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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. PINDIU No. 2 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by G. J. SCARLETT C.P.O.

Area Patrolled HUBE (part)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Nil

Duration—From 2./8./1966 to 19./8./1966

Number of Days Eighteen

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6./6./1966

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

Map Reference MOROBE 1963

Objects of Patrol Assistance at DOLMAR rip saw
Chain and compass road survey
Routine Administration.

Director of District Administration,
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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14th December, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

FIELD PATROL REPORT NO.2 OF 1966/67.

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Scarlett's report of his patrol in the Hube Census Subdivision and of covering memoranda from Assistant District Commissioners, Finschhafen and yourself.

Whilst the patrol was for two specific purposes Mr. Scarlett has shown an excellent appreciation of what was set out for him to do in his patrol instructions, he applied himself well to the tasks set.

It is pleasing to have recorded incidents of close co-operation between field staff, Local Government Officials and village people working together for their mutual benefit.

The Commissioner for Local Government commented as follows:-

" This patrol must have given the writer and the people considerable satisfaction in results achieved. A patrol such as this is really worthwhile ".

This is a report of a job well done.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-2-10
If calling and for
Mr. Sinclair/rmr



Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

15th September, 1966

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1966/67 -
PINDIU

The abovementioned patrol report is attached supported by a rough sketch map, copies of patrol instructions issued to Cadet Patrol Officer G. Scarlett and comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen.

2. The Cadet appears to have carried out the specific tasks set him successfully.

3. By separate memorandum I am forwarding you a report compiled by Mr. Haviland, Officer-in-Charge, Pindiu, on the operation of the Dolmar chainsaw to date, and Mr. Scarlett has had a good deal to do with the successful operation of the Dolmar saw.

4. The two short road surveys carried out are both of importance. The proposed road from Pindiu to Wagezaling will link the Patrol Post with the only hospital in that area and it will be an invaluable road. The Local Government Council is spending considerable time and money in road work and this is to be particularly commended in such a rugged and difficult area as that administered from Pindiu Patrol Post.

5. No other specific comments are necessary. Matters affecting other Departments have been passed to them.

(E. V. Ashton)
A/District Commissioner.

(B)

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

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6th. September, 1966.

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

PINDIU PATROL No. 2 of 1966/67

... I enclose original and two copies of a patrol report to
... part of the Hube Census Division submitted by Mr. G. Scarlett,
... Cadet Patrol Officer. A claim for Camping Allowance, Map,
... copy of the patrol instructions and comments by the Officer-
in-Charge Pindiu, Mr. F. E. Haviland, are also attached.

Mr. Scarlett appears to have done a useful job in assisting the Native people with their saw and it is to be hoped that the amount of time which he has spent with them will lead to increased production of lumber. The appendix "A" gives a summary of the functioning of the Dolmar Saw and may be of use to other Councils who have purchased Dolmar equipment.

The road survey conducted by Mr. Scarlett would be of use to the Council in the preparation of works programmes aimed at road extensions. Locations of these roads have already been marked by Mr. F. E. Haviland and road extension is proceeding quite satisfactorily under the auspices of the Local Government Council.

Mr. Scarlett has carried out his patrol instructions quite well and has submitted an interesting report.

(GOLDON SMITH)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c: G.I.C. Pindiu
Mr. C. Scarlett, C.P.O., Pindiu.



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In Reply
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No. 67-1-1

Patrol Post
PINDIU

20th July, 1966

Mrs G. Scarlett
Cadet Patrol Officer
PINDIU

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

PINDIU PATROL No. 2 of 1966/67

Please prepare to mount a patrol when the weather clears up.

The objects of the patrol will be :-

1. Conduct a chain and compass traverse of the following roads:
 - i. The proposed road from Pindiu to the Wagesaling hospital which is at present under construction;
 - ii. The proposed road from Pindiu towards the Mongi river, which has been marked for approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

From your survey draw up a map showing both road routes, this will serve as a record to be kept in this office.

2. As soon as the Council fuel arrives, establish yourself at Ungesau Rest House and lend assistance to the team operating the Bolmar rip-saw. In particular, assist them to organize their work so that production of timber can be undertaken with the maximum of efficiency, ensure that the Sawyer is fully conversant with the method of sharpening the saw chains, and give any other assistance necessary.

You should also take the opportunity to compile information which will enable the Council to make a reasonable estimate of the cost of production so that a fair price for the sale of timber can be worked out. Any other information or observations relevant to the running of this saw which could



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report.

3. Take the opportunity to familiarise yourself with the area and people amongst whom you will be working. This can best be done in informal discussions - perhaps at night.

Listen to any complaints and disputes which may be brought forward and attempt to arbitrate where possible. Any breaches of the law or any disputes of a complicated nature should be referred to me.

I intend setting up camp near Wagonalling when the Council Estimates are completed to mark a continuation of the Wagonalling road. I will therefore be within half an hour's walk of you. Do not hesitate to contact me for any reason.

P.R. Navilod
.....
(P.R. Navilod)
Officer-in-Charge

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Patrol Post
PINDIU

29th August, 1966

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office
PINSCHAPEN

PINDIU PATROL No. 2 of 1966/67

Attached are four copies of the above report submitted by
Mr. G. Scarlett C.P.O.

The patrol was mounted to achieve two main objects: a chain and
compass survey of road routes in the Pindiu area mainly for record
purposes; and to attempt to rationalise the activities of the
Council Dolmar rip-saw.

The map accompanying the report shows the road routes traversed
by Mr. Scarlett. These have been marked and are included in the
Council works program. More detailed maps are held at this office.
There has been approximately 8 miles of road located and marked
in the Pindiu area, the first section from Pindiu to the Wagesaling
hospital is under construction.

A summary on the Dolmar rip-saw, compiled from information
gained by Mr. Scarlett and from previous experience with it has
been written, please refer my 45-1-1 of 29th August which is
forwarded with this report.

In the section headed Commerce and Industry, Mr. Scarlett
mentions the Lutheran Mission at Pindik owns two Dolmars. In
fact the Mission operates one \$150 Dolmar and a small saw bench.

Contingencies for camping allowance are attached.

For your perusal, comment and forwarding please.

.....
(F.E. Ravilord)
Officer-in-Charge

Patrol Post,
PINDIU.

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20th, August; 1966.

PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO 2 OF 1966/67

STATION: PINDIU.

SUB DISTRICT: FINSCHHAFEN.

DISTRICT: MEROBE.

PATROL NO: PINDIU PATROL NO 2 OF 1966/67

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: G. SCARLETT C.P.O.

AREA PATROLLED: PART HUBE.

DURATION OF PATROL: 2/8/66- 10/8/66. Unbroken
11/8/66- 19/8/66. Day Patrols.

LAST PATROLS: D.D.A. 6/6/66

OBJECTS OF PATROL: Assistance at council saw mill.
Road surveys.
Routine Administration.

