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PATROL REPORTS SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT 1962/63

MENDI

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" 15-62/63	"	Upper Mendi CID.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

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District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MENDI 1 of 62/63

Patrol Conducted by P. G. CROWE P.O.

Area Patrolled UPPER LAI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans K. N. GARRA CPO  
R PONGE ?

Natives INTERPRETER 1 NMO 1

Duration—From 10/7/1962 to 25/7/1962

Number of Days 16

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5/1962

Medical 6/1962

Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol 1. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

2. ADVISE PEOPLE ON ROADWORK.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-15-1

29th August, 1962.

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

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 1962/63 - MENDI:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.


2. Your attention is drawn to my 14-2-15 of 24th July 1962.

3. I am pleased to note that you have given Mr. Grigg the opportunity to accompany patrols as part of his training. I indeed hope that the situation in the Lai Valley continues to remain stable.

4. It is gratifying to note that the Village Constables status is improving.

5. There appears to have been an increase in the activities of the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries in coffee planting projects.

6. I hope the people's enthusiasm to improve their communications is sustained.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.





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District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

8th August, 1962.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO.1 OF 1961/62.

Thank you for the above Report which was received on the 3rd August 1962.

Camping Claims returned herewith.

I am pleased to note the number of men who are now offering for the Highland Labour Scheme. With the results already achieved in the Lai, these recruits are further evidence of Administration influence and control. Twelve months ago it was not possible to persuade Village Constables to report to Mendi - they were virtually prisoners of their own valley.

It is also pleasing to note the effect of the Village Constables school. Please arrange for a further school, to be attended by those who failed to report for the last course.

Mr. Crowe continues to apply himself to his field work.

*My 14-2-15 of 20 July 62 to Do mendi suggested this Division should continue to be known as Lai Valley, to avoid confusion with the Upper Lai Division in Western Highlands*

*The*  
(A.C. JEFFERIES)  
Acting District Officer.

MINUTE to Director,  
D.N.A.  
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

*A.C. J.*  
(A.C. JEFFERIES)  
Acting District Officer.

File No. 67-1-2  
Sub-District Office,  
MENDI, M.H.D.

5th July, 1962

Mr. P.C. Crowe,  
Patrol Officer,  
Sub. District Office,  
MENDI.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - UPPER LAI CENGHE DIVISION

Please prepare to move out on patrol to the Upper Lai Division on the 10th July, 1962.

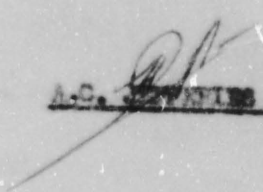
A Constable has been sent ahead to advise the people of your itinerary.

An N.C.O. and six police have been detailed to accompany you.

Chief Patrol Officer Grigg has also been instructed to accompany your patrol, it will be part of your duty to instruct him in patrol duties, administering carrier lines, feeding of carriers, police etc.

This patrol is to be of a routine nature but at the same time please give advice and encouragement to the people on their vehicle road construction.

Contact the D.M.O. for the services of a N.M.O.

  
A.C. JENNINGS M.O.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 67-2-1

Sub. District Office,  
MENDI. S.H.D.  
26th July, 1962

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

Mendi Patrol No. 1 of 1962/63.

Conducted by P.G. Crowe P.O.

Area patrolled:- Upper LAI Census Division.

Accompanied by Europeans:- K.N. Grigg C.P.O.

Natives:- Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary 7

Interpreter 1

Native Medical Orderly 1.

Duration:- 16 Patrol days

15 Nights camped out.

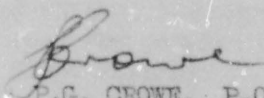
Last patrol to area:- D.N.A. :- 5 - 62

Medical:- 6 - 62

Map reference:- Sketch map attached

Objects of patrol:- 1. Routine Administration.

2. Advise people on roadwork.

  
P.G. CROWE. P.O.

INTRODUCTION:

Basically this patrol had two things in mind; General administration, and impressing upon the people the necessity of a road system through their area to open it up for their own development. Every effort was made to bring home to the people that the road would be for their own benefit and on the face of reception given and enthusiasm shown, it appears that the patrol has achieved its aim.

DIARY:

Tuesday 10th July, 1962

Departed MENDI 1130 hrs. arrived KAMB 1630 hrs. Camp set up. People all told to come to-morrow for a check of names. Slept KAMB.

Wednesday 11th, July, 1962

Called names from census books with additions made in pencil to be included in next census figures. General talk to people concerning necessity of road for their own development. No complaints this trip. Nine names taken for H.L.S. Slept KAMB.

Thursday 12th, July, 1962

Departed KAMB 0845 for TUGUP. Began calling names 0945. Talk to people on necessity of road. General talk to natives. Walked along section of road giving directions for construction. 12 names taken for H.L.S. Slept TUGUP.

Friday 13th July, 1962

Departed TUGUP 0845 hrs. for KIP. Began calling names at 0945 hrs. General talks to natives. One dispute heard and settled. 12 names taken for H.L.S. Slept KIP.

Saturday 14th July, 1962

Departed KIP 0830 hrs. for TUMIA, called names from book. General talks to people one dispute re-tribute price settled V.C. here useless. Another man recommended. 12 names taken for H.L.S. Slept TUMIA.

Sunday 15th July, 1962

Departed TUMIA 0830 hrs. for MAPKEPOL. Called names from book. Difficult group to census. General talk stressing need for road for their own development. Two disputes heard and settled. 13 names taken for H.L.S. Slept MAPKEPOL.

Monday 16th July, 1962

Departed MAPKEPOL 0845 hrs. for KEMA. Called names from book. General talk to people. Two disputes heard one settled - one to be settled at KUIANDA. No recruits for H.L.S. Slept KEMA.

Tuesday 17th July, 1962

Departed KEMA 0830 hrs. arrived IMILHAMA 1030 hrs. called names from book. General talk to people. No complaints. This afternoon spent re-routing walking track onto less ankle-breaking route. No recruits for H.L.S. Slept IMILHAMA.

Wednesday 18th July, 1962

Two police to MENDI this morning with 4 men to be charged under N.R.C.'S. Departed IMILHAMA 0830 hrs. for Marisere, arrived MARISERE 1005 hrs. Mr. Grigg and 2 police remained here to call names self and 2 police to SEMAIP to call names there, arrived 1130 hrs. Cargo to WARIBA under police escort to set up camp. Called names at MARISERE, SEMAIP and WARIBA. 4 names taken for H.L.S. from SEMAIP. No complaints. Slept WARIBA.

Thursday 19th July, 1962

Departed WARIBA 0900 hrs. arrived PELEPOI 1220 hrs. Called names from book. General talk on necessity of road for peoples development. No complaints, 4 names taken for H.L.S. Slept PELEPOI.



Friday 20th July, 1962

Departed PILEFOI 0830 hrs for WIPUA, called names from book. General talks to people. V.C. very keen. No complaints. Walked along road route giving advice on construction. 9 names taken for H.L.S. Slept WIPUA.

Saturday 21st July, 1962

Departed WIPUA 0910 hrs. Mr. Grigg called names at MAIALA, self to MONDA where names were called. General talks to people. Two disputes heard and settled. 4 names taken for H.L.S. Slept MONDA.

Sunday 22nd July, 1962

Departed MONDA 0830 hrs. for SOBA, arrived SOBA 1000 hrs. patrol stood down for day. In afternoon police fired 5 shots each at target in safe spot. Slept SOBA.

Monday 23rd July, 1962

Names called from SOBA book. Talk to people on necessity of road to open up their area. Two disputes heard. 4 names recorded for H.L.S. Slept SOBA.

Tuesday 24th July, 1962

Departed SOBA 0815 hrs. Mr. Grigg to IWJEDI to call names, self to KUIANDA where names were called and general talk given to assembled people. Two names for H.L.S. IWJEDI, one from KULADA. Two disputes heard one settled, the other long standing and still unsettled. Slept KUIANDA.

Wednesday 25th July, 1962

Departed KUIANDA 0815 hrs. self to MENDI 1500 hrs. Cargo under police supervision arrived 1430 hrs. Reported to A.D.C. Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARYNATIVE AFFAIRS:

This patrol was well received at all villages visited during the patrol. Ample quantities of native food was available for purchase. Now that tribal fighting would appear to be a thing of the past in the Lai Valley, and a substitute to use up excess energy has been given i.e. road work, - Administration influence in the area is going ahead at an increased rate. The attitude of the people is changing from perpetual enmity with neighbouring tribes to one of how to increase in their economic position. Many of the Lai Valley people are now visiting the Bela and Mendi area and have noted the economic progress being made in those areas. They realize that roads are imperative if they are to have a share in the aid given by Government Departments so that the road system in the Lai Valley is progressing through voluntary labour at a rapid rate. This roadwork coupled with frequent patrolling in the area is having a very steady effect on the Lai Valley dwellers. A number of disputes were brought forward and arbitrated where possible. Four men were despatched to Mendi to be tried under the N.R.O.'S.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

There appears to have been a marked improvement in the attitude of the Village Constables in this area since the V.C.'S school was conducted at Mendi some two months ago. A number of Village Constables did not attend this school and the difference between them and those that attended is quite noticeable.

The V.C. of TUMIA, UENDI has been recommended for dismissal and a covering letter has been submitted, the recommended replacement:- TIMEAL - PULUNA has proved to be very capable in handling those natives under his influence and is also a headman and very pro Administration.

AGRICULTURE:

In the previous Lai Valley patrol No. 15 of 1961/62 mention was made of the large number of coffee trees in nurseries ready for planting. This has now been done by the Agriculture Department, permanent shade trees planted and temporary shade structures built.

An increasing amount of European type vegetables e.g. tomatoes, potatoes and cabbage was noticed by this patrol and also spinach was seen on one occasion - the last from seeds from KANDEP W.H.D.

ROAD AND BRIDGES:

As was mentioned in Native Affairs, the road system in the Lai Valley is progressing quite steadily. As all this is being done at present on a voluntary basis, the results are quite pleasing. Quite an amount of bridging will be necessary before the road is usable once the roadwork is completed. It is suggested that this work could be sped up if a number of natives were shown at least how to prepare approaches for the bridges in preparation for laying of timber.

HEALTH :

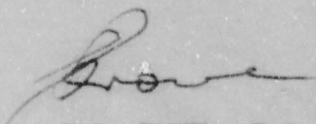
The general health of the people appears to be quite good. The N.M.O. accompanying the patrol treated many minor ailments in the duration of the patrol.

HIGHLAND LABOUR SCHEME :

In all 89 names were taken from various villages in the Lai Valley to proceed to the coast as indentured labour so that the reception of the idea of travelling appears to be fairly reasonable.

CONCLUSION:

The main aim of this patrol was to interest the people in building a road system to help them in the development of their area. This was actually an easy task as they were already of one mind as to the importance of the road. General talks of the keen interest and encouragement of the Administration in general and various departments is particular, in their own area only served to boost the enthusiasm of the villages. In all it would appear that the patrol was successful in its aim.

  
F.G. CROWE. P.O.

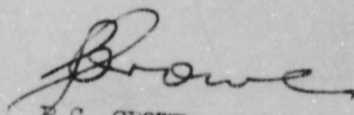


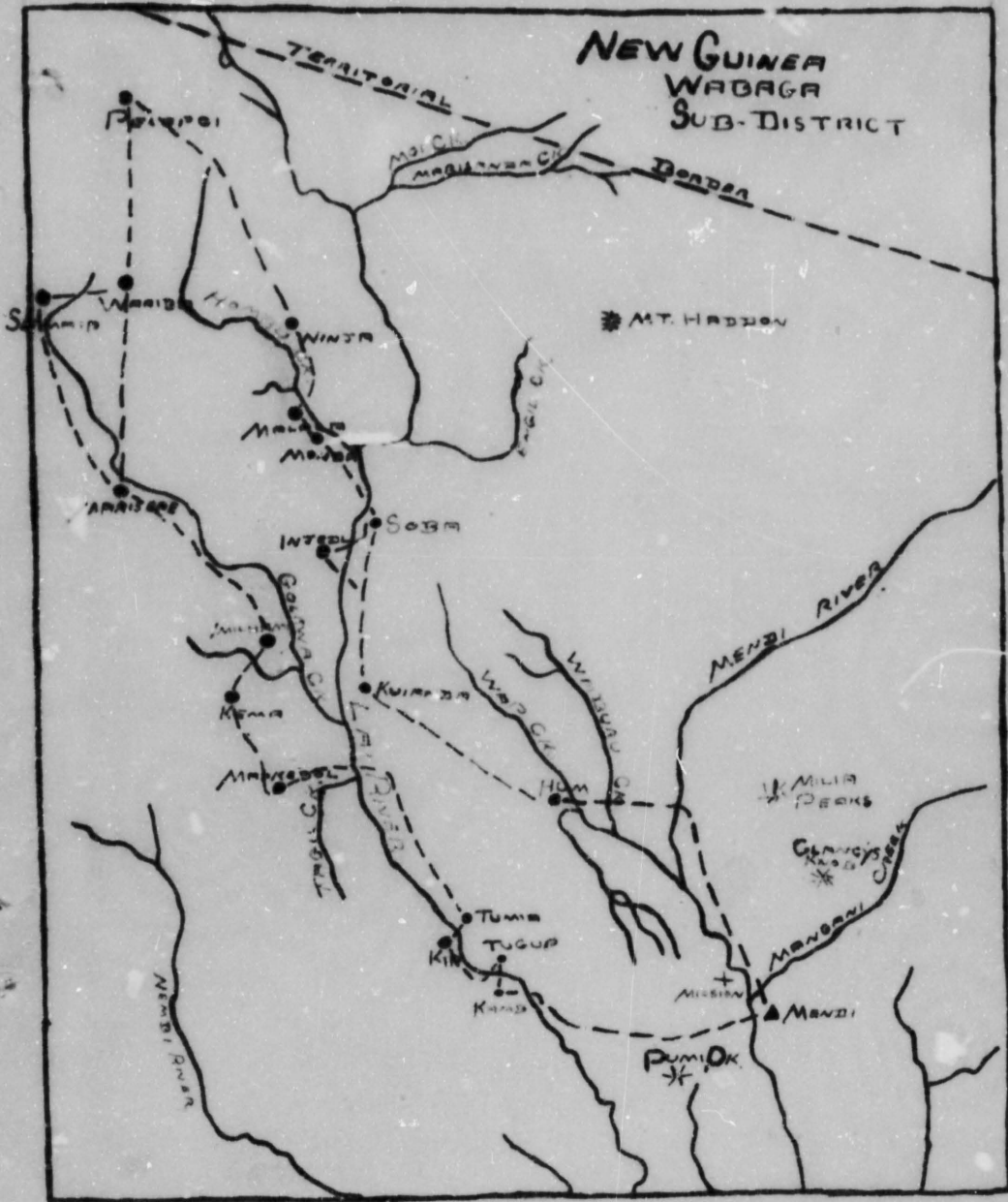
APPENDIX 1

Report on members of the Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary accompanying this patrol.

No. 2528 Sen. Const. KAEUN	Good man but inclined to be lazy.
" 7779 Const. OVUGA	Good man but needs firm handling.
" 10050 Const/Bugler BIGA	Intelligent - keen.
" 10891 Const. IZIA	Willing but headstrong.
" 10895 Const. TOLAI	Slow plodder.
" 10661 Const. LEISIAT	Fair bushman.
" 10916 Const. WAINGE	Excellent - keen and energetic.

These comments have been placed in the respective records of Service and R.S. forms **L's** have been despatched to Headquarters.

  
F.G. CROWE. P.O.



LAI RIVER PATROL  
 No 1 MENDI 62-63

SCALE - 1:250,000

PATROL  
 ROUTE  
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..... SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS ..... Report No. 3 MENDI PATROL NO.3 1962-63.

Patrol Conducted by..... KENNETH N. C. IGG. CADET PATROL OFFICER.....

Area Patrolled..... UNDIRI CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives..... ONE INTERPRETER 7 R.P. @ N.G.C%

Duration—From..... 1 8 62 ..... to..... 24 8 62 .....

Number of Days..... TWENTY FOUR.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... 5 62 ...../...../19.....

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

Map Reference..... SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.....

Objects of Patrol..... ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION......

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

21 NOV 1962  
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*[Handwritten Signature]* a/d.s.

District Commissioner

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

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

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

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27th November, 1962.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MEINI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3/62-63 - MEINI

Receipt of the above-mentioned Patrol Report from  
Mr Kenneth N. Grigg, Cadet Patrol Officer, is acknowledged  
with thanks.

The UNEIPI people's enthusiasm should be carefully  
fostered. I shall look forward to the Report from Mr  
Lucas on the UNEI people.

You should ensure that the people are not given any  
false impressions as to benefits which may be derived from  
economic development at this stage - first, find your markets.

I feel sure that with improved communications  
the establishment of Local Government Councils will be  
brought nearer.

There will be a place in the Highlands Labour  
Scheme for men who are prepared to work.

An informative report revealing a capacity for  
hard work and intelligent observation.

(W.R. DUSHEN)  
Acting Director.

SECRET OFFICE





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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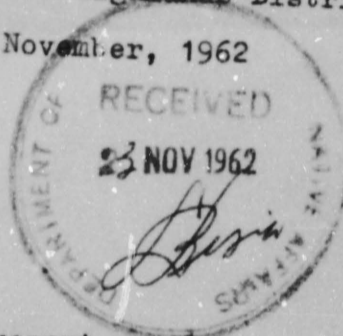
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No. 67-3-2

District Office,  
MENDI  
Southern Highlands District.

20th November, 1962

Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
K O N E D O B U.



Mendi Patrol No. 3 62/63

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Attached, hereto, please find report on the  
above patrol as submitted by Mr. K.N. Grigg, Cadet  
Patrol Officer and covering memorandum 57-2-1 of the  
26th October, 1962. Mr. Fowler's covering memorandum  
covers the report fully.

(R.W. Blaikie)  
a/District Officer.

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c.c. Assisnat District Officer,  
M E N D I

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NFF:BT.

67-2-1.

Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

26th October, 1962.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 3/62-63.

Please find attached a report on the abovementioned patrol conducted by Mr. K. Grigg, Cadet Patrol Officer. Camping claims are also attached.

This was Mr Grigg's first unaccompanied patrol and although the report is some-what marred by typing errors Mr Grigg has expressed himself well and clearly.

The report indicates a sound situation in the Undiri Census Division, and there is a growing desire in the area for development, the enthusiasm with which they have attacked the roads is indicative of this. Feelings have already been put out by a few groups towards Local Government. In his Diary Mr Grigg mentions the generally poor situation at Del, following this I instructed Mr Lucas, Patrol Officer in Charge, Nipa to visit these areas during his Lai Valley Census Patrol. He has submitted recommendations which I feel will improve the situation.

Roads and Bridges:

Roadworks appears to be progressing well, when the section near Tubiri is completed it is anticipated that approximately 5 mile of this road will be serviceable. I am hoping this will be before the end of the year.

Health and Hygiene:

On the surface the health of the people does appear good, however census figures received to date this year indicate a pattern of low natural increase with large numbers of deaths amongst children. The services of an Infant Welfare Sister in Mendi are urgently required and the radiol pattern of roads in use and being extended would ensure that a large proportion of the people were contacted.

Agriculture:

The fact that the road will provide direct access to the market in Mendi has been expressed before by these people, and it is now that they should be preparing larger gardens if their hopes are to be realised.

I understand from agricultural Officer that the coffee planted in the Undiri is thriving.

It is recommended that a Local Government Survey should be undertaken in the Undiri as soon as staff is available.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in forwarding this report, however over the past few weeks I have been almost fully engaged in Local Government activities.

Assistant District Officer.

(N. S. FOWLER)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA @ NEW GUINEA

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE,  
MENDI S.H.D.  
4-10-62.

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

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 62-63.

OFFICER CONDUCTING	K.N.GRIGG C.P.C.
AREA PATROLLED	UNFIRI CENSUS DIVISION MENDI SUB-DISTRICT
DURATION OF PATROL	From 1-8-62 to 24-8-62.
NO. OF DAYS	TWENTY FOUR.
MAP REFERENCE	SKETCH MAP ATTACHED
OBJECTS OF PATROL	TO ACHIEVE ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION IN THE AREA.

  
.....  
K.N.GRIGG  
CADET PATROL OFFICER

INTRODUCTION

As can be seen from the attached Patrol Instructions, the duties of the patrol were of a routine nature and there is nothing to be gained from repeating them under this heading.

The area patrolled was the UNDIRI CENSUS DIVISION which is situated in the general area bounded on one side by the ERAVE and NEMBI rivers and on the other side by the MENDI river. The unfortunate shooting incident which occurred on the patrol will be discussed later in the report.

DIARYWednesday 1st August 1962.

At 2.00 pm. the patrol departed for TUBIRI, where it was observed that all the people were working on their section of the main vehicular road. Sämt TUBIRI.

Thursday 2nd August

Left for PINJ. via PUMI. Arrived 2.00 pm. Here I had been instructed to investigate the death of a Capuchin Mission Catechist who was drowned in the Lai River, and to report any suspected foul play to the A.D.O. MENDI. This will be reported on later. As well as proceeding with the investigation on this day I spoke with the people on the urgency of the road program and its importance to them.

Friday 3rd August

Concluded investigation. Report sent A.D.O. MENDI. Inspected Cemetery, Coffee gardens, had talks with the Village Officials.

Saturday 4th August

Still at PINJ. Native houses inspected. Walked the length of the uncut road in this area. One complaint settled.

Sunday 5th August

Departed PINJ. for ENDOWA. Arrived 9.00 am. Talks with Village Officials about progress and importance of road. Inspections of Cemetery, Coffee gardens, hygiene conditions and necessary instructions given. One complaint settled here.

Monday 6th August

Left ENDOWA for PUMI. Talks with the people and inspections as usual. Necessary instructions given. En route to PUMI, checked and supervised that section of the road now being cut and worked by the MIL, ESKAMP groups.

Tuesday 7th August

Left PUMI at 9.00 am. for ESKAMP. Again inspections and talks with the people and officials on Administration aims and the importance of the road construction program.



Wednesday 8th August

Departed ESKAMP for MIL. Usual instructions given. Talks on economic development, importance of road, importance of hygiene. Inspections as usual.

Thursday 9th August

~~Departed~~ Departed MIL for MALA. These people are relatively ignorant of Administration aims and purpose. Notwithstanding they are a very co-operative group. Inspections here and general talks as contained in the instructions.

Friday 10th August

Went to PUMBURA. Place in good order. Routine administration here. No complaints.

Saturday 11th August

Departed PUMBURA for DEL. Place in poor order. Some of the instructions given by previous patrols not heeded. I spoke to the people on Administration aims, economic development and the need to obey instructions which are designed to assist them to improve their lot.

Sunday 12th August

At DEL. Revised census here. Previous instructions were re-iterated and it is to be hoped that the next patrol finds the situation at DEL an improved one.

Monday 13th August

Left DEL for PABARONGA. Talks with the people on general matters. Inspections and one complaint settled here.

Tuesday 14th August

Departed PABARONGA for MEGI. Two complaints settled. Place in good order. Routine administration.

Wednesday 15th August

This day left for YARIA. Routine administration here. Place in good order and existing Catholic Mission has some considerable influence amongst these people. Talks given on Administration aims for the area.

Thursday 16th August

At IORE. Here entered the circuit of the main road. Roadwork progressing well. Routine administration.

Friday 17th August

Departed IORE for IAGEN. Place in poor order. People told to start working on previous instructions as issued. Talks given on Administration aims and the need for a vehicular road.

Saturday 18th August

Departed for ONE. Routine administration. General talks and hygiene inspections.

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MENDI PATROL REPORT

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Sunday 19th August

Went to PORORO, where people are working on the vehicular road. No problems here. Routine administration.

Monday 20th August

Departed PORORO for TUBIRI. Roadwork in progress and this was supervised. Received word of a native having been shot by one of my policemen, TIBUARI by name at 1.00 pm. I reported this fact to the District Officer MENDI.

Tuesday 21st August

At TUBIRI, waited for the patrol investigating the shooting to arrive, then to PORORO to check roadwork in progress and to supervise same.

