that there has been trouble here on a previous occasion resulting in the death of one man and the wounding of two influential headmen. Although every assurance was given me that nothing of this kind would ever occur again it may still account for this coldness.

This may also be because of the fact that these groups lie at the extremes of the Mendi and the Ialibu areas. Thus they are not subjected to the amount of Administration influence that those groups closer to the two stations are. However I feel that with the completion of the Mendi-Ialibu road and the increased volume of traffic resulting from it will serve in some way to settle these groups and to extend Administration influence.

Village Officials.

Generally the standard and conduct of the Village Officials in this Census Division is up to standard, however the Village Constable from Tutama is openly using his authority to feather his own nest, by way of threats of a court if the people do not comply with his wishes. On two occasions he has not only disregarded the ruling of a Court but has also instituted his own ideas for his own benefit. For these reasons his dismissal is recommended.

Agriculture.

Native agriculture throughout the Census Division is retarded by the nature of the soil, it being an extremely well leached clay and devoid of any plant nutrients to any degree, as is shown by the size of the sweet potatoes produced in this area as compared to that grown in the Council area.

There are almost no European type vegetables grown in this area. However upon request I procured seeds from the Agricultural Officer and distributed them amongst the Lumbi and Yebi groups.

At Yebi there was several requests for a visit of the Agricultural Officer in order that some advice could have been given concerning the establishment of cash crops, this being mainly Coffee. At the time however other commitments prevented the Officer from visiting the area.

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Mission establishments in this area are not very numerous, being only of the Lutheran and Roman Catholic denominations. There seems a good deal of teaching being done by the Native teachers of both denominations, however one incident of the teacher telling his congregation that if they did not keep him supplied with food etc. they would be punished with both fire and floods. This seems hardly the way to win any- ones confidence.

Health.

I found no evidence of any form of disease apart from a few minor outsets.

In this Census Division of over four thousand people, there is only one Medical Aid post which is situated at AisAisa and serves only one quarter of the area effectively, whereas at Yebi with its population of over a thousand people there is no form of Medical care available. The institution of an Aid Post here would be of tremendous value .

Conclusion.

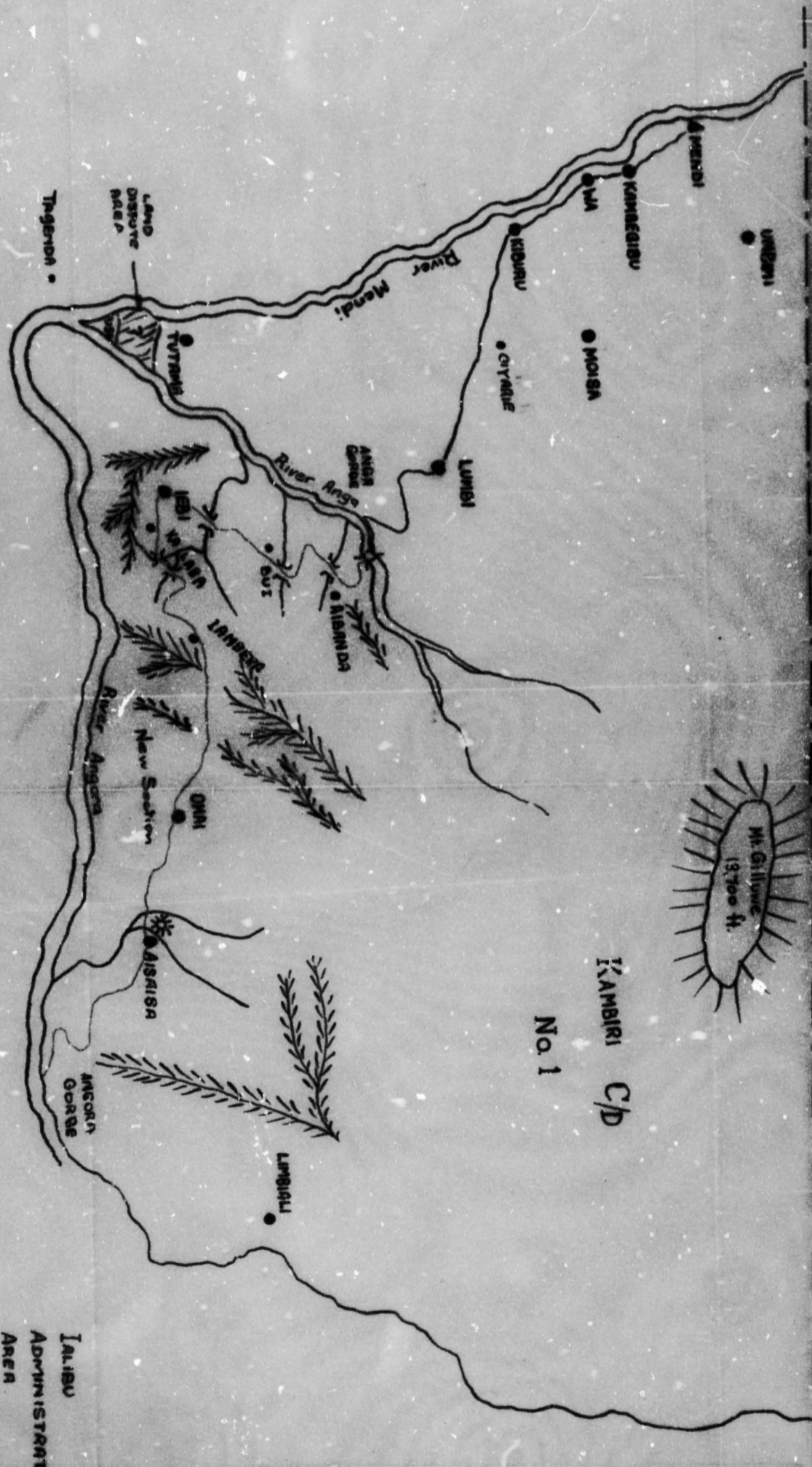
The people of the Kamkiri Census Division show a reasonable attitude toward the Administration and with an extension of the Local Government Influence this attitude will be improved.

The Mendi-Ialibu road is now open for a distance of twenty two miles and I expect it to be completed by the end of the year. It will be necessary to keep up fairly constant supervision of the road by means of car trips by D.N.A. officers in order that the road will be completed to a satisfactory standard.

P.A.B. *[Signature]*
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Peter. A. Briggs C.P.O.

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Scale: 3/4" = 5 miles.

KEY:

— River with Bridge

>>> Mountain Range

• Village

— Existing Road

— New Road



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 73 (MENDI) of 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by... Warren R. Road Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled... MENDI - IALIBU Road

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... Nil

3 R.P.&N.G.C

Natives... I Interpreter

Duration—From... 23/9.../1963... to... 15/11.../1963..

Number of Days... 46 (Slight broken periods)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

(a) Improve the present road

Objects of Patrol.....

(b) Repair bridges (actually two large bridges were entirely reconstructed) and culverts.

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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District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
6th March, 1964.
1100 December, 1963.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MNDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 13-1963/64 - MNDI.

Receipt of the above-mentioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The clear instructions given the Patrol Officer by the Assistant District Officer no doubt resulted in the successful completion of the work. Mr. Reed obviously has a flair for organization, combined with an energetic approach to his work.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

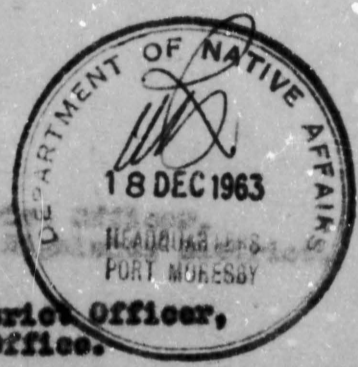
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District Office,
Mendi,
Southern Highlands District.

11th December, 1963.



Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 11 OF 1963/64.

Report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. N. J. ...
Patrol Officer ...

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 7th inst.

The Report calls for little comment although I agree, Mr. Head has presented it factually and lucidly. I have inspected both bridges and they are a credit both to Mr. Head and the villagers. The OIA bridge in particular is excellent.

It is a pity that Officers of this Department have to spend so much time on road work, particularly at this time, however ultimately the village people will benefit. ...
A first class piece of work.

Camping claims has been forwarded. ...
A such payment for work done will be made as soon as sufficient cash is received from St. ...

... has carried out his ... well and his presentation of the report is ...

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

C.C.

Officer-in-Charge,
NFA.

Minute to:

Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded for your information please.

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

RWB:NHK.

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Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

4th December, 1963.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 13 OF 1963/64.

Attached hereto please find two copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. W.R. Read, Patrol Officer grade 4.

The patrol was mounted primarily to rebuild two bridges on the Anga Gorge road and repair as much of the road as possible. Both bridges had become extremely dangerous especially to heavy traffic. As this road is the route by which all timber for the Mendi sawmill is carried it was a matter of urgency that the bridges be replaced immediately if building construction was to continue at Mendi.

Mr. Read has built two most satisfactory bridges which should last some years and the road he repaired is now in very good condition.

All the native groups employed on the work co-operated well with the patrol and thus made the task much easier. A cash payment for work done will be made as soon as sufficient cash is received from Mt. Hagen.

Mr. Read has carried out his task well and his presentation of the report is very good.



(R. W. BLAIKIE)
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone

Our Reference 67 - I - 2

If calling ask for

Mr. _____

Sub District Office,
Mendi,
Southern Highlands District.

23 rd September, 1963.

Mr. W.R. Read,
Patrol Officer,
Mendi.

Patrol Instructions.

Please prepare to depart on patrol today commencing at KIBURU Rest House and covering the whole of the road from Mendi to the ANGA Gorge.

The purpose of the patrol is to improve the present road and repair bridges and culverts. Mr. Briggs has recently patrolled this portion of the road and improved it but further improvement is still required and in addition repairs are needed after the last fortnights heavy continuous rain.

Small landslides have occurred blocking side drains and small culverts. These are to be cleared out and made servicable again. In addition on portion of the road an overhanging bank has been left which is most likely to collapse and block the drains and the road. This overhanging bank is to be sharpened off.

Your first task is to have the people near Mendi collect materials for the complete reconstruction of the second large bridge from Mendi along the ANGA Gorge road. The materials must be ready on the bridge site by Monday 30 th September. The construction of this bridge is to be used as a demonstration to the people attending the present leadership course at Mendi. As yet it is uncertain just who is to supervise the construction of the bridge but the District Officer is going to request Public Works Department to do the job. There is also a bridge on the other side of OIYARIP to be replaced and we also hope to get Public Works to supervise construction although we must arrange collection of materials. Please arrange for the OIYARIP people to assemble materials on the site. Both these bridges are dangerous to anything more than light traffic.

I suggest that you commence at KIBURU and work from there at the beginning. I will send the landrover to you as much as possible to enable you to move along the road supervising work.

The District Officer has intimated that the District Commissioner will give authority for police to be used as supervisors etc. on the road maintenance.

I will visit you from time to time to see what progress you are making. You will be accompanied by three police and one native to act as interpreter.

(R.W. Blaikie)
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Sub-District Office,
MENDI.
Southern Highlands District
19 th November, 1963.

The District Officer,
MENDI.
Southern Highlands District.

MENDI PATROL REPORT No. 13 of 1963/64.

PREAMBLE:

Patrol Conducted by: Warren R Read, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: MENDI - IALIBU Road for six miles.

Personnel Accompanying: R.P.&.N.G.C.
3770 Senior Const. BIHO.
8864 Const. 5 th yr. MIAU.
9290 Const. 5 th yr. NAWI.
Interpreter: LAPUWE/EILA.

Duration of Patrol: 23/9/63 to 15/11/63
There were slight broken periods
for explanation see Introduction
and Diary.
46 days.

Objects of the Patrol: As per MENDI Patrol Instructions
67 - 1 - 2 of the 23 rd September,
1963.
(a) Improve the present road.
(b) Repair bridges (actually two
large bridges were entirely
reconstructed) and culverts.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this patrol was the supervision of road maintenance from the MENDI Station boundary to the ANGA Gorge, along the MENDI - IALIEU road. Also to have the local people collect sufficient materials for the complete reconstruction of the rather large bridges at KIBURU and OIYARIP. It was initially anticipated that the supervision of these bridge reconstructions would be carried out by the Department of Public Works. But the final decision was that the supervision would be the responsibility of this patrol. These two bridges were completed, although owing to the time and labour that had to be spent on them the intended amount of road maintenance was not accomplished. In actual fact only five miles of the road was repaired to high degree of satisfaction.

The area covered by the patrol is situated in a general south-easterly direction from MENDI and whilst the main tasks of the patrol were being carried out any other administrative problems that occurred in the area were given prompt and generous attention.

There was a slight break in the patrol when I was recalled to MENDI to act as interpreter in a Supreme Court Case. However during my absence the progress of the work appeared to continue smoothly.

DIARY:Monday 23 rd September.

Departed MENDI by landrover 1300 hrs with A.D.O Mr. Blaikie. Arrived KIBURU rest house 1317 hrs and unloaded patrol gear.

Accompanied A.D.O on an inspection of the road from KIBURU to OIYARIP - return of A.D.O to MENDI 1430 hrs.

1430 hrs general talk given to the local people as regards work and attendance etc.etc.

Tuesday 24 th September.

0800 hrs supervised timber cutting in the vicinity of a mile from KIBURU.

Supervised those of the workers who were collecting stones at KIBURU 1400 hrs

1600 hrs inspection of the road from KIBURU to OIYARIP

Wednesday 25 th September.

0800 hrs supervised timber cutting in the vicinity of KIBURU until 1300 hrs when heavy rain prevented further work.

Rain ceased 1500 hrs and the work resumed until 1800 hrs.

Thursday 26 th September.

Supervised timber cutting from 0735 hrs to 1200 hrs

1300 hrs supervised those of the workers who were

Thursday 26 th September Cont.

collecting stones at KIBURU.

1400 hrs supervised timber dragging in the vicinity of KIBURU.

Friday 27 th September.

0800 hrs supervised timber cutting and dragging in the vicinity of KIBURU.

1400 hrs inspection of the road between KIBURU and WA which lies adjacent to the station boundary. Advice was given to the road workers where necessary.

Saturday 28 th September.

Remained at KIBURU rest house.

Sunday 29 th September.

Remained at KIBURU rest house.

Monday 30 th September.

0800 hrs supervised timber dragging to the KIBURU bridge site.

1400 hrs inspection of the road from KIBURU to WA.

Tuesday 1 st October.

0800 hrs inspection of the road from KIBURU to WA and it was pleasing to see that there was a good turn up of workers.

1300 hrs supervision of timber dragging to the KIBURU bridge site.

1500 hrs arrival of A.D.O Mr. Blaikie and at 1515 hrs arrival of D.O. Mr. Jefferies. The problem of the reconstruction of the KIBURU bridge was discussed - departure of senior officers 1600 hrs.

1630 hrs work ceased due to heavy rain.

Wednesday 2 nd October.

0800 hrs supervision of the timber dragging to the KIBURU bridge site.

1000 hrs supervision of the construction of the bridge abutments at KIBURU.

1200 hrs visit by the D.O. Mr. Jefferies - return of senior officer 1220 hrs.

Supervision of timber dragging and abutment constructions throughout the rest of the day.

1600 hrs visit by District Commissioner Mr. Skinner and the District Officer Mr. Jefferies - further discussion on the bridge reconstruction - departure of senior officers 1630 hrs.

Thursday 3 rd October.

0800 hrs Supervision of timber dragging and abutment construction

1200 hrs inspection of the road from KIBURU to WA and gave advise to the workers where necessary.

1400 hrs continued supervision of the abutment constructions.

Heavy rain commenced 1600 hrs.

Friday 4 th October.

Inspected the road from KIBURU to WA - returned KIBURU 1030 hrs and supervised the construction of the bridge abutments throughout the rest of the day.

Saturday 5 th October.

Remained at KIBURU

Sunday 6 th October.

Remained at KIBURU.

Monday 7 th October.

0800 hrs supervised timber cutting at KIBURU.

1000 hrs inspected the road from KIBURU to OIYARIP. Instructed the V.Cs of this area to allocate some of their people to timber cutting and dragging and the rest to road maintenance. Returned KIBURU 1430 hrs.

Supervised abutment constructions at KIBURU until 1800 hrs.

Tuesday 8 th October.

0830 hrs inspected the road from KIBURU to OIYARIP and it was pleasing to observe that the work was well under way. Returned KIBURU 1400 hrs and supervised the abutment constructions throughout the day.

Wednesday 9 th October.

Supervised the timber cutting at KIBURU from 0800 hrs until 1200 hrs.

1300 hrs walked to OIYARIP and supervised the road repairs. Returned to KIBURU 1800 hrs.

Thursday 10 th October.

0800 hrs supervised the abutment constructions at KIBURU.

1330 hrs visit by A.D.O Mr. Blaikie - return of A.D.O 1330 hrs.

1400 hrs inspected the road from KIBURU to OIYARIP.

Friday 11 th October.

0800 hrs supervised the timber cutting and dragging in the vicinity of KIBURU.

1300 hrs until 1600 hrs spent hearing and settling disputes.

1630 hrs departed KIBURU for MENDI.

Saturday 12 th October.

Remained at MENDI.

Sunday 13 th October.

Remained at MENDI.

Monday 14 th October.

0800 hrs informed the District Commissioner Mr. Skinner that the old KIBURU bridge could now be demolished as both the wooden abutments had been completed and filled with stone. Also arranged with the D.C. for a landrover to be loaned from the transport pool. The intention was to have the vehicle placed on the far side of the KALONK river, for while the bridge was undergoing reconstruction the landrover would be of convenience to whom ever might need it.

0900 hrs returned to KIBURU in the landrover and had it placed on the far side of the river.

Placed three of the new large stringers into position and commenced the demolition of the old bridge - completed this by 1700 hrs

Tuesday 15 th October.

Supervised the building of the new bridge throughout the day.

Wednesday 16 th October.

Continued supervision of the reconstruction of the KIBURU bridge - the days work resulted in the two bearers being placed into position and also eight heavy stringers. This then completed the frame-work of the bridge and all that remained was the task of embedding the eight stringers (ie the ends of these stringers which lay on each side of the banks of the river) with stone and spiking into position the new decking.

Thursday 17 th October.

0735 hrs at WA supervised the cutting of the timber that was to be used for decking.

1100 hrs returned to MENDI and obtained a tractor from P.W.D. with the intention of using it for the transporting of the timber from WA to KIBURU. The tractor departed for WA 1130 hrs.

Returned KIBURU 1300 hrs and supervised road work, also the unloading of the decking timber.

Friday 18 th October.

Started the workers at KIBURU cutting the decking

Friday 18 th October. Cont.

timber to the correct dimensions.

1000 hrs visited the workers at OIYARIP and they appeared to have sufficient timber at the OIYARIP bridge site for its reconstruction. Hence started some of the workers on the building of the wooden abutments for the bridge. The other workers who were engaged in road repairs appeared to be doing a very good job. Returned to KIBURU 1600 hrs.

Saturday 19 th October.

Remained at KIBURU.

Sunday 20 th October.

Remained at KIBURU.

Monday 21 st October.

0735 hrs departed KIBURU and inspected the road work at WA. Returned to KIBURU 1215 hrs.

Some of the workers at KIBURU were still engaged in cutting the decking to the correct size.

Heard several complaints during the afternoon.

Tuesday 22 nd October.

0800 hrs supervised the spiking of the decking to the stringers. This was completed 0400 hrs as a considerable amount of time had to be spent in getting the deck planks to lie correctly on the stringers. The KIBURU bridge is now completed and is now accessible to heavy vehicular traffic.

Wednesday 23 rd October.

Arrived MENDI 0900 hrs and returned the landrover which had been placed on the far side of the river while the bridge was undergoing reconstruction, to the transport pool.

Obtained further bridge building supplies from P.W.D. - arrived back at KIBURU 1200 hrs.

Supervised road maintenance at KIBURU until 1600 hrs.

1700 hrs visit by the District Commissioner who requested me to return to MENDI on the morrow for interpreting in the Supreme Court. D.C. departed 1830 hrs.

Thursday 24 th October.

Arrived MENDI 0900 hrs. Assisted in the preparations for United Nations Day - attended the ceremony 1100 hrs.

Attended the Supreme Court sittings during the afternoon.

Friday 25 th October.

Spent most of the day acting as interpreter in the

Friday 25 th October. Cont.

Supreme Court.

Saturday 26 th October.

Remained at MENDI.

Sunday 27 th October.

Remained at MENDI.

Monday 28 th October.

0830 hrs arrived back at KIBURU and spent the day supervising road repairs there .

Tuesday 29 th October.

0900 hrs arrived OIYARIP and it was pleasing to observe that the people had the construction of the abutments well under way and were also doing a very good job on the road. Arrived back at KIBURU 1300 hrs

Supervised the road maintenance at KIBURU throughout the rest of the day.

Wednesday 30 th October.

0900 hrs inspected the work being done at WA, however it was noticeable that there were a few absentees.

1300 hrs returned KIBURU and supervised road repairs throughout the afternoon.

Thursday 31 st October.

Spent the whole day supervising road repairs KIBURU.

Friday 1 st November.

Inspected the workers at WA - the progress of the work is very satisfying. Returned KIBURU 1300 hrs.

Heard several disputes during the afternoon.

Saturday 2 nd November.

Remained at KIBURU.

Sunday 3 rd November.

Remained at KIBURU.

Monday 4 th November.

0800 hrs departed KIBURU and arrived OIYARIP 0845 hrs. The amount of progress being made with both the road repairs and the bridge abutments was extremely favourable. Returned to KIBURU 1330 hrs.

Supervised road repairs at KIBURU during the afternoon.

Tuesday 5 th November.

Supervision of road maintenance at KIBURU throughout the day.

Wednesday 6 th November.

0800 hrs supervision of road maintenance KIBURU.

1400 hrs several complaints were heard and determined.

Thursday 7 th November.

Inspected the road from KIBURU to OIYARIP - arrived OIYARIP 0845 hrs. The abutments of the bridge are nearing completion also a good deal of the road is being attended to. Returned to KIBURU 1400 hrs.

Spent the afternoon supervising road maintenance KIBURU.

Friday 8 th November.

Supervision of road maintenance KIBURU from 0735 hrs until 1400 hrs.

Heard several complaints until 1630 hrs.

Returned to MENDI 1800 hrs.

Saturday 9 th November.

Remained at MENDI.

Sunday 10 th November.

Remained at MENDI.

Monday 11 th November.

Arrived back KIBURU 0830 hrs and the whole patrol moved to OIYARIP - arrived there 1030 hrs.

1100 hrs commenced supervision of the abutment constructions - they were completed 1400 hrs.

1400 hrs to 1700 hrs three of the heavy stringers were placed into position.

1730 hrs onset of heavy rain.

Tuesday 12 th November.

Continued the supervision of the bridge reconstruction. Both the abutments were reinforced and filled with stone and four more heavy stringers were placed in position.

1630 hrs onset of heavy rain.

Wednesday 13 th November.

Demolished the old OIYARIP bridge and placed the seven ~~heavy~~ stringers into correct position and embedded them in stone. These seven

Wednesday 13 th November. Cont.

heavy stringers lie on the tops of the abutments which are built on both banks of the river. The stringers are therefore the main beams that span the river.

Instructions were given to the workers to cut timber to the correct dimensions for decking.

1300 hrs visited LUMBI and inspected the road repairs that were being carried out there - arrived back at OIYARIP 1700 hrs.

Slight rain during the night.

Thursday 14 th November.

Spent the morning supervising the spiking of the decking to the stringers. The bridge at OIYARIP was completely reconstructed by 1300 hrs.

Spent several hours hearing complaints.

Onset of rain 1700 hrs.

Friday 15 th November.

0800 hrs several more complaints heard and settled.

0930 arrival of landrover with a message from the A.D.O advising termination of the patrol if the bridge was completely reconstructed.

Patrol returned MENDI 1130 hrs reported to A.D.O. and stood down.

END OF PATROL DIARYNATIVE SITUATION:

This patrol supervised groups of local people who were working on the MENDI - IALIBU at WA, KIBURU, and OIYARIP.

WA is situated in an area which lies adjacent to the south east boundary of the MENDI Station. The number of groups working in this vicinity amounted to four they being UMBIMI, TAITA, LONK and KAMBEGIBU. These groups were engaged purely in road maintenance and had nothing to do with bridge reconstruction work. On the whole they worked extremely well, although at times friction did occur. However such unsavory instances were promptly controlled and the progress of the work once again continued smoothly.

KIBURU is approximately three miles from WA and it was here that the patrol was camped for the majority of its duration. The groups working in this area were WA, MOIS, and KIBURU. All of these groups were initially engaged in the reconstruction of the KIBURU bridge and after its completion their energy was channelled into road maintenance. They appeared to work well and on no occasion were there upsets amongst them.

At OIYARIP which is roughly six miles from WA, a bridge was entirely reconstructed and in conjunction with this task road maintenance was carried out. The groups responsible for these activities were OIYARIP, MOIT, IAMI, TUTAME, and LUMBI. They worked very satisfactorily and seemed to have a desire to complete the projects with a minimum amount

NATIVE SITUATION Cont.

of delay.

A considerable number of complaints were brought to the notice of the patrol and each dispute was given prompt and thorough attention.

My assessment of the native situation in the area covered by the patrol, is that generally it is most satisfactory. The people appear to be content and on the whole they are working well.

BRIDGES:

As stated previously in this report two rather large bridges were ~~new~~ reconstructed under the supervision of the patrol - one at KIBURU and the other at OIYARIP.

The amount of attention and effort that had to be expended on these two reconstructions was extremely time consuming and strenuous. The hard suitable timbers that were required could only be located at distances up to one and half miles from the bridge sites. Moreover owing to this problem of distance and the rugged terrain which the timbers had to be dragged manually over, the task to be accomplished was virtually herculean.

In the case of both bridges large wooden abutments were erected on each bank and filled with river stone. The purpose of the abutments was to reduce ~~the~~ considerably the span of the river and by so doing subdue the amount of stress which is placed on the stringers when vehicles are crossing the bridge.

Both these bridges are accessible to heavy vehicular traffic and should remain in good condition for a considerable number of years.

ROADS:

Five miles of the MENDI - IALIBU road were repaired during the course of this patrol. It was the original intention to supervise the maintenance of some twelve miles of this road covering the section between the station boundary and the ANGA Gorge. Unfortunately owing to my impending ~~visit~~ transfer to NIPA which is to materialise within the next few days and the amount of time and labour that had to be expended on the two bridge reconstructions it was not possible to repair the road beyond OIYARIP except in the case of a bad corduroyed section which was attended to at LUMBI.

Generally the road from MENDI to the ANGA Gorge is in a reasonable condition. There are of course certain patches that need attention but there are other large sections which are in first class order.

A few years previously the road had been stoned and this made it impossible to repair by cutting, emphasis then had to be placed on filling with large stones and gravel and where ever possible attempting to obtain a camber like appearance on the surface of the road.

On the completion of the patrol all the groups that had been working under its supervision were given an issue of tools such as shovels,

ROADS Cont.

buckets, sledge-hammers and picks. These items should provide an excellent incentive for future road maintenance. Actually all of these groups have volunteered to do a certain amount of road work each week and it is intended that a cash payment will be made to them for their effort during the period they were under the supervision of the patrol.

HEALTH:

The health of all the people the patrol contacted appeared to be extremely good and in only one instance was a person despatched to MENDI for medical treatment and that was in the case of a woman suffering from severe burns.

EDUCATION:

There is a primary T school at KIBURU and another at OI-YARIP. Both these schools are conducted by European Education Officers who have under their supervision indigenous teachers. The schools provide for four grades and the attendance seems to be reasonable.

R.P.&N.G.C.

The patrol was accompanied by three members of the R.P.&N.G.C. all of whom carried out their duties to my entire satisfaction. R.S.I forms have been completed for the three of them and forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, while duplicate entries have been made in their records of service.

Warren R. Read
(Warren R. Read)
Patrol Officer.

Completed 22/11/63.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....Southern Highlands.....Report No.....^{MENDI} 14-63/64.....

Patrol Conducted by.....Peter A Briggs C.P.O.....

Area Patrolled.....Upper Mendi Census Division.....(Mendi-Tambul road.).....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....Nil.....

Natives.....² R.P.N.G.C. 1 P.H.D.....

Duration—From 13./11./1963 to 24./3./1964.

