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MORORE DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1971 - 72

SIALUM

<u>REPORT NO.</u>	<u>OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL</u>	<u>AREA PATROLLED</u>
1-71-72	P. SMITH	Dedua C.D.
2-71-72	F.J. WAFINGIAN	Part Tewae Council Area

SIASSI

1-71-72	B. COTTINGHAM	Siassi C.D.
2-71-72	N. LARI	Siassi C.D.
3-71-72	P.O. LUSCOMBE	Siassi C.D.
4-71-72	P.O. LUSCOMBE	Siassi C.D. Report at District H.Q.

PINDUI

1-71-72	P. WILSON	Hube C.D.
2-71-72	P. RUSSELL	Lower Kua Valley
3-71-72	P. RUSSELL	Part of the Hube and Dedua C.D.
4-71-72	P. RUSSELL	Lower Kua and Bulum Valley
5-71-72	P. RUSSELL	Kua Valley
6-71-72	B. EDE	Hube C.D.
7-71-72	B. EDE	Gemaheng Area
8-71-72	B. EDE	Hube C.D.
9-71-72	B. EDE	No report
10-71-72	S.G. COTTINGTON	? C.D.
11-71-72	B. EDE	Pindui Mindik Area
12-71-72	S.G. COTTINGHAM	Part of the Pindui Council Area
13-71-72	S.G. COTTINGHAM	No report - at District H.Q.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number PINDIU PATROL NO.1 of 1971/72.
 Subdistrict FINSCHHAFEN
 District MOROBE
 Type of Patrol SPECIAL
 Patrol Conducted by P. B. WILSON, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.
 Area Patrolled BULAM RIVER VALLEY.
 (Council and/or PINDIU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.
 Census Division/s.) HUBE CENSUS DIVISION
 Personnel Accompanying Patrol CONST. MEBDAH, R.P.N.G.C.
 Duration of Patrol—from 22 / 6 / 71 to 16 / 7 / 71 (Broken period)
 No. of Days 20 days.
 Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: Nov, 1970
 Date 2/11/70 to 6/3/71 (Broken Period) Duration 66 days.
 Objects of Patrol (Briefly) 1. Supervise construction Ogeranang Airstrip.
2. Political Education Seminars.
3. General Administration.
 Total Population of Area Patrolled 4,500.

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

OA:MG

P.O. Box 2396,
KOBELEBU.

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20th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAL.

PINDIU PATROL NO. 1 OF 1971/72

Your unreferenced of 10/8/71.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Situation Report by Mr. I. Wilson of HUBE Census Division.

The fact that individual councillors are not able to mobilise their constituents may be frustrating to an officer but not justification for branding them as "useless" as Mr. Wilson does. The people have the right to choose how strongly they are represented.

Much of the African experience, some of which you have quoted, emphasises the dangers of split loyalties at the village level brought about by the intrusion of party politics into local government. That experience also shows that in a self regulating manner most African countries have solved the problem after independence by charismatic leadership at the head of a single legal party. We must ensure that democratic ideals are not overridden in the name of facility regardless of how clearly we as individuals see the final result. As in the case of the "useless" councillor the population will quickly learn by their own mistakes.

(S.J. PEARSALL)
s/Secretary.

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" Below the level of regional government, as above it, there was great weakness and great complexity. Democratic local self-government had been a failure in every area in which it had been attempted."

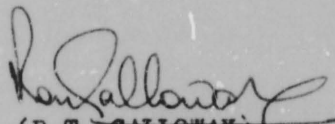
Any conceivable system of majority rule, with universal suffrage and mass political parties, hastily imposed, has had disastrous results. "In real, not sham operation, it would have involved mass excitement, whipping up of divisive, partisan emotions and fears, dismantling of the existing patterns of official and traditional authority, and their replacement by elective or representative government at local, regional and metropolitan levels, in advance of the changes in attitudes and values necessary to sustain and contain them. "

"It is now widely accepted that the attempt to introduce the Westminster model of democracy was misguided, and the attempt to model local government in Africa on British local Government has been described as paranoiac."

"The tragedy of Nigeria is that a theoretically better system (elective, representative, parliamentary, political government) proved less tolerable and effective than the theoretically worse system (alien, colonial, bureaucratic, paternalistic, authoritarian)."

In the light of this analysis of the operation of local government in Nigeria, coupled with the consensus that emerged from the recent three day seminar at the Administrative College, it is clear that whatever decision is taken on the question of a separate Department of Local Government will have profound and lasting effects on the course of events here. Most of those associated with local government appear to adopt a practical attitude based on present realities. Opposed to this is the view adopted by a good many politicians, rather more emotional, that the creation of a separate department is all that is required to really make local government work. It will be interesting to see what action does eventuate.

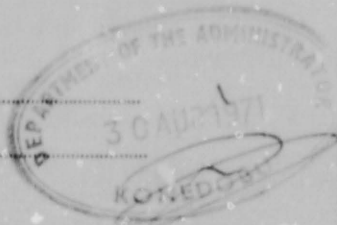
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(R.T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner.



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Department of the Administrator,
Morobe District,
LAE.

10th August 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT PINDIU NO. 1 - 1971/'2.

Forwarded herewith please find two copies of a patrol report by Mr. P. Wilson, Assistant District Officer.

The patrol was conducted for the purpose of supervising rural development projects (Ogeranang airstrip) and for holding seminars on adult/political education. Both jobs were well done but in the seminars it was noted that interest was quickly lost without the use of teaching aids.

The financial affairs of the Kzabt Company have been placed in the hands of the Registrar of Companies. Some village people have lost their investment and most in the area feel cheated in one way or another. It is also true that some business firms in Lae feel cheated because their accounts were left unpaid by the impromptu departure of Mr. J. Biro.

The attitude on land negotiations is one which may occur more frequently in future. Briefly speaking, the people there are willing to sell the land through the Administration to lease to the council for sub leasing to business enterprises. This may be cumbersome and have technical problems, but it may also be the only method for future negotiations. It does not appear that the proposed Land Control Bill will go far enough to meeting the changing attitudes.

The section on Local Government and the assessment of the council would be fairly typical of any area in this District. A certain amount of progress has been achieved, but the expectations of the junior advisers have exceeded all that has been attained.

Reading through observations on progress in local government in this and more recent reports, I am reminded of a paper on the failure in Nigeria. From this and similar examples, it appears that the application in New Guinea is not significantly different. There is also no evidence yet that the system being applied here will be any more singularly successful.

Following are extracts from this paper.

The Nigerian Tragedy. F. Nicolson, Senior Lecturer in Public Administration, University of Queensland, published in World Review Vol. 9 No. 1, March 1970.

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Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
Finschhafen.

29th July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL No. 1 of 1971/72

BULUM VALLEY - HUBE CENSUS DIVISION

Attached are three copies of the report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. P.E. Wilson ADO, Officer-in-Charge, Pindiu Patrol Post.

This is an example of the type of routine patrolling that should be regularly undertaken, particularly in the more remote areas such as the Bulum valley. Mr. Wilson has conducted a valuable patrol and submitted an informative report.

Specific comments are as follows:-

Ogeranang Airstrip

The successful completion of this airstrip is essential to the development of this valley. Its isolation and rugged terrain have frustrated the peoples' economic ambitions for years and the area has consequently been continually infested with cults. Given some incentive and encouragement, the people have shown themselves to be capable and hard working - they used to carry all their coffee to the coast, some two days walk away, and then wait up to a month for a ship to collect it. The spark of enthusiasm mentioned by Mr. Wilson in his conclusion is encouraging and should be fostered.

Marsden matting is available from the Finschhafen Council.

KZUEI Co.

The antipathy towards businessmen following the collapse of the KZUEI Co. when John Biro absconded from the area is understandable but unfortunate. The Bulum people have been taken down before, but not by a European. It is hoped that they will learn something from the experience. It should be pointed out clearly to them that their efforts to build the airstrip will be wasted if they do not allow traders to erect stores to buy their coffee near the airstrip. A lease to the Council may be a satisfactory compromise, but a cumbersome procedure.

Political

This area should receive more attention from the Council. There is very little show for theirs of inclusion in the Council area. The Council Adviser should at least visit the area regularly and show some interest in the people and their problems - even if he can't do much about them. Under the circumstances one can hardly expect the best individuals in the area to stand for election nor the people to urge them stand.

Misinterpretation of the PANGU Pati's platform and policies has, I gather, been widespread in this district and stems from the inability of the PANGU representatives to understand what they are told at the party's training sessions; together with the peoples' chronic insistence on interpreting everything new in accordance with their cult concepts. One would hope that the PANGU Pati, realising that it may have to live with this, would be actively trying to correct these misinterpretations.

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Further information has been received regarding Councillor Yogin's problem: It appears that Jaki Jarong an ex FMDC storeman and now 'Vice-President' of the Pindiu Branch of the PANGU PATI collected PANGU 'Tax' in the area and apparently told the people that they did not have to pay Council Tax. Jaki has now been located and claims that the Council Clerk told the people that the PANGU PATI was 'rubbish' and to support the Council, so he, Jaki, retaliated in the same terms.

Clearly the people have confused the respective roles of a Local Government Council and a Political Party. Mr. Wilson's efforts in holding political education seminars in the villages should help in sorting out this confusion - they must be continued and followed up - by patrolling by all officers, including the Council Adviser.

Economic

Development of the Bulum valley will always be hampered by communication and terrain, the only crop - coffee, is suffering from price fluctuations as it does every year. Efforts to diversify the economy are badly needed. Spices and cattle are an interesting attempt at this and it is hoped that they are successful.

The entrepreneur coffee buying system was very popular and successful when it was first introduced into the area - they do, however require regular attention from DASF staff to maintain standards and interest, it is disappointing to note that it is now well over a year since the last RDO patrolled the area.

I hope the Ogeranang airstrip will encourage more interest in the area by Administration staff, as well as alleviate the communication problem.

Social

I would give preference to a school in the Bulum valley over one in the Mindik area. Apart from the obvious advantage to the Bulum people of being able to educate their children, it would give the Administration and the Council a tangible asset in the area.

The Council should apply to the Public Health Department for a replacement APO for the Aid Post at Kor as soon as possible. Regular visits by Infant Welfare Sisters to Ogeranang are a good idea and the Council should start campaigning for this now so that they can start as soon as the airstrip is open.

I assume camping allowance claims for Const. Meedah and RS Form have been submitted. Claim for Mr. Wilson is attached.

For your perusal, comment and onforwarding please.

F.E. Haviland
(Assistant District Commissioner)

PINDIU PATROL NO. 1 of 1971/72.

PATROL DIARY.

- Tuesday, 22nd June, 1971: By aircraft to Mindik at 1400 hrs. To Mindik Village by Motor cycle. Discussions with people. Returned to Airstrip. Overnight.
- Wednesday, 23rd June, 1971: Conducted sale of KZUBT Surplus stock. Complaints and enquiries. Overnight.
- Thursday, 24th June, 1971: To Ogeranang at 0730 by Helicopter. Patrol Gear came later. Discussions re work on airstrip. Work commenced and supervised. Discussions with people re KZUBT. Overnight.
- Friday, 25th June, 1971: Supervision of planting and fertilization of grass seed. very slow. Rain in afternoon. Work abandoned. Common roll amendments. Overnight.
- Saturday, 26th June, 1971: Common roll amendments.
- Sunday, 27th June, 1971: Observed at Ogeranang.
- Monday, 28th June, 1971: Planting and straightening continued. About 400 people working.
- Tuesday, 29th June, 1971: As above. About 950 feet covered with black soil, seed and fertilizer.
- Wednesday, 30th June, 1971: As above: Marsdan matting drains now ~~xxxxxxxx~~ an urgent requirement.
- Thursday, 1st July, 1971: Received telegram from District Commissioner instructing me to return to station. Left Ogeranang at 0940 hrs and arrived Mindik airstrip at 1400 hrs. Plane to Pindiu.
- Friday, 2nd July, 1971 to
Wednesday, 7th July, 1971) Patrol Broken.
- Thursday, 8th July, 1971: ^{for} Left Mindik at 1300 hrs by aircraft and arrived there at 1305. Walked to Semgeta arriving there at 1700 hrs.
- Friday, 9th July, 1971: Political education Seminar with people from Areganang, Semgeta, Selimbeng and Maran Villages. Discussions with people re KZUBT.
- Saturday, 10th July, 1971: To Dubi leaving Semgeta at 0700 hours and arriving at 0930 hrs. Political Education Seminar with people from Dubi, Simbeng, Nomanene and Zangung Villages. Discussions re KZUBT. Complaints and enquiries.
- Sunday, 11th July, 1971: Observed at Dubi.
- Monday, 12th July, 1971: To Zewitzan at 0800 arriving there at 1000 hrs. Political Education Seminar carried out with people from Zewitzan, Kor, Koili and Ubaneng Villages.
- Tuesday, 13th July, 1971: Continued Seminar. Discussions re KZUBT. Complaints and enquiries.
- WEDNESDAY, 14th July, 1971: Left Zewitzan at 0800 hrs for Sengaren arriving there at 1200 hrs. Commenced Seminar with Numbut, Sengaren and Kotkin Villages.
- Thursday, 15th July, 1971: Continued Seminar. Discussions with people re KZUBT.
- Friday, 16th July, 1971: Picked up by Army Helicopter with airport Inspector for inspection of Ogeranang, Mindik airstrips and proposed sites at Tobau, Lengbati and Lalang. Returned to Pindiu. End of Patrol. Gear arrived next day.

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PINDIU PATROL NO 1 of 1971/72 - BULUM RIVER VALLEY.

INTRODUCTION:

The patrol was conducted in the Bulum River Valley area of the Hube Census Division. The area patrolled is possibly the most rugged in the census division. It is also the least economically developed area due to very poor communications and the fact that it is a long distance from the Administration centre at Pindiu.

The break in the patrol caused the later part of the patrol to be hurried and from the 9th of July, 1971, onwards the weather was bad. From that time until the end of the Patrol, continual rain fell making life very unpleasant for the patrol members as well as the people. It is felt that only urgent patrols should be carried out from this time until the middle of September as it is unfair to expect the people to carry patrol gear and attend meetings in heavy rain. It should be noted that the Council suspends all self help projects during this time every year because of the rain.

The purposes of the patrol were :1. To supervise the levelling, planting and fertilizing of grass seed and runners on the Ogeranang Airstrip. 2. Conduct Political Education Seminars in each of the Councils four wards. 3. General Administration.

All the objects were completed.

OGERANANG AIRSTRIP.

During the first part of the Patrol approximately 1000 feet of runway was levelled, a layer of soil put down and grass seeds and runners were sown. The whole of this area was fertilized.

When I returned with the Airport Inspector, it was found that a further 300 feet had been sown while another 300 feet had been levelled. However, the work on the remaining 300 feet will require some weeks to complete as there is still quite an area to be filled to the required level. The airport Inspector took levels and found that the original levels had been followed fairly closely. He seemed very happy with the work completed. Unfortunately, the onset of the wet weather will hamper the completion of the work. It is hoped that the grass seed will have taken sufficiently to prevent erosion in the next weeks. On the last visit it was found that the seeds were germinating.

Marsden Matting drains are required urgently for the airstrip if good drainage and minimum maintenance is to be achieved. The Council has been advised and is taking steps to obtain the same.

Political Education Seminar:

At centrally located villages in each of the four Council wards Political Education Seminars were conducted. There were an average of 30 influential men and women from each ward ~~xxxxxx~~ actually participating in each seminar. I will go into more detail under the heading of Political Education in the Situation Report.

General Administration:

At all meetings, the fate of the KZUBT Co.

was discussed. As the Bulum people are the main contributors to the company, they have lost the most. It was explained that KSUBT was more or less defunct and that the Sama Trading venture was operating in its place. The people understood that the company had had it. Unfortunately John Biro has upset relationships between the locals and other expatriate business men, as when I attempted to purchase land that had been investigated on behalf of the Kabwum Trading Company, the people stated that they were not willing to sell the land in question as they didn't want to be taken by that company as they were taken by John Biro. They stated their willingness to sell the land on which the airstrip is situated together with any land encompassing proposed and applied for Business Leases (including the Kabwum Trading Co. Lease) to the Council (via the Administration) and then allow the Council to Sub-Lease the land or build and rent stores for Business purposes. They stated that they felt the Council could keep an eye on and control all future business development in the area. I feel that their ideas on this subject deserves some attention as they seem to realize that the Council can be instrumental in fostering development.

SITUATION REPORT.

POLITICAL:

(a) Local Government:

In the Bulum Valley there are four Council wards out of a total of 18 wards. The Bulum being at the opposite end of the Census Division, is often neglected as far as Council projects, etc, are concerned and it is certainly the most least developed area both economically and socially in the Census division.

During the Financial year 1970/71, the Council allocated \$600 only to the area. This was for use on the Ogeranang Airstrip. This seems rather inadequate when the total Council Expenditure for the period was in the vicinity of \$23,000.

When the Council Tax team visited the area in September, 1970, many people refused to pay tax. The following reasons were given. Firstly, they felt that \$6.00 was too high for the area and secondly they felt that the Council was neglecting them by not spending money in the area. They did eventually pay the tax. Since this time more interest has been taken in the people and the two main objects of the patrol were to hurry along the construction of the airstrip and thus improve communications, marketing outlets, etc and during the political education seminars explain the functions, etc, of Councils.

While I was at Mindik, I spoke to the Rev. Gerber at Mindik about the area. He has many contacts among the people and he is very useful when trying to obtain information. I was more interested in the Cult thinking of the Mindik and Ogeranang areas but unfortunately he had obtained ~~no~~ no further information. However, he did say that the Council may have trouble collecting taxes from the Hamaronong group of villages as they feel that their representatives are not doing enough for them. I realize that this is the Kua area and not the Bulum but I feel that this will probably be the case in the Bulum too as they have useless Councillors also. The people don't seem to realize that they are the ones who put these useless people into the Councillor.

Also while inspecting the airstrip site

at Lengbati, also in the Kua area, the Councillor there, YOGIN, said that he was very worried about the situation concerning the Pangu Pati in the area and that he wanted an Officer and 'TONI' to come to Lengbati and for TONI to straighten out the trouble with an Officer as a witness. He wanted this done before the Council electoral team reaches his ward early in August. He would not tell me what his worries were and said that he would only say something in front of Voutas. On my last visit to Lengbati (Pindiu Patrol No.4 of 1970/71) the people were worried about Independence coming to soon. This could have something to do with it. I have despatched a Local Policeman to the area to see if he can find anything out about what is worrying the Councillor. I will report to the ADC Finschhafen and the District Commissioner, when I have more details.

(b) Local Government Councillors:

There are four Councillors representing the people of the Bulum. After the Council elections later this month we will probably see a change in at least two of the wards. The retiring Councillors at present completing their terms are:

(1) Councillor Rukanzinga of ARBGANANG:

This man is the most influential of the Bulum Councillors and is the driving force behind the construction of the Ogeranang airstrip. He is one of the only Councillors who says anything at Council meetings although more often than not he merely repeats points made by other speakers.