MAP REFERENCE: MEROBE. July 1966

G. J. Scarlett
G. J. SCARLETT.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY

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- 2/8/66 Departed PINDIU 1100hrs. Arrived UNGSESU 1300 hrs
Established camp and had discussions with councillor
- 3/8/66 Heavy rain delayed operations at the council saw.
Read through manuals regarding operations ect.
- 4/8/66 Work commenced on timber cutting. Several logs
bought to the site. Commenced to sharpen cutting
chains.
- 5/8/66 Volkswagon ~~seized-up~~ motor seized up..Disassembled
carburettor and cleaned thoroughly. Inspected fuel
pump . Dried out distributor which was causing the
trouble.
- 6/8/66 Work on ripping logs. Finished sharpening one chain
- 7/8/66 Observed. Informal discussions with some of the
village people
- 8/8/66 Spare chains sharpened and instructions given to
operator on correct method of sharpening chains
- 9/8/66 Work on ripping logs. A.D.O. Havilland visited
operations.
- 10/8/66 Work on ripping logs. Instructions given to
assistants on correct methods of stacking timber
for air drying
- 11/8/66 Departed UNGSESU 1000 hrs . Arrived PINDIU station
1200 hrs
- 12/8/66 To marking of PINDIU-WAGEZALING road.
- 13/8/66 " " " "
- 14/8/66 Observed
- 15/8/66 To marking of PINDIU → WAGEZALING road.
- 16/8/66 To marking of WAGEZALING - UNGSESU road.
- 17/8/66 " " " "
- 18/8/66 To marking of PINDIU- MONGI RIVER road.
- 19/8/66 " " " "

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INTRODUCTION

The main object of this patrol was to lend assistance to the team operating the council saw unit which is at present situated near UNGSASU village about two hours walk from PINDIU station.

There is good timber potential in this area practically untouched and it is planned that the Pindiu Local Govt Council systematically exploit this with the DOLMAR saw unit.

A chain and compass survey was carried out on the PINDIU-WAGEZALING road which is at present under construction. The WAGEZALING - UNGSASU proposed road which has recently been marked by A.D.O. Havilland was also included in this survey.

The proposed PINDIU - MONGI RIVER road was also surveyed. The writer set up camp at UNGSASU village during the period spent at the DOLMAR saw unit and remained there for a period of ten days.

The road surveys were carried out on day trips from the station.

RECEPTION OF PATROL

The patrol was well received and a friendly attitude was obvious at all times. Because the writer was in the area to assist with operations at the council saw unit was appreciated by many village people. Informal discussions with many of the villagers were held of a night and many interesting topics were discussed.

VILLAGES

The standard of housing in the patrolled area was of a reasonable standard and most dwellings were in a neat, well maintained condition. However the patrolled area was limited to a few villages in close proximity of the station therefore a description may not apply to the other areas of the division.

Typically of the dwellings is the high pitched gables roofs covered with kunai or bambooleaf thatching with a small veranda covered by an extension of the roof.

All dwellings are elevated about three or four feet above the ground and floors are constructed mainly of split bamboo and very few plank floors were observed.

Walls are prominently constructed of rough cut timber framing lined with wide boards. A few villagers have made an effort to improve their houses by painting the exterior and using galvanised iron for roofing but very few cases of this were observed.

The main factor regarding position of villages is the availability of fresh water for domestic purposes, mainly obtained from swift running mountain streams.

Refuse and garbage is disposed in dugout pits and latrines are constructed over these pits.

No cases of litter lying around the village area was found and the method of disposal appears to quite satisfactory.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS

During the writers ten days spent at UNGSESU village, frequent discussions were held with councillor Meck who is at present vice president of the Pindiu Local Govt Council. He was most cooperative at all times and appears to hold the respect of the village people. At present he presides over UNGSESU, ZENGURU, KWENZENZENG, and KWEKWENDANGU.

AGRICULTURE

A wide range of subsistence crops flourish in this region. The basic diet of the local native, taro and kau kau is grown in large quantities. European potatoes are grown and there is a ready market for these at Pindiu station. Other subsistence crops grown in the locality are cabbages, beans, bananas, pineapples, oranges pawpaw, cucumbers, corn, tomatoes, and onions. As far as cash cropping is concerned coffee is the dominant crop in the area. Some large gardens can be found and ownership is on both a communal basis and individual basis. In the villages in the immediate Pindiu area most of the produce is sold to the local branch stores, N.A.M.A.S.U. and F.M.D.S. Some villagers have purchased coffee grinders and grind their coffee before selling it. The average price paid to the producers for Arabica coffee by these stores is at the moment fifteen cents a pound, because of a slight surplus. The usual price paid is eighteen cents a pound. A N.A.M.A.S.U. bulk store at Mindik also purchases coffee from the area.

LIVESTOCK

The very few pigs that were seen were kept in sty's away from the village area. Poultry moved freely through the village area and appeared to be in abundance. Their condition was very good in comparison with those seen along the coastal areas. Eggs purchased were of good quality and were in plentiful supply.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

The mission at Mindik have purchased two DOLMAR rip saws and the timber turned out by these fill the demand for milled timber in the area, which is invaluable for housing and bridge construction. The Pindiu Council have assembled their DOLMAR rip saw about half a mile from UNGSESU village and is at present milling timber to complete present and proposed council projects. Sales of timber are also being made to various natives in the area.

Purchase of bush cut planks and scantlings are being made by the Administration for building and maintenance work around the station. A set price of six dollars ^{per hundred} is paid for suitable timber.

A small trade store has been established in most villages but profits made from these are generally very small. Larger trade stores owned by co-operatives have been established at Pindiu and Mindik and hold a wider range of goods available to the local inhabitants.

COMPLAINTS

No complaints were brought to the notice of the patrol.

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REST HOUSES

The rest house at UNGSESU was in fair condition at the time of the patrol's stopover there. Counciller Meck advised me that improvements would be made as soon as possible.

FORESTRY

Forestry potential in the patrolled area is quite prospective. At present a small percentage of this is being exploited as the DOLMAR rip saw is being systematically moved about the area.

Most of the timber milled at the saw is of excellent quality and equal to timber available from ~~various sources~~ sources in Lae.

Several Pinus Radiata trees in a young stage are growing on the station and appear to be in very condition. If these grow successfully and yield suitable timber it would be worth while investigating.

CARRIERS

The standard rate paid to carriers in this division is ten cents per hour. Only one group of carriers was required on this patrol and no trouble was encountered in obtaining these.

HEALTH

A hospital establishment at WAGEZALING managed by Mr and Mrs Kirsch adequately serves the patrolled area. A well equipped Aid post at Pindiu provides treatment for minor ailments and serves the station and immediate villages in the area. The general health of the people appear to be very good. Very few tropical ulcers were seen and grilles, which is quite active amongst children in the coastal areas was not observed at all.