Number of Days.....26 (Broken period.).....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....4./7./1963.....

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

Map Reference.....Sketch map accompanying.....

Objects of Patrol.....Construction of Mendi-Tambul road.....

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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19th June, 1964.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
NENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 14-63/64 - NENDI.

Receipt of the abovementioned report is
acknowledged with thanks.

I am pleased to note that money will be
available for roadwork shortly.

A road link with the Western Highlands will
prove invaluable I am sure.

Mr. Briggs is to be commended on his dili-
gence and hard work.

J. K. McCarthy,
DIRECTOR

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District Office,
Mandi.
Southern Highlands District.
11th. May 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub District Office,
Mandi.

Mandi Patrol Report No. 14 of 1963/64.

The submission of this report has been delayed as it was hoped that I would be able to report on the completion of payment of money to those involved in the road work. I am sorry that this has not been possible.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 6th. May 1964.

I fully agree that taken all the factors into consideration a first class piece of work has been carried out under the most trying conditions.

The attitude of the people towards the Local Government Council is not unusual, very few Papuan people have as yet realized that there is no easy passage for economic advancement other than consistent hard work.

It is a pity that the funds for the road work are not immediately available, however the District Commissioner has assured me that the delay is only temporary.

Mr. Briggs is to be congratulated on a job well done.

(A.C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

Minute to:-
Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

For your information please

(A.C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

MEMO.

67-2-1.

Sub District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MEMBI.

1st May, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MEMBI.

MEMBI PATROL No. 14-63/64.

Attached hereto please find two copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr P.A. Briggs, Cadet Patrol Officer. The submission of this report has been delayed as it was hoped that I would be able to report on the completion of payment of money to those involved in working on the road and thus bring the whole business to its conclusion as far as this department is concerned. As the necessary money has not yet come to hand I do not wish to delay presentation of the report any further.

The purpose of this patrol was to repair the existing road between Konia and the Western Highlands/Southern Highlands boundary and to construct such a road where no road existed and also to construct bridges and culverts.

For the whole period Mr Briggs was ^{mis-able} camped at 9000 ft above sea level in one of the most inhospitable and miserable places imaginable. Rain fell on practically every day the patrol was in the area and working conditions were most uncomfortable.

The road is now trafficable after a spell of dry weather as far as the District border and the Public Works Department is about to commence work on stoning the surface of the road.

The difficulties experienced by the councillors in getting work done are understood and their problems would appear to be similar to those of politicians in Australia.

It appears that when the Local Government Council was instituted the people expected a change for the better overnight and they are just beginning to discover that this has not happened.

The desire for money is pleasing but I agree that their sense of values is distorted.

For a young inexperienced officer Mr Briggs has done an excellent job under the most trying conditions.

Mr Briggs presentation of his report is far from satisfactory and his typing requires improvement. His spelling is also not what it should be. More care should be taken with his reports.

(R.W. BLAIKIE)
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Sub-District Office,
MENDI S.H.D.
3/4/64.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI S.H.D.

MENDI PATROL No. 14-63/64.

Patrol Conducted by: Peter A Briggs C.P.O.
Area Patrolled : Upper Mendi Census Division (Mendi-Tambul road.)
Accompanied by : Europeans; Nil.
Natives ; R.P.N.G.C. 2. P.H.D. 1.
Interpreter; D.N.A. 1.
Duration of Patrol : 13/11/63. to 24/3/64. (broken periods)
Number of days : 96.
Did Med Ast accompany : No.
Last patrol to area : D.N.A. 1/7/63.
Objects of Patrol : To construct the road link between Mendi
and the Western Highlands District. Also
general Administration.

Peter A Briggs
..Peter. A. Briggs. C. P. O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram

Telephone

Our Reference 67-1-2.

If calling ask for

Mr.

Sub-District Office,
MENDE S.H.D.
21st November 1963.

Mr. P.A. Eriggs,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
MENDE S.H.D.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

Further to discussions between yourself and myself and the District Commissioner you are to continue with the construction of the Komia to MAILGI road.

You will be accompanied by two members of the R.P.N.G.C. and interpreter KISOMP. The District Medical Officer has intimated that he will make available to you a Medical Orderly stationed in the Komia-Birop area.

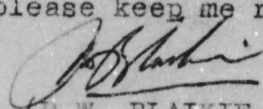
I consider that with the five groups, KOMIA, BIROP, EKARI, ANGAMANDA and Klareg you should have sufficient able bodied men to do the job. Any more could become too unwieldy. Wherever possible you should work through the Councillors of the groups concerned. Your plan of each group working separately on defined 'marks' should work out the best as you know that the people prefer to work in that manner.

The District Commissioner has instructed you that he requires a twenty four foot road wherever this is possible. He has also told you that he has the matter of payment for the road work in hand.

I realize that the people of the Komia area have proved to be difficult to work with in the past so you may require a lot of patience to get what you want done. You are aware that Mr. Speed has previously pegged certain detours on the road and these should be followed as far as possible except where you consider that another route is better than the pegged one.

The people from this district should construct their section of the road as far as the MINABEL Ck. but if you have any difficulty please consult me before pressing the matter. The District Commissioner has advised me that he will get in touch with The District Commissioner of the Western Highlands concerning the construction of the road in that District.

Should you strike any difficulty please get in touch with me immediately and in any case please keep me regularly advised of your progress.


(R.W. BLAIKIE.)
Assistant District Officer.

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Patrol Diary:

Nov. 13th 1963. Morning spent on final Patrol preparations, departed Mendi at 1330hrs by car for Komia rest house. Camp made and Police inspected. Heavy rain in afternoon.

Nov. 14th Left rest house at 930hrs for a camp site known as Nemaret. all cargo being carried by prospective workers from Komia. Arrived Nemaret at 1300 hrs after a fairly long walk up the prospective road route. It looked to have several difficult sections which will need major changes. Camp made at Nemaret.

Nov. 15th. Waited for a small group of Komias to arrive in order that a start could be made on the construction of the houses that will be needed for the workers to sleep in for the duration of the job.

Nov. 16th Saturday today, spent the day with Policemen doing minor jobs around the camp-site.

Nov. 17th. Sunday again spent on camp chores.

Nov. 18th. All workers arrived today, had a discussion with the Councilors from the various groups. Also with the people as a whole, straightened out several things and also marked out the places for the house. Each group builds its own house in a straight line, also the womens house, one long building, divided into separate rooms for the various groups. A.D.O. arrived and spent night.

Nov. 19th. Left in company with A.D.O. for Mailgi (W.H.D.) in order to inspect the road and the work that will need to be done. Arrived at Mailgi at 1130hrs after a 3 1/2 hour walk. Rested for a half hour and then began the return walk. Housing all finished today.

Nov. 20th. A.D.O. departed at 930 hrs after a talk with the Councillor work began in earnest today, and went well, no rain.

Nov 21st. Work began at 645hrs, continued well, everyone wants to follow the old road route rather than the marked detours, this will no doubt prove to be a tricky point as time goes on.

Nov. 22nd. Walked along the route of the road, spent roughly two hours with each group, all still urging to follow the old route, however have started two groups on a new detour. Work finished at 1600hrs. Workers went back down to their Villages today to collect Kau-Kau for the next week's work.

Nov. 23rd Policemen spent the day rearranging the campsite, also building themselves a cook-house. Rain in afternoon.

Nov. 24th. Sunday today, no work policemen to Komia to attend Church.

Nov. 25th Work today at 0630 hrs, final figures taken for payment as set below, A native Medical Orderly arrived today to take care of the many sicknesses that will occur.

Figures:	MALE	FEMALE
KOMIA	177	37
ANGAMANDA	53	5
BIROP	150	33
KAREL	107	28
EKARI	155	38
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>141</u>

Nov. 26th. Work at 630hrs generally very good progress made today however, a little bit of difficulty with the Birop group's section as far as the grading is concerned. Very heavy rain caused the finish of work at 1400hrs.

Nov. 27th. Birop group are o.k. now general progress indicates a conclusion of this first section before Christmas.

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Nov. 28th. Today spent with the groups on the job, all going very well all the women are carrying stones necessary for surfacing later on. Rain again today.

Nov. 29th. Friday today all under control extremely good progress today as for the whole week. People went back to the Villages for their food supplies. Rain again. Went to Mendi for discussion with A. DO

Dec. 2nd. Left Mendi for Nemaret at 1330 hrs. Arrived at 1500hrs, general road work very pleasing, women also doing well.

Dec. 3rd. Women started today on the garden which will be used for the maintenance of future work gangs. Much advice given that the Sweet potatoe will not grow due to height and cold, with which I am inclined to agree.

Dec. 4th. Women still on the garden, general road work going ok. Rain again today.

Dec. 5th. Two P.W.D. road engineers thought from Mailgi today, accompanied them down to Komia, raining heavily all the way.

Dec 6th. Today work stopped in order that I could attend the lectures dealing with the forthcoming House of Assembly Elections, all cargo carried down to Komia and stored. Proceeded by car to Mendi.

Dec 13th. Left Mendi by car for Komia and thence to Nemaret by foot rain again today.

Dec. 14th. Sunday spent in rearranging the camp again.

Dec 15th. All the groups have now finished their own individual sections and are now working together in an attempt to get the remaining section completed before Christmas.

Dec 16th. Great progress today due to the absence of rain, and a special group of forty men have now completed two bridges and have started on the many culverts. Have now finished the climbing section and am on the straight level section which forms the divide, at an altitude of 9,800ft.

Dec 17th. Komia group working extremely well at breaking the stone which is in a large deposit at the Kumbami Creek, this will also be useful at a later date.

Dec 18th. Second of last section of work begun today will be finished before Christmas. Bridges doing well. Rain again today.

Dec. 19th. Final clearing of the road and general tidying up, road has now been completed up to my camp with all bridges and culverts. Rain again today as usual.

Dec. 20th. This morning broke camp at 0700hrs and walked down with all cargo to Komia. Met the D.N.A vehicle and proceeded to Mendi.

CHRISTMAS BREAK.

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Jan 6th. Departed Mendi at 1000 hrs for Komia in order to resume work and to pay the workers for the section already completed. Started payment at 1430hrs there was a fair deal of quibbling over the pay but finally settled spent the night at Komia.

Jan. 7th. Today proceeded to Nemaret by foot heavy rain made it a bit difficult but arrived with cargo and proceeded to make camp, heavy rain.

Jan. 8th. A.D.O. and D.O. arrived today to speak to the people about pay and work in general, D.O. walked to the Minabel Ck. while A.D.O. addressed the group. Heavy rain in afternoon.

Jan 9th Today demonstrated the length of one mile and the pay equivalent to it for the workers benefit. Walked with the group over a previously chained one mile section and then showed them three hundred small sticks which represented the pay equivalent to this section.

Jan 10th. Work as usual today, one bridge completed and the logs pulled for another also two culverts finished. People went back to their villages for food at 1430hrs.

Jan 11th. Began chaining the section from Nemaret to the Kondo Ck so that it can later be sub-divided into suitable working sections

Jan 12th. Today Sunday observed Sabbath at Nemaret, all returned by night

Jan. 13th Today completed two more culverts and a good section of the road. It is proving to be difficult to get these people to put a camber on the road.

Jan 14th. All the creeks and bridges now completed up to the road head Mr. F.E. Haviland arrived today from Mendi for the purpose of compiling data about the clan boundaries for the extent of the road. Rain again Mr. Haviland slept Nemaret.

Jan. 15th. Today accompanied Mr. F.E. Haviland P.O. along the road from the Komia rest house to the Minabel Creek. Compiled a fairly comprehensive chart of the Clan boundaries.

~~Today Mr. Haviland departed~~

Jan 16th. Today Mr. Haviland departed for Mendi. Road work in general going o.k. and road is now starting to get something of a semblance of a camber on it. Rain again.

Jan 17th. Tractor to Mendi today for service also two policemen accompanying. Today pulled the necessary timbers for the bridge over the Waltaga Creek a span of over 50 feet.

Jan 18th. Today spent in general camp duties.

Jan 19th. Sunday today spent resting.

Jan 20th. Today bridge construction and general roadwork, bridge nearly completed. Ekari group sent back to complete a section which they failed to finish satisfactorily in the first instance.

Jan. 21st. Ekari group still completing their section. Bridge finally completed. It is still hard to get them to form the road with a camber. Policeman and Interpreter dispatched to Pirop Village to find a man who it is alleged stole a pig from one of the workers.

Jan 22nd. Today all workers went to the Kondo Creek to retrieve a vehicle which has broken down, owner agreed to pay 3/- per man for the work involved in pulling the vehicle to the road head.

Jan 23rd. Today work as usual without any interruptions, a bit better attempt at a camber made. No rain until after 1600hrs which made things far easier.

Jan. 24th. Very good progress today at last the Ideal of a camber seems to firmly in the workers heads. Received note from A.D.O. requesting my presence at Mendi, proceeded there 1400hrs.

Jan. 28th. Left Mendi by car with Mr. G.A. Speed, had difficulty with the slippery road surface and was forced to walk for the majority of the ascent.

Jan 29th. Today assisted Mr. Speed with his lectures on the House of Assembly elections. Afternoon spent in work supervision

Jan. 30th. Today work again however two deaths of influential men caused a bit of a distraction, as far as work was concerned.

Jan. 31st. All workers left for the mourning ceremonies at 0800 hrs. D.C. D.O. A.D.O. R.W.O. arrived this morning by Helicopter for inspection of the road both here and on the "H.D. side.

Feb 1st. Saturday today spent in investigating possible sand and gravel deposits.

Feb. 2nd. Sunday.

Feb 3rd. Today everyone started work on the approaches to the Waltaga Ck. Once again a mental battle of wits trying to get anything resembling a camber on the road.

Feb. 4th. Once again a bit of trouble with the cambering, however finally succeeded in straightening it out satisfactorily

Feb 5th. Today a small group working to complete the last of the first one mile section. Women spent the day straightening the approaches to the Waltaga bridge.

Feb 6th. Men still working on the road going down to the Waltaga creek all satisfactory. No rain.

Feb 7th. Camp broken and cargo assembled, on the move at 0830hrs arrived Komia 1000hrs. Then proceeded Mendi for the forthcoming elections.

Feb. 14th. Today Friday, left Mendi for Komia rest house, in order to be ready for an early start on Monday.

Feb. 15th, Saturday at Komia.

Feb 16th. Sunday at Komia.

Feb 17th.

Departed Komia for road head and new camp, all stores carried as the road was too slippery for the tractor. Have only the Komia and Birop groups working as the other two groups are involved with the elections. Arrived Kagoba at 1430 hrs and established camp and also the men built their own and their womens houses.

Feb. 18th. Work was very pleasing today no rain and progress was quite considerable. Seems to be a better attitude towards work than there was before. Work finished at 1500hrs in order that the houses could be completed.

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Feb. 19th. Today work began in earnest and a good deal of progress was made. No rain again.

Feb 20th. Today D. C. visited by Helicopter and a good deal of consternation was caused by the 'balus'. No rain and work went ahead.

Feb 21st. Work again much persuasion applied on me to send everyone back to their places at 800hrs on Friday mornings, based on the increased distance; 1 mile further to walk.

Feb 22nd. Saturday today

Feb 23rd. Sunday spent on A. S. O. P. A. assignments.

Karel
Feb 24th. Today all ~~Kumia~~ and Ekari groups arrived from their Villages where they had been voting. They began building their houses immediately and had most of them finished by [redacted].

Feb. 25th. Today one policeman dispatched to Karel and one to Ekari to see what is holding up the rest of the workers from these places. Rain again today.

Feb 26th. Today work went ahead well and the bridge on the Kombani Ck. is now completed. The road is now open $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles past Komia.

Feb 27th. Today logs and abutments placed for the next bridge over the Sugamaga Ck. A good section of road completed.

Feb 28th. Today work began on the second mile section of the road leaving only a small section of $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles to complete.

Feb 29th. Saturday spent with the policemen on camp maintenance.

March 1st Sunday spent resting.

March 2nd. Today work proceeded well all groups given an individual section to complete.

March 3rd. Again all going well, logs for another bridge cut and pulled into position, another garden begun by women.

March 4th. Another lot of logs pulled for another minor creek while road went ahead well.

March 5th. Today a minor dispute between myself and several of the Councillors as to the way that the road should be built, I pointed out that the only person responsible for the construction of the road was myself, finally resolved itself. Rain again.

March 6th. Work still going ahead o.k. there is now a shovel shortage so all the shovels have had to be put in the store after work finishes on Friday.

March 7th. Again Saturday spent on assignments.

March 8th. Sunday spent resting and on assignments.

March 9th. A good turn up again, everyone still determined not to work past the Kondo Ck. But it may be possible at some later date to persuade them otherwise.

March 10th. Work o.k., a conference with the Councillors from Komia and Birop, persuaded them to complete the road to a point $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way between the Kondo and the Minabel Ck.

March 11th. Today walked over the section in dispute as above and placed a mark to everyone's satisfaction.

March 12th. Visit today by two P.W.D. officers a few helpful comments on the road and its construction, only a few small bridges and a little section of road to complete now.

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March 13th. Today a heavy mist making conditions difficult, however managed to put the logs for the Kagoba Ck into position

March 14th. Saturday today also a heavy mist.

March 15th. Sunday all returned on time.

March 16th. Monday today constructed the abutments for the Kondo ck. a very wide bridge made the abutments so as to shorten the overall span in all satisfactory.

March 17th. Completed the abutments today heavy rain again, the workers on the Kondo and Minabel section going extremely well indeed

March 18th. Wednesday again the women working on the abutments of the Kondo ck. filling up the area with stone.

March 19th. Work o.k. again today abutments all most full and no sign of weakening.

March 20th. Today the workers of the Birop and Komia groups decided to stop the weekend and complete their section in an effort to finish the job at the same time as the other two groups which are also very close to completion.

March 21st. Saturday today, work going ahead well, with the Birop and Komia groups, purchased Sweet Potatoe and other vegetables from a group of Tambul people, this food to be given to the two groups who spent the weekend working.

March 22nd. Sunday today, work again put us within striking distance of the finish for tomorrow if there is no rain. People from Karel and Ekari arrived back o.k.

March 23rd. Monday today an all out attempt to finish, Komia and Birop groups completed their section about 1600hrs. The Karel and Ekari's finished at 1700hrs road now open to the Minabel ck. completed by this patrol, 600-1000 yds short of the Minabel.

March 24th. 0800hrs camp broken and proceeded to Komia by foot waited for the Sub-District Office car to arrive and told the people of the fine job they had done, Car arrived at 1030 hrs proceeded to Mendi; 1500hrs Patrol stood down.

PATROL DIARY ENDS.

ROADS and BRIDGES:

Previous to this Patrol there was no effective road link between Mendi and any other District Headquarters, consequently supplies of all types had to be brought in by air and all the vehicles which are now in Mendi were pulled over a rough track by paid labour, this was a far from satisfactory arrangement due to the difficulty at times in obtaining labour. The purpose of this Patrol then was to construct a trafficable road between Mendi and the W.H.D. border.

The road leaves Komia and travels in a N.W. direction along a fairly level stretch of ground for a distance of 3 1/4 miles, then it begins to ascend from 7000ft until it reaches its highest point of 9,800ft at Nemaret which is a further 3 miles from the start of the ascent.

As can be imagined the grading of this section proved to be a rather difficult job as it was necessary to ensure that there was not too big a rise on any one of the corners and the number of corners, due to the narrowness of the spur up which the road travels, is quite considerable. The soil types have and will continue to play an important part in the amount and type of traffic that can use road in any given period. In the majority of cases, after the top-soil has been removed a fairly strong surface can be formed, however in some places there are deposits of heavy black loam which will prove to be troublesome both now and when the stone surface is laid.

Over the total distance of the road there were 9 major bridges with an average span of 40 ft and 6 earth and timber culverts also 27 minor culverts over cross drains used to clear the water away from the edges of the road. All the major bridges were decked with split-sawn planks and nailed with 9" spikes. The planks were bought from local sawyers at a rate of 30/- per hundred superfeet. I expect these bridges to last a minimum of five years without any damaging deterioration. The approximate cost of constructing a forty foot bridge under these conditions and when transport and other costs are considered is around the £45 mark. The earth culverts built over the smaller streams which run through wide gutters, will last as long if not longer than the larger bridges.

The road for its entire length has an average width of 23 feet from gutter to gutter. The last four and a half miles past Komia are cambered, however the first section which climbs so steeply is a level bench. This is due both to the width and to the grades which together would make a camber almost ineffective. Drains have been dug on both sides of the road for its entire length and at regular intervals cross drains have been cut in order that the water could be effectively cleared from the road edge.

The labour for this job was drawn from the Birop, Komia, Karel, Ekari and Angamanda groups. These people comprised the younger 1/3 of the total population of their own individual groups and when combined into a solid work force they numbered 327, this includes the young unmarried females who worked on the construction of two gardens and several other smaller jobs.

The labourers supplied their own food, going from work on the Friday afternoon to their villages where they collected a weeks supply of Sweet Potatoe, and returned on the Sunday afternoon. During the week they lived in houses that they themselves constructed in two central spots (Nemaret & Kagoba), these houses are still standing and will be of use for further maintenance.

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At the beginning of the work the people were supplied with, 750 shovels, 15 crowbars, 25 picks and 300 feet of steel cable, on conclusion of the job these tools were distributed (see Relative Village Books) amongst the groups for further maintenance

The D.N.A. tractor began carrying the stone necessary for the surfacing of the road and succeeded in completing 1 1/2 miles, this stone was carried from the Komia Ck. which has an almost unlimited supply, and should prove useful in future work. There was also a light John Deere bulldozer lent by P.W.D. this was used for pulling some of the timber bearers necessary for the bridges and also on some light earthworks.

The total cost of labour for this job was £2475, being distributed between the five groups previously mentioned. These five groups worked fairly consistently for three and a half months and I feel that in the future when it is decided to surface the road that it should be undertaken by labour drawn from the following groups, Abua, Nen, Kelta, Dimifa, Sol and Waparaga. As these groups will benefit from it as much as anyone.

During the construction of the road there was a dispute as to the end of the Mendi section and the start of the W.H.D. portion. The Mendi section, so the people stated finished at the Kondo Ck. however on further investigation I found that the land between the Kondo and the Minabel Cks (which is held to be the District boundary) is owned by four groups, two from Tambul and two from Mendi, under these circumstances I thought it better to compromise and to put a mark in the middle of this section and to make the road up to this point.

On the last weekend ~~the last weekend~~ of the Patrol the people decided to work both Saturday and Sunday in order to complete the job before Easter. During these two days Sweet Potatoe was purchased from the Tambul people by myself and issued to the labourers from Komia and Birop.

It would be advisable, to wait for at least three months before putting any heavy traffic over the road, or before work is begun on surfacing it with stone this period would see the now loose soil settled to a fair degree of firmness. In all it was a very good effort on the part of both the workers and their respective councillors. Councillors Pondo of Komia and Ku of Sa ara are to be especially commended on their work.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Native Affairs situation in this Census Division is in most respects quite satisfactory. The area is within the boundaries of the Upper Mendi Local Government Council and as such it is necessary for purposes of administration to work through the elected councillors. These gentlemen, the majority of whom are past Village Constables have realized the change in their position and rank, they know that they cannot be given a direct order, but have to be asked whether they will do a thing, or if it would suit them to do it whereas previously the as Village Policemen they were bound to do some things which they did not like. Not realizing exactly what the Officer has in mind they often do the opposite to what they have been asked with sometimes frustrating results.

The Councillors are very often the headmen of their groups and hold quite a deal of influence with the people and can therefore be of great assistance and also a great help to the Village itself. This also backfires, the Councillors enjoy their position and realise that if they do not do as the majority wishes then they may not be reelected in a future election, and so they win the peoples favour (in some cases) not by good work, but by protecting ~~the~~ in various ways from the Government and its legal purposes once again this is extremely frustrating. I have had several Councillors say to me, "We agree with your ideas and policy, but if we carry them out and make everyone do so then we will not be ~~re~~ elected next time"

It is pleasing to see that money has become a major form of currency, I would not as yet say that it has outstripped the traditional M.O.P. shell, but it does rank equal with it. Money is recognised as the means by which one gains most of the Government's wealth. M.O.P. shell is used only for the traditional transactions of a mans everyday life. This is not only pleasing, but also rather difficult at times, these people are 'money hungry' they are beginning to demand rather exorbitant prices for almost worthless things, eg; 5/- for a small bundle of watercress.

It is disappointing from both the Government's and the ~~people~~ people's, to see that the old animosity and fears are still present although hidden under a heavy layer of good intentions. One prominent Councillor expressed it very clearly when he said, "When the local Government Council was instituted we expected all the old fights to finish, but they are still here and now I am afraid to go to Bela" I might add that this man was a very prominent fight leader years ago and not the type to scare easily

There are several minor disputes based on the supposed poisoning of influential men of one group by a second rival Clan, how these people decide that one has been poisoned and by what group is beyond me. Based on this there were several minor incidents resulting in a few scratches, over the duration of the Patrol

Generally speaking there were quite a few disputes brought to me for arbitration during the patrol the majority of these concerned the ownership of Pandanus trees and also marital trouble the more serious disputes were forwarded to a more senior officer in the Sub-District office if they warranted court action

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Land Disputes:

Are fairly numerous in this area, as usual advantage is being taken of the arbitrary method of deciding these issues, in times long gone by one group would not challenge another's right to land unless it felt sufficiently strong enough to succeed.

Now however realising that a weaker side may often defeat a stronger one in a court, more and more previously settled matters are coming to the surface and hence the increase in the number of disputes. None of these disputes are as yet in the arms stage, and it does not appear likely that this will ever be the result.

Agriculture:

Due to the position of the area patrolled which is for the most part uninhabited, I had no chance to inspect any gardens or other agricultural attempts. However I did plant a Sweet Potatoe garden at one of the places where the Patrol camped. This garden is at an altitude of 9,800ft and as such is subjected to some very low temperatures. It will be interesting to note how these plants act to this temperature and altitude.

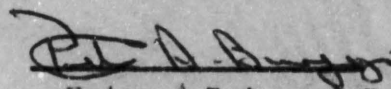
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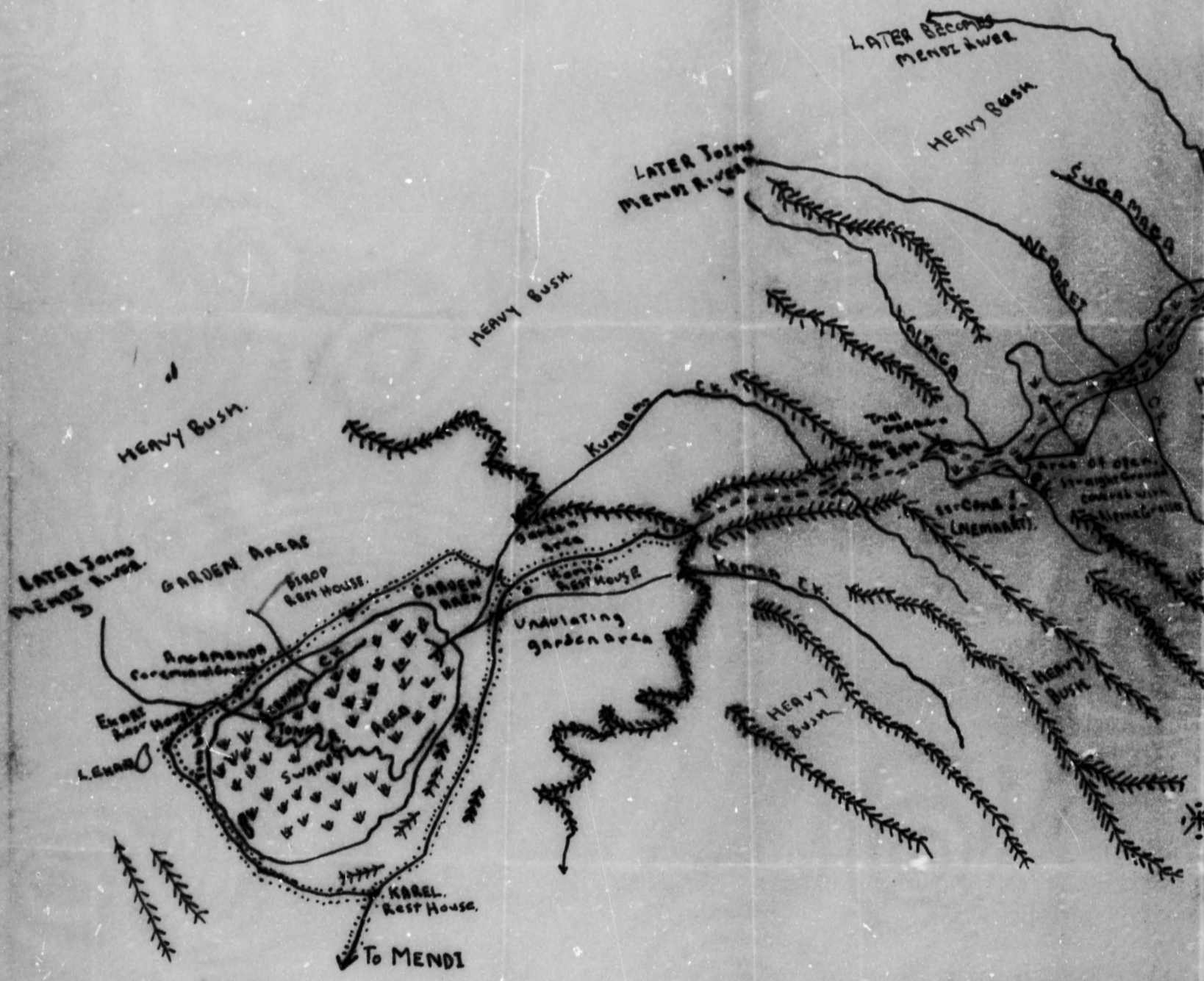
Over the duration of the Patrol I saw no contagious sickness, there were the usual cuts and scratches and for this purpose a Native Aid Post orderly accompanied. The attitude of these people to the Doctor Boy is very pleasing. The orderly Kandep-Pon is to be commended on his ability and willingness to work

Forestry: The patrol which covered the slopes of Mt. Giluwe, was naturally very close to some of the previously inaccessible timber stands on these slopes. I noted several very extensive stands of timber presumably of the Pinus variety. These stands occur close to the road and will no doubt be of future economical advantage to their owners.