When talking with Rukanzinga, he stated that it was unlikely that he would stand for re-election due to the following reasons: Firstly, he feels that he is too old to be walking to meetings every month. Secondly, he has a chronic leg injury, that plays up regularly, and finally, he feels that he has lost popularity among the voters as he has ridden them hard over the last three years on the airstrip construction and he feels that the people will elect a weaker person who will not be at them all the time to carry out self help projects.

It will be a great pity if this man fails to nominate or is beaten as he has had the interests of his people at heart in all his terms as councillor.

(2) Councillor Zeme of DUBI:

Not an over active Councillor at any time. However, during the past two years, he appears to have grown more interested in the problems of his ward and at the present time he is very active in the construction of the airstrip. He will stand again in the next election. I saw no person who would be capable of replacing him.

(3) Councillor YANGEP of ZEWITZAN:

The most useless Councillor in the Pindiu Local Government Council. Completely and utterly useless and unreliable. He or his ward did not appear at the airstrip site during the 10 days, the patrol was there. It is highly unlikely that he will stand again for re-election. Anybody would be better than Yangep.

(4) Councillor BIONGI of KOTKIN:

No more than an average Councillor for this area. He is at present more interested in the establishment of a large cattle project near the coast in the Bukawa area than in Council work. He will stand for re-election and at the present time it is hard to see any person capable of beating.

All told, apart from Rukanzinga, not a very outstanding lot and things look bleak for the future if Rukanzinga doesn't stand.

(c) House of Assembly:

It is hoped that following this patrol the people will have a better understanding of the work and functions of the House of Assembly. This will be more fully covered under the heading POLITICAL EDUCATION.

(d) House of Assembly Members:

Mr. Meck Singillong, MHA, is the member for this area. Since his election he has not visited the Bulum area. Neither has Mr. Voutas, MHA, the Regional member.

The people have stated that they probably will not vote for Meck next year as he was elected on the platform of 'put me in and I will get you a road to the coast'. The road has not eventuated.

There appears to be no candidates from the Bulum who will contest the elections next year.

(e) Political Education:

As stated previously, Political Education Seminars were held in all the wards. It was found that approximately 30 men and women was a good number to actually participate in the seminar. At each course there were approximately 100 spectators who just looked on without actually participating.

The seminars were conducted according to the District Commissioners 51.1.82 of the 29th March, 1971 - GUIDE FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME. The following topics were covered:

1. The outline and aims of the course.
2. Origins of Government
3. Government of the Territory
4. Local Govt. and its role.
5. Money and its purpose.
6. Self Government and Independence
7. Law and Order.
8. House of Assembly - Its work and functions.
9. Review of topics.

It was found that these subjects had to be kept short as interest was quickly lost without the use of teaching aids.

The role of Local government in the overall picture in the Territory was particularly emphasized.

It is hoped that the results were as ~~extremely~~ satisfactory as they appeared and that the people actually learnt something new. It is very difficult to evaluate the results until sometime has passed.

(f) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES:

The Pangu Pati has many members among the Bulum people. Most of the people joined on the assumption that they will get some material benefit from the Pangu pati (The cult thinking as mentioned in Patrol No. 4 of 70/71). It is unknown whether threats were used to get people to join the pati as the people spoken to seemed only too happy to be members. It was also found that much tact had to be used when questioning the people as they were prone to remain silent when they thought the Administration was trying to get information out of them.

There appeared to be no Pangu Pati 'Office Bearer' in the area. They are from Mindik, but visit the area regularly.

ECONOMIC:

(a) General Rural Development:

Rural Development in the area as far as

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communications and roads in the areas concerned are almost non-existent. The valley has no airstrip although one is under construction at Ogeranang. When the airstrip is completed the people will have an outlet within a maximum of 3 hours walking distance from any village. At present people have to walk up to 10 hours to sell their produce. The airstrip will be maintained by the Pindiu Council.

There are no vehicular roads in the area. It is envisaged that roads will be surveyed and constructed on the completion of the airstrip.

Lack of communications and shortage of staff for supervision hamper the development of the area. Approximately one quarter of the Hube Census Division's population reside in the Bulum valley and I feel that the people economically and socially are not as well off as many of the areas in the Highlands. Improvement in the communications should improve the area socially and economically.

(b) Activities of Development Departments:

The Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries has one Assistant Rural Development Officer permanently stationed in the area. ~~He is~~ continually on patrol and assists the people with their problems and gives advice on coffee processing, pruning, marketing, etc.,. The area was last patrolled by a Rural Development Officer during 1969.

(c) Processing and Marketing:

Coffee is the main cash crop in the area. It is processed in village fermentaries or fermentaries owned by local entrepreneurs. When the coffee has been processed to the parchment stage, it is carried to the nearest buying point either at Mindik of the Coast. It is sold to either NAMASU, FMDC or KZUBT. At present there has been a slump in the market and whereas at the beginning of the patrol the top price being paid was 22 cents, the top price as at the 15th July, 1971 was only 14 cents. This represents a fall of 8 cents in three weeks. It is unknown if and when the prices will improve.

(d) Village Cash Crop Extension:

As stated previously, coffee is the main cash crop in the area. Vegetables grow in abundance but marketing facilities are limited due to the unreliable and poor communications. D.A.S.F. are attempting to introduce the spice Cadamom in an effort to diversify. Small cattle projects are being established, however there is very little scope for large scale cattle stations due to the rugged nature of the country.

(e) Non Indigenous Development:

Non Indigenous development is limited to the Co-Operative, FMDC and NAMASU. As stated previously KZUBT is almost defunct. Although many shareholders and contributors in these three enterprises can be found in the Bulum, none have any trading facilities in the area. It is expected, however, that both Namasu and FMDC will commence trading when the airstrip is completed.

SOCIAL:

(a) Education:

There are no schools in the area patrolled. The nearest school is at Hamaronong for the people in the lower Bulum or Gapot for the people in the upper Bulum. Each school is a minimum of 4 hours walk from the Bulum.

The people at Mindik have expressed a desire to have a Primary school established there, however, I feel that if further school is established in the area, first priority must be given to Ogeranang. There are over 4,500 in the ~~XXXXXX~~ Bulum area with no educational facilities. When the airstrip is completed it is hoped that the Education Department will give favourable consideration to the establishment of a school at Ogeranang.

(b) Health:

The health of the people is generally good. There are three council aidposts in the area. However, the one at Kor is at present unstaffed as the APO has been suspended from duty due to his long periods of absence from duty.

There are no visits by the Infant Welfare sisters but it is hoped that when the airstrip is completed regular monthly visits will be made by the Infant Welfare people.

(d) Law and Order:

During the patrol no Court Cases were heard. However at all villages the patrol was asked to sort out minor village problems as is normal while on patrol.

(e) Services provided by the Administration:

There are no services provided by the administration in the Bulum area. All these services are located at Pindiu. The Lutheran Mission sell postage stamps and run a free mail bag service at Mindik.

(f) Missions:

The Lutheran Mission have a Bible school at Ogeranang which is supervised from Mindik. Apart from this there are no real mission establishments in the area.

The missionary at Mindik patrols the area regularly.

(g) Cults and Unrest:

As stated previously, there is some cult activity in the area but to date very little information is forthcoming from the people. The activity doesn't appear to be as strong as in the Kua area.

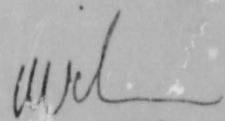
There appears to be no unrest in the area patrolled although as mentioned earlier there appears to be some form of unrest brewing in the Kua River area.

CONCLUSIONS:

One of the main objects of the patrol was to supervise the airstrip. The people appeared to be keener

to work than on previous occasions. I put this down to the fact that the airstrip is in sight of completion and they can see something is going to come of their work. This is a good sign inso far as the people may now realize that hard work and self help will benefit them both economically, with better communications and socially with improved health services and schools.

It is hoped that the Political Education Seminars did some good and that follow up seminars would probably best conducted on exactly the same lines.



(P.E. Wilson)
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

PINDIU PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1971/72

SUB-DISTRICT : Finschhafen
DISTRICT : Morobe
TYPE OF PATROL : Special
PATROL CONDUCTED BY : P. E. Russell
AREA PATROLLED : Lower Kua Valley
COUNCIL : Pindiu Local Government Council
CENSUS DIVISION : Hu'be
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : Nil
DURATION OF PATROL - from 22/3/71 to 25/3/71 (broken)
3/6/71 to 11/6/71
No. of DAYS : 8 days
LAST D.S.A. PATROL to AREA : Pindiu Patrol No. 2 of 1970/71
DATE : 27/7/70 to 30/9/70 DURATION : 56 days (broken)
OBJECTS of PATROL :

1. To discuss proposed Health Centre at Mindik.
2. To inspect unofficial base camp.
3. To inspect U/S Council tractor.
4. To attend a meeting at Torbau.
5. To inspect road work.

TOTAL POPULATION of AREA PATROLLED : 6586

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P.O. Box 2396 - KONEDOBUI

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25th January, 1972

The District Commissioner
Morobe District
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL NO. 2 of 1971/72

Your unreferenced memorandum of 28th December, 1971 refers.

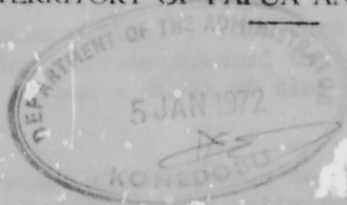
I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by
MR. P. RUSSELL, P.O. of the Lower Kua Valley.

It is apparent that this area needs patient, leisurely
patrolling.

(S.J. PEARSALL)
a/Secretary



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
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No.

Morobe District,
LAE.

28th December, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONDORU.

PATROL REPORTS PINDIU 2, 3, 4 and 5 - 1971/72
MR. P. E. RUSSELL, PATROL OFFICER

Copies of these reports by Mr. Russell are forwarded. The reports cover 43 field days between March and October 1971. During this time Mr. Russell was acting as the council adviser to the Pindiu Local Government Council. His duties also included field work and the recording of observations. The casual submission of the reports recently received is viewed in a most unsatisfactory light. It suggests a lack of personal interest, of responsibility and of discipline. Mr. Russell is now stationed at Kaiapit where he will be given firm instruction on all aspects of his work.

2. Following are my comments touching on matters still of current importance.

3. The council area includes three separate valley systems. The people are suspicious, divided, and share feelings of village jealousies. The council was established on a pattern of Administration area control but apparently failed to take sufficient note of the lack of trust and compatibility within the locality. The council appears to be functioning only by the sanction of Administration direction.

4. In the latest report (October) Mr. Russell says that the total tax collected from 6581 people was \$3,400. The estimate of tax from the Hube area should be \$28,000 but last year less than \$10,000 was collected. This means that 2/3 of the population is untaxed.

5. Reason for the shortcoming is a firm desire to escape the responsibility, either legally or illegally, and achieved by migration from the area. The Election Report states that the absentee rate is "very high, with as many as 70% of adult males absent from some villages".

6. Carriers for the patrol were mostly young women. This, however, appears to be fairly traditional and accepted. The patrol was accommodated rather than greeted with a depth of warm feeling.

7. The local MHA/Assistant Ministerial Member has failed to please a substantial portion of his electorate. It is alleged he has contributed to some derogatory remarks about his people. Present indications are that he will not be re-elected except by the favourable distribution of preferences.

8. Returning briefly to the Council Election Report, it is noted that 14 of the 18 councillors were elected unopposed. Various interpretations could be made of this, e.g. that the councillors were elected by unofficial ballots prior to the formal election, which infers that the formality of a local election is unnecessary in local opinion. Mr. Russell has made an observation at para 5 of the report:-

"Despite advance publicity some wards had not decided upon a candidate when the patrols reached the village. The attitude seemed to be that it was a waste of time changing councillors all the time" etc.

9. Mission influence will continue to reflect stability, a wide range of feelings and pseudo-religious cult activities. If physical support for the mission is waning this would suggest that the cult activity is increasing. Emotional involvement with the supernatural will shift only from one image to another.

10. Present cult activity is deeply rooted and clouded in secret. There appears to be no solution except in economic development and education. Unfortunately now that the price of coffee has fallen so much it may be anticipated that cult activity will assume larger proportions. Mr. Haviland has the correct approach in dealing with them sympathetically and with understanding.

11. The report of the Martin Luther Seminary survey is disturbing i.e. that the Hube contains "the strongest hatred of Europeans anywhere in the Territory". This statement may only contain the sentiments of the students themselves. The O.I.C. has been requested to report on the present situation.

12. Copies of comments by the A.D.C. on the individual reports are attached.

R. Galloway
(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

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Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHHAFEN.

19th November, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1971/72

MINDIK AREA - HUBE C/D

Enclosed are three copies of a report submitted by Mr. P.E. Russell P.O., the Council Adviser at Pindiu.

Mr. Russell has apparently gone off on a tangent and taken an independant line in performing his field duties following the seperation of the Office of Local Government - which is a pity, as he is well versed in the requirements of patrolling and reporting.

The content of this report is good, the information could have been valuable but is now outdated and useless. The following basic errors have been made:-

1. Patrol report jackets have long since been reprinted, there is no need for a peice of paper stuck on the front;
2. The patrol was mounted in March 1971 and completed in June 1971. The report should have a 1970/71 number and should have been included in the 1970/71 Annual Report Statistics;
3. The patrol is in fact two short patrols of four days each seperated by nearly three months. A seperate report should have been submitted after each patrol;
4. It is now five months since the patrol stood down. The prompt submission of patrol reports is the sole responsibility of the patrolling officer, even if he is fortunate enough to find someone else to type it. The original report may have been lost - to take five months to discover this does not indicate a conscientious effort to complete the requirements.

Despite the seperation of the Office of Local Government, some comment on OLG Officer's reports by the Officer-in-Charge would be valuable.

Specific comments on the matters raised are as follows:-

Special Report:

A health centre at Mindik would be a natural step in the development of the area and should be supported.

A Patrol Officer was to have re-manned the Mindik Camp, but unfortunately he contracted hepatitis on the way and is now on light duties at Finschhafen. Until he is fit or replaced, Pindiu staff will have to fill the gap.

The Tobau people have paid their tax, I beleive D.C.A., have inspected the proposed airstrip site in the upper Kua valley. If it is a practical proposition and the people are still keen to build it, the strip should be encouraged - to give the people something to do and some benefit for their money.

Political:

Cult activity in the Kua and also the Bulum valleys of the Hube is a perennial pastime. The burying of money is a typical manifestation and is derived from their traditional garden magic which was performed by burying clay pots in the gardens to ensure good crops. These people have a relatively hard life and a real desire to better their lot. They are continually frustrated by their geographic and communications barriers, and consequently willingly accept any idea that promises an easy road to riches; such as the KZUBT Company, twisted PANGU propoganda, or airstrip building.

Efforts are being made throughout the Sub-District to counter the belief that the PANGU PATI is some sort of alternative to the Government. The concept of a political party has been misinterpreted, accidentally or deliberately in the mountain areas. Special efforts are being made to give the people some understanding of the role of political parties.

Economic:

A continual show of interest in the area and its people by frequent patrolling will drum up enthusiasm for the road particularly when results begin to show. On the other hand nothing could be more disheartening than to see their Council tractor continually broken down and unable to assist.

Social:

The establishment of a second school near Mindik will result in neither school having sufficient pupils; the establishment of the school at Ogeranang will give the Bulum people their first chance to have their children educated.

The patrol officers' job has certainly become more difficult as administration has become more complicated. The situation has been unnecessarily aggravated by the creation of artificial divisions amongst the field staff which by trying to divide the field function into separate compartments introduces areas of friction, blurs lines of responsibility, and reduces officers' effectiveness and usefulness. Nevertheless, frequent patrolling and an active interest in the people should improve their attitude towards all officers.

The report, for what it is now worth, is onforwarded for perusal and comment. I assume Mr. Russell has submitted his camping claims direct to the DLGO.

F.E. Haviland
Assistant District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Office of Local Govt.,
PINDIU.

5th November, 1971.

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

PINDIU PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1971/72.

Please find enclosed four copies of Pindiu Patrol Report No. 2 of 1971/72.

The particularly late submission is due to the loss of the original copy, by the clerk, and the consequent need for the report to be rewritten from memory.

P. Russell
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(P.E. Russell, P.O.)
Council Adviser.



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PINDIU PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1971/72.

PATROL DIARY :

- 22/3/71 To Mindik. - Conference with Mission and Council representatives re Clinic. Checked Mindik road construction. Checked U/S tractor and ordered spare parts. To station.
- 23/3/71 0700 Walked 5 hrs to Torbau. Held meeting re tax, airstrip and other problems. Talks late afternoon and into the night.
- 24/3/71 0800 Returned to Mindik. Checked unofficial base camp.
- 25/3/71 Talked with missionary re Mindik airstrip etc. Returned to Pindiu via Finschhafen on Govt. Charter plane.
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- 3/6/71 To Mindik by plane, arrived 1130. Supervised airstrip maintenance, checked coast road construction progress, checked tractor problem. Land discussions at night.
- 9/6/71 Supervised airstrip maintenance. Discussed proposed land purchase on site, and walked boundaries.
- 10/6/71 Checked old station and started to formulate removal plans. Checked bridges and discussed sale of redundant aid post and rest house buildings.
- 11/6/71 Assembled new rippers with mechanic. Final land talks. Returned to Pindiu by plane.

SPECIAL PATROL REPORT PINDIU O.L.G. No. 2 1971/72.

Introduction :

Patrol No. 1 :

Political disturbances in the Upper Kua Valley, comprising wards 8 to 12 and 14 villages, with a total population of 4,666, resulted in the non-payment of taxes until proposed airstrip sites were checked by D.C.A. Councillor Yoging - Guyong of Lengbati stressed that this matter was serious, and gave an inflamed speech at the April 6th Council Meeting.

A patrol was mounted with the following objects :

1. To discuss the Mindik Health Centre,
2. To inspect the unofficial base camp,
3. To inspect the U/S tractor,
4. To attend a meeting at Torbau to discuss problems,
5. To inspect progress on the Mindik - Ebabang section of the road link to Mindik.

Special Report :

1. The Rev. H. Geber called a meeting to discuss the long proposed and much needed Health Clinic at Mindik. The meeting was attended by the Lutheran Mission Circuit President, Vice President, an evangelist, Dr. Kahu from Buangi Hospital (Finschhafen), Councillor ZIWANG - MARIGE and myself. It was decided to do something definite because :-

- (a) Wagezaring Hospital in the Mongi area of the Hube C.D. is inaccessible for the Kua and Bulum people, especially if they are sick.
- (b) Expanding roads are linking some large population areas with Mindik.
- (c) The Mindik airstrip is available for evacuation of serious cases.
- (d) There is a need for permanent Welfare Sisters (who have started regular Baby Clinics in the area) to expand their service.
- (e) Rev. Gerber is available to administrate, with help of trained staff from Wagezaring Hospital.