EDUCATION

Most villages of the area have a small Mission school which is financed and controlled by the Lutheran Mission. These teach standard one in the KOTTE language. A Primary school at Pindiu offers higher education to the children of the area, teaching standard one to five.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Because of the rugged terrain of the area road construction is generally slow and difficult procedure. Landslides are common because of the steep slopes involved in cuttings. Soft rock and heavy rain also add to this factor. At present work is being carried out on the PINDIU-WAGEZALING road which is approximately one third completed. Continuation of marking of this road has recently been carried out to the villages of UNGSESU and ZENGURU. The PINDIU-MONGI RIVER road has been partially marked and marking should be completed by the end of this month to the river. The bridge over the BUN river near WAGEZALING hospital has been washed out and work will shortly start on reconstruction. Foot tracks used by the patrol were in good condition considering the amount of rain before hand.

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APPENDIX A

PINDIU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL, DOLMAR RIP SAW

The DOLMAR rip saw is ideally suited for exploitation of various building timbers in this region because of the sparseness and difficult accessibility of the timber. Portable, easy to erect and able to break down a log of up to ten feet diameter in a short space of time are the main advantages of this saw. It is capable of ripping up a log into any size scantling desired. The unit was purchased by the Council and put into operation in Sept 1965.

The unit is based on the principle of a chain saw which is moved along two parallel, horizontal steel guide rails. Logs are placed on the ground between these rails and the saw is moved along it cuts horizontally through the log. The thickness of the plank cut can be regulated by raising or lowering the guide rails supporting the saw unit.

After the log has been cut into planks these are turned on their edge and the saw run through resulting in the cutting of a scantling. However the saw was not originally devised for cutting scantlings but a clamp device for firmly holding the planks firmly together was devised making this possible.

The saw is powered by a 4 cylinder Volkswagen motor with a fuel consumption of approx $\frac{1}{2}$ gallons per hour at normal use.

The actual rate of cutting depends naturally on the sharpening of the cutting chain used. At the writer's time of arrival at the saw a blunt cutting chain was being used by the operator and the time taken to rip through a log of eighteen inches diameter, twelve feet long was thirteen to fourteen minutes. Due to the operator's limited knowledge of sharpening the chains breakages often occurred of the cutting chain, wasting valuable time replacing the broken and setting the chain back into the machine.

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After sharpening the chain correctly the time taken to rip through the same log was six minutes and after correct height setting of the cutting teeth breakages were reduced to practically nil.

A full day was spent instructing the operator in the correct method of sharpening the chains and it appears that he understands sufficient to get by.

To break down a log of 2ft diameter, ten feet long, into 4x2 scantlings took three hours. However it must be remembered that the amount of super feet of timber cut per day naturally varies accordingly to the size of the timber cut. To rip a log into 4x4 is going to take less time than to rip the same log into 4x2 because of the amount of cutting involved. This made it rather difficult to ascertain a standard price per 100 super feet.

After various considerations taking into account, labour running costs, value of log and general depreciation of the unit, a standard price of fourteen dollars per 100 super feet was decided upon.

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APPENDIX B.

DETAILED ROAD SURVEY

The opportunity was taken during the patrol to conduct a chain and compass survey of the following roads.

1. The proposed road from PINDIU to WAGEZALING which is at present under construction.
2. The proposed road from WAGEZALING to UNGSESU which has been marked onto ZENGURU
3. The proposed road from PINDIU to the MONGI RIVER.

The road from PINDIU to WAGEZALING will greatly assist the Lutheran Mission hospital and will prove invaluable in the transportation of cargo to and from PINDIU station. At present this road is about one third completed and may be finished by the end of the year.

The continuation of this road to the villages of UNGSESU and ZENGURU will benefit the people of the area, especially in the movement of coffee and other produce to buying points at PINDIU station.

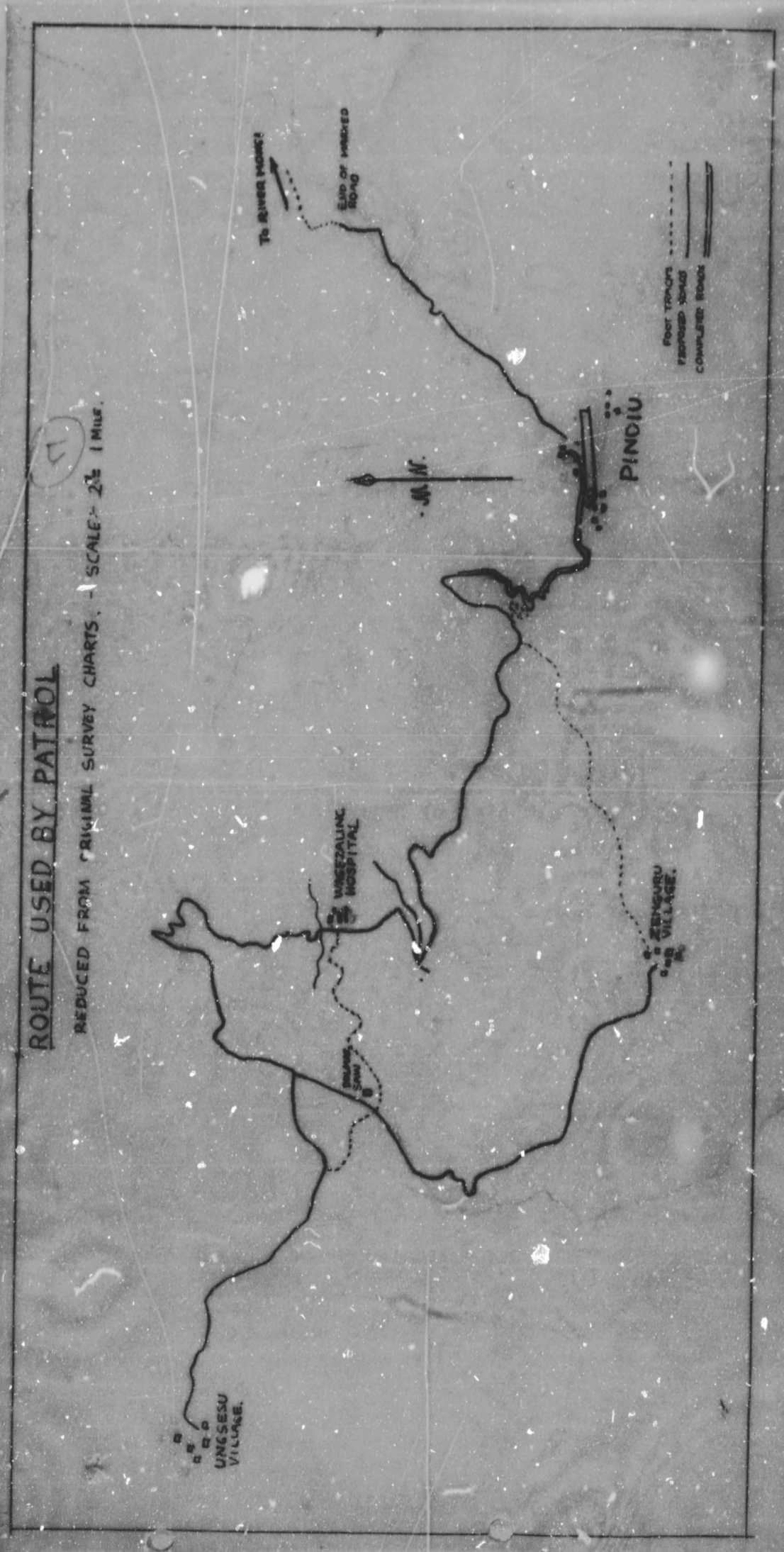
The PINDIU-MONGI RIVER road will serve many of the villages to the east of the station in transportation of produce to the station.