Conclusion:

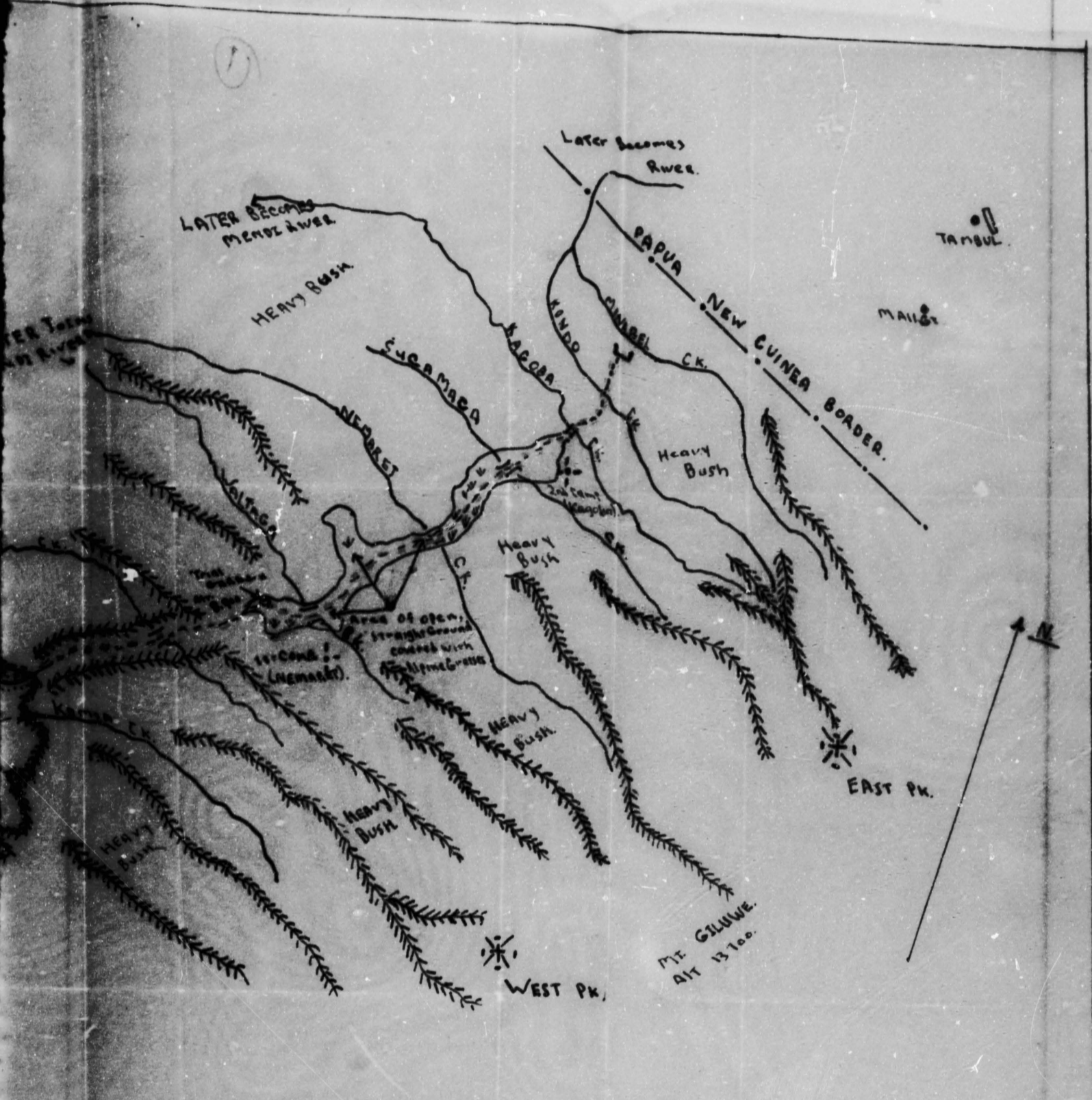
The completion of this road will no doubt provide greater external communication between this and other districts and as before mentioned make available quite extensive timber stands for future use. The Native Affairs situation seems to be quite stable and the people although determined to get as much out of the government as possible show a marked friendliness towards the Administration and its aims.


Peter A Briggs C.P.O.



SKETCH MAP. MENDI PATROL 14-63/66.
 MENDI - TAMBUL ROAD.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPT. NATIVE AFFAIRS
15 JAN 1964
MENDI
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

PATROL REPORT

MENDI

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 18-63/64

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

Area Patrolled Undiri (part): Lai Valley (part).

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans F.E. Haviland Patrol Officer Gd. 2.
R.P.&N.G.C.-8 PHD-1
Natives Interpreter-1 Drivers-2

Duration—From 14/11/1963 to 21/12/1963

Number of Days 31

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services August/1963

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

Map Reference Sketch map attached

Objects of Patrol 1. Electoral Education Program 2. Advise on Road and Bridge Work 3. Land Investigation Reports 4. General Administration.

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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Map at
Archives*

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5th March, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
NEEDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 18-61/64 - NEEDI:

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. It was extremely wise to have polling booth shelters erected in the area, particularly as they can be used at a later date as shelters for other purposes.
3. The main objective of the patrol was successfully completed and the general work of the patrol seems to have been very satisfactory. Mr. McQuilty has performed a good exercise.

(Signature)
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

23rd January, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 13 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 15th inst.

Mr. McQuilty has worked hard and conscientiously and this, his first Report, is quite well written.

Progress on the Lai Valley road is very pleasing and although the 26 miles is only a bench cut, it is trafficable by four wheel drive vehicles. The road (bench cut) extends the entire length of the Lai but no bridges exist between TUNIA and SORA. Very little work is needed to link it with the vehicular road which runs out of KANDEP, however, the District Commissioner has issued instructions that no further expenditure is to be incurred. Thus until funds become available to pay for past work, this road must stagnate unless the people are prepared to work voluntarily.

The Polling Booths being erected are approximately 40' x 30' and after the elections it is my intention to equip patrols with 100 watt generator and 16mm projector and during the Patrol's visit, educational films can be shown to the villagers. From the Chief Electoral Officer, I have obtained £500. 0. 0. and the 50 Polling Booths are being erected at a cost of £10. 0. 0. each.

From personal observation, Mr. McQuilty is developing very well and has the makings of a first class field officer.

(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

Minute to:

Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded for your information please.

(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea

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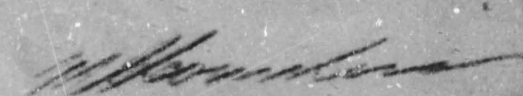
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14th January, 1964.

The District Officer,
District Office,
Mendi.

MENDI PATROL No. 18 of 1963-64

In view of Mr. Elakie's expected
absence of two weeks, I am forwarding Mr. McQuilty's
Report to you so as to prevent undue delay.


for E. ELAKIE
Assistant District Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Sub-District Office,
MENDI. S.H.D.

31st. December, 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Officer
MENDI S.H.D.

MENDI PATROL No. 18 -1963/64

Patrol conducted by : N.C.McQuilty Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area patrolled : Undiri(part):Lai Valley(part).
Accompanied by ; Europeans -F.E.Haviland P.O.2.
Natives- R.P.&N.G.C.-8
Interpreter -1
Drivers -2
PHD =1
Duration : 14/11/63 to 21/12/63
Number of days : 31
Did Medasst. accompany? : No
Last patrol : DNA August 1963
Map reference : Map attached
Objects : Electoral Education Program.
Advise on Road and Bridge Work.
Land Investigation Reports.
General Administration.

N. C. McQuilty
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N.C.McQuilty C.P.O.

MENDI PATROL No. 18 -1963/64

Introduction:

This is my first patrol since my appointment as a Cadet Patrol Officer.

The objects of this patrol were, Electoral Education Program, Advise on Road and Bridge Work, Conduct Land Investigation Reports and General Administration.

Please refer to instructions for MENDI Patrol No. 15-63/64 carried out by F.E.Haviland P.O.2. who I accompanied.

Patrol Diary:

Tuesday 14th November, 1963.

1015 Left MENDI in Land Rover - cargo on tractor.
1430 Arrived PUMI rest house.
1500 Listened, with F.Haviland, to people's complaints.

Friday 15th November, 1963.

0825 Left PUMI after waiting for PUMI line to arrive-nailed bridges from PUMI up LAI VALLEY.
1220 Lunch on road- continued nailing bridges - 16 finished.

Saturday 16th November, 1963.

No work because of a Sing-Sing.

Sunday 17th November, 1963.

Observed.
Visit by Mr. A.C.Jefferies D.O.

Monday 18th November, 1963.

12 bridges finished in day.

Tuesday 19th November, 1963.

24 bridges finished - road open for 7 miles from PUMI rest house.
1410 Visit by Mr.A.C.Jefferies D.O.

Wednesday 20th November, 1963.

0750 Inspected PUMI line stoning road.
1200 Lunch
Moved to PINJ rest house.

Thursday 21st November, 1963.

0810 F.E.Haviland gave a talk, to PINJ line, on the House of Assembly Elections.
Rest of day spent bridge and road work. 6 bridges finished.

Friday 22nd November, 1963.

Road and bridge work. - 12 bridges finished.
1215 F.E.Haviland left for MENDI.

Saturday 23rd November, 1963.

Road and bridge work with KAMB and TUGUP lines - 20 bridges finished.
1005 F.E.Haviland returned from MENDI.

Sunday 24th November, 1963.

Moved from PINJ to TUGUP rest house.
Visit by Mr A.C.Jefferies D.O. - walked to KIP to see if bridge could be built over LAI River.

Monday 25th November, 1963.

F.E.Haviland gave a talk ,to TUGUP line, on House of Assembly Elections.
 1000 Did initial survey of TUGUP Methodist Mission.
 1410 Lunch at Mission.
 1440 Returned to rest house - continual rain - work ceased.

Tuesday 26th November, 1963.

0830 F.E.Haviland collected information for CI 235 for M.O.M. lease TUGUP.
 1000 Inspection of road and bridge work by TUGUP and KAMB lines.
 1430 Mr.W.Reed P.O.and friend arrived on way to KIP.

Wednesday 27th November, 1963.

0830 Inspected TUMIA line.
 1230 Inspected bridges to PINJ rest house.

Thursday 28th November 1963.

Walked to HOMAIP to see how much road to be cut.
 No work on road because of Sing Sing.
 1410 Mr.A.C.Jefferies D.O. arrived with two photographers.

Friday 29th November, 1963.

Drove D.O.'s Land Rover to MENDI.

Saturday 30th November, 1963.

Spent in MENDI.

Sunday 1st December, 1963.

1420 Returned to TUGUP with F.E.Haviland.

Monday 2nd December, 1963.

Left, in Land Rover ,for PUMI giving instructions on the way to fixing the approaches to the bridges.

Tuesday 3rd December, 1963.

Same as last day.

Wednesday 4th December, 1963.

Moved from TUGUP to TUMIA rest house.
 Inspected road work by TUMIA line.

Thursday 5th December, 1963.

Proceeded to KIP -F.E.Haviland gave a talk on the House of Assembly Elections.
 Did the initial survey of the KIP M.O.M. lease.

Friday 6th December, 1963.

Did the CI 235 for the KIP M.O.M. lease.
 Spent rest of day inspecting TUMIA line working.

Saturday 7th December, 1963.

Inspected road work by TUMIA line.
 1330 Visit by Mr.A.C.Jefferies D.O., Miss M.Higman, and Miss W.Smith.
 1815 Returned to rest house.

Sunday 8th December, 1963.

Patrol returned to MENDI.

The next week ,9/12/63 to 14/12/63, was spent in MENDI attending a course on the House of Assembly Elections 1964.

Sunday 15th December, 1963.

0900 Tractor left MENDI with cargo.
1405 Tractor had puncture - took spare wheel from transport and fixed tractor - returned U/S wheel to MENDI - stayed night in MENDI.

Monday 16th December, 1963.

0835 Left MENDI in Land Rover for PINJ.
1000 Arrived PINJ.
Rest of day spent investigating a riot between ESKAMPS and MILS over a piece of land, IEBI.
27 people convicted of riotous behaviour.

Tuesday 17th December, 1963.

Moved to TUMIA rest house.
Spent rest of day inspecting road and bridge work by TUMIA line.

Wednesday 18th December, 1963.

Day spent advising on road and bridge work.

Thursday 19th December, 1963.

Spent day erecting a Polling Shelter at KIP.

Friday 20th December, 1963.

Again gave advice on erection of Polling Shelter at KIP.

Saturday 21st December, 1963.

Tractor again punctured - F.E.Haviland drove Land Rover to MENDI and brought another wheel to TUMIA.
Both tractor and Land Rover proceeded to MENDI.

Native Affairs:

In general native affairs were fairly good, and the people seem very keen to bring their troubles to the Patrol Officer. Any complaints that were brought forward were dealt with by Mr. F. E. Haviland, Magistrate for Native Matters.

In all cases the people seemed to be glad to see the patrol and co-operated with the patrol in all ways.

On Friday 13/12/63 there was a riot between ESKAMP and MIL groups over a piece of land (IEBI), that is before the Native Lands Commission. The following is the history of the land, IEBI, gathered from the investigation following the riot:

1. Back in the 'dark ages' PAGON of MIL died and the ESKAMPS were accused of sorcery. PALANK, headman of MIL, killed PONALT of ESKAMP as pay back for the death of PAGON.
2. PAGULAM, headman of ESKAMP, declared war on MIL. The ESKAMPS cleared all the MILS off the land, IEBI, and claimed the land for themselves. PAGULAM claims they burnt all of the old Pandanus and that they planted new ones.
3. MIL's claim they offered compensation to the ESKAMPS but their offer was rejected. PAGULAM says (during the investigation) that he used PONALT's death as an excuse to get the land, IEBI. He said he could not care less about PONALT's death but that he used it to get the land, IEBI.

The position as it stands now:

ESKAMP's claim the land as their conquest.
MIL's claim the ~~land~~ land is theirs stolen by the
ESKAMPS

As a result of the investigation 27 people were convicted of riotous behaviour and assault.

The people have been asked to abide by the advice given to them by Mr. P. Barber P.O. and to await the decision of the Native Lands Commission.

These people seem very keen to build the road and finish it very quickly. The main reason for this seem to be because of the expected economic development mentioned under Roads and Bridges.

These people have seen that all the other bridges on other roads around MENDI have been paid for with M.O.P. shells. Because of the shortage of this shell it is taking a lot of explaining to get these people to understand there are no shells left. They say they are prepared to wait until there are sufficient shells found but they do not understand that there probably will never be sufficient.

The Village Constable from PINJ approached the patrol and said he would like to build a 'half way house' at PINJ so that anyone using the road could stop there at night time. This is a good site for a house for this purpose because it is 2 hrs. drive and 4 hrs. walk to MENDI. The Village Constable was told he could build this house after the road and bridges on his mark where up to standard.

Roads and Bridges:

A general pattern of road and bridge work is covered in the Patrol Diary.

A great deal of advice and instruction was given on bridge work. The bridges had been built by Mr. C. Sanderson P.O. but the decking on the bridges had not been finished because he had had no nails. This was done on this patrol. Stones and gravel were put on the approaches to the bridges so there is no space between the bridge decking and the road surface. Pieces of timber were secured along both sides of the bridges to stop any slipping when driving over them in wet weather.

Since the last patrol was in this area the road bench has been finished from PUMI, up the Lai Valley, to TUMIA. The road is now trafficable, in wet or dry periods, from MEEDI to TUMIA, a distance of 26 miles. This has shown that these people can work on their own quite well. Some corners and hills on this section had to be cut again because these sections were untrafficable.

The tractor and trailer on the patrol were used for carrying stones and gravel which were used on hills and the approaches to the bridges. The time the patrol was in this area did not allow the tractor to stone the road completely.

The people are very keen to finish the road so a tractor can come along the road and buy their sweet potatoes and European vegetables. They seem to think when this happens there will be a complete economic change.

Electoral Education Program:

Talks on the House of Assembly Elections to be held in 1964 were given by Mr. F. E. Haviland P.O. at PUMI, PINJ, TUGUP, KAMB, KIP and TUMIA. This is the first elections for these people and I find they are taking a great interest in these talks and are asking questions.

Shelters are being built, at the Polling Centres, to act as Polling shelters during the Elections. The people are also taking a great interest in these buildings when they were told they can be used for a court house, census taking, talking to the Patrol Officer and also for showing pictures if the portable projector is taken on patrol to these shelters.

PONT, a native of NIPA, a prospective candidate for the elections, accompanied the patrol for the first few weeks. He gave several talks to the people and here again there was a good response. The people asked many questions, all of which PONT seemed capable of answering.

Village Officials:

The Village Constables seem to be doing a reasonable job especially when the patrol was in the area. I have a feeling that several Village Constables are entirely different people when there are no patrols present but I have no good reason to back this up.

The Village Constable from ENDOWA, ONARAP, has joined the Highland Labour Scheme and TOBIRI has been appointed his successor. The appropriate form has been filled in and dealt with.

Health and Hygiene:

Native Medical Orderly, PIM, accompanied the patrol and saw to any in each group that needed treatment.

It was noted that they came forward readily for treatment but seem to think that if they are sent to the hospital at MENDI they will die. It was explained to them that they were sent to the hospital for treatment and not because they were going to die.

There were several minor injuries treated but in general health in this area is fair. One male native was brought to the hospital at MENDI for treatment of a cut on the foot. The injury was received as the result of an accident.

Education and Missions:

There are no Government schools in this area. The Methodist Overseas Mission has establishments at TUGUP and KIP. The Catholic Mission has establishments at PINJ and between PINJ and TUGUP. These establishments, in both cases, are not schools but more like Bible classes or pre-schools. From these the children learn Pidgin-English, learn to count and are taught Christianity. If some children show promise they are sent to the mission headquarters in MENDI. Here they are educated to a much higher degree.

Housing and Sanitation:

Housing and pit latrines were not inspected because all the people are working on the road full time. It can be seen from past reports that the people in this area look after their housing and that they use pit latrines to a fair degree.

Highland Labour Scheme:

Seven recruits from KAMB approached me and said they would like to join the Highland Labour Scheme. They did not wish to join at this time but early in the New Year (1964). They were told to come to MENDI when they wished to join and they would be looked after.

Land Investigations:

There were two CI 235 investigations done. Both of these were for the Methodist Overseas Mission applications.- one was at TUGUP and the other was at KIP. Both groups were willing to sell ground.

For further information see files 35-3-15 of 10/12/63 and 35-3-26 of 13/12/63.

Agriculture and Livestock:

These people grow the usual native vegetables plus introduced European vegetables. The native foods grown are sweet potatoes pit pit, pandanus, bananas and pineapples. The European vegetables grown are cabbages, tomatoes, potatoes, carrots and some spinach.

The live stock in this area consists of native pigs and some fowls, mostly found on mission establishments.

The experimental coffee plots in this area seem to be clean and looked after. It was noted that the coffee at PINJ was very poor and that the leaves were all yellow. The District Agriculture Officer was approached on this matter and he informed me that two reasons could affect the coffee in this way. He also informed me that he would inspect this coffee early in the New Year (1964).

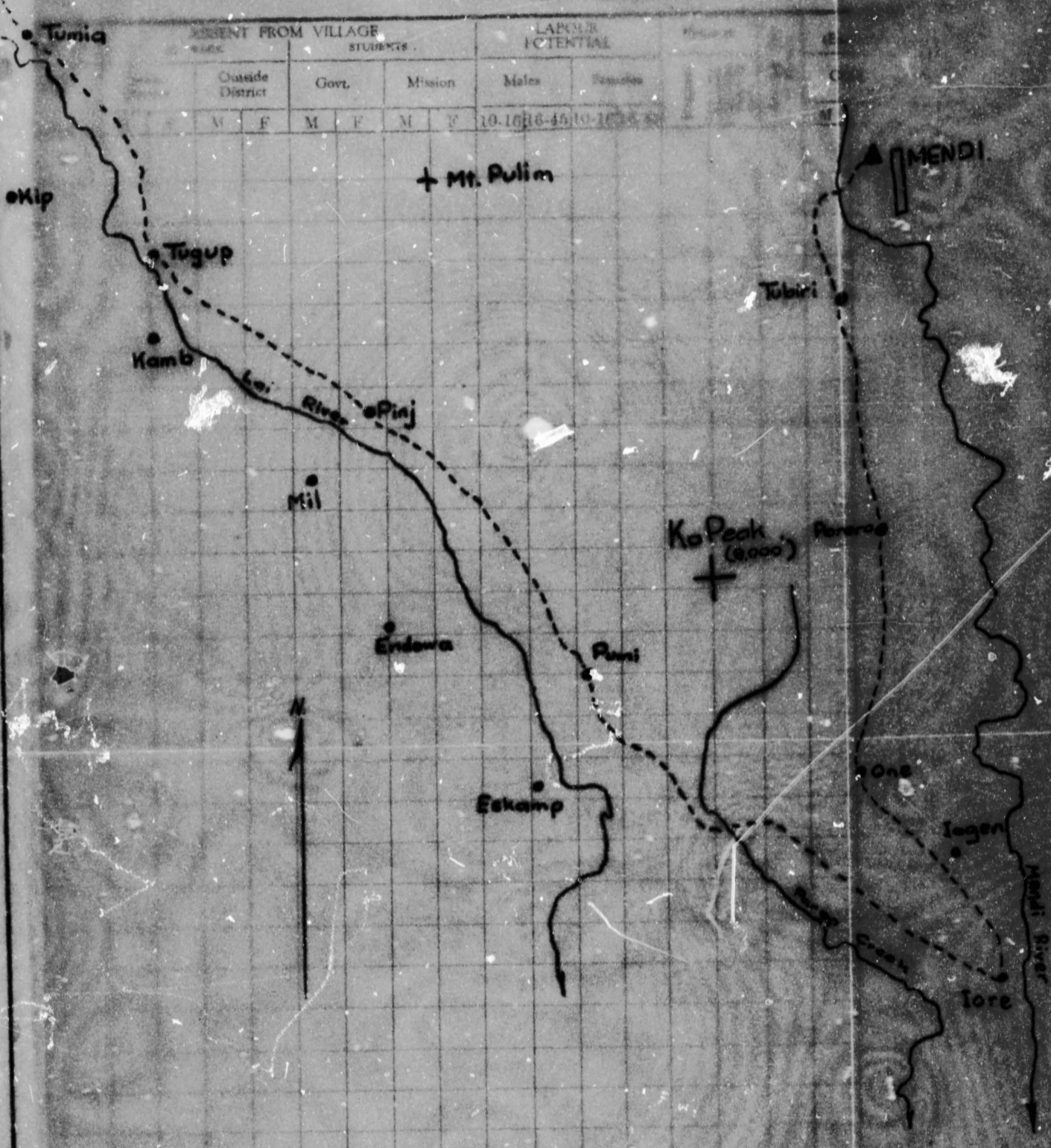
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Register

Area Parcelled

PRESENT FROM VILLAGE				LAPSE POTENTIAL	
Outside District		Govt.		Mission	
M	F	M	F	M	F
				10-15	16-45



PATROL REPORT 18-63/64

Scale: 3" = 1.25 miles

Key:

- River
- - - Road
- Sing Sing Ground



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS..... Report No.....MENDI 19-63/64.....

Patrol Conducted by.....G. A. SPEED..... CADET PATROL OFFICER.....

Area Patrolled.....UPPER MENDI AND KARINT CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL.....

Natives.....INTERPRETERS - 2.....

Duration—From 13./12./1963 to 30./1./1964..

Number of Days.....22.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services—.../9.../1963...

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol On verbal instruction to instruct the people of this area on the coming House of Assembly Election procedures.

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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Southern Highlands District
11th March 1964

Southern Highlands District
District Office

11th March, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
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PATROL REPORT NO. 12-31/64 - BENDI

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

I agree that it is necessary to give sufficient warning to the people so that they can make necessary preparation to attend meetings.

The intrusion of traditional controls is a factor in all councils and will be only overcome when we are in a position to offer the people further material and educational benefits more readily.

I am most gratified with the response to polling. You are to be congratulated on the prompt action taken in the recorded matter.

A good report.

(J.E. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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AGJ:BP.

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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

25th February, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 19 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 14th February, 1964.

The possible reason for the poor attendance at some of the meetings could be that insufficient warning was given the people concerning the patrol's movements. In the Mendi Valley area at least four days warning should be given if full attendances at meetings are required.

Concerning the influence of Councillors, this was the subject of discussion between Messrs. Speed, Fowler and myself immediately prior to the last Council meeting. I suggested that the Council was losing the interests of the people because of the fact that the elders of the various groups still retained control of the traditional wealth, i.e. pigs and Mother of Pearl Shell and the elders were telling the people that as the Councillors were nearly all relatively young men they could not exercise authority.

Mr. Speed appears to agree with me and therefore you should take all necessary steps to have the Council pass various Rules which will have the effect of boosting the Council's position.

The response to Felling has to date been excellent at the Booth situated in the Council area, thus indicating (a) the people's interest and (b) the effectiveness of the Education programme.

Cheque for Stamping Allowance will be forwarded direct by the District Finance Officer, Mount Hagen.

(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

Minute to:
Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

THURSDAY, 12th DECEMBER, 1963.

Sub-District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

10th February, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI. SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

1300 hours. MENDI PATROL NO. 19 - 63/64. 1500 hours.

SUNDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1963.

Patrol Conducted by: G. A. Speed, Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled: Karint and Upper Mendi Census Division.

Accompanied by: Europeans: NIL.
Natives: Interpreters, 2.

Durations: From 13.12.63 to 19.12.63. 1545 hours.
From 7.1.64 to 10.1.64.
From 14.1.64 to 15.1.64
From 20.1.64 to 25.1.64
From 28.1.64 to 30.1.64

Number of Days: 22

Did Medical Assistant accompany: NO.

Last Patrol into the Area: D. N. A. September, 1963.

Object of Patrol: On verbal instruction, to instruct the people of the two census divisions on House of Assembly Election procedures and to organise the construction of polling booths in the area.

FRIDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1963.

G. A. Speed
(G. A. Speed.)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

1100 hours. Departed MENDI, arriving KARINT 1215 hours. Instructed the KARINT groups in House of Assembly election procedures.

1400 hours. Departed KARINT arriving WAP 1510 hours. Carped WAP.

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MENDI PATROL NO. 19 -63/64.

PATROL DIARY.

FRIDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1963.