After much discussion since the above meeting, the Council is going to build the Centre, and plans have been approved by the P.H.D. The Mission is donating \$400.00 worth of timber. The Council has estimated a contribution of \$1598, and a \$2000 subsidy has been requested. A suitable site has been chosen, with the assent of the people, and construction will commence as soon as the P.H.D. subsidy is made available.

2. Mindik unofficial base camp was built by Mr. P. Oates, A.P.O., to enable the Council and D.M. A. to administer and supervise road and airstrip construction in the Kua and Bulum valleys. The Council has a 4 X 4 Ford County tractor with rippers, slasher, dozer blade and 3 ton trailer based at this camp. However, the camp is about 2 miles from the airstrip, and the rather difficult road negotiates two deep gorges spanned by temporary and inadequate timber bridges. The following facilities are available at this camp :

- (i) 3 bedroom semi-permanent house with underground cement tanks,
- (ii) N/M police house (good quality),
- (iii) N/M driver's house (good quality),
- (iv) permanent steel trussed Council tractor shed and workshop
- (v) N/M office building
- (vi) large N/M 60' x 30' club house (poor quality)
- (vii) half built N/M classroom and teacher's house
- (viii) full-sized soccer field (only sports field in the area.

Unfortunately Mr. Oates, who previously lived on the station and used it as a patrol base, has been transferred and the camp is unmanned and uninhabited, because drivers and others will not stay there alone. No replacement for Mr. Oates has yet been supplied, which is regrettable as the present political unrest in the area, not to mention loss of face by the Government, could have serious consequences.

The Council has now resolved to purchase ground near the airstrip, sell the semi-permanent rest house and redundant (because of the new Clinic) aid-post and use the money to rebuild the camp on the new site. The steel workshop will be dismantled and re-erected and any usable timber from the school and N/M buildings will be salvaged.

3. The Council tractor at Mindik has been difficult to organize and work efficiently since A.P.O. Gates went on leave. The driver was mediocre and totally without mechanical ability. He allowed bolts to fall out, hydraulic cylinders to run dry and despite instructional periods at Pindiu regularly left the ignition key turned on, thus flattening the battery. This driver has been replaced by a new one. Rippers have been purchased which will increase the tractor's road building efficiency.

4. The Torbau meeting was attended by 200 men from the Upper Kua. Due to obviously frayed tempers I decided to hold a formal meeting in the school, and elected the most outspoken man to chair the meeting. It was decided that anyone speaking out of turn would be removed by the majority. This worked well, and incidents such as arose in the Bulum last year were avoided. These people said they were the most isolated in the Hube, and because of this - and also because of some derogatory remarks about this state of affairs made by a prominent M.H.A. in the area, they had decided to improve their status and economic position. It finally came out that three villages, namely Torbau, Lengbati and Lalang, had already secretly started work on an airstrip, and had, with their own money, placed orders for spades and 16 wheelbarrows. The very definite ultimatum was, 'We will have an airstrip in the Upper Kua. If you don't help us we will build it ourselves, but will not pay Council tax and will supply no labour for the Coast Road. If you want to jail us you will have to jail everybody.' (Note : This was the same story some weeks previously, concerning a suspension footbridge not completed from years before. - They promised to pay when the bridge was completed, but upon completion they did not pay.)

All attempts at pointing out the advantages of the Coast Road, or the inadvisability of a new airstrip were unsuccessful. I then decided it would be better to go along with the people. I promised to try and get D.C.A. to check the sites. If one was found to be suitable, and if the Council was agreeable, the tools from the Ogeranang airstrip (which is nearing completion) would be made available to these people for the construction of their airstrip.

The above seemed a satisfactory conclusion for both sides, as the people will get some development to appease their inter-area jealousy and the Council will get the much needed tax. (Since this meeting the tax has been paid.)

5. The progress of the road from Mindik to Zalimpa (i.e. Coast Road connection) was inspected. The road is about 4 miles from Mindik now and has almost reached Hमारानong. The next section of about half a mile will be difficult as it is through dense, wet forest. From there to Sbabang is going to be relatively easy as the existing walking track is almost a road and is quite flat. Progress on the road has been a bit slow, and several places have been rerouted for short distances. (These problems arose from digressions from the survey line due to lack of supervision.) The tractor has done very little constructive work at all on this road (see Par. 3).

Situation Report : Political

The patrol was only in a limited area, but this area would be the main trouble spot under Pindiu Patrol Post administration.

: Attitudes

The area visited was Mindik airstrip and surrounding area. There is a very definite anti-mission segment of the population. These feelings seem to be aggravated by a personal dislike for the Rev. Gerber, who is dogmatic tending towards arrogance. The people seem to be either for the

Situation Report : Attitudes (cont.)

Mission and against the Council/Administration or vice versa. We are all trying to break down these attitudes by cooperation.

: Cults

This area, particularly Mindik village, seems to be the centre of trouble and unrest. We have always had carrier, tax and labour trouble from these people. Councillor APINU is allegedly at the bottom of this trouble, but no proof has ever been forthcoming. Some villages have tanket-lined pathways surrounding every house. The women bury their menstrual blood, along with a few shillings between these hedges. There seems to be some connection between this and their future children being people of wealth. Information is hard to get, and informants could have many motives, not the least being to lead us up the tanket path.

: House of Assembly

There seems to be some confusion between parties and the Government. The impression seems to be that the Pangu Pati is another government, and if they win in the elections they will be the government.

: House of Assembly Member

Mr. Meck Singiliong, Assistant Ministerial Member for Corrective Institutions is our local M.H.A. He is not well supported in the area because he is not seen there. However, the Hube Congregation has apparently decided to back him in the coming elections, as he has achieved some material gains for the Mission.

Economic Report :

Mindik is the second most important area of the Hube. It has an airstrip, Mission Headquarters, three major stores (Namasu - \$35,000 turnover last year, F.M.D.C., and Sama Trading Venture). It also has a bakery, loaves by request, and a group of influential men would like to finance a tavern.

A radiating system of feeder roads has been surveyed from Mindik, and some of these have been started. Development is slow as the people are not very enthusiastic, due to factors outlined under 'Political'.

One of the most important projects in the area should be a linkup with the Pindiu feeder road system. This is being attempted and a concerted effort could achieve this goal in 2 years. I would hope to see a dramatic improvement in attitudes after this achievement.

Social : Education

A mission P.T.S. at Hamaranong is the only educational institution available. The anti-mission segment is trying very hard for a school at Mindik village, but the Education Department is against this for various reasons, and suggest the next school should be at Ogeranang in the Bulum valley (5 hrs walk from Mindik, and the site of a 95% completed airstrip).

: Law & Order

The people are reasonably quiet and orderly, although patrols seem to be tolerated more than appreciated. The influence of the Patrol Officer - especially the young inexperienced junior officers doing most of the patrolling, is waning. This is evident in such things as the state of the rest houses and lack of firewood, water and fresh food. It is not unusual to ask for these for an hour, despite advance warning of the patrol's approach. Carrying is done by young women in 95% of cases. The failure of a junior officer (i.e. without Magisterial powers) to deal with offences on the spot has also lowered his prestige.

: Missions :

Social Report : Missions

Mindik is the Mission Headquarters for the Hube (and now Kabwua) Lutheran Mission Area. As previously stated Mission affairs in the area are not good, and are in a state of regression. Evidence of this is the very small amount of Mission tax (\$2.50/ adult/year) which is being given.

: Cults

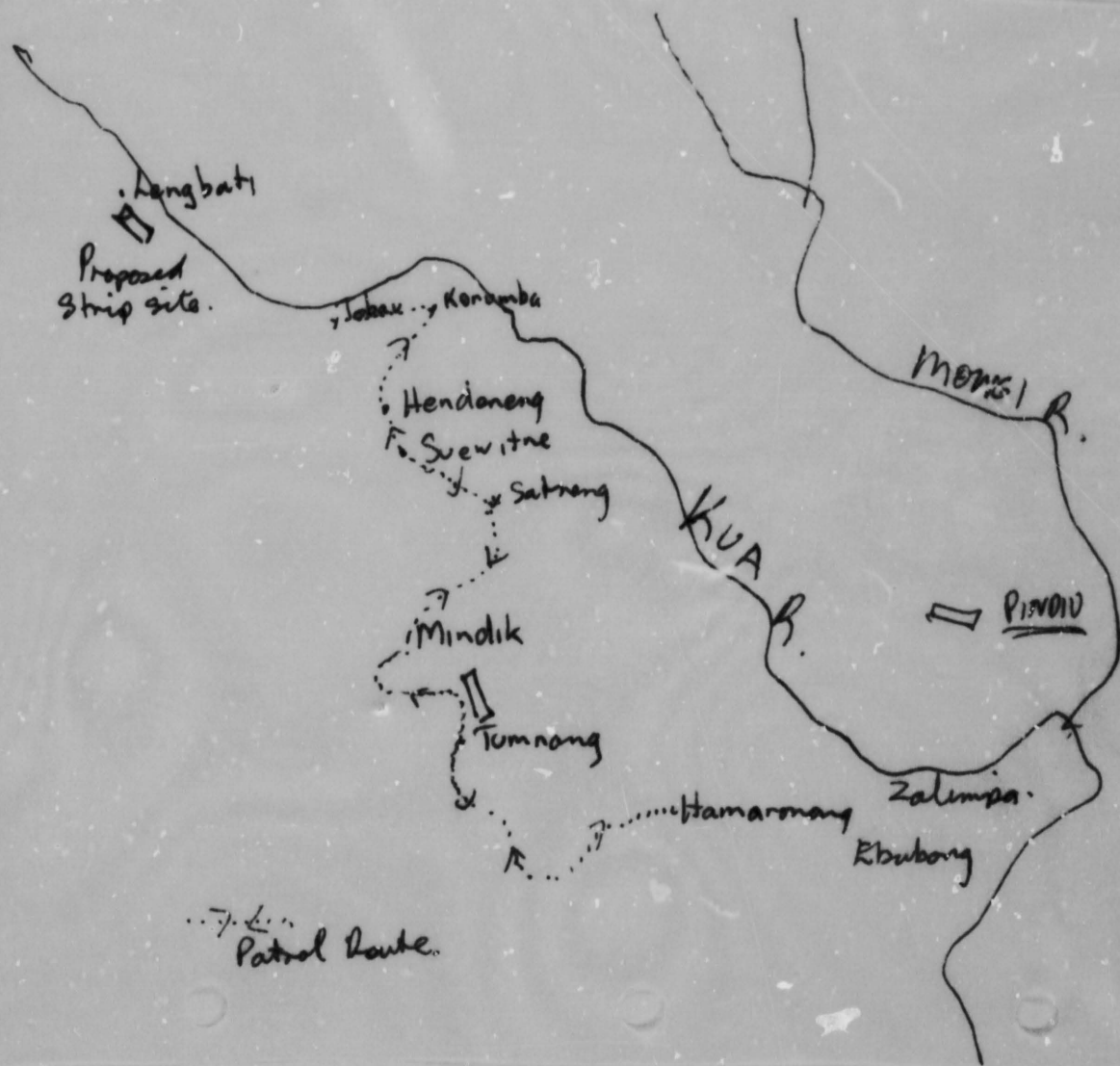
(as discussed under political.) The result of these contual cults is an apparent lassitude. I have only been able to motivate these people for short bursts - after that it is like flogging a dead horse.

CONCLUSION :

The patrol completed its specific objects, and it is hoped that with development of services the position in the area will improve.

P. Russell

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(P.E. Russell, P.O.)
Council Advisor.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER : Pindiu Patrol No. 3 of 1971/72
SUB-DISTRICT : Finschhafen
DISTRICT : Morobe
TYPE OF PATROL : Special
PATROL CONDUCTED by : P. E. Russell
AREA PATROLLED : Part Mongi Valley & one school in the Dedua C.D.
COUNCIL : Pindiu Local Government Council
CENSUS DIVISION : Hybe
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : Five interviewers from Bugandi H.S.
DURATION of PATROL - from 5/7/71 to 14/7/71
No. of DAYS : 10 days
LAST D.D.A. PATROL to AREA : Pindiu Patrol No. 3 of 1970/71
DATE : 4/3/71 to 18/3/71 DURATION : 14 days
OBJECTS of PATROL : To conduct Territory Census.
TOTAL POPULATION of AREA PATROLLED : 1200

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P.O. Box 2396,
KUMEDOU.

67-6-40

25th January, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L.H.

PUNISHMENT PATROL NO. 3 OF 1971-72.

Your unreferenced memorandum of 28th December, 1971, refers.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. P. Russell, P.O. of part of the Hube and Dedua Census Divisions.

I expect disciplinary action under the Public Service Ordinance to be taken against Mr. Russell in any future instance of failure to follow explicit instructions. This includes directions in the matter of time to complete reports.

(S.J. PEARSALL)
a/Secretary.

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Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHHAFEN.

23rd November, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1971/72

part HUBE, part DEDUA C/D's

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At no time was any advice received at this office that any variation in the instructions or itinerary were being made, nor that any circumstances had arisen to prevent Mr. Russell and his team from completing the task given them, as set out in the Patrol Instructions.

By not accompanying the team to Joanggen and Masa, Mr. Russell is in breach of his instructions - the whole object of employing Field Officers to lead teams in the bush was to ensure that the students had someone experienced in patrolling with them to organise their movement and see them safely to and from their objectives. For this, a special allowance was paid to the Field Officers concerned.

Mr. Russell quite properly does not claim any camping allowance. I submit that he should not have accepted the full census allowance having failed to carry out his duties for three days. I certified that Mr. Russell had completed his duties satisfactorily, on a claim for his census allowance, following receipt of the completed census data - on the reasonable assumption that a Patrol Officer patrols when instructed to do so.

D.C. comments on file 67-6-39

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30 comments on file 67-6-39

The census was conducted and statistics onforwarded. The only incident encountered was the one concerning the nurces at the Wagezaling hospital. I am still none the wiser as to what happened except that a number of nurses were dismissed. I can only assume that the interviewers were not under Mr. Russell's supervision at some stage. The fact that they had been involved in one incident makes their subsequent despatch to Joanggen and Masa without supervision even less excusable.

The report is onforwarded for your consideration.

F.E. Haviland
Assistant District Commissioner

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Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHHAFEN.

1st July, 1971.

Mr. J. Russell,
Team Leader Area 24.

CENSUS PATROL - 1971

As discussed you will be leading the team conducting the census in TLA 24. Which consists of :-

Marmano-Gawi
Benny-Gwapeleng
Narip-Asar
Massa-Bain
Faiyo-Morahape

As far as possible, the following itinerary should be followed:-

Saturday 3rd July : By A/C charter from Finschhafen to Pindiu
(probably two loads)

Monday 5th July : Enumeration of Pindiu Patrol Post

Tuesday 6th July : " " Wagezaling Hospital
Kulungtufu School

Wednesday 7th July : " " Gemehang Village

Thursday 8th July : " " " "

Friday 9th July : " " Magedzetz Village

Saturday 10th July : " " Zenguru Village

Sunday 11th July : Return to Pindiu

Monday 12th July : Enumeration of Yoanggen School

Tuesday 13th July : " " Masa School

Wednesday 14th July : Return to Pindiu

Friday 16th July : Interviewers to be returned by A/C to Finsch-
hafen with census papers duly sorted and
checked.

Your claim for camping allowance should be accompanied by a short Special Report (Patrol Dairy plus any comments on the census) and submitted as soon as possible after the patrol stands down.

F.E. Haviland
Assistant District Commissioner



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PINDIU PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1971/72.

TERRITORY CENSUS.

Your 87-1-2 P10. 67-1-4, 14-2-1 of 15th October, 1971 refer.

I believe that the days spent doing the Territory Census for this area should have been entered in my Field Officer's Journal as 'Field Days'. I did not find it necessary to camp out, as all villages concerned were within short motorcycle rides of the Pindiu station (see Patrol Diary).

However, as I forgot to alter my F.O.J. accordingly I have written a short patrol report to cover this period and fulfil requirements. No claim for camping allowance is necessary.

All camping gear, with the exception of a Coleman lamp and a billycan, were returned to Finschhafen with the interviewers. These two exceptions I retained for use on the Council Election patrols because there were no serviceable ones available here at the time. These things have now been returned to Mr. Elder.

P. Russell
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(P. E. Russell, P.O.)
Council Adviser.



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PINDIU PATROL REPORT No. 5 of 1971/72.

PATROL DIARY :

- 5/7/71 Census materials distributed and areas of the Pindiu station allocated to interviewers. Station census finished much quicker than planned
- 6/7/71 Interviewers and myself to Wagetsaring Hospital (10 minutes by motorbike). Two interviewers sent to Kulungtufu School (15 mins. walk away) and three retained at Hospital. Census completed, returned to Pindiu.
- 7/7/71 To Gemaheng village. Interviewers by tractor, myself by motorcycle (20 mins.). Census nearly completed on the first day. Interviewers camped out. Returned to Pindiu myself.
- 8/7/71 Completed Gemaheng census and walked 1½ hrs to Magedzetsu. Completed census and returned to Gemaheng. Interviewers slept at Gemaheng, I returned to Pindiu (20 mins.)
- 9/7/71 Interviewers to Zengaru from Gemaheng. Census completed, returned to Pindiu station.
- 10/7/71)
- 11/7/71) Weekend. As program ahead of schedule gave the patrol Sat. & Sun. off.
- 12/7/71 Sent two interviewers to Masa, and three to Joanggen.
- 13/7/71 Joanggen interviewers returned. Started annual returns for Council.
- 14/7/71 Masa interviewers returned. Council returns. Census completed.

SPECIAL REPORT :

1971 TERRITORY CENSUS.

The census team proved to be quite competent after training at Finschhafen. They worked much more rapidly than anticipated, and we kept getting ahead of schedule. A slight amount of difficulty was experienced with the last section of the census form, and I found the last questions a little ambiguous at times myself.

SPECIAL REPORT : (cont.)

I believe that these last questions about occupations were the main stumbling block last census. If this is the case maybe an improvement could be made next time.

A small incident arose between the boys and the nurses at Wagetsaring Hospital, resulting in the nurses being sacked by the Hospital's native staff. I think this was rather a hasty action as no proof was available to confirm any allegations of misconduct. The boys assured me nothing happened. (One of the nurses was a sister of one of the interviewers.)

Roneoed Pidgin explanations of the Census were distributed to all effected parties in both my own and Mr. Posenau's districts prior to my going to Finschhafen.

Situation Report :

As I was working checking the census forms very little time was available for political discussions in the three villages visited. However, prior to the conduct of the census in each village all people of that village were called together for careful explanations about the methods to be used, the purpose of the census and the use which would later be made of the information thus gained. After this they were dispersed to their respective homes to await the interviewers. I visit these villages at least once each week for something to do at weekends or in the course of my duties. Nothing can be written which was not included in a recent Annual Census Patrol report (completed on 18/3/71).

CONCLUSION

The Territory Census was very well organised and ran smoothly.