Wednesday 22nd August

At TUBIRI, supervised work on the TUBIRI-SUNDA road, while awaiting the return of the above-mentioned patrol.

Thursday 23rd August

Walked to PUMI, thence back to TUBIRI via IORE, IAGEN, ONE and PORORO. This was to again check and advise on road construction in the area.

Friday 24th August

At TUBIRI, supervised roadwork in the morning, then was ordered to report to MENDI.  
PATROL STOOD DOWN.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS

The native affairs situation throughout this area is quite good. I am sure that the people realize that they still have a lot of work ahead of them, especially in the nature of road construction.

There were not many disputes or complaints brought to my notice, which is indicative of a people whom I find in the main are willing to co-operate and to appreciate the work of the Administration.

I found also that any instructions previously issued by other Officers had been adhered to with varying degrees of enthusiasm.

Under this heading I want to comment on how I found the Village Constables of the area. I consider them to be generally a co-operative group with a satisfactory amount of influence over their respective peoples. A pointed review of their responsibilities and duties under the Native Regulations Ordinance was I believe a help in clarifying their rightful positions and status in the village.

The patrol was well received at all Rest houses and supplies of native food were readily brought forward for sale.

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I want now to discuss the incident concerning the Capuchin Mission Catechist who was drowned in the Lai river. The result of my investigation was contained in a report submitted in to the Assistant District Officer Mendi immediately the enquiry was concluded. The nature of the evidence was such as to make the only possible finding to be one of "Accidental Death". It was the concensus of opinion that this was indeed the case among all the people of that area who were questioned in the course of the investigation.

During the patrol an unfortunate incident occurred, when one of the policemen TIBUARI, by name had occasion to accidentally shoot a native from ESKAMP in the leg. The man died. I feel that as all of the relevant facts were bared at the ensuing Coronial Enquiry, conducted by Mr A.F.O, DRISCOLL S.M. it is only pertinent for me to state that as far as the native situation is concerned, there has been no detrimental effect as a result of this incident. I believe this same opinion was voiced by the Coroner himself in his report on the incident. The Coroners finding was of course "Death by Misadventure".

ROADS @ BRIDGES

Amost important project in the area is the current construction of the Lai Valley road. It is progressing well, but there is still a considerable amount of work to do before it is opened to vehicular traffic. The people now realize its potential value to them as a boost in gaining rapid development, economic, social and political. A concerted effort by the native population with patrols to the area to supervise the work should see the end in sight by early next year. Those groups who have finished cutting their allocated section of the road are now engaged in stock piling timber for the construction of the many bridges needed in the area.

In areas where there is no vehicular road under construction, the people have been instructed to widen and maintain their walking tracks between villages, some of which were in poor condition at the time of the patrols visit.

HEALTH @ HYGIENE

Speaking broadly it was observed that the general health of the people appeared satisfactory.

In the majority of the cases, although the patrol was not supplied with a native medical orderly, we did carry out visual medical checks of the inhabitants of each village. The results appeared good.

Again the results of the hygiene inspections which were held at each village were pleasing. Generally the houses were in a satisfactory condition, while nearly all villages were equipped with an adequate cemetery. Advice as to how to effect improvements was of course given in this regard.

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AGRICULTURE

Because of the lack of a vehicular road at present cash cropping in the area is a negligible item. But it is worthy of note that the people expressed great interest at the thought of being able to market their produce in Mendi once the vehicular road is completed. This may of course at first be confined to supplying kau-kau to government departments, but would at least provide a much needed means of quickening the introduction of a cash economy to these people. As is the case in other areas a tractor would be used to transport the produce to Mendi.

The coffee situation in this area is one of much interest. Most of the villages have coffee planted in a nursery and have an area ready for planting out. There is considerable interest in the project by the native people while this is illustrated by the fact that in many cases where coffee has not yet been introduced to an area, the people have themselves prepared a suitable nursery in anticipation of future government action. The people in these instances were informed that every effort would be made to supply them with coffee seed as soon as possible. The Agricultural Officer was seen in this regard.

HIGHLAND LABOUR SERVICE

During the course of the patrol it was pleasing to see the numbers of young men who requested the chance to obtain work at the coast as part of the Highland Labour Scheme. Many of the villages were represented and I would estimate that 50 men were recruited from the area. Perhaps they were guided in their motives by the observation that the Highland Labour Scheme veterans of the village, able to speak Pidgin and in possession of material wealth of the same type as Europeans were regarded in the village as men of some standing and influence.

MISSIONS

I feel that I should briefly mention something about the ~~Seven~~ Catholic Missions which the patrol encountered. In some cases ie. the Missions at PABARONGA, YARIA and IORE they appear to have some considerable influence in the lives of the people and certainly are intent on providing valuable education for the children. There is a Methodist Mission at IAGEN which along with ones just mentioned are providing a stabilising affect on the area.

CONCLUSION

The groups concerned with road construction will be fully employed for some months to come. I consider that this area has definite potential as a Local Government Council prospect while it is primarily the lack of a vehicular road which is preventing this from becoming a reality.

Comments on R.P.@N.G.C.personnel who accompanied the patrol have been entered in their respective Records of Service and Forms R.S.1 have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.

*Kenneth Grigg*  
K.N. GRIGG

CADET PATROL OFFICER.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

*Duplicate of Original*

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MENDI NO. 3<sup>A</sup> of 1962/63.

Patrol Conducted by ALAN JEFFERIES - DISTRICT OFFICER.

Area Patrolled NEMBI VALLEY

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans P. BARBER, P.O., Part Time.

Natives 10 MEMBERS R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 7/7/1963 to 14/7/1963.

Number of Days EIGHT

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5/6/1963.

Medical 16/9/1961

Map Reference D.N.A. CENSUS MAP. LONG 143° 31' LAT. 6° 18'

Objects of Patrol INVESTIGATE ALLEGED TRIBAL FIGHTING AT UBA

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

67-15-75

15th August, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MANDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3/62-63 - MANDI.


Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

The investigation reveals a very satisfactory situation in the area particularly in that the man wished to be placed in a Corrective Institution because he had killed someone else.

Did either of the "victims" die?

The record of the squabble over the shell is interesting and typical.

It is difficult for these newly appointed Village Constables not to get into some kind of trouble by over-stepping their authority, however this is something we have to live with and I suggest that additional classes for Village Constables be conducted to tell them of their duties and limitations of authority.

  
(J. K. McCarthy),  
Director.

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At 1800 hours, Sgt GIAR of NIPA Detachment reported that the man PES - SULT of LIL had arrived at the Station and asked to be placed in the Corrective Institution as he had just killed the man ONGA - BO. He had further stated to the Sergeant that the reason he had killed ONGA - BO was because ONGA-BO had that day killed the woman YUL-SULT, sister of PES. Both these murders had occurred near INJIP next to the Methodist Mission Station.



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DIARY.

Sunday 7th July, 1963.

Carriers arrived 0815 hours, arranged cargo loads and sent carriers with police to IORE Village at 1030 hours.

Spent remainder of day until 1045 hours in office preparing correspondence etc. for typing.

Monday 8th July, 1963.

Self and one policeman departed MENDI per foot 0625 hours, passed through TUBIRI - PORORO - ONE - IAGEN and arrived IORE 0900 hours. Police and carriers ready. Departed 0930 hours and arrived MEGI 1130 hours - lunch. Departed 1245 hours commenced crossing LAI No. 2 cane suspension bridge 1315 hours completed crossing 1415 hours ascended to PABARUNGA arriving at 1500 hours. Village Constables TEIA of POMBADL, IJMAI of POMBAR, WABUL of WARAMES and TELIBU of PABARONGA met patrol and arranged a supply of food to carriers. Sent Village Constable IJMAI to DEL to inform people of the movements of the patrol.

Tuesday 9th July, 1963.

Departed PABARONGA 0620 hours, arrived DEL 0700 hours. Met by Village Constables PIBI of DEL, KIBET of URUA and TIMBA of UBURIL. Despite the early hour, they had thirty or forty women cooking sweet potatoes for the carriers. Departed 0735 hours and arrived UDJIBIA / UBA crossroads (Nembi Valles) 0935 hours. Met by the Village Constable of SENIM with a note from Mr. Barber, Patrol Officer. The Village Constable had arrived from UBA via UDJIBIA over a bush track first used by me during the SENIM / MERUT Patrol on the 18th September, 1961 (page 4 Mendi Patrol Report No. 4 of 1961/62). In this note Mr. Barber advised that the people of KUM intended attacking the patrol in force between UBA and KUM.

Departed cross roads 1040 hours and proceeded along the road to UBA via KESU and KUM. Whilst moving through these areas it was noticed that although women and children were tending their gardens lookouts were posted the entire length of the surrounding high ridges. Several bowmen were located in various house settlements and these were persuaded to relieve the patrol carrier line. Finally, patrol met Mr. Barber and police party on UBA Road at 1120 hours. Returned to UBA Rest House arriving at 1150 hours.

Afternoon spent in hearing various 'Courts'.

Wednesday 10th July, 1963.

Broke camp 0630 hours but waited at Rest House for arrival of several men from KUM. Departed 0830 hours, passed through SENIM / MERUT area thence UGUR (sometimes called HONT) thence EBIL - INJIP (adjacent to Methodist Overseas Mission at PURIL) WOLAL and finally arrived at NIPA 1500 hours.

At 1800 hours, Sgt GIAR of NIPA Detachment reported that the man PES - SULT of LIL had arrived at the Station and asked to be placed in the Corrective Institution as he had just killed the man ONGA - BO. He had further stated to the Sergeant that the reason he had killed ONGA - BO was because ONGA-BO had that day killed the woman YUL-SULT, sister of PES. Both these murders had occurred near INJIP next to the Methodist Mission Station.



PES was obviously seeking asylum, fearing reprisals against him; he also stated that the bodies were being brought in to the Station and that there were no witnesses to either crime.

Thursday 11th July, 1963.

Heavy rain continuing from 2100 hours last night.

As the bodies had not arrived by 0900 hours, Mr. Barber and police party proceeded to INJIP to investigate, en-route he located both 'bodies' being brought to the Station on stretchers badly mutilated, but certainly not dead. The injured people finally arrived at NIPA at 1400 hours and I called Radio Hagen and asked for an aircraft to be sent to NIPA to evacuate them.. Despite the worst possible flying conditions the aircraft arrived accompanied by Dr. Mulas and finally departed for Hagen.

Police investigation then followed but to date no eye witnesses are available but quite valuable statements were taken from the two victims who were fully conscious.

Friday 12th July, 1963.

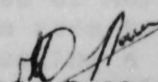
Departed NIPA 0630 hours and following the vehicular road route passed through EGENDA - MULIS - SHUMBI - PONK and arrived KIP 1200 hours. Heard several complaints of a minor nature and these were settled out of court.

Saturday 13th July, 1963.

Departed KIP 0635 hours and again following the vehicular road route passed through TUGUP and arrived at PINJ 0830 hours. Met by Village Constables of KAMB and TUMIA. Heard one domestic dispute which was settled out of court. Departed 1030 hours, arrived PUMI 1330 hours. Met by Village Constables of MIL, ENDOWA and ESKAMP. Heard three cases concerning Pandanus Palms which were all settled out of court.

Sunday 14th July, 1963.

Departed PUMI 0630 hours following vehicular road, passed through IORE, IAGEN, PORURO-TUBIRI arriving at Mendi 0945 hours.

  
(A. C. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.



### INTRODUCTION:

During Thursday, 4th July, 1963, I accompanied the District Commissioner, Mr. Skinner to NIPA Patrol Post for the purpose of visiting the Methodist Overseas Mission Annual Synod. Whilst at NIPA the Officer-in-Charge, Mr. Barber reported that he had received information from a Village Constable that some men from KUM had violently attacked the Village Constable of UBA and that he was either dead or dying. The informant also went on to say that the KUM and UBA people were engaged in tribal fighting and that the KUM men were threatening to attack any Administration Patrol that visited the area. Because of this information and because the Assistant District Officer, Mendi, was conducting a patrol in the KAMBIRI Division, I decided to visit the area personally and rendezvous at UBA with Mr. Barber.

### NATIVE SITUATION:

On arriving at UBA the Village Constable was found to be alive and unharmed and the report concerning the attack on him to be grossly exaggerated. An investigation revealed that some time past two American Capuchin Friars passed through the Nambi Valley on a Missionary Survey. During this tour they gave several Village Constables a Mother of Pearl Shell, apparently under the impression that the Village Constable was in each case the hereditary chief and that it was customary to offer him a gift befitting his rank.

Subsequently a third Friar passed through the area endeavouring to set up Mission Stations at various centres, UBA was one of the areas selected and the UBA Village Constable became a very keen follower of the Friar. The Administration Rest House is on his land and because several of his kinsmen live next to the Rest House, he organised them to build three small native material buildings for the Mission immediately adjacent to the Rest House.

However, it appears that the Village Constable considered progress on these Mission buildings was too slow and he endeavoured to force the pace. His clansfolk objected and after one particularly heated discussion which took place in their dwelling next to the Rest House; the Village Constable snatched a Mother of Pearl Shell from the hand of one of the Elders, ran to the Rest House and suspended the shell from the rafters. The Clansfolk rushed in and retrieved the Shell, where upon the Village Constable took hold of it and endeavoured to re-take possession, in the ensuing struggle the Shell was smashed.

The Village Constable then ran from the area shouting that he was going to obtain the services of more obliging kinsfolk. Whilst he was moving from this area towards KUM, he overtook a fellow clanswoman who was leading a small pig on a rope. He spoke to her quite politely and enquired from her the whereabouts of her husband and other clan members, stating that he wanted them to assist him to finish the Mission buildings. The woman replied that all the menfolk were absent at KUM assisting the Village Constable erect a house. This remark apparently enraged the UBA Constable and he immediately set about beating the pig with a small cane with such violence that the pig was killed. The Village Constable then returned home; meanwhile the custodian of the pig went to KUM and told the Village Constable of KUM, who was the owner of the pig, what had happened.



Subsequently men from KUM under the leadership of the Village Constable visited UBA, took hold of the Village Constable and threatened to kill him, during this fracas he received a few light blows. (Seven days after the attack his body was free of any cuts, abrasions or bruises).

It seems that during the past few months the UBA Village Constable has on numerous occasions exceeded his authority and endeavoured to extend his sphere of influence, and until the incidents related above occurred, the villagers were frightened to report him to the Administration at NIPA. However, after the pig killing the KUM men, showing in my opinion, great restraint for people of this area, took the law into their own hands. Subsequently another Village Constable who had an old grudge against the KUM 'line' made an exaggerated report to the Officer-in-Charge, NIPA, apparently hoping the Administration would punish the 'line' in question - I have no doubt he would then have it made known that the Administration supported him to the exclusion of the KUM people.

As a result of this investigation the Village Constable of UBU, his attackers and the Village Constable responsible for the lying report have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment

The area has now settled down and the people expressed satisfaction at the Administration action against the offenders.

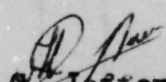
#### MURDER AT INJIP.

On Wednesday 10th July, 1963, the man ONGA-BO discovered his wife having illicit sexual relations with INJI-KUNAIP, husband of YUL-SULT. Apparently this adulterous union had been occurring for some weeks, but ONGA could never be really sure. Having ascertained his wife's infidelity, he proceeded to walk away from the area towards the garden of his wife's paramour. As he passed the garden he saw the paramour's wife digging sweet potatoes whilst suckling her child (about six weeks of age). He entered the garden and approached YUL, saying to her "Do you know where your husband is?" She replied "No". ONGA then said "He is now copulating with my wife" whereupon he struck the unsuspecting YUL several times with his axe. There were three major wounds, one in the neck about 6 inches long and exposing the spinal cord, one of eight inches across the right shoulder and one of three inches by two inches across the right forearm exposing and damaging the bone.

YUL dropped her child, struggled to her feet and managed to wrest the axe from ONGA, who then ran away.

Shortly afterwards she was discovered by three aged women who carried her to her house, whereupon her brother PES-SOL seeing her and ascertaining her assailant rushed off, found ONGA and struck him two blows at the base of the skull with his axe; these wounds were deep and although missing the skull itself penetrated into the thoracic cavity. PES then proceeded to the Patrol Post and gave himself up.

As mentioned in the Diary, both patients were evacuated to Mount Hagen. Since returning from NIPA, I understand they were taken to Goroka but the man ONGA has now died from his wounds.

  
(A. C. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MENDZ 6/1962-1963

Patrol Conducted by N.D. LUCAS PATROL OFFICER GR. 2

Area Patrolled NEMBI, UNDIRI, LAI VALLEY.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. M. CORNHILL P.O. 1

Natives 10 R.P. & N.G.C. 2 INTERPRETERS

Duration—From 24 / 9 / 1962 to 12 / 10 / 1962

Number of Days 19

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 7 / 1962

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

Map Reference Sketch map attached.

Objects of Patrol Census revision and routine administration.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

20 DEC 1962  
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*[Handwritten Signature]*  
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
13th February, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6 - 196/63 -  
MENDI:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report  
is acknowledged with thanks.

I am pleased to note that Mr. Cornhill accompanied  
Mr. Lucas - it is a good training exercise.

It is up to the officer concerned to channel  
the people's efforts into productive lines on road build-  
ing or otherwise.

In view of the work being done and the compil-  
ation of a Common Roll tax census sheets should now be  
used for recording names and particulars of people even  
if it does mean a re-write of the sheets from time to  
time.

The content of the report is well covered by  
the covering memoranda. I have no further comment.

(W.R. DISHON)  
Acting Director.





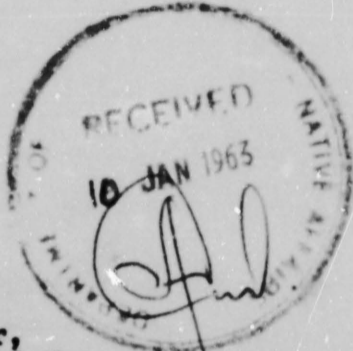
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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District Office,  
MENDI  
Southern Highlands District.

7th December, 1962

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
K O N E D O B U.

Mendi Patrol No. 6 62/63.

... Attached, hereto, please find copy of the above  
... report as submitted by Mr. N.D. Lucas, Patrol Officer Grade  
2 and covering memorandum 67-2-1 of the 30th October, 1962,  
from the Assistant District Officer, Mendi.

The patrol was conducted by Mr. Lucas accompanied  
by Mr. Cornhill who was on his first patrol in this District.

The problem of different officers patrolling areas  
is one which unfortunately often exists in Sub-districts  
attached to District Headquarters where staff is rotated  
oftener than should be the case.

I disagree with Mr. Lucas' view that we should now  
change to Tax Census sheets from the old style of village  
registers. In my opinion the area is not sufficiently  
settled for the issue of these sheets. The population is  
still in a state of flux with people returning to ancestral  
land after the cessation of hostilities. The general social  
structure of the area is not a particularly suitable one,  
especially as the area is still settling down. I feel that  
we should defer introduction of Tax Census sheets for a year  
or more at least.

Mr. Fowler's comments regarding lack of supervision  
on road work is pertinent. These people should not be allowed  
to construct roads all over the countryside without some  
definite plan. With the staff position supervision is most  
difficult.

Attach 2

(R.W. Blaikie)  
a/District Officer.

c.c. Assistant District Officer,  
M E N D I.



NFF:BT.

67-2-1.

Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

30th October, 1962.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 6-62/63.

Please find attached report on the abovementioned patrol conducted by Mr N.D. Lucas, Patrol Officer Gr.2, Officer in Charge, NIPA. Mr Cornhill Patrol Officer Gr.1 accompanied the patrol and diary and appendices prepared by Mr Cornhill are also attached. Relevant claims for camping allowance included.

Mr Lucas's recommendations for the break up of the DEL/PABARONGA groups into small census units and the appointment of Village Constables for each group are supported. Unless extremely strong personalities are available as officials, or the people themselves desire unification, it is extremely difficult to obtain cohesion and co-operation amongst these fragmentary and generally, mutually antagonistic groups. The recommendations for appointment of Village Constables are to hand and will be forwarded, as will recommendation for the inclusion of the new census units in the Village Directory.

Regarding accusations of extortions by Mendi officials. I will arrange for the men involved to accompany the next patrol to the Lai Valley where the matters can be adjusted.

CENSUS:

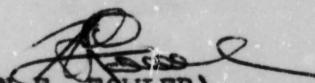
The census figures follow the pattern for the Sub District during the past 12 months i.e. low natural increase and the large number of deaths amongst the children, particularly children under 4 years of age. An Infant Welfare Sister is urgently required and could be used most effectively on our expanding road system.

It appears that there will not be enough of the old style Village Books available to completely replace those which because of overcrowding and untidiness should be withdrawn - this situation is also apparent in other section of the Mendi Sub-District. Your thoughts on the introduction of Tax/Census sheets would be appreciated.

ROADS:

The lack of supervision on roads is a constant worry - ten years ago the matter would have been resolved simply by placing a Constable on supervision. Pegging of roads is not enough and the next patrol to the area will be charged with the specific task of cutting a 3 feet bench, this will serve as a walking track and can be widened as necessary.

A sound piece of patrolling from Mr Lucas and a well prepared report. I am sure Mr Cornhill gained valuable experience.

  
(N.F. FOWLER)  
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,

NIPA

15th. October, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,

Mendi Sub-District,

MENDI

MENDI PATROL REPORT No.6/62-63

Patrol Conducted by:

N.D.Lucas, Patrol Officer.

Patrol Accompanied by:

Mr. M.Cornhill, Patrol Officer.

10 R.P.& N.G.C.

2 Interpreters.

Area Patrolled:

Part Mendi Census Division;  
part Undiri Census Division;  
and Lai Valley Census Division.

Duration:

24th. September, 1962 to

12th. October, 1962.

19 days.

Objects:

1. Investigation alleged murder at Poroma.
2. Routine administration, Del and Pababonga.
3. Census revision and routine administration Lai Valley Census Division.

Map:

Sketch map attached.

*N.D. Lucas*

N.D.Lucas

Patrol Officer 11.

DIARY

Monday, 24th. September, 1962.

Departed Nipa for Hont. Routine administration.

Camped Hont.

Tuesday, 25th. September.

From Hont via Merut to Udjabia. Several disputes heard and settled. One GNM. Discussions with Village Officials from Nembi Census Division.

Camped Udjabia.

Wednesday, 26th. September.

From Udjabia to Mato. patrol joined by Mendi party under Mr. Cornhill, en route. Both parties to Mato.

Discussions with Del and Pabaronga village officials.

Alleged killer, KUNDI of POROMA, wandered into camp at Mato and was arrested. He was later charged with assault under the Native Regulations.

Patrol camped at Mato.

Thursday, 27th. September.

From Mato to UNJA. Discussions with assembled Unja group, selected men for appointments to village official positions.

Proceeded on to Del. Discussions with Del, Uria and Uburil groups. Selected men to fill positions as village officials for the Uria and Uburil groups.

Camped at Del.

Friday, 28th. September.

From Del to Pabaronga. Discussions with groups of Pabaronga, Waramesa, Pombar and Pun. Selected men to fill village official positions. Routine matters discussed with all assembled.

Patrol proceeded via Pombar, Pun and Pumbera to Eskamp. Patrol camped Eskamp.

Saturday, 29th. September.

From Eskamp via Endowa, Mil and Pinj to Tugup. Advised Tugup and Kamb groups they would be required to gather for census the following day.

Patrol camped Tugup.

Sunday, 30th. September.

Self to Kamb for census revision and routine administration. Mr. Cornhill census revision and routine administration at Tugup.

Patrol camped Tugup.



DIARY

Monday, 1st. October, 1962.

From Tagup to Tumia. Mr. Cornhill to census and routine administration Tumia. Self to Kip, routine administration and census revision.

Patrol camped Tumia.

Tuesday, 2nd. October.

From Tumia to Kuianda. Census revision and routine administration.

Patrol camped Kuianda.

Wednesday, 3rd. October.

From Kuianda to Soba. Census revision and routine administration.

Patrol camped at Soba.

Thursday, 4th. October.

From Soba to Monda. Mr. Cornhill remained at Monda to conduct census revision and routine administration. Self with patrol on the Malala, census and routine administration.

