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PATROL REPORTS SEPIK DISTRICT 1961/62.

TELEFOMIN & MAY RIVER SUB DISTRICT

<u>REPORT NO.</u>	<u>PATROL CONDUCTED BY</u>	<u>AREA PATROLLED</u>
TELEFOMIN 1 61/62	B. Calcutt	MEMO (no report)
TELEFOMIN 2 61/62	J.P. Kelly	MEMO (no report)
TELEFOMIN 3 61/62	R.A. Calcutt	MEMO (no report)
TELEFOMIN 4 61/62	L. Bridges	MEMO (no report)
TELEFOMIN 5 61/62	J.R. Cockrone	MEMO (no report)
TELEFOMIN 6 61/62	J.F. Tierney P.O.	Urapin, Tafalmin, Wokeimin, Kamfegolmin, Fegolmin, Enkiamin.
TELEFOMIN 7 61/62	R.A. Calcutt	MEMO (no report)
TELEFOMIN 8 61/62	R.A. Calcutt	MEMO (no report)
TELEFOMIN 9 61/62	J.P. Kelly P.O.	Tifalmin.
MAY RIVER 1 61/62	B.A. Downes P.O.	May River Local C.D.

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 1/61-02 Subdistrict WILKINSON District SEIKI
Officer Conducting Patrol T. P. BALCH, Assistant District Officer.
Census Division Patrolled WILKINSON.
Objects of Patrol (1) CENSUS DIVISION.
(2) MEDICAL CHECK.
(3) GRAVE AND CAPTAIN BRAYNER'S BIRTH SITE.
Date Patrol Commenced 27th July, 1961 Date Completed 30th August, 1961.
Duration—Days SIXTEEN.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

6-1/141 of 9/3/61 to D.A.O. re: C.C. D.O., Newak.

30-1-1/142 of 10/2/61 to D.A.O. re: C.C. D.O., Newak.

T. P. Balch
Parolling Officer's Signature

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

District Officer

TELEFONIN PATROL No. 1/1961-62

DIARY

THURSDAY, 27th JULY, 1961.

Self, C.P.O. Coad, B.H.A. J. Hofman, Constable 1/C NEEN, 6 Constables, 2 N.M.C.'s and carriers to TERAPDAVIP rest house in the KLIPTAMIN Valley. Inspected Aid Post and discussed ownership of airstrip site with KOBAMIN and AFOGAVIP natives. Native food purchased. Guard posted. Walking time: 4 hours 30 minutes.

FRIDAY, 28th JULY, 1961.

Census revision of TERAPDAVIP, KOBAMIN, UTEWETIGIN and AFOGAVIP villages. Medical inspection carried out simultaneously. People of four villages addressed. Went into ownership and anthropological details re airstrip site for Mission site. Census attendance very good. A few people ordered to hospital for treatment of sores. Guard posted.

SATURDAY, 29th July, 1961.

Rain until 10 a.m., then intermittently throughout day. Carried out compass and chain traverse of approximately 12 acres for airstrip site. Ample native food purchased. Guard posted. Heard Telefonia radio sched. with Oknapmin on private receiver.

SUNDAY, 30th JULY, 1961.

Observed. Remained at TERAPDAVIP. Guard posted.

MONDAY, 31st JULY, 1961.

Left TERAPDAVIP 0810 and walked to UTEWETIGIN arriving 0855 after steep climb from KLIPT River near its junction with MIBUNG Creek. Left UTEWETIGIN 0930 after inspecting village and walked to AMBEKAMIN, arriving 1015, after crossing broken ridge country. Inspected village, revised census and carried out medical check. D.C.3 ex Telefonia passed overhead en route Madang. Native food purchased. Food supplies received from Telefonia. Guard posted. Heavy rain during evening and night. Walking time: 1 hour 35 minutes.

TUESDAY, 1st AUGUST, 1961.

Left AMBEKAMIN at 0820 and descended to MIBUNG River. Crossed several ridges, and then MUGUL Creek before making steep ascent to AGUETAVIP, arriving 0855. Inspection, census revision and medical check. Left 1010 and walked to TAGATEWETIGIN, arriving 1045. Country steep and broken. Revised census and did medical inspection of TAGATEWETIGIN and nearby village of BIKTAVIP. Good attendance both villages. Ample native food purchased. Rest house's several hundred feet over village and has commanding view over KLIPT and MIBUNG Valleys. Guard posted. Walking time: 1 hour 10 minutes.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd AUGUST, 1961.

Delayed by non-arrival of BILBAVIP carriers, so late start made at 0910. Descended steeply to ABUNG River via RAGATIRIGIH Village. Followed down river to its junction with the AWP which was crossed. Walked back to TERAPDAVIP rest house and airstrip and then over low ridges to ABI Creek which was reached at 1035. Waited for carrier line to regroup and rested. Moved on at 1105 and after climbing along ridge arrived at BOLVIL rest house at 1130. Revised census and carried out medical check. Excellent attendance. Ample native food purchased. Guard posted.

Walking time: 1 hour 50 minutes.

THURSDAY, 3rd AUGUST, 1961.

Left BOLVIL at 0800 and walked generally West parallel to ELIP River over broken country. Crossed KEI Creek and then steep climb until halt made at 0900. Rested until 0925 and then moved on to KOMDAVIP arriving at 1000. Inspected Aid Post adjacent to rest house. As at TERAPDAVIP, Aid Post Orderly absent temporarily. Revised census and did medical inspection. Plenty of native food available. Good attendance for census. Guard posted.

Walking time: 1 hour 35 minutes.

FRIDAY, 4th AUGUST, 1961.

Left KOMDAVIP 0820 and after long descent made steep climb to MISIRIH, arriving 0930. Road clean but very muddy in patches. Revised census and carried out medical inspection. Quite a few bad sores seen. Excellent attendance. Native food purchased. Guard posted.

Walking time: 1 hour 10 minutes.

SATURDAY, 5th AUGUST, 1961.

Rain during night and morning delayed patrol's departure until 0845. Walked again generally Westward to INANTIGH, resting from 0930 to 1000, arriving at 1025. Rest house on spur with view of Sepik fall, Hindenburg Range and Three Pinnacles, but these obscured for most of the day by fog. Revised census and medical check for villages of INANTIGH and INATIGH. Attendance excellent. Native food in ample supply. Guard posted at night. Rain most of the afternoon and evening.

Walking time: 1 hour 10 minutes.

SUNDAY, 6th August, 1961.

Observed: remained at INANTIGH. Rained most of the day. Guard posted.

MONDAY, 7th AUGUST, 1961.

Left INANTIGH 0800 and made long climb to summit of MITTAG Range, arriving 1000. Rented until 1035 then descended into OREK Valley and arrived at OPEKAMEN rest House at 1130. Revised census and carried out medical inspection of OPEKAMEN people. Sent runner to Telefomin with word that we would arrive to-morrow. Guard posted.

Walking time: 3 hours.

TUESDAY, 8th AUGUST, 1951.

Left OPEKAMIN and climbed divide between OPEK and TELEFOMIN Valleys, then descended through bush and across kumai plains back to the station.
Patrol stood down.
Walking time: 2 hours.

END OF DIARY

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Report on Members of Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary
accompanying Telefomin Patrol No. 4761-52.

2773 Constable 1/C MEN

A good competent N.C.O. Good command of his men, keen and efficient.

6900 Constable 5th Year WAPE.

A steady efficient member who has repeatedly been recommended for attendance at N.C.O. school.

8071 Constable 5th Year KAPOK.

Cheerful and hardworking.

8991 Constable 5th Year WARSINAU.

Very useful as regards local knowledge. Does his job well and does not shirk.

9433 Constable 3rd Year WANDEKAI.

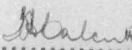
Quiet but able and conscientious.

8166 Constable 5th Year KAUBA.

First patrol in this area. Seems able and willing but inclined to be a little aggressive.

7679 Constable 5th Year BOMAL.

Again, first patrol. did his job well but somewhat hampered by knee injury.


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(R. A. CALCUTT)
Officer, R.P.&N.G.C.

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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 2-1961/62 Subdistrict TELEFWIN District SEPTA

Officer Conducting Patrol J. COCHRANE - PATROL OFFICER

Census Division Patrolled OKSAPEIN

Objects of Patrol ESTABLISHMENT OF PATROL POST

Date Patrol Commenced 1st JULY 1961 Date Completed 14th OCTOBER, 1961

Duration—days 106 DAYS

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

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J. B. Maxford
Patrolling Officer's Signature

J. COCHRANE, P.O.

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District Officer.
(J. B. MAXFORD)

Introduction.

Since arrival at OKSAPMIN Patrol Post site, work has been mainly concentrated on construction of an air-strip. To date 1750 feet of strip length has been completed with a maximum of width of 150 feet. Drains in accordance with the District Air-port Inspector's instructions have been partially completed and certain soft areas have been excavated and replaced with clay which has been stamped down after every three or four inches has been laid.

One house for the European Officers has been built, this is a semi-two storey building taking advantage of a sloping hill site. The house was built in this style to conserve galvanised iron which had to be carried in. The house, excepting for the roofing iron is entirely of native materials and has two bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bathroom.

One permanent store and a medical clinic has been built of native materials - all other buildings are still of a temporary nature and will have to be replaced as soon as funds and material come available.

On Saturday September 2nd., the District Air-port Inspector, Mr. Miller, visited the Oksapmin station to inspect the strip. The first landing was made about mid-day but due to heavy rain the night before the strip was in an unsatisfactory condition, being too soft in various filled areas.

Certain instructions were left by the District Air-port Inspector and these are being carried out. It is hoped that another visit by the District Air-port Inspector in the near future.

Native Situation.

At the time of departure for Telefomin from Oksapmin the situation appeared to be very satisfactory. Many people from the Oksapmin and Feramin valleys were desirous of having a sing-sing to celebrate the arrival of the relieving patrol and the local people were bringing in many pigs for sale for the sing-sing.

A great deal of native foods have been bought since our arrival in the valley - an estimated 30 tons of Native vegetables. This has been bought solely with trade goods. The food has been used on feeding the air-strip construction workers.

The people are very keen on trade goods such as salt and steel goods, other trade items are acceptable but only when steel and salt goods are short.

Bearerers to the station, carrying food for sale, are generally women. Visits to the station have also been made by the Summin group which is some distance from the Oksapmin Valley. The purpose for their visit was curiosity. When they left they did say they would return and work on the strip sometime in the future.

Supplies.

Supplies have all been by air drop and recovery of these have been excellent, 96% of all supplies have been recovered. Forty five sheets of galvanised iron have been carried in by Feramin carriers as these could not be dropped. The trip in took nine days.

Communications and supplies are and will be a problem until the strip improves sufficiently to allow regular air services. Even once the air-strip has been opened, regular air-services will be difficult to maintain due weather conditions and the probability that the strip will have a very low rain fall restriction on it. However it is hoped to overcome this to a certain extent with grass.

Stones are being heaped, a very slow process, and perhaps these can be utilised when sufficient have been collected.

Acquisition of land for Station Site.

The Teramin people when approached with regard to selling the land to Administration were very agreeable to the extent that they immediately commenced clearing the land boundaries.

Names of all parties concerned have been collected and the block is being surveyed at the moment. The site consists of approximately 300 acres and includes a large pine stand along the strip. The people wish to be paid in trade goods only.

PATROL DIARY.

JULY 1961.

Saturday 1st.

Lined strip workers 7 a.m. worked on levelling strip site till mid-day. Radio contact Telefomin 4.30 p.m. Guards posted at night.

Sunday 2nd.

Observed. Radio contact 4.30 p.m. Guards at night.

Monday 3rd.

Lined 7 a.m. Misty rain all day. Approx. 240 Labourers present. Work divided into 3 sections on strip. Radio contact 4.30 p.m. Reception poor. Guards posted at night. New store half completed.

Tuesday 4th.

Lined 7 a.m. Fine weather. Work progressing satisfactory. Telefomin carrier line anxious to return Telefomin. No Teramins to work and several Oksapmins ran away during the night. Radio contact Telefomin 4.30 a.m. Guards posted at night.

Wednesday 5th.

Lined 7 a.m. Nearly full length of strip has had surface soil removed except for short area 100 by 25 yards in centre. Radio contact 4.30 p.m. Guards posted at night. Rice and meat issued to Telefomins. During night one of Labourers quarters burnt down.

Thursday 6th.

Line 7 a.m. Weather given at 9 a.m. re Air-drop. Air-drop cancelled. Radio contact 4.30 p.m. Guards posted.

Friday 7th.

Lined 7 a.m. Minor incident at lunchtime between Oksapmins and Teramins over rations - settled amicably. (Teramins do not like rice). Practically all surface soil now removed. Radio contact 4.30 p.m. Advise two air-drops for tomorrow. Guards posted.

Saturday 8th.

Lined 7 a.m. Weather poor but air drops carried out. First air drop, no losses, second air drop, rice spilt but recovered. Radio contact 4.30 p.m. Guards posted.

Sunday 9th.

Observed. Radio contact 4.30 p.m. Guards posted.

Monday 10th.

Lined 7 a.m. but rain commenced. Work held up most of the day. Radio contact 4.30 p.m. Guards posted.

Tuesday 11th.

Lined 7 a.m. Work proceeding satisfactory. Rain held up work at 3 p.m. Guards posted. Radio contact.

Wednesday 12th.

Lined 7 a.m. Uneventful day. Not much fresh food brought in to purchase. Radio contact. Guards posted at night.

Thursday 13th.

Lined 7 a.m. Fine morning. Two air drops. Some rice lost through breakages in first air drop. No losses in the second. Radio contact. Guards posted and first 50 yards of strip completed today.

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Friday 14th.

Lined 7 a.m. Rained during the day. Not much fresh food coming in. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Saturday 15th.

Lined 7 a.m. Sixty nine Telefosins departed today carrying mail, library books, carp's bags to be used for future air drops etc. Two Telefosins remained to work on strip. Radio Contact. Guards posted.

Sunday 16th.

Observed. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Monday 17th.