P. Russell

 (P. E. Russell, P.O.)
 Council Adviser.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

PINDIU PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1971/72.

SUBDISTRICT : Firschhafen

DISTRICT : Morobe

TYPE OF PATROL : Special (Council Elections)

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : P. E. Russell (P.O.)

AREA PATROLLED : Lower Kua Valley & Bulum Valley

COUNCIL : Pindiu Council

CENSUS DIVISION : Hube

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : D. Hero, Local Govt. Assist.

DURATION OF PATROL - from 2/8/71 to 16/8/71 (F.O.J. Folio No.8 O.L.G.)

No. of DAYS : Fifteen days

LAST D.D.A. PATROL to AREA : Pindiu Patrol No. 2 1970/71

DATE : 4/1/71 to 18/3/71 DURATION 14 days (broken)

OBJECTS of PATROL : Council Election

TOTAL POPULATION of AREA PATROLLED : 8579

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P.O. Box 2396,
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26th January, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL NO. 4 OF 1971/72.

Your unreferenced memorandum of 28th December, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by
Mr. P. Russell of the lower Kua and Bulum Valley.

My comments on patrol Pindiu 3/71-72 also refer here.

The standard of this report is unsatisfactory and reflects
a distinct lack of rapport with the local people.

(S.J. PEARSALL)
a/Secretary.



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Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHAFEN.

19th November, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL No. 4 of 1971/72

LOWER KUA & BULUM VALLEY - HUBE C/D

Attached are three copies of the report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. P.E. Russell F.O., the Council Adviser at Pindiu.

The patrol was mounted to conduct the Council Elections in part of the Pindiu Council Area.

The election was completed about 16th August 1971. The Writ was returned and Election Report onforwarded by the District Local Government Officer (his 42-4-2) on 25th August 1971.

The report has thus taken nearly three months to write. Such a delay in a short report of this nature cannot be justified - and no attempt has been made to do so.

The report indicates a continuing unsatisfactory situation in the Bulum and Kua areas which will only be overcome by concentrated effort through patrols and an active effort to get the people interested in participating in their own development. The Council could well consider some relatively small public relation type projects in the area - water tanks on Churches used to be well received - to give the taxpayers some visible sign of the Council's interest in them.

I assume claims for camping allowance have been forwarded direct to the DLGO.

For your perusal, comment and onforwarding please.

F.E. Haviland
Assistant District Commissioner



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PINDIU PATROL REPORT No. 4 1971/72.

Please find enclosed four copies of the Election Report for the Sixth General Election of the Pindiu Local Government Council.

According to Mr. J.S. Hicks' 39-1-23 of 23rd August, 1971, this is all that is required for an Election Patrol.

P. Russell
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(P.E. Russell, F.O.)
Adviser.

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PINDIU PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1971/72.

PATROL DIARY :

- 2/8/71 Depart Pindiu for Mindik, p.m. Overnight Mindik.
- 3/8/71 Mindik to Ebabang, 3 hrs. Voting delay.
- 4/8/71 Ebabang to Hamoronong, 2 hrs. Elections unopposed.
Hamoronong to Mindik, overnight Mindik.
- 5/8/71 Elections Mindik, again delays due to voters.
- 6/8/71 Mindik to Satneng, 2 hrs. Election contested, new Councillor elected.
- 7/8/71)
- 8/8/71) Weekend.
- 9/8/71 Delayed due to bad weather. (Rainy season.)
- 10/8/71 Mindik to Areganang, 3 hrs. Election again unopposed.
- 11/8/71 Areganang to Simbeng via Ogeranang, 4 hrs. Election unopposed.
- 12/8/71 Simbeng to Zewitsan, 1 hr. Election unopposed. Delayed waiting for voters. Zewitsan to Numbut, 3 hrs.
- 13/8/71 Numbut to Kotken, 4½ hrs. Election unopposed.
- 14/8/71 Kotken to Mindik, 5 hrs (via short cut!).
- 15/8/71 Rested Mindik, awaiting plane.
- 16/8/71 Returned to Pindiu by plane.

SIXTH GENERAL ELECTION, 1971. - PINDIU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.ELECTION REPORT :1. Type & Duration of Pre-Election Campaign :

(a) All Councillors were advised of the coming elections at the June meeting, and discussions were held concerning these elections. Councillors were advised to discuss the elections with the people of their respective wards.

(b) Printed programs were sent out to all villages (copies attached), about ten days before the patrols entered the field.

2. Manner of Election :

Two teams carried out the elections. The first team, lead by Mr. F. Wafingian and accompanied by Mr. J. Koaba, did Wards 1 to 10, in the Mongi and Upper Kua Valleys. The second team, lead by Mr. P. Russell and accompanied by Mr. D. Hero, did Wards 11 to 18, in the Lower Kua and Bulum Valleys. There were 18 polling places, one in each ward, which were conveniently placed for ease of access of the voters.

Prior to election commencement a short talk was given on voting procedure and election rules. Despite the build up very few voters were able to, or wished to, vote unassisted. Most people did not state preferences. Scrutineers were appointed for each candidate.

3. Feminine Interest In The Elections :

Feminine interest was not as high as the statistics would show, because unlike the men - who are permanently absent from the villages, women are present in the villages but do not come to vote, and are listed as 'unavoidably absent'. The normal female excuses of illness of children and other family members, and similar complaints, were given. The following statistics were compiled as percentages of the females enrolled :

Absent - 61%

Voted - 39%

It was noted that a wife often voted differently from her husband. This was due to the fact that the woman had married in from the next village. The candidate from her home village received her vote.

4. Incidents :

No incidents arose during the patrols.

5. Absenteeism :

The absentee rate in the Hube is very high, with as many as 70% of adult males absent from some villages. Sixty-five percent of the enrolled voters did not vote in the four elections which took place. I would say, however, that 70% of those present in the villages did vote. (Most of those who did not vote were women.)

The fact that 14 out of 18, or approximately 78%, of the Councillors were elected unopposed shows more than anything a lazy, disinterested attitude towards the appointment of Councillors.

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5. Absenteeism : (cont.)

Despite advance publicity some wards had not decided upon a candidate when the patrols reached the villages. This was most disappointing. The attitude seemed to be that it was a waste of time changing the Councillors all the time, and that it would be better for them to remain in office for a longer period, as did the luluais.

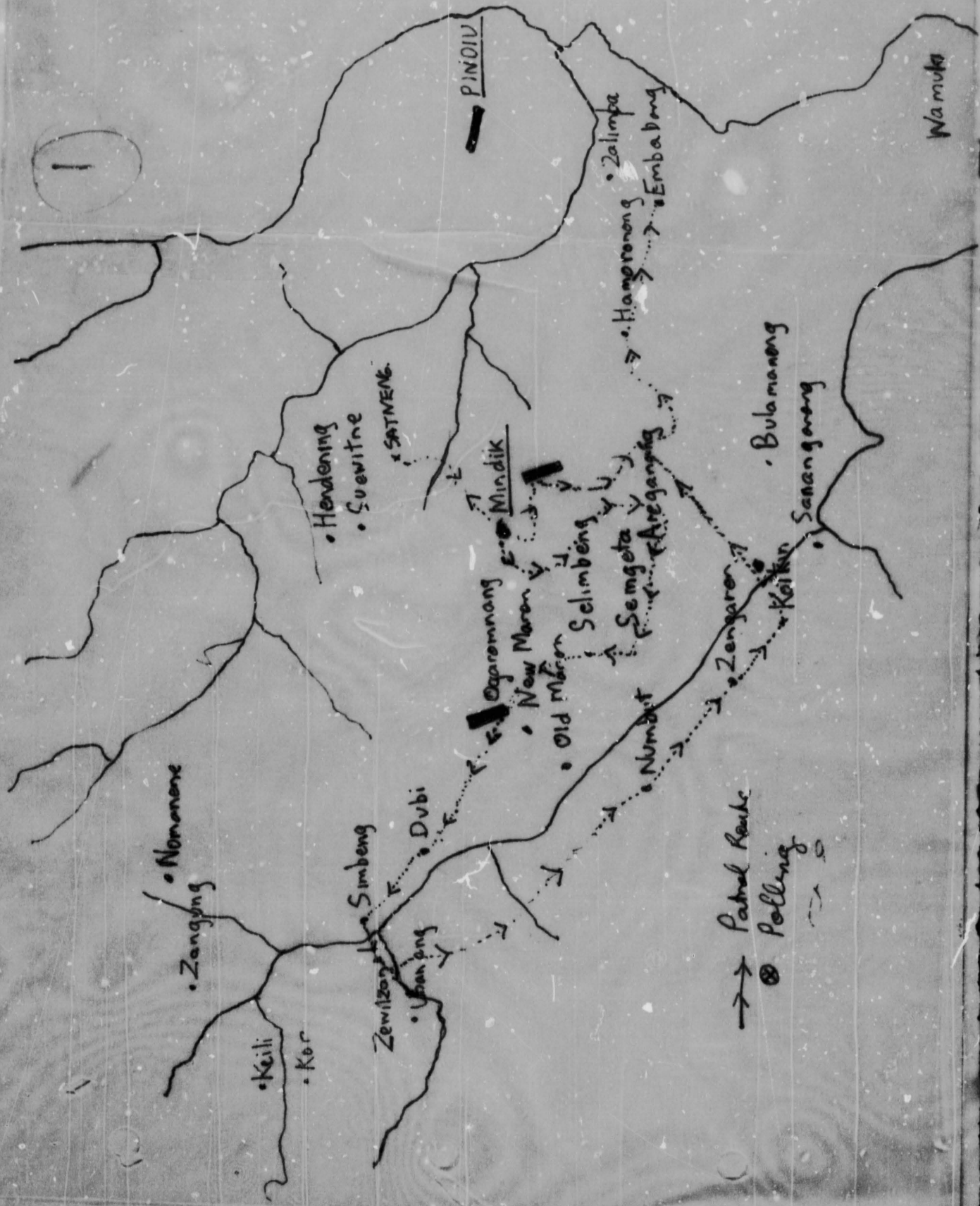
6. Analysis of Statistics :

The Council area consists of 18 wards, but only 4 seats were contested. The elections held in these four wards produced 3 new Councillors. Thirty-five percent of the enrolled males voted, as did 39% of the enrolled females. However, as previously stated, female response was poor, as 95% of enrolled females are present in the villages. It is apparent that nearly all available men voted. The new trend to nominate unopposed candidates is indicative of the people's attitude. They have finally struck upon the way to please the kiap and observe the necessary formalities while assuring that their daily lives are disrupted as little as possible.

7. Summary :

Three new Councillors were elected, but a lack of interest was shown throughout the elections. Many useless, dead-wood types were returned along with those who missed numerous meetings and those who were involved in cult activities. The best man is definitely not chosen for the job. We hope that planned educational programs will change these attitudes.

P. Russell
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(P.E. Russell, P.O.)
Adviser.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER : Pindiu Patrol Report No. 5 of 1971/72
SUB-DISTRICT : Finschhafen
DISTRICT : Morobe
TYPE OF PATROL : Special
PATROL CONDUCTED BY : P. E. Russell
AREA PATROLLED : Kua Valley
COUNCIL : Pindiu Local Government Council
CENSUS DIVISION : (Part) Hube C.D.
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : 1/C Mamai 1180
DURATION OF PATROL - from 12/10/71 to 21/10/71
No. of DAYS : 10 days
LAST D.D.A. PATROL to AREA : Pindiu Patrol No. 2 of 1971/72
DATE : 22/3/71 to 11/6/71 (broken) DURATION : 8 days
OBJECTS OF PATROL :
1. To collect Council tax
2. Ward development plan
3. To inspect proposed airstrip site at ~~1500~~ Oati
4. To collect shot-gun data
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED : 6586

I. A. ...
District Commissioner

OA:PW

P.O. Box 2396,
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67-6-42

25th January, 1972

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL NO. 5 OF 1971/72

Your unreferenced memorandum of 28th December, 1971,
refers.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report
by Mr. P. Russell of the Kua Valley.

(S.J. PEARSALL)
Acting Secretary.



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PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO. 5 of 1971/72.

PATROL DIARY :

- 12/10/71 General tidying up and assembly of patrol gear and stationery. 1130 Depart for Unsesu by motorcycle. Walked to Berakwaiyu 1 hr. Collected tax, licenses and S/G data. Departed for Yapang 1 1/2 hrs.
- 13/10/71 Collected Yapang tax and did field notes for ward 10 on Ward Development. Issued trade store licenses and collected S/G data. To Nengit 1 hr, collected tax etc, then to Lalang 1 1/2 hrs.
- 14/10/71 Taxed Lalang. Rest house leaked, latrine collapsed, police house U/S together with cook-house. Stayed while small structures were replaced, and kunai was stripped from police and rest houses. Walked to Podzorong 1 hr. Taxed Podzorong and Ska. Did ward development notes for ward 3.
- 15/10/71 Left Podzorong, walked 3 hrs to Avengu. Taxes, licenses, S/G data. Walked 2 hrs to Lengbati.
- 16/10/71 Taxes, licenses, S/G data etc. at Lengbati. Inspection of proposed airstrip. 3 hr walk to Korumba in torrential rain. Taxed Korumba.
- 17/10/71 Walked to Hendeneng and collected tax etc., then to Suetne and taxed them with Satneng. Did ward development notes for Ward 11. Several disputes were brought to me and after discussion were referred to O.I.C. Pindiu for legal action. Talks about Development Bank Loans were requested and given.
- 18/10/71 0800 Deaparted for Mindik. 3 hrs. Collected tax from Mindik until tax tickets ran out. Did ward development notes for Ward 12. Evening counted \$2,400 tax put into fuses etc.
- 19/10/71 New tax tickets arrived. Completed Mindik tax. Walked to airstrip and inspected maintenance. To Tunneng. Collected tax. To Ebabang in torrential rain, started tax collection but many absent and general lack of cooperation. Abandoned until next day.
- 20/10/71 Collected remainder of tax from Wamuki, Zalimpa and Ebabang. More trouble from this ward than anywhere else. Walked to Hamaranong.
- 21/10/71 Taxed Hamaranong, Sanangarang and Bulamanang. To Mindik 1 1/2 hrs. Plane to Pindiu.

SPECIAL REPORT - PINDIH PATROL No. 5 of 1971/72.Introduction :

The main purpose of this patrol was to collect the tax from the Kua valley. We had reason to believe that the Council could expect some trouble from this area as it is the centre of cult and Pangu Pati activities. We are happy to say that almost all the total available tax was collected (only several temporarily absent individuals did not pay).

The aims of the patrol were :-

1. To collect tax.
2. To take notes for the Ward Development plan.
3. To inspect the proposed airstrip site at Lengbatá.
4. To collect shot-gun data.

Situation Report :(A) Political :i. Local Government :

It is difficult to assess the acceptance of Local Government by the people of this area. Last year they originally said they would not pay their tax until the Yapang wire bridge was finished. This project had not been carried forward into the 1970/71 financial year, and had been left incomplete in 1969/70. It was subsequently finished. This, however, did not solve the problem. (See Pindih Patrol Report No. 2 of 1971/72). The people of the area then said they would not pay until the Council did something about an airstrip in the Upper Kua. I arranged a D.C.A. feasibility inspection by helicopter, and the Lengbati site is a possibility. The people subsequently paid last year's tax and also this year's, without any further trouble.

ii. Local Government Councillors :

There are seven Councillors in the area administering wards 8 to 14 inclusive. Previously none has been outstanding, and all but two were returned (mostly unopposed) at the August elections this year. (Both of the new Councillors had been Councillors before.)

ZIABE - UBUDZING : (Wamuki, Zaiimpa & Ebabang.)

A youngish, weak but affable man who is chairman of the Agriculture Committee, and says the prayers (newly reintroduced to help foster Mission-Council cooperation) prior to meeting commencement. He was re-elected after a bit of a tussle with BARING (a previous Councillor). This has led to a loss of authority, and great difficulty was experienced getting firewood etc. when in this ward. It was also necessary to issue orders to pay tax to many who had hurriedly departed for a few days holiday at the beach (most of this tax is now paid). The ward is always in the throes of one cult or another and requires much attention.

ZIWANG - MARIGE : (Sanangarang, Bulamanong, & Hamaranong.)

A great talker whose main concern is helping fellow councillors and himself by trying to increase allowances (patrol, committee, meeting & travelling). He was elected unopposed. He successfully defeated my attempts to cut meeting allowance for Councillors who do not attend meetings.

AKINU - YAMBA : (Mindik & Tumang.)

Ex-president and Vice-president. Literate and an ex-mission English school teacher. He is a great cultist and is often absent from meetings. He was re-elected unopposed but does not hold any special positions. I asked him if the allegations against him were true, and he denied them, but I do not believe him.

(ii) Local Government Councillors : (cont.)MAMES - : (Suewitne & Satneng.)

A young irresponsible man who was a Councillor before, but who was removed when he tried to remove tattoos from girls by burning them off with spirit.

ULEVING - SARINA : (Hendeneng, Korumba, Yapang & Negit.)

Not very energetic, but literate. He seldom speaks, but never goes to sleep either.

YOAGING - GUYONG : (Avengu & Lengbati.)

An 'anti' type, with a look of 'nobody loves me' on his face. He is the only Councillor who did not pay Pangu Pati fees last year. He was quite outspoken about getting an airstrip at Lengbati. (See Economic.)

YANGO 3 : (Lalang, Podzorong & Siu.)

A member of the first Council. He was defeated by Zonge to be re-elected at the recent elections. Weak but enthusiastic.

iii. House of Assembly :

The people seem to have a hazy knowledge of the House and all knew that Mr. Meck Singiliong had an important position in the House.

iv. House of Assembly Member :

Mr. MECK SINGILIONG, Assistant Ministerial Member for Corrective Institutions is well known in the area. He is not popular, however, as he allegedly called the Kua people a derogatory name and said they were the ~~worst~~ for the rest of the Hube. As stated in two recent previous reports, it is doubtful whether he will be returned at the coming elections.

v. Political Education :

Political education talks were not specifically given as Patrol No. 4 of 1970/71 (25th May to 11th June) recently patrolled this area giving talks of this nature. Every opportunity was taken, however, to explain the purpose of Council tax, and what becomes of the money thus collected.

vi. Preferential Voting :

The recent Council Election patrol demonstrated that the people do not really understand how to vote, and I would guess that 90% vote for one candidate only. Another reason for this is that they do not wish to help another candidate, even a little bit. (The other man is usually from the next village.)

vii. Political Activities :

As stated in previous reports by myself and the O.I.C., Mr. F. Wilson, (also in Confidential reports to the D.C.) a cargo cult of some description is operating in the Kua (and Bulum) valley. It is mainly concentrated in the Lower Kua. Specific evidence is extremely hard to get. Other cults in the district over the last 40 years (there have been many) did not seem so secret. The only way to tell if a village is involved in the cult or not is to observe whether or not they have double rows of tanket hedges around each house, making a pathway. One informant told me that Councillor AKINU collects donations from the Kua, then crosses into the Bulum, and by slight of hand as he plants tankets manages to convince the people that shillings are appearing magically from the ground. These shillings (\$600) he then gave to the Bulum people. He then took up donations from the Bulum people, and took this cash back to the Kua side where he repeated the performance. This information is sketchy and unsupported.

vii. Political Activities :

Certain stories led us to believe this cult is tied in with the Pangu Pati. I think the Pangu Pati Secretary and others have done something to stop these rumours. We heard that Pangu members would refuse to pay tax. To stop the people using the Pangu Pati as an excuse for non-payment of tax two Pangu committeemen were instructed to accompany me on the entire patrol and observe proceedings. Not one person uttered the word 'Pangu' in any part of an excuse why he couldn't pay his tax. This action was commendable, and I am glad to see a responsible policy developing.