0900 hours. Departed Mendi and proceeded to WAS. Instructed the WAS, KAMBIREP and SEGIP Groups in House of Assembly election procedure. Proceeded to BELA. Instructed the BELA and HIBP Groups in House of Assembly election procedure. Camped BELA.

SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1963.

0830 hours. Departed BELA, 1030 hours arrived MULIM. Instructed the MULIM Groups in House of Assembly election procedure.

1300 hours. Departed MULIM arriving SEMP 1500 hours. Camped SEMP.

SUNDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1963.

Instructed the SEMP Groups in House of Assembly election procedure.

1030 hours. Departed SEMP arriving PINGIRIP 1200 hours. Instructed the PINGIRIP Groups in House of Assembly election procedure.

1545 hours. Departed PINGIRIP, arriving PEMBI 1545 hours. Camped PEMBI.

MONDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 1963.

Instructed the PEMBI Groups on the House of Assembly election procedures. Marked out the site for a polling booth to be erected at PEMBI.

1000 hours. Departed PEMBI, arriving PEISURIM 1100 hours. Instructed the PEISURIM Groups in the House of Assembly election procedure.

1230 hours. Departed PEISURIM, arriving TULUM 1400 hours. Heard and settled some minor disputes. Camped TULUM.

TUESDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1963.

Instructed the TULUM and HUM Groups in house of Assembly election procedure.

1100 hours. Departed TULUM, arriving WOMBIP 1215 hours. Instructed the WOMBIP and HUMBURA Groups in House of Assembly election procedure.

1400 hours. Departed WOMBIP arriving MAP 1510 hours. Camped MAP.

WEDNESDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 1963.

Instructed the MAP Groups in House of Assembly election procedure.

1100 hours.

Departed MAP. 1200 hours heard a minor dispute over repayment of loan at WAS. 1245 hours proceeded to BELA. 1400 hours departed BELA and proceeded to the MENDI RIVER to investigate a reported murder. 1435 hours arrived at scene of crime and together with Mr. Jefferies (from Mendi) inspected the body. 1500 hours. Mr. Jefferies returned to Mendi with the body. I returned to BELA. Camped BELA.

THURSDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 1963.

0800 hours.

Proceeded to Mendi with the witnesses in the murder case, for a preliminary hearing of the case.

TUESDAY, 7th JANUARY, 1964.

1100 hours.

Departed Mendi and proceeded to ABUA. General discussion with the people of ABUA, and marked out the site for a polling booth. Camped ABUA. ✓

WEDNESDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1964.

Instructed the ABUA Groups in House of Assembly election procedures.

1300 hours

Proceeded to NEN. Camped NEN.

THURSDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1964.

Instructed the NEN and KELTA Groups in House of Assembly election procedure.

1315 hours.

Proceeded to SOL. Camped SOL.

FRIDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1964.

Instructed the SOL Groups in House of Assembly election procedures.

1100 hours.

Proceeded to WAPARAGA. Instructed the WAPARAGA and KAMBAL Groups in House of Assembly election procedure.

1300 hours.

Proceeded to DIMIPA arriving 1630 hours.

1830 hours.

Proceeded to MENDI.

TUESDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1964.

0900 hours.

Proceeded to DIMIPA. Instructed the DIMIPA Groups in House of Assembly election procedure. Proceeded to PUINS. Camped PUINS.

WEDNESDAY, 15th JANUARY, 1964.

Instructed the PUINS Groups in House of Assembly

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election procedure.

1200 hours. Proceeded to WAS. Carried out a OI.235 Investigation on the land proposed to be leased to COECON LTD. at WAS. Returned to MENDI.

MONDAY, 20th January, 1964.

Morning, prepared patrol gear.

1530 hours. Departed MENDI and proceeded to KLAGEG. Camped KLAGEG.

TUESDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1964.

Instructed the KLAREG Groups on House of Assembly election procedures.

1300 Hours. Proceeded to EGARI. Rain during the afternoon. Camped EGARI.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1964.

Instructed the EGARI Groups in House of Assembly election procedure.

1300 hours Proceeded to BIROP. Rain during the afternoon. Camped BIROP.

THURSDAY, 23rd JANUARY, 1964.

Instructed the BIROP Groups in House of Assembly election procedure.

1400 hours Proceeded to KOMIA. Camped KOMIA.

FRIDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1964.

General discussion with the people and some minor disputes heard and settled at KOMIA.

SATURDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1964.

Instructed the KOMIA Groups in House of Assembly election procedure.

1330 hours. Proceeded to MENDI.

TUESDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1964.

Proceeded to NEMAREP (Mendi - Mount Hagen Road) in company with Mr. P. A. Briggs, C.P.O. Camped NEMAREP.

WEDNESDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1964.

Instructed the labour line, working on the Mendi Mount Hagen Road, in House of Assembly election procedures. Camped NEMAREP.

THURSDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1964.

Proceeded to KOMIA arriving at 1200 hours. Awaited transport back to MENDI. Arrived MENDI 1700 hours.

MENDI PATROL HQ. 19 - 63/64 HAVING BEEN COMPLETED.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

A. GENERAL.

The primary object of this patrol was the education of the native people in all aspects of the coming House of Assembly. The main points being voting procedure and the functions of the House of Assembly.

The attendance of the people to these meetings was far from being 100%. In fact the attendance of some groups was most disappointing. I think the poor attendances can be attributed to the fact that there was no role call at any of the meetings. This would then lead one to believe that there was a lack of interest in the coming elections. However, from my observations I would say that there is considerable interest being shown in the elections. The retarding factor is the lack of appreciation of the importance of the formation of the House of Assembly.

Mock-elections were held and it became evident that the people have quite a firm grasp of the actual voting procedure.

There is a certain amount of unrest in this area at the moment, stemming mainly from the murder which took place on the 18th December, 1963. This unrest is evident by the fact that the people of the area will not walk far from their own group by themselves and by the increasing number of bows and arrows that are being carried. I think, though, that with a firm hand and a watchful eye nothing will develop.

B. VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

This area is in fact the Upper Mendi Local Government Council. Therefore, the only officials found in the area are the Councillors. The Councillors don't seem to have the respect they should have from the people. The majority of the Councillors are all young men and as the strongest influence in the area still comes from the older generation of the traditional leaders etc. it's not surprising that the progressive ideas of the Councillors are somewhat dampened and suppressed by the people. Most of the young people in the area are in favour of following the Councillors but do not feel able to do so against the opposition of the elders.

C. ROADS.

The roads in the Council area are not in good repair but they are certainly no worse and in many instances are a lot better than the rest of the roads in the Sub-District.

CONCLUSION:

Every group in the two census division (the Council Area) has been instructed on the function and importance of the new House of Assembly and on voting procedure for the coming elections. I feel that the majority of the people in this area are now adequately equipped for the coming elections.

G. A. Speed
(G. A. Speed.)
Gadet Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MENDI 20 - 63/64

Patrol Conducted by N.G. McQuilty Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Undiri (part), Lai Valley (part) Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives R.P. & N.G.C. - 8 PHD - 1

Duration—From 9/1/1964 to 29/1/1964

Number of Days 21

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Des /1963

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

Map Reference Sketch map attached

Objects of Patrol Electoral Education Program 2, Advise on Road and Bridge

Work 3, Land Investigation Reports 4, General Administration

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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67-15-46



RECEIVED
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT,
KERMADEC ISLANDS

11th March, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
HERNDEN.

PATROL REPORT NO. 20-61/64 - HERNDEN:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

I take it that the District Commissioner has given his blessing and authority to continue in the establishment of roads in this area.

Have you any reason to suspect that KOMIA had encouraged the LAI people to nominate HBI?

It is gratifying to note that the people received the patrol so well and were prepared to come forward so readily with their troubles.

Village Constables are appointed by the Director of Native Affairs. Self-reliance in Village Constables should be encouraged.

A good report by Mr. McQuilty.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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AGJ:BP.

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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

25th February, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 20 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 12th inst.

The work performed by the Lai Valley people on the vehicular road is most creditable. The road will open up the valley to speedy inspection visits and will thus facilitate the establishment of schools and Aid Posts. Three weeks ago I visited the MENDI area with the District Education Inspector and I believe it is his intention to open a school in this vicinity next financial year.

From my own observations in this Division I too believe that the people are showing quite considerable interest in the Elections. There is also a possibility that candidate KOMIA (D.N.A. Interpreter) encouraged the Lai people to nominate KBI for the purpose of splitting the vote and gaining to himself the second preferences.

Mr. McQuilty has worked hard, however, he could improve his Report by endeavouring to write in a more smooth and flowing manner. His observations are quite sound but he fails to express himself fully. He should not be discouraged by this criticism which is intended to be of assistance.

Cheque for Camping Claim will be forwarded by the District Finance Officer, Mount Hagen.

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

Minute to:

Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

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

RWB:HHK.

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Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

12th February, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 20-63/64.

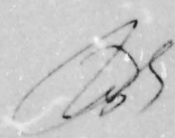
Attached hereto please find three copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr.N.C.McQuilty, Cadet Patrol Officer.

The main object of the patrol were to continue the electoral education programme and to carry out two land investigations.

The native situation in the Lai Valley is satisfactory and Mr.McQuilty has reported favourably on this.

The people have responded well to the electoral education programme and appear to have a good grasp of the principles involved.

Mr.McQuilty is a young officer who appears to be shaping well and his presentation of the report is good.


(R.W.BLAIKIE)
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Sub-District Office,
MENDI. S.H.D.

3rd February, 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI. S.H.D.

MENDI PATROL NO. 20-53/54

Patrol conducted by : N.C.McQuilty Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area patrolled : Undimi(part); Lai Valley (part).

Accompanied by : Europeans - Nil
Natives - R.P.&N.G.C. -8
PHD -1

Duration : 9/1/64 to 29/1/64

Number of days : 21

Did Medasst accompany : No.

Last patrol : DNA Dec.1963.
PHD

Map reference : Map attached.

Objects : 1. Electoral Education Program.
2. Advise on Road and Bridge Work.
3. Land Investigation Reports.
4. General Administration.

N.C. McQuilty C.P.O.
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N.C.McQuilty C.P.O.

Monday 13th January 1964.
Advised on and inspected work on road and bridge.
Tuesday 14th January 1964.
0800 Left Mendi.
0910 Arrived KIP.
General discussion with KIP.
1300 Initial survey of KIP.
1630 Returned to KIP.
Wednesday 15th January 1964.
Collected information for road and bridge.
Gave House of Assembly members.
Lunch.
General talk to people.
Friday 17th January 1964.
0800 Left Mendi.
0900 Arrived KIP.
Gave talk to the KIP.
Elections.
General talk with people.
Saturday 18th January 1964.

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MENDI PATROL 20 - 63/64.

Patrol Diary.

Refer Folios 12 to 17 of Field Officer's Journal.

Thursday 9th January, 1964.

- 1045 Patrol left MENDI - cargo on tractor - patrol walked along road.
1415 Patrol arrived PUMI - V.C. told to collect people in morning.

Friday 10th January, 1964

- 0900 Fr. Ben. said Mass - some people from PUMI line attended.
0945 Work started on PUMI Polling Shelter.
1200 Lunch
1300 Talk with V.C. from PUMBURA about the land IEBI.
Work on Polling Shelter continued.
1630 Work ceased - Pass arrived from F.E. Haviland saying he would arrive next day.

Saturday 11th January, 1964

- Inspected work on Polling Shelter.
0940 F.E. Haviland arrived from MENDI - held court.
1125 F.E. Haviland returned to MENDI.
1215 Lunch.
1245 Inspected work on Polling Shelter.
1630 Work ceased.

Sunday 12th January, 1964

Observed.

Monday 13th January, 1964.

Advised on and inspected work on PUMI Polling Shelter.

Tuesday 14th January, 1964.

- 0930 Left PUMI.
1125 Arrived PINJ.
1155 Left, PINJ.
1315 Arrived TUGUP.
1500 To KIP to inspect Polling Shelter.- finished.
1600 Left KIP - back to TUGUP.

Wednesday 15th January, 1964.

- 0800 Left TUGUP.
0910 Arrived HOME P.
General discussion with HOME P line.
1300 Initial survey of M.O.M. HOME P application.
1620 Returned to HOME P R/H.

Thursday 16th January, 1964.

Collected information for the CI 235 M.O.M. HOME P application
Gave House of Assembly Election talk to the HOME P line.
Lunch.

General talk to people.

Friday 17th January, 1964.

- 0825 Left HOME P R/H.
0950 Arrived MAPKEBOL R/H.
Gave talk to the MAPKEBOL line on the House of Assembly Elections.
General talk with people.

Saturday 18th January, 1964. (continued on page two)

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Tuesday 28th January, 1964.

- 0900 Patrol left WINJA.
- 1135 Arrived SOBA - carriers paid.
Polling Shelter finished - V.C. paid.
- 1300 Lunch
General talk with people.

Wednesday 29th January, 1964.

- 0905 Left SOBA - walked to TULUM.
- 1240 Arrived TULUM.
- 1250 Left for MENDI in Land Rover - cargo walked.
- 1330 Arrived MENDI.
- 1530 Cargo arrived MENDI - carriers paid and given sufficient food for night.

Patrol stood down.

Thursday 30th January, 1964.

- 0905 Left SOBA.
- 0910 Walked for cargo on side of mountain.
- 0920 Arrived road at KIP.
- 1000 Arrived TULUM - left for MENDI in Land Rover.
- 1150 Arrived MENDI.
- 1430 Cargo and Police arrived MENDI.

Friday 31st January, 1964.

- 0930 Left MENDI in Land Rover - cargo in trucks.
- 1110 Arrived PIMI - Polling Shelter not finished.
- 1130 Left PIMI.
- 1310 Arrived KIP - paid V.C. for KIP Polling Shelter - 2000 at KIP 8.4.64.
- 1600 Arrived TUMIA 8/8 - tractor and other vehicles left.

Saturday 1st February, 1964.

- 0830 Left TUMIA 8/8.
- 0910 Arrived SOBA - paid carriers.
- 1220 Lunch.
Talks and discussions with people.
Polling Shelter not finished.

Sunday 2nd February, 1964.

- 0845 Left SOBA.
- 1215 Arrived TUMIA 8/8 - tractor and other vehicles left.
V.C. absent - 2000 at KIP - 2000 at SOBA - 2000 at carriers.
- 1305 Lunch - started working on Polling Shelter.

Monday 3rd February, 1964.

- Continued working on Polling Shelter.
- 1030 The 2 PIMI 8/8s arrived at SOBA to help build the Polling Shelter - 2000 at SOBA - 2000 at KIP.

Tuesday 4th February, 1964.

- Work on Polling Shelter continued.
- 1230 Lunch - continued working on Polling Shelter.
- 1415 Polling Shelter finished - 2000 V.C. paid for work.

Saturday 18th January, 1964.

Did the initial survey of the MAPKEBOL M.O.M. application.
Collected information for CI 235 for above.
General talk with people.

Sunday 19th January, 1964.

Observed.

Monday 20th January, 1964.

0800 Left MAPKEBOL R/H.
0950 Arrived SOBA R/H.
House of Assembly Election talk given.
Work on Polling Shelter started.

Tuesday 21st January, 1964.

A policeman and TUNU A.P.O.?, went to WINJA to see if
TUNU could understand the local dialect - negative.
Inspected work on SOBA Polling Shelter.

Wednesday 22nd January, 1964.

0755 Left SOBA.
0910 Waited for cargo on side of mountain.
0950 Arrived road at HUM.
1050 Arrived TULUM - left for MENDI in PHD Land Rover.
1150 Arrived MENDI.
1420 Cargo and Police arrived MENDI.

Thursday 23rd January, 1964.

0930 Left MENDI in Land Rover - cargo on tractor.
1115 Arrived PUMI - Polling Shelter not finished.
1130 Left PUMI.
1310 Arrived KIP - paid V.C. for KIP Polling Shelter - Lunch
at KIP M.O.M.
1600 Arrived TUMIA R/H - tractor and driver stopped the night.

Friday 24th January, 1964.

0840 Left TUMIA R/H.
0910 Arrived SOBA - paid carriers.
1220 Lunch.
Talks and discussions with people.
Polling Shelter not finished.

Saturday 25th January, 1964.

0845 Left SOBA.
1215 Arrived WINJA - many sections of this road not cut -
V.C. absent at KANDEP attending a Sing Sing - paid
carriers.
1305 Lunch - Started work on WINJA Polling Shelter.

Sunday 26th January, 1964.

Continued working on the Polling Shelter.
1030 The 2 PELEPOI V.C.'s arrived at WINJA to help build the
Polling Shelter - PELEPOI lines accompanied.

Monday 27th January, 1964.

Work on Polling Shelter continued.
1200 Lunch - continued working on Polling Shelter.
1415 Polling Shelter finished - WINJA V.C. paid for work.

Introduction:

The objects of this Patrol were the Electoral Education Program and to do two Land Investigations, one at Homep and the other at Mapkebol, both for the Methodist Overseas Mission Applications.

Other objects of the Patrol were to advise on Road and Bridge work and to carry out General Administration.

For the Patrol Instructions of this Patrol please refer to the Patrol Instructions for MENDI Patrol 15-63/64 carried out by Mr. F.E. Haviland P.O.2.

Mr. F.E. Haviland P.O.2 was to lead this Patrol but at the last moment, due to unforeseen circumstances, he was unable to do so.

The Lai Valley is situated North-West of MENDI between the KARINT Census Division and the NIPA Administration Area. It lies in a North South direction from PUMI and ESKAMP in the South to PELEPOT in the North.

In the Southern section the valley is a wide open valley with undulating hills on the valley floor rising to steep rugged mountain ranges on either side. In the Northern section the valley is divided and consists of many small creeks and rough hilly country.

Native Situation:

In all cases where the Patrol visited a Rest House the people were very glad to see it. The people, especially in the Northern section of the Lai Valley, co-operated with the Patrol in every way.

The people came readily forward and spoke about any troubles they had or brought forward any problems that needed straightening.

There were no people brought back to MENDI for Court of Native Matters.

I was approached by the people of PUMI who asked me if I would appoint a Village Constable for them. The present Village Constable comes from SUMIA which does not have a Rest House but go to PUMI for Census and talks. I think this would be a good idea and the next Patrol to this area could appoint the extra Village Constable.

While at the HOMEp Rest House the people told me that they would like to break away from TUMIA which is where is where they now have their Census taken. If they do this it will mean only approximately 200 people will be in this area but they live in houses scattered over a large area of land, about one hours walk from TUMIA. The next Census Patrol to visit TUMIA could attend to this matter.

In the course of the Patrol I was approached by people from SOBA, WINJA, KUIANDA, WADIBA, MALALA and LIBI. These people asked me to appoint some Village Councillors for them so that road work will be much easier. As a result HUK-SONGOL and UBIL-TEHEI of SOBA; KOLUMBE-HALABE and UNDIKIAL-PUN of KUIANDA; AMINJA-PAGOLT of WINJA; PUKA-PUNIN of WADIBA; HADUT-KUNI of MALALA and LEMILA-KIWI of LIBI were appointed as Village Councillors.

Electoral Education Program:

A talk on the House of Assembly Elections was given at HOMEPI, MAPKEBOL and SOBA. They were told at the same time who the five candidates are for the Open Electorate and who the two candidates are for the Special Electorate. They were also told when the Elections are to be held.

These people seem to have taken a great interest in these Elections. I am under the impression that they are talking a great deal amongst themselves on this subject.

There were Polling Booths built at PUMI, KIP, SOBA and WINJA. These Booths are built out of native materials.

Village Constables:

AS a result of this Patrol I do not recommend any appointments, except those mentioned under "Native Situation", or terminations.

The Village Constables in the Lower Lai Valley, who have on an average about 400 people in each group, do not do as good a job as the Village Constables in the Upper Lai Valley who have up to 600 people to look after. I think this weakness, in the Lower Lai Valley, could be attributed to the proximity to MENDI Sub-District Office. If they have a problem they come to the Office and it is talked over with the A.D.O. where in the Upper Lai Valley the Village Constables find that they can straighten the small problems themselves.

Roads and Bridges:

There was very little advice given on Road and Bridge work but at every opportunity the importance of the road was stressed to the people.

The MENDI-KANDEP road is now open to four-wheel drive vehicles as far as TUMIA, a distance of 26 miles. The bench is cut from TUMIA to SOBA and the bridges are in the process of being built. From SOBA to KANDEP the bench is cut at different points but not completely finished. Work is continually progressing.

The people from SOBA to PELEPOI have very few spades and asked me if they could be issued with some more. There are 200 spades available so the next Patrol to this area after the House of Assembly Elections could distribute these amongst these people.

Housing and Sanitation:

Housing and Pit Latrines were not inspected because of the heavy loss of time by the people working on the road full time. The houses that were noticed were clean and had a Pit Latrine erected a short distance away.

This fact and from past reports these people look after their houses and use Pit Latrines to a fair degree.

Health and Hygiene:

Aid Post Orderly TUNU accompanied the Patrol and saw to any in each group that needed treatment.

These people realise the "wonders" of Medicine and come forward readily for treatment.

There were several minor injuries and "sores" treated by the A.P.O. It was noted that the health in this area is fairly good.

There was no one brought back to MENDI Hospital.

The people at WINJA asked me if they could have an A.P.O. stationed at WINJA Aid Post again. I have been informed by the District Medical Officer that one will be as soon as possible.

Highland Labour Scheme:

I was approached by about 20 young men who said they would like to join the Highland Labour Scheme. These people did not wish to join up immediately but sometime after the Patrol returned to MENDI. They were told when they wished to join they could come to MENDI Sub-District Office.

Land Investigations.

There were two CI 235 investigations done during the course of the Patrol. Both of these were for the Methodist Overseas Mission Applications- one at HOMEPA and the other at MAPKEBOL. Both groups of people were willing to sell the land.

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Education and Missions:

There are no Government Schools in the Lai Valley but there is a possibility of some being established in the near future.

The Methodist Overseas Mission has establishments at TUGUP, KIF, HOMEK and MAPKIBOL. These schools are run by trained native teachers. English is taught but there seems to be very little advancement because no one seems to be able to talk English, as of yet.

The Catholic Mission has establishments at PUMI, PINJ and SOBA. These establishments are not schools but more Bible classes. The children are taught Pidgin-English and Christianity.

If some of these children show promise they are sent to the appropriate Mission Headquarters at MENDI.

Agriculture and Livestock:

The people grow the usual native vegetables plus introduced European vegetables. The native foods grown are sweet potatoes, pit pit, pandanus, bananas and pineapples. The European vegetables are cabbages, potatoes, tomatoes and some carrots and spinach.

The livestock in this area consist of native pigs and some fowls, mostly found on Mission establishments.

The trail Coffee Plots in the area seem to be growing very well. Where the plots were found to be not looked after the appropriate instructions were given. It was noted that most of the Coffee bushes had matured and the Coffee berries had started to ripen.

N. C. McQuilty C.P.O.
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N. C. McQuilty C.P.O.

Appendix 'A'

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

ACCOMPANYING MENDI PATROL

NO. 20-63/64

Const. 1/c KINAI REG. NO. 7448.

A very useful N.C.O. Worked well.

Const. ASERI Reg. No. 10593.

Conduct good, worked well.

Const. KAMGRU Reg. No. 8262.

Conduct good, very reliable, worked well.

Const. PAGAHAU Reg. No. 7681.

Conduct good, worked satisfactorily.

Const. KERENA Reg. No. 2125.

Conduct good, very reliable.

Const. TOBUTINGA Reg. No. 10932.

Conduct good, worked well.

Const. BENIAS Reg. No. 9915.

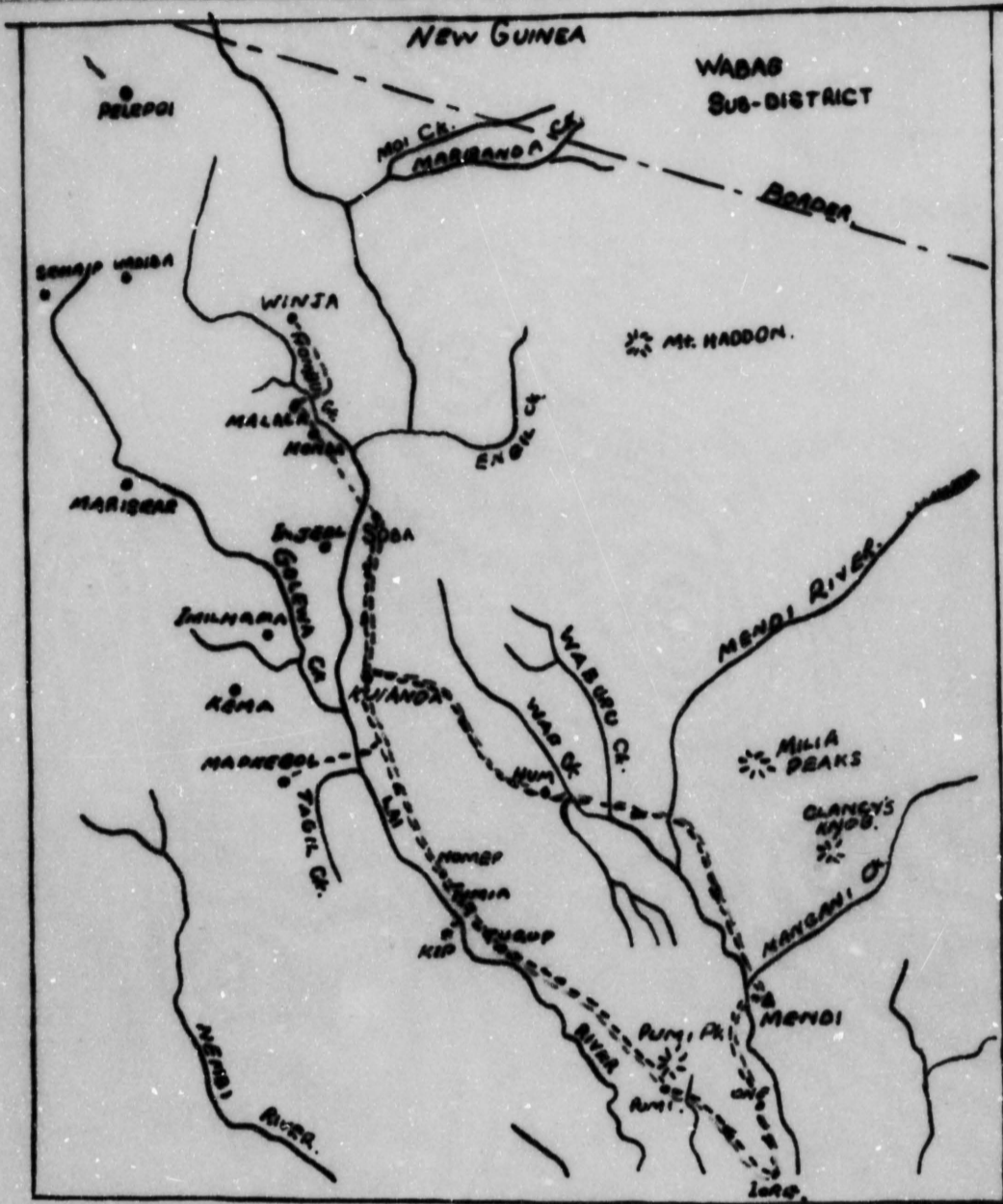
Conduct good, very reliable.

Const. YANSUANG Reg. No. 9889.

Conduct good, worked well.

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

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



MENDI PATROL 20-63/64

Scale: 1:25,000

Patrol Route: - - - - - (first half)

- - - - - (second half).



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MENDI, Southern Hghlds Report No. 21 of 1963-64

Patrol Conducted by M. C. CORNHILL, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part of the Undiri Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Two Police. One 'Interpreter - carrier'

Duration—From 22/1/1964 to 31/1/1964

Number of Days TEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services November 1963

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

Map Reference District Map - the Undiri C/D comprises the lower Mendi and Lai Rivers.

Objects of Patrol To prepare the people for the Legislative Assembly Elections. Construction of polling booths.

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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Duplicate Report at Archives

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12th March, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
N. N. D. I.

PATROL REPORT NO. 21-63/64 - WENDY:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol
Report is acknowledged with thanks.

You should arrange for attention to be
given to the FABARONGA-LUT-PUMBERA group immediately
after the elections. I suggest you establish a Base
Camp in the area and an officer remain there for
extended periods.

The election education appears to have
covered most points.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

AGJ:BP.