The transportation of river gravel and sand from the MONGI RIVER has been a slow and tedious task in the past and the opening of this road should ease the problem.

ROUTE USED BY PATROL

REDUCED FROM ORIGINAL SURVEY CHARTS. - SCALE: 2 1/2" = 1 MILE.

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UNGESU
VILLAGE.

MANGALING
HOSPITAL

ZENGURU
VILLAGE.

PINCIU

To RIVER MOUNTS

END OF MARKED
ROAD

FOOT TRACKS
PROPOSED ROAD
COMPLETED ROAD

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. PINDIU No. 4 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by G. J. SCARLETT, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled HUBE (part)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 Member R.P.N.G. Constabulary

Duration—From 19/9/1966 to 23/9/1966 Broken
27/9/66 to 12/10/66
Number of Days Twenty one

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 21/3/1966

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

Map Reference HUON FOUR MILENCH

Objects of Patrol : Detailed road survey. : Routine Administration.

: Obtain information required by Public Solicitor.
: Business lease purchase, MINDIU.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

3/11/1966

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

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

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

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67-6-11

14th December, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Harobe District,
Lah.

PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO.4 OF 1966/67.

Receipt of Mr. Scarlett's report of his patrol to part of the Hubs census division is acknowledged. Covering comment by the Officer-in-Charge, Pindiu, the Assistant District Commissioner Pineschafen and yourself have been read with interest.

Mr. Scarlett has once again written a short but excellent report. I feel that now is the time for him to pay a little more attention to detail and to setting out his reports in accordance with Standing Instructions.

All matters covered by the report requiring action have been adequately dealt with in covering memoranda and no other comments appear necessary.

(J.N. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67.6.11 (13)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-10

Department of District
Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

3rd November, 1966.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1966/67

I attach herewith copy of the above-mentioned patrol report together with patrol map and copy of comments by the Officer-in-Charge, Pindiu Patrol Post, and the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen. Copy of patrol instruction issued to the Cadet is also enclosed.

2. This young officer appears to have carried out a competent patrol and he has submitted quite a good patrol report.

3. Comments made by Mr. Haviland and Mr. Smith adequately cover the contents of this report and no further comment is necessary by me.

4. I am pleased to see the way in which Mr. Scarlett is developing. I think that his report, although good, is rather short. He could well refer to his Standing Instructions for hints on the type of coverage expected in a patrol report from a junior officer. Mr. Scarlett should not take this as a criticism. He has done well and I would like to see him do better.

(D.N. [Signature])
a/District Commissioner.

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
EINSCHIAFEN. MORONE DISTRICT.

67-1-4

27th. October, 1966.

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

PATROL REPORT - PINDIU No. 4 1966/67

... I enclose the original and two copies of a report on a
patrol to part of the Haba Census Division conducted by
... Mr. G. Scarlett, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with Camping
Allowance Claim, Exp, supporting Field Officer's Journal
and comments by Officer-in-Charge, Pindiu Patrol Post, Mr.
P.E. Haviland, Assistant District Officer.

Mr. Scarlett's report is well presented and shows quite
a deal of interest in what is going on in the area.

The main object of the patrol was to carry out a traverse
of roads completed and proposed in the Mendik area, which
will stimulate development of cash cropping and radiate
generally from the airstrip at Mendik.

Mr. Haviland has already surveyed some additional sections
of roads and the people appear to be extremely interested
in road extension.

Encl.

(GORDON SMITH)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c: O.I.C. Pindiu Patrol Post.
Mr. G. Scarlett, C.P.O.
Pindiu Patrol Post.

67-1-1

Patrol Post
PINDIU

17th October, 1966

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office
FINSCHHAFFEN

PINDIU PATROL No. 4 of 1966/67

Attached are four copies of the above patrol report submitted by Mr. G. Scarlett C.P.O. Copies of Patrol Instructions (67-1-1 of 16th September) are also attached.

This patrol was conducted concurrently with my patrol 5/1966-67, the report for which has already been forwarded.

The main objects of the patrol were successfully accomplished, except for the purchase of the two leases at the Mindik airstrip (Rowong and Rowong No.2) which could not be effected owing to the absence in Wau of the Agent named in the purchase documents. Please refer my J8-1-4/38-1-5 of 23rd September to ADC Wau, a copy of which was sent to you.

General comments on the content of the report are:-

1. Villages

The Pindiu Council has long been considering a 'pig rule' to control pigs throughout the area. The promulgation of this has been delayed owing to the transfer of the Agricultural Officer and the subsequent decline in activity of the Agricultural Committee which was considering the matter.

2. Political situation

Fortunately, the Mission staff in the area has shown an interest in the Council's activities and afford every co-operation.

The tax patrols are being undertaken by the Councillors. No doubt no one wants to pay tax - nevertheless it is their Council and the response from the villages is generally fairly good.

Mr. Scarlett's Field Journal folios 21 to 23 refers.

Form R.S.1 in respect of Const. Bugle, Bobahinal have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.

Contingencies for Camping allowance are also attached.

F. E. Haviland
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(F. E. Haviland)
Officer-in-Charge

Patrol Post,
PINDIU.

12th October, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
FINSCHHAFEN.

PINDIU PATROL No 4 of 1966/67.

STATION: PINDIU.

SUB DISTRICT: FINSCHHAFEN.

DISTRICT: MOROBE.

PATROL No: PINDIU PATROL No 6 of 1966/67.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: G.J. SCARLETT. C.F.O.

AREA PATROLLED: HUBE (part)

DURATION: 19-9-66 to 23-9-66
27-9-66 to 12-10-66 21 days.

LAST PATROLS: 24-9-66 D.D.A.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: :DETAILED ROAD SURVEY.
:ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.
:INFORMATION REQUIRED BY PUBLIC SOLICITOR.
:BUSINESS LEASE PURCHASE, MINDIK.

MAP REFERENCE: HUGN, FOURMILINCH.