(B) ECONOMIC :(1) General Rural Development :

Cash Crops : The valley has only coffee. The majority of this is carried to Mindik and sold to local stores. Attempts are being made to introduce cardamom to the area, and productive nurseries have been built at Mindik. This spice crop is slow to develop, and it will be at least 5 years before it has any economic significance at all in the area.

Roads : Roads are developing slowly, ~~xxxx~~ and about 6 miles of vehicular roads are in existence. The Council has a 4 X 4 5000 tractor with dozer blade, rippers and trailer working on feeder roads in the area. It is hoped we will get to ~~Spabang~~ at least, if not Zalimpa, with the Pindiu - Mindik link-up road.

Airstrips : The strip at Mindik was in a bad and deteriorating state of repair. It was being looked after by the Mission, who handed it over to the Council as they did not have the machines to look after it properly. The Council has improved it greatly, and when a new grasscutter arrives in the near future it should be an easy matter to maintain the strip well.

The Lengbati strip site which has been passed by D.C.A. as a possible strip was inspected. Since the D.C.A. visit the whole area has been cleared, and I would say, judging by the Ogeranang project, that it will take 2 - 3 years to complete. A large section has to be filled to a height of 15', and a large ridge will need to be cut and used as fill for a gully running half the length of the strip. The people still want to build it, so the Council will send up some tools (for details of decision see Pindiu Patrol Report No. 2 of 1970/71.).

Activities of Development Departments :

Apart from Council works (aid posts, bridges, roads and proposed Health Centre) the only other development is done by D.A.S.F. who keep two Rural Development Assistants stationed in the Kua to assist and teach the people. The effectiveness of these officers is suspect as they go for literally years without their work being checked, or any evaluation of their ability in the field being made. The new D.A.S.F. officer at Pindiu is very concerned about this and has started patrolling the area one ward at a time looking at problems etc. He then intends to call in all the R.D.A.'s and farmers and conduct training courses on the station.

Processing and Marketing :

Coffee - About 45 coffee hullers are operative in the valley with about 5 fermentaries operating on a business basis. Some fermentary owners are also buyers of the red cherry coffee, and process it themselves, thus making an extra profit. One huller operated by the ex-Council President, OCTAVIONG, of Mindik has a diesel engine which is operative. (He is thinking of putting an electric generator on it and using it as ~~an~~ a dual purpose engine!)

Cattle - Some cattle are being introduced on the coast by the people of Wamaki. BARING has a development Bank Loan for this purpose.

Processing & Marketing : (cont.)

Trade Stores - There are about 60 trade stores in the Kua and most of these are licensed. Unfortunately they conform to the Territory Trade Store survey conducted in 1968. That is, very few have proper books or a profit margin. They are mainly for status, not as a business venture as we understand it.

Village Cash Crop Extension :

(As under Rural Development.)

Non-Indigenous Development :

The only non-indigenous developments are the Finschhafen Marketing & Development Company, Namasu and the Sams Trading Venture. Some initial contacts were made between South Pacific Timber and the owners of some of the coastal forest (the Ebabang people), but these were apparently purely exploratory.

(C) SOCIAL :Education, Health :

Two P.T.S. schools, both Mission operated, are in the area.

- Hamaranong which has standards 1 and 2, and a total enrolment of 69.
- Gebot/Torobau school which has standards 1, 2, and 3 and an enrolment of 113 pupils.

The people of Mindik have done much agitating over the years to get a Government school at Mindik, but the Education Department is against this because of

- a. the wet climate
- b. the proximity to Hamaranong.

The Education Department would prefer to see a school in the Bulum at Ogeranong. (There are no educational facilities in the Bulum.)

Health Services in the area are provided by permanent Council Aid Posts at Nengit, Podzerong, Mindik, Lengbati, Satneng and Ebabang. In addition the Council proposes to build a Health Centre at Mindik. Infant Welfare sisters are flown into Mindik once a month, and stay 3 or 4 days doing clinics for all the surrounding villages.

Law & Order :

Generally no difficulties are experienced in this field. Only several minor disputes were brought forward to the patrol, and one of these was referred to the O.I.C., Pindiu, as it was a stealing charge.

Services Provided by the Administration :

The only services now available now are those at Pindiu. Previously Mr. P. Oates, A.P.O., spent much of his time at Mindik, however after he went on leave no replacement for him was forthcoming.

Missions :

The Mission headquarters for the Hube and Kalasa circuits is at Mindik. The Missionary is not well liked, and there are many people against him. The Mission influence and authority is waning, as is their voluntary tax.

The Rev. H. Cerber told me the rather startling fact that some young,

Missions : (cont.)

well educated students from the Martin Luther Seminary in Lae were conducting a survey (I do not know the details of this) in the Bulum valley, and they found "the strongest Hatred of Europeans anywhere in the Territory", and some of these students came from Rabaul! The Missionary and I are very concerned about this, because we can see no reason for it. However, the fact of it is true, and this shows what the Council, Administration and Missionaries are up against.

Cults & Unrest :

As previously discussed this is an area of continual cargo cults, and the present one is characterised by its extreme secrecy, and originally alleged affiliations with the Pangu Pati. The general passive resistance in the area could possibly be the result of the present strong cult.

CONCLUSION :

All the objects of the patrol were carried out. Shot gun data required by the A.D.C., Finschhafen is attached. The Development Plan data was collected, but requires further filling in and collating. The proper formats have also to be reworked. Great difficulty was experienced in estimating ground and per family for subsistence cash crops. Also ground with potential not being used was hard to ascertain. To call it a 'guesstimate' would really be an exaggeration of its accuracy. The total tax collected from the area of 6581 people was \$3,400. This was more or less the total available. If tax was collected from all the potential taxpayers of the Hube it would amount to \$28,000. Last year the Council collected less than \$10,000. This means that 3/4 of the population is untaxed. (The 1/4 on stations which can best afford it.) I think radical changes are urgently needed in the taxation system of New Guinea. Who ever heard of people voting on their own tax rate? I would say that within two years the people of the Pindiu Council will vote it lower than the present rate of \$6.00. (\$6 adult male, 50¢ adult female.) Every area has already made it plain that no increase in this low rate will be tolerated, and I would doubt that the Council will go against the wishes of the people.

P. Russell

 (P. E. Russell, P.O.)
 Council Adviser.

Appendix 1.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>S/G Type</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>C.O.R. No.</u>	<u>Condition</u>
GANOS	UMALANG	Berakwaiyu	Ciclope	21416	50032	Poor, owner absent.
TAUNAM	PANDINDIN	Nengit	Winchester	89455	?	Fair
REMAIYONG	OVA	SIU	?	?	?	U/S, confiscated at Pindiu.
KEPA	NEWSA	Siu	?	?	?	New, gun unavailable.
NAMIS	RIWONG	Siu	?	?	?	U/S, confiscated at Pindiu.
UMASA	SALIONG	Podzorong	Stevens	G. 60	75802	Good.
COLAN	UNA	Lengbati	Gecado	10972	75754	U/S
TIMAIYONG	GAU	Satneng	?	?	?	?, owner in Lae.
ONGENU	REIYONGA	Suwitne	Ciclope	28682	75848	Fair.
MASAI'IN	UTAUTSA	Suewitne	?	?	?	?, owner in Lae.
AKINU	IAMBA	Mindik	?	?	?	New.
TIPAIONG	RUMIANG	"	?	?	?	?
MATU	SINANG	"	?	?	?	?
MIONZIONG	SIEMAN	"	?	?	?	?
KOSWALING	TIVEYONG	"	?	?	?	?
KEWARIONG	TUMOWING	"	?	?	?	?
RUNGAVI	WAIMBI	Tutnang				
BIANING	GAUSUARE	"				
YOWENG	OIE	"				
MANOME	GISIP	"				

APPENDIX 1 (page 2)

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NODZO	BASTOGO	Kamaranong				
GIBE	VEVERIONG	"				
AIVAVA	UIONG	"				
SOLONG	MATWONG	"				
NAMONDING	SAWAGIONG	Ebabang				
WANZIA	LANI	"				
QOLOO	SALUNO	"				
WENZIONG	SOLO	"				
MOMAYAN	BANGIN	"				
BARING	ORABO	Wamuki				
SOMBEA	BAULONG	"				
BARISANG	REUSE	Zalimpa				
LUCSWO	PEBA	"				

Most of the owners of these shotguns are unavailable in Lee, and the guns are locked in houses. Some owners did not receive the message (last minute) and had left their guns in other villages, gardens etc.



PATROL REPORT NO. 6-7-72

By

MR. B. R. EDE

PINDIE

MOROBE DISTRICT.

P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOHU.

7th February, 1972.

67-6-49

The District Commissioner,
Morebe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. 6 OF 1971-72.

Your reference 67-2-10 of 26th January, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports by Mr. B. Ede following his patrol of the HUBE Census Division.

My comments are mainly procedural.

Situation Reports should be numbered within the Report. In this case they should be numbered as follows :-

Pindia Patrol No. 6/71-72.

1. Political Development.
2. Local Government.
3. General Rural Development.
4. Activities of Development Departments.
5. Indigenous Economic Enterprise.
6. Education and Health in Area.
7. Law and Order Situation.
8. Influence and Effect of Missions.
9. Cult Activity.

This style is foreshadowed in the reference to Situation Reports on the pro-forma Report Jacket (not completed in this case).

In my records a copy of each Situation Report is placed on the respective subject file. You may also care to adopt this procedure. To achieve that aim it is important that each is severable, and to provide for this the system envisages individual assessments by both the Assistant District Commissioner and yourself instead of a blanket covering letter. The scope of the Situation Reports suggests to me that Mr. Ede did not compile a Patrol Report. He should have, and this would terminate at your headquarters. Not all of the information included in the Situation Reports is required here, unless indicative of a change. Numbers 5 and 6 and perhaps 9 are of little interest here.

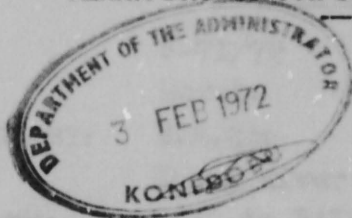
I do not wish to denigrate Mr. Ede's effort. He is clearly a conscientious and able officer. It will always be difficult for younger officers to determine just what information should be passed to various levels on a "need to know" basis and it is better to provide too much information than too little. To advise him in this regard is an important training element.

I like the style and conciseness of the Assistant District Commissioner's assessment. It may be advisable that he visit the cult area personally to gauge the feelings and provide guidelines for Mr. Ede.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-10

Department of the Administrator,
Merebe District,
LAE.

26th January, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

PINDIU Patrol No. 6 - 1971/72
MR. B. R. EDE, PATROL OFFICER

Herewith Situation Reports and assessments by the
Assistant District Commissioner. My comments are:-

1. People are conservative and continue to show extraordinary faith in the paternalism of the Administration. Fears and misconceptions about self-government have been widespread in spite of discussions with Party candidates and administration officers. Political education needs to stress an attitude of confidence for future security. It may be pointed out that the people already have achieved a substantial measure of success in the administration of their own affairs, both in the House of Assembly and through local government institutions.

2. Cargo cult and pseudo-religious activity, however, indicates a gap which is difficult to bridge. The fact that the information is difficult to obtain, analyse and understand is evidence that the people are really quite inscrutable.

A brief on cargo cult activity has been requested.

3. The depressed price of coffee is a major concern. It is difficult, if not impossible, for the people to interpret price fluctuation. Ultimately they will secure some local reason for the recession.

4. Respect for law in these villages has not deteriorated significantly. There is still a strong conservative tradition and it appears that most offences of the society have been settled by reference to the village elders. This, really, is to be viewed as a good thing. The tradition and dignity of the village elders will be a most stabilizing influence and will tend to maintain internal order long after independence has been achieved.

R. T. Galloway
(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

HQ (R)

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER:	6-71/72	OBJECTS OF PATRO:	1. Familiarisation 2. Pol. Educ.
DISTRICT:	Morobe	STATION:	Pindiu
PATROL CONDUCTED BY:	B. R. Ede	SUB-DISTRICT:	Finschnafen
AREA PATROLLED	Mongi River	DESIGNATION:	Patrol Officer
DURATION OF PATROL:	8/11 to 3/12/71	PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING:	1 R.P. & N.G.C.
LAST D.D.A. PATROL:	10/69	NUMBER OF DAYS:	23
LAST O.L.G. PATROL:	no record	TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA:	6,700
MAP REFERENCE:	Huon	COUNCIL AREA:	Pindiu

The District Commissioner,
District,

In respect of this patrol I attach

- FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS NO , ()
- PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, ()
- THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, ()
- AREA STUDY, ()
- UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, ()
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1- , ()
- PATROL MAP, ()
- ()
- ()

DATE: / /19 .

.....
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
WENE DOBU. Papua

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- AREA STUDY, ()
- UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, ()
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - , ()
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DATE: / /19 .

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District Commissioner

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SITUATION REPORT No. 6-71/72

Station	Pindiu	Officer Compiling	B. Ede PO
District	Morobe	Sub-District	Finschhafen
Census Div.	Hube	L.G. Council	Pindiu

Subject : POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

Sub-District Office
FINSCHHAFFEN

Date Received : 22.12.71 ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The attitude towards Self-Government revealed by the report is common to the mountain people of the Sub-District. Continued political education particularly experience with developments as they occur will be the only real way of having the concept understood properly by the people.

Activity of political parties - notably the PANGU PARTI and it is expected, the United Party (Meek Siagillong) in preparing for the coming election will no doubt further the political education in the villages

The Mcngi river people appear to be in a dilemma - they consider that they have been left behind by the Administration (run by Europeans); but fear dominance by the Coastal people as the new order unfolds and moves them towards self-Government. This and the natural difficulties of terrain and communications ~~which~~ have made life difficult and rapid economic development seemingly beyond reach. It is no wonder that they are so susceptible to cargo cults.

ACTION TAKEN :

Political Education is now at a standstill because of the House of Assembly Elections.

Sgd. *F. E. Hau Sand*
Date 29.12.71

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 6-71/72

STATION . Pindiu OFFICER COMPILING. B.R. Ede.
DISTRICT Morobe SUB-DISTRICT. Finschhafen.
CENSUS DIVISION Hube L.G. COUNCIL .Pindiu.

Information is required on political events, important trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

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SUBJECT : Political Development

The people are in two minds about Self Government. Many still state that Self Government must wait till they have achieved "Economic Development". They see this as a specific date rather than a continuing process. Many are still afraid of what is entailed in Self Government. There was a widespread belief that they would lose a little title to their ground and would have to rent it back. It was explained that although an independent government would have the power to do this it was up to the House of Assembly and was not a part of Self Government or Independence. A very common attitude is "Let the Government decide" They state that the government has given them everything else, when it thinks they are ready it can give them Self Government. In this way they dodge responsibility for a failure.

However, possibly due in part to the activity of the Pangu Pati in the area, many are willing to accept Self Government. Now that they realise that it does not entail full scale withdrawal of the Europeans and his goods, and abandonment by Australia the Majority are willing to discuss self government. They still have their doubts, but are talking about them instead of just saying they don't want self government.

Amongst those committed to self government there is a reasonable appreciation of the difficulties and pitfalls to be encountered. The attitude however is that if the Europeans and indigenes work together these can be overcome.

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Unfortunately all these attitudes are those of the outspoken minority. The rest prefer to wait and see. They will accept and try to understand self government when it comes. I believe that the widely publicised 'date' of 1972-76 for self government has reduced the size of this group.

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SITUATION REPORT No. 6-71/72

Station	Pindiu	Officer compiling	B. EDE PO
District	Morobe	Sub-District	Finschhafen
Census Div.	Hube	L.G. Council	Pindiu
Subject :	<u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u>		

Sub-District Office

FINSCHHAFFEN

Date Received : 22.12.71 ASSESSMENT BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Apart from the provision of basic facilities - roads, bridges and airstrips, there is not a great deal a Council such as the Pindiu Council can do directly for economic development - apart from injecting money into the local economy through RDF projects.

No one else seems to have a clear idea of the final nature of the office of Local Government. The previous Adviser had a somewhat independant approach to his duties and this must have added to the confusion in the people about the OLG.

The council has so far had little effect on the economic development of the area. There are no vehicles operating with any purpose is to cart people and vegetables. Most activities have occurred through their involvement of the individual development.

ACTION TAKEN :

The previous Adviser has been transferred out of the Sub-District. Council Advisory duties are being undertaken by the OIC Pindiu until another Officer is posted to Pindiu or trained for the job.

In general the councillors are doing an adequate job. They are quite helpful men in their own villages. With the council concentrating in other sections of the area it will be difficult for the councillors here. One of this there is no shortage of money to work on the Pindiu-... road. They have been convinced that a road to Lae is the key to 'Rural Development'.

There is general confusion about the Office of Local Government, especially as to the district office. It will be overcome by time and education in the local government. Local Government would be more... have all the money. They do not realize that... central office has in some...

Sgd. *J. Mawla*

Date 29.12.71

SITUATION REPORT NO. 6-71/72

STATION .Pindiu. OFFICER COMPILING. B.R. Ede
DISTRICT Morobe SUB-DISTRICT. Finschhafen
CENSUS DIVISION .Hube L.G. COUNCIL Pindiu

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SUBJECT : Local Government

I. The attitude to Local Government is fair. The peoples expectations are reasonable as regards projects and have a slight idea of the political nature of the council meetings. Many have definite views on the advisability of certain council projects (see Roads & Bridges.) The majority of the people appear to be able to see the benefit of a large project for the good of the whole area rather than many small village projects. This shows that the council has been successful in promoting a unity of purpose which is good to see.

The council has so far had little effect on the economic development of the area. Those who live along the roads benefit slightly but there are no vehicles operating whose specific purpose is to cart people and vegetables. Most benefits have accrued through their disbursement of Tax and kural Development Funds.

There were the usual complaints that councillors are not doing enough in their wards and were not visiting all their villages. This is probably true in many cases, as the people do not always show much interest when they do come. The council committee men have a lot of influence but tend to overstep their authority, basing their actions on the luluais of old.