Lined 7 a.m. Nearly 150 yards fully completed on bottom end of strip. Large amounts of fresh foods coming in and also extra 20 natives turned up to work. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Tuesday 18th.

Lined 7 a.m. Fine weather. Moved into new store and old store taken down. Plenty of fresh food coming in. Radio contact and Guards posted.

Wednesday 19th.

Lined 7 a.m. Nearly 400 yards of strip almost finished. Have 110 Chinamen and 40 Teramans working this week. No radio contact. Guards posted.

Thursday 20th.

Lined 7 a.m. Weather poor. Cloudy and misty but two air drops received. No losses. Tomahawks and knives received to pay labour off. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Friday 21st.

Lined 7 a.m. Worked as usual. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Saturday 22nd.

Lined 7 a.m. Paid off all labourers. Only 25 labourers left. Radio contact. Guards posted. Finish work 3.15 p.m.

Sunday 23rd.

Observed. Radio Contact. Guards posted.

Monday 24th.

Lined 7 a.m. Only 45 appeared for work. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Tuesday 25th.

Lined 7 a.m. 55 appeared this morning. Extra 10 arrived during day. Work proceeding slowly due to number of labourers. No radio contact. Guards posted.

Wednesday 26th.

Lined 7 a.m. 80 lined this morning. More arrived during the day. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Thursday 27th.

Lined 7 a.m. One air drop during the morning. x 110 labourers today. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Friday 28th.

Lined 7 a.m. 140 labourers today. Fine weather. Work progressing satisfactory. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Saturday 29th.

Lined 7 a.m. Sininok arrived back with 30 more labourers. Total now 172. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Sunday 30th. Observed. Radio contact at 9.15 a.m. only. Guards posted.

Monday 31st. Lined 7 a.m. Over 230 labourers turned up. Radio contact. Guards posted.

AUGUST 1961

Tuesday 1st. Lined 7 a.m. Although over 230 on books. Daily average working, 200. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Wednesday 2nd. Lined 7 a.m. Worked as usual.

Thursday 3rd. Lined 7 a.m. One air drop. Worked as usual.

Friday 4th. Lined 7 a.m. Plenty of native foods coming in. Worked as usual. Radio contact 4.30 p.m. Guards at night.

Saturday 5th. Heavy rain and lined 8.30 a.m. Worked as usual. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Sunday 6th. Observed. Radio contact poor. Guards posted at night.

Monday 7th. Lined 7 a.m. 200 turned up for work. During afternoon walked around proposed boundaries of patrol post site with native owners. Radio contact 4.30. Guards posted at night.

Tuesday 8th. Lined 7 a.m. Ample fresh foods coming in. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Wednesday 9th. Lined 7 a.m. Visited source of river where it emerges from the mountain side. Also noted due to recent heavy rains flooding at bottom end of valley where river enters hole and goes underground again. Radio contact Telefoin poor. Guards posted at night.

Thursday 10th. Heavy rain the morning. Lined 10 a.m. One air drop. Good recovery. Worked till 5.45 p.m. Rain again at night. Not much fresh food in. No radio contact due poor reception. Guards at night.

Friday 11th. Lined 7 a.m. Fine but misty. Rained during lunch hour. Plenty of food in today. Radio contact 4.30 p.m. Guards posted at night.

Saturday 12th. Lined 7 a.m. A fine day. No rain during night. Have 292 labourers on roll and only an average of 160 to 180 turned up last couple of days - shows typical irresponsible attitude of locals, but this is to be expected with primitive people. Radio contact 4.30 p.m. Guards at night.

Sunday 13th. Observed. Radio contact. Guards at night.

Monday 14th. Lined 7 a.m. Fine weather. Over 200 to work. Radio contact. Guards posted.

- Tuesday 15th. Lined 7 a.m. Approximately 200 workers though now nearly 300 on books. Commenced cutting timber for house also commenced teaching locals to make weave "blinds" from pit-pit. Radio contact. Guards posted at night.
- Wednesday 16th. Lined 7 a.m. Instruction continuing on weaving pit-pit "blinds" and about 50 stumps for house prepared. Radio contact. Guards posted at night.
- Thursday 17th. Lined 7 a.m. No air drop today as plane's wireless U/S. Radio contact. Guards posted at night.
- Friday 18th. Lined 7 a.m. Air drop today. Salt spilled open and approx. one quarter lost. Radio contact. Guards posted.
- Saturday 19th. Lined 7 a.m. Radio contact. Guards posted.
- Sunday 20th. Observed. Radio contact. Guards posted.
- Monday 21st. Lined 7 a.m. Only 150 odd lined. Majority of line working on extra extension required by D.C.A. Also commenced excavations for house. ~~Some~~ two storey style. Radio contact. Guards posted at night.
- Tuesday 22nd. Lined 7.20 am. rained till then. Radio contact. Guards posted.
- Wednesday 23rd. Lined 7 a.m. Radio contact. Guards posted.
- Thursday 24th. Lined 7 a.m. Weather good. No air drop as H.A.F. had other commitments. Radio contact. Guards posted.
- Friday 25th. Lined 7 a.m. Light showers during day. Approx. 200 labourers lined. Little fresh foods coming in. Radio contact. Guards posted.
- Saturday 26th. Lined 7 a.m. Air drop. Paid off 100 labourers. Radio contact. Guards posted.
- Sunday 27th. Observed. Radio contact 4.30 p.m. Guards posted.
- Monday 28th. Lined 7 a.m. Approx. 100 labourers. Rumors received of unrest by Betismins and On River people against Petrol Post. Rumors investigated through Sininok and appeared groundless. Several important men, neighbours of Betismins arrived in bringing food for sale. They were interviewed and also discounted hostile rumours. Radio contact Telefomin. Poor reception. Guards posted.
- Tuesday 29th. Lined 7 a.m. Light showers all day. Mid-day Gaugutian-mins arrived with pig for sale as they have heard rumours of proposed sing-sing to open strip. However these rumours were false as strip landing date not yet known. Pig was purchased. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Wednesday 30th.

Lined 7 a.m. Fine all day. Still only approx. 110 labourers. "Sanguma" with possums head affixed found in scrub at head of strip, supposed to ruin efforts of air drops. Reported to have been left there by the Betimins. Radio contact. Guards posted at night.

Thursday 31st.

Lined 7 a.m. Two air drops received. Both successful. Radio contact Telefomin. Guards posted.

SEPTEMBER 1961.

Friday 1st.

Lined 7 a.m. Worked on strip as usual and commenced clearing timber on strips approach run. A.S.O. Telefomin, reported on radio as afternoon schedule that District Air port Inspector, Mr. Miller would probably attempt a landing on the Saturday morning. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Saturday 2nd.

Lined 7 a.m. after wet night. Doubtful if strip will be dry enough. However fine sunny morning and landing eventually made by D.A.I. at mid-day. Strip soft in places, and generally unsatisfactory. D.A.I. advised that longitudinal drains be dug and stated that strip could never be more than class "D" category, and that probably 1800 feet by 150 feet would be enough. He departed 1.45 p.m. 60 Natives paid off during afternoon. Radio contact 4.30. Guards posted at night.

Sunday 3rd.

Observed. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Monday 4th.

Lined 7 a.m. Fine weather. Work commenced on drains. Teramin people reported into station to commence work on clearing land boundaries of patrol post site. Approx. 300 acres marked out. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Tuesday 5th.

Lined 7 a.m. Fine day. Approx 50 odd reported to work. Large amount of food brought in. House stumps laid. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Wednesday 6th.

Lined 7 a.m. Fine weather. Worked on drain and replaced soft area in centre of strip, particularly mentioned by D.A.I. on Saturday. Radio contact. Guards posted. Word received strip closed for 3 months.

Thursday 7th.

Lined 7 a.m. Fine day. Strip dry and firm. No air-drop. Large amount of native foods coming in. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Friday 8th.

Lined 7 a.m. Worked as usual. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Saturday 9th.

Lined 7 a.m. Worked as usual. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Sunday 10th.

Observed. Visit by SUAMINS and Bak River people. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Monday 11th.

Lined 7 a.m. Fine weather. Approx 60 to work. Enthusiasm of the local people on the wane. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Tuesday 12th.

Lined 7 a.m. Air drop received. Ground very hard. Few packages broke. Radio contact 4.30. Conversation B.O. Mr. Wakeford but unsuccessful due poor reception. Guards posted at night.

Wednesday 13th.

Lined 7 a.m. Fine weather. Attempted conversation B.O. 7.30 a.m. Reception poor. Finally spoke B.O. 4.30 p.m. Conversation relayed by telephone. Guards posted at night.

Thursday 14th.

Lined 7 a.m. Fine weather. Air drop fair only as ground very hard and many bags broken. Radio contact 4.30. Had conversation District Commissioner. Relayed by telephone, through Telefomin. Guards posted.

Friday 15th.

Lined 7 a.m. Worked as usual. Rained during night. First for two weeks. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Saturday 16th.

Lined 7 a.m. 88 to work. Paid off few in afternoon. Very windy during day. Blew tent sail to shreds during lunch hour. One strong gust. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Sunday 17th.

Observed. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Monday 18th.

Commemoration Day. Lined 7 a.m. Worked on drains. Nearly completed one side. Average depth 5 feet. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Tuesday 19th.

Lined 7 a.m. Worked on drains and began to put walls on house. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Wednesday 20th.

Lined 7 a.m. Continued work on drains. 70 labourers. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Thursday 21st.

Lined 7 a.m. Air drop satisfactory. Nails, kerosene, tomahawks etc. received. Commenced putting limbo floor in house. Drains caving in due sandy clay soil at 5 to 6 ft. depth. Radio contact poor. Guards posted.

Friday 22nd.

Lined 7 a.m. Commenced digging drains N.E. corner of strip. Nearly completed walls of the house and partially completed laying limbo floor. 8 Terramias cutting limbo on contract basis. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Saturday 23rd.

Lined 7 a.m. Paid off 8 labourer. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Sunday 24th.

Observed. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Monday 25th.

Lined 7 a.m. Worked on drains. Locals bringing in kumal daily work contract basis. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Tuesday 26th.

Lined 7 a.m. Plenty of fresh foods coming in. Commenced accumulating fresh foods for Telefomin Patrol. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Wednesday 27th.

Lined 9 a.m. due rain. Worked on steps for house.

Wednesday 27th. Cont. House nearly completed, awaiting roofing iron only. Radio contact. Poor reception. Guards posted.

Thursday 28th. Lined 7 a.m. Weather fair. Air drop 10.40 a.m. Commenced drain bottom end of strip through swamp - only shallow. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Friday 29th. Lined 7 a.m. Poor working day. Rained most of the time. Radio contact poor. Guards posted.

Saturday 30th. Lined 7 a.m. but work held up till 10 a.m. due rain. Showers during afternoon. Paid off 19 labourers. Radio contact. Guards posted.

OCTOBER 1961.

Sunday 1st. Observed. Rained most of day. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Monday 2nd. Lined 7 a.m. Galvanised iron arrived today from Telefomin having been carried by Teranim to beginning of Okapain Valley and by locals to station site. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Tuesday 3rd. Lined 7 a.m. Commenced laying galvanised iron. Slight trouble encountered due fact that it is a native material building and not squared properly. Radio reception good. Guards posted.

Wednesday 4th. Lined 7 a.m. A.D.O. Telefomin, Mr. Calcutt, Patrol Officer Mr. Bridges and Cadet Patrol Officer Mr. Coad arrived 4.25 p.m. from Telefomin. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Thursday 5th. Lined 7 a.m. Two air drops received. A.D.O. inspected station and discussions held. Radio contact at 4.30 with Telefomin. Guards posted at night.

Friday 6th. Lined 7 a.m. Work continued strip and drains. C.P.O. Moloney and C.P.O. Coad at work on survey of patrol post site. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Saturday 7th. Lined 7 a.m. Police inspected and preparations made for return patrol. Natives paid off in afternoon. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Sunday 8th. Observed. Large group of Teranim visited the station in afternoon with pig for sale for forthcoming sing sing. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Monday 9th. A.D.O. Calcutt, P.O. Cochrane and C.P.O. Moloney departed 0740 hours for Telefomin accompanied by interpreters Tindem and Sinsinal, NMC Sunongin and sixty seven. Climbed Okapain - Teranim divide, crest 0810 hours. Descended to Tekin River - rested 11.30 to 1200. - moved on, camped 1400. Guards posted. Native food and pig purchased. Time on track 6 hrs. 25 mins. Walking time, 4 hrs. 55 mins. Passed many groups of Okapain natives carrying pigs to station for sing sing.

Tuesday 10th. Heavy rain overnight. Walking conditions during day muddy - light misty rain continuing periodically.

Tuesday 10th. Cont.

Broke camp 0700 hours. Descended to Tokin River but first bridge washed out. Continued on and crossed further down. Rested at 1010 hours at Dugamin. Moved on and rested again 1220 hours. Climbed through head of valley and then to camp site. Last carrier arrived 1945 hours. Conditions bad all day. Track resembled a low tunnel through the pit pit. Time on track 8 hrs. 45 mins. Walking 7 hrs. 45 mins.

Wednesday 11th.

Departed 0700 hours. Descended to Tokin River. Crossed and recrossed many times along base of Victor Emanuel Range. Reached camp site previously used by A. D'G. Brown and last carrier in by 1940 - Camp in moss forest - firewood scarce and wet. Water plentiful. Time on track 8 hrs. 40 mins. Walking time 7 hrs. 55 mins.

Thursday 12th.

Departed 0645. Commenced climbing within half hour. Rested 0950 at 10,000 feet just below of summit of Victor Emanuel Range - extensive view of On Valley and Mt. Stole. Reached peak 10,500 feet at 1020 and began long descent. The first hour being above lip of a series of land slides where footing was rather precarious - continued descent with rest periods to camp at 7,000 ft. at head waters of Sepik River. Arriving 1830 hrs. Time on track 11 hrs. 45 mins. walking time 10 hrs. 45 mins. While crossing mountain pass, 8 graves noticed along route of wayfarers who have passed away through hardships endured. Custom of the local people, when passing through is to throw a handful of leaves or small branch of a tree over the grave as a token of respect. This custom is called "to shakehands".