G. J. Scarlett
G.J. SCARLETT.
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

67-1-1

Patrol Post
FINDIU

16th September, 1966

Mr. G. Scarlett,
Cadet Patrol Officer
FINDIU

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

FINDIU PATROL No. 1/66 - 57.

Please prepare to depart on patrol on Monday, 19th September.

You will be accompanied by one member of the Findiu Detachment R.P. & N.S.C. I will join you after the proposed visit of the Deputy District Commissioner at the monthly Council meeting.

You will proceed to Mindik, in the Gus valley. The objects of the patrol will be:-

1. ROAD SURVEYS

Carry out a chain and compass traverse of the road route which has been marked from the Mindik airstrip (Tumang) to Aragensang in the Gus valley. From this construct a map which will be kept at this office as a permanent record.

While you are doing this, I will endeavour to locate a road route from the airstrip to Hamaronong and Ebabang. When this is done, carry out a further traverse of this route.

2. Land purchases

In the course of the patrol, we will effect the purchase of two business leases - 'ROMONG' and 'ROMONG No. 2' adjacent to the Mindik airstrip (ref. L/P 64/620 and 64/1125).

3. Workers compensation

Refer Findiu file 53-1-2 and collect information in the matter of Ronieng-Tikatike deceased required by the Secretary of Labour.

4. General routine administration

Take the opportunity to familiarise yourself with the area and people with whom you come in contact. Collect sufficient information to enable you to write an informative report as required in the Standing Instructions Vol. 2.

Any matters requiring court action which you may encounter should be referred to me.

.....
(P.E. Haviland)
Officer-in-Charge

INTRODUCTION

The main object of this patrol was to carry out a chain and compass survey of a series of proposed roads from MINDIK airstrip to various villages situated around the large mountain range between the KUA and BULUM river valley's.

Unfortunately a large portion of the area traversed by these road routes is of extremely rough topography making actual construction a slow and difficult task.

However it is good to see the keen interest shown by many of the local inhabitants in relation to work on these roads and many were keen to help in the actual marking and later the chain and compass traverse of the roads.

Practically all the villages in the patrolled area are situated between 3000' and 5000' but further up the KUA and BULUM valley's some villages are close to 7000'.

The area receives an annual R/F of about 130" to 150" with most of this occurring between the months of April and September. Temperatures vary accordingly to the altitude and a marked difference can be felt between the bottom of the large river valley's and the tops of surrounding mountain ranges. The position of the various mountain ranges controls the direction of winds in the area, however because of the general North-South direction of the river valley's in this area southerly winds are most prominent. The actual hours of sunshine received in the villages of higher altitudes is very small because of the persistent pockets of cloud in the area.

By far the greatest proportion of the area is thickly forested and in most parts, heavy undergrowth is present. However some open kuni areas can be found further up the KUA and BULUM valley.

The opportunity was taken during the course of the patrol to compile information in relation to RONICNG-TIKATIKA (deceased) of SIU village required by the Public Solicitor, Port Moresby.

Unfortunately, the purchase of two business leases adjacent to the MINDIK airstrip required by N.A.M.A.S.U. and F.M.D.S. could not be concluded because of the absence of the party named on the purchase document.

PATROL DIARY.

- 19-9-66 Departed PINDIU 0900hrs. Arrived TUMNANG via KWENZENZING at 1700 hrs. Slept overnight at TUMNANG.
- 20-9-66 Departed TUMNANG 0800 hrs. Arrived MINDIK 0900 hrs. Commenced to survey road but heavy rain in the afternoon held up work.
- 21-9-66 Continued survey of airstrip- MINDIK road.
- 22-9-66 A.D.O. Havilland arrived. Assisted him to mark the airstrip- TUMNANG road.
- 23-9-66 Walked back to PINDIU to attend LAE show.
- 24-9-66 LAE show .
- 25-9-66 LAE show.
- 26-9-66 PINDIU clouded in. Stopped in LAE.
- 27-9-66 Arrived back PINDIU and caught a plane back to MINDIK. Arrived MINDIK village 1300 hrs.
- 28-9-66 Survey of MINDIK- AREGENANG road.
- 29-9-66 Departed MINDIK 0900 hrs. Arrived SATENG 1000 hrs. A.D.O. Havilland arrived in the afternoon. Heavy rain delayed Council Election.
- 30-9-66 Completed Election in the morning. Departed SATENG 1100 hrs. Arrived MINDIK 1200 hrs.
- 1-10-66 Continued survey of MINDIK- AREGENANG road. Shifted camp to AREGENANG.
- 2-10-66 Sunday Observed.
- 3-10-66 Completed survey of MINDIK - AREGENANG road.
- 4-10-66 Settled land dispute in the morning. Departed AREGENANG 1000 hrs. Arrived TUMNANG 1200 hrs. Surveyed Air strip - TUMNANG road.
- 5-10-66 Continued survey of the TUMNANG- EBABAN road.
- 6-10-66 Continued survey of the TUMNANG → EBABAN road
- 7-10-66 Continued survey of the Tumnang- EBABAN road. Shifted camp to HAMARONONG.
- 8-10-66 Completed survey of the TUMNANG- EBABAN road. Slept overnight at EBABAN.
- 9-10-66 Sunday, Observed.
- 10-10-66 Departed EBABAN 0830 hrs. Arrived SUWITNE 1600 hrs Slept overnight SUWITNE.
- 11-10-66 Departed SUWITNE 0730 hrs. Arrived LALANG 1300 hrs Sent out word to PARTY involved in workers compensation case of SIU village.
- 12-10-66 Interviewed parties involved. Departed LALANG 1020 hrs. Arrived PINDIU 1730 hrs.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

The patrol was well greeted in all villages and no outward signs of ill feeling towards the Administration was visible. It was greatly appreciated by many of the local people that the writer was in the area to work in relation to the proposed roads. A plentiful supply of fresh vegetables were given to the patrol in all villages stopped at. Informal discussions were held around the fire of a night time.

VILLAGES.

The general standard of housing in the patrolled area is not at all impressive and many dwellings were in a neglected state. However some villages are of a much higher standard than others as in the case of SUWITNE? and TUMWANG which have a high proportion of neglected dwellings and no vegetation in the immediate village area. On the other hand ERABAN can be commended on the effort that has been made to improve the standard of housing and a effort has been made to beautify the village area by planting grass and shrubs around the houses. YAPANG village was well laid out and a good effort made to improve the appearance of the village by the planting of various shrubs and grass around the village.

Typical of the housing of the whole area is the high pitched gable roof lined with kunai or bamboo leaf which has an effective life of about four years. Walls are lined with rough cut planks but in some cases split bamboo matting has been used. The floor is elevated about three to four feet above the ground and rough cut planks are used extensively for flooring. However some dwellings have floors lined with split bamboo.