In general the councillors are doing an adequate job, some are quite powerful men in their own villages. With the council concentrating on another section of its area it must be difficult for the councillors here. In spite of this there is no shortage of volunteers to work on the Pindiu-Wamuki road. Many have been convinced that a road to Lae is the key to "Economic Development".

There is general confusion about the Officer of Local Government, especially as to the distribution of powers. This will only be overcome by time and education in the functions of Central and Local Government. Local Government would be more popular as it appears to have all the money. They do not realise that almost 50% of their council capital expenditure is money provided by the central government.

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SITUATION REPORT No. 6-71/72

Station	Pindiu	Officer compiling	B. EDE PO
District	Morobe	Sub-District	Finschhafen
Census Div.	Hube	L.G. Council	Pindiu
Subject	<u>GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT</u>		

Sub-District Office
FINSCHHAFEN

Date received : 22.12.71 ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The Pindiu-Coast road is a long term project and unless minerals are discovered or a timber company begins exploitation of the timber areas in the Mongi-Bulum confluence, it will take years to complete.

Of more immediate benefit is the construction of feeder and linking roads from the two airstrips in the Pindiu area.

One major obstacle to road building is the lack of use of existing roads - there is for example no Administration vehicle, other than a motor bike in the area. Infant welfare work in the villages now accessible by road would be of obvious benefit to the people and could be instituted immediately if transport was available,

Any involvement by the people on a self-help basis should be encouraged - but self-help road marking will have to be carefully checked before any actual construction takes place to avoid wasted effort and increased frustration.

ACTION TAKEN :

Application has been made for a vehicle for Pindiu.

Sgd. 

Date 29.12.71

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 6-71/72

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DISTRICT . Morobe SUB-DISTRICT. Finschhafen

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SUBJECT : General Rural Development

The only significant development in the area is the construction of the Pindiu Lamuki road. The people believe that this will eventually lead to the coast and are quite enthusiastic. A road gang of 40 men and women are working for half wages. Work rotates on a fortnightly basis from ward to ward. When in operation the council tractor assists. The main complaint is that work is not going fast enough and not enough people are involved. Work will cease for Christmas on December 17th. By then the road will nearly be two miles out of Pindiu. Discussions are going on amongst the councillors to find a better scheme will be implemented. Contracts will be let along the survey line to dig a trench wide enough for the tractor to work on. About twenty people will work with the tractor widening and draining the road. Another smaller group will follow putting in culverts and in roving the surface where necessary. Progress should be quicker, more people will be involved and the cost should be lower.

The extension of this road to the coast depends on a variety of factors. Firstly a timber company moving in to exploit the lower Mongi timber area and agreeing to construct a road from the Bulum River to the coast and secondary the construction of the Lae-Finschhafen road.

Quite a large number of people in the area patrolled believe the council should be pushing the construction of the Pindiu - Finschhafen road. Crossing the Mongi River was always the problem here. I looked at a possible route which apparently was surveyed in 1962. This looks feasible but will require a closer look.

Road maintenance is at a standstill while on patrol I surveyed a road from Pafiu to Pindiu and it has been agreed that work on roads of this nature on a voluntary basis will satisfy the Rule. Further roads will be marked in the near future. Councillors have agreed to find men to attend a course in the use of wooden inclinometers and simple road construction. They will mark roads with gradients up to twelve degrees without re-entrants where feasible. These will be constructed first as walking tracks and then widened into roads. In this way a road system will gradually be built up.

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SITUATION REPORT No. 6-71/72

Station	Pindiu	Officer compiling	B. EDE P.O.
District	Morobe	Sub-District	Finschhafen
Census Div.	Hube	L.G. Council	Pindiu

SUBJECT : ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS

Active Extension work by DASF staff has been of great value to the area in the past and the people have responded well. The current RDO appears to be very active and it is hoped that he will not be transferred, particularly in view of the worsening cult situation mentioned in the Situation report on Cult activity.

The experiment with Cardamon will, it is hoped, lead to a diversification of economic crops in the area. A Cardamon kiln was recently constructed at Finschhafen and sent to Pindiu for trials.

I do not think that the Pindiu area will ever develop a cattle industry of any note. There is however, a small local market for beef amongst the village people and encouragement for cattle producers should be encouraged to exploit this.

One of the most difficult jobs in areas such as Pindiu is trying to maintain interest in coffee during times of depressed prices - such as is being experienced now. Some National scheme to reduce the ill-effects of price fluctuations on growers is needed.

Action Taken :

The effect of activity by Political parties on the cult situation is being watched. The present RDO appears to me to be on the right track and his activities will eventually overcome the cult situation, provided he is left in the area. Could a plea be made to DASF not to transfer him?

In a radio conversation with the Regional RDO on 28th December, he offered the assistance of Mr. Salain MBE, a highly regarded local DASF Officer, to patrol the area and endeavour to gain more information on the cargo cult. I will confer with the Finschhafen DASF people and see if this can be done without upsetting local commitments.

Sgd.

Date

29.12.71

Situation Report No. 6-71/72

Station	Pindiu	Officer Compiling	B.R. Ede
District	Morobe	Sub-District	Finschhafen
Census Division	Hube	L.C. Council	Pindiu

Subject: Activities of Development Departments

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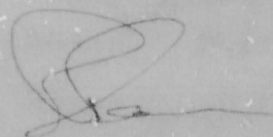
The new Agricultural Officer at Pindiu has been patrolling the area and interest in agriculture is running at a high level. The people are particularly interested in Cardamom which is about to be introduced to the villages after lengthy trails at Pindiu. Current prices for this spice are so good that great care has to be taken not to get hopes too high. I know little of this crop but believe it would be very susceptible to over production.

Considerable interest was also shown in pigs. D.A.S.F. and the council are combining to construct a model pig project near Pindiu. Ground has been made available by the people.

Cattle projects have been unsuccessful due to lack of knowledge ~~by the people and selected projects are being assisted by DASF but~~ by the people. Selected projects are being assisted by DASF but a good cattle route to the coast is necessary before large scale development of this industry can go ahead.

DASF is trying to interest the people in coffee rejuvenation but, ~~it~~ selling at between 10 and 11 cents a pound for XI grade parchment at Pindiu the people are not very interested. Large amounts are being left on the trees and the condition of the holdings is poor.

economy is based on coffee.



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SITUATION REPORT No. 6-71/72

Station	Pindiu	Officer compiling	B. EDE PO
District	Morobe	Sub-District	Finschhafen
Census Division	Hube	L.G. Council	Pindiu
Sub-District Office :	FINSCHHAFFEN	Date received :	22.12.71
SUBJECT :		<u>INDIGINOUS ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE</u>	

The village entrepreneur coffee buying system was started about seven years ago in the Pindiu area. It gave every indication of being a successful means of getting the coffee harvested. If the entrepreneurs have to close down they will be very difficult to get started again. Perhaps DASF could consider buying coffee in the area as they have done before (eg. Wantoat 1969) if the normal outlets cease to buy it.

Depressed coffee prices will inevitably means more urban migration resulting in additional hardship to those left in the villages.

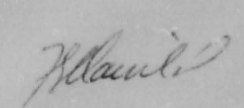
Most of the village trade stores or 'canteens' are little more than distributing points for trade goods in the villages. Considered in this light they serve a useful purpose, but will never be an economic proposition until the village social system and its obligations change.

Action taken :-

✓ Nil. Will request DASF assistance if coffee buyers stop buying.

Sgd.

Date


 29.12.71

SITUATION REPORT NO. 6-71/72

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 DISTRICT . . . **Norobe** SUB-DISTRICT. **Finschhafen**
 CENSUS DIVISION . . . **Hube** L.G. COUNCIL **Pindiu**

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Economic

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SUBJECT : Indigenous Economic Enterprise

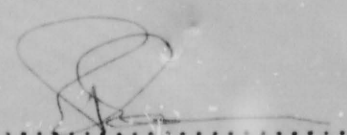
The depressed state of the coffee industry has hit this area hard. The sale of coffee normally accounts for nearly eighty percent of the areas income. For many years village entrepreneurs have been buying coffee cherry at two cents per pound, processing it and carrying it to Pindiu for sale. With the price of even xi grade parchment now down to 10-11 cents a pound they are losing at least a cent a pound of parchment plus freight. The position has almost been reached where the stores in Pindiu are going to stop buying parchment. One has already stopped buying everything but xi grade, and that for 10 cents/pound. The Agricultural Officer is about to advise the processors in the village to drop their price to one cent a pound for cherry. When this happens coffee production will virtually cease.

The market at Pindiu has been a favorite money earner for many years. Recently the attendance at the market fell off due to the station people getting the upper hand in price setting and dropping prices to a ridiculous level. Complaints were made in all villages and a meeting will be held between the station and village people to see if general guide lines can be agreed on to stabilise the situation a little.

Cattle and pigs were mentioned in the previous heading. Some vegetables are sold outside the area. Mainly under private agreement between the grower and the consumer. The total amount would not be over 200 lbs a week. Some native tobacco is still traded with the coast people.

There is about one trade store per 100 head of population. Some of these coast along in varying degrees of activity for many years, but the average life would be about four years. None of them are a success in the normal definition of the word but this does not unduly worry the owners who are getting people indebted to them and so gaining power and prestige.

Many of the people are shareholders in Kesawing Co-operative, NAMASU, Sama Trading Venture, the Oboro Society and other groups, none have so far satisfied the people's high expectations.

SGD: 

DATE: 17/12/71

SITUATION REPORT No. 6-71/72

Station	Pindiu	Officer compiling	B. EDE PO
District	Morobe	Sub-District	Finschhafen
Census Division	Hube	L.G. Council	Pindiu
SUBJECT ; <u>EDUCATION AND HEALTH</u>			

Sub-District Office
 FINSCHHAFFEN
 ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Date received : 22.12.71

The next school in the Pindiu area will be at the new airstrip site at Ogeranang.

The previous medical assistant at the Wagezaring Lutheran hospital, Mr. Carl Kirsch worked amongst the Hube people since before the last war; any successor to him must suffer from adverse comparison. I understand, however, that the present medical assistant has some strange ideas (sometimes no ideas) on curing illnesses - he apparently ~~has~~ wont give injections. This hospital had become an integral part of the Hube scene, its current state of ill-repute throughout the area adds to the dissatisfaction and dissillusionment reported by Mr. Ede.

ACTION TAKEN :

Recommendations have been made for the establishment of a school at Ogeranang and the matter is in the hands of the District Education Board,

As the Wagezaring hospital is run by the Lutheran Mission, people with complaints should make them to that organisation. The Pindiu Council would probably be competent to raise any complaints against the hospital staff - presumably PRD supplies the medicine. If the situation does not improve, perhaps the Council request an investigation by the District Medical Officer.

Sgd.

[Handwritten Signature]

Date

29.12.71

SITUATION REPORT NO. 6-71/72

STATION . Pindiu OFFICER COMPILING. P R Ede

DISTRICT Morobe SUB-DISTRICT. Finschhafen.

CENSUS DIVISION . Hube. L.G. COUNCIL Pindiu

Information is required on political events, important trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

Social (Use Reverse side if necessary)

SUBJECT : Education and Health in Area

The area is well served by schools, with administration ~~high~~ standards at Bafong, Kuluntufu and Pindiu. The people of Magaetsu have built an excellent 30x20 classroom of permanent materials in the hope of attracting a teacher. They are dissatisfied with the mission teachers and say they would like standard one and two taught there. They were given no encouragement as they already have a school two hours walk away and are not big enough to warrant their own. Mission vernacular (Kotto) schools are established throughout the area and are regarded as a second class education system by the people.

Personality clashes are hindering the operation of the Wagazaring Lutheran Mission Hospital. The Officer in charge is receiving little help from the people and few are attending clinics. All aid posts were reasonably well stocked and no complaints were received about them. The people are reasonably healthy and the villages quite clean.

SGD: 

DATE: 17/12/71

SITUATION REPORT No. 6-71/72

Station	Pindiu	Officer compiling	B.EDE	PO
District	Morobe	Sub-District	Finschhafen	
Census Division	Hube	L.G. Council	Pindiu	

SUBJECT LAW AND ORDERSub-District Office
FINSCHHAFFEN

Date Received : 22.12.71 ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

It is generally true that people want to be governed and each village wants its own leaders. The village committeemen and Councilloys are everywhere assuming the role of the old Village Officials. Regular patrolling will go some way towards giving the people ready access to a legal tribunal for settling their differences. The last patrol in this area was over two years ago - little wonder the people have made their own arrangements.

ACTION TAKEN :

Patrol programs are to be made out providing for regular patrols throughout the Hube area. This will be facilitated when a Patrol Officer at present recuperating at Finschhafen from hepatitis resumes normal duties in the area.

Sgd. *H. H. H.*

Date 22.12.71

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 6-71/72

STATION . Pindiu OFFICER COMPILING. B.R. Ede
DISTRICT Morobe SUB-DISTRICT. Pinschhafen
CENSUS DIVISION . Ephe L.G. COUNCIL Pindiu

Information is required on political events, important trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

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SUBJECT : Law and Order Situation

At first sight the situation looks good, serious crime is nonexistent and the prison strength at Pindiu has been around five for a long time. However it was noticed that all complaints requiring court action brought up to the patrol were for offences committed within a week of the patrols arrival. As there were six of these during the patrol, much higher than for a comparative period on the station, it would appear that offences are not being reported. The councillors and committeemen, after starting to officiate in cases requiring arbitration, have apparently now commenced holding committal proceedings for more serious offences, This is a case of the people over filling the vacuum we created by removing the Luluais. Every opportunity will be taken to educate the Councillors and Committeemen and regular police patrols will be conducted when men are available.

With the exception of the Road Maintenance Rule all council rules are being generally obeyed. Tax Patrols have struck no troubles to date and prosecutions have been few. Only three men from this area have been gaoled for non-payment this financial year.

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DATE:..... 17/12/71.....

SITUATION REPORT No. 6-71/72

Station	Pindiu	Officer compiling	B. EDE PO
District	Morobe	Sub-District	Pinschhafen
Census Division	Hube	L.G. Council	Pindiu

SUBJECT INF UENCE AND EFFECT OF MISSIONS

Sub-District Office
FINSC HAFEN

Date received : 22.12.71

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The Lutheran Mission is an all-pervading influence in the Hube Division as it is throughout the Sub-District.

I understand, unofficially, that the Mission again favours Meek Singilong as a candidate for the House of Assembly. This may help to make up for his loss of popularity as a member caused by his long absences from the area on Assistant Ministerial Member business.

Action Taken

Nil

Sgd. *M. H. H. H.*

Date 29.12.71

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Situation Report No. 6-21/72

Station. Pindiu.	Officer Consulting B.R. Ede.
District Morobe.	Sub-District Pinschhafen.
Census Division Hube.	L.G. Council Pindiu.

Subject: Influence and effect of Missions.

Lutheran Mission influence in the area is still very strong. The people often say 'The government is our father, the mission our mother' The people profess to understand the mission and its teachings and some use it as a symbol of continuity compared to the government with its political development changes. About twenty per cent of the people are devout to the extent that they go to most mission services. The mission is rumoured to be a conservative force, politically and this is reflected in the peoples attitude. So far they are not generally known to be supporting a particular candidate in the elections.

The people are very grateful to them for their early work in education and Health. As the church is highly localised at this level it has given the people considerable experience in managing their own affairs. There was no evidence of the younger more outspoken group turning away from the church in their attitudes.


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SITUATION REPORT No. 6-71/72

Station	Pindiu	Officer compiling	B. EDE PO
District	Morobe	Sub-District	Finschhafen
Census Division	Hube	L.G. Council	Pindiu

SUBJECT CULT ACTIVITY

Sub-District Office
FINSCHHAFFEN

Date received 22.12.71 ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The cult activity in the Hube appears to be more widespread and serious than thought previously. There are no violent manifestations as yet. The situation appears to be of the normal Hube/Dedua type cults and if it runs true to form, should peter out in due course.

ACTION TAKEN

The OIC Pindiu to continue keeping a close watch on developments.

DASF have offered the services of Mr. Salain MBE, a highly regarded RDO at Finschhafen, to patrol the area and endeavour to learn more of it. Salain did a similar job some years ago. I have discussed the matter with him and he wishes to patrol the area after a coffee board meeting from 19th to 22nd January 1972.

Sgt.

Date

H. Salain
29.12.71

Situation Report No. 6-71/72

Station Pindiu.

Officer Compiling B.R. Ede.

District Morobe.

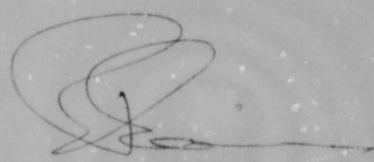
Sub-District Finschhafen.

Census Division Hube.

L.G. Council Pindiu.

Subject: Cult Activity.

A confidential report on this has been forwarded to the District Commissioner. Suffice it to say here that the cult is spreading much faster than was previously realised, and general expectations amongst those people who have been in contact with members of the cult is that it will eventually cover the entire area. The cult is more secretive than normal and includes people with anti administration sentiments.



17/12/71

PATROL REPORT NO. 7.71-72

BY

MR. B. R. EDE

PINDIU

MOROBE DISTRICT.

OA/JK

P.O. Box 2396 - KONEBOBU

67-6-50

7th February, 1972

The District Commissioner
Morobe District
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL NO. 7/71-72.

Your reference 67-2-10 of 26th January, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by MR. B. EDE, P.O. of GEMAHENS area.

I look forward to a more comprehensive Situation Report (or brief, if the information can be assembled without a further visit to the KUA villages) in accordance with your instructions 67-2-10 of 27th January, 1972. Targets or flowers planted in similar circumstances in other parts of Papua New Guinea have been said to prevent forthcoming floods from engulfing the residents - a confirmation, if this is the case here, of your suggestion of religious overtones.

One minor point, your roneoed Report cover should include an above/average/below grading at the foot thereof.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

Copy for your information.

2. As the purchasing price of coffee has now fallen to its lowest level in recent years, it is predicted that cult activity (and possibly anti-Administration/council feeling) will increase proportionately.

67-2-10

Herobe District,
LAE.

27th January, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
PINDIU

PINDIU Patrol No. 7 - 71/72
Situation Report No. 1 - "Tanget Cult"

Please have Mr. Ede prepare a brief on cult activities in the Kua Valley. Reference to cult activity was made in Mr. Russell's reports, PINDIU 2 - 5 of 71/72 and in Mr. Ede's report of 13th December, 1971.

The brief should include information on the following:-

- (a) Location, principal villages and population.
- (b) Economic background.
- (c) Brief record of recent cults (cults within past 6 - 8 years).
- (d) Description of present cult.
- (e) Estimated amount of money involved and accounting procedures.
- (f) Pseudo-religious activity.
- (g) Political or Political party association.
(Reference should also be made to visit by NMA or remarks by M.H.A.)
- (h) Council involvement and attitude to the payment of tax.
- (i) Names of the cult leaders.
- (j) Communication between the members and migrants in the town.
- (k) The image of urban life.
- (l) Assessment of the cult by missions.
- (m) Your prediction in view of the down turn in the economy (i.e. drop in the price of coffee).