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67-15-87
District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

25th February, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 21 OF 1963/64.


Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 12th inst.

I am not satisfied with the quality of this Patrol. Prior to patrolling this area, I presume Mr. Cornhill would have read previous reports and discussed the area in general with you, if such is the case he has failed to show any appreciation of the attitude of the PABARONGA-DEL-FUMBERA Groups. These people have long showed a marked reluctance to co-operate and it is therefore the duty of the patrolling officer to remain in the area and assert Administration influence. These are primitive savage people who respect strength, whether it be of force or character, and I consider the latter can be imposed on the people by a resourceful Officer. It is not good enough to visit the area and report "lack of interest by the people", that is only the problem, your duty is to accept the challenge, for that is what it is and endeavour by all lawful means to overcome it. Please instruct all your Officers accordingly and if they are unable to understand what is required of them, show them personally.

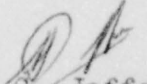
The next patrol to this area should be instructed to "tighten up" on the observance of the Regulations and the people put to work on local roads under their own leaders. The patrol should stay in each area several days and supervise this work, thereby giving open and active support to those leaders. Time elements should not normally be considered by the Patrolling Officer, it is the job in hand viz. gaining effective control which should be of paramount importance.

Cheque for Camping Claim will be forwarded by the District Finance Officer, Mount Hagen.

Minute to:
Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.


(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

For your information please.


(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

RWE:HHK.

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Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

12th February, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

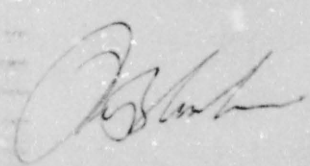
MENDI PATROL NO 21-63/64.

Attached hereto please find three copies of the above report as submitted by Mr.M.Cornhill, Patrol Officer grade 1.

The patrol was conducted to portion of the Undiri Census Division with the aim of extending the electoral education programme.

Mr.Cornhill carried out the electoral talks well and the people have absorbed most of what was told to them. The people in the vicinity of Mendi have a good knowledge of procedure and the aims behind the council but as Mr.Cornhill says the bush people know mainly one candidate and have made up their mind on this.

The native situation is as satisfactory as can be expected. It is unfortunately true that the Village Constables have influence in many cases only in their immediate groups.

Presented to 1970 3-2-64


(R.W.BLAIKIE)
Assistant District Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
Mendi.

3rd February, 1964.

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

MENDI PATROL No. 21 of 1963-64

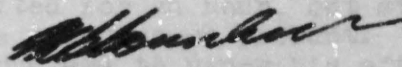
Conducted by : M. C. Cornhill - Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : Part of the Undiri Census Division.

Accompanied by : Two Police
One Interpreter (not an Administration
Servant)

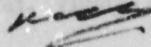
Duration : 22nd January to 31st January, 1964.
Total of 10 days.

Objects : Electoral discussion, Familiarisation of
the Legislative Assembly with the people;
voting methods; construction of polling
booths.



M. C. CORNHILL
Patrol Officer

Presented to ADO 3-2-64



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DIARY

1964

- Weds, January 22 1100 in Landrover to IORE. Made camp. Light rain throughout afternoon. Discussions.
- Thurs, January 23 Electoral talk and 'mock' election at IORE. To IARIA for electoral talk, mock election. On to MEGI in afternoon. Complaints.
- Fri, January 24 Electoral discussion, mock election and instructions given for erection of polling booth at MEGI. Midday to PABARONGA - only a few natives present. Word sent to WAREMESA to appear at Pabaronga tomorrow. Discussions with Village Constables of Pabaronga, Waremesa, Uburil, Unja, Del and Pombadl.
- Sat, January 25 Electoral talks to PABARONGA and WAREMESA groups - poor attendance. On to DEL, but only a few people assembled. DEL, UNJA and UBURIL groups assembled, but poor attendance for electoral talks.
- Sun, January 26 Observed at DEL.
- Mon, January 27 To POMBADL, after waiting till 0930 for carriers at Del. Electoral talks at POMBADL. On to PUMBERA in afternoon.
- Tues, January 28 Poor attendance at PUMBERA for electoral talks. On to ESKAMP, where the Village Constable informed me that he had been summoning his group for two days, but a few wished to hear electoral talks. Waited for an hour, but still only three men and a dozen women present. Village Constable promised to renew his efforts and endeavour to persuade his group to attend discussions at Pumi on Friday. 1400 on to ENDOWA. Discussions with Endowa people and leaders from Mil, Pinj and Pumi.
- Weds, January 29 Electoral talks at ENDOWA. To MIL - electoral discussion. Complaints.
- Thurs, January 30 On to PINJ. Poor attendance for electoral discussion. Proceeded PUMI in afternoon. General discussions and complaints.
- Friday, January 31 Electoral discussions at Pumi - a number of Eskamp natives present. Returned to Mendi; arriving 1300.

END OF PATROL

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ELECTORAL

The Patrol was to prepare the people of the Undiri Census Division for the forthcoming elections. A number of villages near Mendi were previously completed by me.

Most of the villagers near Mendi have been fairly well informed of the elections and their significance. In these villages I gave them an outline of the New Legislative Assembly and its composition and reminded them that adults were entitled to vote in both Open and Special Electorates. Much time was spent on the intricacies of 'preferential voting', and this was illustrated by 'mock elections' in which five 'mock' candidates were selected from the audience. I think these 'mock' elections were of benefit in illustrating the Preferential Voting system, and should enable a speedier turnover of voters in the election proper.

The position for the 'bush' villages in the Del and Lower Lai River areas was more difficult as these people do not seem to have absorbed much of previous electoral talks. Added hindrance was that they are only generally familiar with one Open and one Special candidate. I tried to explain the 'Preferential Voting' system, but the people informed me that they knew whom they were going to vote for in the Open Electorate and they did not want to vote preferentially for the other candidates, whom they have not even seen. Consequently, I think it likely that from the 'bush' ~~xixixix~~ villages, those who wish to vote in the Open Electorate will probably not enter preferences against all five candidates on their ballot papers.

I was disappointed with attendances in some villages, particularly Pabaronga, Del and Eskamp, where the men showed little interest and women listeners outnumbered men by two to one. I report that most who attended my discussions are, in my opinion, familiar with the following :

1. The administration of T.P.N.G. functions through a 'council' which has Territory wide powers.
2. Briefly the duties of Council Members and the functions of the Council.
3. Next month the composition of this Council is to be changed to provide for increased native representation.
4. They are concerned with electing two Members (Open and Special) for the new Legislative Assembly.
5. The approximate boundaries for the two Electorates.
6. They have been told the names and occupations of all candidates, but unfortunately most of them are not personally ~~familiar~~ familiar with all candidates. Most of the 'bush' people are in fact familiar with only one candidate from each Electorate.
7. Groups having knowledge of more than one candidate in the Open Electorate have a working knowledge of the Preferential Voting method (illustrated by 'mock' election) and I expect that they shall avail themselves of this system during the Election proper.

Polling booths are under construction at ONE and MEGI, and the PUMI booth is completed.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS

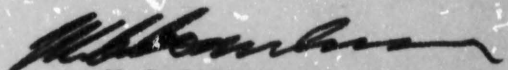
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Most of my time was spent giving electoral talks. Mostly, two villages were completed in a day, leaving me little time for routine native administration. A number of complaints were heard, but other matters such as inspection of houses and latrines, talks on Health, etc. were neglected.

There were no untoward incidents, and general native matters appear to be in order. I have no explanation to offer for the poor attendances at some villages (see 'Diary'). All villages had ample notification of the Patrol's visit. The Village Constables appeared enthusiastic but some villages (particularly the Pabaronga, Del area) the people take little notice of them. Women were generally more co-operative than the men in attending my discussions.

Ample supplies of food were purchased. Carriers came forward willingly in all villages except DEL.

TOMBO of PUMI was used as an Interpreter. He says he will be available if required during the elections.

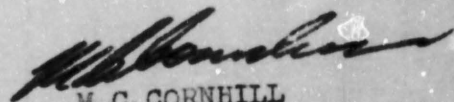

M. C. CORNHILL
Patrol Officer

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REPORT ON POLICE

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Const ~~2x68~~ GUNUA Discipline and conduct good. Average.

Const Z 65 MNIBI Discipline and conduct good. Average.



M. C. CORNHILL
Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MENDI 23 of 63-64

Patrol Conducted by J.S. Hicks. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Part of the UNDIRI Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives NINE.

Duration—From 18 / 2 / 1964 to 11 / 3 / 1964

Number of Days Twenty two

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 22 / 1 / 1964

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Map Reference District Map - the UNDIRI C/D comprises the lower MENDI and LAI Rivers.

Objects of Patrol To establish Polling Booths at PUMI and MEGI and record votes for the House of Assembly from surrounding areas.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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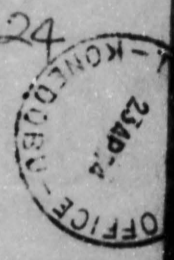
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District Commissioner

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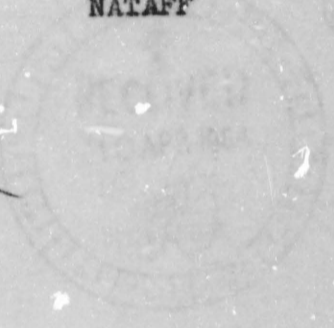
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7th April, 1964.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 23-63/64 - MENDI.

Receipt of the abovementioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

It is gratifying to see the response of the people to the formation of the new House of Assembly.

Political education will now become part of this Department's functions and will be a continuous process.

Let me have a report on the weakness of the patrol chairs - they appeared fairly robust to me. I am pleased the balance of the equipment was satisfactory.

The number of votes cast reflect favourably on the political education programme and the interest taken by the people.

The information containing reports on the geological phenomena have been passed to the Vulcanologist and I have radioed you to expedite the forwarding of geological specimens. Is there any folk lore relating to the burning rock. Mr. Best, Government Vulcanologist, should be visiting you shortly and wishes to view the area. I shall be grateful if you will render him all assistance.

A very heartening report.



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6/4/64.

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DEPT. NATIVE AFFAIRS,
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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

16th March, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 23 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the abovementioned Report which was received on even date. It is pleasing to note the promptness with which it was compiled and submitted.

This Report contains interesting and intelligent observations. Whenever the House of Assembly election counting is finished, I intend to organize short education courses for the various local leaders of each sub-district. You should now prepare a list of the prospective pupils that you require to attend from Mendi Sub-District (include Nipa and Lake Kutul).

The geological specimen will be forwarded under separate cover.



(Handwritten Signature)
(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

Minute to:

Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

Would you kindly arrange to forward the geological specimen to the appropriate authorities please.

(Handwritten Signature)
(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

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RWB:HHK.

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Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

16th March, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

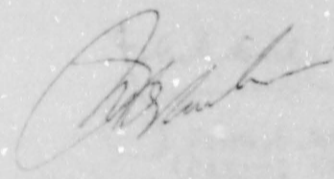
MENDI PATROL NO 23-1963/64.

Attached hereto please find two copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. J. S. Hicks, Patrol Officer grade 1. The patrol was to MEGI and PUMI in the UNDIRI Census Division and was for the purpose of polling for the new House of Assembly.

The response from both MEGI and PUMI was exceptionally good and the percentage of persons recording their votes was quite high.

I agree with Mr. Hicks that our political education should not be concluded with the end of the House of Assembly elections. Such education must be continued by every Native Affairs patrol.

Mr. Hicks found as did every other officer that the majority of people at each polling place preferred to vote in the first few days.



(R. W. BLAIKIE)
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Sub-District Office,
MENDI.
Southern Highlands.

12th., March 1964.

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

MENDI PATROL REPORT No. 23 OF
1963-64.

Conducted by: J.S. Hicks. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Part of the UNDIRI Census Division.

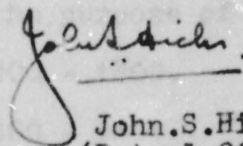
Accompanied by: Native Affairs Clerk HAHARI, (Assistant Presiding
Officer)
Education Teacher DADIA? (Poll Clerk)

Four members R.P.N.G. Constabulary.

Three interpreters. (Not administration servants)

Duration: 18th., February to the 11th., March 1964. Total Patrol
days, - twenty two.

Objects: To establish Polling Booths at MEGI and PUMI and to
record votes for the respective candidates nominated
for the House of Assembly elections.



John.S.Hicks.
(Patrol Officer)

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Mendi Patrol Report No. 23 of 1963-64:-

DIARY:

- 18th., February. Departed MENDI 0745 per administration tractor. Arrived IORE 1030 where insufficient carriers were waiting for walk to MEGI. Eventually departed IORE at 1430 arriving MEGI 1545. Camp established and the reason for the Patrol's presence explained.
- 19th., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. Concentration of voters in the morning.
- 20th., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. Steady stream of voters from nearby groups but few from the LAI River groups and areas to the South.
- 21st., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. Large number of voters, however, people from DEL, POMBADL and UBIRIL have voiced their reluctance to journey across the LAI Gorge in order to lodge their votes at MEGI. "Why?" they ask, "Should we leave our gardens and spend a few hours' walk to MEGI for the purpose of lodging a vote?" There appears no satisfactory answer to this elementary problem and perhaps they feel Malaysia is a type of vegetable anyway.
- 22nd., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. Number of voters tailing off.
- 23rd., " Sunday. Walked to junction of LAI and MENDI Rivers. See Volcanology section. Inspected gardens; in excellent condition with large percentage of European leaf vegetables. Observed.
- 24th., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. Large number of voters throughout the day.
- 25th., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800.
- 26th., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. Ample food in the area available for purchase. Money is preferred in lieu of salt for the purpose of exchange.
- 27th., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800.
- 28th., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800.
- 29th., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. Last day of Polling in the area. Small number of voters this day but the overall percentage being 61, can be viewed as a very satisfactory result.
- 1st., March. Departed MEGI 0730 with 50 carriers arriving PUMI 1000 after travelling direct via walking tracks and not the more comfortable but longer road. Sent one Ballot Box in to the Returning Officer. Made camp PUMI.
- 2nd., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. Very large group of voters from nearby areas.
- 3rd., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. Again many voters throughout the day. A visit from the Assistant Returning Officer in the afternoon.
- 4th., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. Man remanded on assault charge and sent into MENDI for court proceedings.

Diary continued:

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- 5th., March Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. Again a large number of voters.
- 6th., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. Number of voters dwindling off. A visit from the Returning Officer during the morning.
- 7th., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. Few voters this day.
- 8th., " Sunday. Walked down to LAI River and inspected the **ESKAMP** bridge which was found in good condition. Returned to PUMI in afternoon. Observed.
- 9th., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. No voters at all which is not alarming as 75% have voted to date. Built a new Pit Latrine and cleared landslides on road; - the result of a rain storm last night.
- 10th., " Polling Booth open 0800 - 1800. Last day of voting in area with a reasonable number venturing in. Total figures reveal 79%. Const. POPORO ill with a chest complaint and sent into MENDI per Hospital Land Rover. Made out returns and counted surplus papers.
- 11th., " Departed PUMI 0715 with 48 carriers, walked over ME. PUMI and arrived MENDI 0915. Carriers paid off. Police stood down. Patrol ends.

DIARY ENDS.

John S. Hicks

John.S.Hicks.

(Patrol Officer)

INTRODUCTION:

The sole object of this Patrol, inasmuch as a Native Affairs Patrol can have a sole object, was the collection of votes for the House of Assembly Elections from the areas of PUMI and MEGI and the surrounding groups. In such an area as the Southern Highlands where contact has been relatively recent the resultant percentage figures of this 'Polling Patrol' may appear incredibly high. This does not reflect, as indeed it may in other regions, a high degree of political awareness, (although there is a meagre knowledge among younger men and women) but merely a reflection of the interest and stimulus resulting from a Native Affairs Patrol in the area. Previous 'Education Patrols' have achieved an awakening of interest in these elections among many people but also to many the aim and process has been completely beyond their understanding. That this lack of comprehension has in no way prevented any one person from lodging his or her vote must surely support what has been stated above.

Due to the nature of this Patrol, the report will be confined to the Elections and observations relating to such.

ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL SITUATION:

The polling at both MEGI and PUMI was conducted without incident, the tendency being to use only one preference in both the Open and Special Electorate. It became apparent also that such candidates had been 'pre-selected' by groups who had some understanding of what the whole thing was about. Such groups possibly influenced the indecision of others though such influence certainly had no political motivation.

Percentage voting figures were extremely good, a fact which has been accounted for elsewhere in this Report. On such a topic it is very easy to be negative and cynical without attempting any apposite comments whatsoever. Solutions to this problem, as with so many others, are difficult to provide and certainly far more difficult to implement. Perhaps the most positive way of overcoming ignorance is by education, and this premise must hold true in the present context. This does not, however, infer gathering a group of students around some specially appointed Officer who may or may not be capable of imparting a degree of political knowledge. A reasonably successful education programme was in operation prior to these elections; now that these are over this programme must not be allowed to disappear along with the little red Ballot Boxes. Political amelioration is not tantamount to democratic elections, but can only be achieved by interest and knowledge. These elections have created the interest, and if we are to be honest with both the native people and ourselves we must make it our business to supply the knowledge. And this is the business of Native Affairs, by definition.

Figures for the Polling Booth at MEGI showed that 61% of eligible voters exercised their right. This was so in spite of the reluctance of people from DEL and UBIRIL whose concern was more for the hazards of crossing the LAI River than for any representation in the House of Assembly. At PUMI 79% of Certified Voters lodged their votes and good representation from all groups in the area was noted with interest and satisfaction.

CONCLUSION:

An extremely interesting though unnecessarily long patrol. It was found that a great proportion of voters did their voting within the first three days of the Polling Booth opening in their area.

It was also very pleasant to Patrol with equipment that was not only new but functioned as new. Unfortunately the 'Meccano Set' type chairs ceased to function at all after a few hours use; - the one hazard encountered throughout the Patrol.

John S. Hicks
John S. Hicks.
(Patrol Officer)

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APPENDIX I :

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF R.P.& N.G.C.
ACCOMPANYING MENDI PATROL No. 23 OF 1963-64.

Const 5th., year TEGEREFAN, No. 6981@

Conduct good. Works well under direction.

Const 5th., year KOM, No. 8594:

Conduct fair, and to his own entire satisfaction.

Const 1st., year TOBUTINGA, No. 10932:

Conduct excellent. A very competent and capable policeman whose natural intelligence is of benefit on any patrol.

Const 1st., year POPORO, No. 10701:

Conduct very good. A willing worker.

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

John S. Hicks

John.S.Hicks.

Officer/ R.P.& N.G.C.

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APPENDIX II:

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VULCANOLOGY REPORT:

During the course of the Patrol an opportunity was given this Officer of walking down to the junction of the LAI and MENDI Rivers'. At a point on the right hand bank of the MENDI River some 800 yards upstream from its' junction with the LAI, an outcrop of what appears to be shale, replaces the surrounding country rock of weathered limestone.

This outcrop is not perhaps outstanding in itself; what is outstanding is that at various points small fissures interlace leaving the surface rock around such places extremely unstable. Here sulphur fumes escape from the earth and have apparently permeated the country rock enabling the area to be ignited by a small flame. The rock burns with a blue light and when disturbed blazes vigourously to a degree that is quite alarming.

Similar fissures occur throughout the mass and local reports tell of occasions in the past when the whole mountainside has been alight.

Rock and earth samples have been gathered for forwarding to the Government Geologist; cf covering letter 94-1-1. //

John S. Hicks

John.S.Hicks.

(Patrol Officer)

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7th April, 1964.

Southern Highlands District

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District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 9-1963/64 - MENDI.

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

The report calls for little comment other than the attendance at poll reflects very creditably on the political education programme carried out and on the attitude of the people.

What particularly interested me is the record that names were easy to locate on the roll and that an average of only 1 in 25 provided difficulty, requiring processing under Section 130 of the legislation.

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Thank you for the above mentioned report which was received on even date.

Little comment is required (J.K. McCarthy) voting figure is extremely pleasing. The rate DIRECTOR which the notes recorded was far in excess of expectation.



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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

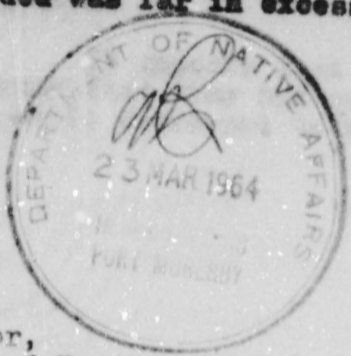
18th March, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 24 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on even date.

Little comment is required although the 80%+ voting figure is extremely pleasing. The rate, too, at which the votes recorded was far in excess of expectation.



(Signature)
(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

Minute to:

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

(Signature)
(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

RWB:MMK.
67-2-1

Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

13th March, 1964.


The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 24 OF 1963/64.

Attached hereto please find three copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. M. C. Cornhill, Patrol Officer grade 1.

The patrol was mounted for the prime purpose of conducting polling in the House of Assembly elections. Over 80% of elections voting is more than satisfactory for this area.

It appears that the majority of the polling teams found that they had quite a lot of time to spare as the people preferred to vote in groups.


(R. W. BLAIKIE)
Assistant District Officer.

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DIARY

1964

Tues 18th February To Bela in Landrover. Preparations for Elections. Discussions with village leaders.

19th February to 29th February House of Assembly Elections conducted at Bela polling booth.

Sun 1st March Broke camp at Bela. To Pembi in Landrover; patrol equipment conveyed in tractor. Made camp at Pembi. Discussions.

Mon 2nd March to Sat 7th March House of Assembly Elections conducted at Pembi polling booth.

Sun 8th March Patrol gear and personnel returned Mendi in tractor and Landrover. End of Patrol

INTRODUCTION

I was Presiding Officer for Electoral team Mendi No.2. Other members of the team were :

Mr. N. Chapman (Education Officer) - Assistant Presiding Officer.

Mr. J. Kwat (Clerk) - Poll Clerk.

Three Interpreters.

Prior to the commencement of the Patrol we conducted House of Assembly Elections on the 15th and 17th February at Lonk booth, Mendi.

The purpose of the Patrol was to conduct Elections at Bela and Pembi polling places in the Upper Mendi Valley.

ELECTORAL

Both Bela and Pembi booths were open for their Gazetted periods; viz. ten days at Bela and six days at Pembi.

Most people from Bela, Mulin, Marep, Semp, Kambirip, Hiep, Sol, Waparaga and Kombal groups elected to vote at Bela. Villages preferred to attend 'en masse', and these nine groups were completed in four days. For the remainder of the period there were only occasional voters who neglected to attend previously. For most of this time we were sitting in the environs of the booth with virtually nothing to do.

For the six days at Pembi the position was somewhat the same. Pembi, Oria, Pasurim, Kusi and Pingirip groups attended 'en masse' in their village units and voting was largely completed in two days.

Overall, names were easy to locate on the Roll. We found that one Officer could locate 50-60 names an hour. Only an average of one name in 25 provided much difficulty and required processing under Sec.130(1) of the Ordinance.

In view of the secretive nature of the voting I cannot divulge much information. Generally the people showed

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interest in both Open and Special Electorates. There were almost 2,000 voters in the Mendi Electorate, and only one of these was capable of marking his own ballot paper. It was, therefore, almost a completely illiterate vote. The people know whom they want and are often determined to vote for that person only, without availing themselves of the Preferential System. Slightly over 80 percent of eligible voters on the Roll voted. The Upper Mendi area is heavily populated and people were generally within an hour's walk of a booth. Thus, many old people were able to vote.

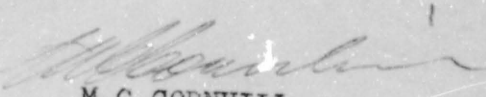
The methods used by the Administration in the conduct of the Elections proved to be effective when put into practice. Three persons to a 'team' is the ideal combination, and can process 50-60 voters an hour. This is much speedier than anticipated, and hence polling was largely completed in less than half the Gazetted polling days for each booth.

All ballot boxes, unused ballot papers and electoral forms have been given to the Returning Officer. Minor errors, discrepancies, etc. are covered in the Special Memo book provided. I request that the Returning Officer hold this in case later reference is required.

The ~~three~~ three interpreters used were of mediocre ~~quality~~ calibre, and are not recommended for future employment.

CONCLUSION

The Patrol was well received at both Bela and Pemi. There were no untoward incidents. Polling was conducted without hitch or event.


M.C. CORNHILL
Patrol Officer

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Appendix 'A'

REPORT ON POLICE

Const 1/CI WARIAMBU 3467 Discipline and conduct good.

Const HIAU 8864 Discipline and conduct good.

These two entries have been entered in their
Records of Service and Forms 1 have been made out.


M.C. CORMHILL
Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MENDI 25-63/64

Patrol Conducted by N.C. McQuilty Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled LAI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION (part)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

BAE TAU -DNA R.P.&NG.C -4
Natives MUROMAKE -DofE Interpreters-3

Duration—From 18 / 2 / 1964 to 12 / 3 / 1964

Number of Days 24

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Jan / 1964

Medical / / 19.....

Map Reference See District Map.

Objects of Patrol 1. To carry out the House of Assembly Elections

2. General Administration.

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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67-15-62

29th April, 1964.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 25-1963/64 - MENDI.

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The attitude of the people encountered in the period between the 24th February and 1st March is disappointing. Future patrols should give particular attention to political education amongst these people in order to assist them to understand the purpose and mechanics of elections.

3. Mr. McQuilty has done very well.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67-15-62



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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.
10th. April 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub District Office,
MENDI.

Mendi Patrol Report No. 25 of 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 26th. March 1964.

Little comment is called for although it is interesting to read in this Report that the Lai people had been taking an interest in the Elections. All Reports from this District report the same interest and I consider this most heartening. It would appear that providing the people are offered something concrete they are far from apathetic - there is a lesson to be assimilated here.

As a matter of interest, I should like to place on record my appreciation of the manner in which this young officer conducted his patrol. During my visit to him, which was without warning, I was most impressed with the way in which the camp was set out and the general conduct of patrol personnel. Mr. McQuality obviously exercised firm control and enjoyed the respect of the village people.


(A.C. JEFFERIES.)
District Officer

The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.


A.C. Jefferies.

RWB:HHK.

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Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

25th March, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 25-1963/64.


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

The patrol was mounted for the purpose of conducting the House of Assembly elections in portion of the Lai Valley.

The percentage of voting at SOBA was only fair but the 88% of people voting at KIP was a very good response.

It was obvious throughout that there was a fair amount of political awareness amongst the people and they knew who they wanted to vote for.

The resignation of the village Constable at KIP was noted under separate correspondence.


(R. W. BLAIKIE)
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
MENDI. S.H.D.

13th March, 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI. S.H.D.

MENDI PATROL NO. 25-63/64.

Patrol conducted by : N.C.McQuilty Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area patrolled : Lai Valley C/D (part)
Accompanied by : Europeans -Nil.
Natives -BAE TAU -DNA
MUROMAKE -DofE
R.P.&N.G.C. -4
Interpreters-3
Duration : 18/2/64 to 12/3/64
Number of days : 24
Did Medasst. accompany : No.
Last patrol : Jan. 1964.
Map reference : See district Map.
Objects : 1. To carry out the House of Assembly
Elections,
2. General Administration.

N. C. McQuilty
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N.C.McQuilty C.P.O.

MENDI PATROL NO. 25-63/64.Patrol Diary.

Refer Folios 19 to 24 of Field Officer's Journal.

Tuesday, 18th February, 1964.

- 0815 Left MENDI in Land Rover - cargo already at TULUM - had arrived on previous Sunday.
 0940 Left TULUM with Mr. Graeme George, wife and their cargo.
 1210 Left Mr. George and wife at Hum Gap - they proceeded to KUIANDA while I proceeded to SOBA.
 1330 Arrived SOBA - cargo had already arrived.
 Lunch.
 The Village Constables from the surrounding area arrived and organised it so that different lines would come in on different days.

Wednesday, 19th February, 1964.

- 0800 Polling Booth opened - very good response. Work continued until 1655.

Thursday, 20th February, 1964.

- 0800 Polling continued - approx. 200 people voted.
 1515 Polling ceased.

Friday, 21st February, 1964.

- 0800 Polling Booth opened - approx. 200 people voted.
 1320 Polling ceased.

Saturday, 22nd February, 1964.