A rough open flat fire hearth is centered in the house and is used for cooking and heating purposes.

All villages in the patrolled area are centered around the tops and sides of the large mountain range between the KUA and BULUM rivers. Water for domestic purposes is obtained from swift flowing mountain streams usually situated close to the village.

Latrines are constructed over dug out pits which provide an efficient means of disposal. Different pits are set aside for the disposal of refuse. Both methods of disposal appear to be quite satisfactory.

It is a pity that some legislation could be introduced governing the control of domestic pigs in the village area. It is a degrading atmosphere to have these beasts frequenting the village. It is most desirable that sty's be constructed a good distance from the village and the beasts continually kept in captivity there.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

During the course of the patrol the writer came into contact with several of the councillors in the area. Most councillors in the division have three or four villages under their control and in turn each village has appointed committee men, usually two, representing the village. Committee men were most helpful at all times and made a good effort at all times to see that the patrol was made as comfortable as possible.

All councillors appear to hold the respect of the village people and are taking an active interest in their work.

During the early stage of the patrol the opportunity was taken to elect a new councillor for the villages of SATNENG and SUWITNE to replace the old councillor, Mamas

VILLAGE OFFICIALS. (Cont)

At present Mamas is serving a prison sentence at LAE. Two nominations were received and after a short time of voting, the new councillor for the SATNENG and SUWITNE wards was announced. It now remains to be seen what sort of job he will make of it.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

A large Lutheran Mission establishment at MINDIK which is centrally located in the patrolled area appears to have a dominating influence over the local inhabitants. Church services are held in practically every village daily and these are well attended.

The writer was informed that because of the missionaries ability to converse with the people in the KOTTE language tends to have a domineering effect over many, especially the women, whose knowledge of Pidgin is rather limited.

At the present time tax patrols are working through this division and naturally the compulsory payment of tax does not help the Administration win the support of the people.

A high absentee rate among the younger men of this division is evident.

AGRICULTURE.

A wide range of subsistence crops are grown in this region. Gardens are owned on a family or clan basis and very little communal gardening is to be found in the area.

Gardens are usually small and rarely would exceed two to three acres. These small garden plots are rotated every few seasons after the ground is exhausted, a new area cleared and planted.

During European influx in the area a wide range of European vegetables have^{been} successfully introduced. These include cabbages, pineapples, oranges, beans, potatoes and onions.

However the growing of Tavo and kau-kau appear to dominate the local subsistence pattern. Bananas, paw-paws, cucumbers, corn, tomatoes and sugar cane can be found in most village gardens in this division.

The only cash crop of economic importance in the area is coffee. The acreage devoted to coffee is progressing at a fast rate and many new gardens of coffee were observed. Several coffee houses were looked at during the patrol. These are situated by small streams and artificial water channels are diverted through the building. Here the skin is removed, usually by a small hand turned machine, and later the coffee beans are spread out in flat wooden racks and left in the sun to dry.

The bulk of production in the area is purchased by N.A.M.A.S.U. at MINDIK Mission and from here flown to LAE.

However a small proportion of this produce has been carried by hand to BUKAUA and here purchased by F.M.D.S. and shipped to LAE.

LIVESTOCK.

Very few cattle are to be found in this area and the few that are to be seen do not appear to be healthy looking beasts, mainly because of the mangy hides and generally thin condition.

Figs are to be found in practically every ~~every~~ village and manage to survive on offal from the village.

Small numbers of poultry are found in all villages and their condition is quite good.

Fresh water eels and prawns are found in the KUA and BULUM rivers and some of the smaller tributaries in the area but the actual number caught is very small. At present some fish ponds have been established and stocked with fish in the PINDIU area and it is hoped that after successful breeding, some of the local streams will be stocked with these.

FORESTRY

Forestry potential in the area is excellent and it is good to see that it is being systematically exploited by the Lutheran Mission Dolmar rip saw. At present small areas of large timbers are being cut out in the MINDIK area. PINDIU L.G.C. Dolmar rip saw is at present milling timber in the UNGESU and ZENGURU area but the density of large timbers in this area does not compare with that of the western range of the KUA valley where the Mission saw is at present working.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Very few villages in this division are without a small trade store but the goods held by these are greatly limited, actual turnover small and prices almost double to that one would pay in the Large towns of the territory.

At present a large Namaru trade store is near completion at MINDIK airstrip and should offer a wider range of goods to the local people than the present store. An F.M.D.S. trade store is also proposed for MINDIK in the near future.

The Mission Dolmar rip saw is turning out timber at a fast rate which is proving invaluable for general construction in the area. A small planer is also owned by the mission and this is filling the demand for dressed timber.

A small bakery is proposed for MINDIK and this will provide bread at a low cost to the people in this area.

COMPLAINTS

A small complaint regarding land was settled in my by mutual agreement in my presence. No other complaints were brought to the notice of the patrol.

REST HOUSES

Rest houses used by the patrol were generally in a well maintained condition. However most were without a shower compartment and these had to be constructed of temporary materials on the spur of the moment. Several latrines were in a bad state of repair and instructions were left to have these reconstructed

CARRIERS.

Small delays occurred in practically every village in obtaining a new line of carriers and in some cases carriers from the previous village had to continue. In most cases female carriers were called upon to carry cargo because of the lack of available young males in the village. The rate paid to carriers in this division is ten cents per hour.

HEALTH

The health of the people in this area is quite good. However the common cold appears to be much more prevalent among these mountain people than those of the warmer coastal region. On the other hand tropical ulcers and other similar sores are not as active and also very few cases of grills, which is quite active on the coast, was observed. Aid posts are evenly distributed throughout the area and treat common minor ailments. A large hospital establishment at WAGEZARING near Pindiu station deals with more serious ailments. A maternity section has also been established there.

APPENDIX A.

DETAILED ROAD SURVEY.

As previously mentioned the main object of the patrol was to carry out a chain and compass traverse of various roads in the MINDIK area.

At the present time work is being carried out on the Airstrip to Mindik road. Of the 1.905 miles of marked road, .961 miles have been already completed. However the most difficult section has been passed and work should hurry up on the remaining section. Work started on this stretch of road in Jan 1966 and it is expected to reach Mindik village about May 1967. Two small bridges will be required on this road. Continuation of this road has been marked out on to AREGENANG village, the distance from MINDIK being 5.060 miles. Several small culverts and a larger bridge over the KIN river will be required in due course. Unfortunately much of this section of road follows steep slopes and work will be slow because of the large cuttings required. On the other hand large deposits of coronus and limestone are transversed by the proposed road between the KIN river and AREGENANG village. This will prove most valuable for surfacing all roads in the area.

During the course of the patrol a road route was successfully located by ADO Havilland from the MINDIK airstrip to the village of EBABAN via TUMNANG and HAMARONONG. Construction of this should not prove difficult because the road tends to follow the contour of a moderately sloping mountain side and for the most part follows the present walking track. No creeks are transversed by this road but a few small pipe culverts may be required to drain small springs that cross the road. The distances from the airstrip along the marked road to EBABAN village are as follows.