Remember that cults are an expression of economic and social incompatibility with affluent society. Support rises/falls over a period of years and the changes are often very subtle. Cults are to be treated sympathetically and with understanding; they are emotional issues, frequently having deeply religious overtones.


(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
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26th January, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
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PINDIU Patrol No. 7 - 1971/72
MR. B. EDE, PATROL OFFICER.

Situation Report and assessment by the Assistant District Commissioner and myself, herewith. The cult is operating on a small scale in an economically depressed area.

(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: No. 7-71/72	OBJECTS OF PATRO: Check Cargo Cult Survey Road.
DISTRICT: Morobe	STATION: PINDIU
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: B.R. EDE	SUB-DISTRICT: Finschhafen.
AREA PATROLLED Gemaheng	DESIGNATION: Patrol Officer
DURATION OF PATROL: 15.12.71 to 17.12.71	PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: 1 RP&NGC.
LAST D.D.A. PATROL: 11/71	NUMBER OF DAYS: 3
LAST O.L.G. PATROL: Not known	TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 500
MAP REFERENCE: Huon.	COUNCIL AREA: PINDIU

The District Commissioner,
District,

In respect of this patrol I attach

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DATE: / /19 . Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDCBU. Papua

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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B.R. Ede


DATE: / /19 . District Commissioner

Situation Report No. 7-71/72.

Station	Pindiu	Officer Compiling	B.R.Eds.
District	Morobe	Sub-District	Finschhafen.
Census Division	Hube	L.G. Council	Pindiu.

Subject: Cargo Cult Manifestations (See P.R. No.6-71/72 and C.F. 1-1-0 of 13-12-71.)

There was no evidence that the 'Tanket' cult has penetrated Gemaheng yet. There is general knowledge of the cult but as yet no houses have started planting twin rows of tanket around them. It is possible that the cult has not yet got strong enough on this side of the Kua to spread to a mixed village like Gemaheng. The situation should remain rather static over the Christmas - New year period. A further check will be made in the new year.


 SGD.....
 DATE..... 22/12/71.....

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SITUATION REPORT No. 7-71/72

Station	Pindiu	Officer compiling	B. R. EDE PO
District	Morobe	Sub-District	Finschhafen
Census Division	Hube	L.G. Council	Pindiu

SUBJECT : CARGO CULT MANIFESTATIONS

Sub-District Office
FINSCHHAFFEN

Date received
29.12.71

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

There is little that can be done about the 'Taaget cult' except to keep careful watch on it and endeavour to find out what is behind it. The planting of rows of taagets is obviously the mark of 'membership' in the cult. No doubt many people are planting them although they do not really believe the cargo will come, 'just in case'.

Mr. Ede's activities in locating road routes while watching for information on the cult are well worthwhile. I feel that if we can give the people something to do or work towards, the cult will fade away as previous ones have done.

Action taken :

Mr. Ede to continue his road location surveys as at present.

Sgd. *Maurice*
 Date 5.1.72

SITUATION REPORT No. 7-71/72

Station	Pindiu	Officer compiling	B. R. EDE PO
District	Morobe	Sub-District	Finschhafen
Census Division	Hube	L.C. Council	Pindiu

SUBJECT : CARGO CULT MANIFESTATIONS

Sub-District Office
FINSCHHAFFEN

Date received
29.12.71

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

There is little that can be done about the 'Target cult' except to keep careful watch on it and endeavour to find out what is behind it. The planting of rows of targets is obviously the mark of 'membership' in the cult. No doubt many people are planting them although they do not really believe the cargo will come, 'just in case'.

Mr. Ede's activities in locating road routes while watching for information on the cult are well worthwhile. I feel that if we can give the people something to do or work towards, the cult will fade away as previous ones have done.

Action taken :

Mr. Ede to continue his road location surveys as at present.

Sgd.

Date 5.1.72

PATROL REPORT NO. 8-11-72

BY

B. E. WDE

PINDIU

MOROBE DISTRICT

F.O. Box 2396, KONEDOB...

67-6-61.

21st March, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL NO. 5 OF 1971/72.

Your reference is 67-2-10 of 6-10/3/72.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 to 5 arising out of the above Patrol of the HUBE Census Division, together with assessments, as submitted by Mr. B. Ede, Patrol Officer.

The Situation Reports should have been numbered 1 to 5 within the report.

The comments upon the cultist activity are interesting. In as much as the present activity comes at a time of "general lowering of Mission influence" and "antagonism towards Mission staff" it may be prudent to seek the views of the Mission leaders on the cult. The information they have gained through their informants may be of value to us.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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6th March, 1972.

SITUATION REPORT - LAW AND ORDER

Assessment - District Commissioner

The majority of cases brought before the courts are for failing to obey council rules, more particularly road maintenance and tax payments. I have no information of who lays the Complaint. Theoretically, it should be the councillors or Rules Inspector Clerk, but in practice this is not so. Village people are loath to charge their own kindred, especially since councillors hold that office as a result of the democratic voting system.

The onus of making the rules work and laying Informations, invariably rests with the council adviser or kiap. This may be one reason why the council image has become jaded - i.e. by the need to bolster up a theoretically popular democratic process.

Summonses have been taken out against 200 tax defaulters.

R. T. Galloway
(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

SITUATION REPORT NO. 8 - 71-72.

STATION **Pindiu** OFFICER COMPILING **B.R. EDE,**

DISTRICT **Morobe** SUB-DISTRICT ... **Finschhafen,**

CENSUS DIVISION **Haba** L.G. COUNCIL **Pindiu**

(For the reporting of information specifically for Headquarters including matters of political significance, important trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems and miscellaneous matters. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

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SUBJECT: LAW AND ORDER.

The majority of the court cases held were for offences against council rules. Twenty Three people were fined for breaches of the Road maintenance Rule. Another five people were charged for offences relating to assaults on women. Three were jailed and two fined. A system of police patrols has been instituted which when teething problems are ironed out should mean that every village is visited by either a patrol officer or policeman every month.

There are over 200 tax defaulters in the area and the council will start distributing summonses to them after the elections.

While the law and order situation could be improved it is under control and appears to be respected by the people.

SGD..... 

DATE... 13/2/72

SITUATION REPORT No. Fintiu M-71/72

Station Fintiu Officer compiling B. R. Lee FO
 District Harobe Sub-District Fintiohafen
 Census Division Hube L.C. Council Fintiu
 Subject: Law and Order
 5th March, 1972.

Sub-District Office

FINTIOHAFEN The Fintiohafen has four candidates standing in the
 District Open Election for the 1972 House of Assembly.
 Date received: Three candidates have nominated from a very
 21.2.72

The enforcement of Council Rules is to be commended. It is unlikely that
 Regular patrols by Police could be valuable, provided they are not looked
 upon as a substitute for DSA patrols.

The Fintiu tax collection has exceeded the original estimates already.
 The prosecution of the remaining tax defaulters is a priority task and the
 Officers at Fintiu should do everything possible to complete this task during
 the current financial year.

- (d) As the candidates have no clear understanding
 of the issues and are paralysed with the
 discussion cannot be expected to be any better
 enlightened.

There are 12 candidates standing in the District. The
 majority of the candidates are not known by the majority of voters.

Action taken: The Officer-in-Charge, Fintiu should make an analysis
 of the understanding and expectations of the voters in
 every aspect and candidate. It would be

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 (B. R. Neiland ADC)
 28.2.72

[Signature]
 District Commissioner



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8th March, 1972.

SITUATION REPORT - POLITICAL PARTIES

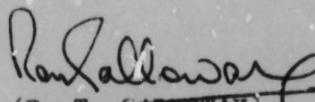
The Pangu Pati has four candidates standing in the Finschhafen Open Electorate for the 1972 House of Assembly elections. Three candidates have nominated from a very small area (Hube).

This indicates,

- (a) The Party system is not understood and not supported as a party. It is unlikely that any significant advancement will be achieved in the next four years, i.e. prior to self-government/independence.
- (b) Inter-village jealousies and rivalries are strong and active.
- (c) There is no sense of unity in the Open Electorate.
- (d) As the candidates have no clear understanding of the issues and are parochial minded, the electorate cannot be expected to be any better enlightened.

There are 11 candidates standing in the Electorate. The majority of the candidates are not known by the majority of voters.

The Officer-in-Charge, Pindiu should make an unbiased study of the understanding and expectations of the voters for the Party system and candidates. It could be disturbing.


(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

SITUATION REPORT No. PADIU 8/71-72 (4)

Station	Padiu	Officer compiling	M.R. Sde IO
District	Norebe	Sub-District	Pinechh/Fen
Census Division	Luce	L.C. Council	Padiu
Subject :	Political Development		

Sub-District Office
 PANGU FATI
 Date received
 21.2.72

APPROVED BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The House of Assembly elections are being conducted at the moment. Three Nube men have nominated, together with 8 others. The Pangu Fati has four endorsed candidates in the electorate. It will be interesting to see what happens in the next fortnight.

Action taken : Nil

J. Saville
 (M. Haviland ADC)
 23.2.72

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Situation PATROL REPORT NO 8-71/72

STATION PINDIU OFFICER COMPILING R.R. Ede.....
 DISTRICT MORORE SUB-DISTRICT KINSCHIAJEN...
 CENSUS DIVISION HUBE L.G. COUNCIL PINDIU.....


(For recording of routine information not of a situation report nature.)

SUBJECT Political Development

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With the elections so close I was careful to avoid this subject. The new flag was taken however and was a great success. Interest in the elections is high and some of the people seemed to realise that this is the most important one to date.

The Pangu Pati has campaigned actively throughout the area. There was some misunderstandings early on but one of the prime movers of this has been expelled from the party leadership and this seems to have made some effect on the people. Their candidates believe that the people now have a proper knowledge of their role in the system. The people however do not tend to think in a departmentalised way and this leads to ideas being confused at times.

Signed 
 Date 17/2/72



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Department of the Administrator,
Morobe District,
LAE.

10th March, 1972.

SITUATION REPORT - CARGO CULT: PINDIU

Assessment - District Commissioner

The long-standing cargo cult in this area appears to be becoming more sophisticated. Reports now indicate that instead of burying the money in the ground, the money is hoarded and also recorded in receipt books. The object of the collection appears to be to establish a trade store or business. Although not stated here, the image appears to be that of a prosperous emporium (e.g. Burns Philp type).

Other aspects of the cult, particularly pseudo-religious activities, are traditional. It also appears that the increase in cult activity is directly proportional to the decrease in Mission support.

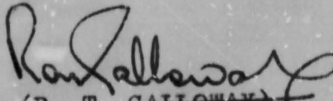
The cult has not shown itself to be hostile to the Administration and it is important that this is avoided, if possible. To this end it appears sufficient to show a mild interest only in this particular cult and suggest that keeping account and record books are good ideas, just in case the cargo doesn't arrive and the people wish to have their deposit returned.

Following is an extract from a paper by Dr. T. Schwartz, on the "Johnson Cult", New Ireland:-

"Cults cannot be maintained in their active cult phase. To maintain the intensity of feeling, opposition is elicited from non-cultists and from the government. They elicit acts which justify their hostility and work rather cheerfully as detainees with the enhancing self-image of political martyrs in a righteous cause. For as long as they can maintain it they are fed by the excitement injected into the otherwise boring and colourless village life by secret meetings evading the omnipresent pro-administration spies."

A copy of this paper has been forwarded to the Officer-in-Charge at Pindiu.

The cult is to be treated sympathetically and with understanding. Unnecessary ridicule will only reinforce the cult and alienate the people from the Administration.


(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

SITUATION REPORT No. Findu 8-71/72 (2)

Station	Findu	Officer compiling	S.R. See 10
District	Korobe	Sub-District	Finschhafen
Census Division	Hube	L.C. Council	Findu

Subject : Cargo Cult activity

Sub-District Office
FINSCHHAFFEN

Date received
21.2.72

AMENDMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR COMMISSION B

DIA Staff at Findu are continuing to keep a close watch on the cult activity in the area. The information supplied by Mr. See is good background material. It would be invaluable if this type of information could be fed back to a future C.I. Findu when the next cult comes up - which will undoubtedly happen in a few years time.

The cult continues to conform to the usual Hube/Dedua type, and gives no cause for alarm. The people are trying to improve their economic lot and cannot help falling back on traditional magic-religious methods to attain their ends.

Action taken : Situation to be kept under continual surveillance. Everything possible to be done to give the people something else to think about - Agriculture, roads, airstrips etc...

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(S.R. Sawiland ADD)
20.2.72

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 8 - 71/72.

STATION Pindiu OFFICER COMPILING ..B.R. EDE.....
 DISTRICT Norobe..... SUB-DISTRICT ..Einschhafen.....
 CTNSUS DIVISION Hube L.G. COUNCIL ..Pindiu.....

(For the reporting of information specifically for Headquarters including matters of political significance, important trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems and miscellaneous matters. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

(Use reverse side if necessary)

SUBJECT: CARGO CULT ACTIVITY.

The so called "tanket Cult" was investigated during the patrol. The Kua valley has only newly joined and the people are not keen to talk about it. In the Bulum however I found the people very straight forward in talking about it. Firstly it must be understood that the people are inveterate joiners and also that cult thinking is so deeply rooted that the people often fail to recognise it.

Traditionally the tanket was very important, the type used is believed to be endemic to the Hube. A man who held a party would give a piece of it to the next man to give one and he would plant it and when it reached a certain list he would put on a party cut half the tanket and give it to the next man and so on. The basis of the present plantings is in the custom for an old man to mark the ground he is giving to his children with tanket. The children would plant them close together forming a fence. He built his house inside and moved in with his family. His wife buried her menstrual blood at the foot of the tanket. In this way his land was secure and evil and ill health were kept out.

The mission was against this however and for many years tanket has not had its traditional significance. Now that the mission influence has lessened the people are turning back to some of the less harmful aspects of traditional life. The Administration may have helped here. I myself have in other areas encouraged the planting of flouring shrules in and around the villages. Hygiene and Sanitation have been pushed in this area over recent years and this is what the people state their prime aim is. A double row at tanket about six feet apart is planted round the group of houses and great cleanliness is excised within this area. The space between the tanket is reserved for the women. They bury their menstrual blood there and are responsible for its cleanliness. Naturally no grass is planted here but there is nothing against grass being planted throughout the rest of the village;

Each village in the Bulum has its leader in this he is the one who collects the entrance fee of \$10.00 per family. He enters the money in a book and keeps it to use in starting a business when Ogeranam airstrip is opened. The people are so far happy with the method of accounting and the use to which it is to be put.

be put. In the Kua I was told Councillor Akinu is the sale leader and collects all the money. The type of business to be started is unclear but would probably be a store and coffee buying enterprise.

Previous rumour was that the people buried the entrance money between the tankets and swept the area to bring cargo to the top. This was ridiculed by the people I asked. They say there is no cargo thinking but then they say that if they get anything extra that will be very good I was told by councillors and elders that they are supporting it for its good points and they assured me they have the power to stop it could it get out of land. It was worried that the culture is growing radical politically. To check this I took the new flag around in addition to the blue ensign. The move was very popular but no-one said anything to support the previous contention that they believed the government had decided to hide the new flag.

The people were told that I would neither support or appase the scheme. As long as laws are obeyed and nothing is done that brings undue hardship on the people I see no reason to interfere. When the people develop a deeper realisation of what is entailed in economic and political development as well as the deviding line between various aspects of government these misunderstandings may lessen.

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DATE..... 22/72.....

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THE JOHNSON CULT - NEW IRELAND

REPORT BY DR. J. SCHWARTZ

I write on the basis of a long-standing interest in cults and movements occurring in situations of culture contact and rapid culture change. I make no attempt in this brief memorandum to interpret the Johnson Cult except to say that what has happened on New Ireland is appropriately named a "cult" that it has a deeply rooted emotional base, a religious dedication, that it draws on a long accumulated reserve of hostility, resentment and distrust. By a cult I mean that it is no more logical construction upon real grievances. Such realistic grievances exist and should be adequately responded to but they are overshadowed by the profound disappointment based on extremely inflated expectations. Distorted expectations about the rate and magnitude of progress from the services and agencies for change provided by the administration easily cancels out an appreciation of the gains that are made. One must see the hostility as generating the paranoid-like thinking that characterizes the cult and at the same time the thinking is so constructed as to preserve the hostility which would be abandoned only with resistance. Their hostility is almost a tangible possession about which they build a degree of unity, solidarity and pride - their opposition to the government. This is in many ways more important than their hope that the Americans will come and for many will persist after that hope has been all but formally abandoned. Cults cannot be maintained in their active cult phase. To maintain the intensity of feeling opposition is elicited from non-cultists and from the government. They elicit acts which justify their hostility and work rather cheerfully as detainees with the enhancing self-image of political martyrs in a righteous cause. They enjoy a kind of phantom companionship with the absent but always imminently arriving Americans who will punish their persecutors and cut the throats of those who have talked bilas. For as long as they can maintain it they are fed by the excitement injected into the otherwise boring and now colourless village life by secret meetings evading the omnipresent pro-administration spies. There are rumours of cargo, of meetings with Americans in the bush, of ships and planes that come at night. Contact with real Americans tends to be disappointing because they persist in saying that they are not coming. This recalcitrance is explained by saying that the American is really an Australian spy or an American who has been bought off by the Australian. Cult beliefs cannot be fully understood unless it is kept in mind that they are almost always ambivalent - that is the belief coexists with the suppressed but still operative knowledge of its falsity. Belief interacts with doubt to proliferate proofs, rationalizations and justifications. The cult maintains a standard of secular respectability, a "front" so to speak, for outside consumption. Talk of cargo is specifically excluded though in spite of this it breaks through. Some more or less sincerely assert and believe that they do not want cargo in the sense in which it is now generally understood - heaps of goods directly delivered by a supernatural agency, in this case, the Americans along with the ancestors of the Lavongai people. For these reasons there has been some disagreement among people who have had contact with the Johnson Cult as to whether it is a "cargo cult." That it is one seems clear to me not only in the statements by cultists in which this explicitly emerges, both as cargo to be delivered by the Americans or cargo to appear in the cemeteries along with the resuscitated ancestors, but also the cargo which reappears on the rationalized surface of the cult when any of the respectable objectives of the cult are pursued a bit further in inquiry. Those who say that what they want is not cargo but knowledge (save or skull bilong America as opposed to that of Australia) will tell you that they are dissatisfied with the education they or their children get from Australian schools because it teaches part and conceals part - the essential part. The hope is that America will not hide the essential "save" - that which will show this generation how to achieve wealth - the knowledge that obviates the hard work which is constantly urged on them the return of which, they believe, would still leave them far short of a European level of wealth.