- 0800 Polling Booth opened.
 1225 Polling ceased.
 Plenty of native foods bought.

Sunday, 23rd February, 1964.

Observed.

Monday, 24th February, 1964.

- 0800 Polling Booth opened.
 1115 No voters had arrived so Booth closed.
 1200 Lunch.
 Native foods bought.

Tuesday, 25th February, 1964.

- 0800 Opened Polling Booth - no voters arrived so Booth closed.
 1150 Walked along road to inspect bridge work. Met carriers from MENDI.
 Heard a dispute - settled O.K.
 1415 Lunch.

Wednesday, 26th February, 1964.

- 0800 Polling Booth opened.
 0900 No voters have arrived so Booth closed.
 0910 Left SOBA and proceeded to WINJA.
 1150 Arrived WINJA.
 1215 Lunch with Mr. and Mrs. George.
 1422 Left WINJA and returned to SOBA.
 1735 Arrived SOBA.
 Carriers had arrived, in my absence, with freezer.

Thursday, 27th February, 1964.

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Thursday, 27th February, 1964.

- 0800 Polling Booth opened but no voters arrived so Booth closed.
 1330 Lunch.
 General talk with people.
 1515 Policeman., man and meri arrived from WINJA- assault case.

Friday, 28th February, 1964.

- 0800 No voters arrived so Polling Booth not opened.
 Settled small land dispute between INJEDL and IMILHAMA - both parties happy.
 1330 Lunch.
 General talk with people - V.C. asked to bring carriers for Sunday.

Saturday, 29th February, 1964.

- 0800 Polling Booth opened - no voters arrived so booth closed.

Sunday, 1st March, 1964.

- 0900 Patrol left SOBA.
 0931 Arrived INJEDL bridge - a dispute settled.
 1012 Left bridge - proceeded towards KUIANDA.
 1030 Reached KUIANDA - continued on.
 1100 Waited on road for cargo.
 1115 Continued on after carriers having an episode with a snake.
 1140 Arrived HOMEPE - rested while carriers had a short singing.
 1150 Left HOMEPE.
 1245 Arrived KIP - paid carriers.
 1400 Lunch.
 People told that voting would start on Monday.

Monday, 2nd March, 1964.

- 0800 Opened Polling Booth. Approx. 240 votes recorded.
 1700 Polling ceased.

Tuesday, 3rd March, 1964.

- 0800 Polling Booth opened.
 1245 Mr. F.E. Haviland and Mr. J. Hicks arrived to see if every thing was in order.
 1315 Mr. Haviland and Mr. Hicks left for MENDI - a prisoner accompanied.
 1700 Polling ceased for the day.

Wednesday, 4th March, 1964.

- 0800 Opened Polling Booth.
 1245 Polling ceased.
 1300 Lunch.
 Afternoon spent settling two small disputes.

Thursday, 5th March, 1964.

- 0800 Polling Booth opened.
 1215 Polling ceased.
 1230 Lunch.
 General talk with people.

Friday, 6th March, 1964.

- 0800 Polling Booth opened.
 1115 Mr. A.C. Jefferies arrived to check on the polling.
 1300 Mr. Jefferies left for MENDI.
 1730 Polling ceased.

Saturday, 7th March, 1964.

- 0800 Polling Booth opened.
- 1115 Polling Booth closed.
- 1200 Lunch.
- General talk with people.

Sunday, 8th March, 1964.

Observed.

Monday, 9th March, 1964.

- 0800 Polling Booth opened.
- 1210 Polling Booth closed.
- Letter arrived from Mr. G. George.
- 1230 Lunch.
- 1300 7 votes recorded.
- Heard dispute - prisoner taken.

Tuesday, 10th March, 1964.

- 0600 Policeman escorted prisoner and witnesses to MENDI.
- 0800 Polling Booth opened but no voters arrived so booth closed.
- 1030 Inspected work on KIP suspension bridge.
- 1125 Returned to KIP Rest House.
- Small dispute settled.
- 1200 5 votes recorded.
- 1330 Talk with TUMIA and TUGUP lines over land. (WARON).
- 1430 Lunch.
- General talk with people.
- 1900 Policeman returned from MENDI.

Wednesday, 11th March, 1964.

- 0800 Polling Booth opened.
- 4 votes recorded.
- 1115 Policeman given drill practice.
- 1205 4 more votes recorded.
- Polling Booth closed.
- 1330 Lunch.
- Inspected KIP rope suspension bridge to see if strong enough to support cargo.
- 1815 Tractor and driver arrived.

Thursday, 12th March, 1964.

- 0800 Patrol left KIP Rest House - cargo loaded onto tractor at KIP rope bridge.
- 0835 Tractor left for MENDI - patrol walked.
- 0845 Tractor broke bridge.
- 0855 Tractor and patrol left bridge.
- 1015 Arrived PINJ Rest House - rested.
- 1030 Proceeded along road.
- 1053 Patrol left MENDI-KANDEP road and proceeded towards PINJ gap.
- 1145 Rested on Lai Valley side of Mountain.
- 1155 Continued on.
- 1210 Reached top of mountain - rested then continued on to MENDI.
- 1330 Arrived at MENDI Sub-District Office.
- 1815 Tractor arrived at MENDI with cargo.

Patrol stood down.

MENDI PATROL 25-63/64.INTRODUCTION:

The sole object of this patrol was to carry out the House of Assembly Elections at SOBA and KIP in the Lai Valley Census Division. This was MENDI Election Team No. 6.

There were no Patrol Instructions issued for this patrol.

The Lai Valley Census Division is situated in a North-West direction from MENDI. The Lai Valley lies in a general North-South direction from PUMI and ESKAMP in the Southern section to PELEPOI in the Northern section very close to the PAPUA-NEW GUINEA border. The valley is bordered on the East by the K KARINT census division and on the West by the NIPA Administration area.

The Southern section of the Lai Valley is a wide open valley with an undulating floor rising to very steep mountains on both sides. The Northern section of the valley is much divided and as a result consists of many small creeks and rough hilly country.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

KIMISI-FORE the Village Constable of KIP approached the patrol while it was at KIP and said he wished to resign. This is because of his age. The new appointee is BADIBIDI-WADIAL. He is a fairly young man but I think with the supervision of KIMISI he will work well. The Village Constable's Record of Service Form has been completed and sent to the Director of Native Affairs, KONE DOBU.

ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL SITUATION:

On MENDI Election Team No. 6 Mr. N. C. McQuilty was the Presiding Officer; BAE TAU was the Assistant Presiding Officer and MUROMAKE was the Poll Clerk.

At the Polling Booth at SOBA 56% of the people eligible to vote did so. This small percentage of voters can be subjected to the fact that the people at SOBA and North of there wanted to vote for a man who had not been nominated. It had been explained to the people on MENDI Patrol 20-63/64 how many candidates there were and who they were. They were told this again before the Elections started. This "ignorance" cannot be blamed on the lack of Political Education in this area but on the people calling a "bluff" because they wanted their own man. Before the patrol left SOBA the people were told that if anyone else wished to vote they could go to WINJA (MENDI Election Team No. 7).

The voting at KIP netted 88% of the eligible voters for this area. EBI-WALI a candidate from KAMB had carried out a heavy canvassing program in this area and this could be the reason for the high percentage of votes in this area.

It could be seen from the way the people voted that they have a great political awareness. When the people entered the Polling Booth they knew who they were going to vote for. Also I am sure they have been talking about the Elections amongst themselves a great deal and that they know it is a big opportunity to do something for themselves. This can be seen from the fact that people from different parts of the electorate want a man from their own group.

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Area Patrolled.....

ABSENT FROM VILLAGE

LABOUR

TOTALS

6.

CONCLUSION:

This Patrol was carried out with the very best of planning - thanks to the organisation by Mr. A. C. Jefferies, Returning Officer, and Mr. F. E. Haviland, Assistant Returning Officer.

During the Patrol there were no unliked incidents and the Patrol was well received at both SOBA and KIP.

N. C. McQuilty CPO
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N. C. McQuilty (C.P.O.)

Appendix 'A'.

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

ACCOMPANYING MENDI PATROL

NO. 25-63/64.

Const. 1/c KAMAN REG. NO. 8323.

Conduct excellent, worked very well.

Const. TATAKI REG. NO. 10921.

Conduct good, worked very well.

Const. NAM REG. NO. 10901.

Conduct very good, worked very well.

Const. ASARI REG. NO. 10593.

Conduct good, worked well.

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

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MENDI 27-63/64

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

Area Patrolled UNDIRI Census Division (Part).

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Native R.P.&.N.G.C.-5 P.H.D.-1

Duration—From 23./3./1964 to 25./3./1964

Number of Days 4 Days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Service Feb.-Mar./1964.

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

Map Reference... See district map.

Objects of Patrol 1. To persuade WEP a native to return to MENDI Hospital,

2. To attempt to capture ENAROP an escapee from MENDI Corrective

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Institution.

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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RWB:BT.

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Sub District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

13th April, 1964.

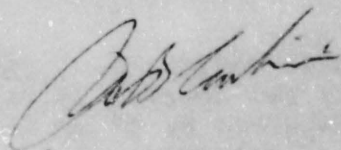
The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO. 27 - 63/64.

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

This was a very short patrol carried out for a specific purpose. The object of the patrol were achieved.

Mr. McQuilty carried out this short patrol competently and his report is clear and well written.


(R. W. BLAIKIE)
Assistant District Officer.

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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District. ct.
14th. April 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub District Office,
MENDI.

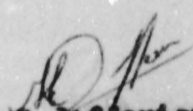
Mendi Patrol Report No. 27 of 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report
which was received on the 14th. inst.

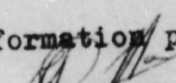
Mr. McQuilty has done extremely well
and has been very modest concerning his achievements.

The people of MALA are not renowned for their
co-operation with the Administration and to persuade WRF to return
to Mendi was no mean feat.

Similarly the co-operation obtained from
the MIL people indicates a high degree of respect for the officer
conducting the patrol and Mr. McQuilty is to be commended for his
work.


(A.C. Jefferies.)
District Officer

Minute to:-
Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

(A.C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

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27th May, 1964.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

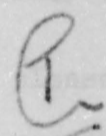
PATROL REPORT NO. 27-1963/64 - MENDI:

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. A great deal of credit is due to the officers in that WEP returned to the hospital. The actual operation itself reflects very creditably on Mr. McQuilty.

3. The co-operation of the people in arresting the escapee ENAROP reflects very creditably on the work of the officers and the attitude of the people in the area.

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(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-1-2

If calling ask for

Mr.

Sub District Office,
Mendi,
Southern Highlands District.

20th March, 1964.

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

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

Please prepare to depart on patrol on Monday 23rd March, 1964.


You are to proceed to MALA village in the UMDIRI Census Division and there locate a native WEP. This native WEP was a detainee in the Mendi Corrective Institution and was involved in an accident early in January and sustained a broken leg. WEP had treatment in Goroka and Mendi and his leg is still in plaster. I am now advised by the District Medical Officer that WEP has left hospital and gone home and the D.M.O. is afraid that he may attempt to remove the plaster and thus destroy all chances of the break healing. WEP has completed his term of imprisonment but you are to try and persuade him to return to hospital until his leg has healed. The surgeon at Goroka also wishes to re-examine WEP in some three months time.

On your ~~return~~ way back to Mendi please attempt to locate the detainee ENAROP who escaped from the Mendi Corrective Institution last week. Make attempts to recapture him and return him to Mendi.

You will be accompanied by one N.C.O. and four Constables.

Please be back at Mendi by Friday 27th or Saturday 28th March at the latest.

If you strike any difficulty please advise me immediately.


(R.W. Blaikie)

Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
MENDI, S.H.D.

1 st April, 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI? S.H.D.

MENDI PATROL NO. 27-63/64.

Patrol conducted by : N.C.McQuilty Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area patrolled : UNDIRI C/D (part).
Accompanied by : Natives; R.P.&N.G.C.-5
P.H.D. -1
DURATION : 23/3/64 to 25/3/64
Number of days : 4 Days.
Did Medasst. accompany : No.
Last Patrol : Feb-March 1964 (Elections).
Map reference : See district map.
Objects : 1.To persuade WEP a native to
return to MENDI Hospital,
2.To attempt to capture ENAROP
an escapee from MENDI Corrective
Institution.

N. C. McQuilty CPO
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N.C.McQuilty C.P.O.

MENDI PATROL NO. 27-63/64.Patrol Diary.

Refer Folios 25 to 27 of Field Officers' Journal.

Monday 23rd March, 1964:

- 1215 Left MENDI after waiting for carriers and the N.M.O.
 1250 Arrived TUBIRI - waited for more carriers.
 1310 Left TUBIRI for PUMI-walking tack very wet and slippery.
 1520 Arrived PUMI-rested.
~~1535~~ 1535 Left PUMI-travelled along MENDI-NIPA road for a short distance-left road and proceeded down to Lai River Gorge.
 1610 Arrived Lai River rope bridge.
 1630 Left bridge and proceeded towards ESKAMP up a very steep gorge.
 1730 Arrived ESKAMP in a shower of rain. Food purchased. Slept ESKAMP

Tuesday 24th March, 1964:

- 0908 Left ESKAMP and proceeded towards MALA.
 1055 Rested on side of Mountain.
 1110 Continued on- walking very hard, many small rests needed.
 1210 Arrived at WEP's house on land IEBI, WEP was persuaded to return to MENDI. Lunch.
 1325 WEP on stretcher accompanied by one policeman proceeded to PINJ with the instructions to continue on to MENDI the next day. Main Patrol left for ESKAMP.
 1415 Patrol rested.
 1423 Proceeded along walking track.
 1609 Arrived ESKAMP after very heavy walking. Slept ESKAMP.

Wednesday 25th March 1964:

- 1015 Left ESKAMP.
 1108 Arrived ENDOWA after an easy walk.
 1130 Left ENDOWA after talking with the V.C. and headmen concerning the recapture of ENAROP ex-V.C. of ENDOWA.
 1230 Arrived MIL Rest House. Lunch. Talked to MIL's V.C. and headmen about the recapture of ENAROP.
 1355 Left MIL and proceeded towards PINJ.
 1405 Arrived rope suspension bridge.
 1420 Left bridge after supervising the crossing of the carriers and cargo.
 1430 Arrived PINJ Rest House. Work on new Aid Post inspected. Work progressing well under the care of A.P.O. TUNU. Natives food purchased. Slept PINJ.

Thursday 26th March, 1964:

- 0905 Patrol left PINJ along MENDI-NIPA road.
- 0924 Left road and started to climb PUMI-PULIM range.
- 0930 Rested on steep slope and waited for cargo.
- 1020 Arrived at top of range.
- 1030 Left top after resting and waiting for cargo.
- 1130 Arrived MENDI Sub-District Office.

Carriers paid.

Patrol stood down.

[Faint, mostly illegible text follows, likely a report or journal entry. The text is too light to transcribe accurately but appears to contain several paragraphs of descriptive text.]

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.INTRODUCTION:

The main object of this patrol was to locate and to try and persuade WEP-PENDIP of MALA to return to the MENDI Hospital.

The second object was to try and recapture the escaped ENAROP, ex-Village Constable of ENDOWA and return him to the MENDI Corrective Institution.

For further information concerning these objects please refer to Patrol Instructions for MENDI Patrol No. 27-63/64 and to 'Native Situation' in this Patrol Report.

The section of the UNDIRI Census Division covered by this Patrol is situated in a Westerly direction from MENDI.

The Eastern section of the area patrolled, which is the Southern section of the Lai Valley, is an open valley with an undulating valley floor rising to steep Limestone mountains on either side.

The valley floor is covered with Pit Pit and Kunai grass with stunted scrub along the water courses. The Limestone mountains are covered with Tropical Forests.

The Western section of the area patrolled consists of mountainous and hilly country dissected by many small streams.

This area is mainly covered with Tropical Forest but spaced throughout this area there are native gardens and areas of Pit Pit and Kunai grass.

NATIVE SITUATION:

WEP-PENDIP was arrested and convicted of Riotous Behaviour on the 16th of December 1964. While serving his sentence in the MENDI Corrective Institution he was involved in a tractor accident. The tractor passed twice over WEP's legs and as a result one of his legs was broken. He was taken to the MENDI Hospital on the 2nd January 1964 for initial treatment and then sent to GOROKA Hospital. A plate was inserted and a full leg plaster was applied. WEP then returned to MENDI Hospital where he was under supervision waiting to return to GOROKA Hospital for further treatment.

On the 14th March 1964 the people convicted and serving a sentence in the MENDI Corrective Institution for the same offence as WEP were released. WEP heard of this and decided ~~he~~ to go home. He absconded from the MENDI Hospital on the 15th March 1964 and removed his plaster. He crawled to TUBIRI and some of his friends carried him to MALA.

WEP was easily persuaded to return to the MENDI Hospital after explaining to him that it was for his own good. It was explained to him if he stopped where he was his leg would never heal properly and he would never be able to walk the same as his friends. If he came back to MENDI there was a fair chance that his leg would heal properly.

Native Situation Contd.

It was also explained to WEP that his term in the MENDI Corrective Institution was finished and that if he returned to MENDI it was for treatment only and not to finish a term in the Corrective Institution.

On the 9th March 1964 ENAROP-IABA was arrested and sentenced to three months imprisonment with hard labour for committing adultery. On the 11th March 1964 he escaped while in a working party outside the Corrective Institution. He returned to the Lai Valley.

Two policemen followed him and caught him but he managed to escape the same night.

Since his escape ENAROP had been living the life of an outcast. He was not liked in his group so he stopped in the bush in the day time and only came out at night time when he came to get his food from his wife.

When the Patrol arrived in the area all the Village Constables and headmen were asked if they would co-operate with the Patrol in helping to recapture ENAROP. These people did this very readily.

Because of the limited time the Patrol could be in the area there was little hope that ENAROP would be brought back to MENDI with the Patrol. The Village Constable and headmen from MIL were asked if they would go to ENAROP's wife's house and wait for ENAROP to arrive. The Patrol then returned to MENDI.

This planning was successful. On the 31st March 1964 the Village Constable and some headmen from MIL arrived in MENDI with ENAROP as their captive.

This was an extremely interesting Patrol and a lot was learned by it. These people co-operated with the Patrol in every way possible. This can be seen from the way they recaptured ENAROP and also from the purchase of native foods. In most cases the Patrol arrived at a Rest House late in the afternoon unannounced but native foods and fire wood was always available.

N. C. McQuilty
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N.C. McQuilty C.P.O.

Appendix 'A'.

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

ACCOMPANYING MENDI PATROL

NO. 27-63/64.

Sen. Const. IAMBE REG. NO. 7874.

Conduct fair, useless N.C.O.

Const. DUNAMP REG. NO. 9723.

Conduct good, Worked well.

Const. LEISIAT REG. NO. 10661.

Conduct very good, satisfactory worker.

Const. MAREME REG. NO. 9059.

Conduct good, average worker.

Const. NAM REG. NO. 10901.

Conduct very good, satisfactory worker.

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

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n. b. m. c. Quilty C.O.
.....
N.C. McQuilty
O/R.P.&N.G.C.

Correction



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MENDI - Southern Highland Report No. MENDI 29 of 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by M.C.CORNHILL, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled UNDIRI Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans N.McQUILTY, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Natives 9 Police, 2 Interpreters, 1 Medical Orderly.

Duration—From 13/4/1964 to 15/5/1964

Number of Days 33

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services January 1964.

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

Map Reference District Map.

Objects of Patrol Census revision; transfer names to Tax-census Sheets;
Routine Administration : Patrol Instructions attached.

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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27th July, 1964.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
M.H.D.I.

PATROL REPORT NO. 29-1963/64 - M.H.D.I.

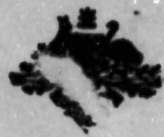
Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report and accompanying comment is acknowledged with thanks. I heartily agree in your covering comment.

2. I am pleased that the tax census sheets have been completed. People usually respond to patrols which spend time in their area and don't rush through.

3. I am pleased to see that Mr. Cornhill was given explicit instructions to camp in every census unit. I have no doubt that a lot of the success of the patrol can be attributed to this.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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



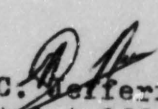
District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

9th July, 1964.

Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

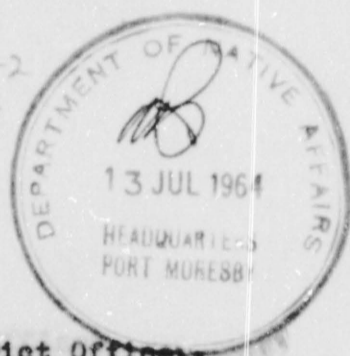
MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 29 OF 1963/64 - CENSUS FIGURES.

Attached hereto Village Population Register,
which has been omitted from the Report.


(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

7th July, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 29 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 30th June, 1964.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

Mr. Cornhill states "the Del area badly needed native contact", by this ambiguous statement, I presume he means the people needed contact in their own area by a Department of Native Affairs Patrol. You should instruct Mr. Cornhill that when making observations or criticisms he should support his statements with facts, thus enabling the reader to assess the validity of the conclusion drawn.

MISSIONS:

The remarks concerning "Cargo Cult" appear to me to be unnecessary - the original application specified the land was required inter-alia for an air-strip, thus I fail to understand why the people should entertain any idea of "cargo cult".

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Mr. Cornhill has failed to present facts regarding the Lai Valley Road. In the first instance the people asked for permission and assistance to build this road (See Mendi Patrol Report No. 4 of 1961/62, page 18 para. 3 and Mendi Patrol Report No. 12 of 1961/62, Roads para. 5.).

Secondly the journey by Land Rover from Mendi to Pinj is no more than 1 hour 20 minutes and the road passes through the villages of Pororo, Tubiri, Iore, Pume, however the direct route by walking track climbs directly from Mendi over the 8,000 feet ridge dividing Mendi from the Lai Valley and does not pass through any other villages. In addition this road provides rapid access to several thousand people by Officers of Technical Departments, thus enabling inspection of crop nurseries, Aid Posts etc, to be carried out well within one day. Without the road two days or more would be spent travelling to these points for the sake of perhaps 2 hours work.

This Report is disappointing; Mr. Cornhill should be instructed to check his facts and refrain from making rash statements.

Minute to:
Director,
Department of Native Affairs. KONEDOBU.

(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

For your information, please.

(A.C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

RWB/MCC

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Sub-District Office,
Mendi, SHD.

11th June, 1964.

The District Officer,
District Office,
Mendi.

MENDI PATROL No.29 of 1963/64

Attached hereto please find three copies of a report on the above Patrol as submitted by Mr. M. G. Cornhill, Patrol Officer Grade 1.

Delay in forwarding this Report is regretted.

Mr. Cornhill has conducted a thorough patrol of this area which should show lasting results. Two Officers working together certainly make the compilation of tax-census sheets a less onerous task.

Ten days were spent altogether in the general area of DEL and PABARONGA. The people of this area have shown a marked lack of cooperation in the past but with this leisurely patrol the attitude appeared to be different and the people much more co-operative.

The Catholic Mission is showing great interest in the DEL area, as is also the Methodist Mission. However the former Mission has been operating in a small way for some time and may have the advantage. In addition, the Christian Union Mission is applying for land near UDJABIA on the other side of the Nambi River. This increase in mission activity should have nothing but a beneficial affect on the area, although this quite obvious mission race is not pleasing to see.

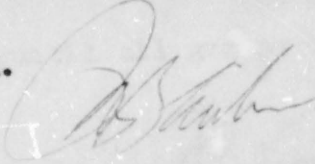
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Payment for the road to the Lai Valley is being arranged as soon as possible. Admittedly it is further by vehicular road to the Lai, but it is an access to Nipa Patrol Post.

I will make a separate recommendation regarding an aid post in the DEL area and also a recommendation concerning the break-up of the DEL census unit.

A most satisfactory patrol.


R.W. BLAIKIE
Assistant District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-1-2

Sub District Office,
Mendi,
Southern Highlands District

13th April, 1964.

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MENDI PATROL No. 29/1963-64

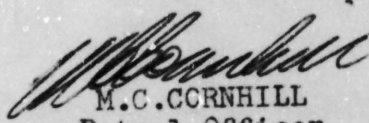
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DIARY

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Monday

13th April Transported patrol personnel and patrol gear from Mendi to IORE in Landrover and tractor. Complaints and discussions. Camped IORE.

Tuesday

14th April Census revised for IORE. Mr. McQuilty with patrol gear to IARIA. Mr. Cornhill with four police and Village Constable to a bush hamlet to apprehend three census evaders : these 3 were later charged and fined under the N.R.Os at IARIA. Complaints and discussions at Iaria.

Wednesday

15th April Census commenced at IARIA : a large group, and it was not possible to complete the census and copying of names into the Tax-census sheets before rain started at midday. Complaints. Slept second night at IARIA.

Thursday

16th April Census completed at Iaria. Proceeded MEGI, where everyone was making preparations for a lage 'sing-sing' and ceremonial killing of pigs. Afternoon observed. Slept MEGI.

Friday

17th April Observed ceremonies at Megi. Discussions with villagers from all over the Division. Patrol visited By Fr. Benjamin. Slept MEGI.

Saturday

18th April Observed ceremonies at MEGI - complaints.

Sunday

19th April Observed at MEGI.

Monday

20th April Census revised for MEGI, but because of the size of this group, the tax-census sheets were not done. Midday to PABARONGA. Discussions.

Tuesday

21st April Census revised at PABARONGA. Ont to WARAMESA; camp made. Discussions and complaints.

Wednesday

22nd April Remained at WARAMESA. Census figures, etc. completed for Pabaronga. Names transferred to Tax-census sheets for Megi. Complaints.

Thursday

23rd April Census revised for WARAMESA. Proceeded ONJA and made camp. Complaints.

Friday

24th April ONJA Village Constable reported that he was not given a book after the last census. A new census taken into the Tax-census sheets. Midday to DEL. Complaints and discussions.

Saturday
25th April Observed at DEL. Discussions re proposed Catholic Mission Lease at Del; Fr. Benjamin was also present. Discussions re sickness (malaria) prevalent in this area. Complaints.

Sunday
26th April Observed at DEL.

Monday
27th April The two DEL groups (ORIA and MURI under separate Village Constables) have lost one of their village groups. A new census taken into Tax-census sheets for DEL-ORIA. General observation and discussions at UBURIL (15 minutes from Del). DEL-MURI and UBURIL groups will census here. They intend shortly to build a permanent rest-house.

Tuesday
28th April New census taken into Tax-census sheets for DEL-MURI. Complaints and discussions. Slept UBURIL again. Const. Paino sick and sent into Mendi.

Wednesday
29th April UBURIL Village Constable claimed he was not given a book after last year's census. A new census taken into Tax-census sheets. Midday to POMBADL. Complaints.

Thursday
30th April Census revised at POMBADL. Villagers instructed to complete the repair of the Lai River bridge. Bulk of patrol gear to Pumbura. Cornhill and McQuilty to MALA (2 1/2 hours walk). Complaints and discussions. Slept Mala.

Friday
1st May Census revised at MALA. On to PUMBURA in afternoon (1 1/2 hour walk).

Saturday
2nd May Observed at PUMBURA. Proceeded POMBADL area and inspected Lai River bridge. Bulk of population from villages North of Pumbura returned today from 'singsing' in Map area.

Sunday
3rd May Observed at PUMBURA.

Monday
4th May Census revised for PUMBURA. Midday to ESKAMP. Repairs and cleaning up of rest-house buildings. Discussions.

Tuesday
5th May Census revised for ESKAMP. Const. Paino returned with patrol rations. On to ENDOWA. Discussions, etc.

Wednesday
6th May Census revised for Endowa. Interpreter PUNGU sent into Mendi for Supreme Court work. To MIL in afternoon. An unsuccessful attempt made to locate two census evaders from ENDOWA. Complaints at MIL.

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Thursday
7th May Mr. McQuilty to Mendi. Cornhill revised census for MIL. Midday to PINJ. Complaints. Names transferred names into Tax-census sheets for Mil in evening.

Friday
8th May Census revised at PINJ. Midday to PUMI. Names transferred to Tax-census sheets for Pinj.

Saturday
9th May Census revised at PUMI. On to ONE in afternoon. Discussions.

Sunday
10th May Morning : names transferred to Tax-census sheets for Pumi.
Afternoon : Observed at ONE.