Friday 13th.

Departed 0830. Short climb from Sepik River then fairly even walking - rested at 1000. Crossed Sepik again at 1345 then climbed and rested on brush-covered ridge overlooking the Paramin and Wong Valley. Descended to eventually reach the Paramin rest house at 1800 hrs. - long tiring day. Time on track 9 hrs. 40 mins. Walking time 7 hrs. 25 mins. Rice and meat issued to carriers daily.

Saturday 14th.

Departed 0750 - following cleared track through undulating country - rested 0930 - descended and climbed out of Sol River Gorge 1100 - rested 1120 then ascended to station to arrive at Telefomin 1150. Time on track 4 hrs. walking time 3 hrs. 15 mins.

Conclusion of Patrol.

Report on Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary.

2553 Const. i.c. WALIQINGI.

Carried out duties efficiently.

6431 Const. 5 yrs. DEMARI.

Average policeman, carries out duties as directed.

7108 Const. 5 yrs. LAVIOM.

A good worker, displayed initiative in work.

8249 Const. 5 yrs. KAUPA.

Carried out duties efficiently, has had experience at air strip construction before.

8227 Const. 5 yrs. YOGEL.

An average Constable, inclined to be a little sullen when corrected.

8992 Const. 5 yrs. PIGI.

A smart, cheerful policeman, carried out duties efficiently.

8977 Const. 5 yrs. MOKUMA.

A steady worker, generally cheerful, occasionally displays temper.

8968 Const. 5 years Xeko.

A cheerful worker, carried out duties well, reliable worker.

9464 Const. 3 yrs. MARGIE.

Very smart and courteous constable, carries out duties well, very keen on work.

9803 Const. 3 yrs. SELIAPOSA.

Efficient young policeman, carries out duties keenly.

10220 Const. 3y. 3yrs. AVIPI.

Young and inexperienced yet, but will improve, otherwise average.

10421 Const. 3y. 3yrs. MANDI.

Average worker, carried out duties as directed.


J. Gochrane,
Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

Appendix A

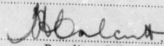
MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 3/61-62. Subdistrict. TELEFOLMIN District. SEPIK
Officer Conducting Patrol Mr. E.A. Calcutt, a/Assistant District Officer.
Census Division Patrolled. Oksapmin.
Objects of Patrol (1) Assessment Oksapmin Patrol Post and General Inspection.
(2) Relief of Officers.

Date Patrol Commenced 25th. September, 1961. Date Completed 14th. October, 1961.
Duration—Days 20 (Twenty).

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

1-2-1/169 of 16th. September, 1961, to District Officer, Wewak.


(E.A. Calcutt) Patrol Officer's Signature

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

District Officer

TABLE TELEFOLMIN PATROL NO. 3/61-62.

PATROL DIARY.

Monday 25th. September, 1961.

to the 1 Self, Mr. L. Bridges, PO, Mr. J. Coad, CPO, 12 members R.P. & N.G.C., Interpreter TINDANIM, WHO KOMTRAPNOK, and 70 carriers left Telefolmin 0930 for Oksapmin. Rested 1045 to 1115, then commenced steep climb up Mittag Range. Reached top 1215. Rested 1230 to 1315 then descended range via bed and banks of Tol River and arrived Terapdavip Rest House 1440. Set up camp. Native food purchased. Guard posted.

hamlet, HAMU, and rested here.

Time on track: 5 hrs. 10 mins.

Walking time: 4 hrs.

Tuesday 26th. September, 1961.

Party left Terapdavip 0730. Descended to Elip River then made long steady climb through Koborenmin village and reached crest of G6/ELIP Divide 1045. Rested 1130 to 1225. Descended range to camp site used by Mr. J. Cochrane in May 1961. Decided to make camp here as next water said to be long way and rain threatening. Made camp at 1330. Carriers and Police issued with rice. Guard posted.

camp 0840, and reached top 0830.

Time on track: 6 hrs.

Walking time: 5 hrs. 5 mins.

Wednesday 27th. September, 1961.

Time on track: Start delayed because of rain. Broke camp at 0745, passed small lake about 2 acres in extent at 0805, Lake Marie, and walked until 1045 over broken country along track at times barely discernible. Moved on and reached crest of range 7000' at 1300. Rested until 1330. Descended range, crossed several creeks and made long climb through two old gardens to Peramin hamlet AKINBI. Made camp 1630 on site used by number of previous patrols. Guard posted.

Time on track: 9 hrs.

Walking time: 7 hrs. 50 mins.

Time on track: 8 hrs. 25 mins.

Walking time: 6 hrs. 30 mins.

Thursday 28th. September, 1961.

Remained in camp. Mr. Bridges has poisoned foot, one carrier has pneumonia, and several others are also sick. Police say that alternative route used by Cochrane's patrol and this one from top of OM/ELIP Divide is much inferior to the former patrol route used by Brown in August 1960. MAP Cessna on air drop to Oksapmin passed nearby 1025, returned 1100. Guard posted.

Friday 29th. September, 1961.

Broke camp 0650. Walked to another Feramin garden hamlet, IMAMI, and rested from 0840 to 0900. Walked again until 1055. Rested until 1115. Then walked on to camp site used by Brown. Guides say that Cochrane's camp site washed out and no suitable alternative available. Rain threatening so made camp 1205. Walk today over undulating country, but relatively easy going under shadow of Victor Emanuel Range.

Time on track: 5 hrs. 15 mins.

Walking time: 4 hrs. 35 mins.

Saturday 30th. September, 1961.

Broke camp 0720 and made long climb past Cochrane's camp 0840, and reached top 0855. Rested 0900 to 0915 - very cold so moved on. Walked until 1130 then rested 15 mins. Continued over undulating country and arrived camp site at 1400. Last of carriers arrived 1445. Track very poor all day, although not over very arduous country. Guard posted.

Time on track: 7 hrs. 25 mins.

Walking time 6 hrs. 45 mins.

Sunday 1st. October, 1961.

Broke camp 0705. Reached FUGI River 0720. Made crossing over log and cane bridge, resting rather precariously on far bank. Party across in pairs, finally all across by 0830. Continued over undulating country until 1010. Rested til 1030, then proceeded to camp site of Brown and Cochrane parties by 1230. Camp set up and guard posted. Rained continuously from 1140.

Time on track: 5 hrs. 25 mins.

Walking time: 3 hrs. 50 mins.

Monday 2nd, October, 1961.

Broke camp 0700. Followed undulating country until 0905. Rested at top of small divide until 0922. Continued then down gentle slope to large kunai area at 1145 about two miles by one, where camp was made on site previously used by Brown. This camp only separated from Tekin (Oksapmin) valley by small divide. Kunai area is prominent landmark on air route from Telefolmin to Oksapmin but is too wet to be developed as an ELG. Rain during afternoon. Guard posted. Time on track: 4 hrs. 45 mins.
Walking time: 4 hrs. 30 mins.

Tuesday 3rd, ~~WEDNESDAY~~ October, 1961.

Broke camp 0700. Followed track through swamp and then over undulating country until 0915. Rested till 0940 then continued past Cochrane's camp and Brown's homeward camp to top of Oksapmin valley. Descended to Tekin River which was crossed and recrossed several times. Continued on until first Oksapmin hamlet reached at 1205. From top of valley to here, track through a quagmire. Rested until 1235, then continued until 1425 when hamlet, INJAMIN, of main Oksapmin headman, SININOK, was reached. Made camp. Native food purchased. Guard posted.

Time on track: 7 hrs. 25 mins.
Walking time: 6 hrs. 30 mins.

Wednesday 4th, October, 1961.

Broke camp 0700. Walked across ridges and then down to and along Tekin River which was eventually crossed by a bridge. Climbed ridge and rested from 0955 to 1020. Continued crossing low ridges with very muddy conditions similar to yesterday. Rested 1200 to 1225. Moved on over similar country, then descended to river, crossed over a bridge and rested on a small ridge from 1420 to 1445. Climbed over ridge country to Oksapmin/TERAMIN Divide the top of which was reached at 1550. Descended to Oksapmin Patrol Post, the last carrier arriving at 1640. Met by Messrs. Cochrane and Molony, and Police. Patrol party stood down. Guard posted. Time on track: 9 hrs. 40 mins.
Walking time: 8 hrs. 25 mins.

Thursday 5th. October, 1961.

Station inspection and recuperation. Police, carriers resting and recovering from long walks of last two days. Guard posted.

Friday 6th. October, 1961.

Further discussions with Messrs. Bridgen and Cochran re station site, buildings and airstrip. Messrs. Coad and Molony commenced chain and compass traverse of station site. Self suffering from stomach trouble and infected legs. Guard posted.

Saturday 7th. October, 1961.

Continued discussions on station works and airstrip. Messrs. Coad and Molony continued chain and compass traverse of station site. Guard posted.

Sunday 8th. October, 1961.

Making preparations for departure tomorrow for Telefolmin with Messrs. Cochran and Molony, and 12 Police. Packing loads of rice, meat and salt for trip home, which is expected to take 6 days, by using a different route from the outward journey, and going over the Victor Emanuel Range to the head of the Sepik River.

Monday 9th. October, 1961.

Self, Mr. J. Cochran, PO, Mr. W. Molony, CPO, 12 Police, interpreters KINDAHIM and SINSINAL, NHO SUNENGIN, and 67 carriers left Patrol Post 0740. Climbed to Okapain/Teranmin Divide 0810, then descended to Tekin River and over ridge country until rest made from 1130 to 1200. Moved on and reached camp site at 1405. Set up camp. Native food, including a pig, purchased. Guard posted.

Time on track: 6 hrs. 25 mins.

Walking time: 4 hrs. 55 mins.

Tuesday 10th. October, 1961.

Heavy rain overnight made very muddy conditions a certainty. Also light rain fell for most of the day. 0700 descended to Tekin river but first bridge washed away so continued over ridges to another.

Crossed river and followed undulating country to Duanmin where rested from 1010 to 1030. Walked then to first Okapmin hamlet and rested from 1220 to 1250. Climbed thence head of valley crossing Tekin River once. From head of valley followed level stretch to camp site. Last carrier arrived 1545. Conditions very bad all day for carriers because of deep mud and tracks which in many parts resembled low narrow tunnels through the pitpit. Sent Constable KAPOK and 3 carriers to collect biscuits, meat and kerosene dumped 20 mins. further up track, on 3/10/61. Guard posted.

Time on track: 8 hrs. 45 mins.
Walking time: 7 hrs. 55 mins.

Wednesday 11th. October, 1961.

Broke camp 0700 and walked over level country for some time before descending to Tekin River, which was crossed and recrossed a number of times before a rest was made from 0915 to 0935. Continued over rising ground and rested again on ridge top from 1115 to 1140. Descended, then walked over fairly level country at base of stony outcrops of Victor Emanuel Range. Reached camp site previously used by Brown, 8400'. Last carrier in at 1540. Camp in moss forest. Firewood wet and scarce. Water available nearby. Issued rice, and also two biscuits per man for long trip tomorrow. Guard posted.

Time on track: 8 hrs. 40 mins.
Walking time: 7 hrs. 55 mins.

Thursday 12th. October, 1961.

Left campsite C645. Commenced climbing within half hour. Rested from 0950 to 1010 just below summit of Victor Emanuel Range with extensive view of OH valley and various peaks including Mt. STOLLE. Reached top, 10500', at 1020 and began long descent. Rested at site of West's camp 9000' from 1225 to 1245. Continued down range, the first hour or so being mostly just above the lip of a series of landslides where footing was rather precarious. Rested 1515 to 1535. Continued descent arriving at camp on Sepik River 7000' at 1740. Last of line arrived 1830. Set up camp. Issued rice. Guard posted.

Time on track: 11 hrs. 45 mins.
Walking time: 10 hrs. 45 mins.

Friday 13th. October, 1961.

Broke camp 0830. Made short climb from Sepik River then walked over undulating country, fairly easy going, until 1000. Rested until 1030. Continued until 1230 and rested again until 1300. Reached Sepik again 1345, followed it for 10 mins., crossed and then paralleled it again for 10 mins. before climbing along side of bracken-covered mountain. Rested on ridge top from 1440 to 1500. Continued, alternating between forest and bracken-covered ridges. Rested again from 1605 to 1615 on ridge with good view of Feramin and Nong valleys. Descended again and guide became lost with delay of about 45 mins. until correct track found again. Reached Feramin rest house 1750, with last carrier in at 1610. Set up camp. Issued rice. Guard posted. Very tiring day.

Time on track: 9 hrs. 40 mins.

Walking time: 7 hrs. 25 mins.

Saturday 14th. October, 1961.

Left Feramin 0750. Walked on good, cleared track over undulating country until 0930. Rested until 1000, then continued and climbed out of SOL River gorge where rest made at top from 1120 to 1135. Then continued to Telefolmin arriving 1150. Paid off carriers. Patrol stood down.

Time on track: 4 hrs.

Walking time: 3 hrs. 15 mins.

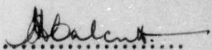
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REPORT ON POLICE ACCOMPANYING TELEPOLIN PATROL 3/61-62.

- (1). 3976 AMPELLA Sgt. 3rd. Class. A good competent NCO.
- (2) 2553 WALINGINGI Const. 1st. Class. Not particularly impressive.
- (3) 2773 NEN " " " Keen and energetic.
- (2) 6481 Const. DEWARI. Does his job quietly.
- (3) 8695 Const. YAGANUGU. Does not show much enthusiasm.
- (1) 8071 " KAPOK. Rather noisy but keen and a trier.
- (2) 7308 " LAVION. Quietly efficient.
- (3) 6995 " GANIM. Did his job well. Inclined to be heavy-handed with the carriers.
- (2) 8977 " MOROMA. Good patrol Policeman.
- (3) 9053 " ARE. Quiet and unobtrusive.
- (3) 8991 " WANSIRAU. Very good in the bush. Local knowledge is most useful.
- (3) 9433 " MANDEKAI. Quiet but most reliable.
- (2) 9803 " SILLIPOSEA. Young but improving.
- (2) 8249 " KAUPA. Does his job well.
- (2) 8827 " YOGEL. Good patrol Policeman.
- (3) 8697 " YANOPA. Keen and efficient.
- (1) 9347 " MURIARLI. }
(1) 10440 " TORIA. } On loan from Wewak Sub-District.
(1) 10655 " NUNGKAROK. } All performed satisfactorily under patrol conditions foreign to them.