- Airstrip to TUMNANG.... .560 miles.
- TUMNANG to HAMARONONG.. 3.127 miles.
- HAMARONONG to EBABAN.. 2.342 miles.
- A total distance of 6.029 miles.

However it may be some time before these roads are completed but it is going to prove invaluable to the economic development of the area. On completion of enough road to warrant the purchase of a vehicle by the Mission at MINDIK, the movement of agricultural produce to the buying points at MINDIK airstrip will expand and should promote a step up in production from the local growers.

Detailed maps have been constructed of these roads and will be kept at the PINDIU office to serve as a permanent record.

REPORT OF MEMBER OF THE R.P.N.G.CONSTABULARY

PINDIU PATROL No 4 OF 1966/67.

NAME	CONDUCT	REMARKS
BOBIHINAL Const Bugler Reg No 11188.	Very Good	Keen and enthusiastic. Can be recommended for tough patrols.

G.J. Scarlett
.....

G.J. Scarlett.

Cauet Patrol Officer.



SCALE 1" = 1 MILE.

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 BY PORTER PATHS AND CARRIAGES
 SINGLE LINE PROPOSED ROADS
 DOUBLE LINE COMPLETED ROAD



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. P. 6 of 66/67.

Patrol Conducted by R. P. J. MORRISON. C. P. 70

Area Patrolled BULUM RIVER VALLEY. (HUBE CENSUS DIVISION.)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans P. H. SIMPSON. P. O.

Natives Const. ENGITAU. No. 9742.

Duration—From 13./2./1967 to 23./2./1967.

Number of Days ELEVEN DAYS.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 21/7/1966.

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

Map Reference Morobe District, July 1963.

Objects of Patrol 1. Census Revision.

2. Routine Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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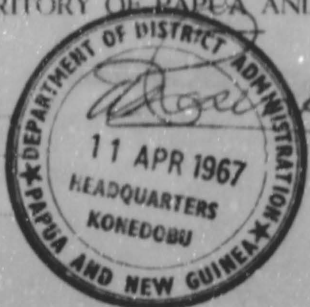
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Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Morobe District,
L.A.E., T.N.G.

29th March, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUBU, Papua.

PINDIU PATROL No. 6 OF 1966-67, BULUM
AREA OF HUBE. CENSUS DIVISION.

I attach copy of report on the abovementioned patrol submitted for training purposes by Mr. R.P.C. Morrison C.P.O. Mr. Morrison accompanied Mr. P. Simpson OIC. Pindiu Patrol Post.

This report is only average, I had expected that as the patrol was a routine census visit, with two officers, that Mr. Morrison would have taken greater pains to learn and observe. In particular his comments on the "Cult" movement are far too brief.

As you are aware the Cultist outbreaks in the HUBE rarely develop into anti social or destructive practices but Mr. Morrison from his report appears to have dismissed lightly the causes of such a manifestation.

Further the presentation of the report could be improved. I suggest that Mr. Morrison reads the relevant sections of Standing Instructions.

D. N. Ashton for A

(D.N. ASHTON),
a/District Commissioner.

G.C.
The Assistant District Commissioner,
Finschhafen.

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

Mr. R.P.C. Morrison C.P.O.,
Patrol Post,
PINDIU.

PATROL REPORT.

PATROL POST PINDIU,
WINSCHHAFEN SUB-DISTRICT,
MOROBE DISTRICT,
PATROL NO.6 of 66/67.

Patrol Conducted By : R.P.C.MORRISON.

Area Patrolled : BULUM RIVER VALLEY.(HUBE C.D)

Personnel Accompanying : P.H.SIMPSON. P.O.
CONST.ERGITAU. NO.9742.

Duration of Patrol : 13/2/67 to 23/2/67.

Last Patrol to the Area : D.D.A. 21/7/66 to 25/7/66.

Objects of Patrol : 1. CENSUS REVISION.
2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Map Reference : MOROBE DISTRICT, JULY 1963.

INTRODUCTION.

The Bulau River Valley lies to the west of Pindiu station about six hours walking time away.

Villages are situated around the sides of the valley, the terrain is a rugged series of ridges, streams and gullies. As a result some of the walking tracks follow rather hazardous routes.

Due to the isolation of the area political development has been slow and although the Pindiu Council has been in existence since 1962, I retained the impression that these people haven't much idea of the Council's function, etc. When the Council does something in the area such as erecting water tanks the people will possibly realize that the Council is there to benefit them.

The only cash crop is coffee which is carried to Mindik or Bukawa and sold there. Although this is proving a worthy proposition at present, I feel the future of these people lays in the adaption to another cash crop.

PATROL DIARY.

- 13-2-67 Departed Pindiu 9.20 a.m.
Arrived Kwensenzeng 11.20 a.m. Carriers changed.
- 14-2-67 Arrived Khabang 3.30 p.m.
Departed Khabang 8.00 a.m.
Arrived Bulamanong 10 a.m. Carriers changed.
Departed Bulamanong 10.10 a.m.
Arrived Sanaranong 12.00 noon.
- 15-2-67 Departed Sanaranong 5.10 a.m.
Arrived Kotkin 11.15 a.m.
Village lined for census in afternoon.
- 16-2-67 Departed Kotkin 7.40 a.m.
Arrived Zengaren 8.50 a.m.
Census conducted.
- 17-2-67 Departed 11 a.m. and arrived Nusbut 12.30 p.m. Census conducted in afternoon.
Departed Nusbut 8.10 a.m.
Arrived Ubanang 10.30 a.m.
Census conducted Ubanang.
Departed Ubanang 12.30 p.m.
Arrived Zewitsan 2 p.m.
Injured knee when fell from Nusbut - Ubanang road. Afternoon observed.
- 18-2-67 P.O. Simpson departed for Kor, Keili, etc.
I conducted census at Zewitsan in a.m.
Resting knee p.m.
Observed Zewitsan.
- 19-2-67 Departed Zewitsan 7.30 a.m.
20-2-67 Arrived Dubi 8.30 a.m. Dubi censused at 11 a.m. Complaints heard in p.m.
21-2-67 Departed Dubi 8.10 a.m.
Arrived Selimberg 10.10 a.m.
Selimberg and Kavan villages censused.
Complaints heard and talk on Council given in afternoon.

PATROL DIARY, cont.

22-2-67

Departed Selimbeng 8.10 a.m.
Arrived Aregenang 9.50 a.m.
Tax-census sheets couldn't be found,
so general talk given.