Patrol camped Malala.

Friday, 5th. October.

From Monda to Winja. Census revision Winja-Augulya group. Routine administration.

Camped Winja.

Saturday, 6th. October.

From Winja to Pelepoi. Census revision and routine administration.

Camped Pelepoi.

Sunday, 7th. October.

From Pelepoi to Wariba. Census revision and routine administration.

Camped Wariba.

Monday, 8th. October.

Mr. Cornhill to Semaip to conduct census revision and routine administration. Self with patrol to Marisere, census revision and routine administration.

Patrol camped Marisere.

Tuesday, 9th. October.

From Marisere to Imilhama. Census revision and routine administration.

Camped Imilhama.

Mendi Patrol Report.

No.6/62-63

DIARY

Wednesday, 10th. October, 1962.

Mr. Cornhill from Imilhama to Injedl. Census revision and routine administration. Camped Injedl.

Self to Kema. Census revision and routine administration. Self camped Kema.

Thursday, 11th. October.

From Kema to Mapkebol. Joined by Mendi party. Census revision and routine administration. Self proceeded on to Shumbi. Routine administration. Camped Shumbi.

Mr. Cornhill proceeded to Kuianda. Camped Kuianda.

Friday, 12th. October.

From Shumbi to Nipa. Inspected and supervised roadwork en route.

END OF DIARY



INTRODUCTION

The objects of the patrol were as stated in the patrol instructions, copies of which are attached.

As the matters to be discussed are numerous and varied I think a full report on the patrol, rather than a series of memoranda, will be more suitable.

The patrol was accompanied by Mr. M. Cornhill who carried out the majority of the census work and who received advice on matters concerning general administration. Mr. Cornhill conducted his patrol duties well and indicated that he will, after further orientation, be a valuable member of the staff.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

KUNDI, the alleged murderer of Poroma, was apprehended at Mato. Several elements of evidence to enable a murder charge to be laid were unobtainable. However, there was evidence of assault and Kundi was consequently convicted on that charge. Probably the best ally we have against men of this type is their own poor memories. Kundi was aware only a fortnight previous to the patrol's visit that he was wanted for his actions and had refused to accompany his Village Constable to Nipa. Yet a fortnight later he walked boldly into camp!

Several complaints were heard at Udjabia. Village officials from Pumberal/Uba/Tobus areas had been told of the patrol's itinerary and had cases waiting for attention. That people from that area are now starting to bring cases to Court is a fair indication of increasing influence.

DEL/PABARONGA

Reports of late all seem to stress the poor native affairs situation at Del and Pabaronga. I think that two factors have contributed to any lassitude. Firstly, in the area there are eight different groups, or groups which should have been treated separately for administrative purposes. In the Del area they are UNJA,URIA, DEL and UBURIL. To date these four have all been included in the Del group. Village officials have come mainly from the Del group, and so the other three have had no representation or delegated authority. They have not been bound to come to heel of Del



officials. Unless the separate groups are treated separately I can see no possibility of improvement. Towards that end I will make recommendations for appointments to Village Constables for the three groups at Del and the outstanding three at Pabaronga which are in the same position. All the groups have been instructed to build their separate patrol camps, comprising rest houses and police barracks, and I have told them that they will be treated separately in future.

This means also that there will be six more census units in the Undiri Census Division, namely, UNJA, URJA, UBURIL, (ex. Del) and POMBAR, PUN and WARAMESA, (ex Pabaronga).

The second factor which I think may have had some bearing on the matter is that no one officer has had the opportunity over the past two years to become familiar with these groups. Similarly the people are not familiar with any one officer, each patrol brings a new face- there have been nine different officers on the 12 patrols over the past two years- and they now realize that if they do not comply with one man's instructions they need not fear retribution from him because they won't see him again. It is interesting to note that the people know the names of only two officers from 11 years of administration. Both those officers left the district many years ago. For your information they are Messrs Clancy and Ford.

The situation in the two groups is now set up, and with administration along the lines suggested there should be improvement.

LAI VALLEY

The people are generally well settled and law abiding. However, they have been subject again to a few extortion rackets by Mendi officials. Firstly, the Soba Village Constable complained that SOGEL, the Tulum councillor had stolen a pig from him at Soba. I sent PARE to Mendi with this complaint. The second complaint concerned the reported theft of 1½ pigs, 2 M.O.P. shell and one "rope tambu" from PIS and others of Kema, by three men from Kema, including PEAP the then Village Constable, and TIMEAL, Tente Village Constable, SOGEL, Tulum councillor and HEIAL of Tulum. A complaint was made by PIS and the Kema men involved were convicted. Pis also wishes to take action against the remainder.

Also wanted for stealing 1 M.O.P shell and 2 pigs from Kalaip of Mapkebol are NISA, Hum councillor, TEGIA councillor from Ondobal and TUI councillor of Waabip. In this case the three



men reportedly saw a wound on Kalaip's leg which had been caused accidentally. They demanded that pay be given them whereupon Kalaip handed over the items mentioned.

This type of thing has been very common through the Lai River and Nipa areas where newly appointed officials from Mendi have attempted to operate their rackets on lesser civilised groups. There are reports of several such capers in past years which are identical to these. The same men appear to be concerned again.

#### CENSUS

Census revision was conducted throughout the Lai Valley census division. Mr. Cornhill is to submit the figures as an appendix to the report.

Most disconcerting has proved the practice of pencilling in names and information between regular census checks. The number of incorrect entries and the manner in which a previous patrol did this work caused an undue amount of extra work sorting out the entries. As a result <sup>^</sup> can see no practical purpose in continuing the practice, as the people are now well familiar with census procedure. The majority of the census books should have been made again due to their untidiness but lack of new books prevented this. In view of this I think the time would be opportune for the next census patrol to change over to Tax Census Sheets. This must be done eventually, so it may as well be done now.

#### ROADS

Roadwork is progressing but a good deal of supervision is required. I estimate that a good percentage of the work already done will have to be re-done as several bad mistakes have been made. One case pretty typical is at Soba where the road head from the Soba end towards Kuianda while now within yards of the other roadhead is about 50 feet above it. To join these two will require a sudden drop at a grade of about 30%!

The people have been unsure what work has been required of them. The last two patrols have given different instructions, one told them to work 4 days weekly, the other 6 days, and consequently they have been averaging a good two. The matter was discussed with all groups and in view of the amount of work completed and the amount left to do, they have done more than 50% of it, and also in view of the annual food shortage it was decided that 3 days weekly should be a reasonable number to work.



VILLAGE OFFICIALS

TUMIA

Apparently a replacement Village Constable had been recommended by a previous patrol for the man dismissed at Tumia. However, this appointee was not seen, and as no indication had been made in the Village Book as to developments, this patrol went ahead and conferred the provisional appointment on ESINDAL the headman of the group. In view of Esindal's authority, and the other man's lack of interest I think Esindal's recommendation should be let stand in lieu of the other.

SOBA

The Village Constable appointed for the Soba/Komberop group states that he does not in fact come from Soba but from the Komberop group near Talun. These two groups apparently have affiliations but are not one homogenous group. He thus requests that he be allowed to return home and look after his own people. I told him that I would place the matter in your hands.

KEMA

A replacement Village Constable will be recommended for PEAP who, only recently being released from gaol, is back in again for stealing.

The remainder of the force throughout the area are doing reasonable work. Co-operation shown <sup>by</sup> them to the patrol was good.



Mendi Patrol Report.

No.6/62-63

CONCLUSION

Sketch map and a report on Nipa police are appended. Mr. Cornhill is to submit a diary covering the days he was not in company with me and also to report on the four Mendi police.

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REPORT ON R.P.N.G.C. PERSONNEL  
ACCOMPANYING PATROL

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No. 5080B. Constable 1/C BADUK

Conduct very good, a reliable NCO.

No. 7747 Constable HAMABU

Conduct very good, a sound reliable man.

No. 9448 Constable GOIKULA

Conduct good, reliable man.

No. 9970 Constable YAB

Conduct good, reliable.

No. 10,447 Constable KANA

Conduct good, a good worker.

No. 10930 Constable ANDANGAMA

Conduct good, average only.

The above comments have been entered in the  
members' Records of Service and R/S Forms 1 have been  
forwarded to headquarters.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MENDI PATROL NO. 62/63.

Patrol Conducted by G.P.O. KENNETH N. GRIGG

Area Patrolled MENDI TO TAMBUL (new guinea) UPPER MENDI CENSUS DIV.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. J. JONES P.W.D. MENDI

Natives ONE N.C.O. THREE CONSTABLES R.P.N.G.C. MENDI ONE INTERPRETER

Duration—From 7/9/1962 to 17/9/1962

Number of Days ELEVEN DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol TO BRING TO MENDI FROM TAMBUL THE NEW AIRSTRIP ROLLER.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

21 NOV 1962

/ / 19

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-15-25

27th November, 1962.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7/62-63 - MENDI.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report  
is acknowledged with thanks.

The Report calls for no comment other than  
that the Officer is to be congratulated on organizing the  
people in the movement of the Koller from Mount Hagen to  
Mendi.

(W.R. DISHER)  
Acting Director.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply  
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No. 67-3-2

District Office,  
MENDI  
Southern Highlands District.

20th November, 1962

Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.



Mendi Patrol No. 7 of 62/63.

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Attached, hereto, please find report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. K.N. Grigg and covering memorandum 62-2-1 of 26th October, 1962, from the Assistant District Officer, Mendi.

The patrol was solely for the purpose of arranging labour for the movement of the new airstrip roller from Mt. Hagen to Mendi. The operation was accomplished successfully.

(R.W. Blaikie)  
a/District Officer.

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c.c. Assistant District Officer,  
M E N D I

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA @ NEW GUINEA

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

NFF:BT.

File: 67-2-1.

Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

26th October, 1962.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 7/62-63.

Please find attached report on the abovementioned patrol conducted by Mr K. Grigg, Cadet Patrol Officer relevant claims for camping allowances als attached.

The patrol was solely to arrange labour and assist in movement to Mendi of the airstrip labour and calls for no comment accept the job was successfully accomplished without incident.

  
(N. J. FOWLER)  
Assistant District Officer.

att:



TERRITORY OF PAPUA @ NEW GUINEA

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE,  
MENDI S.H.D.

4-10-62.

The Assistant District Officer,

MENDI S.H.D.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1962-63

OFFICER CONDUCTING.

K.N. GRIGG C.P.O.

EUROPEANS ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

J. JONES P.W.D. MENDI

AREA PATROLLED

FROM TAMBUL (N.G.)  
TO MENDI (PAPUA)  
inc. UPPER MENDI  
CENSUS DIVISION.

DURATION OF PATROL

From 7-9-62 to 17-9-62.

NO. OF DAYS

ELEVEN

OBJECTS OF PATROL

TO BRING TO MENDI FROM  
TAMBUL THE NEW AIR-STRIP  
COMPACTION ROLLER.

*K.N. Grigg*  
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K.N. GRIGG  
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

MENDI PATROL REPORT

(1)

NO. 6 OF 1962-63

INTRODUCTION

As can be seen from the attached Patrol Instructions the duties of this patrol were of little or no relation with native administration. It was of course primarily a Convoy Patrol.

DIARY

Friday 7th September 1962.

Departure from Mendi for Komia at 1.00 pm. Arrived Komia at 3.30 pm. My Interpreter reported that the people understood the purpose of the patrol to the area and would be arriving in strength the next day.

Saturday 8th September 1962.

The Crawler Tractor with rations was due to arrive this day, but did not. The patrol was visited by the P.W.D. Supervisor, Mr P. ROBERTS. Mr ROBERTS from Mendi informed us that the Tractor should arrive shortly. At this stage the people had not yet reached sufficient numbers to warrant the taking of names.

Sunday 9th September 1962.

Nearly 300 names recorded for the Carrier line. All ready to move out. Mr ROBERTS departed and still no sign of the Tractor from Mendi.

Monday 10th September 1962.

No sign of the Tractor in the morning, but it did arrive at 11.00 pm. that night after mechanical trouble on the road.

Tuesday 11th September 1962.

Reported Komia at 7.30 am. with the Crawler Tractor which was left at MINIBEL, the end of the road at 4.00 pm. By the "end of the road", I am referring to the fact that due to the condition of the road it was impossible to progress any further with the Tractor than MINIBEL itself. This left a 2-hour walk to be negotiated to MULGI, which is the beginning of the vehicular road on the TAMBUL side of the border. Camp was set up at MULGI.

Wednesday 12th September 1962.

R At TAMBUL, THERE WAS NO sign of the Boller. Advised by Radio Mendi that it should arrive this day but it did not.



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MENDI PATROL REPORT

(2)

NO.6 OF 1962-63.

Thursday 13th September 1962.

Tambul car was scheduled to visit MT. HAGEN this day. I accompanied the driver to enquire into the fate of the Roller. Mr JONES was straightening bridges at this time. At MT. HAGEN, Mr P. O GRADY of P.W.D. informed me that he would prefer I stayed overnight and accompanied the native truck driver with the Roller as cargo back to TAMEUL in the morning. HE was also dubious about the thought of despatching the Roller without first obtaining a report on the condition of the road and bridges, which I was able to supply him.

Friday 14th September 1962.

Departed MT. HAGEN at 10.30 am. Successfully arrived with the Roller at MULGI at 5.30 pm. after an incident-free journey.

Saturday 15th September 1962.

Departed MULGI with the Roller controlled by the Carrier line at 7.30 am. Arrived at MINIBEL where the Tractor was attached at 2.00pm. Left for KOMIA and arrived at 9.00 pm. During the trip from MULGI the Convoy was at times brought to a stand-still by steep grades and to mention the lack of bridges on the road. The road traversed is in places nothing more substantial than a native walking track although I believe a road could be constructed here without undue hardship. If so, it would be in my opinion a boon to all interested in commuting between the Southern and Western Highlands.

Sunday 16th September 1962.

At KOMIA Roller cleaned and Tractor examined mechanically because of previous malfunction during the trip.

Monday 17th September 1962.

Departed KOMIA at 7.30 am. Arrived MENDI at 4.00 pm. Arrived with all the Carrier line who were paid and despatched to their villages the next day.  
Patrol stood down.

CONCLUSION

As this was a straightforward patrol, I feel it is only necessary to note that the Local Government Councillors, mentioned in the Instructions were of great assistance in obtaining the native carriers and in maintaining discipline throughout the patrol.

Comments on R.P. @ N.G.C. personnel accompanying the patrol have been entered in their respective Records of Service and Forms R.S.1 have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.

*Kenneth Grigg*  
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K.N. GRIGG C.P.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

*Duplicate of  
Reviews*

District of Southern Highlands Report No. MENDI B OF 1962/63

Patrol Conducted by P. G. CROWE P.O. I

Area Patrolled KAMBIRI CENSUS DIVISION BETWEEN ANGA & ANKURA GORGE.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 5 R PONGE. 1 NMO. 1 INTUPRITGA.

Duration—From 16./10./19.62 to 23./11./19.62.

Number of Days 34

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services SEAT /19.62

Medical IN 44 /19.62

Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol 1. ROAD CONSTRUCTION  
2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

17/0 JAN 1963

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £.....  
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... £.....  
Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund .... £.....





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Mendi 8 of 62/63

Patrol Conducted by P.G. Crowl P.O. 1

Area Patrolled KAMBIRI Census Division BETWEEN ANGA & ANKUAH Gorges

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives S R P & N G E. INMO, 1 INTERPRETER.

Duration—From 16/10/1962 to 23/11/1962

Number of Days 34

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Sept/1962

Medical July/1962

Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED

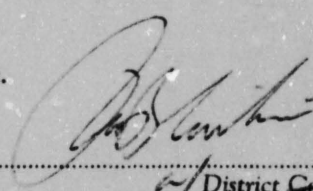
Objects of Patrol 1. ROAD CONSTRUCTION

2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

10 JAN 1963  
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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-15-31



Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

20th December, 1962.

8th February, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 8 1962/63 - MENDI:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is  
acknowledged with thanks.

It appears that the establishment of law and  
order has been successful in this area and it is hoped  
that it can be maintained.

Mr. Crowe is obviously a man of energy and  
resource and combined with his enthusiasm, brings  
most satisfactory results.

I think that the introduction of economic crops  
should not take place before communications for the  
marketing of produce are in sight, otherwise the people  
will suffer the most undesirable "let down".

(W.R. DISHON)  
Acting Director.



67-15-31 ✓

NFF:BT.



67-2-1.

Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

20th December, 1962.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 8/62-63.

Please find attached report on the abovementioned patrol conducted by Mr P.G. Crowe, Patrol Officer Gr.1. Claims for camping allowance are attached.

As can be seen from the instruction, the main object of the patrol was to supervise and direct work on the road bench between the ANGA and ANKURA Rivers. However routine administration played a large part in the activities of the patrol.

Native Affairs:

Mr Crowe describes the situation as fair - the area has been well patrolled during the past 12 months and I doubt if we can expect much improvement until such time as the road is completed to at least Aisaisa and more constant and regular contact is available.

Agriculture:

Likewise, I doubt if we can expect much from Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries until such time as the road is opened. The chronic shortage of Agricultural Extension Officers in this District means that the officer based at Mendi must concentrate his limited time on the more easily assessable areas.

Village Officials:

As previously advised it is proposed to hold another Village Constables' school early in the new year. Constant re-iteration and the gradual weeding out of unsuitable types will I feel eventually show results.

Roads and Bridges:

Mr Crowe appears to have done some good work on the road and the distribution of more spades and payment, even if only taken, for completed sections must have given the people incentive. I understand the slip at the Anga Gorge has now been cleared and this will enable regular weekly inspections to be carried out. All timber on the route has now been cleared and the actual bench cutting should proceed steadily.

File: 67-3-2  
Date: 10/1/63  
Minute to:  
Director, Department Native Affairs,  
K O N E D O B U.

(N.F. FOWLER)

Assistant District Officer.

For your information please.  
The patrol was a routine patrol concentrated on road construction and routine administration. Mr. Crowe had carried out his patrol in a capable manner.

(R.W. Blaikie) a/D.O.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-1-2.

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

16th October, 1962.

Mr. P.C. Crowe,  
Patrol Officer,  
MENDI.

Mendi Patrol No. 8/62-63.

As per verbal instructions already issued you are to proceed this day to the section of the Kambiri Census Division between the Anga and Ankura Rivers. The main object of your patrol will be supervision of work on the Mendi/Ialibu Road, and I quote from the District Commissioner's memorandum 9/38 - 196 of the 8th October:-

".....completion clearing and benching Mendi/Ialibu road to ANKURA as a first priority and bridges on extension from ANGGA Gorge."

As you are aware £350 has been made available on this project, vote 27-2-2 P. 431, to cover payments to the people for the work undertaken. Would you advise as soon as possible how much of this you require transferred to trade goods, e.g. M.O.P.

A percentage of the funds should be allocated to the benching and I recommend that as a section is completed to your satisfaction payment should be effected - benching through heavy timber would warrant a higher rate than similar work through pit-pit country.

The remainder of funds should be used to complete the bridges. You may find it convenient to appoint native overssers to assist you in the supervision of this work.

One N.C.O. and Four Constables should accompany your party as escort and you are to carry out routine administration in the area in addition to your road construction duties.

(N.F. Fowler)  
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-2-1  
Sub-District Office,  
MENDI.S.H.D.  
6th. December, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Mendi, Sub. District,  
MENDI.

Mendi Patrol No. 8 of 1962/63.

Conducted by: P.G. Crowe P.O. 1

Area Patrolled: Kambiri Census Division between Angga and Ankura Gorge.

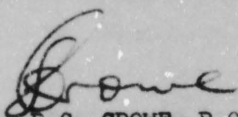
Accompanied by: Europeans:- Nil  
Natives:- Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary 5  
Interpreter 1.  
Medical Orderly 1.

Duration: 34 Patrol Days

Last Patrol to area D.N.A. September 1962  
Medical July 1962

Map Reference: Map attached

Objects of Patrol: (1) Routine Administration  
(2) Road supervision.

  
P.G. CROWE P.O. 1



INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was purely in the nature of construction and supervision of work along Mendi-Ialibu road between the Angga and Ankura Gorges.

DIARY:Tuesday 16th October, 1962

0745 to Hospital to organize doctor boy for patrol. Received instructions from Mr. A.D.O. Fowler. Organized stores for patrol. Departed Mendi 1390 arrived Lumbi 1620 hrs. after being bogged 7 times. Torrential rain all afternoon continued throughout the night. Spoke to V.C. requested carriers to take cargo to Iebi on morrow. Slept Lumbi.

Wednesday 17th October, 1962

Torrential rain all day stayed Lumbi worked on Asopa work. Slept Lumbi.

Thursday 18th October, 1962

Departed for Iebi 0800 hrs. arrived 0930. Labour force counted, shovels and axes issued. Walked for one hour and began cutting timber in Iebi section. Back to camp 1700 hrs. Slept Iebi.

Friday 19th October, 1962

Departed for work 0730 - cut bush and big trees clearing road route. Rain 1400 until 1430 - Worked until 1730 hrs. Slept Iebi.

Saturday 20th October, 1962

Working parties despatched. Self to Mendi at 0900 hrs. - arrived 1230hrs. Stayed at station until Monday morning.

Monday 22nd October, 1962

Departed for Lumbi by tractor 0900 hrs. with Mr. G. Speed C.P.O. arrived Lumbi 1200 Collected carriers and walked to Omai. Mr. Speed on route to Ialibu. Arrived Omai 1630 hrs. Slept Omai.

Tuesday 23rd October, 1962

Labour force lined 0730 hrs. Shovels and axes given out, Omai men departed for work 0800 hrs. Mr. Speed departed for Ialibu 0830. Self to work force 0845, worked until 1620 hrs. when rain fell. This day M.C.O. cut tendon in heel walks with difficulty. Slept Omai.

Wednesday 24th October, 1962

0700 labour force to work, worked until 1330, when torrential rain fell and continued throughout afternoon. Slept Omai.

Thursday 25th October, 1962

0720 labour force to work. Self walked along road route to Omai-Aisaisa boundary with V.C and Councillors, then to work site, worked until 1340 hrs. when torrential rain fell until 1730 hrs. Slept Omai.

Friday 26th October, 1962

Departed Omai for Aisaisa 0745, natives grouped and given 50 shovels, walked to end of made road, 1,000 yds of road formed. In afternoon inspected road route to Omai boundary. Natives worked clearing pit pit etc. from road route. Slept Aisaisa.

Saturday 27th October, 1962

Cleaned road route and inspected work on Pundia and Lumbiali road, 400 yds made only, Pundia and Lumbiali each issued 33 shovels. Slept Aisaisa.

Sunday 28th October, 1962

Observed at Aisaisa, slept Aisaisa.

Monday 29th October, 1962

Departed Aisaisa 0730 arrived Iebi 0945, went to bridge site over Agime creek, began preliminary work. Torrential rain 1300 hrs., continued throughout afternoon. Agime creek approx 45 minutes from Iebi Rest House. Slept Iebi.



Tuesday 30th October, 1962

Worked on bridge until 1310 when torrential rain fell. Slept Iebi.

Wednesday 31st October, 1962

Worked on bridge, 3 bearers pulled across, much earth and rock fill needed on one side of bridge work continued on this until 1700 hrs. Slept Iebi. No rain.

Thursday 1st November, 1962

Worked on bridge, 6 bearers placed in position and work continued on filling of foundations. No rain, worked until 1730 hrs. Slept Iebi.

Friday 2nd November, 1962

Departed for work 0720, remained at work until 1030 when I walked to Lumbi, landrover took me to station arrived 1130. In afternoon general talks with Mr. A.D.O Fowler concerning payment for roadwork, a rate agreed upon.

Monday 5th November, 1962

Departed per landrover 1000 hrs. after requisition and receiving 120 M.O.P for payment for work. Broke down a short way from Mendi, walked to Kibaru to wait for transport, 1330 arrived Iambi with Mr. Roberts P.W.D. and two C.S.I.R.O. men. Self to bridge site and collected two samples of clay for C.S.I.R.O. Remained bridge until 1740 hrs. Slept Iebi.