Note (1) Member accompanied patrol return journey.

- (2) " " " homeward " only.
- (3) " " " outward " " "


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(R.A. Calcutt)
a/Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Appendix A

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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. **4/61-42** Subdistrict **TELEFOLMIN** District **SEPIK**
Officer Conducting Patrol **L. BRIDGES, PATROL OFFICER.**
Census Division Patrolled **OKGAPMIN**
Objects of Patrol **(1) RELIEVE OFFICERS STATIONED OKGAPMIN**

Date Patrol Commenced **25-9-61 to 31-10-61** Completed **20-11-61 to 25-11-61**
Duration—days **43**

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

**3-3-1 of 27/11/61, to ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, TELEFOLMIN,
INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR PURCHASE LAND OKGAPMIN PATROL POST,
to DISTRICT OFFICER, WEMAK.**

L. Bridges
Patrolling Officer's Signature.
(L. BRIDGES)

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

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District Officer.

TELEFOLMIN PATROL REPORT NO. 4/61-62

PATROL DIARY.

Monday, 25th. September, 1961.

Mr. R. Calcutt, A/A.D.C., Mr. J. Good, C.P.O., Self, 12 members R.P. & N.G.C., Interpreter TIRDAWIN, NHO. KAWTRAPROK, and 70 carriers left Telefolmin 0930 for Oksapmin. Rested 1045 to 1115, then commenced steep climb up Miting Range. Reached top 1215. Rested 1230 to 1315 then descended range via bed and banks of Tol River and arrived Terapdavip Rest House 1440. Set up camp. Native food purchased. Guard posted.

Time on track: 5 hrs. 10 mins.

Walking time: 4 hrs.

Tuesday, 26th. September, 1961.

Party left Terapdavip 0730. Descended to Klip River then made long steady climb through Koborenmin village and reached crest of OM/ELIP Divide 1045. Rested 1130 to 1225. Descended range to camp site used by Mr. J. Cochrane in May 1961. Decided to make camp here as next water said to be long way and rain threatening. Made camp at 1330. Carriers and Police issued with rice. Guard posted.

Time on track: 6 hrs.

Walking time: 5 hrs. 5 mins.

Wednesday, 27th. September, 1961.

Start delayed because of rain. Broke camp at 0745, passed small lake about 2 acres in extent at 0805, Lake Marie, and walked until 1045 over broken country along track at times barely discernible. Moved on and reached crest of range 7000' at 1300. Rested until 1330. Descended range, crossed several creeks and made long climb through two old gardens to Faramin hamlet ARIMBI. Made camp 1630 on site used by number of previous patrols. Guard posted.

Time on track: 9 hrs.

Walking time: 7 hrs. 50 mins.

Thursday, 28th. September, 1961.

Remained in camp. Self with poisoned foot, one carrier has pneumonia, and several others are also sick. Police say that alternative route used by Cochrane's patrol and this one from top of OM/ELIP Divide is much inferior to the former patrol route used by Brown in August 1960. MAF Cessna on air drop to Oksapmin passed nearby 1025, returned 1100. Guard posted.

Friday, 29th. September, 1961.

Broke camp 0650. Walked to another Feramin garden hamlet, IMABI, and rested from 0840 to 0900. Walked again until 1055. Rested until 1115. Then walked on to camp site used by Brown. Guides say that Cochrane's camp site was used out and no suitable alternative available. Rain threatening so made camp 1205. Walk today over undulating country, but relatively easy going under shadow of Victor Emanuel Range.

Time on track: 5 hrs. 15 mins.

Walking time: 4 hrs. 35 mins.

Saturday, 30th. September, 1961.

Broke camp 0720 and made long climb past Cochrane's camp 0840, and reached top 0855. Rested 0900 to 0915 - very cold so moved on. Walked until 1130 then rested 15 mins. Continued over undulating country and arrived camp site at 1400. Last of carriers arrived 1445. Track very poor all day, although not over very arduous country. Guard posted.

Time on track: 7 hrs. 25 mins.

Walking time: 6 hrs. 45 mins.

Sunday 1st. October, 1961.

Broke camp 0705. Reached FUGI River 0720. Made crossing over log and cane bridge, resting rather precariously on far bank. Party across in pairs, finally all across by 0830. Continued over undulating country until 1010. Rested till 1030, then proceeded to camp site of Brown and Cochrane parties by 1230. Camp set up and guard posted. Rained continuously from 1140.

Time on track: 5 hrs. 25 mins.

Walking time: 3 hrs. 50 mins.

Monday 2nd. October, 1961.

Broke camp 0700. Followed undulating country until 0905. Rested at top of small divide until 0920. Continued then down gentle slope to large humal area at 1145 about two miles by one, where camp was made on site previously used by Brown. This camp only separated from Yekin (Oksapin) valley by small divide. Humal area is prominent landmark on air route from Telefolmin to Oksapin but is too wet to be developed as an ELG. Rain during afternoon. Guard posted.

Time on track: 4 hrs. 45 mins.

Walking time: 4 hrs. 30 mins.

Tuesday, 3rd. October, 1961.

Broke camp 0700 hrs. Followed track through swamp and then over undulating country until 0915. Rested till 0940 then continued past Cochrane's camp and Brown's homeward

camp to top of Oksepmin valley. Descended to Tekin River which was crossed and recrossed several times. Continued on until first Oksepmin hamlet reached at 1205. From top of valley to here, track through quagmire. Rested until 1235, then continued until 1425 when hamlet, DUANMIN, of main Oksepmin headman, SIBINOK, was reached. Made camp, native food purchased. Guard posted.

Time on track: 7 hrs. 25 mins.

Walking time: 6 hrs. 30 mins.

Wednesday, 4th. October, 1961.

Broke camp 0700. Walked across ridges and then down to and along Tekin River which was eventually crossed by a bridge. Climbed ridge and rested from 0955 to 1020. Continued crossing low ridges with very muddy conditions similar to yesterday. Rested 1200 to 1225. Moved on over similar country, then descended to river, crossed over a bridge and rested on a small ridge from 1420 to 1445. Climbed over ridge country to OKSAPMIN/TERAMIN Divide the top of which was reached at 1550. Descended to Oksepmin Patrol Post, the last carrier arriving at 1640. Met by Messrs. Cochrane and Malony, and Police. Patrol party stood down. Guard posted.

Time on track: 9 hrs. 40 mins.

Walking time: 8 hrs. 25 mins.

Thursday, 5th. October, 1961.

Recuperating at OKSAPMIN. Carriers and Police recovering from long walks of past two days. Guards posted.

Friday, 6th. October, 1961.

Discussions with Mr. Calcutt and Mr. Cochrane re station site, buildings, airstrip, etc. Messrs. Coad and Malony commanded chain and compass survey of station site. Guards posted and radio contact at 1630.

Saturday, 7th. October, 1961.

Continued discussions and inspected work. Coad and Malony continued survey. Radio contact and guards posted.

Sunday, 8th. October, 1961.

Observed. Radio contact and guards posted.

Monday, 9th. October, 1961.

A/Assistant District Officer, Mr. R. A. Calcutt and party departed for Telefolmin at 0740 hours. Self and Mr. Coad C.P.O. settling in at OKSAPMIN. Labourers at work on strip sight. Radio contact with Telefolmin at 1630. Guards posted.

Tuesday, 10th. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700 hours. Work commenced on longitudinal drains on northern side of strip. Radio contact at 1630 hours. Guards posted.

Wednesday, 11th. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Work continued on drains. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Thursday, 12th. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Weather passed to Telefollin at 0900 for airdrop. Some salt lost in drop but otherwise was quite successful. Radio contact at 1630. Guards posted.

Friday, 13th. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Continued work on drains. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Saturday, 14th. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Working on drains. 108 labourers at present employed. Radio contact at 1630. Guards posted.

Sunday, 15th. October, 1961.

Observed. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Monday 16th. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Completed drains on northern side of strip. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Tuesday 17th. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Work commenced on excavations of fill areas on top end of strip. Fill area composed mainly of black top soil and very unstable. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Wednesday, 18th. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Work continued on excavations. Rumour received that SUARMILIS and others from OM river area were gathering over range with the intention of attacking the station. Police advised accordingly and necessary precautions were taken. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Thursday, 19th. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Work continued on excavations. Weather passed at 0900 hours. Telefolmin also advised then of rumour so that an air survey could be carried out after the drop. Airdrop 100% recovery. Gathering of natives not sighted by aircraft. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Friday, 20th. October, 1961.

Lined 0700. Work continued on excavations. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Saturday, 21st. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Work on excavations. 110 labourers now working on airstrip. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Sunday 22nd. October, 1961.

Observed. Twenty men and boys from BAK river area arrived late in afternoon to work on strip. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Monday, 23rd. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Work continued on excavations. Investigations during the past few days tend to indicate that the rumour received earlier is unfounded. I feel that it is caused as much as anything by intergroup dissensions. Radio contact at 1630 and Telefolmin advised accordingly. Guards posted.

Tuesday, 24th. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Main labour line working on excavations. Self and Mr. Coad, C.P.O. commenced plotting the TEMIN river by chain and compass. This river forms the northern boundary of the land the TERAMINS are willing to sell. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Wednesday, 25th. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Labour on excavations. Self and Mr. Coad survey. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Thursday, 26th. October, 1961.

Lined 0700. Labourers on excavations. Weather for airdrop passed at 0900. Airdrop 100% recovery. Radio contact 1630. Guards posted.

Friday, 27th. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Labourers continued on excavations. Self and C.P.O. chain and compass survey of river. Radio contact. Guards posted.

Saturday, 28th. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Labourers working on various jobs around station. Self and Mr. Coad completed survey, 138 labourers now working on strip. Radio contact at 1630. Guards posted.

Sunday, 29th. October, 1961.

Observed. Radio contact and guards posted.

Monday, 30th. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Work continued on excavations. Radio contact and guards posted.

Tuesday, 31st. October, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Work continued on excavations. Radio contact and guards posted.

Wednesday 1st. November to 17th. November, 1961.

Excavations of both unstable areas continued and majority removed during this period. Work force remained around the 100 mark.

Friday, 17th. November, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Messrs. Cochrane, P.O. and Hicks, C.P.O. arrived ex Telefolmin to take over station again. Radio contact and guards posted.

Saturday, 18th. November, 1961.

Lined at 0700. Labourers on various work around station. Discussions with Mr. Cochrane regarding work carried out during his absence. Carriers and Police resting. Radio contact and guards posted.

Sunday, 19th. November, 1961.

Observed. Carriers resting. Radio contact and guards posted.

Monday, 20th. November, 1961.

Self, Mr. H. Good, GPO, 10 Police and 58 carriers left Patrol Post 0815. Climbed to OKSAPMIN/TERAPMIN divide 0845, rested till 0900. Then descended to Tekin River and over ridge country until rest made at 1040 to 1100. Moved on and reached camp at 1320 hours. Native food purchased whilst camp set up. Guards posted.

Time on track: 5 hrs. 5 mins.

Walking time: 4 hrs. 20 mins.

Tuesday, 21st. November, 1961.

Broke camp at 0655 and continued over undulating country along OKSAPMIN valley. Crossed TEKIN River again and reached DUARMIN hamlet at 0855. Rested till 0915. Walked then towards head of valley. First OKSAPMIN hamlet reached at 1045, continued down to TEKIN River where rest made 1115 to 1135. Crossed TEKIN then climbed to campsite at head of valley. Last carrier in camp by 1320. Several carriers treated for headaches and colds. Guards posted. As no biscuits available some fare purchased for long trek over Victor Emanuel.

Time on track: 6 hrs. 25 mins.

Walking time: 5 hrs. 45 mins.

Wednesday, 22nd. November, 1961.

Broke camp at 0645. Walked over level country before descending to TEKIN river which was crossed and recrossed several times before a rest made at 0820 to 0830. Left river and started climbing till rest made on ridge top from 0955 to 1015. Continued over fairly level country under Victor Emanuel range till camp reached at 1345. Walking very miserable for last hour as steady rain started falling. Camp set up at 8400' asl. and guards posted.

Time on track: 7 hrs.

Walking time: 6 hrs. 30 mins.

Thursday, 23rd. November, 1961.

Departed campsite at 0700 and started climbing within half hour. Rested at 0830 till 0840 at approximately 10,000 feet mark. Very extensive view of OM river area. Continued ascent to top of range at 10,500' asl. Top reached at 1000 then started long descent. Rest made at 1040 till 1100. Then continued descent. Arrived site of West's camp 9000' asl. at 1230. Rested till 1245. Proceeded again down range, the first hour or so being mostly just above the lip of a series of land-slides where footing was rather precarious. Rested 1515 to 1530. Continued descent arriving at campsite on Sepik river 7000' asl. 1745. Last carrier in by 1830. One of the three sick carriers at the end of the patrol became exhausted by the long walk and was carried in. Suspected of developing pneumonia and treated with Sulpha drugs throughout the night. Guards posted.

Time on track: 11 hrs. 30 mins.

Walking time: 10 hrs. 30 mins.

Friday, 24th. November, 1961.

Examined sick carrier who stated felt a bit better but not strong enough for another long day's walk. Three carriers were instructed to accompany and assist him along rough track. Rest of patrol departed at 0650. Made short climb then continued over undulating country until 0855 when rest made till 0915. Continued till 1150 and rested again, till 1215. Reached Sepik again at 1230, followed river for 10 minutes then crossed it. Started climbing again up side of a bracken covered mountain. Rested on ridge-top from 1335 to 1350. Extensive view of FERAMIN and NORD valleys. Continued along side of mountain alternating between forest and bracken covered ridges then descended to FERAMIN rest house. Last carrier in by 1630. At 1530 instructed A.P.O. at FERAMIN and four FERAMIN men to proceed back and meet group with sick carrier. Small amount native food purchased. Guards posted.