Monday
11th May To IAGEN for census revision. Midday returned to ONE. Mr. McQuilty returned patrol ex Mendi. Tax-census sheets made out for Iagen. Supervision of ONE people re gathering of materials for new rest-house. Slept ONE.

Tuesday
12th May Census revised for ONE. Midday to PORORO. Complaints.

Wednesday
13th May Census revised for PORORO. Midday to TUBIRI. Discussions with TUBIRI and SUNDA groups.

Thursday
14th May Cornhill : revised census for TUBIRI.
McQuilty : to SUNDA for census revision.
Returned Mendi and slept at the Station.

Friday
15th May To Poramanda.
Cornhill : Census revised for PORAMANDA.
McQuilty : Census revised for SEBISUNDA.
Midday returned to Mendi.

END OF PATROL

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The Patrol was over the Undiri Census Division, comprising the Lower Mendi and Lower Lai River valleys. The objects of the Patrol were Census revision, preparing proper records in Tax-census sheets, and general administration. Mr. N. McQuilty, Cadet Patrol Officer, accompanied, and I found him most useful, particularly in assisting with census work and copying names into the new Tax-census sheets: this process is very laborious and without the services of two Officers working together, census revision would take twice the normal time.

There were no untoward incidents and attendances at census were good. The two or three days spent at each Megi and Del were unavoidable as this is the 'singing' season, and ceremonial occasions had been arranged long in advance. Natives from throughout the Division came to Megi for the occasion, and this was a good opportunity for settling complaints, discussing our patrol program, etc. The Del area badly needed native contact, and our stay there was not wasted time. This 'problem area' shows signs of improvement: I shall discuss this further under 'Missions' as it is evident that the Catholic Mission is going to be most influential in the area.

During the ~~course~~ course of the Patrol, Mr. Haviland, P.O., was conducting Local Government Elections in the villages of Poramanda, Sebisunda, Sunda, Tubiri, Pororo, One, Iagen and ~~one~~ Iore. These villages are situated immediately South of Mendi and the Upper Mendi Local Government Council has been extended to include them. The remaining villages in the Division will continue to be administered under the Village Constable system. Unfortunately they have little avenues available to them for earning money, and this is likely to remain a barrier against Local Government.

I paid carriers and purchased food with cash, distributing £55 in the area. Should the Catholic Mission become properly established at DEL, then that will be a further avenue for cash income. 129 males are working on coastal plantations. These people will obtain both monetary and social benefits from this.

Ample supplies of food were bought, and there is a good variety of produce. The people living near Mendi realise that variety is necessary in order to capture their share of the Mendi market.

Village Constables are of average calibre, the best being UNDIN of MIL. The Young Councillor, MORIS of TUBIRI also impresses me. No changes in Village Constables are recommended.

MISSIONS

Father Benjamin from Mendi Capuchin Mission is acquiring increasing respect and influence throughout the Division. The Mission has applied for a 40 acre lease at DEL, with the object of developing this to a permanent station complete with airstrip. The Del people are very enthusiastic, and when we discussed it with them they expressed their willingness to sell the land and cooperate with the Mission. The main attraction for them is possibly to have their own airstrip, but I do not think there is any 'cargo cult' connected with this. They have a realistic

attitude towards the actual benefits which could accrue to them through the Mission.

It is to be hoped that the Mission lease will be processed as soon as possible, as this is the logical answer to the Del-Pabaronga area. The Mission, being permanently on the spot, could quickly develop improved attitudes. Cooperative work in developing airstrip and Mission station would largely achieve this end.

The Methodist Mission is active in the Division, but its influence is far behind that of the Capuchin Mission.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

We have strengthened the vine bridge over the Lai River at Pombadl. It is adequate for transporting patrol gear, and will be useful for patrols requiring a direct route to the Nembu Valley.

Walking tracks are satisfactory, except in some very steep country where the terrain does not permit good tracks.

The road from Mendi - Tubiri - Lore - Pumi - Pinj - and thence on to the Upper Lai Valley provides a problem. The people say that they constructed this on the faith that they would be paid for their labours. They have not been paid, and the attitude expressed by Village Constables is: "The people will not hear our talk and come to work on road maintenance days. If they were paid for what they have done, then they will be more enthusiastic." I think their attitudes are understandable as they themselves can see little benefits which will accrue to them from the road. For instance, the Pinj to Mendi trip by car takes four hours along its roundabout route. The more direct walking track takes 2 hours. Thus one can walk to Mendi in half the time it takes to drive. In my opinion this roundabout route to the central Lai area greatly reduces the advantages to be derived from the road.

The bad section from Mendi to Tubiri is at present undergoing repair.

HEALTH AND AID POSTS

Malaria is very evident in the Southern villages, ie. Iaria to Del. Many people, both children and adults, have died. They evidently have no resistance to the disease. Once they become sick they just have to hope for the best, as there are no medical facilities available to them. A Native Medical Orderly accompanied the Patrol and we used two bottles of malaria tablets. However, fleeting visits by medical patrols are of little use. There are over 3000 people within two hours walk of Del. An aid post in this heavily populated area is a 'must'. Perhaps the Capuchin Mission, when they become properly established at DEL, will be able to provide medical facilities.

There is a new aid post at PINJ in the central Lai area. Villagers near Mendi can go to Mendi for treatment. Thus only some facility at DEL is needed to complete adequate benefits throughout the Division. A Del post would also serve people from the lower Nembu Valley.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS

We have revised the census for the Division. The population now stands at 6841, an increase of 97 on 1963. Note that our figures are not complete for Del, Onja and Uburil. The Village Constables from Onja and Uburil claimed that they were not given books after the last census : I am inclined to think that they lost their books, though they will not admit this! The Del Village Constables admit that one of their three books was accidentally burnt in a fire. New censuses were taken at these three villages. This unfortunately prevents proper comparison with last years figures. All names are now transferred to the Tax-census Sheets, so the problem of lost books will not affect future census work.

The Del group is too large to be censused at the one sitting. There are two Village Constables controlling two separate groups, which may properly be termed DEL-ORIA and DEL-MURI. I have separated these groups in the Tax-census sheets. I recommend that authority be obtained from the Director to split DEL into these two census units.

A new rest-house is under construction to serve Uburil and Del-Muri.

The large reduction in the population of IARIA is due to an entire clan group returning to their traditional land in the Yebi - Omai area.

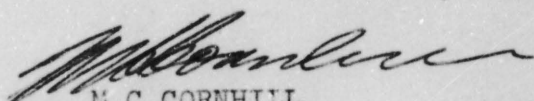
CONCLUSION

with I noticed an improved attitude this patrol (compared ~~to~~ my visits to the area in September 1962 and January 1964). Very encouraging was the almost 100 percent attendance at census, and the interest shown at having their names recorded. The incident with census books referred to is evidently a genuine loss, and not an attempt to defeat census revision.

Improved attitudes will be continued by:

- a) Routine patrolling;
- b) Responsibilities associated with the extension of Local Government into part of the Division; and
- c) The proposed permanent Mission Station at Del.

Mr. McQuilty is equiped to do routine census work by himself.


M.C. CORNHILL
Patrol Officer

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REPORT ON POLICE ACCOMPANYING

7874 S/Const	IAMBE	Not very effective. I think this may be caused by old age and ill health.
Z 125 Const 1/C1	KERWA	Average ability. Discipline and conduct good.
7855 Const	PAINO	He can be trusted to perform almost any duty properly. As an N.C.O. he would have good control. Promotion must surely be recommended soon.
6994 Const	MALIUPA	Discipline and conduct good.
2574 Const	KOM	Discipline and conduct good.
11045 Con Bug	KAREKO	Discipline and conduct good. Could be pay more attention to his appearance on patrol.
10661 Const	LEISIAT	Discipline and conduct good.
10779 Const	HENY	Discipline and conduct good.
10593 Const	ASERI	Tends to be a bit insolent if he thinks he can get away with it. Performs his duties well. General conduct etc satisfactory.
10901 Const	NAM	Discipline and conduct good.

M.C. Cornhill
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Patrol Officer

Entered in Records of Service
Forms 1 made out.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. Mendi Patrol 31-63/64

Patrol Conducted by P.A. BRIGGS C.P.O.

Area Patrolled KAMBIRI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 6 R.P.N.G.C. 1 N.M.O.

Duration—From 27/4/64 to 11/5/64

Number of Days 16

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1/7/1964

Medical 4/8/1964

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1. To revise Census 3. General Administration
2. To compile Tax/Census Sheets.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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Dept. of Native Affairs,
Konedobu, Papua.

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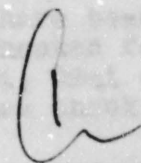
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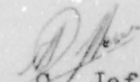
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Minute to:
Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.


(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

8th July, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 31 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 30th June, 1964.

The native situation in this Division is quite good, however, I agree that the people living close to the Town are lacking in gratitude but they do respond to firm treatment.

I note that under the date heading, Thursday, 30th April, "Census evaders were sent to the Corrective Institution, Mendi". I presume a Court of Native Matters was convened.

The figures under Medical and Health are alarming. The first report of malaria in the Tutama area was made, I believe, by Sister Darch of the Infant and Maternal Welfare Section during February, 1964. It is pleasing to note that the District Medical Officer is personally investigating the outbreak.

The Census figures have been carelessly computed and indicate that they were not checked for accuracy after being submitted to you. Kiburu, Lumbi, Omai and Umbimi Village totals have been incorrectly added, please check your copy of the Register and amend accordingly.

Please ensure that all future Reports are signed.

(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

G.C.
Mr. P. Briggs,
Sub-District Office.
PANGIA.

Minute to:
Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

RWF:BT.

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Sub District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

10th June, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 31 - 63/64.

Attached hereto please find two copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr P.A. Briggs, Cadet Patrol Officer.

The delay in forwarding this report is regretted but all the copies were inadvertently filed in this office.

The native situation in this area is quite pleasing as reported by Mr Briggs. The attitude of the people living in the immediate vicinity of Mendi station is not as good as it should be but such an attitude is unfortunately quite common in people living right on a Government station.

The census for the division was revised and tax census sheets compiled. This is the first time that these sheets have been compiled in this Sub District. They were only made out in one copy and have still to be typed in three copies.

The health position has caused some concern and the District Medical Officer has the matter in hand although the present epidemic has practically run its course.

Mr Briggs has carried out a satisfactory patrol through an area which has had quite a lot of contact of late.



(R. W. BLAIKIE)
Assistant District Officer.

T.P.N.G.

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Sub-District Office,
Mendi, S.H.D.
27/4/64.

Mr. P.A. Briggs,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
MENDI.

Patrol Instructions- Mendi Patrol 31-63/64.

As already discussed please prepare to depart today on a patrol of the KAMBIRI Census Division. The objects of this patrol are as follows.

- 1/ A complete census revision of the whole division.
- 2/ Compile Tax-Census sheets for the division.
- 3/ General native Administration in the area.

The whole area must be covered, as a census is useless unless the same area is covered every time. In addition the Tax/Census sheets are to be compiled for the same area. You have been issued with roneoed copies of instructions concerning the compilation of these sheets and these are to be followed religiously. Should you experience any difficulty please contact me and I may be able to assist.

The people of the KAMBIRI area, and especially those close to the station at Mendi have of late shown a marked lack of co-operation with the Administration with most things. They should be reminded rather forcefully of their responsibilities and also of the fact that the Administration is here in the area for their material benefit and not for gain.

Please take action against those evading Census and charge them under the relevant regulation.

As you move along the road heading south please instruct the people to continue to maintain their portion of the road and clear drains etc.

Should you consider any cases require action in the Court of Native Affairs please forward all people concerned and I will take action.

You will be accompanied by six members of the R.F.&N.G.C. (including one N.C.O.) , Interpreter KEI and one N.M.O.

(R.W.Blaikie)

Assistant District Officer.

T.P.N.G.

Sub-District Office,
MENDI S.H.D.
17/5/64

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI S.H.D.

MENDI PATROL 31-63/64.

Patrol Conducted by: Peter A Briggs C.P.O.
Area Patrolled: KAMBIRI CENSUS DIVISION
Accompanied by : Europeans; Nil.
Natives; R.P.N.G.C. 6
N.M.O. 1
Interpreter 1
Duration of Patrol : 27/4/64 to 11/5/64.
Number of Days : 16
Did Med Asst Accompany ?: No.
Last Patrol to Area: D.N.A. 1/7/64 P.H.D. 4/8/64.
Objects of Patrol :
1. To revise Census
2. To compile the Tax/Census Register.
3. General Administration of the area.

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Peter A Briggs C.P.O.

PATROL DIARY.

Monday 27th April. Departed Mendi at 0930 hrs for Umbimi rest house arrived at 0945 hrs all the people ready and waiting begun Census and Tax Census sheets. Heavy rain at 1430 hrs caused finish. Slept at Umbimi.

Tuesday 28th. Today finished TeTe Lonk and Kambegibu, after conclusion of work a few minor disputes heard. Departed 1430 hrs for Kiburu walked in the rain and arrived at 1545 hrs. Rest house and barracks in a mess. Slept Kiburu.

Wednesday 29th. Census etc started at 0800 hrs for the Wa Mois Oiyarip and Kiburu groups. Told these people to wake up to themselves a bit and also exhorted them to do a little bit of work on the Kiburu school grounds. Departed for Tutama at 1400 hrs. arrived 1600 hrs. A reasonable reception. Slept Tutama.

Thursday 30th. Today called Census etc. for this Tutama group, a housing inspection showed a horrible mess. Some Census evaders apprehended and sent to the Corrective Institution Mendi. Slept Tutama.

Friday 31st. Today to Yebi. Departed Tutama at 0900 hrs. Plenty of carriers and arrived at Yebi at 1100 hrs. A good assembly waiting. Due to the large number of deaths recently there were many absent mourning, so they were told to present themselves in force on Monday. Slept Yebi.

Saturday 1st May. Plenty of food arrived today. A few disputes heard rest of the day spent in rest. Slept Yebi.

Sunday 2nd. Spent day at Yebi.

Monday 3rd. Today Census revised and Tax/Census sheets completed for this Yebi No.1 group. Dr. Mathews and A.D.O. visited. Sickness very invasive here. Plenty of food again and two disputes heard. Slept Yebi.

Tuesday 4th. Departed Yebi for Omai at 0800 hrs arrived Omai at 0930 road in good condition. All the Omai population assembled so began work immediately. Finished at 1300 hrs general chat with old men and a few courts heard. Slept Omai.

Wednesday 5th. Today went down to Mogura (Ialibu Area) to make an investigation on a land dispute no people present, all having run away to Iaria and Iore (Mendi Area) 5 new houses erected. Persuaded a few who I did see to return to Omai with me to discuss this matter. Arrived Omai at 1430 hrs and departed at 1530 hrs for AisAisa. Arrived at 1630 hrs and slept AisAisa.

Thursday 6th. Today began and finished the Census Revision and the Tax/Census Register for the AisAisa groups. General attitude seems o.k. plenty of food available. Slept AisAisa.

Friday 7th. Today departed AisAisa for Fundia arrived 910 hrs after a 1½ hour walk. People all gathered so began at once finished at 1230 hrs. A couple of courts and a talk with the people about Local Government Councils. A request for an Aid Post. Slept Fundia.

Saturday 8th. To Limbiali at 0800 hrs Census Revised etc one court about long unpaid debt. Walked back to Fundia.

Sunday 9th. Today departed Fundia for Yebi at 0800 hrs arrived Yebi at 1210 hrs food there and Slept Yebi.

Monday 10th Census revised etc for here. Work begun on new Aid Post heavy rain in afternoon Slept Yebi.

Tuesday 11th. Left Yebi at 0730 hrs for Lumbi and Mendi. Completed Census etc. for Lumbi and departed for Mendi. Arrived 1430 hrs.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The Native affairs situation in this Census Division is quite satisfactory there is no sign of unrest likely to cause serious trouble between any of the people residing in this area.

However the attitude taken by the people living in the near vicinity of the Mendi Station is quite disappointing. Although these people have had the longest and closest contact with the government of any of the people of the area they have developed a 'don't care' attitude. This is clearly indicated by their approach to any schemes put forward by the Administration - for example the new Primary T school at Wag-Wag. The efforts made by these people to construct these buildings which will be for their own benefit, is pathetic.

They are continually ready to accept and take advantage of the government for their own benefit but are usually unwilling to co-operate in a 'give and take' attitude with the government. Surely this will be to their detriment in the long run.

Further from the station the attitude shown towards the patrol was more pleasing. At Yebi we were warmly received and the headmen of the groups stayed at the rest house for a long time discussing various things from the purchase of cattle to the construction of a new Medical Aid Post.

The people of the Omai and AisAisa groups, despite their previous trouble with a police party, are quite settled now. The Omai people have only one reason for unrest, this being over ground which is situated in the Ialibu area. The full story of this dispute is on file in the Mendi Sub-District Office ref. 37-3-1. and an accompanying appendix concerns this matter. I would strongly suggest that a Lands Claim be registered either from this or the Pangia Sub-District Office in order to have this matter resolved and the situation further settled.

At Limbialiand Pundia the situation is very pleasing. These people are on the fringes of both the Ialibu and the Mendi Administrative areas and as such they are not in very frequent contact with Patrols. Nevertheless their attitude is far superior to those groups close to the station. I feel that this is due largely ~~due~~ to the Village Constable from Pundia, a very influential man with a shrewd head.

Census Revision/Tax Census Sheets.

The main purpose of this Patrol was to revise the Census and to complete the compilation of the Tax/Census sheets for this Census Division.

Generally the people presented themselves well and where it happened that a family was absent due to sickness ~~it~~ was there was usually some sort of representation made.

It is interesting to note the large number of male and female migrations out of the Villages and also out of the Census Division. This is due mainly to the sickness in the area. Widows and widowers, after the death of their spouses seem to migrate out and go back to the Village of their birth. Also, families fearing sickness are leaving, where a family asked to have its name removed from the Village Book due to this illness I made every attempt to dissuade them, the reason being that I felt that after the sickness was finished they would most likely migrate back to their Village thereby causing confusion to future officers revising the Tax Register Census Register.

The Census Revision and The Tax Census Sheets are now complete.

Cont.MEDICAL and HEALTH.

The health of the people in this Census Division is far from satisfactory. They are at present suffering from an epidemic of what appears to be influenza complicated with some form of Malaria. The sickness attacks people of all ages and the number of dead and sick from this is quite alarming. While I was camped at Yebi Dr. C.L. Mathews visited there and made an investigation, however this was a little too late as these people had already been suffering for some two months prior to his visit. Figure of the amount dead and sick are shown below, these concern only the most hard hit Villages.

At Yebi a new Aid Post is under construction and the people seem quite enthusiastic towards it this Post was started during this Patrol.

	Adults		Children	
	Dead	Sick	Dead	Sick.
<u>Yebi.</u>	17	34	11	23
<u>Tutama.</u>	3	14	4	7
<u>Lumbi.</u>	4	27	2	13

AGRICULTURE.

It is pleasing to see that the seeds distributed on Mendi Patrol 2-63/64 at Yebi and Lumbi are now bearing well, further seeds were distributed at Tutama Aisaisa and Pundia on this Patrol.

It was also made known generally that it is possible for these people to purchase yearling steers from D.A.S.F. at Mendi, this caused much interest and two men have already approached the District Agriculture Officer with this in mind.

ROADS and BRIDGES.

The Mendi Galibu road runs almost the entire length of the Patrol Route hence a fairly good idea of its condition was gained.

The road as far as Lumbi is reasonable, but past here and on the descent into the Anga Gorge it is hopeless, requiring much work before it will be up to the standard usually required for Council Roads. On the far side of the Gorge it is stoned in some sections and in others remains as the original bench. All of the bridges are in good condition.

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COUNCIL and COUNCILLORS.

The extension of The Upper Mendi Local Government Council to include three groups in this Census Division took place some four days prior to the start of this Patrol.

At this early stage no assesment can be made of its influence but the people do appear to be realising that they are now under a different set-up than they were before. The extension has also increased the desire for those not included in it, to gain admittance to its ranks as soon as possible.

Conclusion.

The patrol was interesting and due to the influence of Senior Constable Pikiaora several relatively new policemen received sound training in the Patrolling aspect of their duties.

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Peter A Briggs C.P.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. MENDI 33 63/64

Patrol Conducted by P.A. Briggs C.F.O.

Area Patrolled Lai Valley C/D (part)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

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

Duration—From 25/5/1964 to 27/5/1964

Number of Days 3

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5/1964

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Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Murder Investigation

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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23rd July, 1964.

District Officer,
District Office,
Mendi,
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT.

PATROL REPORT NO. 33 OF 1963/64 - MENDI.

Receipt of the above mentioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

Though not reported, it appears that Mr. Briggs was successful in his murder investigation and having Iabiri brought before a Court. You had better further investigate the charge if there is any suspicion that Iabiri is taking the blame for an older man. Should further investigation be carried out by an experienced officer, Mr. Briggs should be given the opportunity of accompanying him as a training exercise.


(J.K. McCARTHY)
DIRECTOR

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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

8th July, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 31 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned report which was received on the 2nd July, 1964.

It is not clear from the Report or your covering memorandum how the accused IABIRI was brought before the Court. Mr. Briggs was sent to investigate a murder, but he does not appear from the Report to have been successful, yet your covering memorandum 67-2-1 states that IABIRI has been committed for trial.

Please advise Mr. Briggs that when compiling Reports he must ensure that all the relevant facts are presented without ambiguity.

(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

Minute to:

Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

RWB:BT.

67-2-1.

Sub District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

11th June, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 33 of 63/64.

Attached hereto please find two copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr P.A. Briggs, Cadet Patrol Officer.

The patrol was only short and was for the specific purpose of continuing investigations into a double murder at HOMAIP. A youth IABIRI has already been committed for trial but there were a number of unsatisfactory points in the case. The main one being the suspicion that IABIRI was merely taking the blame for an older man. This has not been substantiated.

The subject matter of the patrol was efficiently carried out.



(R.W. BLAIKIE)
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mendi, N.G.
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The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI

MENDI PATROL ----- 33-63/64.

Patrol Diary.

Monday 25th May. Departed Mendi at 1000hrs for HOMAIP in the Lai Valley Census Division. Arrived Homaip at 1530 hrs after a fairly hard walk contact was made with the Village Constable and through him food etc was brought to the Patrol. Asked to see Iol and he duly arrived. Warned him not to go anywhere as he would be wanted for questioning tomorrow.

Tuesday 26th. Today began questioning Iol about the murder of Wemia-Pagirip. This lasted for four hours on and off with no success. Asked Iol whether he would accompany me back to Mendi and he agreed.

Late in after-noon a complaint concerning a stolen pig brought to my notice. Const Kamangru sent to investigate and was assaulted by the owner of the pig.

Wednesday 27th. Today left HOMAIP for Mendi at 0700 hrs arrived there at 1200 hrs. Patrol stood down.

The purpose of this patrol was to contact Iol-Halt and investigate several accusations that had been made against him by Iabiri-Wesal, in connection with the murder of Wemia Pagirip.


Contact was made and on the following day I began questioning Iol. Iabiri had said that he had seen Iol kill Wemia the questions directed to Iol were all in connection with this accusation.

Iol made no confession nor did he at any time give any indication that he knew anything more about the matter than what he had already said at the Court of Petty Sessions in Mendi. Due to this the matter was dropped and Iol agreed to accompany me to Mendi for further discussion.

~~The~~ In the afternoon I received a complaint that there had been a recent Pig theft in connection with this I sent Const Kamangru to see the Father of the thief and to bring him and one pig back to the rest house so that the matter could be straightened out.

The constable was assaulted and abused by the owner of the pig and was also threatened by him and his relations, hearing this I went to the mens house and apprehended the man and his son. They accompanied me back to Mendi for prosecution and are now serving time in the Mendi Corrective Institution.

Concerning the Murder Investigation, I would suggest that any officer who investigates this matter further start from scratch as the matter has already been looked into by two different officers and things are no doubt becoming a little confused.


Peter A Briggs S.P.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MENDI, Southern Highlds Report No. MENDI 34 of 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by M.C.CORNHILL, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled PASURIM, PEMBI and PINGIRIP Villages of the Karint C/Div.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 4 POLICE and 1 Interpreter

Duration—From 1. 6./1964 to 3. 5./1964

Number of Days THREE

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services FEBRUARY 1964

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

Map Reference District Map

Objects of Patrol 1. Enquire into brawl at PEMBI; 2. Land Investigation - PINGIRIP Mission Lease; 3. Purchase land at PASURIM.

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 July, 1964.

District Officer,
District Office,
MENDI
Southern Highlands District.

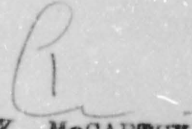
PATROL REPORT 34 OF 1963/64 - MENDI.

Receipt of the above-mentioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

It appears that the people require much closer attention in view of their present attitude.

I suggest you send Mr. Cornhill to camp amongst these people for an extended period.

This is probably the worst Patrol Report it has been my misfortune to read in years.


(J.K. McCARTHY)
DIRECTOR

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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

8th July, 1964.

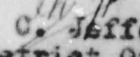
Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 34 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 30th June, 1964.

The purchase of native land in Mendi Sub-District is more often difficult than otherwise. To endeavour to conduct an investigation shortly after a violent dispute over land in the area would be difficult indeed.

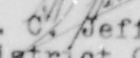
However, it is a most unsatisfactory situation to have people in a Council area "hiding in the bush". You should issue firm instructions to the Officer-in-Charge of the Upper Mendi Local Government Council to visit the area and allay the fears of the people.


(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

Minute to:

Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.


(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

RWB:BT.

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Sub District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

11th June, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 34 of 1963/64.

Attached hereto please find three copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr M.C. Cornhill, Patrol Officer Gr.1.

The purpose of this patrol was to investigate one area for a land purchase and also complete a purchase for a second. The investigation at Pingirip was successful but the purchase Pasurin was not successful as the people demanded shell and not cash. This is rather common in this sub District.

The disturbance at PEMBI took place about a month ago and 34 men were apprehended and are serving gaol sentences. It was thought that more may have been implicated but there was no direct evidence to suggest this. Mr Cornhill was instructed to endeavour to ascertain if any more were involved and if so to arrest them. The people were wary of being implicated and numbers were temporarily hiding in fear of a general round up. I regard the matter as being closed now.



(R.W. BLAIRIE)
Assistant District Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
Mendi, SHD.

4th June, 1964.

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

MENDI PATROL No.34 of 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by: M.C.Cornhill, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : Pasurim, Pemi and Pingirip (Upper Mendi
Local Government area).

Accompanied by : Four Police.
One Interpreter.

Duration : 1st June 1964 to 3rd June 1964.
A total of three days.

Objects : Land Investigation at Pingirip.
Purchase of land at Pasurim.
Inquire into recent brawl at Pemi.

M.C. Cornhill
M.C.CORNHILL
Patrol Officer

1964

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Monday
1st June

1000 hours departed Mendi in Landrover for PEMBI. Made camp at Pembi. Discussions in afternoon with Councillors from Pembi, Pasurim and Pingirip. Only five or six males from Pembi turned-up at rest-house: the others from this village are either in Mendi gaol or hiding in the bush.

Tuesday
2nd June

Walked along main road to PINGIRIP. A fair gathering of people here. The men were organised into clearing and cutting 'pitpit' on Pingirip Mission Lease land. Surveyed an area of approximately five acres. General discussions and enquiries into ownership and other matters required for Land Investigation. Agency Agreement made out.

The Pingirip people claim they were not involved in the Pembi brawl.

Returned Pembi for night.

Wednesday
3rd June

Left Pembi for PASURIM. Councillor reported that many of the Pasurim land owners had not assembled as they were weary of my intentions in connection with the Pembi brawl. However, a group of old men present said that payment of £11.10.0 offered was not sufficient for the land: they wanted M.O.P. Sheff anyway, and not money. Some of the younger men were prepared to accept the money offered. I was not able to effect purchase.

Midday I returned to Mendi, leaving patrol gear with Police at Pasurim.

..... END OF PATROL

Patrol gear and Police returned Mendi per tractor on 4th June.

LA 556(P) Landrover. Applied for by the
Carnegie in Mendi's Minor Division.

LA 562(P). 5 ad. applied for by the
Carnegie in Mendi's Minor Division.

Patrol Report presented to A.D.C. Mendi on 5th June.