Tuesday 6th November, 1962

Departed for work 0730 after lining Iebi group, work continued on clearing heavy timber between Omai and Iebi. Payment for clearing at rate of 1 M.O.P. for 2 chains cleared with all stumps removed. Omai group have cleared 24 chains, 12 M.O.P.'s given to them, previous to this Iebi group had only cut bush but not cleared, this is being done now. Iebi group paid 17 M.O.P.'s for benching completed at this date at rate of 1 M.O.P. for every 8 chains completed at 6' wide. Self to Iebi camp 1740 hrs. Slept Iebi.

wednesday 7th november, 1962

Departed for work 0730, cleared big trees all day. Sen. Const Kinai and Const Pagahati arrived to replace Sen. Const Iambi and Const Ovuga. Slept Iebi.

Thursday 8th November, 1962

Departed for work 0740, cleared bush all day. Omai group paid 12 M.O.P.'s for 96 chains, benched road, worked until 1710hrs. Slept Iebi.

Friday 9th November, 1962

Departed for work 0740, cleared dense bush and big trees all day, worked until 1530, people told to assemble Sunday to carry cargo to Aisaisa.

Saturday 10th November, 1962

Remained camp, Mr. Wright C.P.O. arrived from Lumbi, stayed night. Slept Iebi.

Sunday 11th November, 1962

Cargo ready by 0711 natives had not arrived by 0930, made camp again, sent men out to advise people that census would be conducted to-morrow. Self and policemen to Agime creek and completed bridge at 1740, back to Iebi 1820. Slept Iebi.

Monday 12th November, 1962

People had not arrived in numbers by 0930 hrs., sent note to Mr. Wright C.P.O. to conduct sweep of Kalabe area. Self to Andelamapia (1½ hrs.) and conducted sweep of area, back to camp at 1730, Mr. Wright arrived 1745. Slept Iebi.

Tuesday 13th November, 1962

Departed Iebi 0800 hrs. with Mr. Wright and prisoners, arrived Mendi 1300 hrs. Remained Mendi.

Wednesday 14th November, 1962

Departed Mendi by landrover 0940 for Angga gorge. Walked to Iebi and then patrol moved to Aisaisa, self surveyed section of road between Omai and Iebi, arrived Aisaisa 1600. Slept Aisaisa, heavy rain from 1400 hrs.



Thursday 15th November, 1962

Inspected work of Aisaisa, Pundia and Limbiali groups. Pundia and Limbiali groups advised that inspection of houses would be held on Saturday. Work finished 1630 Aisaisa paid 8 M.O.P's for 64 chains benched to date. People of this group working well. Pundia and Limbiali have completed 32 chains a further 64 chains to complete. v.C.'s Iebi and Omai (4) arrived by invitation to inspect work on other sections of road. Slept Aisaisa. Rain from 1645 hrs.

Friday 16th November, 1962

Worked on Aisaisa and Limbiali sections of road until 1515hrs. when rain began. Slept Aisaisa.

Saturday 17th November, 1962

Departed Aisaisa 0715 and inspected houses in Pundia and Limbiali areas. A number of men will be charged under appropriate section of N.R.O's. Back to Aisaisa with prisoners at 1845 hrs. Rain fell from 1630 hrs. Slept Aisaisa.

Sunday 18th November, 1962

0630 departed Aisaisa and cargo carried to Iebi, self and prisoners walked to Mendi arrived 1300 hrs. Remained Mendi.

Monday 19th November, 1962

Station duties - awaiting D.C. return.

Tuesday 20th November, 1962

By landrover to Lumbi, walked to Iebi supervising road work, work finished 1640 hrs Slept Iebi.

Wednesday 21st November, 1962

Supervision of bench cutting between Iebi and Omai, walked to Omai and paid people for work completed to date. Walked back to Iebi supervising work, finished work 1740. Slept Iebi.

Thursday 22nd November, 1962

Work continued on road, self to Andulo Creek where abutments were completed, all needed now is to pull large logs across, this bridge is 56 ft span. Back to Iebi 1750 hrs. people paid for work completed to date. Slept Iebi.

Friday 23rd November, 1962

Departed Iebi 0830 hrs with carriers, self to Mendi by landrover arrived 1145 Station duties in afternoon, patrol stood down

END OF DIARY



#### NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The native situation in this area is quite fair. Orders given by the previous patrol concerning cleanliness of houses were disregarded by some of the Pundia and Limbiali group and a number of men were charged under the appropriate section of the M.R.O.'s.

Eight men from Iove in the Undiri Census Division caused a disturbance over a land dispute in this area and were charged with riotous behaviour.

Minor disputes were brought before this officer and were successfully arbitrated on the spot.

The patrol was received well everywhere.

Food was plentiful only at Pundia, Omai and Aisaisa. Iebi is still short of food. The people were again made aware of the regulation concerning planting of larger gardens.

#### AGRICULTURE:

As in my last patrol to this area, I was again approached by quite a number of Village Officials with requests for help from the Agricultural Dept. for crops to help supplement their diet and also for cash crops. This request was brought to the notice of the D.A.S.F. Mendi in June of this Year but up to date nothing has been done about it.

During a medical patrol in this area Mr. A. Hall E.M.A. distributed quite an amount of peanut seed for planting but the situation as regards agricultural development is not satisfactory to say the least.

The experimental Agricultural station at Oryarip has tried various crops with slight success but I feel that an Agricultural officer should go to the area and at least take some soil samples, especially in the Andalamapu area along the banks of the Ankura River.

Also it is not as though the idea of Agricultural development was foisted upon them, it is their own choice. The native population have been to other areas, seen coffee seedlings and other crops and their attitude is "Well, why not us". I feel if we are asked for help in these matters and nothing is done about it, in their eyes we just don't care about them and consequently the faith they have in us will be destroyed.

I feel that something should be done and done soon in this area to commence some form of agricultural development.

#### LIVESTOCK:

Pigs are the main domestic animals in this area. Poultry in the form of fowls are becoming popular and possibly 20 or 30 were seen during the patrol and all in good condition.

#### HEALTH AND HYGIENE:

The health of the people seen was quite reasonable, only one case - a child with malnutrition was sent to Mendi for treatment. This was caused by the death of the mother.

Hospital Orderly Mawe performed his work well during the patrol, treating minor sores and also a few big cuts which natives received while clearing dense bush.

#### VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Generally, the Village Constables in this area have been of mediocre calibre but since the V.C. school at Mendi earlier this year they have improved somewhat, they know more of their duties now and are better able to help an officer in his work.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Essentially this patrol was a road patrol and most of the time was spent in supervising work being performed by the village people. The major work completed in this patrol was a clearing of a 1 mile strip between Omai and Iebi of heavily timbered country. The strip was cleared to a width of 50 to 60 ft., on completion of this a road route was surveyed by the writer, in addition to this, a 42ft span bridge over the Agime creek and a 20ft. span bridge over the Kaliba creek were completed. Also buttresses and foundations were completed for the 56ft span bridge over the Anduloi creek.



ROADS AND BRIDGES CONT.

A few minor bridges need to be constructed to enable the vehicular road to be open as far as Iebi Rest House.

From the Iebi Rest House this group have constructed another 128 chains of bench which will be easily widened for a vehicular road. width. Another 1½ miles is still to be constructed.

Omai group have constructed 57 chains of good vehicular road. A further 110 chains have been benched previous to this patrol, a total of 82 chains are yet to be benched and formed.

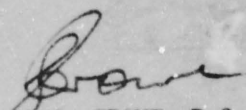
Aisaisa group have constructed 72 chains of good road, 72 chains were previously benched but not formed and a further 24 chains yet remain to be both benched and formed. This group has been working well.

Limbiali and Pundia have combined to construct a section 96 chains long. To date only 32 chains have been benched and 64 chains yet remain to be benched and formed.

Payment for work on the road has been set at 1 M.O.P. shell for every 8 chains benched. While cutting and clearing the densely timbered country, the people were paid at the rate of 1 M.O.P. for every 2 chains cleared.

CONCLUSION:

Although the bench has not been completed throughout the area, it is hoped that in the near future, vehicles will be able to drive as far as Iebi and frequent supervision of work will result. It was always stressed that the road was a means of developing the area and not something merely for the use of the "Government". Constant stressing of this point appears to be bearing fruit as the people are beginning to realize that without a road through the area, essential services e.g. Health, Agriculture will not be able to function efficiently.

  
P.G. CROWE P.O. 1



APPENDIX A

7448	Sen Const. Kinai	Good man. Reliable
7094	Sen. Const. Lambe	first class policeman
7770	Const. Ovuga	Good man
9708	Const. Maleva	Excellent Policeman
7681	Const. Pagahav	Shrewd old soldier
10916	Const. Wainge	Excellent - uses his intelligence
8754	Const. Qunua	Good man sensible.

These comments have been placed on the respective Records of Service and R.S. form 1's have been forwarded to Headquarters.

*Brown*  
P.G. CROWE. P.O. I.

ANGGA RIVER

# Population Register

Area Patrolled

SEX	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL		FEMALES			TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
	AT WORK		STUDENTS		Males	Females	Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults		
	Out	Inside District	Outside District	Government						Mission	M	F	M	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M + F

ANKURD RIVER

ICB

Heavy Traffic Seen  
GANGES TO SO

OMI

Arsam

Pandam

LIMBIRU



Made Road ———  
Partly Fenced - - -  
Not Bound . . . . .

Scale 1" = 1 mile

Mendi Patrol No 3 of 1962/63





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MEEDI NO. 9 of 1962-63

Patrol Conducted by A. S. WRIGHT C. P. O.

Area Patrolled TUTAMA to KIBURU - KAMBIRI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

3 R.P. & N.G.C.  
Natives 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 18./10./1962 to 16./11./1962

Number of Days 30 days, 24 nights camped out.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/1962

Medical 8/1962

Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol 1. ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK BETWEEN TUTAMA AND KIBURU.  
2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

20 DEC 1962  
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 c.p.o.  
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-15-29


13th February, 1963.

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

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 - 1962/63 - MENDI:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report  
is acknowledged with thanks.

The patrol was a good training exercise in  
contact work with groups of people in addition to  
training in general administration. Mr. Wright has  
acquitted himself well.

  
(W.R. DISHON)  
Acting Director.



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Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

3rd December, 1962.

District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 9/62-63.

Please find attached report on the abovementioned patrol conducted by Mr. A.S. Wright, Cadet Patrol Officer. Claims for camping allowance also attached.

As can be seen from the attached instructions, the main job of the patrol was to bring the road between Mendi and the TUFAMA logging camp into a serviceable condition. Mr Wright has capably carried out this work and the road is again being used by jinkers. Some stoning and surfacing remains to be done, however this can be well supervised by weekly runs. The people have been paid 75% of the funds allocated to this work, the remaining 25% will be paid on completion of the project.

It is noticeable that the people preferred cash to M.O.P. for their payment. On the whole the people worked well and co-operated with the patrol, the amount of work completed is adequate evidence.

Village Constables throughout the Mendi area are well due for another course and it is proposed to hold a school in January or February 1963.

Mr Wright has carried out a good piece of work and has submitted a neat and concise report.

I propose commencing the Census revision of the Undiri before Christmas and Mr Wright will accompany this patrol to gain further experience.



*(N.D. FOWLER)*  
Assistant District Officer.

att:

File: 67-3-2  
Date: 20/12/62

Minute: Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
K O N E D O B U

For your information, please. The patrol was merely a routine nature to improve an important road south of Mendi.

*(R.W. Blaikie)*  
(R.W. Blaikie) D/Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

NFF:BT.

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 67-1-2.

Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

17th October, 1962.

Mr. A.S. Wright,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 9/62-63.

Please prepare to proceed on patrol to the section of the Kambiri Census Division between the ANGA River and KIBURU Primary "T" School.

The main object of your patrol is the supervision of road maintenance work between TUTAMA and KIBURU. This road is vital to the building programme at Mendi and it is important that it be placed in a serviceable condition as soon as possible. The road has suffered considerable surface damage to the pavement due the passage of heavy timber jinkers and tractors over the ungravelled section of the road. Your main duties will then be:-

- (a) repair surface damage, and ensure adequate drainage is maintained all suspect damaged culverts should be repaired or replaced.
- (b) locate gravel and stone deposits and arrange for collection at suitable points along the road. It is hoped to make available at least one tractor to assist in cartage of stone and gravel early next week.


£200 has been made available out of road maintenance funds for payment to the people. Please ascertain as soon as possible and advise, if the people require payment in cash or M.O.P.

One N.C.O. and 2 members of the Constabulary should accompany as escort. Interpreter KOMIA will also accompany you.

Please endeavour to settle any minor disputes brought before you, anything requiring Court action should be forwarded, with all witnesses to Mendi. I understand that there is a land disputes in the area, if this is brought before you, you should register the claim, in view of this please peruse file 35-10-1 before your departure and familiarise yourself with procedure in registration of land claims.

Please see me regarding stores and equipment prior to your departure, and any other matters you on which you are not quite sure.

My best wishes for a successful patrol.

  
(N.F. FOWLER)

Assistant District Officer.



Sub District Office,  
MENDI. S.H.D.  
21st November, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
MENDI Sub District.  
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 9 of 1962-63

Patrol Conducted by: A.S. WRIGHT C.P.O.

Area Patrolled: TUTAMA to KIBURU - KAMBIRI CENSUS DIVISION

Accompanied by: 3 R.P.& N.G.C.  
1 INTERPRETER

Duration: 18/10/62 to 16/11/62  
30 days, 24 days camped out.

Map Reference: SKETCH MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol:

1. ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK BETWEEN TUTAMA AND KIBURU.
2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

*A. Wright*  
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A.S. WRIGHT. C.P.O.

INTRODUCTION:

The prime object of this patrol was to place the section of road between TUTAMA and KIBURU in a serviceable condition.

PATROL DIARYThursday 18th October, 1962

Patrol departed MENDEI at 0945 hrs. and arrived at LUMBI at 1245 hrs. Camp set up and word sent out for village officials in the area to come for talks on purpose of the patrol's visit. Village Constable PEKE of LUMBI arrived at 1415 hrs and he was told the objects of the patrol.

Friday 19th October, 1962

Village Constable WERIT of TUTAMA presented himself at 0810 hrs. and after I informed him of the patrol's objects, I sent him to get the TUTAMA and LAME people working. A fair number of LUMBI people had gathered by now and they were sent to work carrying stone. Left about 0830 hrs. for TUTAMA logging camp. While there the V.C.'s of KIBURU and OIYARIP arrived as well as the TUTAMA and LUMBI V.C.'s and all were given a talk on the road work. There was a poor turn up of TUTAMA and LAME people for work. I supervised work on the TUTAMA and LUMBI roads until 1700 hrs although rain interrupted work for about 2 hours in the middle of the day.

Saturday 20th October, 1962

Came down to the TUTAMA road at 0800 hrs. - a better attendance of people today. I then walked down the main road inspecting work by the LUMBI groups and continued on to OIYARIP where I talked to the Village Constable and Village Councillor. At 1115 hrs Mr. CROWE P.O. arrived en route MENDEI and I accompanied him to the station. Slept MENDEI.

Sunday 21st OCTOBER, 1962

Observed at MENDEI.

Monday 22nd October, 1962

Had discussions with Mr. FOWLER A.D.O. regarding equipment needed. Departed station about 0930 hrs. per tractor with Mr. CROWE P.O., Mr. SPEED C.P.O. (on posting to IALIBU) and Mr. MILLER T.I-C OIYARIP School. Left the tractor just past OIYARIP at a bad section of the road. Arrived at LUMBI at about 1230 hrs. Work supervised on the TUTAMA road for a short time but heavy rain then set in and continued until 1600 hrs. Those remaining were sent to gather stone and work ceased at 1700 hrs.

Tuesday 23rd October, 1962

Left LUMBI R.H. at 0800 hrs. and walked down the TUTAMA road to inspect work. I then proceeded down the main road to a bad section of road beyond OIYARIP Primary 'T' School. After returning I supervised work by the TUTAMA and LUMBI groups until shortly before 1700 hrs., when heavy rain set in. A land dispute over ground known as TAGWALE was brought to my notice.

Wednesday 24th October, 1962

Left LUMBI at 0800 hrs. for inspection of work on TUTAMA road. Then I walked down the main road as far as KIBURU Primary 'T' School to check on progress of the OIYARIP and KIBURU groups. After talking to the KIBURU Village Councillor on the urgency of the road work. Then I returned to LUMBI arriving in drenching rain at 1815 hrs. Work ceased until 1545 hrs. and then resumed until 1700 hrs. A number of disputes were settled. The land dispute was again brought up and I decided to inspect the ground on Saturday.

Thursday 25th October, 1962

Departed LUMBI at 0800 hrs. and went down to supervise work on the TUTAMA road. Interpreter KOMIA sick - apparently a reaction to smallpox vaccination. At about 1030 hrs. Mr. FOWLER A.D.O. and Mr. ROBERTS P.W.D. Supervisor arrived to inspect progress on the road. I travelled down as far as OIYARIP with them. Walked back inspecting work on the main road and then on the TUTAMA road until 1300 hrs. when steady rain set in for the rest of the afternoon causing all work to cease.

Friday 26th October, 1962

Left LUMBI at 0800 hrs. and supervised work on both the TUTAMA and the main road until 1700 hrs. as rain began to fall.



Saturday 27th October, 1962

Departed LUMBI at 0800 hrs. for the ground known as TAGWALE. Arrived about 1000 hrs. The ground was inspected and sketched, however when the representatives of TUTAMA and IAME were asked the basis of their claim they admitted they had no rightful claim to the ground and they declined to enter a claim for registration. I returned stopping at the TUTAMA Catholic Mission outstation for lunch with Fr. BEN MADDEY and arrived at LUMBI about 1530 hrs. Slept LUMBI.

Sunday 28th October, 1962

Observed at LUMBI.

Monday 29th October, 1962

At 0745 hrs. a complaint was brought to me that a man had indecently assaulted another man's wife near KIBURU. The man was located later near TUTAMA and all concerned were sent to MENDI for court action. At 0810 hrs. I left LUMBI and walked down the TUTAMA road to supervise work there. Then I walked down the main road past OIYANIP School to the bad uphill section. I returned to LUMBI at about 1215 hrs. as drizzling rain set in. At about 1330 hrs. the rain became heavier causing all work to cease for the day.

Tuesday 30th October, 1962

Left LUMBI at 0800 hrs. and supervised work on the TUTAMA road and then on the main road where the LUMBI groups were working. A tractor arrived at about 1100 hrs. for the purpose of carrying stone. I employed it carting stone to the ungravelled surface of the TUTAMA road. I supervised work on this road until 1345 hrs. when rain set in for the afternoon causing work to cease.

Wednesday 31st October 1962

Departed LUMBI at 0800 hrs. and supervised work on the TUTAMA and main roads. At about 1100 hrs. a Land Rover arrived with some shovels, hammers and drums and instructions from the A.D.O. to come in on Friday. I returned to LUMBI and sent the tractor to work to cart stone on the main road. I supervised work on the TUTAMA road until 1700 hrs.

Thursday 1st November, 1962

Left LUMBI at 0800 hrs. and supervised work on both the TUTAMA and main roads until 1700 hrs.

Friday 2nd November, 1962

Supervised work on the TUTAMA and main roads until about 1100 hrs., when a Land Rover arrived to take myself and Mr. CROWE to MENDI. The rest of the day was spent discussing the road work with the A.D.O. and in readying extra rations. As previously instructed by P.W.D., the tractor driver returned to MENDI during the afternoon.

Saturday 3rd November, 1962

Observed at MENDI.

Sunday 4th November, 1962

Observed at MENDI.

Monday 5th November, 1962

Waited for transport at MENDI. Left per Land Rover about 1000 hrs; with Mr. CROWE. However the car broke down shortly after leaving the station and we walked to KIBURU and waited for the Land Rover to arrive. Whilst at KIBURU I inspected progress on the road. The Land Rover did not arrive but Mr. ROBERTS of P.W.D. and two C.S.I.R.O. men came out en route for the ANGA GONGE and we arrived with them at LUMBI about 1330 hrs. Supervised work on the TUTAMA and main road until 1700 hrs.

Tuesday 6th November, 1962

Departed LUMBI at 0800 hrs. and supervised work on the TUTAMA road. Then I walked down the main road and started some LUMBI men on making a culvert across the road. Supervised work until about 1700 hrs., although rain interrupted work at times. At 1715 hrs. I received a note from Mr. DUNN P.O. to the effect that a man IUNA of IAME had shot his wife in the thigh with an arrow. Word was sent out that a census would be held in the morning for the people of TUTAMA, IAME and MOITA.



Wednesday 7th November, 1962

LUNA duly arrived for "census" and was placed under police guard. A policeman and a V.C. were sent to locate his wife. Left LUMBI at 0830 hrs. for the TUTAMA road and then walked down the main road past CIYARIP School to supervise work there. Returned and supervised work on the TUTAMA road until 1730 hrs. On returning to LUMBI R.H. I found that LUNA'S wife had been located.

Thursday 8th November, 1962

LUNA and his wife despatched to MENDI with Const. KERAWA. I supervised work on the TUTAMA and main roads until 1515 hrs. when heavy rain started. Const. KERAWA returned per Land Rover about 1500 hrs. The rain ceased about 1600 hrs. and work resumed until 1700 hrs.

Friday 9th November, 1962

Left LUMBI at 0800 hrs. and inspected work on the TUTAMA road. Then I walked down the main road past CIYARIP School inspecting work. Walked back and at about 1500 hrs. ~~was~~ a Land Rover arrived with supplies for Mr. CROWE at YEBI. Continued supervising work on the TUTAMA and main roads until 1730 hrs. One dispute settled.

Saturday 10th November, 1962

Supervised work on the TUTAMA road and the main road until 1200 hrs., when work ceased for the day. Walked to YEBI to visit Mr. CROWE'S patrol. Slept YEBI.

Sunday 11th November, 1962

Returned to LUMBI. Slept LUMBI.

Monday 12th November, 1962

Left LUMBI at 0800 hrs. and walked down the main road inspecting work as far as KIBURU School. I started back and at about 1115 hrs., a runner arrived with a note from Mr. CROWE P.O. requesting that myself and my police proceed to YEBI immediately in order to assist him in apprehending people who had not presented themselves for census. I reached LUMBI about 1215 hrs. and proceeded immediately to the YEBI area. Sweeps were made from the YEBI side of the ANGA river as far as YEBI R.H. A number of people were apprehended and we arrived with them at YEBI R.H. at about 1730 hrs. Slept YEBI.

Tuesday 13th November, 1962

Departed YEBI about 0900 hrs. with Mr. CROWE and prisoners. Arrived LUMBI about 1045 hrs. The rest of the day was spent supervising work on the main road and the TUTAMA road until 1730 hrs.

Wednesday 14th November, 1962

Supervised work on the TUTAMA and main road until 1700 hrs. Mr. CROWE passed by en route for AISISA. A couple of disputes were settled.

Thursday 15th November, 1962

Departed LUMBI at 0800 hrs. and inspected work on the main road past CIYARIP School. Two tractors came out and collected timber during the day. Work continued until 1645 hrs., when steady rain set in. One dispute settled.

Friday 16th November, 1962

Assembled the TUTAMA and LUMBI groups and told them to continue working five days per week until further advised. Pay would be distributed when the work is completely finished. Patrol equipment packed. I supervised work until 0930 hrs., when Mr. ROBERTS of P.W.D. arrived. Self returned per Land Rover. The rest of the patrol returned by foot, arriving about 1330 hrs. Patrol stood down.



NATIVE AFFAIRS

The attitude of the people to the patrol was in general very good. The TUTAMA and IAME groups showed reluctance at first to work, but responded after being told that payment would be forthcoming only when the road was completely finished. However they required constant supervision and as the TUTAMA branch road was in a badly damaged condition, I found it necessary to remain camped at LUMBI for the duration of the patrol, in order to provide the necessary supervision.

The LUMBI groups were a more willing lot and they worked well on their relatively long section of road.