Time on track: 9 hrs. 40 mins.

Walking time: 8 hrs. 50 mins.

Saturday, 25th. November, 1961.

Word received from A.P.O. carrier died suddenly and was later buried. Departed FERAMIN at 0700. Walked on good, cleared track over undulating country. Rested from 0850 to 0905. Continued onto SOL river. Short rest after climb out of SOL river gorge then continued onto TELEPOLMIN. Reached TELEPOLMIN at 1045. Patrol stood down.

Time on track: 3 hrs. 45 mins.

Walking time: 3 hrs. 30 mins.

END OF DIARY.

OPERATIONS:

During my stay at OKSHAPIN, work was mainly concentrated on the construction of the airstrip.

Longitudinal drains and runoff drains in two depressions on the northern side of strip area were completed. This now completes the drains, but these could be widened and deepened at a later date. Two large fill areas at the 200 feet mark and from the 650 to 850 feet mark were excavated and prepared for refilling with clay. The unstable fill material, of peat like nature, and original topsoil in both these areas was completely removed to a width of 50 yards.

A considerable amount of stone was collected from the river and heaped near the fill areas. It is the intention that this be used in rubble drains in the two depression areas stated above. Work on this should have commenced shortly after my departure from there on the 20th. November.

All trees and a large area of tall pigst in the approach area have been cleared. This should now be quite satisfactory to ICA regulations.

Soil samples from the strip surface and a quantity of river gravel from an alluvial bed near the IRENE river were brought out. These have been passed onto the Army Engineers at MUSE who have offered to do a mechanical analysis of them.

A large landslide has developed on the north-western end of the strip-site. All measurements and details were obtained. These together with a rough plan have been passed onto the appropriate authorities so that possible remedial action can be assessed.

NATIVE SITUATION.

At the time of my departure for Telefakha from OKSHAPIN the situation appeared to be satisfactory.

In early October about 200 OKSHAPIN men and women came to the station for a glimpse. No trouble was experienced.

During my stay there some wild rumours were spread around the area that the OKSHAPIN and OH river groups were going to attack the station. These were found to be untrue and I feel that there were the result of group dissension.

In early November about 30 OKSHAPIN men came to the station. All appeared friendly and had no knowledge of these rumored intentions. Six men remained when the others returned to their home area and started working on the strip.

During the two months there the number of men working on the strip averaged around the 100 mark. These represented most of the groups in the area, namely OKSHAPIN, TELFAKHA, USTAMING, SHAMING and MANSER.

Native foods were regularly brought into the station for sale. Salt still remains as the main item of trade.

REPORT:

This remained satisfactory during the period. Air-
drops were made each Thursday and recovery was usually 100%.

ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR RESERVE AREA.

While at OKMATH the area indicated by the REARER
people was surveyed by chain and compass.

A land investigation was also carried out and a report
has been prepared under separate cover.

For your information please.

Bridges
(L. BRIDGES).

FEDERAL OFFICER.

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 5/61-62 Subdistrict Telefolmin. District Sepik.
Officer Conducting Patrol Mr. J.R. Cochrane, Patrol Officer.
Census Division Patrolled Okwapin.
Objects of Patrol Proceed to Okwapin from Telefolmin to continue work
on establishment of Patrol Post.
Date Patrol Commenced 9/11/61 Date Completed 17/11/61.
Duration—days Nine.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

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J. R. Cochrane
Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

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District Officer.

TELEFOLMIN PATROL NO. 3/61-62.

PATROL DIARY.

Thursday 9th November, 1961.

Prepared for return patrol to Oksapmin Patrol Post, did air drop to Oksapmin and on return trip, Cessna landed at Eliptamin Airstrip 12 noon, where writer was joined by cpo Hicks. Self and Hicks awaited patrol party which had set out from Telefolmin at 12.20 approx., arrived at Eliptamin Rest House at 4.40pm.

On the way out on air drop flight the Cessna followed the Om River Valley down to its junction with the Legaip River, where both Rivers formed the Strickland River. After the air drop the Cessna detoured slightly to view the bridge which the Kopiaigu patrol had recently constructed over the Strickland. This bridge was less than five minutes flying time from the Oksapmin Patrol Post and probably 2 days walk. The Cessna then returned by the Om Valley due adverse weather conditions which prevented any other route being followed.

Friday, 10th November, 1961.

Departed 0655 am., descended to cross the Elip River and then climbed the Sepik/Strickland Divide 6,700 feet, rested about 0900 till 0915, descended to the headwaters of the Om River to arrive at my previous camp site at 1200. Old camp site in good condition though repaired by ADO Calcutt and his patrol some few weeks earlier. Time on the track 5 hours 5 minutes. Walking time 7 hours 35 minutes.

Saturday, 11th November, 1961.

Broke camp 0640, crossed Armin River Headwaters 0600 and Faganan Stream 0830 - rested 0845. Both these spots are possible sites for camps. Arrived crest of mountain range at 1130 - rested till 1155 then long descent to junction of ADO Brown's track from Om Valley at 1230. Continued on through comparatively level area, rested 1300 - 1320 and then passed through old gardens of Feramin's to arrive old camp site at 1440. Camp intact. Rice and meat issued. Time on the track 8 hours, Walking time 7 hours 5 minutes.

Sunday, 12th November, 1961.

Broke camp 0730 hours, easy walking through Feramin gardens all deserted, through gardens freshly planted, people reported to be in main Feramin camps for annual taro Festival. Rested 1035 till 1115 and arrived Mogup Creek camp at 1240. Time on the track 5 hours. Walking time 4 hours 30 minutes.

Monday, 13th November, 1961.

Departed camp at 0800 hours due heavy rain during night lasting till 0730 hours, climbed to 8,000 feet, moss forest, rested 1030 till 1100 continued on following shelf of Victor Emanuel Range, rested again 1235 till 1250 and arrived at old camp site at Fugi River at 1500. Some police sent to inspect bridge over Fugi River and repair if necessary. Time on the track 7 hours. Walking time 6 hours 15 minutes. Rice and meat issued.

Tuesday, 14th November, 1961.

Broke camp 0815 hours, fairly easy walking rested 1015-30 and made -

- camp at 1225., at Atentavin, old garden site. Crossed Fugi over bridge - no trouble river up slightly only. Guards posted at night as usual.

Time on the track 4 hours 10 minutes.
Walking time 3 hours 55 minutes.

Wednesday 15th November, 1961.

Departed camp at 0655 hours, climbed to head of Iam Valley altitude 8,000 feet excellent view of open semi kumal area. Rested 0900-15 descended and rested old camp site 1055-1115 and continued on to my previous camp at head of Oksapmin Valley to arrive at 1400.
Time on the track 7 hours 5 minutes.
Walking time 6 hours 5 minutes

Thursday 16th November, 1961.

Departed 0715 descended into Oksapmin Valley arrived first hamlet Tekin No.1 at 0915, rested 0940 departed for Sininok's hamlet Duammin and arrived and rested 1105 till 1150 - friendly reception by people along the route and large numbers assembled at resting places, bringing in large quantities of natives foods for purchase. Then descended into Tekin River, crossed and recrossed several times to arrive ADO Brown's camp 1310-5 then continued on to Arvanhainin hamlet and camped 1425. Again large numbers of people seen along route and much fresh foods brought in to be purchased. Word also sent on to patrol post by local runner of our pending arrival. Guards posted at night as usual.
Time on the track 7 hours 10 minutes.
Walking time 6 hours. Tracks very muddy in places.

Friday 17th, November, 1961.

Departed 0745, rested 0930-45 and again 1100-15 and again at crest of Oksapmin/Terammin valley divide at 1240-45. Then descended to the station to arrive 1315. Time on track 5 1/2 hours and walking time 4 hours 55 minutes. Patrol accompanied by large numbers of Oksapmins for last part of journey.

Conclusion of Patrol.

INTRODUCTION.

As the patrol passed mainly through uninhabited country, there are no general comments, except that on arrival in the Oksapmin valley, the people were very friendly towards the patrol, and large amounts of native foods were brought to the patrol to be purchased. Many more natives were sighted this trip than on the writer's previous patrol down the valley.

On this patrol the writer was accompanied by Cadet Patrol Officer J. Hicks.

ROADS.

The track out this time seemed generally easier and walking times were better. This is probably due to the fact that the track is now better defined and cleared, thus making walking easier.

Walking conditions were worst in the Oksapmin valley, due to the muddy nature of the track. Old camp sites were used, thus saving considerable effort by the carrier line.

GENERAL.

Patrol Officer Bridges and Cadet Patrol Officer Coad returned to Telefolmin on the Monday after our return to Oksapmin, after handing over on the Saturday morning.

Since our return a new Police barracks has been commenced. It will be of native materials externally, and lined internally with sisalkraft. The building is 36' by 15', and will accommodate 12 persons.

Work on the strip is progressing satisfactorily and instructions given by the District Airport Inspector, Mr. J.A. Miller, concerning the excavation of spongy areas and refilling by placing fill in three inch layers and consolidating before placing the next layer of fill, is expected to be completed by the end of December. It is hoped that the airstrip will come up to D.C.A. requirements early in the New Year.

J.R. Cochrane

 (J.R. Cochrane) *TC*
 S.I.C., Oksapmin.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of...SEPIK...TELEFOMIN..... Report No. 602 1961/62.....

Patrol Conducted by...John F. Tierney, P.O......

Area Patrolled...URAPMIN, TIFALMIN, WOKELMIN, KAMPEGOLMIN, PEGOLMIN and

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans...Mr. J. Stobart, C.P.O. ENKIAGMIN
Mr. I. Manners, E.M.A.

Natives...9 R.P. & N.G.C. & 1 Interp., 1 A.P.O.

Duration—From...11/1/1962...to...2/2/1962...

Number of Days...23.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?...Yes.....

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

Medical See Inside / / 19.....

Map Reference...Attached.....

Subjects of Patrol...(1) Census Revision (11) Consolidation of Administration

Influence (11) Land Investigation Baptist Mission Application TIFALMIN

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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
67-8-29

10th July, 1962.

The Director,
Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines,
KONSOBU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6 - 1961/62 - TELEFOMIN

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Could you let me have six copies of this
map, please.


(W.R. DISHON)
A/Director.

Att.

67-8-29

10th July, 1962.

The District Officer,
Barrak District,
KINSHASA.

REPORT NO. 6 - 1961/62 - TELEPHONE

I am now in receipt of your 67-3-6/1965 of 18th May, 1962. Thank you for the redrawn map.

I am pleased to note that a copy of this report is being forwarded to the Assistant District Officer at Kinshasa for his information.

The District Officer at Daru appears to have a high regard for Mr Muon's work - I have some reservations. It only needs some stupid action on the part of an inexperienced person amongst tough people to create a major crisis.


The people's response to our presence is highly satisfactory.

I am particularly impressed with the fact that they are clearing tracks and building resthouses.

The patrol would have been a good experience for Mr Stobart.

The record of heights at various river crossings is useful information and has been passed to the Hydrographic Section of the Commonwealth Department of Works.

I am gratified to note that no unusual incident was reported and the native situation in the area is satisfactory.


(W.R. DISHON)
A/Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67/8/29 ✓ (2)



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-3-6/1965

District Office,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

18th May, 1962

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6 - 61/62 - TELEFOMIN

Your 67-8-29 of 12th April, 1962, refers.

The redrawn map hereith.

J. E. Wakeford
(J. E. WAKEFORD)
DISTRICT OFFICER

Encl.

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67-8-29

12th April, 1962.

The District Officer
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6-61/62 - TELEFOLMIN:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The report is marred by the scrappy map attached hereto.
3. I am returning the map and request the officer be asked to redraft it and to include in it all names mentioned in the Patrol Report.
4. Further comment will be made on the report on receipt of the redraft of the map.

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-8.29

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-3-6/1475

District Office,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

28th February, 1962



The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6 of 1961-1962

I forward herewith report of the above patrol conducted by Mr. Patrol Officer Tierney, together with the Assistant District Officer's comments.

There seems little chance of excessive duplication in medical patrolling. The ENKIAKMIN had previously been patrolled by a Medical Assistant, the WOKBIMIN, KAMFEGOLMIN and FEGOLMIN had not, in twelve years.

I agree with the Assistant District Officer that patrolling by a lone Medical Assistant with one Constable escort is foolhardy in this area.

J. E. Wakford
(J. E. WAKFORD)
DISTRICT OFFICER

Encl.

c.c. District Commissioner, Wewak.

Assistant District Officer, Telefomin

WESTERN DISTRICT OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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File: 67-1-2/26.

Sub-District Office,
TELEFOLMIN.

Sepik District.

16th. February, 1962.

Mr. J. P. Tierney,
Patrol Officer,
The District Officer,
Sepik District,
W. N. E. A. K.

TELEFOLMIN PATROL 6/61-62.

Please find herewith the original and two copies of the above report, submitted by Mr. J. P. Tierney, Patrol officer. Most of the area patrolled lies in the western District of Papua, and has been patrolled fairly regularly from this station over the past five years.

The report covers adequately the situation in the area and calls for little extra comment. The patrol was efficiently conducted, and accomplished its objectives. The medical patrol, led by Mr. J. Huon, Medical Assistant, was apparently further North than the Assistant District Officer at Kiunga had expected. Although the area is now quiet, I do not agree with solitary Medical Assistants patrolling there with an escort of only one Constable, and I consider him to be somewhat feeble. I understood from the Director's 67-8-8 of 28th. October, 1959, that the area was to be patrolled from Telefolmin until a Patrol Post was established "on the appropriate site North of Kiunga". To save any further duplication of patrol activities by either DNA or PHD staff, this had better be clarified.

The native situation in the area is quite encouraging. Despite the distance and terrain to be crossed, people from Pegolmin and Enkiakmin visit the station quite often. The fact that 225 new names were recorded by the patrol is an obvious indication that the Administration has gained the confidence of the people. The clearing of tracks and building of rest houses is also a good sign.

A copy of this report will be forwarded direct to the Assistant District Officer, Kiunga, for information.

Claims for camping allowance are attached.