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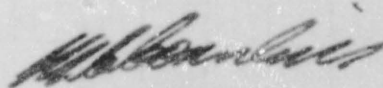
NATIVE AFFAIRS

About a month ago there was a brawl at Pembu over an area of land. The main participants in the brawl were from two clans within the Pembu group. I found it most difficult to investigate this as most of the Pembu and Pasurim groups were very weary. 30 men from Pembu and 4 men from Pasurim are already serving gaol sentences for their parts in the brawl. Many Pembu and Pasurim men have temporarily taken to hiding in the bush for fear of being implicated. I made nothing more than discreet enquiries. I have found that rounding people up in the bush is a futile operation, and such action would further intimidate them.

My coming to the area within a month of the brawl rather set them on edge, and I feel that this had an adverse effect on my attempts to purchase Pasurim Land. This was not possible to effect as some of the owners were 'in hiding' and some old men persisted in their demands to be paid in M.O.P. Shell. I did not press the point in view of the weary nature of the people at present. An attempt could perhaps be made in a few months time when the people are more settled. Should this meet with failure then the Mission will perhaps have to find land elsewhere. Should we tender payment in M.O.P. Shell, we shall be faced with the problem of having to give shell for all future Mission Leases in the area.

The 'edgy' atmosphere at Pembu and Pasurim should gradually return to normal within the next month or so. The Pasurim Land file is best to put aside till then.

I have conducted an investigation into Pingirip Land. The Pingirip men say that they will accept payment in cash.



M.C. CORNHILL
Patrol Officer.

Notes :

PASURIM LAND - LA 5564(P) 4.5 acres. Applied for by the Capuchin Friars Minor Mission.

PINGIRIP LAND = LA 5562(P). 5 acres. Applied for by the Capuchin Friars Minor Mission.

Patrol Report presented to A.D.O, Mendi on 5th June.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **MENDI, Southn Hghlds** Report No. ^{MENDI} **35 of 1963-64**

Patrol Conducted by **M. G. CORNHILL, Patrol Officer.**

Area Patrolled **Mt. Giluwe slopes East of KOMIA Village.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **Nil**

Natives **3 Police; 1 Interpreter.**

Duration—From **8 / 6 / 19 64** to **20 / 6 / 19 64**

Number of Days **13**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19..... **March 1964**

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

Map Reference **District Map**

Objects of Patrol **Completion of the Mount Giluwe part of the Mendi to Tambul road.**

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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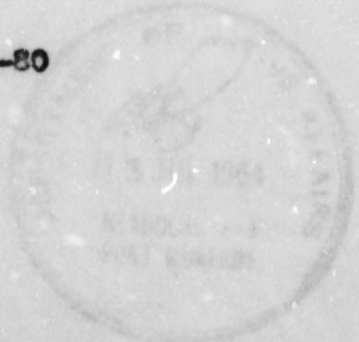
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27th July, 1964.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 75-53/64 - MENDI:

Receipt of the above-mentioned patrol report and accompanying comment is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The patrol requires no comment as it was only involved in completing a short section of road. The action of the Upper Mendi Local Government Council in making its completion a community effort is highly commendable.

Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
MENDI.

(Signature)
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

For your information please.

Thursday 14th June	Supervision of roadwork. 100 men put to work on the Little Mendi bridge.
Friday 15th June	1500 yards of road to Little Mendi bridge completed. Approaches to Big Mendi Creek also completed. Most workers returned their villages today.

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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

8th July, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 35 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 2nd July, 1964.

I agree that gravelling is a necessity for the full length of this road which rises at its highest point to 9,000 feet above sea level. However, the District Commissioner has this aspect in hand.

(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

Minute to:
Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBJ.

For your information please.

(A. C. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

Thursday
18th June Supervision of roadwork. 180 men put to work on the Little Creek Bridge.

Friday
19th June 1500 yds of road to Little Creek completed. Little Creek bridge completed. Application for 200 tons of gravel submitted. Roadwork resumed. Work done on bridge.

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Sub District Office,
Mendi,
Southern Highlands District.

1st July, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
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MENDI PATROL No 35 of 1963/64.

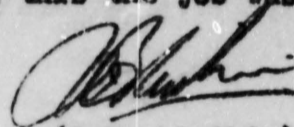
Attached hereto please find three copies of a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. M.C. Cornhill, Patrol Officer Grade 1.

The patrol was mounted for the sole purpose of completing a short section of road on the Konia - Tambul road which will link the Southern Highlands with the Western Highlands District. This portion of the road was left uncompleted by a previous patrol as there was some dispute over land boundaries and the people were not keen on continuing.

However at a meeting of the Upper Mendi Local Government Council it was decided to make this a community effort and finish this portion of the road as soon as possible as the people do realise that benefits will accrue to them from this important road link.

The job was satisfactorily completed but before the road can be used continuously gravelling will have to be done as the heavy rainfall on the slopes of Mt. Giluwe make the road surface slippery most of the time.

There were difficulties in supplying the people from distant villages with food but despite this the job was done.



(R.W. Blaikie)
Assistant District Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
Mendi, SHD.

23rd June, 1964.

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

MFENDI PATROL No. 35 of 1963/64

Conducted by: **M. C. CORNHILL, Patrol Officer.**

Accompanied by: **3 Police.
1 Interpreter.**

Duration: **8th to 20th June, 1964.
Total of 13 days.**

Area Patrolled: **Mount Giluwe slopes, East of
Komia Village.**

Objects of Patrol: **Construction of 1520 yards of
road to the Western Highlands
boundary. Replace bridge over
Little Kondo Creek.**

Reference Mendi to Tambul road.



**M. C. CORNHILL
Patrol Officer**

Presented ADO MENDI on 24th June

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1964

- Monday**
8th June 0800 hrs : Word sent throughout the Upper Mendi Local Government area for those who had agreed to work on the road to converge on Komia. Self to KOMIA rest-house in tractor with patrol equipment. Workers arrived from most villages in afternoon.
- Tuesday**
9th June Patrol left Komia for the Mount Giluwe road-head. Tractor pushed much of the way up the steep ascent. Camp made on the upper-slopes 8 miles from Komia. The road-head is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles further on; ~~xx~~ most of the villagers chose to build their bush houses here.
Mr. Blaikie, A.D.O., visited Patrol in Landrover.
- Wednesday**
10th June Supervision of roadwork. Names of all workers recorded (270). Only a few men thought of bringing spades with them. Everyone put to clearing the bush in the road area.
- Thursday**
11th June Public Works officials arrived on inspection. They did not bring any spades with them, and as yet work has not got properly underway.
Self to Mendi in Landrover to organise spades and supply of sweet-potato. Slept Mendi.
- Friday**
12th June Organised 120 spades from P.W.D. and a promised supply of sweet-potato. Returned with spades in tractor to Komia, but tractor unable to manage the Mt. Giluwe ascent. Spades dumped at base of mountain.
- Saturday**
13th June 40 workers sent to pick-up the shovels and other materials. 8 labourers sent to camp at the base of the mountain and straighten out the road there. Supervision of road work. Approximately half the work force have returned to their villages to get food.
1430 hrs: 2 tractors brought 20 bags sweet-potato.
- Sunday**
14th June Observed. Approx. 150 men chose to work today.
- Monday**
15th June Inspection of work. Four LandRovers to road-head to pick-up footballers returning from Mount Hagen.
- Tuesday**
16th June Supervision of roadwork.
- Wednesday**
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- Thursday**
18th June Supervision of roadwork. 180 men put to work on the Little Kondo bridge.
- Friday**
19th June 1500 yards of road to Minibil Creek completed. Little Kondo bridge completed. Approaches to Big Kondo Creek straightened out. Most workers returned their villages today.

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Saturday
20th June. Patrol returned Mendi in tractor.

END OF PATROL

NATIVE AFFAIRS : ROADWORK

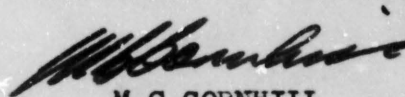
The main purpose of the Patrol was to complete 1520 yards of road to Minibal Creek, which is the unofficial Southern Highlands/Western Highlands boundary. 270 natives were employed for two weeks, under a roster by which most village groups contributed a force of 8 - 10 men in a community effort. This section which we have just completed is 11 miles from Komia, the nearest Southern Highlands village.

The weather was fine throughout, and the labour line worked keenly, often for 10 hours a day. Workers from the nearby villages of Komia, Egari, Birop, etc, had relatives bring them food; and employment of this labour on the road presents few problems. But workers from distant villages were unable to supply their own food, and I received many complaints concerning the food supply. The scheme proposed of their relatives preparing food which was to be transported by tractor to the road-head did not work out very satisfactorily when put into practice. Over the week-end many workers went to Tambul villages and bought food with their own money. I think that should we desire to continue employing people from distant villages in the gravelling and maintenance of this road, then an improved supply system will have to be instigated.

A proper supply is further hindered by the ascent from Komia. I had 8 workers permanently stationed at the base of the mountain to effect repairs and push Landrovers and tractors up parts of the 4 mile climb. I think that gravelling and maintaining this section would not be economical: many of the steeper grades should first be re-routed, and most corners properly formed.


Though the section within the Southern Highlands is now complete, the gravelling and future maintenance of the Mount Giluwe part will present a future problem as far as labour is concerned. I particularly refer to feeding labour, as sweet-potato will not grow at this height.

All employees have been paid for their labours per Mendi V/R 2205 of 22.6.64.


M. C. CORNHILL
Patrol Officer

REPORT ON POLICE ACCOMPANYING PATROL

6066	S/Const	PIKIORA	Applies himself keenly to his work
8690	Const	IGO	Discipline and conduct good.
8886	Const	KIMBUNA	Discipline and conduct good.


M. C. CORNHILL
Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. Mendi Patrol 36-63/64

Patrol Conducted by P.A. BRIGGS Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Upper Laik Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. J.K. KARUKURU A.T.O

Natives 7 R.P. & N.G.C. 4 N.M.O. 4 INTERPRETER.

Duration—From 1/6/1964 to 1/7/1964

Number of Days 30 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 2/1964

Medical //////////19//

Map Reference //////////

Objects of Patrol 1. Census revision 2. Compilation of Tax Census Register
3. Routine Administration.

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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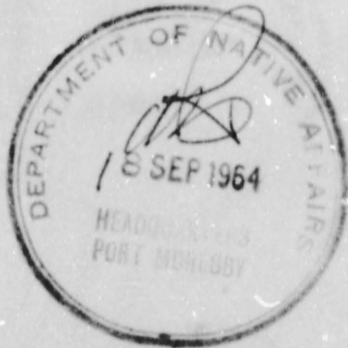
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In Reply
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No. 67-3-2



District Office,
Mendi.
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11th September, 1964.

Director,
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Dept. of Native Affairs,
Konedobu. Papua.

67-15-87

3rd September, 1964.

District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MIRI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 36-63/64 - MENDI.

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

What is the cause of this explosive situation? You should send your Assistant District Officer to investigate immediately. Further, whenever any such reports are made by a Cadet Patrol Officer, a senior officer should go and investigate immediately, letting the station remain in the charge of the Cadet Patrol Officer, if necessary.

Keep a record at your Sub-District Offices of all land disputes in a book in order that I shall be in a position to estimate difficulties arising from such disputes. When the situation appears critical you, or one of your senior officers, should investigate and advise on a subject file.

Don't press too hard for further Local Government Councils where the people are not demanding them. Our resources are already stretched in meeting demands from people pressing for such establishments.

I am gratified that Mr. Karukuru, A.P.O. proved such a valuable assistant and was such an agreeable companion.

J. K. McCarthy,
DIRECTOR OF NATIVE AFFAIRS.

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District Office,
Mendi.
Southern Highlands District.

31st July, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office.
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 36 OF 1963/64.

Thank you for the abovementioned Report which was received on the 22nd July, 1964.

This Report was submitted to you on the 6th July, 1964, but not forwarded to me until the 22nd July, 1964. Please ensure that Patrol Reports are processed within seven days.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

I would like specific details concerning the alleged explosive situation; it is not sufficient to say something exists, facts must be produced to support the contention.

Again, he has made the statement that the native situation would benefit from more intensive administration and patrolling, what is meant by this remark? The people are reported as being co-operative and that they accept administrative decisions etc., what does Mr. Briggs recommend?

HEALTH:

The notes under this heading are most disturbing, particularly the report of Yaws. A letter will be sent to the District Commissioner requesting him to contact the District Medical Officer and arrange for a Medical Patrol to visit this Division.

Mr. Briggs has conducted a satisfactory patrol but the poor presentation of his Report mars his good work.

(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.

Minute to:
Director,
Department of Native Affairs.
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

(A. G. Jefferies.)
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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*In Reply
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No.

Sub-District Office,
MENDI Southern Highlands Dist,
3rd JULY 1964

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MENDI S.H.D.

MENDI Patrol Report 36-63/64.

Area Patrolled : Upper Iai Census Division.
Patrol accompanied by : Mr. J.K. Karukuru A.P.O.
Natives : 7 R.P.&N.G.C. 1 N.MO. 1 D.N.A. Interpreter
Duration of Patrol : 1/6/64 to 1/7/64
Number of days : 30 days
Last D.N.A. Patrol to area: February 1964.
Objects of Patrol : 1. Census revision.
2. Compilation of Tax Census Register.
3. Routine Administration.

Peter A Briggs (C.P.O.)

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Sub District Office,
Mendi,
Southern Highlands District

9th July, 1964.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL No. 36-63/64.

Attached hereto please find two copies of a report on above patrol as submitted by Mr. P.A. Briggs, Cadet Patrol Officer.

The patrol was a routine census and administrative patrol conducted to the Lai Valley Census Division. Mr. Briggs refers to the Upper Lai Census Division whereas the Division is now correctly termed the Lai Valley Census Division.

The presentation of this report is poor and Mr. Briggs should pay more attention to his typing, spelling and punctuation.

Mr. Briggs states that as far as the native situation is concerned the situation in the Lai is akin to sitting on the top of a volcano but beyond giving a few individual cases he does not carry this sweeping statement any further. The land disputes mentioned are well known and claims have been registered with the Lands Commission.

The people of the upper portion of the Lai Valley belong to a language group akin to the people of the Kandep area in the Western Highlands and have little contact with those of the Lower Lai. They are also much closer to Kandep Patrol Post than they are to Mendi but as far as is known and without an actual survey and star fixes being taken they are in Papua and therefore will continue to be administered from Mendi.

Mr. Briggs' investigation into the murder at SOBA was quite well done and as a result a native TOLI has been committed for trial on a charge of wilful murder.

The matter of the health of the people in the Lai Valley has been brought to the notice of the District Medical Officer on numerous occasions but it appears that the Public Health Department just has not got the staff to cope with the problem.

I will discuss with the Patrol Officer in Charge at Nipa concerning the MAPKABOL people working on the KHUMBI road.

Mr. Briggs states on page 1 of the report at paragraph 3 that he recommends the appointment of a further Village Constable at PELEPOI whilst on page 2 at the last paragraph he recommends the appointment of one POKO as Village Councillor at PELEPOI. I am not satisfied that POKO is a bona fide resident of the PELEPOI area and hence do not recommend the appointment.

This is a disappointing report by Mr. Briggs and it is quite obvious that he completed it in a hurry in order to have it completed before his recent transfer to Pangia. The Lai Valley has been visited by eleven patrols in the past two years and will continue to receive regular visits and the native situation should improve with ~~regular~~ continued visits.

Assistant District Officer

67-1-2

Sub District Office,
Mendi,
Southern Highlands District

1st June, 1964.

Mr. P.A. Briggs,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
MENDI.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

Please prepare to depart on a patrol of the Lai Valley Census Division. You will be accompanied by one N.C.O. and five Constables of the Mendi Detachment of the Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary, one interpreter PUNGU and a Native Medical Orderly.

Your first task is to fully investigate the facts surrounding the double murder at HOMAIP with which the youth IAEIRI has already been committed for trial. As you are aware there are several facts of this case which are unsatisfactory and Crown Law is not ~~is~~ happy and I also am not completely satisfied. Other officers have already investigated this murder but you may be able to unearth fresh evidence. Spend three or four days on this if you think it necessary.


The patrol to the Lai Valley is mainly for the purpose of census revision and compilation of tax census sheets for the Division. Please prepare this as carefully as possible following the standing instruction on the matter of tax census sheets.

In addition please also carry out the usual native administration in the area. Listen to all complaints and if you consider any need Court action then forward the parties concerned to Mendi with all necessary witnesses.

You should also follow up the recent House of Assembly elections and the propoganda which preceded this. Advise the people carefully who was the successful candidate and just how he stands in relation to them. Just because the elections are over we should not drop political education.

Please advise me immediately should you strike any trouble or difficulties.

You will also be accompanied by Mr. J.K. Karukuru, Assistant Patrol Officer. The District Officer has no objection to Mr. Karukuru accompanying you on this patrol.


(R.W. Blakie)
Assistant District Officer.

PATROL DIARY:

Monday 1st June 1964: Today departed Mendi for Kamb arrived 1630 hrs after a five hour walk a very good reception and all o.k. Plenty of food available Slept Kamb.

Tuesday 2nd:Census revised and T.C.R. completed no absconders, report of murder at Soba two police despatched for Soba to start enquiries. Slept Kamb.

Wednesday 3rd:Departed Kamb for Soba at 0830 hrs arrived Kamb Soba at 1130 hrs Began investigation and went all day no progress. Slept Soba:

Thursday 4th: Again investigation went to the bush looking for witnesses and evidence. Arrived back and received a confession to x the charge. Slept Soba.

Friday 5th: Today took evidence from the relative witnesses, examination of the body for the wound causing death. Slept Soba

Saturday 6th. Today Census Revised and Tax Census Register Completed information received that the man Walt charged with the murder was a front man, further investigation substantiated this. Slept Soba

Sunday 7th:Today investigation continued and in the afternoon anothe man charged. Slept Soba.

Monday 8thToday departed Soba for Monda, prisoner to Mendi, arrived Monda at 1000hrs Census revised and T.C.R. completed, many native complaints settled. Slept Monda.

Tuesday 9th:Departed Monda for Malala at 745 hrs arrived at 915 hrs spent the day on native complaints and also a housing inspection, 6 lepers here Slept Malala.

Wednesday 10th:Today completed Census and T.C.R. for Malala and a new rest house started then departed for Winjaat 1000 hrs arrived at 1030 hrs. Afternoon spent with the people and looking at houses. Slept Winja.

Thursday 11th. Today completed Census Revision and T.C.R. and then departed for Mendi on A.D.O.'s instruction. Slept Pingirip.

12th, 13th, 14th, 15th spent in Mt Hagen. 15th in Mendi.

Tuesday 16th: Today departed Mendi by car for Tulum thence walked to Winja-6 1/2 hour walk Found patrol still well settled under control of Const 1/cKaman. Slept Winja.

Wednesday 17th.Left Winja for Pelepoi at 0800 hrs arrived at 0845 hrs good reception and plenty of food-swamped by native complaints spent the whole day on them. Slept Pelepoi.

Thursday 18th:Toady completed Census and T.C.R. for here-more courts in the afternoon Slept Pelepoi.

Friday 19th:Today departed Pelepoi for Wariba at 0800 hrs arrived at 1030 hrs a easy walk. Census etc completed by 1300 hrs and then spent the afternoon on Native Complaints. Slept Wariba

Saturday 20th:Today left Wariba for Marisere, Mr Karukuru to Semaip Census and T.C.R. completed for both places. Native Complaint settled at both places. Slept Marisere:

Sunday 21st: Observed.

Monday 22ndToday moved down to Marisere, rest house in a shocking state and so while all were present a start was made on ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ x a new one, nearly completed in the day Slept Marisere.

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Tuesday 23rd: Today Census revised and T.C.R. completed for here, this by 1000yrs. Then moved on to Tubip where new books were compiled and the T.C.R. completed. Slept Tubip

Wednesday 24th: Departed Tubip for Kema at 0845 hrs, arrived at 0910 hrs Census Revised and T.C.R. completed, 4 native complaints settled. Slept Kema:

Thursday 25th: Departed Kema for Enjel at 0845 hrs arrived at 0945hrs all o.k. Census revised and T.C.R. completed 2 Census evaders apprehended and all native complaints settled. Slept Enjel

Friday 26th: Left Enjel for Mapkebol at 0815 hrs arrived Mapkebol at 0845 hrs and Census and T.C.R. completed. Rest house excellent discussion re road work and all native complaints settled. Slept Mapkebo

Saturday 27th: Left Mapkebol for Kip at 0730 hrs arrived at 1010 hrs Census and T.C.R. completed and all complaints settled. Slept Kip.

Sunday 28th: Today departed Kip for Tugup at 0830 hrs work begun and finished by 1100 hrs then started negotiations to buy the land for the M.O.M lease completed this and then a discussion with the men from Mil and Kamb about their land dispute. Two native complaints settled. Slept Tugup.

Monday 29th: Today departed Tugup for Tumia arrived at 0930 hrs Census revised and T.C.R. completed. Complaints settled Slept Tumia.

Tuesday 30th: Today to Kuidanda arrived at 1030 hrs and work begun finished at 1300 hrs and Complaints begun and settled. Slept Kuidanda.

Wednesday 1st July: Left Kuidanda at 0730 hrs for Tulum arrived at 1010 hrs and met Mendi vehicles. Proceeded then to Mendi arriving at 1145 hrs, reported to A.D.O. Patrol stood down.

End of Diary:

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Native Affairs situation in this Census Division is not as good as it could or should be. I refer to a comment in the Tugup Village book made by Mr. C Sanderson P.O. "one gets the feeling of sitting on top of a volcano". I too have noticed this and have mentioned it to the Assistant District Officer several times in conversation.

The attitude of the people towards the Patrol was very gratifying, one is treated with respect and usually receives a hundred percent cooperation from the people, the feeling I mentioned previously is more on a village-village basis. I feel that whatever trouble occurred would be between the people themselves and not between the people and the government.

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It is true that fighting has long since ceased, but the issues over which they fought are still prominent in their inter-clan relations, and in three particular cases could flare up at slight provocation, I refer to the Tugup - Tumia land dispute, the Mil - Kamb land dispute and general relations between the large Pelepoi groups. It is for this reason that I have recommended the appointment of a third Village Constable for here.

The people of the Pelepoi, Winja, Wariba and Semaip groups have expressed a feeling of being left out. The matter was brought up by the Village Constables of the respective groups, the main theme of the complaint being that Mendi is a distance of two days walk from them while Kandep and Magarima are only a matter of hours, for this reason most of their sick people go to Kandep hospital and a good deal of their complaints also. They did not express a desire to be administered from there but it is possible that they are thinking seriously about it.

At several different places during the Patrol I brought the subject of a Local Government Council up, however it was received with very little enthusiasm the main reason being that at this stage they would not be able to meet the tax requirements, to this end several requests were made for a tractor to come once a week and collect the produce of the area for sale in Mendi. It was pointed out that before this was possible the road to the places concerned would have to be completed and far improved.

The Census revision and the compilation of the Tax-Census Register proved no difficulty due to the cooperation of the people, throughout the patrol there were only two blatant Census evaders both of whom are now in the Mendi Corrective Institution.

Purchase of the land at Tugup for the M.O.M was successfully completed, after a rather prolonged discussion on whether the owners would accept money instead of M.O.B. shell in payment.

Native complaints were many and were mainly to do with unpaid bride prices, also adultery plays a major part in the social life of these people action was taken against these people as it appeared necessary. During the patrol there was a murder at Soba, an investigation was carried out and a youth apprehended and charged he will later go before the Court of Petty Sessions. Generally the people were willing to bring the complaints up for discussion and appeared happy with the decisions.

There are at present two major land disputes in the area, one at Tugup, the other at Kamb, however both of these disputes have been brought to the A.D.O's attention previously.

In conclusion I feel that the Native Situation in this area would benefit greatly from more intensive administration and patrolling.

HEALTH:

The health of the people of the Upper Lai area is far below that standard set in the Mendi Valley and other Census Divisions in the Mendi Admin Area. During the Patrol I saw 11 cases of yaws and 14 cases of leprosy all of which were in a fairly advanced stage. The number of children suffering from malnutrition is to say the least alarming.

Throughout the Census Division of over eight thousand people there is only one Medical Aid Post needless to say this is inadequate. There has never been a medical patrol in the area and this perhaps accounts for the number of advanced leprosy and yaws cases.

I recommend that at least two Aid Posts be established here as soon as circumstances permit, one at Mapkebol and one at Marisere, also some effective medical patrols into the area would be a great help.

AGRICULTURE:

There is no doubt of the potential for Agricultural enterprise in the area, almost all European type vegetables grow in profusion and the sweet potatoe here is far superior to that grown in the Mendi Valley.

Coffee plots have been established at 75% of the area's rest houses. The trees are in general doing very well despite half hearted attempts by their caretakers to maintain them.

ROADS and BRIDGES:

The Mendi-Lai Valley road is open as far as Homaip, approx 24 miles from Mendi, even so it is still not finished to the degree that is usually required in the Sub-District and in some places it is dangerous, work is still being carried on on the sections past Homaip and in places the bench is very good indeed.

At Pelepoi there are at present three roads, that mentioned above, one going to Kander and one to Magarima. I advised the people to complete the main road to Mendi first and then to start on the two new ones.

The people at Mapkebol and Kip express discontent at having to work on the Mendi Nipa road, this follows an enquiry by myself due to a letter received by the A.D.O from the O.I.C. Nipa (ref 10-4-3.). They point out that the portions on which they are working are well inside the Nipa admin Area and that they have no claim whatever to the ground as far as gardening and hunting rights are concerned. They say that they are more than prepared to make and maintain that portion which passes through their own clan boundaries. I instructed them to continue working as they have been in the past until they receive some other instruction from the Assistant District Officer.

Village Officials:

Generally the Village Constables and Councillors in this area are doing their job well and have their people under control with regard to the laws of the Territory. They are helpful and in all cases pro Administration.

I have recommended the appointment of POKO-ELEDEBE as Village Councillor of Pelepoi as I feel that this group will benefit from his influence as would the Native Situation there.

CENSUS & STATISTICS:

The Census revision for the Upper Lai Census Division is now complete as is the new Tax/Census register. There has been a substantial increase in births while deaths remain fairly even as compared with ~~XXXX~~ previous figures.

Migrations shown are those within the Census Division itself eg. from Village to Village and also from other Census Divisions in and vice versa.

Political Awareness.

At all rest houses a talk was given on the duties of the electors towards their representative in the House of Assembly and conversely the representatives duties towards his electors, the right to elect another representative if the present one does not suit the electors was emphasised.

It appeared that these talks were understood but this is rather hard to assess due to the people's reluctance to ask questions if they did not understand. However when a question was asked it was an intelligent one and showed that the person who asked it had grasped the theme of what was being said. Whether the mass comprehend or not will be demonstrated in the next elections.

I feel that this sort of practice should be carried out more often as it appears to help the people and it certainly binds their interest, for the period of the talk anyway.

Conclusion:

For the duration of the Patrol Mr. J.K. Karukuru A.P.O. accompanied this was Mr. Karukuru's first patrol on this kind of work and in this area. He proved to be a valuable assistant and the best company that one could wish for on patrol. I trust that he gained some knowledge that will be of future use to him.

I again stress the need for future intensive patrolling into the area and more care for the health of these natives.

PETER A. BRIGGS...C.F.O.

Peter A. Briggs

Remarks on Police Personell:

- Const.1/c KAMAN : An extremely reliable and capable N.C.O.
8323. : and one whom I feel has a good future
in the R.P.N.G.C. Conduct excellent.
- Const. KAMANGRU : Another very reliable member and one who
8262. : shows a great deal of initiative on most
occasions. Is not however the best N.C.O.
material. Conduct excellent.
- Const. KOM : Once again a reliable policeman but has to be
8594 : told every thing this should not be so after
his lenght of service. Conduct excellent.
- Const HIAU :
8864 : A good policeman but one who does not excell
or dtand out in any one sphere of his duties
Conduct excellent.
- Const ASERI : A good worker but is inclined to become a
10593 : little loose and untidy both in work and
general attitude if not reminded occasionally.
- Const POPORO : An excellent worker, respectful and one who
10701 : will mature favourably as time goes on and he
gains more experience. Conduct excellent.
- Const HENY : The edeaucated member of the patrol and one who
10779 : has not forgotten what he learnt. Inclined to
express his knowledge, to the iritation of the
other older members. Nevertheless will make an
excellent Policeman in the future. Conduct
excellent.

These remarks have been entered on the respective forms and are now attached to the Redords of Service of those concerned.

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