The OIYARUP and KIBURU people did not work as well as the previously mentioned groups, due no doubt to the fact that they received less supervision. However as their section of the road did not require a great deal of work to make it serviceable, this did not matter so much.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

All badly damaged sections of the road were repaired and stoned. Then stoning was continued on the rest of the ungravelled road. This work is not yet complete but is being worked on now. Drainage ditches were cut and existing ditches were deepened where necessary. A culvert was constructed on the main road and several broken decking planks were replaced on one bridge in the LUMBI section. At the time the patrol departed the road was in a serviceable condition, although further stoning and placing of small stone and gravel is needed to make a good surface. Considering that most of the stone was carried by the people and carried quite considerable distances in some places, the amount of road stoned was most satisfactory.

As regular weekly road runs have now been commenced, it will be possible to check on the work being done.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

In general the village officials in this area did not impress me as being very capable. The exception was the Village Constable of LUMBI - PEKE. He obviously has a lot of influence with the LUMBI groups and is an enthusiastic worker.

AGRICULTURE AND STOCK

This area seems to be poorly endowed by nature. Adequate quantities of sweet potato could not be purchased for the patrol personnel. The people told me they suffer many crop failures due to the poor soil. Some sugar cane and small bananas grow in this area. Some interest was shown by the TUTAMA people to try growing coffee. They were told to seek the advice of the Agricultural Officer in this regard. Their pigs seemed in fair condition and a number of fowls were seen.

HEALTH

Generally the health of the people seemed quite all right. A number of people requiring medical attention were despatched to the MENDEI Hospital for treatment.

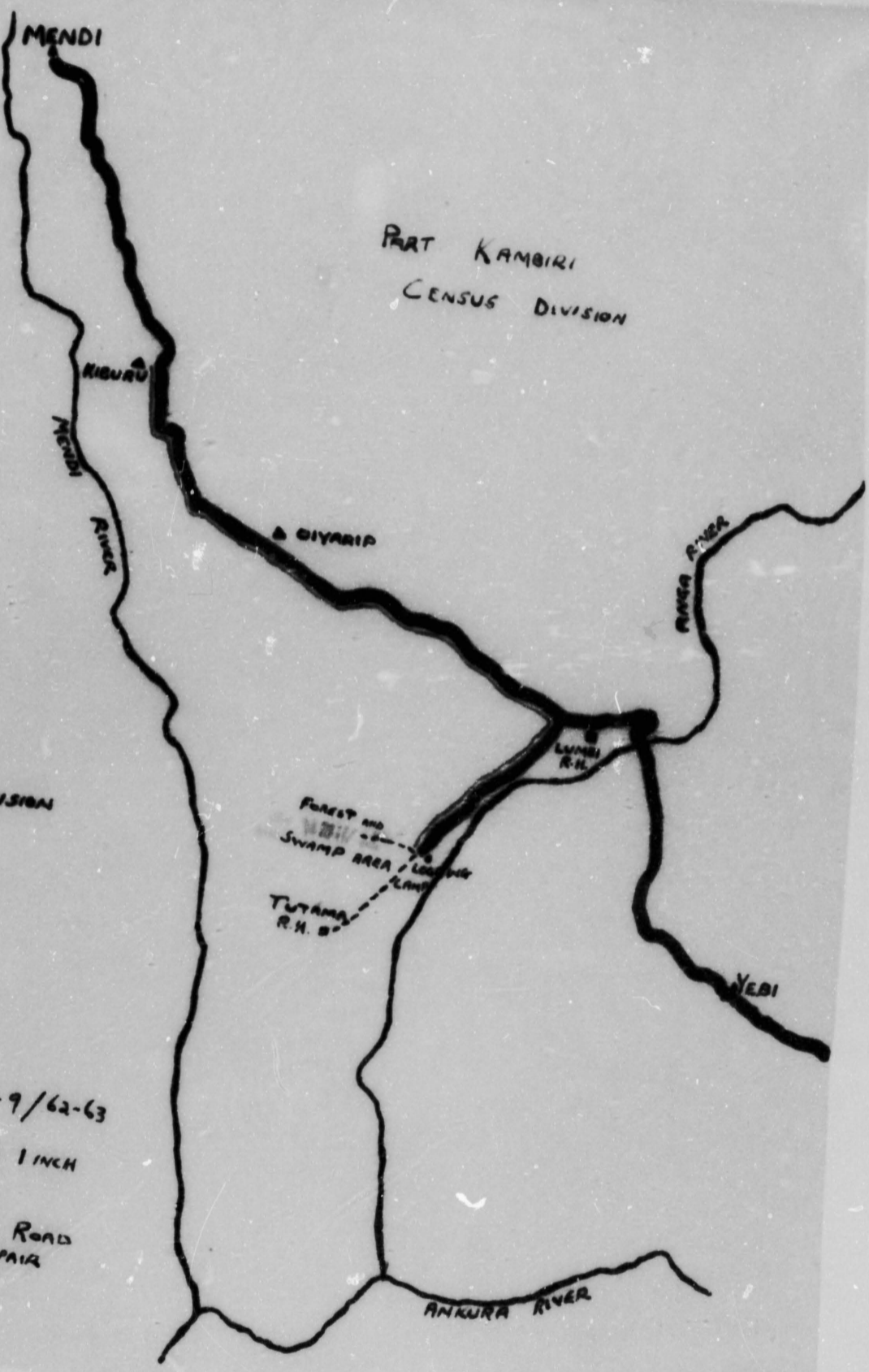
CONCLUSION

The objects of the patrol were achieved without incident. With further work being done by the people and checked by weekly road runs the road should remain in good condition to serve as a timber getting road and also as a part of the MENDEI - IALIEU road link.

Comments on R.P. & N.G.C. Personnel accompanying the patrol have entered in their Records of Service and Formas R.S.I have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police, KONEDEBU.

*A. Wright*  
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A.S. WRIGHT C. P. O.

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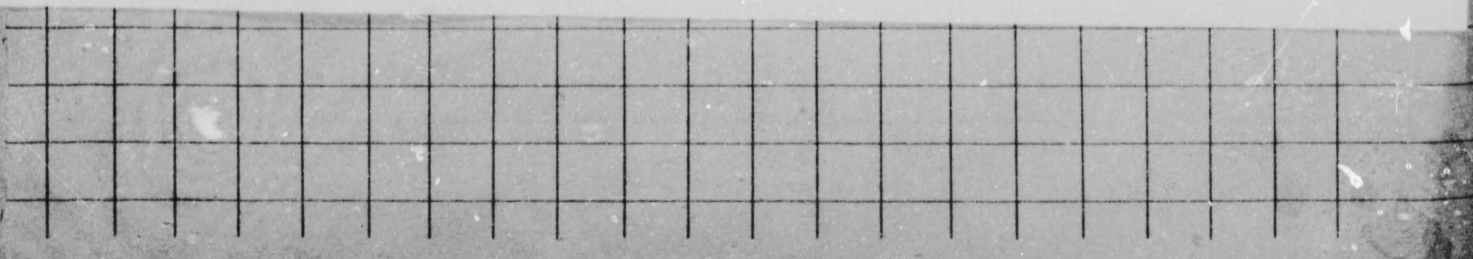
PART KAMBIRI  
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CENSUS DIVISION

MENDI PATROL No. 9/62-63

SCALE: 1 MILE TO 1 INCH

 SECTION OF ROAD  
UNDER REPAIR









TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of...SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS..... Report No...MENDI NO...10 of 1962-63

Patrol Conducted by...B. J. DUNN P.O. GRADE 1.....

Area Patrolled...UPPER MENDI - TAMBUL W.H.D.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans...MR. G. ROMANUIK (TRANSPORT BRANCH) 4 days

Natives...1 Interpreter; 3 R.P.&N.G.C; 1 Transport Driver

Duration—From...27/11/1962 to 26/1/1963 (Broken Periods)

Number of Days...47 Actual

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.../9/1962

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

Map Reference...SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.....

Objects of Patrol...1. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION 2. ROAD MAINTENANCE  
3. ESCORT TIPPER TRUCK FROM TAMBUL TO MENDI

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

14 MAR 1963  
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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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14th March, 1963.

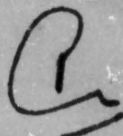
The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
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PATROL REPORT NO. 19/1962-63 - MUNDI

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report  
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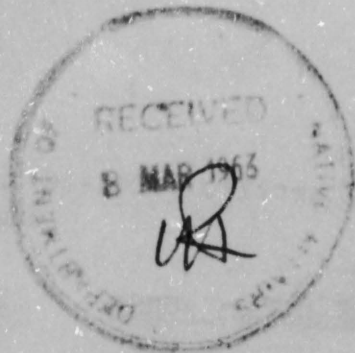
I am gratified to note that road transport  
can now visit the area and that a weekly vehicle is  
sent to pick up foodstuffs.

Mr Dunn has conscientiously performed his  
work.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
Director.



NFF:BT.



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Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

11th February, 1963.


The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 10 of 1962/63.

Please find attached two (2) copies of the report on the abovementioned patrol conducted by Mr B.J. Dunn, Patrol Officer Gr.1.

The report calls for little comment, and was mainly concerned with supervision of road maintenance. As reported by Mr Dunn the road through to Komia, and the large population of Nen, Abua, Eguri, Birop and Klareg is now all weather. Tractors now visit this area every week to purchase sweet potato and other foodstuffs and consequently the economic effect of the all weather road is already being felt in the area.

A job well done and a neat and concise report.

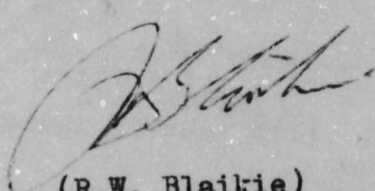
  
(N.F. FOWLER)  
Assistant District Officer.

File: 67-3-2  
Date: 4/3/63  
Minute to:

Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
K O N E D O B U.

For your information please.

A well presented report.

  
(R.W. Blaikie)  
a/District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Sub-District Office,  
MENDI S.H.D.  
29th. January 1962

The Assistant District Officer  
MENDI S.H.D.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 10 OF 19

Conducted by:- B. J. DUNN Patrol Officer  
Grade 1

Accompanied by:- MR. G. ROMANUIK (TRANSPORT BRANCH)  
4 days  
1 INTERPRETER  
3 R.P.&.N.G.C.  
1 TRANSPORT DRIVER

Area Patrolled:- UPPER MENDI - TAMBUL W.H.D.

Duration of Patrol:-

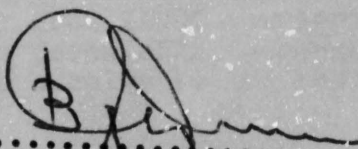
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	27-11-62	22-12-62
	2- 1-63	5- 1-63
	10- 1-63	26- 1-63

Number of Days:-  
47 days actual  
44 nights camped out

Map Reference:- SKETCH MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol:-

1. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.
2. ROAD MAINTENANCE.
3. ESCORT TIPPER TRUCK FROM TAMBUL TO MENDI.

  
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B. J. DUNN  
Patrol Officer Grade 1



INTRODUCTION

This patrol moved to the Upper Mendi area to carry out road maintenance on the MENDI-KOMIA road, which will shortly become part of the main trunk road linking MENDI with MOUNT HAGEN. Special attention was to be paid to road surfacing, drainage and the replacement of timber culverts with Armco.

The patrol returned to MENDI for the Christmas and New Year period, where it received further instructions to proceed to the road-head near TAMBUL Patrol Post in the Western Highlands District, and bring a tipper truck overland to MENDI.

At the conclusion of this operation, the patrol returned to the Upper Mendi area to complete the road surfacing and maintenance.

DIARY

- 27th. November 1962:-  
Departed station 13.30 hrs. by Land Rover and established camp at KUNDAGA. Councillors interviewed and told to assemble people for work on road.
- 28th. November 1962:-  
6 groups from KLAREG, KUNDAGA and KAGAB set to work on stoning of road surface near KUNDAGA. Groups from DIMIFA and ENEP commenced stoning road from DIMIFA end. Tractor arrived from MENDI at 15.00 hrs with stores, Armco and diesolene.
- 29th. November 1962:-  
Good weather and attendance by native people. Self between KUNDAGA and ENEP supervising stoning of road.
- 30th. November 1962:-  
As yesterday, supervising surfacing of road. Land Rover from MENDI carried back a load of native foodstuffs, purchased by the patrol and surplus to its needs.
- 1st. December 1962:-  
Self between ENEP and KUNDAGA supervising work on road. Three disputes heard and settled during afternoon.
- 2nd. December 1962:-  
Heavy rain most of the day and tractor working when weather permitted. Two disputes brought for settlement. Visited by Mr. A.D.O. Fowler during afternoon.



- 3rd. December 1962:-  
Continued with stoning of road. Good weather and tractor able to work all day. Two native complaints heard during afternoon.
- 4th. December 1962:-  
Good weather again and tractor working all day on stoning of road, after having been serviced during the morning.
- 5th. December 1962:-  
Stoning of road continued during today. Self, interpreter and ten natives commenced re-construction of timber culvert with one of iron.
- 6th. December 1962:-  
Continued with stoning of road. Two old culverts replaced with armco.
- 7th. December 1962:-  
Continued with stoning of road. Two further timber culverts re-constructed with Armco.
- 8th. December 1962:-  
Native people finished work at 12.00 hrs., but tractor and patrol personnel continued carting stone from its source and lining it beside the road, to be laid and paved by the people after the weekend.
- 9th. December 1962:-  
As yesterday. Tractor and patrol personnel continued with carting of stone.
- 10th. December 1962:-  
Good attendance by all groups and stoning of road continued until heavy rain stopped work at 14.30 hrs.
- 11th. December 1962:-  
Miserable weather today and little work done. Some stoning of road carried out when weather permitted.
- 12th. December 1962:-  
Heavy rain again most of the day, but some stoning of road carried out when weather permitted.
- 13th. December 1962:-  
As yesterday - raining most of the day and roadwork only continued during occasional breaks in the weather.
- 14th. December 1962:-  
Fine weather for most of the day, but heavy rain over the past two days prevented use of the tractor. One old timber culvert dismantled and replaced with Armco. Stoning of road continued.
- 15th. December 1962:-  
Continued with stoning of road until heavy rain stopped work at 14.30 hrs.
- 16th. December 1962:-  
Tractor and patrol personnel carting stone today until heavy rain stopped work at 13.00 hrs.



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17th. December 1962:-

Work continued with stoning of road until heavy rain stopped work at 13.30 hrs.

18th. December 1962:-

Road completely saturated by heavy rain over the last 10 days and tractor was returned to station as it was damaging the road surface. Work was continued by all groups until 13.00 hrs when the usual downpour made all outside work impossible.

19th. December 1962:-

All groups set to work carting stone as well as paving the road surface until rain stopped work at 15.00 hrs.

20th. December 1962:-

Stoning and carting continued until rain commenced at 14.30 hrs.

21st. December 1962:-

Stoning and carting continued until rain commenced at 15.00 hrs.

22 nd. December 1962:-

Patrol departed KUNDAGA at 11.30 hrs. and returned to MENDI. Patrol temporarily stood down.

23rd. December 1962

to

2nd. January 1963:-

1st.

At MENDI

2nd. January 1963:-

Departed MENDI at 13.00 hrs, in company with Mr. G. Romanuik (Transport Branch) and arrived at KOMIA Rest House at 15.00 hrs. A line of 150 carriers recruited and told to prepare for an early departure on the morrow.

3rd. January 1963:-

Departed KOMIA Rest House at 08.00 hrs. and arrived at MALGI Rest House near TAMBUL Patrol Post W.H.D. at 13.50 hrs., after inspecting "road" and timber bridges en route. Commenced hauling truck at 15.30 hrs. after repairing several culverts and bridges. Work ceased at 19.00 hrs. when the light failed and all patrol personnel and carriers returned to MALGI Rest House arriving at 20.00 hrs.

4th. January 1963:-

Departed MALGI at 06.50 hrs. and commenced hauling truck over steep hills and gorges repairing all culverts and bridges en route. Heavy rain hampered work for  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour during afternoon. Arrived at area called MINIBEL at 18.10 hrs. and commenced construction of small bush houses to be used as camp for the night.

5th. January 1963:-

Broke camp at 07.00 hrs. and continued hauling truck over slopes of MT. GILUWE, finally arriving at KOMIA Rest House at



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- 18.00 hrs. Carriers dispensed with and truck continued under its own power along good road to MENDI arriving there at 19.30 hrs.
- 6th. January 1963  
to  
9th. January 1963:-  
at MENDI
- 10th January 1963:-  
Departed MENDI at 14.00 hrs. by Land Rover, and camp established at ENEP. Roadwork inspected and all groups told to re-assemble as before for work on the following morning.
- 11th. January 1963:-  
Commenced stoning of road from both DIMIFA and KLAREG ends of unpaved road. Tractor arrived from MENDI at 14.00 hrs.
- 12th. January 1963:-  
Continued with stoning of road until heavy rain stopped work at 14.30 hrs.
- 13th. January 1963:-  
Tractor and patrol personnel continued with carting of stone until 16.30 hrs.
- 14th. January 1963:-  
Good weather and attendance by all groups, and road surfacing continued until 16.30 hrs. One dispute heard during afternoon.
- 15th. January 1963:-  
Good weather again and stoning of road continued till 16.30 hrs.
- 16th. January 1963:-  
Another good day and stoning of road continued until 17.00 hrs. Trailer sustained puncture and request sent to Transport Officer MENDI to forward spare.
- 17th. January 1963:-  
Stoning of road continued until 17.00 hrs. Two disputes heard. Visited during afternoon by Messrs. Fowler ADO; Blaikie DO; Jefferies DC; and Jackman on Economic Survey.
- 18th. January 1963:-  
Continued with stoning of road till 16.50 hrs. Death last night of village leader at KUNDAGA hampered work today as most were in mourning.
- 19th. January 1963:-  
Weather only fair and road work continued until 15.30 hrs. when rain stopped work.
- 20th. January 1963:-  
Tractor and patrol personnel continued carting stone till 15.30 hrs. Visited during afternoon by Mr. Fowler ADO. One complaint brought to patrol for attention.
- 21st. January 1963:-  
Stoning of road continued until 17.00 hrs. Tractor sustained puncture of front nearside tyre.



22nd. January 1963:-

Continued with stoning of road until 15.00 hrs. One dispute settled. Visited during afternoon by Messrs. Fowler ADO and Haviland PO.

23rd. January 1963:-

Stoning of road continued until 17.00 hrs., but was held up for one hour during the afternoon by rain. Land Rover arrived from MENDI with spare tyre and fuel.

24th. January 1963:-

Corduroy completed today and stoning of road continued until heavy rain stopped work at 16.30 hrs.

25th. January 1963:-

Continued with stoning of road until 17.00 hrs.

26th. January 1963:-

Tractor working until 10.00 hrs. to complete stoning of road, then camp broken and patrol returned to MENDI arriving at 12.00 hrs.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS

For the most part, the area covered by this patrol was entirely within the Upper Mendi Local Government Council area. This provided the writer with his first experience of dealing through Local Government Councillors, rather than the previous system of Village Constables, and the ~~xxx~~ improvement was most noticeable.

It would appear that the people are more apt to obey orders given by these Councillors, and it is also apparent that they realise that the work they carry out is for their own benefit. This was borne out by Councillors urging the people to complete the surfacing of the road, as the Council itself will be purchasing a tractor and trailer ~~itself~~ in the very near future, and will be making full use of it on this and other roads.

The particular section of road that was surfaced was previously something of a "horror" section and the completion of this section now makes the MENDI-KOMIA trunk road (some 18 miles long) a completely stoned all-weather road.

The achievements gained by this patrol, spurred other adjacent groups on to greater efforts, and on several occasions Councillors from these other groups visited the patrol and reported on the progress being made on other roads under their control. These other roads comprised the KLAREG-SEMP road link and the KOMIA-BIROP-EKARI link, where work on road construction is nearing completion and stoning of the surface is well under way.

Both native people and Councillors co-operated fully in reporting minor troubles, and numerous disputes were brought to the patrol for attention, of which only a minority had to be dealt with under the N.R.O.'s.

During the first part of the patrol, an abundance of native foodstuffs was brought for sale, and a marked preference was for these to be purchased for cash. All such foodstuffs



were purchased by the patrol and the surplus forwarded to MENDI for station consumption. A most satisfying aspect of this was the amount of European-type potatoes that were brought up for sale, in addition to lesser quantities of tomatoes, onions and even eggs. Food-buying parties from MENDI visited the area on several occasions and returned to the station with a fully-laden tractor and trailer each time.

On 2nd. January 1963 a request was made to the Councillors of the KOMIA, BIROP and KLAREG groups for a line of 150 able-bodied males to haul the truck overland from TAMBUL. This request resulted in twice that number of men applying, and it is regretted that funds were available only for the employment of 150. These carriers were paid at the rate of 2/- each per day, resulting in an amount of £45 being paid out on that occasion.

In addition, an amount of £50 was made available by the Public Works Department, out of road maintenance funds, for the work performed in stoning the road, and was paid out to the DIMIFA, ENEP, KUNDAGA, KLAREG and KAGAB groups.

As a result of the patrol's work in the area a total in excess of £135 was paid out to the various groups, making a valuable contribution to the cash economy of the area.

#### ROADS & BRIDGES

As previously mentioned, the road is now stoned for the full 18 miles from MENDI to KOMIA, making it an all-weather road and suitable for medium-heavy traffic. At the completion of this stoning, instructions were left with all groups concerned to commence spreading a light layer of sand over this stone paving to make the surface smoother and to consolidate the stone surface. A quantity of buckets will be issued shortly to facilitate this work.

A particularly bad section of road near ENEP (approximately 400 yards long) was laid with corduroy, after first



the top 8 inches of the clay surface, so as to make the corduroy flush with the level of the road. Stone paving was then laid on top of this and after it has consolidated, a final layer of sand will be spread over it.

Six old timber culverts between ENEP and KUNDAGA were dismantled and replaced with Armeo.

The track between the road-heads at KOMIA and MALGI was in a bad state of dis-repair, due to lack of maintenance. The reason being that the main road in to MENDI was to be via IALIBU to the South of MT. GILUWE and thus no further work was carried out on the KOMIA - MALGI link to the North of MT. GILUWE. However the groups g at KOMIA were instructed to re-commence maintenance of this road from the KOMIA end, as it is shortly to become the main trunk road linking MENDI with MOUNT HAGEN. In addition it is the only overland route by which vehicles can be brought in to MENDI, and it is anticipated that further vehicles will be brought in to MENDI by this same route, in the near future.

Bridges on this track are not good, and repairs had to be effected before bringing the truck over them. On all culverts and bridges on this MALGI - KOMIA section (approximately 15 miles in length), lengths of sawn timber 10" x 3" x 15' were laid and 6 lengths of Marsden Matting placed on top of these to act as runners for the truck and to distribute its weight (5 tons) more evenly. This Marsden Matting proved invaluable on these bridges as well as on particularly bad sections of the track, <sup>AND</sup> at future patrols to escort motor transport in by this route would be well advised to carry such matting with them.



MOTOR TRANSPORT

A Ferguson 35 tractor and trailer was made available to the patrol to cart stone for the road. At the DIMIFA end, the stone was quarried and broken up about  $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile from the road. It was then carried to the road, loaded on to the trailer and carted  $\frac{1}{2}$ -to  $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile where it was unloaded direct on to the unpaved section of road.

At the KLAREG end, the gravel was won from creek beds, loaded on to the trailer and carted some  $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile where it was unloaded and laid on the road surface. The tractor and trailer speeded up the work considerably and also helped to consolidate this stone into the clay surface of the road.

For the first part of the patrol, a motor cycle was made available per courtesy of the Public Works Department. As stoning was commenced from both ends of the road, the motor cycle enabled the writer to keep in frequent contact with all work parties, i.e. those quarrying stone and those paving the road at both ends.

The truck brought in from TAMBUL - an International Tipper - arrived at MENDI unscathed and without mishap, although the effort required to bring it over some 15 miles of unmade road at heights varying from 8500' to 6000', was not inconsiderable.

MISSION ACTIVITY

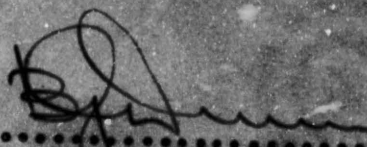
The Capuchin (Catholic) Mission from MENDI and the Lutheran Mission from TAMBUL both operate a number of mission stations throughout the area. These stations are manned by native evangelists who are visited periodically by European pastors. During the patrol the area was visited by Rev. Fr. SENAN for a period of 4 weeks, and by the O.I.C. Lutheran Church, TAMBUL for 4 days.