On theoretical grounds one would expect that the cult cannot maintain itself in its initial, most highly pitched cult state. It must evolve into a more perpetuable institutionalized form or disintegrate. Like all cults the Johnson Cult initially overcommitted itself to events and dates which have not been forthcoming. Dates have been set and passed repeatedly (at least three times). The failure to produce the Americans has been explained as due to blockage by the presence of the Australians and by the fact that many people did not join the cult and the relapse of many cultists into tax paying.

The cult may perpetuate itself for some time by hedging its commitments, keeping to their promise and to their unrequited longing for the Americans and by shrinking through less into a hard core. The relentless detention of tax defaulters has had its effect. It is likely that many are still convinced cultists will pay tax while maintaining their "thinkthink". Aside from the initial contributors, Oliver seems to be the only leader still injecting new content, rationalizations, still maintaining his fraudulent contacts with American agents, keeping up the hope, and possibly hoping to put the cult into gear again when the present lot of detainees are released. The others seem to be more or less passive carriers. Many who have left the cult feel they have done so only under duress. Others with more conviction have reacted to the prevalent charges of fraud and deception made against the leaders.

One cannot write off a cult with confidence even as it becomes invisible on the surface. The history of cults in other parts of the Territory shows the capacity of cults to hang on, though usually with shrinkage, often shifting to a succession of new rationale, reappearing as each hesitation in their progress seems an endless plateau to their inflated expectations, developing small splinter cults, or continuing to affect local politics and development quite apart from cult issues or forming a basis for persistent factions. Even though the cult has passed its crest remedial actions are still worthwhile to promote the development of the area and to reconcile the people to the Administration, to the various local agencies of the Administration such as councils, coops to which the cultists have been opposed, and as the appropriate response to the malaise and protest which the cult outbreak signalled.

The cult remains strong in that the great majority of its adherents continue to profess their loyalty to it, either openly or covertly. The signs of its potential disintegration, the presence of a large number of detainees in govt. hands indicate that the present moment offers an opportunity that should be exploited as soon as possible. The following suggestions which I can only present briefly without full justification, are aimed at meeting realistic grievances, attempting to recalibrate expectations to more realistic levels, to promote reconciliation and to attempt to rechannel the cult into the more effective forms such as the council that will bring them more tangible though more modest returns on their energies.

A few points about handling the cult and the cultists. This should be developed more fully but I have time only to mention a few points at random. The cult has reached a point of uncertainty. There are many indications that a few gentle shoves in the right direction might lead now to its break-up. The officers at Taskul agree that this is a particularly propitious time to influence what happens when the present lot of detainees return to their villages later and the next tax collection.

The cult must be treated as a cult with full recognition of the nature of cult thinking and the position into which the cultists have gotten themselves. They should be given every opportunity to extricate themselves with their pride intact. Although they have frustrated Administration programs they should not be asked to come back with their tails between their legs or to fully recant their earlier professions. They, like other cultists elsewhere are proud of what they have done and will remain so, even of their jail terms, long after they have ceased to believe in their particular cult instrument - the coming of the Americans. They are extremely sensitive to "talk bilas" (to ridicule)

to which they are often subjected by the police and by the non-cultists. Shame alienates a Melanesian and drives him back into himself or in this case into the cult. The purpose of present measures against the cult is to disarm the hostility of the cultists, ~~not~~ to reinforce it, to reconcile them to the Administration and to involve them, re-recruit them to programs aimed at their eventual assumption of self government. This rehabilitation means much more than just getting them to pay their . . . They should be given new objectives in place of those which they relinquish, new hopes and immediate projects in which they can become involved to avoid demoralization. It should be made easy for them in every way to get out of the various traps they have worked themselves into. The educational program should help. Some concessions should be made to the cult by admitting that some of their real grievances are justified and that the cult served some purpose in publicizing them and in eliciting additional aid from the Administration. Their "promise to God" and their willingness to accept repeated martyrdom, as they see it, in jail must be taken seriously. They are part of the magic of overcommitment common to all cults in which one burns one's bridges behind one and so commits oneself that possible failure becomes almost unthinkable and success is magically facilitated. Such commitment is also intended to force the hand of the supernatural agencies - both God and the Americans. Some of the particularly cult-minded have difficulty releasing themselves from these commitments. I have explained to cultists in my talks here that it is not they who have broken their promise - the Americans themselves have said that they can't come and have explained why. I have told them that the reason of distance is relatively unimportant compared to the reasons that America is a close partner (poroman) of Australia and that both wish to see New Guinea develop as quickly as possible to the goal of self government. Since this is the wish of the Americans they are therefore released from their promise which they have not broken and that their "election" has had certain desirable results but if continued would only waste their time and lead to purposeless imprisonments. Here and elsewhere many people have fears of self-government. They are afraid they will be left alone without aid to revert to their old life. Many have been warned about the horrors of self-government in some new countries. Many or all are highly ambivalent in their feelings toward Europeans so that hostility is admixed with a sense of inferiority and inadequacy. They doubt their ability to take on the functions now exercised by expatriates. It is essential that these fears be eased and that the goal of self government be made attractive to them and the route and requirements explained to them minutely. Some feel that self government is too remote to be an involving goal for the present, that the present generation of adults is excluded from its benefits. They should be told that self-government does not come only after a country is fully civilized and economically developed to the level of Australia or America - it comes long before that and is only a step along the way - an arbitrary point in the process begun long ago in which they assume an increasingly greater role in the management of their own development. I have pointed out that the beginnings of self-government are already here in part in the council and in the House of Assembly and that the degree of self-government increases each year. This need to replace fear and doubt about self-government with involvement in the process is Territory wide but particularly needful now in New Hanover in order to give the cultists a substitute goal of sufficient magnitude to absorb their hopes. At the same time constant efforts must be made and endlessly repeated to establish realistic expectations about anything proposed for the future or else every legitimate success will bring disappointment. Realism without pessimism should be the goal. Many cultists still speak of Australians in terms of conditions which existed prior to the war. Their view of what is happening in the Territory has not caught up with the times. They should be assisted in seeing the changes that are taking place, the enormous expansion of possibilities through education and native enterprise. None of this will mean much without a substantial agricultural program that will give them the prospect of increasing their cash earnings. Once such a program is commenced its continuity should be assured by using normal DDA patrols to maintain

contact, interest and check on progress in co-operation with the agricultural officer thus increasing the number of contacts with each village that show interest and give guidance to its projects. Every council ward should have some development plan and the council should be fully involved in any development program. Such programs should not be left exclusively to Agriculture to insure against repetition of past disappointments.

PATROL REPORT NO. 9-71-72

BY

B. R. EDE

PINDIU

MOROBE DISTRICT

JAW:MD

P.O. Box 2396,
ICHEDOU.

67-6-69

17th May, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
I.A.P.

PINDU PATROL NO. 9-1971/72.

Reference your minute 67-2-10 of the 17th April.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1 arising out of the above patrol of an unknown area, together with the appropriate assessment, as submitted by Mr. T. Ede, Patrol Officer.

My 67-6-70 of today's date applies here also.

The information and your comments, as in your 67-2-3 of 5th May, 1972, is being forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

67-2-10



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Morobe District,
P.O. Box 572,
LAE.

17th April, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHHAFFEN

Report not attached.

PINDIE Patrol Report No. 4 - 1971/72
Mr. B. R. Ede, Patrol Officer

Mr. Ede's report is acknowledged with thanks.

The patrol was well conducted and the report is informative and well presented.

In view of the difficulty experienced in identification of the people with the Common Roll, does Mr. Ede have any suggestions on simplifying voting procedure and improving efficiency.

R. T. Galloway
(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

c.c. Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

A section of the report has been submitted as a Situation Report. However, the following extract is submitted in particular for your attention.

Patrol Officer Ede

1. "The voters hold a very low opinion of the present roll and naturally object to standing around in the rain waiting to go through the rigmarole of section voting" - etc.
2. "The Voter Identification Tribunals are a waste of money".
3. "Age identification was a stumbling block"

Assessment A.D.C.

"The greatest difficulty in conducting an election is still the Electoral Roll."

Assessment D.C.

National voting procedures require simplification or they will become chaotic and invalid in future elections. Evidence is widespread that problems were encountered identifying voters with the Common Roll (by change of name, pronunciation, or change of residence).

Urban migration will further add to its problems during the next four years.

The cost of voting and maintaining a national common roll is more than this country can reasonably afford in the future.

Dedicated staff will probably be in insufficient number to maintain the Common Roll in future.

An approach now recommended is to use Tax Tickets and Exemption Tickets to obtain a ballot paper, from the Presiding Officer. The ticket is appropriately stamped or endorsed so that it cannot be used again. Only the Council or Area Registry would need to be maintained, as at present. Only the taxpayers, or those entitled to exemption, would vote.

The system would be fast, simple, efficient and cheap.


(R. T. MALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

PINDIU Patrol No: 9 - 1971/72
Brian Eds, Patrol Officer.

Morobe District,
PINDIU Patrol Post.

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Situation Report - Political
National Elections - Voter Identification Tribunal

"As used in the present election the tribunal is a waste of money, they are being paid for what they have always done free. This appears to worry them and consequently they tend to appoint themselves as doormen, interpreters and town criers as an effort to be seen to earn their money. When called upon to comment on whether a person could vote or not they naturally were helpful although ages were a stumbling block. It was explained to the committee what the purpose of the experiment was and the people were enthusiastic. They hold a very low opinion of the present roll and naturally object to standing around in the rain waiting to go through the rigid role of section voting. Nearly 10% of those who cast votes in the villages I visited did so as section voters. In some villages it took almost as much time to do the section voters as for the rest of the village combined.

Should it be decided to go ahead with the Voter Identification Tribunal I believe the best method would be to have it as a permanent body of three men representing the major clans who vote at the polling place they are appointed to. This would help them to become accepted by the people. I do not think they should be appointed to more than one polling booth as this would tend to lessen the effect of their special local knowledge in dealing with such things as ages of voters. The position is potentially a powerful one and care would naturally have to be taken in forming members. To lessen the dangers I believe the Presiding Officer should retain the power of veto with some such proviso such as the support of one or more of the scrutineers present."

Assessment - Assistant District Commissioner

"It would appear that the Voter Identification Tribunals are potentially useful; however, the greatest difficulty in conducting an election is still the Electoral Roll. If we must have a Roll it should be compiled in family order - not alphabetical order - I am certain most of the village section voting would then be cut out. I feel that the Presiding Officer must retain the final say on whether a person can vote.

Assessment - District Commissioner

National voting procedures require simplification or they will become chaotic and invalid in future elections. Evidence is widespread that problems were encountered identifying voters with the Common Roll (by change of name, pronunciation, or change of residence).

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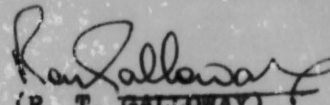
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Assessment - District Commissioner (cont.)

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(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT NO. 10-71-72.

PINDIU

MOROBE DISTRICT

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~~Mr. B. R. EDE~~

S. G. COTTINGTON

JAW:JB

P.O. Box 2396, KONEDOBU.

67-6-70.

17th May, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Harobe District,

PINDIU PATROL NO. 10 - 1971/72.

Reference your minute 67-2-10 of 17th April.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1
a report out of the above patrol of an unknown Census Division,
together with the appropriate assessment, as submitted by Mr.
S.O. Gottingham, Patrol Officer.

Would you please draw the attention of your officers to
my Circulars 67-1-0 dated 25th November and 24th February which
deal with the revised format for Patrol Reports. I enclose a
copy of the types of forms to be used until supplies have been
received from the Government Printer.

It would not be necessary for you to extract information
from the Report to send me. Such should be covered by sep-
arate Situation Reports on subjects specifically detailed in the
Patrol Instructions.

Your assessment, together with that of the Assistant
District Commissioner of the particular Sub District should also
be attached.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary

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67-2-10

Morobe District,
P.O. Box 572,
LAE.

17th April, 1972.

~~The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHAFEN~~

FINDIU Patrol Report No. 10 - 1971/72
Mr. S. G. Cottingham, Patrol Officer

Mr. Cottingham's report is acknowledged with thanks.

The patrol was well conducted.

(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
→ KONEDOBUI

A section of the report has been extracted and submitted
as a Situation Report.

(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

Pindiu Patrol No. 10 - 1971/72
Mr. S. Cottingham, Patrol Officer

Morobe District,
PINDIU Patrol Post.

Situation Report - Political
House of Assembly Elections 1972

"The Electoral Roll was very inaccurate in the spelling of names, the sex of the voter (e.g. One name in the roll was in actual fact a child of 9 years). This hampered the speed and smooth running of the Election and Patrol.

"Therefore, I concluded that the use of Voter Identification Tribunals in future elections would be far more accurate and efficient, compared to the present system of Electoral rolls, Section voting, etc."

Assessment - District Commissioner

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(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT NO. 11. 71. 72

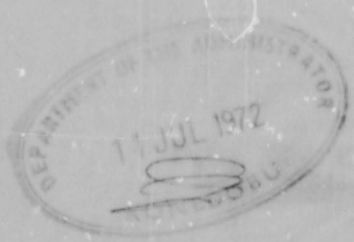
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MOROBE DISTRICT

BY.

MR. S. COTTINGHAM

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67-3-10

Department of the Administrator
Morobe District,
P.O. Box 572,
LAE.

8th May, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
PINDIUVAYEN

Report not attached.

PINDIU Patrol Report No. 11 - 1971/72
Mr. M. R. Ede, Patrol Officer

Receipt of Mr. Ede's report and your comments are acknowledged with thanks.

The report is an informative record of a thorough search for a road alignment to connect MINDIK and PINDIU. I commend Mr. Ede for his tenacity and application to the job. It is certainly not an easy one.

However, before constructing the road to vehicular standards (and taking into consideration the 14% gradients) a hard look should be taken at the probable future use of the road and the cost of maintaining it. In view of urban migration and the loss of labour, would it be better for families to concentrate on economic farming and market direct to the nearest airstrip? Would the cost of maintaining the road in terms of money, labour and equipment, be beyond the capacity of the people and the council?

I agree that no work should be commenced before a final examination is made of the route by a competent surveyor. A copy of the report by Mr. Dufresne on PINDIU-MINDIK road, is attached for your information. It is appreciated that this report is expressed in general terms and the usual cliches and contains little useful advice.

Mr. Ede is carrying out his duties with credit.

(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

For your information, please. The report deals with a road investigation and does not contain new information to warrant the submission of a Situation Report.

(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

NLM:MG

P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

67-6-83

13th July, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL NO. 11 OF 1971/72.

Reference your 67-2-10 of 8th May, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your minute arising out of the above patrol of the Pindiu - Mindik Area, as submitted by Mr. B.R. Ede, Patrol Officer.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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PATROL REPORT NO. 12.71-72

PINDIU

MOROBE DISTRICT

BY.

Mr. S. COTTINGHAM.

JAWA

P.O. Box 2396,
KOMORU.

67-6-105

3rd August, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
P.O. Box 572,
LAE.

MINUTE PATROL NO. 12 - 1971/72.

Reference your Minute 67-2-10 of 23rd May, 1972.

(S) I acknowledge with thanks receipt of notification
of the report of the above patrol of part of the Pindin Council Area
as submitted by Mr. S. Cottingham, Patrol Officer.

(T.W. ELLIS)
SECRETARY.



Norobe District,
P.O. Box 572,
LAE.

23rd May, 1972.

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

PINDIU Patrol Report No. 12 - 1971/72
Mr. S. Cottingham, Patrol Officer.

Receipt of Mr. Cottingham's report and your comments are acknowledged.

2. To continue with unsatisfactory road alignments is to waste the taxpayer's money, their time and their effort. It is disheartening both to the Officer doing the survey and subsequently to the people themselves. Therefore, when people prefer to disregard survey instructions an early report should be forwarded to this office. I do not propose to recommend funds for construction or maintenance when instructions are not followed.

3. Under Council activities the following is noted:-

"The PINDIU Council is in a fairly bad position regarding finances."

Can Mr. Cottingham elaborate on this, please.

R. T. Galloway
(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

Copy for your information. The patrol was of a short duration aimed at checking road construction.

R. T. Galloway
(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT.

REPORT NO.	12-71/72.	OBJECTS OF PATROL.	Road construction.
DISTRICT.	Morobe.	STATION.	Pindiu.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY.	S. Cottingham	SUB DISTRICT.	Finschhafen.
DURATION OF PATROL.	17th-4-72 to 18-4-72	DESIGNATION.	Patrol Officer.
Last D.D.A. Patrol.	11 of 71/72	Persons Accompanying.	NIL.
Last OLG Patrol.	5 of 71/72	NUMBER OF DAYS.	12.
Map Reference.	HUON.	Total Population area patrolled.	8000.
		COUNCIL AREA.	PINDIU L.G.C.

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THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER,
MOROBE DISTRICT,
LAE.

In respect of this patrol I attach:-

FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 10-19	(✓)
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,	(✓)
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS.	(✓)
AREA STUDY.	(✓)
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,	(-)
SITUATION REPORTS NOS 1, to	(-)
PATROL MAP.	(-)
..... of A. CLAIM S. COTTINGHAM	()

DATE: 8/ 5/ 1972.

..... *K. Hain*

Assistant District Commissioner.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

In respect of this patrol, I attach:-

AREA STUDY,	()
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,	()
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S *1 -	()
.....	()
.....	()

DATE: 27 / 5 / 1972,

..... *R. Galloway*

District Commissioner.

PATROL REPORT NO. 13-71-72

PINDIU

MOROBE DISTRICT

BY

MR. S. COTTINGHAM

JAW:MG

P.O. Box 2396,
KUNFDOBU

67-6-84

3rd August, 1972

The District Commissioner,
Morebe District,
P.O. Box 572,
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL NO. 13 OF 1971/72.

Reference your minute 67-2-9 of the 17th July, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of notification of the report of the above patrol as submitted by Mr. S. Cottingham, Patrol Officer.

Please forward me a copy of the cover jacket of the Report which contains the relevant details of the patrol.

If a report has been submitted without Situation Reports all I require is a copy of the front page of the Report jacket which will indicate to me that a patrol was carried out and allows me to complete my records from the information contained thereon.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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Morobe District,
P.O. Box 572,
LAE.

17th July, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHWANEN

Report not attached.

Patrol Report PINDIU No. 13 - 1971/72
Mr. S. Cottingham, Patrol Officer


Receipt of Mr. Cottingham's report and your comments are acknowledged.

I am sure the physical activity including airstrip works was done in a competent way. However, the patrol was in the field for 21 days and the narrative prepared for the report is inadequate. The report discusses very little except airstrip construction.

A brief reference is made to the council, tax rates and council works, etc. However, nothing has been said about attitudes and no personal assessment of the situation is included. Mr. Cottingham also mentions "cargo cultism is continuing quietly."

If there is no significant change to warrant a situation report, I would still appreciate observations or information obtained to be included in the general narrative.

Your comments are more perceptive and informative than the report.


(G. G. HARDY)
a/District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Copy for your information. No Situation Reports arise out of this patrol.

(G. G. HARDY)
a/District Commissioner.