M. Calcutt
(R. A. Calcutt)
Assistant District Officer.

c.c. Assistant District Officer,
Western District,
KIUNGA.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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File: 67-1-2/2.

Sub-District Office,
TELEFOLMIN.

9th. January, 1961.

Mr. J. F. Tierney,
Patrol Officer,
TELEFOLMIN.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - TEL PATROL 6/61-62.

You will leave on patrol to the Western District Division South of the Hindenburg Range on Thursday 11th. January, 1962. You will be accompanied by Mr. J. T. Stobart, Cadet Patrol Officer, Sgt. 3/C AMPULLA, eight Constables, and interpreter SUNEL, LSM. Mr. I. Manners, EMA, and a native Medical Orderly will also accompany the patrol.

Your main objects will be the revision of census and consolidation of Administration influence in the Tifalmin/Urapmin, Wokeimin, Kumfegolmin, Fegolmin, Enkikmin and if possible O'Otimin divisions. Also, I require to undertake a chain and compass traverse of the land applied for by the Baptist Mission at Tifalmin, and on your return, submit a Land Investigation Report as per CI 235. Do not proceed to areas further South or West than those listed above.

This will be Mr. Stobart's first patrol. Make sure that he is instructed well in all phases of patrolling conditions that you will meet.

The area has been quiet now for a number of years, but nevertheless exercise all caution. The patrol is to remain together at all times.

Take with you an A510 portable transceiver, and endeavour to maintain daily radio schedules with Telefolmin at 1630 hours.

You should be away approximately four weeks.

M. Calcutt

(R.A. Calcutt)

a/Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1961/62 - TELEFOMIN

Officer Conducting Patrol : John F. Tierney, P.O.
Area Patrolled : URAPMIN, TIFALMIN, WOKELMIN,
KAMFEGOLMIN, FEGOLMIN and
ENKIAKMIN.
Personnel Accompanying : Mr. J. Stobart, C.P.O.
Mr. I. Manners, E.M.A.
No. 3976 ~~Sen. Const.~~ ^{Sergeant} Const. AMPULLA
No. 8992 Const PIGI
No. 8977 " MORUMA
No. 8968 " IAKO
No. 10421 " WAMOI
No. 8249 " KAUPA
No. 8827 " YOGEL
No. 10417 " SONI
No. 8472 " KANANG
Interpreter SUNEI, L.S.M.
A.P.O. MULI
Duration of Patrol : 11.1.62 to 2.2.62
23 days.
Objects of Patrol : (i) Census Revision
(ii) Consolidation of
Administration
Influence
(iii) Land Investigation
Baptist Mission
Application - TIFALMIN
Map Reference : Attached
Last Patrol to Area : URAPMIN/TIFALMIN Jan. 1961
WOKELMIN/KAMFEGOLMIN Jun. 1960
FEGOLMIN/ENKIAKMIN May 1959

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1961/62 - TELEFOMIN

I N T R O D U C T I O N

As may be seen from the accompanying sketch map, the major portion of the area visited lies to the south of the Hindenberg Range in the Western District of Papua. The groups living in this area, WOKEIMIN, KAMPEGOLMIN, FEGOLMIN and ENKIAKMIN, are nearer to TELEFOMIN than they are to the closest Papuan Station, KIUNGA, and past contact has consequently been greater from this side of the border.

The URAPMIN and TIFALMIN people who live in the ILAM River Valley, an extension to the west of the TELEFOMIN Valley, have had far more contact with the Administration than those areas already mentioned.

The primary objects of the patrol were the consolidation of Administration influence and the revision of census in the above-mentioned areas. An investigation on land applied for by the Telefomin Baptist Missionary Society was also carried out at TIFALMIN. The latter has been dealt with under ^{separate} correspondence.

The patrol was accompanied by Mr. I Manners, Medical Assistant, and this was his first patrol in the TELEFOMIN area. Prior to our departure from the Station only one of the Papuan groups, the ENKIAKMIN, had previously been visited by a Medical Assistant. However, Mr. J.H. Huon, E.M.A. of KIUNGA, preceeded this patrol into the FEGOLMIN and ENKIAKMIN areas by three days. This means that the ENKIAKMIN have now been visited by three Medical Patrols, the FEGOLMIN by two and the WOKEIMIN and KAMPEGOLMIN for the first time by this patrol. The URAPMIN and TIFALMIN groups are visited regularly and there is also an Aid Post sited at TIFALMIN.

The patrol was also accompanied by Mr. J Stobart, C.P.O. This was his first patrol and he was instructed accordingly.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1961/62 - TELEFOMIN

D I A R Y

Thursday, 11th January, 1962

Departed TELEFOMIN at 0945 accompanied by Messrs. J. Stobart, C.P.O., I. Manners, E.M.A., 9 members of the R.P. & N.G.C., 1 Interpreter, 1 N.M.O. and 80 carriers. Proceeded over established patrol route to URAPMIN Rest House, arriving there at 1510 after resting 1 hr. 45 mins. en route. Camp made. TELEFOMIN contacted by A510 portable radio at 1600 - reception good both ends. Food purchased. Guard posted at night.
Time on Track 5 hrs. 25 mins. Actual Walking Time 3 hrs. 40 mins.

Friday, 12th January, 1962

At URAPMIN. Census Checked. No complaints. Food and one pig purchased. Firearms demonstrated on pig. TELEFOMIN contacted by radio at 1600 - reception good. Hamlets inspected. Remained night. Guard posted.

Saturday, 13th January, 1962

Departed URAPMIN at 0810 and proceeded along established patrol route to TIFALMIN. Arrived Lower TIFALMIN (OKBILATIP) Rest House at 1220 after resting 1 hr. en route. Made camp. Enthusiastic welcome given to patrol by people assembled outside the Rest House. Food purchased. Hamlet inspected and found in reasonable condition. TELEFOMIN contacted by radio at 1600 - reception good. Guard posted.
Time on Track 4 hrs. 10 mins. Actual Walking Time 3 hrs. 10 mins.

Sunday, 14th January, 1962

At Lower TIFALMIN. TIFALMIN 1 and 2 census checked. No complaints. Land Investigation Report for Baptist Missionary Society's Application completed. Food and one pig purchased. Rifle demonstrated on latter. TELEFOMIN contacted at 1600. Word received that escaped prisoner UNOK is at present living in his garden house approximately half hour's walk south west of Rest House

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PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1961/62 - TELEFOMIN

Sunday, 14th January, 1962 (cont)

Attempt to re-capture him will be made in the morning.
Remained night. Guard posted.

Monday, 15th January, 1962

Left the Rest House at 0610 and proceeded to UNOK's garden house led by Lulua TONAGIN. House reached at 0645 but found deserted. Garden visited on return trip to Pest House, but this also found deserted. From the state of house and garden it is thought that UNOK had left approximately two weeks ago - probably when he first heard word of the patrol's planned visit. Rest house reached at 0740.

Departed Lower TIFALMIN at 1015 and arrived Upper TIFALMIN (BUPILMIN) Rest House at 1050. Made camp. Census checked. Food purchased. TELEFOMIN contacted at 1600 - reception good. Remained night. Guard posted.

Tuesday, 16th January, 1962

Departed BUPILMIN at 0700 and proceeded across kunai ridges up the ILAM Valley. BROLENGAVIP hamlet passed at 0723. Into bush and crossed the ALUK River at 0850. Climbed up a bush covered ridge and rested in a cleared area (6000' a.s.l.) at 0905. Moved on at 1005, re-crossed the ALUK and commenced to climb the HINDENBERG Range. Reached the top (8500' a.s.l.) at 1205. Descended and rested in a grass covered area (7830' a.s.l.) at 1245. Carriers, all of whom were new to the task of carrying patrol equipment, feeling the strain so decided to make camp. Messrs. Stobart and Manners also suffering from blistered heels. TELEFOMIN contacted at 1600 - reception good. Rice issued as no people living in this area and food consequently unobtainable.
Time on Track 5 hrs. 45 mins. Actual Walking Time 4 hrs. 45 mins

Wednesday, 17th January, 1962 Broke

Broke camp and moved off at 0745 over a very rough and overgrown track. Arrived at an open grass area (7290' a.s.l.) at 0910. Site of previous patrol camps and yesterday's objective. Forced to make camp as Messrs. Stobart and Manners unable to walk further due to blistered heels and the former latter a strained knee. TELEFOMIN contacted at 1600 - reception good. Rice issued. Messrs. Manners and

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PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1961/62 - TELEFOMIN

Wednesday, 17th January, 1962 (cont.)

Stobart's blistered heels infected so will remain here tomorrow. Four KAMPEGOLMINS who had joined the patrol at TIFALMIN sent ahead to request the WOKELMINS to clean the track to the next camp site in their area. Guard posted.

Thursday, 18th January, 1962

Remained in camp. Light rain til 0930. Carriers sent forward to clean track. Light rain during afternoon. TELEFOMIN contacted 1600 - reception fair. Guard posted.

Friday, 19th January, 1962.

Broke camp and moved off through bush at 0745. First 45 mins. of track cleared by carriers yesterday. Arrived at the top of the Mt. BALEL cliff face (7200' a.s.l.) at 1010. Descended steeply and rested at 6480' a.s.l. at 1030. Moved on at 1200 gradually descending. Crossed the BALEL River (6060' a.s.l.) at 1220, the DEBOK River at 1237, the NININGUM River (5500' a.s.l.) at 1253 and rested. Moved on at 1310. WOKELMIN garden hamlet, NININGUMTAMAN, reached at 1317. A number of people present at this newly constructed hamlet. People advised us that majority of population living at SOBOLMOROVIP hamlet and that they would present themselves there for census. Moved on and crossed the BALEL River (5350' a.s.l.) at 1325. A new bridge constructed over this swiftly flowing stream the sole result of our request that the track be cleaned, but even this effort was more than the writer expected from such a group with such limited contact as the WOKELMINS. Continued and made camp in an area of secondary growth adjacent to SOBOLMOROVIP hamlet (4900' a.s.l.) at 1357. Area had been partially cleared and one small bush shelter erected for the patrol's use. Camp visited by a number of people who lent a hand in collecting materials and clearing site. TELEFOMIN contacted at 1600 - reception fair. Food purchased. Fog and heavy overcast all day. Light intermittent rain during afternoon. Guard posted. Time on Track 6 hrs 12 mins Actual Walking Time 4 hrs 22 mins

Saturday, 20th January, 1962

In camp. WOKELMIN and KAMPEGOLMIN census checked at SOBOLMOROVIP hamlet. The KAMPEGOLMIN group congregated here of their own accord for census as they are at present

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Saturday, 20th January, 1962 (cont.)

living in a garden hamlet which is closer to this site than to their own central village near Lake SOKOLEANG. Attendance at census good and 85 new names recorded for the WOKEIMIN group. Hamlet inspected. TELEFOMIN CONTACTED at 1600 - reception fair. Food and one pig purchased - rifle demonstrated on latter. Guard posted.

Sunday, 21st January, 1962

In camp WOKEIMIN area. People instructed re use of toilets and general village hygiene. Demonstration latrine pit constructed in hamlet. Food purchased. Remained night. Guard posted.

Monday, 22nd January, 1962

Broke camp and moved off up a ridge to the south at 0730. Reached BANSIGIN (WOKEIMIN) hamlet on top of ridge (5420' a.s.l.) at 0810. Continued along a flat area and rested at 0915 (5330' a.s.l.). Moved on at 0955 and commenced to descend gradually at 1030. Descending steeply at 1115. ✓ Crossed IAL Creek at 1150 and rested at 1155 in an area cleared by landslide (3420' a.s.l.). Moved on at 1300 and reached the KALOK River at 1320. Followed downstream till 1350. MANGLEM River (2400' a.s.l.) crossed at 1420. Rested and moved on at 1430. Reached the MAGAL River at 1440. Large newly planted taro garden on right bank. Crossed and arrived ✓ MAGALSIMAVIP hamlet (2400' a.s.l.) at 1445. Hamlet deserted but three males presented themselves when shouted for. Remains of a patrol camp in hamlet. People advised that a KIUNGA patrol had visited the hamlet, conducted a census and departed three days before our arrival. Word sent ahead to KIUNGA patrol for confirmation of above. Camp made. TELEFOMIN contacted 1600 - reception poor. Small quantity of food purchased. Guard posted.

Time on Track 7 hrs 15 mins Actual Walking Time 5 hrs 20 mins

Tuesday, 23rd January, 1962

✓ At MAGALSIMAVIP. Census checked. Attendance poor as majority of the people had dispersed after the departure of the KIUNGA patrol.. Moved off at 0810 and followed up a small creek for a short distance before commencing to climb up a ridge. ? TIGIL River (3260' a.s.l.) at 0850. KUOK River ? crossed 0908. KUPUTU River (3550' a.s.l.) crossed 0933. Rested and moved on at 0945. Rested again at 1020 (3970' a.s.l.)

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Tuesday, 23rd January, 1962 (cont.)

Proceeded at 1135 and made camp in a deserted INDALMIN hamlet, TILIGANAVIP (4140' a.s.l.) at 1235. Had intended proceeding on to BOLANGAVIP today, but Mr. Stobart's still infected heels prevented further movement. TELEFOMIN contacted at 1600. Poor reception both ends and messages relayed through OKSAPMIN Patrol Post's A510 portable. Guard posted.
Time on Track 4 hrs 25 mins Actual Walking Time 2 hrs 58 mins

Wednesday, 24th January, 1962

Broke camp and moved off at 0725. Extensive view over PAPUA from the side of a ridge approximately half an hour after setting out. Several small streams crossed before resting at 0915 (4580' a.s.l.). Moved on at 0930 and arrived BOLANGAVIP hamlet at 1020. Made camp in an area cleared for the patrol adjacent to the hamlet. KIUNGA patrol reported to have camped here last Saturday and Sunday. Commenced census check in afternoon but had to abandon due rain. TELEFOMIN contacted via OKSAPMIN at 1600. Large quantity of food purchased. Guard posted.
Time on Track 2 hrs 55 mins Actual Walking Time 2 hrs 40 mins

Thursday, 25th January, 1962

In camp BOLANGAVIP. Census completed. Food and one pig purchased. Rifle demonstrated on latter. TELEFOMIN contacted via OKSAPMIN 1600. Rain throughout the day. Guard posted and remained night.