CONCLUSION

At the conclusion of the road surfacing near ENEP mand KUNDAGA, it was intended that the patrol move to the SEMP area to supervise road construction on the ~~KENNES~~ KLAREG - PINGIRIP link. However the road stoning took some time longer than was originally estimated, due mainly to a spate of bad weather, and the patrol returned to MENDI to enable the writer to prepare for departure to A.S.O.P.A.

Comments on R. P. & N. G. C. Personnel accompanying the patrol have been entered on their respective Records of Service, and forms RS.1 have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.

  
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B. J. DUNN  
Patrol Officer Grade 1



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....Southern Highlands..... Report No.....Mendi 12.....62/63.....

Patrol Conducted by.....F.E. Haviland Patrol Officer Gd. 1.....

Area Patrolled.....Lai Valley Census Division.....

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

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

Natives Interpreter - 1 P.H.D. - 1

D.A.S.F. - 1

Duration—From 30./1...../1963 to 16./...2./1963.

Number of Days.....18.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....Nil.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../Jan/1963..(part)

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

Map Reference.....Sketch map attached.....

Objects of Patrol 1.....Compile Electoral Roll; 2.....Prelim. Local Govt. Survey;

3.....Check on coffee; 4.....Check on Health; 5.....Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

29 MAR 1963  
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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-15-36

16th April, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
NSW.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 - 1962/63 - MENDI

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report  
is acknowledged with thanks.

Be sure the people's hopes are not raised too  
much as to what will occur when the Lal Valley Road is  
completed.

I am pleased to see that the situation in the  
TUGUP area has been clarified - I shall be interested to  
see if the status quo can be maintained.

I am gratified to note that comprehensive written  
Patrol Instructions were provided. This no doubt contrib-  
uted to the success of the Patrol. You should not press  
Local Government surveys at the expense of the completion  
of the Crown Roll.

What was the people's reaction when the purpose  
of the Crown Roll was explained to them? I particularly  
want notes on this aspect of their behaviour.

J  
(J.E. McCarthy)  
Director



67-15-56

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

RWB:eb  
67-3-2



District Officer,  
**MENDI**  
Southern Highlands District.

29th March, 1963

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
**KONEDOBU.**

Mendi Patrol No. 12-62/63

Attached hereto please find the above report as submitted by Mr. F.E. Haviland, Patrol Officer Grade 1, and covering memorandum 67-2-1 of 6th March, 1963, as submitted by Assistant District Officer, Mendi.

The disturbance at TUGUP was originally reported on Nipa Patrol Report No. 5 of 1962/63. This is just another case of the unrest caused in this District by land disputes. This matter has already been reported on a separate file.

The progress of the Lai Valley road is satisfactory but will certainly not bring the golden era that the people envisage.

I have not yet seen Mr. Haviland's Local Government survey, however, with other commitments and the shortage of field staff it will be some time before a Council can be established in the area.

Remarks on Education have been passed on to the District Education Officer.

A most useful patrol well reported.

(R.W. Blaikie)  
a/District Officer.



NFF:ST.

67-2-1.

Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
HEIDI.

6th March, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
HEIDI.

HEIDI PATROL No 12/62-63

Please find attached a report on the abovementioned patrol to the Lai Valley Census Division conducted by Mr. F.R. Haviland, Patrol Officer Gr. 1. Relevant claims for camping allowance are also attached.

Native Situation.

Mr Haviland has presented a clear picture of the situation at Tugup and the background to the dispute will be invaluable if any further trouble occurs. It will be interesting to see if the "status quo" can be maintained.

There is no doubt that services such as health and education will follow the opening of the road and economic development will be stimulated, however obviously not at the rate anticipated by the people. I do not think there is any real danger here, in the Heidi area progress is certainly not as rapid as the leaders would like.

At the present time native produce is being hauled some 20 miles, only a small percentage of what is required is being supplied, I have no doubt the people will receive some initial assistance, as have the people in the Council area, however as stated by Mr Haviland they will have to realise they must transport and sell competitively with the people from other areas.

It is probable that pending legislation on Territory Laws will tend to solve some of the border problems.

Roads and Bridges.

The Lai Valley access road when completed will be quite an asset in the administration of the area, it is hoped that it can be completed before next March.


Health: The large number of deaths of young children follows the pattern evident throughout the Heidi area during the past 12 months - could you please advise the District Medical Officer.

Education and Missions:

The village schools of the Missions, whilst not providing much in the way of formal education act as a recruiting centre for the brighter students.

It would be appreciated if you could pass on to the District Education Officer, the request of the people of Malala. It is realised that the District Education Officer will probably not be able to meet their wishes within at least the next 18 months, however it is felt the request should be recorded.

A well presented report from what was obviously a well conducted patrol.

  
(H. F. FOWLER)  
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

NFF:BT.

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No.67-1-2.

Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

24th January, 1963.

Mr. F.E. Haviland,  
Patrol Officer,  
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL NO 12/62-63.

Please prepare to leave on a routine patrol to the Lai Valley Census Division on the 30th January.

The 62/63 Census for the Lai Valley has been completed, however, due to the amount of work necessary in compiling the common roll, would you please extract the information as required by Native Affairs Circular 1-50-0 of the 5th November 1962, for this Division - additions and amendments to the census Register will not be required except in the case of births.

In conjunction with this work for the common roll would you contact Public Health Department and arrange for a medical party to accompany your patrol and initiate the Triple antigen Campaign in this Division. The objects of this campaign should be carefully explained to each group, prior to the injections being given.

Please draw to the attention of all Village Officials and the people, their responsibilities and duties under the N.R.O's, particularly those sections appertaining to village hygiene. Ensure that instructions of previous officers have been carried out - if necessary Court action should be taken.

Your attention is drawn to NIPA Patrol No.5/62-63 - Mr Cornhill reports a Brawl in the Tugup area. The factors which led to this Brawl are still evident, basically I feel it is concerned with land however a number of other accusations have been made which cloud the issue - please investigate fully and if you consider necessary record the land dispute for hearing by a Lands Commissioner. Inform the people in no uncertain terms that Brawls and assaults will not be tolerated.

Any other land disputes brought forward should also be recorded. A brief history of the dispute and a rough sketch should also be recorded in the Census Register - this is of assistance to following officers.

Offer the people advise and assistance on the Lai Valley road. Grades which are too steep should be pointed out and advise given on re-routing.

The following people from the Tugup area will be required as witnesses during the forthcoming Supreme Court Sittings commencing approximately the 13th February 1963. Would you please arrange their movement to Mendi approximately the 8th February, - IMIHARA KWIMP, LERALT BARAIA, PENKE ALISAMOGEI.

PEYAP of WINJA in the Lai Valley a Highland Labour Recruit has died at the coast, please advise his next of kin; £1 in deferred wages is held at this office, as he died of malaria it would appear compensation will not be payable.

The District Agricultural Officer has arranged for an agricultural Fieldworker to accompany the patrol; a number of




nurseries and plots have been established throughout the Division and the Fieldworker should be employed in assisting the people in the maintenance of their plots. Emphasis should be placed on the need for properly prepared plots before planting out.

Constable 1/e GAMAN and 5 constables will accompany the patrol, also interpreter Kei.

Any matters you are not clear about, please discuss with me before your departure.

My best wishes for a successful patrol.

  
(H.F. FOWLER)  
Assistant District Officer.

The A/District Commissioner has indicated that he would like you to conduct a preliminary Local Government Survey in the Kai Valley Census Division. Please read Departmental Circular Instruction No. 204 of the 19th September 1955, and submit your report in accordance with this instruction. Please note you are not to make a direct approach to the people on the subject of Local Government Councils, any reference or queries by the people should be handled in a general manner, i.e. the place of Councils in the overall development of the Territory. Consequently you will not be able to supply such information under No. however some information on the people's attitude to the Upper Mandi Council may be available without delving to deeply

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Sub District Office  
MENDI S.H.D.

22nd February, 1963

The Assistant District Officer,  
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MENDI PATROL No. 12 - 1962/63

Patrol conducted by : F.E. Haviland Patrol Officer Gd.1  
Area patrolled : Upper Lai Census Division  
Accompanied by : Europeans - Nil  
Natives - R.P. & N.G.C. - 6  
Interpreter - 1  
D.A.S.F. - 1  
P.H.D. - 1  
Duration : 30/1/63 to 16th/2/63  
Number of days : 18  
Did Medasst accompany? : No  
Last patrol : DNA Jan 1963  
PHD  
Map reference : Map attached  
Objects : Compilation of Electoral Roll  
Prelim. Local Govt. Survey  
Check on coffee  
Check on health and give treatments  
General routine Administration.

*F.E. Haviland*  
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( F.E. Haviland )  
Patrol Officer



MENDI PATROL No. 12 - 1962/63

Patrol Diary

Refer Folios 45 to 62 of Field Officer's Journal.

Wednesday 30th January, 1963

- 0945 Patrol gear and native personell under C1/c Gaman departed Mendi per tractor.  
1025 Self departed Mendi per landrover.  
1115 Arrived Tulum. Police arrived, gear sorted and carriers eventually found.  
1255 Departed Tulum.  
1320 Arrived Hum Rest House. Rain imminent, made camp and dug a new latrine. V.C. and party from Tumia visited Patrol. Court for Native Matters held. Discussion with Hum ~~Tumia~~ people present re roads etc. in the area. Word sent to Kuianda and other Lai people advising them of Patrol's approach. Sufficient food purchased.

Thursday 31st January, 1963

- 0715 Departed Hum. Road quite good for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles.  
0745 End of road, some clearing done. Climbed gradually on a bush track.  
0810 Top of Hulpiawe Ra. Descended gradually to Kihaliame.  
0820 Rested overlooking the Lai valley with Kuianda in the foreground.  
0830 Descended steeply  
0835 Passed turnoff to Soba - a similar track to this one.  
0855 Came to main Lai valley road. Looked at Kuianda coffee block.  
0905 Continued on to Rest House. V.C. absent rounding up people. Made camp. Couldn't find Village Books. Informal discussion with people on general topics all morning. AFW and coffee caretakers sent to clean up block. V.C. eventually arrived, some of his people still coming - they have been to Tugup trading. Afternoon spent with Clan leaders gathering information on clans etc. Food purchased.  
1840 Men from Kuianda returned ex Tugup with oil and a cassowary admired purchases and discussed them with people. Arranged with Tugup Councillor to send 3 Court witnesses to Mendi on 4th February.

Friday 1st February, 1963

- Kuianda lined, Electoral Roll compiled. Counted spades issued. Talk on coffee, roads etc. Medical check and treatments.  
Fr. Senen of Capuchin Mission Mendi called in en route to Nipa.  
1125 Departed Kuianda. Followed vehicle road. Narrow and unfinished in places - advise given to V.C.  
1145 Turned off main road and crossed Lai River by suspension bridge. Bridge in fair condition. Followed narrow, unmade track climbed gradually and then steeply up side of Panda Ridge.  
1200 Rested awaiting carriers.  
1205 Continued climbing - some steep pinches.  
1225 Top of Ridge. Descended to Injedl Rest House.  
1230 Arrived Injedl.



Friday 1st February 1963 cont...

Injedl lined, Electoral roll compiled, medical check.  
Talk on health and care of children, hygiene etc.  
Talk on road and benefits.  
Clan information etc gained from leaders.  
Coffee block inspected, talk with caretakers.  
Several small disputes settled amicably.

Saturday 2nd February, 1963

- Checked spades at Injedl  
0750 Departed Injedl. Road quite good for  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile then deteriorates to an unmade track along side of Moromba Mt. down to Lai river.  
0825 Arrived Lai river bridge. Considered it unsafe for carriers, sent them further upstream to a second bridge near Soba. Crossed bridge to inspect it - token repairs only. Trudged through gardens to main road.  
0835 Reached main road and followed it to Soba.  
0845 Arrived Soba Rest House. Looked at new Mission (R.C.) school being erected near Rest House.  
Electoral Roll compiled, medical treatments given. Fair few absentees.  
Coffee inspected - 2 blocks one a kau-kau garden.  
Talked with Mission teacher re school, and with people re road, economic development, clan information, health etc.  
Court for Native Matters held at Soba.

Sunday 3rd February, 1963

- Checked spades at Soba. Const sent Mendi with prisoners and sick child with mother.  
0820 Departed Soba following vehicle road. Fair, needs bumps taken out.  
0825 Crossed Lai bridge and checked on grading of road up side of Mt. Mombora. Advised construction of turning area to reduce grade and make use of existing work.  
0837 Continued on along the bench following side of mountain. Bench only partly cut.  
0915 Passed Cap. Mission school at Nol (No). Large stones hampering road work, bench fair most of the way.  
0920 Continued on through Nol ceremonial ground, left main road and followed bush track. Descended steep hill (Wip) and saw confusion of partly built roads around Monda. Followed Monda bench to Monda/Malala mark and returned to Rest House  
1010 Arrived Monda Rest House.  
Common Roll compiled, medical treatments given.  
Talk on road, health etc. to 1430.  
1445 Went back along road site to Nol with V.C. and party. Rerouted road along side of Wip Mt. instead of along Malt ck.  
1735 Arrived back at Rest House.  
Talk with clan leaders re clans etc. Talked with Mission teachers.  
One dispute settled amicably, informal talks with V.C. etc.  
Checked coffee blocks.



Monday 4th February, 1963

- Checked Monda Spades.  
0805 Departed Monda. Followed bench to end of Monda ground and  
0820 to end of road work. Followed uncut track up and down  
numerous hills.  
0840 Arrived Malala Rest House.  
Electoral Roll compiled, Medical treatments.  
Inspected Malala coffee, checked spades issued.  
Talk with people on road, health, hygiene etc.  
Talk with clan leaders re clans etc.  
Rain from 1400 onwards. Const returned ex Mendi.

Tuesday 5th February, 1963

- 0755 Departed Malala. Followed track down ~~side~~ to road site.  
0805 End of Malala ground (Homp Ck.) followed track running  
generally along survey of road.  
0815 Came to Winja bench and travelled over fair distance of  
road cut prior to survey, grades very steep. Gave advice  
to V.C. who seemed familiar with requirements.  
0830 Arrived Winja Rest House.  
Winja and Augulya people lined, Electoral Roll compiled,  
medical treatments.  
Looked at coffee. Advised N.O.K. Peya (dec.) of his death  
and talked with him and V.C. re compensation.  
Talked on road, clans, etc.  
TulTul from Gip (W.H.D.) arrived with note to ADO from  
OIC Kandep. Gathered it concerned this area, read it  
and talked to people on P/NG border. Sent note back to  
Kandep and one to Mendi.  
Spades checked, informal ~~talks~~ talks with various people.

Wednesday 6th February, 1963

- 0810 Departed Winja. Road very good.  
0825 Passed by Mugulya.  
0835 End of road. Followed track.  
0850 Came to Pelepoi road work, progressing well, large stones  
a problem, previous grades a bit steep.  
0915 Turned off main road and followed track up a steep  
mountain.  
0930 Rested  
0940 Continued onwards and upwards. Passed R.C. Mission (0945).  
0947 Arrived Pelepoi Rest House.  
Electoral Roll compiled, medical treatments.  
Talk on health, hygiene and roads. Long discussion on  
prospects of economic development - no coffee here, too  
high (7500 - 8000'). Answered queries on P/NG boundary.  
Discussed mission schools.  
Clan leaders gave information re clan structure etc.  
One dispute settled and duties of V.C.s pointed out.  
Food purchased, spades counted,  
Interpreter Kei reported sick.

Thursday 7th February, 1963

At Pelepoi.  
Opportunity taken to consolidate information gained so  
far in conjunction with Local Govt. Survey.  
Delved into native situation at Pelepoi. At request of  
V.C. inspected nearby hamlets and some 27 past malingerers  
with unhygienic housing ~~abundant~~ up. V.C. also brought in  
11 women from distant hamlets at about 1800 hrs.  
Gave them a lecture on duties etc. and as it was late  
and not wishing to run the risk of them falling by the  
wayside and getting the blame for it, put them in the  
care of the V.C. in a separate house for the night.  
Food purchased.



Friday 8th February, 1963

- 0815 Departed Pelepoi. Followed track down to R.C. Mission house and then branched off through pitpit and kunai. climbed to top of Mt. Pun.
- 0925 Rested at Wa.
- 0930 Continued on through thick bush passing junction of Malala/Winja - Wariba track.
- 1000 Came to a clearing overlooking Semaip and Wariba.
- 1015 Followed track down mountain.
- 1035 Came to cordouroy track and evidence of some road maintenance. Followed this to Wariba ceremonial ground.
- 1105 Rested and waited for tail enders to catch up.
- 1150 Continued on, struck across country for Semaip. Track meandered through pitpit and gardens, up and down hills.
- 1240 Arrived Semaip Rest House.  
Started compiling Electoral Roll but heavy rain interrupted proceedings. Called off till tomorrow.  
Food purchased, ascertained clan leaders and talked with them re clans etc.  
V.C.s Wariba and Marisere visited patrol and informed of our intentions.

Saturday 9th February, 1963

- Electoral Roll for Semaip compiled, medical treatments.  
Talk on roads, housing, health etc.
- 1050 Departed Semaip. Followed a semi-constructed, muddy track over hills etc. to Wariba.
- 1135 Arrived Wariba.  
Electoral roll compiled, medical treatments.  
Sorted out Clan leaders and talked with them.  
Inspected coffee block.  
Food purchased. Informal talks with people re area generally. Spades counted.  
V.C.s Imilhama and Marisere visited patrol.

Sunday 10th February, 1963

- 0740 Departed Wariba Rest House. Followed a well made walking track.
- 0747 Track deteriorated into a muddy, bush track.
- 0810 Arrived Marisere.  
Electoral Roll compiled, medical treatments.  
Talk on roads, housing, hygiene etc.  
Court for Native Matters held at Marisere.  
Talk with clan leaders re clans.  
Spades counted, informal talks with various people.  
Food purchased.

Monday 11th February, 1963

- 0745 Departed Marisere. Followed a narrow track up and down various ridges.
- 0810 Came to made walking track which lasted 70 yards, bush track partly made.
- 0850 Came to Imilhama road work. This again deteriorated.
- 0915 Arrived Imilhama - last 200 yards made road.  
Inspected Marisere/Imilhama coffee.  
Electoral Roll compiled and medical treatments given.  
Talk on coffee, roads, housing hygiene, care of sick children etc.  
Information re clans gained.  
Food Purchased.  
V.C. Kema advised of patrol's movements.  
Const. arrived ex Mendi with note from ADO re Witnesses.



Tuesday 12th February, 1963

- 0630 2 Const. sent Tugup for Supreme Court witnesses.  
0740 Departed Imilhama. Track down to Koluba River.  
0745 Crossed river by small bridge. Continued on to Imilhama boundary.  
0810 Recrossed Koluba river by suspension bridge.  
0830 Came to Kema roadwork, or evidence of work in patches.  
0900 Reached Tiwa ceremonial ground. Saw Injedl, Tugu and road to Hum. Continued on through two other ceremonial grounds. Road fair.  
0920 Arrived Kema Rest House.  
Electoral Roll compiled, medical treatments.  
Talk on roads, housing hygiene, coffee schools etc.  
Inspected coffee nursery.  
Court for Native Matters held at Kema.  
Counted spades.  
Leaders assembled and information re clans gained.  
Small amount of food purchased.  
Const. returned ex Tugup and reported 3 witnesses found and on their way to Mendi with Mendi Const.

Wednesday 13th February, 1963

- 0700 Two Const. sent Mendi with prisoners  
0735 Departed Kema. Road very good and well made. Kema/Mapkebol mark near Mapkebol Rest House.  
0800 Arrived Mapkebol.  
Electoral Roll compiled. medical treatments.  
Talk on coffee, roads, health, hygiene, sickness etc.  
Inspected coffee block.  
Talked with clan leaders re clans etc.  
Talked with Methodist Mission teachers.  
Court for Native Matters held at Mapkebol.  
V.C.s from Injedl, Tumia and Kuianda visited patrol.  
Const. arrived ex Mendi with note from ADO.

Thursday 14th February, 1963

- Mendi Const. returned Mendi with prisoners.  
Mapkebol spades counted.  
0745 Departed Mapkebol. Road fair, unmade in parts. Past turnoff go Nipa (track).  
0807 Crossed Lai River by suspension bridge.  
0820 All across, continued on, following a track.  
0845 Arrived at Homaip, where Mak people have built a Rest House adjacent to Methodist Mission. Talked with teacher.  
0850 Followed Lai vehicle road, quite good, needs bridges and culverts.  
0900 End of road work - Tumia section.  
0930 Arrived Tumia. Counted spades.  
Electoral roll compiled. Medical treatments.  
Talk of road, coffee, housing etc.  
Investigated Tumia side of Tumia/Tugup brawl.  
Mr. ? of Apostolic Mission Kandep called in talked with him.  
Coffee inspected  
Talked with Clan leaders re clans.  
Spades counted.  
1530 Departed Tumia, road good. Crossed Lai river and followed Mendi - Nipa road to Kip Rest House.  
1600 Arrived Kip.  
Discussed clans with clan leaders.  
Itinery given to V.C.s Kamb and Councillor of Tugup.  
Two Const. returned ex Mendi.  
Food purchased. Informal talks with people.



Friday 15th February, 1963

- Electoral Roll compiled for Kip, medical treatments.  
Coffee nursery inspected.  
Spades counted.  
Talk on roads, coffee, housing etc.
- 1125 Departed Kip. Followed Nipa Rd. to Lai bridge. Then walking track and joined vehicle road.
- 1200 Arrived Tugup.  
Electoral Roll compiled, medical treatments.  
Talk on road, health etc.  
Inspected coffee block and nursery.  
Investigated recent Tugup/Tumia brawl.  
Went with leaders of Pur, Komboba and Kol clans and looked at 'Waben', a piece of ground which is the disputed area. Particulars for Registration of claims gathered.  
Returned to Tugup.  
Court for Native Matters held at Tugup until 2000 hrs. arranged for Kamb people to line tomorrow and 1 patient to accompany patrol to Mendi.  
Counted spades.

Saturday 16th February, 1963

- 0710 Departed Tugup. Followed main road and then a track,  
0740 Crossed Lai by suspension bridge.  
0745 Arrived Kamb.  
Electoral Roll compiled, medical treatments.  
talk on roads, health, housing etc.  
Inspected Kamb coffee block.  
Ascertained headmen and gathered information on clans, both here and Tugup.
- 1215 Departed Kamb.  
1230 Halted and re-sorted cargo.  
1245 Continued on and passed through Pinj.  
1345 Left Pinj. Followed main road.  
1405 Turned off main road and followed bush track, climbed steeply up Sembila Range.
- 1530 Reached top. Awaited carriers. Heavy rain.  
1540 Descended steeply through cloud and rain. Track levelled off, followed it to Sunda, on main road again.
- 1620 Waited for carriers at Sunda.  
1640 Continued on following main vehicle road. Arrived Mendi in rain.
- 1700 Arrived Mendi.  
Carriers paid off and given sufficient food for the night.  
Patrol stood down.



Mendi Patrol No. 12 - 1962/63

Introduction

The objects of this Patrol were primarily to compile the Electoral Roll in accordance with D.N.A. Circular 1-50-0 of 5th November, 1963; and to conduct a Preliminary Local Government Survey of the area, in accordance with D.N.A. Circular Instruction No. 304.

The Preliminary Local Government Survey is in the process of compilation and will be forwarded on completion as a separate Report.

Other objects of the Patrol included : the checking and advising on the coffee blocks planted in the Division; the investigation of the circumstances surrounding a brawl in the Tugup area reported by Nipa Patrol 5-62/63; and the dispensing of medical treatment to the sick and injured of the area.

It was intended that a Medical team accompany the patrol and initiate the Triple antigen campaign in the area, however, the District Medical Officer was unable to provide the necessary staff and the matter was deferred.

The Upper Lai Division is situated to the North-West of Mendi and stretches to the Papua/New Guinea boundary in the North. It is bounded by the Nipa Administrative area in the West and the Karint Division in the East.

The area consists of a mountainous, broken section in the North with numerous small valleys and small creeks. The Lai river runs into the area from the East at Nol, near Monda and from this point south the valley of the Lai River is the predominant feature. The country flattens out with resultant easier travelling.

Native Situation

Overall, the native situation was quite good, no untoward incidents occurred and generally the rule of law and order as envisaged by the people, is respected. The people were at most times quite helpful and appeared glad to see us. At other times they showed themselves to be quite shrewd gentlemen and where necessary the provisions of the Native Regulations were invoked.

The circumstances surrounding the brawl at Tugup/Tumia mentioned by Mr. Cornhill (P/R Nipa 5-62/63) were investigated at length, and the following comprises the background to and the reasons for the disturbance as I understand them :-

1. Between the Tumia and Tugup Rest Houses, is a piece of land known as 'WABON'. This area was originally owned by the KOL Clan of Tumia. Way back in the dark ages, the PUR and KOMBOBA Clans of Tugup fought and ousted the KOL people from the area. As time went on the KOL people began to move back on to the area and over the past years, all three



clans have used WABON. At the moment there are well established gardens, pandanus and Yar trees belonging to members of each clan, scattered over the area. Although there is little love lost between the Tugup and Tumia people generally, there was no objection by either group to this arrangement - it was another of those loose arrangements which we find 'untidy', but which the native people, with no Land Registration Forms, files etc. find workable.

2. One, KEL, of Tumia, although a member of the KOL Clan, seduced the wife of one SULUHIL also a member of the same clan, but who for his own reasons chose to reside at Tugup. As this was at least the fifth such excursion by PEIAP, the wife, SULUHIL was apparently not very concerned. When KEL offered him a pig as compensation, he sat down with KEL and shared it with him. They decided to keep the incident to themselves and during the conversation SULUHIL suggested to KEL that they try and get rid of the PUR and KOMBOBA people from WABON and keep the area exclusively for the KOL Clan.
3. The V.C. of Tugup learnt of PEIAP and KEL's affair and decided to bring KEL to the Nipa Patrol which was in the area. The Tumia people, were at that time fixing the Lai River bridge. A party was sent to WABON to get rope. They claim that they ran into a party of Tugups led by the V.C. who objected to them being on the land and tried to forcibly eject them. In the fray, KEL was badly beaten and was apparently sent to hospital.
4. The Tugup version, which I am inclined to believe as it was confirmed by KEL and SULUHIL, is that the V.C. and some of his stalwarts were bringing KEL to the Patrol, they were set upon by a mob of Tumias who tried to release KEL. Both sides took hold of that unfortunate and proceeded to pull him apart - he collapsed and was sent to hospital. The Tumia story reached the Patrol and those Tugups involved are now in Nipa Prison.
5. While the patrol was still in the area, the man behind the scenes, SULUHIL, finding the female PAGO, of Tugup in a garden, informed her that the P.O. and Police had authorised him to seduce her and threatened her with dire consequences if she should tell anyone, particularly the P.O. and her husband. Naturally she told her husband who has been chewing it over and finally came and asked me what it was all about.
6. Out of all this, the old animosity between the two groups has flared up and it has given old KOLAIS, the headman of the KOL Clan the opportunity to attempt to fulfill a long cherished ambition and regain sole use over WABON. He wants the PUR and KOMBOBA people off the land completely.

The headmen of PUR and KOMBOBA, SEBILA and KENAIOL maintain that they have legitimate rights to use the land through conquest, and that there is no reason why things can't keep going the way they were, with all three clans using the land.



It should be mentioned, that on WABON there is a hill. Not a big hill, but a hill nevertheless. On top of this hill is an area which would be an ideal site for a men's house or a ceremonial ground. Both factions have their eyes on it, and, as there is room for only one such structure, both are anxious to have it. This is, I think, the only reason for the land controversy as such. The matter has assumed great proportions because of the incidents described, and also because some low hound as been removing the odd pig belonging to old KOLAIS from the area, which no doubt has added to his dislike of the other clans.

Both factions were warned that any further fighting would not be tolerated, and that the dispute would be duly registered and heard (in due course) by a Lands Commissioner. In the meantime, the status quo is to be maintained - those who have gardens, pandanus etc. on WABON are to have full use of them.

SULUHIL was convicted for 'Pretending to be in the service of the Government with the intention of ill-using' Pago. Everyone concerned now appears satisfied with the arrangements and it is hoped that the Lands Commissioner can hear the dispute in the near future.

The people of Knianda were most anxious to know why the Government had built stations at Mendi, Nipa and Kandep and none in their valley. It was explained that firstly that had no airstrip site; secondly we didn't have the Officers or the money to build stations in every valley in the Territory; and thirdly when the Mendi/Kandep and Mendi/Nipa roads were finished, they would be in the fortunate position of having two Papuan stations near them. They appeared reasonable happy with this.

The Lai Valley road is progressing slowly but surely and everyone concerned was quite anxious to have it finished. The matter which will, I think be a source of concern is the almost fatalistic belief that when the road is finished, an unprepared golden era will automatically come to the valley. The Government will send tractors up and down with reckless abandon buying vegetables, money will appear, sickness will disappear and all will be well.

The people, particularly those directly concerned with the vehicle road, are quite convinced that not only will the Administration buy their produce, but will send tractors to pick it up. In other words, economic development will follow the exact lines as in the Mendi Council area. With this, of course, numerous Aid Post and schools will appear.

It is quite obvious that the people are not building the road because they like that kind of work (although seeing the Monda efforts one could be excused for taking this view), but because the people over the hill built a road - and look what happened to them! It seems to me that they are not fully aware of the fact that the Council established in the area over the hill, if not entirely responsible for the progress made, is at least a reason for it.

The problem is this, and it is suggested that a decision on it be made now: will the Administration haul local produce from the Lai valley, ~~and~~ if so for how long, and if not, what is going to happen?

It is suggested that some Local Government propoganda be disseminated in the area, whether or not a Council for it



is envisaged in the near future with the idea of getting the conception of 'self help' across to the people before their present dreams shatter with reality. Sometime or another they will have to realise that if they want to sell vegetables etc. to Mendi or anywhere else, they will have to transport them there and sell them competitively, as the Administration benevolent as it is will certainly not be prepared to do this for them forever.

The old Territorial boundary question came up briefly during the Patrol. As suggested by Mr. A. Jefferies A.D.O. in a note in the Winja Village Book, the people of Winja and Pelepoi have not taken long to learn the ancient art of playing both sides against the middle.

As is to be expected, the people near Kandep (W.H.D.) and those of the Upper Lai near them are affiliated and each have gardens on both sides of the border. As far as Administration Officers are concerned there need be and is, no problem. It was decided in the only possible way that wherever people lived they would come under the station responsible for that area. It was their problem to decide where they wished to live and garden. However, it is the Village Constables and no doubt the Luluais trying to carry out instructions who find difficulties. This is particularly so with the two V.C.s of Pelepoi, who between them have well over 900 people to round up for Census and Village work.

The situation was again explained in detail to everyone in the area and the V.C.s were assured that any legitimate complaints by them of people malingering or failing to carry out their responsibilities under the Native Regulations would be dealt with severely in future.

It was interesting to note the attitude of the people in this area to the Territorial boundary. They did concede that the Administration must be same on both sides because the Police looked the same, the flag was the same and the policy appeared to be the same. However, the Village Officials had different markings and the Officer at Kandep says he can't hear their Courts. Although Kandep is only several hours away, Mendi Officers spend days trekking all the way up to see them.

I had the impression that they considered there was something sinister about the boundary. The V.C. at Pelepoi approached me very confidentially and whispered that the Roman Catholic Mission at Kandep were showing an interest in his area. He said he wasn't sure what to do about it and was it alright if these 'foreigners' came into the area at all? Although it is unlikely that he is familiar with the Immigration Laws of the Territory, he was concerned with the consequences if he should assist them in any way.

An attempt was made to explain how and why the border was there, but I fear it was a bit beyond him. He was somewhat confused and quite surprised when I explained that the P.O. at Kandep and I could exchange places at any time without an international situation arising, and that half the Patrol Police originated in New Guinea anyway.



The people between Mapkebol and Tumia, known generally as the 'MAK' people, who attend census etc. at Mapkebol or Tumia, have constructed a Rest House at OMAIP, near the Methodist Mission School. They requested that they be made into a separate Census Unit. To avoid confusion, it is suggested that the next Census patrol consider the possibility of creating a Census group there. In the meantime the people were advised to attend census checks and medical inspections at the place where their names are at present recorded.

Both the KUBIM Clan of Mapkebol and the HOMBEROP Clan of Tumia say they live in this area - combined population = 254 - and there would no doubt be others.

#### Village Officials

The Village Constables seem appear to be doing a reasonable job. None of them have a really good appreciation of their duties, but no doubt this will come in time, at least they are trying. At every opportunity the duties were discussed with them, and it was stressed that their work did not include punishing offenders, imposing fines or the like, as I suspect, but cannot prove, is the case, particularly in the Northern region. They were also informed that they were not to appoint Assistants.

Where necessary, items of Village Constable's uniforms were replaced, and the issues made will be recorded on the relevant Records of Service.

No appointments or dismissals are recommended as the result of this patrol.

#### Roads and Bridges

A general description of the roads traversed by this Patrol is given in the diary.

Advice and assistance was offered where necessary on the Mendi - Lai Valley - Kandep road. Generally work is progressing quite well.

At Soba, the road crosses the Lai River and climbs quite steeply up a hillside, called Mombora. A suggestion involving the construction of a turning area part of the way up the hill was made, which will enable them to make use of both their present and previous work, as well as reduce the grade, was made to the Soba people. Provided it is big enough, this will save them considerable work in cutting the road around the back of the hill.

At Monda, a confusion of partly constructed roads and benches of all grades and going in all directions for no apparent reason was found. The road marked by Mendi Patrol 1-62/63 is complete in the region around the Rest House. No work has been done on the section between Monda and the Soba mark. The V.C. asked me to reconsider the route marked. Although reluctant to make any changes in the route marked, I accompanied him along it, following the Halt Ck. to its junction with the Hombu Ck. and then along it to Nol. A new route was located, following the contours of the ridge above



Hombu Ck., which is more direct, easier ground to work with and obviates the necessity for a major bridge near the junction of the Malt and Hombu Cks. The people were quite happy with this route and expressed their intention of starting right away. They were told to forget their other attempts and concentrate only on the marked road.

The Soba people requested a supply of picks and crow bars to enable them to cope with the large boulders in the soil along the route through their area.

An inspection of spades etc. already issued was made at each Rest House, merely to remind the people that they belonged to the Administration. The V.C.s were reminded of their responsibility in looking after them.

### Health

Native Medical Orderly Wena, accompanied the Patrol and gave medical treatments to each group. Several of the more serious cases seen were sent or brought back to Mendi.

Unfortunately the D.M.O. was unable to provide a team to initiate the triple antigen campaign in the area and it was deferred.

These people are aware of the benefits of modern medicine, but have shown great reluctance to go any distance to seek attention. It appears that, although the health of the area at the time of the Patrol was quite good, an epidemic of some sort has passed through it in the last few months. It was noted that children had died in each group seen, and a total of 42 male and 33 female children have died since the last patrol. The Regulations relating to Sickness in Children were expounded at length throughout the area.

It is recommended that an Aid Post be established in the Lai valley, perhaps at Kuiuanda, which is on the vehicular road and centrally located. This would serve a population of over 8,300 people within a day's walk.

### Education and Missions

Some 37 children were said to be absent at schools, mostly in Mission schools at Kandep, Nipa and near Mendi. It should be noted that the term 'School' has been applied in this Report to those institutions found in the area which are really 'pre-schools' or Bible classes where the alphabet and counting is taught in the case of those established by the Roman Catholic Missions, and some instruction in reading the local language is apparently given in the case of those run by the Methodist Mission.

There is a Methodist 'school' at Homaip, between Mapkebol and Tumia, which has 15 male and 5 female pupils enrolled. Classes are held from 8 am. to 12 noon. Another Methodist 'school' is situated at Kip, however, no attendance figures are available for it. In both cases, children are sent from these to Mendi for 'higher education'.



The Roman Catholic Mission 'school' situated at Nol (or No) between Soba and Monda also holds classes between 8 am. and 12 noon for children, as well as adult classes at night. The teacher claims an attendance of 96 male and 20 female children and 3 male and 6 female adults. Six children have been sent from here to school at Mendi.

The people of Malala asked that a Government School be established there. They were told that their request would be passed on to the District Education Officer.

It appears that the Missions are extremely interested in the Upper Lai Division. All groups except Wariba, Marisere and Kamb (where the R.C. Mission did have a school) have either established 'schools' or are building them. Generally the area north of Kuianda is Roman Catholic and the area south of this point is Methodist.

Two Missionaries were seen during the course of the Patrol, Fr. Senen of the Capuchin Mission Mendi who was en route to Nipa, called in at Kuianda; and a representative of the Apostolic Christian Mission from Kandep called in at Tumia and Kip. Apparently he and another of his mission are 'surveying' the Lai area to see if there is room for them too.

#### Agriculture and Livestock

The people of the Upper Lai Division are subsistence farmers, growing the usual sweet potatoe, pandanus and pit-pit, and bananas etc. European vegetables are in abundance, and these include cabbage, carrots, spinach, potatoes, 'lettuce' of a sort, and tomatoes. The livestock consists of pigs and some rarely fed dogs, with a few fowls, mainly in the Mission establishments.

The coffee, introduced into the area in 1960 (Mendi P/R 8 -60/61) is now planted out in 16 coffee blocks throughout the area, and these are situated as follows :-

<u>Rest House</u>	<u>No. Counted</u>	<u>Rest House</u>	<u>No. Counted</u>
Kuianda	390	Imilhama	125
Injedl	35	Kema	251
Soba (2 blks)	313	Mapkebol	411
Monda	121	Tumia	493
Malala "	257	Kip	573
Winja	490	Tugup	537 (incl
Wariba	220	Kamb	490 some in nursery)

Total trees counted = 4706

A.F.W. Kurum accompanied the Patrol and gave advice and assistance to the those responsible for each block. Generally they were found to be clean and well looked after, however, at Kuianda it was found that insects had been at work and the coffee was very poor.

It was explained at every opportunity, that the coffee was planted as a basis for some economic development in the area - not as a decoration, and it was up to them to ensure it was looked after.



Housing and Sanitation

The people were reminded of their obligations under the Native Regulations as regards housing and hygiene and the reasons for them were explained. This aspect of the Patrol was not, however, stressed as much as usual, except where flagrant breaches were seen. This was because of the necessity to 'curry favour' with the people to some extent to enable me to get reliable information which was required for the Local Government Survey.

An extra day was spent at Pelepoi, after the required information had been gained, and the opportunity was taken to inspect some of the housing. Charges were made in the worst cases.

I was assured that pit-latrines were all the rage in the Lai and that they were being used. Casual observation confirmed that this was at least partly true.

Supreme Court

Arrangements were made with the Village Councillor of Tugup, at Kulianda on the 31st January to send the witnesses required from his group to Mendi about the 4th February. He failed to do this and on the advice of the A.D.O. to this effect, two Constables were despatched on the 12th February to find and take the witnesses to Mendi. This was done and they duly arrived.

Highland Labour Scheme

No H.L.S. recruits were brought back by the Patrol, although although I was approached on several occasions, mainly by small boys, who offered to go to the coast.

MENAN - TOMP of Winja was advised of the death of his son PEYAP, owing to malaria. He was advised that compensation would not be payable and the reasons for this were explained in full. He has, I believe already collected the £1 in deferred wages held at Mendi.

.....*F. E. Haviland*.....  
 ( F. E. Haviland )  
Patrol Officer



Appendix 'A'

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

ACCOMPANYING MENDI PATROL

12 - 62/63

Const. i/c Kaman Reg. No. 8323

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

Const. Bugler Kereko Reg. No. 11045

Quite keen, worked well.

Const. Maleva Reg. No. 9708

Reliable, worked well.

Const. Ovuga Reg. No. 7779

Conduct good, very reliable, worked well.

Const. Wainge Reg No. 12916

Conduct good, work satisfactory.

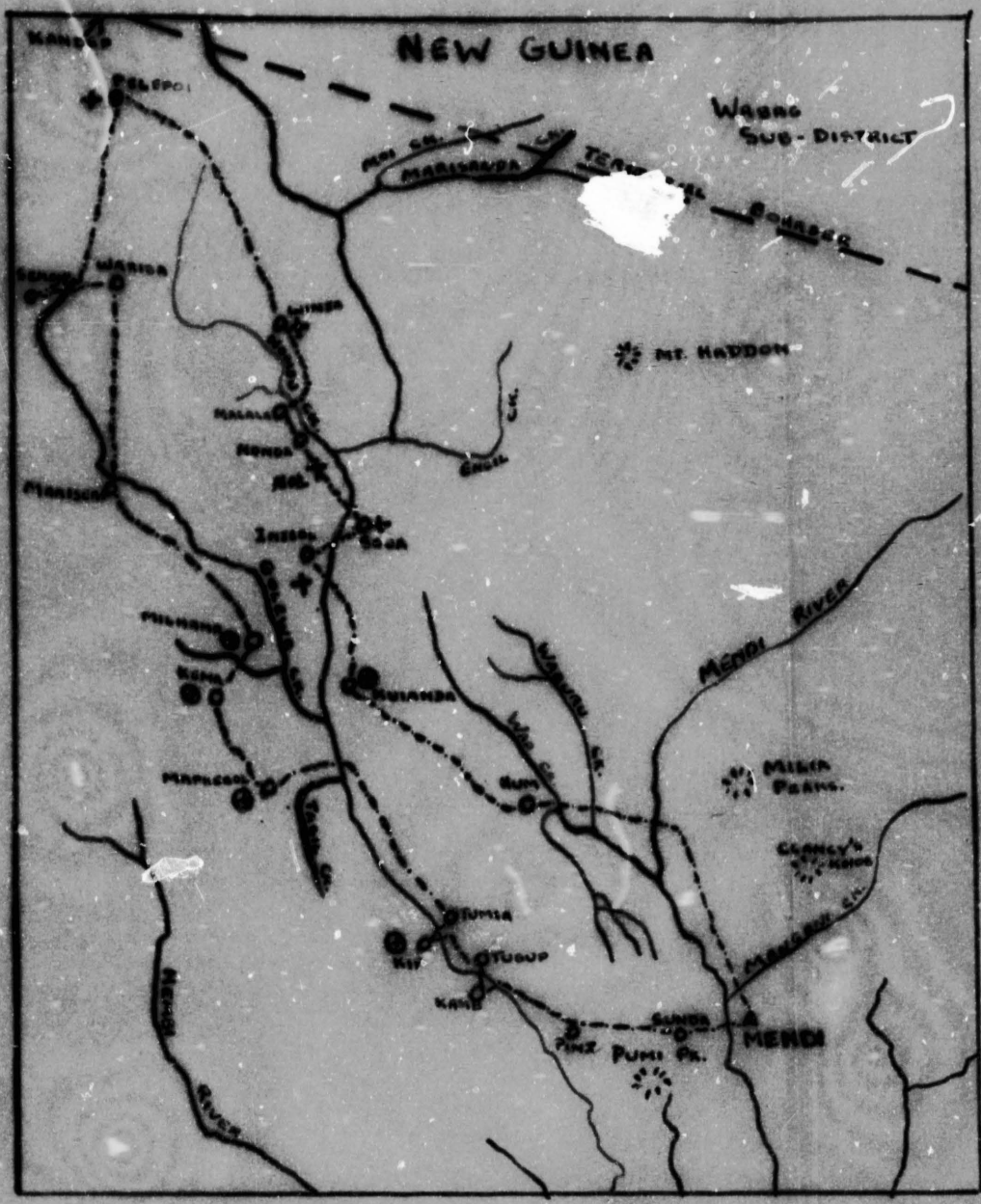
Const. Kamru Reg. No. 8262

Conduct good, worked well.

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

*F. E. Haviland*  
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( F.E. Haviland )  
O/R.P. & N.G.C.





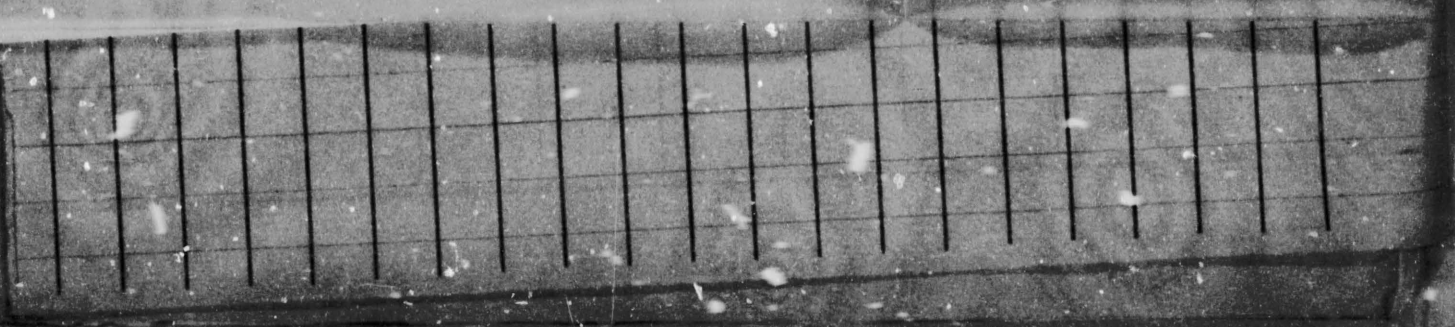
LEGEND :

- Rest Houses
- ⊕ Methodist Mission
- + R.C. Mission
- Rivers
- - - Patrol Route

MAP TO ACCOMPANY

MENDI P/R -12-62/63

LAI VALLEY







TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands. Report No. Mendi 13 - 62/63

Patrol Conducted by G. A. SPEED Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled UNDIRI Census Division (Tubiri, Pororo & Cne)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

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

Duration - From 27/2/1963 to 15/3/1963

Number of Days 13

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by - District Services / Dec / 1962

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

- 1. Construction of bridges on the LAI Valley access road.
- 2. Settle any minor disputes and general administration.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19 District Commission.

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



3rd July, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
H.H.H.H.

PATROL REPORT NO. 13-62/63 - H.H.H.H.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report  
is acknowledged with thanks.

I have no comments to offer except that the  
Patrol has carried out its duties well in that payments  
have been made for bridge construction and the people  
are, because of this, most co-operative.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR



67.15.65



NFF:BT.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply  
Please Quote  
No. 67-1-2.

Sub District Office,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

26th February, 1963.

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

MENDI PATROL NO 13/62-63.

Please prepare to leave on a patrol to the Tubiri and Perero areas of the Lai Valley access road.

The main object of this patrol will be to supervise construction of bridges along this road bench. Payment should be effected for each bridge over 10 feet as it is completed. A recommended scale of payment is as follows:-

10 feet	2 M.O.P.
15 feet	3 M.O.P.
20 feet	4 M.O.P.
25 feet	6 M.O.P.
30 feet	7 M.O.P.

However this is not binding and extra payment should be made if you consider that work on abutments etc. is above average. Payments made and the name of the bridge should be recorded in the Village Register.

The people have already indicated their desire for payment in shell, however if any group indicates a preference for money, this should be encouraged. Every opportunity should be taken to impress on the people the advantages of payment in cash rather than payment in trade.

You should not confine yourself to one bridge at a time, in fact with the distance and number of groups involved it is possible that you could be supervising four large bridges at one time.

There is no necessity for the people to widen the bench at this stage, except in places too narrow for a landrover; any slips should be cleared sufficient to allow passage of a landrover.

Please settle any minor disputes brought before you, any matters requiring magisterial action should be sent to Mendi.

Constable 1/c MONA and 2 Constables will accompany you as escort, they will not be used to supervise roadwork. Interpreter Pungu will also accompany your patrol.