Friday, 26th January, 1962

Broke camp and moved off at 0715. Crossed the KUL River at 0805 and passed through MIANGUVIP (ATEMKIARKMIN) garden hamlet at 0815. Crossed the IUM River (4300' a.s.l.) at 0830, the BALEBEL River at 0855 and arrived NELDUWIP (ATEMKIARKMIN) hamlet (4850' a.s.l.) at 0910. Rested and moved on at 1000. Commenced a long gradual climb to 5740' a.s.l. which was reached at 1045. Vantage point overlooking the head of the FLY River valley (5420' a.s.l.) at 1140. View partially obscured by low cloud. Moved on descending steeply at 1130 and then more gradually to the KILAK River, which was crossed on a log bridge at 1230. ILOM River crossed at 1232. Made camp adjacent to IMIGAVIP hamlet (4370' a.s.l.) at 1250. Camp site had been cleared for the patrol and three

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Friday, 26th January, 1962 (cont.)

bush shelters constructed. Food, mainly sago as gardens not yet ready for harvest, purchased. TELEFOMIN contacted via OKSAPMIN at 1600. Guard posted.

Time on Track 5 hrs 35 mins Actual Walking Time 4 hrs 35 mins

Saturday, 27th January, 1962

At IMIGAVIP. Census of ATEMKIAKMIN group checked. ?
Broke camp and moved off at 1105 and arrived NINGLINMIN ?
Rest House near DOLUVIP village at 1205 (4800' a.s.l.).
Commenced census check but abandoned as rain imminent
and food to be purchased. TELEFOMIN contacted via OKSAPMIN
at 1600. Guard posted.

Time on Track 1 hr. Actual Walking Time 1 hr.

Sunday, 28th January, 1962

At NINGLINMIN Rest House. Census check completed
for NINGLINMIN group. Food purchased. TELEFOMIN contacted
via OKSAPMIN at 1600. Guard posted.

Monday

Monday, 29th January, 1962

Broke camp and moved off towards ENKIAKMIN at ?
0715 immediately crossing the ISKOM and KUGAL Rivers and
passing through DOLUVIP hamlet. Crossed the ASEK River at ?
0740 and the BILAK (FLY) River at 0800. Very rough going ✓
over logs etc. and track very wet after heavy rain last
night. Waited for carriers at 0810 and proceeded 0820.
? BUGIM River crossed 0840, passed through SIWEINKIL garden ?
hamlet (4410' a.s.l.) at 0850 and crossed the NIBIM River at ?
0915. Moved through a large NINGLINMIN taro garden and ?
passed a small fighting house at the edge of this garden
at 0925. Crossed the FEGOLMIN-ENKIAKMIN tribal boundary
and reached an ENKIAKMIN fighting house at 0945. On top ?
of the divide (4790' a.s.l.) at 0905. Another ENKIAKMIN
fighting house situated here. Site of KIUNGA Medical Patrol
camp. Proceeded and rested near a third ENKIAKMIN fighting
house at 1000 (4800' a.s.l.). Extremely difficult going
over felled trees in traversing this boundary area. Moved
on at 1045, crossed the ALIM River at 1115 and the TINIM ✓
River at 1130. Rested at 1240 and moved on at 1310, immediately
passing through BIGITOVIP hamlet. Crossed the UGUM River at ?
1320, the INUP River at 1430 and the FAKBUM River at 1440.

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PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1964/62 - TELEFOMIN

Monday, 29th January, 1962 (cont.)

Arrived BOLAVIP village at 1445. Camp made on site prepared for the patrol adjacent to the village. (3590' a.s.l.). Last hour of track had been cleared for the patrol and this was a pleasant change from the rest of this very rough track. The track from NINGLINMIN to ENKIAKMIN is one of the worst yet encountered by the writer on patrols from TELEFOMIN. Food and one pig purchased. Rifle demonstrated on latter. TELEFOMIN contacted via OKSAPMIN at 1600. Guard posted.

Time on Track 7 hrs 30 mins Actual Walking Time 6 hrs 5 mins

Tuesday, 30th January, 1962

At BOLAVIP (ENKIAKMIN). Census checked and hamlet inspected. TELEFOMIN contacted via OKSAPMIN at 1600. People requested to clean track, but rain during afternoon and little work done. Food purchased. Guard posted.

Wednesday, 31st January, 1962

Broke camp and retraced our steps over the track, followed on the 29th at 0640. Arrived DOLUVIP Rest House after resting 1 hr 5 mins. en route at 1320. Rain fell during last 90 mins of walk. Made camp. Food purchased. TELEFOMIN contacted via OKSAPMIN at 1600. Guard posted.

Time on Track 6 hrs 40 mins Actual Walking Time 5 hrs 35 mins

Thursday, 1st February, 1962

Broke camp and moved off up southern slopes of Hindenberg Range at 0715. Rested at 6790' a.s.l. at 0840. Continued at 0850 up almost perpendicular cliff-like face to the southern escarpment of the range. On top (7370' a.s.l.) at 0915. Magnificent view out over Papua. Moved on at 1015 across the top of the range - very rough going. Passed an old patrol camp site at 1045 and commenced to descend at 1120. Rested at 7320' a.s.l. at 1200. Moved off at 1235 and continued to descend down ridge. Made camp at 1440 in bush on top of a ridge, 5020' a.s.l. (Site of camp made by Mr. Fenton in 1959 - P.R.7-58/59). TELEFOMIN contacted at 1600. Guard posted.

Time on Track 7 hrs 50 mins Actual Walking Time 6 hrs 5 mins.

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PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1961/62 - TELEFOMIN

Friday, 2nd February, 1962

Broke camp and moved off down the NONG Valley at 0615. Crossed the NONG River (4475' a.s.l.) at 0740 and arrived KATOVIP hamlet (TELEFOMIN garden hamlet) at 0805. Commenced to ascend and reached the crest of the Behrmann Range (6060' a.s.l.) at 0855. Moved on 0900 and commenced to descend through bush. Arrived grassed slopes overlooking TELEFOMIN at 0915 and descended to Sepik River. Crossed on the KOBORENMIN bridge at 0950 (4000' a.s.l.). Climbed out of the Sepik gorge and arrived TELEFOMIN Station at 1100.

Time on Track 4hrs 45 mins Actual Walking Time 4 hrs 40 mins

PATROL COMPLETED

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The native situation in the area patrolled is satisfactory and no unusual incident was reported. The patrol was well received in all areas.

URAPMIN

This group lives in the eastern end of the ILAM Valley and has had more contact with the Administration than any of the other people visited. Their attitude towards the Administration is quite friendly.

There are six permanent hamlets in the URAPMIN area all of which were found in reasonable condition.

As reported by previous patrols, Luluai AMBOKASEP appears to have reasonable command over his people and is carrying out his duties as well as can be expected. He, together with 21 URAPMIN carriers, accompanied the patrol from TELEFOMIN to TIPALMIN. He was forced to leave the patrol here due to an outbreak of boils. Six of his constituents also left the patrol at this point due to illness.

TIPALMIN

The TIPALMINS live in the western end of the ILAM Valley and relations between them and the Administration appear to be improving. This improvement could perhaps be attributed in part to the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Steinkraus of the Summer Institute of Linguistics who are living permanently near OKBILAVIP hamlet and to the Baptist Mission at TELEFOMIN who pay regular visits by air each fortnight.

Mr. Steinkraus informed me that the BUIFIMIN people, who in the past have been regarded by the Administration as the most difficult of the TIPALMINS to deal with, have shown more co-operation towards him and his work than the other TIPALMINS.

This patrol was well received by all of the appointed village officials in this area and no one group appeared to be more enthusiastic towards the Administration than the other.

While at OKBILAVIP Rest House an attempt was



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NATIVE AFFAIRS (cont)

made to recapture escaped prisoner UNOK of OBELLAVIP hamlet. This man was sentenced to three months imprisonment for assault in March of last year and since then has twice escaped from gaol. His last escape was made in April last year and since that time has been living with his family in the bush only a short distance from his home. This information was passed to the patrol by Mr. Steinkraus and then confirmed by Luluai TONAGEN. The patrol visited this bush house one morning at dawn, but both this and his nearby garden were found deserted and it appeared that neither had been in use for approximately two weeks. The house is situated 35 minutes walk to the south west of the Rest House.

It is thought that UNOK and his family made their departure from the area some two weeks prior to the patrol's arrival as at that time a request for carriers was made. The tops of harvested vegetables strewn around the garden also indicated his departure about this time.

An investigation report on land at TIPALMIN applied for by the TELEFOMIN Baptist Mission was carried out during the patrol's visit.

WOKEIMIN

The best contact to date was made by this patrol with the WOKEIMIN group. At the times other patrols have visited the area the people have been scattered far and wide tending to their gardens. The only exception was the patrol led by Mr. Brown, A.D.O., in 1959 when 69 people were contacted and an initial census conducted.

It is thought that the absence of the population in previous years was due entirely to the people's gardening habits and not to fear of the Administration.

From information gathered it appears that the people plant food in several areas on a rotating basis and move from one area to the other as the produce is ready to be harvested. In the periods that there is no food to be obtained from the gardens, which apparently does not occur often, the people migrate to the south where they live on sago and fish.

At the time of the present patrol's arrival the majority of the people were living and tending their

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gardens in the area directly south of MT. AIYANG - the area in which contact by previous patrols has been made.

FAKTIM, the No.2 Headman of the group, was very co-operative towards the patrol and it is thought that he has potential as a future Village Official. He and two others accompanied the patrol from WOKELMIN to the Station as carriers.

KAMFEGOLMIN

This group have temporarily left their permanent settlement near Lake SOKOLBANG and at the time of the patrol's visit were living in a newly built garden hamlet on the WOKELMIN border. This, the fifth patrol to visit the area since original contact was made in 1957, was the first to encounter the people living outside of their own land-locked valley.

While the patrol was camped at WOKELMIN the people turned up of their own accord in order that the KAMFEGOLMIN census might be checked.

ASENGIM, the KAMFEGOLMIN Headman, is quite co-operative.

PEGOLMIN

This, the most contacted group of those visited south of the HINDENBERGS, is divided into three sub-groups, the NINGLINMIN, ATEKIAKMIN and IMDALMIN. These have rights to land extending from the HINDENBERG Range far south into PAPUA, but their villages and main gardening areas are concentrated in the north. The southern portion of this area is used mainly in time of food shortage as sago, fish and game are obtainable at the lower altitudes.

The welcome given to the patrol by the ATEKIAKMIN and NINGLINMIN people was heartening, and in accord with that received by previous officers visiting this area. At the three camps made in populated areas while traversing this section of the PEGOLMIN area, sites had been cleared and bush shelters erected for the patrol's use. The NINGLINMIN Rest House and Police Barrack which was constructed at the request of the last patrol was found in good condition and the surrounding area had been cleaned.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS (cont)

The ATEMKIAKMIN people expressed their willingness to construct a Rest House and Police Barrack on the site of our camp near IMIGAVIP Village. They were requested to do so.

The IMDALMIN have had less contact with the Administration than the ATEMKIAKMIN and NINGLINMIN and the reception given to the patrol by them was not as enthusiastic. Only a very small portion of the population was seen by the patrol, the remainder having dispersed to their scattered gardening areas after the departure of the KIUNGA Medical Patrol three days prior to our arrival. These people gave us the impression that the KIUNGA patrol was D.N.A. staffed and that a census had been conducted by it.

As the patrol had very little food left on arrival in the IMDALMIN area and the people themselves were short, we had no alternative but to move on after conducting a census of those people who presented themselves.

31 FEGOLMIN carriers accompanied the patrol. This was the first time that they have been requested to undertake this task, but they worked well throughout the patrol.

ENKIAKMIN

The central villages of the ENKIAKMIN are situated six hours walk to the east of the NINGLINMIN group underneath the southern escarpment of the HINDENBERG Range. Previous contact with the group had been limited to two patrols who had seen many of the people and two other patrols which had passed through the area.

This patrol was well received by the people. A camp site had been cleared adjacent to BOLAVIP Village and several bush houses erected for our use.

Spokesman for the ENKIAKMIN is DIMENGIM, Headman of BOLAVIP. He brought in 18 carriers for the patrol when requested and was quite co-operative throughout. A very demonstrative person, he at times became quite annoying with his arm-waving and general boisterous behaviour.

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Previous officers visiting these Papuan areas have reported traditional ill-feeling between the various groups; namely between the WOKELMIN and KAMPAGOLMIN, the FEGOLMIN and KAMPAGOLMIN and the FEGOLMIN and ENKIAKMIN. This was not evident during this patrol and the people moved freely from one area to another. However, the presence of the fighting houses on the FEGOLMIN-ENKIAKMIN border (see Diary 29.1.62) shows that these two groups are still a little wary of each other.

No complaints were brought before the patrol in any of the above areas. As with the majority of the people administered from TELEFOMIN, the stage has not yet been reached when they will bring their disputes to the patrolling officer for settlement.

Although there has been no previous trouble in the area patrolled, caution was maintained at all times.

CENSUS

Attendance at the TIFALMIN and URAPMIN census was satisfactory. These two groups have now been subjected to a number of census checks and they are gradually coming to understand that all the people are required to present themselves. Three URAPMIN males were sentenced to one month imprisonment at TELEFOMIN for failing to appear. There were several other absentees, but their excuses were accepted and no action taken.

A total of 225 new names were recorded during the census check of the Papuan groups. The figures for this area are now considered to be almost complete for all except the IMDALMIN people. The latter reported that a hamlet of their group had not previously been seen by patrols, but as already recorded we did not have the time to verify this. Attendance was not good in these areas and many of the entries were made on information only.

TRACKS AND TERRAIN

The patrol followed the established patrol route into the TIFALMIN area via URAPMIN. This is a good walking track, marred only by the steep descent to the SEPIK River and the subsequent climb out of the gorge on the other side.