Please take every opportunity to impress on the people the aims and objectives of the Administration and the part the vehicular road can play in their development - point out to the people that it is their road. Roadwork of this nature is a good opportunity to work in close contact with the people and you should take every opportunity to hear and discuss their problems and observe their customs.

Best wishes for a successful patrol.

(J. FOWLER)  
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Sub-District Officer,  
MENDI, S.H.D.  
8th. March, 1963

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

MENDI PATROL No. 13 - 62/63

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

Area patrolled : UNDIRI Census Division, (Tubiri, Pororo & One).

Accompanied by : Europeans - Nil  
Natives - R.P. & N.G.C. - 3  
Interpreter - 1

Duration : From 27/2/63 to 15/3/63.

Number of days : 13

Did Med. Asst. accompany ? : No

Last patrol to area : D.N.A.- Dec. 1962

Objects of patrol : 1. Construction of bridges on the LAI Valley  
access road.  
2. Settle any minor disputes and general admin.

*G.A. Speed*

(G.A.SPEED)  
Cadet Patrol Officer



MENDI Patrol No. 13 - 62/63Patrol DiaryWednesday 27th. Feb. 1963

1000 hrs. Departed Mendi after preparing patrol gear and engaging carriers. Arrived Tubiri 1100 hrs. Set up camp. During the afternoon I inspected the LAI Valley access road and the ~~sights~~ sites for the proposed bridges on this road, between Tubiri and Iagen.  
Camped Tubiri.

Thursday 28th. Feb. 1963

0800 hrs. Organised Tubiri and Pororo lines into working groups to commence the construction of bridges in their sections of the road. One and Iagen Village Constables instructed to prepare timber for bridge construction.  
1500 hrs. Work ceased due to rain. Camped Tubiri.

Friday 1st. March 1963

0800 hrs. Supervision of the work being carried out by the Tubiri and Pororo lines. The bridge over the Tem Creek being built by the Pororo line is almost complete. Three small structures complete by Tubiri.  
Camped Tubiri.

Saturday 2nd. March 1963

Proceeded Mendi.

Sunday 3rd. March 1963

Proceeded Tubiri.

Monday 4th. March 1963

0730 hrs. Supervision of the Pororo and Tubiri lines. 35' bridge over the Tem Creek completed.  
Camped Tubiri.

Tuesday 5th. March 1963

0800 hrs. Supervision of the Pororo and Tubiri lines. Pororo line commenced construction on a further three large bridges, Tubiri line having completed several other smaller ones.  
Camped Tubiri.

Wednesday 6th. March 1963

0800 hrs. Supervision of the Pororo and Tubiri lines. Checked the Sunda line's attendance to road work - found to be satisfactory - factory.  
1630 hrs. Proceeded to Mendi.

Thursday 7th. March 1963

Attended the opening of the Upper Mendi Local Gov. Council.

Friday 8th. March 1963

0800 hrs. Proceeded to Tubiri. Moved camp to Pororo to enable supervision of the One line. One line visited during the afternoon and were found to have gathered most of the timber necessary for the construction of the first bridges in their section of road.  
1700 hrs. Proceeded Mendi.



Saturday 9th. March 1963

At Mendi.

Sunday 10th. March 1963

Proceeded to Pororo.

Monday 11th. March 1963

0800 hrs. Supervision of the Pororo and Tubiri lines.  
1500 hrs. Work ceased due to rain.  
Camped Pororo.

Tuesday 12th. March 1963

0745 hrs. Supervision of the bridge construction by the One line.  
Marked out the bridge sites in the One section of the road.  
1230 hrs. Supervision of the Pororo line.  
1530 hrs. Work ceased due to rain.  
Camped Pororo.

Wednesday 13th. March 1963

0800 hrs. Supervision of the Tubiri, Pororo and One lines. The Tubiri people were given a severe talking-to regarding their poor attendance to and attitude towards road work.  
The construction of bridges, up to date, is proceeding quite satisfactorily.  
Camped Pororo.

Thursday 14th. March 1963

0800 hrs. Supervision of the Tubiri, Pororo and One lines. Tubiri's attendance is greatly improved!  
1530 hrs. Work ceased due to rain.  
Camped Pororo.

Friday 15th. March 1963

0800 hrs. Supervision of the Pororo, Tubiri and One lines.  
1630 hrs. Proceeded Mendi.

END OF DIARY

INTRODUCTION

The main object of this patrol was the construction of bridges on the JAI Valley access (Mendi-Nipa) road. The inhabitants of the area were to be engaged to supply all materials (apart from nails & tools) and labour. The payment for the bridges was to be made in cash or M.O.P. shell, as indicated by the people. All payments, however, were made in M.O.P. shell, despite efforts to persuade them otherwise.

Secondary objects were of such routine matter as explanation of Administration policies; to impress the people of the necessity for a vehicular road to further their development; settlement of any minor disputes. Several complaints and disputes were brought forward all of which were settled satisfactorily.

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(1) NATIVE AFFAIRSA. General

The people of Tubiri, Pororo and One responded very well to requests for labour and materials. I feel confident, however, that the main reason for their enthusiasm was their almost unquenchable desire for M.O.P. shell. It may be noted here, that payments were being made for each bridge as it was completed. Hence the desire to complete as many bridges as possible. I am not sure how much of their enthusiasm was due to their desire for a vehicular road, but it may be noted that when the Tubiri line had completed all the bridges in their section, their total attendance to work, thereafter, consisted of four elderly gentlemen. However their attendance did improve, greatly, after being severely rebuked for their poor attitude towards their own welfare and development. The patrol on a whole was quite well accepted. Adequate fresh food was brought in, this being bought with salt and face paint. The people showed a very strong preference for face paint. At all times the advantages of accepting Europeanised goods (e.g. money & salt) in preference to trade goods relating to traditional customs was stressed. This was, however, to little or no avail, the theme of their replies being - Yes, we understand what you are talking about and we will accept money etc. later, but now we want "kina". The obvious explanation is of course that the thinking and way of life of these people is still based almost entirely on their traditional customs and beliefs. The changes that their society has taken are very small compared to those changes which must take place before they can fully appreciate the purpose and reason behind Administration policy let alone the intricacy of Legislative Councils and self government. An interesting fact, though, is their interest in Local Gov. Councils. They seem very keen to have a council formed in their own area. I think at the moment, however, their interest lies in their belief of the possibility of further material gain through the establishment of a council. They don't appear to realise as yet the work and preparations necessary for the formation of a council. However, I am sure that their interests could be developed into something progressive, at any rate into the realisation that the work they are being directed into by Admin. officers is for their own future development and not merely a source of M.O.P. shell.

B. Village Officials

The Village Constables from Tubiri, Pororo and One were all helpful and very anxious to please. At some stages I had reason to be doubtful of their influence over their lines but generally speaking they were well respected. They played a large part in the supervision of the bridge construction, which was carried most satisfactorily.

(2) ROADS & BRIDGESThe LAI Access (Mendi-Nipa) road

At the moment a vehical can proceed along this road to about half way between Tubiri and Pororo rest houses. The amount of work necessary, on the road, to permit a vehical to reach Pororo, is very little. There are two bridges to be completed and some small sections of the road to be widened. The road between Pororo and One rest houses is also passable apart from two small out-crops of rock. The road between One and Iagen has several large bridges to be built, but the road itself is very near to completion.

During this patrol 18 bridges were constructed giving a total of 297 feet of decking. Several small timber culverts were constructed but not recorded in the above totals.

In some instances the road had to be realigned to allow for better approach grades and curves to the bridges. All the necessary realignments were carried out and completed with their respective bridges.



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(3) NATIVE AGRICULTURE

There appears to be an adequate supply of food stuff in this area. The patrols requirements were reasonably well attended to. The coffee plot at Pororo needed attention from the point of being overgrown with weeds. The native pigs, as always, appeared to be thriving.

(4) MEDICAL & HEALTH

Being very close to Mendi and hence to medical aid, the health of these people is quite good. I encountered nothing but a few minor sores and cuts.

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CONCLUSION

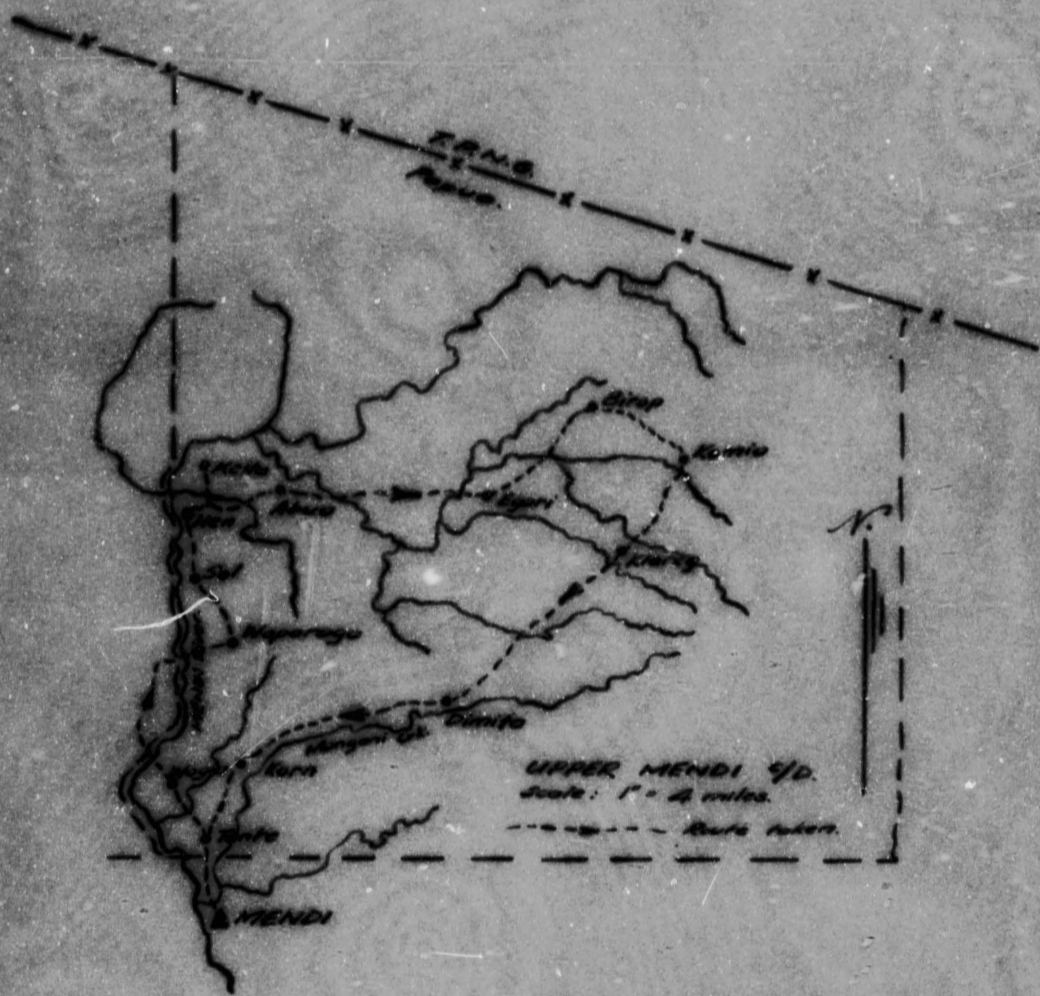
In all, 18 new bridges and several culverts were constructed during this patrol. A total of 56 M.O.P. shell was handed out as payment for the material and work.

I, myself, have learnt a great deal from this patrol and feel that the objectives have been achieved.

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





*Route taken by Mendi Patrol No 15-62/63.*





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN H IGH LANDS Report No. MENDI 15 - 62/63

Patrol Conducted by G. A. SPEED Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled UPPER MENDI Ge. nans. Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives R. P. AN. G. C. - 1 Interpreter - 1

Duration—From 22/4/1963 to 10/5/1963

Number of Days 19

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Jan 19 63

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

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol 1. Compile the Common Roll of this area. 2. Supervise the re-construction of the Mendi River Gorge Road. 3. Mark the unconstructed section of the Segip-Was Rd. 4. Conduct a I. C. I. 235 investigation at WOGLE.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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16th August, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MORU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 15-62/63 - MORU.

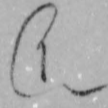
Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

The main job of the Patrol was the compilation of preliminary lists for the Common Roll and this work has been fairly well performed and the officer concerned, Mr. Speed, has applied himself well.

I am most gratified to note that explanations were given to the people on the functions of the Local Government and Central Government. Whether they were understood completely or not is immaterial. I have no doubt that there will be future questions asked because the people's thinking has been stimulated.

I am very pleased that the patrol stayed at Wogla for several days. It should stimulate the people in that area and give them an idea to get another man to stand for councillor at the next elections if the present man only wants to sleep.

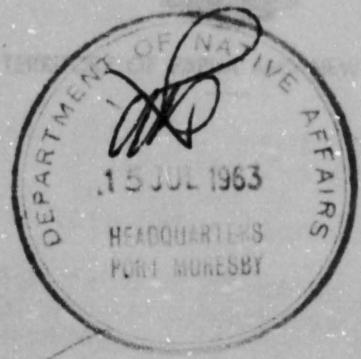
Very good Patrol Report.

  
(J. K. McCarthy),  
Director.



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District Office,  
Mendi.  
Southern Highlands District.

11th June, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office.  
MENDI.

MENDI PATROL REPORT NO. 15 of 1962/63.

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which was received on the 24th May; because of my absence at Moresby it was not possible to reply before to-day.

Mr. Speed has obviously conducted a conscientious Patrol and has worked hard. It is pleasing to note the interest shown by the people in their Council, which without doubt reflects the enthusiasm of the Officers patrolling the area.

Camping Allowance Claim returned.

Additional patrol duties will be:-

Minute To:

Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

(A. C. Jefferies.)  
District Officer.

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

- (a) For your information please.
- (b) Investigate any disputes...
- (c) Explain to the people the importance of the road in their economic development...





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 67-1-2.

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

19th April, 1963.

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

Mendi Patrol No.15/62-63.

As per verbal instructions already issued please prepare to leave on a patrol to the Upper Mendi Census Division on the 22nd April, or as soon as possible thereafter. A recommended itinerary is attached.

The primary object of your patrol will be to compile the Common Roll for this Division. In conjunction with this, the purpose of the roll, the forthcoming Territory elections and political development generally - including the position and functions of Local Government and Central Government - should all be explained to the Government.

Additional patrol duties will be:-


- (a) Organise and supervise the people working on the Mendi River Gorge Road at Wogia. A P.W.D. Plant Operator with bulldozer and grader will also be operating in this area and I will arrange to have tractors and possibly the 3 - ton tipper assisting with the gravelling.
- (b) Peg the unconstructed section of road between Wogia and Segip/Was - this is only a short section of approximately 20 minutes walk between the road head being constructed from Segip and the main road.
- (c) Conduct a C.J. 235 investigation into an application by the Methodist Mission for a Mission Lease at Wogia. Refer file 35-3-24 for details of the application.
- (d) Impress on the people the need for adequate hygiene and sanitation and the relationship of poor hygiene to illness. Ensure that instructions of previous officers on these matters have been carried out.
- (e) Investigate any disputes brought before you, minor matters should be settled by arbitration, any matters requiring Court action should be sent to Mendi. Please ensure that all witnesses accompany the defendant and complainant in such cases.
- (f) Explain to the people the importance of the road in their economic development and encourage them to maintain existing roads. The demand for native foodstuffs at Mendi far exceeds supply and the people are to be encouraged to increase their garden areas. As a stimulus to increased production



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the District Commissioner has agreed to increase the price paid for fresh foodstuffs from 1<sup>st</sup> per lb. to 2<sup>d</sup>. per lb. The people are to be informed of this price increase.

Any matters of which you are uncertain please discuss before your departure. My best wishes for a successful patrol.

  
(N.F. Fowler)  
Assistant District Officer.



Territory of Papua and New Guinea

Sub-District Office,

MENDI, S.H.D.

17th. MAY, 1963

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

MENDI PATROL No. 15 - 62/63

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

Area patrolled: UPPER MENDI Census Division.

Accompanied by: Europeans - Nil.

Natives - R.P.&N.G.C. → 4

Interpreter - 1

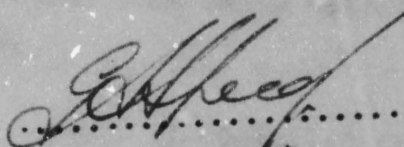
Duration: from 22/4/63 to 10/5/63

Number of days: 19

Did Med. A sst. accompany: No

Last patrol to area: DNA. - Jan. 1963

- Objects of patrol :
1. Compile the Common Roll of this area.
  2. Supervise the re-construction of the Mendi River Gorge Road.
  3. Mark the unconstructed section of the Segip-Was Road.
  4. Conduct a C.I.235 investigation at WOGIA.
  5. General Administration.



(G.A. SPEED)

Cadet Patrol Officer.



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Mendi Patrol No. 15 62/63

Patrol Diary.

Monday 22/4/63

1500 hrs. Departed Mendi by vehical, arriving Wogia at 1600 hrs.  
Made camp at Wogia.

Tuesday 23rd. April, 1963

Compiled Common Electoral Roll For the Wogia group. Instructed the Pangal group in the necessary re-construction work on their section of the road. Road work finished at 1500 hrs. due to heavy rain. Camped Wogia.

Wednesday 24th. April, 1963

Compiled Common Roll for the Pangal group. Commenced a C.I. 235 on a block of land at Wogia for a mission lease. Afternoon spent supervising road re-construction work by Wogia and Pangal. Camped Wogia.

Thursday 25th. April, 1963

Completed C.I. 235 investigations on the Wogia ground. Commenced inspection of area for proposed road site between Segip and Pangal. Afternoon - supervision of Wogia and Pangal road works. Camped Wogia.

Friday 26th. April, 1963

Marked site for proposed road between Segip and Pangal. Afternoon - road work supervision. Camped Wogia.

Saturday 27th. April, 1963

Engaged carriers - poor response by both Wogia and Pangal. Proceeded to Waparaga via Was, (1½ hrs. walking). Compiled Common Roll for Waparaga and Kembal groups. Camped Waparaga.

Sunday 28th. April, 1963

0835 hrs. Proceeded to Sol, (½ hr. walking). Completed Common Roll for Sol group. Heard and settled some minor dsiputes during the afternoon. Camped Sol.

Monday 29th. April, 1963

0830 hrs. Proceeded to Nen, (1hr. 10min. walking). Compiled Common Electoral Roll for the Nen group. Heard some minor disputes.  
Camped Nen.

Tuesday 30th. April, 1963

0830 hrs. Proceeded to Kelta, (20min. walking along road). Compiled Common Roll for the Kelta group.

1145 hrs. Proceeded to Abua, (20min. road walking). Compiled Common Roll for the Abua group. Camped Abua.

Wednesday 1st. May, 1963

0815 hrs. Proceeded to Egari, (3min. road walking). Compiled Common Roll for the Egari and Angamanda groups. Camped Egari.

Thursday 2nd. May, 1963

Remained at Egari during the morning - heard some minor disputes. 1300 hrs. Proceeded to Birop. Rain and lack of triplicate books prevented work during the afternoon.  
Camped Birop.



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Friday 3rd. May, 1963

Compiled Common Roll for the Birop group. Heard some minor disputes. Camped Birop.

Saturday 4th. May, 1963

Proceeded Komia, (45min. road ~~walking~~ walking). Compiled Common Roll for the Komia group. Informal discussions with the people during the afternoon. Camped Komia.

Sunday 5th. May, 1963

Sunday observed during the morning. 1510 hrs. proceeded Klareg, (1½ hrs. road walking). Camped Klareg.

Monday 6th May, 1963

Compiled Common Roll for the Klareg group. Some minor disputes heard. Camped Klareg.

Tuesday 7th. May, 1963

Proceeded Dimifa, (1½ hrs road walking). Compiled Common Roll For the Dimifa Group. Inspected the cemetery and road during the afternoon. Some minor disputes. Camped Dimifa.

Wednesday 8th. May, 1963

Proceeded to Korn. Compiled Common Roll of the Korn Group. Camped Korn.

Thursday 9th. May, 1963

Inspect ed the road works of the Wogia and Pangal groups. During the afternoon I inspected houses, gardens and coffee etc. of the Korn people. Camped Korn.

Friday 10th. May, 1963

Proceeded to Tente. Compiled Common Roll for the Tente group. 1300 hrs. proceeded to Mendi, Patrol no. 15 - 62/63 having been completed.

End of Diary.

Introduction.

The ~~primary~~ primary objects of this patrol was to compile the Common Electoral Roll for the Upper Mendi Census Division, and to explain to the people the importance and function of the Legislative Council. Secondary objects were :-

1. Supervision of maintenance and re-construction of the Mendi River Gorge Road at Wogia.
  2. Peg the Unconstructed section of road between Wogia and Pangal Segip.
  3. Conduct a C.I. 235 investigation of an application by the Methodist Mission for a lease at Wogia.
  4. Settle any minor disputes brought forward and general Admin.
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Native Affairs

A. General The Attendance of the people, at each place, for the compilation of the Common Roll was good. The only places where some absences were noted were those places situated towards the Papua - New Guinea border. It appears that many of the people living in these places (Birap, Romia etc.) have gardens in the Tambul - Kandep area. A few women were absent attending to these gardens.

The reception of the patrol in all places was quite pleasing. The influence of the Native Local Gov. Council, I should imagine, has had alot to do with this.

The interest shown in the re-formation of the Legislative Council and the Common Roll, by the people, was meagre and mixed. Only a very few of them appeared to grasp the idea of the purpose and the function of the Leg. Council. However, the few that were interested were genuinely so. When asked to comment on the Common Roll etc. those who did, invariably remarked on the need for great care and consideration in selecting their candidate at the time of election. It was also pleasing to note that the people were always willing and eager to talk about the Local Gov. Council in their area. The majority of them appeared to be pleased with and very interested in the Council activities. On several occasions I had opportunity for informal talks with the Councillors. They nearly always talked about the Council; about Council projects; about their own ideas; about the respect they were or were not gaining from the people etc. Nearly all of the Councillors were very conscious of their responsibility and showed a strong desire to make-a-go of their job. Only on one occasion did I have reason to talk to a Councillor in order to spur him into some action. The Councillor in question was from Wogia - he gave the impression that his greatest ambition in life was to sleep, sleep, sleep! It was impressed on him that he could <sup>not</sup> expect the rest of the people Wogia to work unless he was prepared to do some himself. The patrol remained at Wogia for several days, as per my patrol instructions, in an attempt to get the Wogia and Pangal groups working on their section of the road which was in shocking condition.

To sum up, the patrol was well recieved and the people gave the impression of responding quite well to Administration policy. There is still, however, the odd so-called "big-head", who, although he was informed a week before of the patrol's coming and was informed the day before that the patrol was definitely coming, refused to make an appearance, which is necessary for the proper compilation of the Common Roll, due to his own petty personal whims or complete lack of respect for Government Officers .

B. Village Officials: As I have mentioned already, the Councillors I encountered on this patrol appeared to realise their responsibility to the people not only as a mouth-piece to the Council but also as a person who is in a position to guide and help their less sophisticated "brothers".



2. Village Roads and Bridges

Mendi River Gorge Road : The increase in heavy traffic over the last couple of months or so had completely broken up this road in the Wogia - Pangal section. As instructed I remained at Wogia in order to supervise the re-construction of this section. The re-construction necessitated in removing the stoned surface; draining off the surface water and mud, and completely reshaping the road. This proved to be a very slow procedure, however, the re-construction of this section should be completed by now.

3. Native Agriculture

Native fresh food stuff was plentiful in this area. All patrol needs were adequately provided for. Some coffee plots were inspected most of which were being well cared for.

4. Medical and Health

Most of the medical needs of this area are well attended to by aid-posts and the hospital, at Mendi. There are still quite a lot of natives, however, who are not taking advantage of the facilities provided. A few cases of malnutrition were found and sent into Mendi for treatment.

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Conclusion

The compilation of the Common Electoral Roll for the Upper Mendi Census Division has been completed. The proposed site for the road between Wogia and Segip/Was was marked but not finally pegged. One section proved to be a bit tricky and will need grading, at least with an Abney level. No other matters needing further attention arose from this patrol.

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*Goldberg, 1950.*