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The SEPIK at this point flows through a very narrow, rock-faced gorge and is spanned by a log bridge, a fall from which would mean almost certain death in the turbulent stream approximately twenty feet below. This bridge was found to be in sound condition.

After leaving TIFALMIN the patrol followed a narrow pad over grass covered ridges to the base of the HINDENBERG Range at the western extremity of the ILAM River Valley. The ascent of the range is steep and hazardous over a very rough, limestone studded track. From TIFALMIN to the point where the range was crossed is a climb of almost 4,000 feet.

The descent from the range is also steep, but only for the first 600 feet, or approximately 30 minutes walking, after which the track levels out to follow a bush covered plateau to the top of Mt. BALEL. The track over this comparatively flat section, approximately three and a half hours walking, was badly overgrown. The descent from this point is steep, but once again only for the first 700 feet. The descent then becomes more gradual and a number of small streams have to be crossed before arriving at WOKEMIN.

From WOKEMIN the patrol journeyed almost due south crossing a ridge 40 minutes after setting out. For the next hour and a half the track follows over a reasonably flat area before descending steeply to the MAGAL River and the IMDALMIN group 3,000 feet lower.

Departing from the IMDALMIN area the track veers to the north east, ascending gently to the base of the HINDENBERGS and the ATEMKIAKMIN area. From this point the patrol journeyed almost due east over broken terrain at the base of the HINDENBERGS, through the remainder of the FEGOL area and into the ENKIAKMIN. The track followed from the FEGOLMIN Rest House near DOLUVIP to ENKIAKMIN is extremely difficult in parts, especially near the boundary between these two groups, where an extensive area of timber has been felled in order to make gardens. This track was traversed twice as we returned from ENKIAKMIN to DOLUVIP en route to the Station.

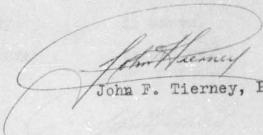
The return trip to the Station across the HINDENBERG and BEHRMANN Ranges is an arduous one.

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After a very difficult six hour walk across the former the patrol made camp at the head of the NONG River Valley and continued on for a further five hours the following day before reaching TELEFOMIN.

Numerous small rivers had to be crossed by the patrol on the southern side of the HINDENBERGS, none of which proved difficult. Several of the larger streams had to be crossed by bridge, but, as the route followed is frequently used by the inhabitants, all of these were already in place and no bridges had to be constructed by the patrol. The majority of these, however, consisted of a single felled tree and caution had to be exercised in crossing. The SEPIK River was re-crossed on the last day of the patrol on the KOBOROMIN bridge. This is in good condition.

Bad weather prevailed throughout the patrol's stay south of the Range. Heavy overcast and rain appears to be the natural phenomena of this area as each of the previous patrols has encountered similar conditions.



John F. Tierney, P.O.

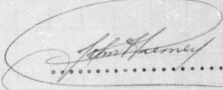
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1961/62 - TELEFOMIN

Report on R.P. & N.G.C. Members Accompanying Patrol

No. 3976 Sgt. 3C AMPULLA	An efficient N.C.O. who has a good knowledge of bush patrolling.
No. 8992 Const FIGI	A Telefomin who is a good worker and also useful as an interpreter.
No. 8968 Const IAKO	Worked well while with the patrol. Had to be returned to the station after five days with a strained knee.
No. 10421 Const. Tr. WAMOI	A young member who is improving with experience.
No. 8249 Const KAUPA	Average.
No. 8827 Const YOGEL	A willing worker.
No. 8472 Const KANANG	First patrol in Telefomin area - to the fore when work to be done.
No. 10417 Const SONI	As above.
No. 8977 Const MORUMA	Worked well.


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John F. Tierney



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK Report No. 9/61-62

Patrol Conducted by J.P. KELLY PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled TIFALMIN

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans ONE

Natives FORTY ONE

Duration—From 6/6/1962 to 10/6/1962

Number of Days FIVE

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1/1/1962

Medical 1/1/1962

Map Reference TIFALMIN SUBDISTRICT MAP

Objects of Patrol LAND PURCHASE - TIFALMIN

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

21/6/1960

Shawyer
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
TELEFOLMIN.

17th. July, 1962.



The District Officer,
Sepik District,
NEW A K.

TELEFOLMIN PATROL REPORT 9-61/62.

Your 67-3-6 of 4th. July, 1962, refers.

1. This was a short patrol led by Mr. Kelly, P.O., which had as its main object the purchase of the Baptist Mission airstrip site at Tifalmin. The land investigation was carried out in January, 1962, by Mr. Tierney, P.O., and I quote from his remarks on Land Tenure - "All land in the Tifalmin area is communally owned with usufructory rights invested in the individual. These rights are inherited equally by all children both male and female." The natives maintain scattered garden hamlets on the hillsides above the valley, and normally these contain no more than three houses, inhabited by the members of a compound family. Commonly, such a group maintains three garden areas at any one time, and these may be quite far apart. One garden is in production, one nearing it, and the third newly planted. These gardens are worked on a communal basis, with simple-family plots marked off by fallen timber delineating the boundaries. Everyone may use uncultivated land, be it grassland or forest, for hunting or gathering, but cultivated food trees, such as pandanus, are the property of the person who planted them, unless he has sold them to some-one else.

2. The Tifalmin have always favourably received the Baptist Mission. There has been no hint of any conflict since the area was de-restricted, and freedom of movement was permitted the Missionaries. Normally the activities of the Mission during the fortnightly visit include a short service, translated into the vernacular, an infant welfare clinic conducted by Sister B. Crouch, and purchase of whatever native food is brought in for sale. The acquisition of salt and other trade in this way is probably the main drawcard. Native mission teachers are well received, as they are usually from that area, and they run very elementary schools, from which the brighter pupils graduate to Telefolmin. Apart from their contact with these school boys, it would appear that the teachers have little influence with the people, apart from what they normally would have exerted, had they remained completely in their traditional environment.

For your information, please.

67-3-6
District Office, NEWAK
26th July, 1962

M. Calcutt
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(R.A. Calcutt)
Assistant District Officer.

MINUTE/The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KORORU.

Your 67-8-29 of 10th July, 1962, refers.

J. B. Wakeford
(J. B. WAKEFORD)
DISTRICT OFFICER

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
27th June, 1962.

District Officer,
Sepik District,
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PATROL REPORT NO. 9-61/62 - TELECOMIN.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks. I am pleased to note that the Mianmin people were used as carriers.

2. I should be glad to receive advice concerning the systems of land tenure in the area around Tifalain - I have no doubt they have been studied during this investigation.
3. The patrol would be a good training exercise for Mr. Stobart.
4. What kind of reception is given the Baptist missionaries when they visit the area by aircraft each fortnight; are their native mission teachers well received, and have they any influence?


(W.R. Dishon)
ACTING DIRECTOR

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District Office,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

21st June, 1962

The Assistant District Officer,
TELECOM.

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 - 61/62

Receipt of the above report is acknowledged.

Please advise Mr. Kelly that a patrol map is now
required.

J. E. Wakeford
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File: P/R 9/61-62.

Sub-District Office,
TELEFOLMIN.

12th. June, 1962.

The District Officer,
Sepik District,
W E W A A.

TELEFOLMIN PATROL NO. 9/61-62.

Please find herewith three copies of the above Patrol Report covering a short patrol made by Mr. J. P. Kelly, Patrol Officer, to the Tifalmin area.

The report calls for little comment. The purpose of the patrol was to purchase the Baptist Mission airstrip site at Tifalmin, about 8 miles West of Telefolmin. The object of the patrol was satisfactorily achieved.

Claims for Camping Allowance for Messrs. Kelly and Stobart are attached.

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a/Assistant District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
TELEPOLMIN.

4th. June, 1962.

Mr. J. P. Kelly,
Patrol Officer,
TELEPOLMIN.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - 9/61-62.

Please prepare to leave on a short patrol to the Tifalmin area on 6th. June, 1962. You will be accompanied by Mr. J. T. Stobart, CPO, Const. 1/C Kusino and five Constables, interpreter Tindanim, and a medical orderly. I suggest that you use the Mianmin carriers recruited for the Mianmin patrol as it will give them an introduction to carrying and will show them what patrol tracks are like, and what conditions can be like in a settled and well-patrolled area.

The object of your patrol will be to purchase the ten acres of land at Tifalmin, which was the subject of a Land Investigation Report by Mr. Patrol Officer Tierney in January 1962. Refer to this file. Refer also to the relevant CI relating to land purchase, and follow its instructions.

You will not need to do a census revision of the area as this was done in January. Handle any matters of general and routine administration which may need attention. You should be away no more than five or six days.

The area is quiet and settled but nevertheless maintain night guards, and keep your patrol together.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT NO.9 OF 61-62 - TELEFOLMIN.

Officer Conducting Patrol : John P. Kelly P.O.
Area Patrolled : Urapmin/Tifalmin Census Division
Personel Accompanying : Mr. J. Stobart C.P.O.
No.7403 Const.1/c Kusino
No.8977 Const.MORUMA
No.905 Const.ARE
No.6481 Const.DEWARI
No.10417 Const.SONI
No.10421 Const.WAMOI
Interpreter TINDANIM
N.M.O. MAICK
Duration of Patrol : 6.6.62 to 10.6.62.
5 days.
Object of Patrol : Land Purchase - Tifalmin.
Map Reference : Telefolmin Sub-District Map.
Last Patrol in Area
D.N.A. : January, 1962.
P.H.D. : January, 1962.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.TELEFOLMIN PATROL NO.9/61-62.Patrol Diary:Wednesday, 6th June, 1962.

Departed Telefolmin at 0950 accompanied by Mr. J. Stobart, C.P.C., Constable 1/c Kusino, 5 constables, one N.M.O. and one interpreter and 30 Mianmin carriers. Proceeded to Urapmin Rest House, arriving there at 1500 after resting 1 hour 25 minutes en route. Camp made and native foods purchased. Talked with Village Officials from surrounding hamlets. Guard posted at night - 2 hour shifts.

Thursday, 7th June, 1962.

Departed Urapmin at 0815 and proceeded to the rest house in the Lower Tifalmin (Okbilavip). Arrived Okbilavip Rest House at 1200 after 45 minutes rest en route. Walked boundaries of land to be purchased with owners, talked with owners and completed purchase of land during afternoon. Guard posted at night.

Friday, 8th June, 1962.

Inspected Okbilavip Hamlet and Aid-Post. Talked to Village Officials and Villagers. Proceeded to Ateintavintavip rest house in the Upper Tifalmin at 0930. Arrived 0955 and rested 5 minutes. Proceeded further up the valley to Bolangavip Hamlet. Arrived 1020 and inspected hamlet and talked to Village Officials and villagers from the surrounding hamlets. Returned to rest house at Okbilavip and inspected Naminduavip, Binabip, and Pasanabip Hamlets en route. Purchased native foods. Guard posted at night.

Saturday, 9th June, 1962.

Departed Okbilavip rest house at 0810 and returned to the rest house at Urapmin. Camp made and purchased native foods. Proceeded to Duvinduavip Hamlet - main village of the Urapmin group - 15 minutes - inspected hamlet. Proceeded to site above Ilam and Sepik River junction and Sepik River Gap - 10 minutes. Returned to rest house inspecting Damaltain, Safoltin and Kamogip Hamlets en route. Addressed Village Officials and Villagers of surrounding Urapmin Hamlets. Guard posted at night.

Sunday, 10th June, 1962.

Departed Urapmin at 0905 for Telefolmin. Arrived Telefolmin at 1225 after resting 15 minutes en route.

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Patrol Report NO.9/61-62.Introduction.

The area patrolled was the Urapmin/Tifalmin census division which is west of Telefolmin in the Ilam River Valley.

Although routine administration was carried out in as many hamlets as possible, the prime object of the patrol was to purchase ten acres of land at Tifalmin used by the Baptist Mission as a light aircraft strip.

The last patrol in this region was made in January this year. (Tel.F.R.6/61-62).

Native Affairs.

The patrol was well received in both Tifalmin and Urapmin and the people were reasonably co-operative.

No complaints what-so-ever were brought to the notice of the patrol.

Little more can be added under this heading that has not been covered by the last two patrol reports on this area.

Agriculture and Stock.

Although there is no shortage of food in this area food is not over plentiful due to the poor soils and the fact that the comparatively rugged topography makes the growing of subsistence crops arduous.

As for most of this sub-district, taro is staple food of these people although sweet potato constitutes an important part of their diet. Other supplementary crops grown by the Urapmin and Tifalmin people are pumpkins, bananas, corn and sugar cane. The Baptist Mission buy approximately 250 lbs. of sweet potato at Tifalmin each week when the M.A.F. Cessna makes its weekly visit.

Villages and Housing.

The general condition of the houses in all hamlets was good and the hamlets themselves were comparatively clean and tidy.

Rest Houses.

There are three rest houses in the area - Urapmin, Lower Tifalmin and Upper Tifalmin. All buildings were in satisfactory condition with the exception of the rest house at Ateintavintavip (Upper Tifalmin) and the police barracks at Urapmin. Instructions were issued for the necessary repairs to be carried out before the next patrol.

Communications.

The Urapmin/Tifalmin area is linked to Telefolmin by a series of walking tracks which at the time of the patrol were in good condition. A lot of work has been done on the Telefolmin-Urapmin section of the road in the way of drainage, levelling and repairing creek crossings.

The light aircraft strip at Tifalmin has been built on a hard gravel surface and requires little maintenance.

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Health.

Health in the area is good. The Aid-Post at Tifalmin is functioning quite well and is in good condition. Although most of the people in the area attend the aid-post when necessary, there are still a few people who will not attend the aid-post when in need of treatment.

A sister from the Baptist Mission at Telefolmin visits Tifalmin regularly by plane to treat sick but is mainly concerned with infant welfare.

The last medical patrol in the area was in January, 1962.

Missions.

The Baptist Mission at Telefolmin visits Tifalmin every fortnight per aircraft where a service is conducted, native foods purchased and medical treatment is given.

A native mission teacher remains permanently at Tifalmin where he conducts services and gives religious instructions.

Conclusion.

This report is short as only a short period was spent in the area and there have been few changes since the previous report.

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