23-2-67

Departed 12.30 p.m.
Arrived Tunnang 4.30 p.m.
Awaited plane for Pindiu, 8 a.m. until
12.30 p.m. at Mindik.
Gave it away and departed 12.30 p.m.
Arrived Pindiu 5.45 p.m.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

Patrol met by the local village officials and the area Councillor at all villages. Native string bags were presented to myself and accompanying officer at several villages, this presentation was usually followed by a sing-sing. Local vegetables were always made available to the patrol.

VILLAGES.

i) Housing. - Type and Standard.

Construction method ranged from sawn planks to rough bamboo. All were thatched with banana or bamboo leaves walls and floors were bamboo or rough timber planks, houses were usually on blocks two to three feet from the ground. Most of the houses were in reasonable livable condition.

ii) Advantages or Disadvantages of Site.

Apart from Numbut which is situated on a slender ridge and hasn't a ready supply of money-water, all the villages are situated favourably re-water and firewood.

iii) Cleanliness. - Hygiene and Sanitation.

Villages were clean and the fact that there were few sick people in the area testified somewhat to the effectiveness of the policy.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Most of the Councillors were helpful and seemed to have a fair amount of influence in their various wards. However I doubt if the younger councillors have the influence on the elder people that the older councillors have. Despite the fact that the majority of the village officials appeared to be intelligent, we were confronted by the officials at Aregenang who wanted to know if the character conducting a sort of "cargo cult" at one of the villages in the headwaters, had indeed found the "secret", we informed him that he hadn't.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL ADMINISTRATION, SITUATION.

Due to the lack of work available in the area there is a male absentee rate of over 50%. Most of these are in the three big centres of Lae, Port Moresby and Rabaul, whilst others are working in the Highlands. Due to the lack of available single men in the area, there are a number of illegitimate children, this raises an amount of decension as the Mission refuses to baptize these children.

Complaints were made to the patrol about the lack of young men in the area, but it was pointed out to these people that we are powerless to stop people leaving the area.

AGRICULTURE.

As mentioned before coffee is the only cash crop in the area. Coffee is grown on a communal basis, but some of the people have their own separate small gardens. Coffee grinders were noted in the areas with large coffee gardens. Despite the fact that a reasonable cash return is obtained from coffee at present I feel it would be inadvisable to advocate planting of more coffee. At present the Territory quota is exceeded by thousands of tons, and in the long run planting more coffee would probably result in an unsellable surplus.

The soils and climate of the area are conducive to the growth of a great variety of fruit and vegetables, potatoes, beans, cabbages, pineapples to name a few. At present produce from Lae and Minschhafen often leaves Mindik underloaded, and if a system could be developed where these could be utilized for getting vegetables to Lae, this could help the development of the area considerably. The proposed road between Aregash and Mindik would also facilitate development of this.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

There were a sprinkling of trade stores throughout the area, most were poorly stocked, I attribute this to the distance from the source of bulk supplies at Mindik and Pindia.

LIVESTOCK.

Few pigs were sighted, but fowls appear to be plentiful.

FORESTS.

No commercial use noted. Lack of transport hampers and thought of development of local stands.

COMPLAINTS.

Numerous complaints were received concerning pigs, gardens, tax and women. These were all settled quite amicably.

COURTS.

Several courts were conducted re-stealing, adultery and failing to line for census. These were conducted by P.O. Simpson. Apart from the leader of the cult in the headwaters area no trouble was had. Police will be sent to apprehend this person this week.

REST HOUSES.

The Rest Houses were in reasonable shape, most had newly patched roofs. Only two had shower facilities.

CARRIERS.

Carriers were easy to obtain and seemed satisfied with 10 cents per hour.

HEALTH.

The healthy position of the people in the area was very notable. Possibly due to the cleanliness of the villages.

There are Aid Posts at the following villages:- Zengaren, Unong and Selinberg. At the time of the patrol, only one of the Aid Post Orderlies was present.

EDUCATION.

All the villages have mission schools except Kor, Semgeta, Simbeng, Zangung. Kotte and elementary arithmetic, etc are taught. There are very few children from this area attending outside schools.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Apart from the road under construction from Mindik airstrip to Mindik village there are no vehicular roads in the area. A road from Areganang to Mindik has been marked but as yet there has been no work commenced in this field.

Bridges are subject to the condition of the rivers, and over the year some usually have to be replaced. Some of the roads in the area are in poor repair and at times are hard to find.

CEMETRIES.

Few sighted were in poor repair.

MISSIONS.

The only mission in the area is the Lutheran Mission, which has a station at Mindik. The mission exerts considerable influence over the populace of the area. Each village has its own church, most of which have galvanized iron roofs.

AIRFIELDS.

Only airfield in the area is the Mission airfield at Mindik.

PERSONAL TAX.

The Pindiu Council levies a tax of four dollars per head for males and twenty cents for females. A considerable amount of tax was collected by councillors who accompanied the patrol. More was forthcoming when it was announced that tax defaulters were to be prosecuted at Pindiu at the end of February.

CENSUS.

Figures enclosed.

PATROL POLICE.

Constable. ENGITAU. No. 9742. - Capable and helpful.

Rod. Morrison

.....
Rod. P. C. Morrison.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

BULUM RIVER VALLEY

PINDIU PATROL No. 6 of 66/67.

DRAWN BY R.P. MORRISON C.P.O.



KEY.
M - MINNIX
|| AIRSTRIPS
- - - ROUTE.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MORERE Report No. PEMDU No. 6 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by P. H. Simpson PO

Area Patrolled Bulwin area of HUBE CD

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R. P. Harrison GTC

Natives one member RINGO

Duration—From 13 / 2 / 1967 to 23 / 2 / 1967

Number of Days 11 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3 / 3 / 1967

Medical / / 19.....

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol (i) Revise census. (ii) Check council projects.
(iii) Routine administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

9/3/67

District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-6-37

5th June, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Maree District,
L.A.E.

PINDIE PATROL NO. 6 OF 1966/67

Your 67-2-10 of the 8th March refers.

2. I agree with your remarks concerning Mr. Simpson's report.

3. You are obviously in the best position to judge how the Bulun situation should be handled. I hope the removal of the cult leader has had the desired results.

(J. E. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR



67.6.37 (11)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-2-10
If calling ask for
Mr. JPS/RMR



Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

8th March, 1967.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEBOBU.

PINDIU PATROL NO. 6 OF 1966/67 - BULUM AREA
OF HUBE CENSUS DIVISION.

...
I attach copy of report on the above-mentioned patrol carried out by Mr. Patrol Officer Simpson, accompanied by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer Morrison. Also attached is a copy of brief comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen.

2. This was a short, routine patrol requiring little special comment. It is reasonably well written and typed, although Mr. Simpson could pay greater attention to his typing and spelling.

3. It is not considered that the cult manifestation in the Bulum River area is of much importance. As Mr. Simpson has noted, such manifestations are extremely common in the Huon Peninsula and generally work themselves out in short order. The history of such outbreaks shows that very seldom do the people engage in anti social or destructive practices and I feel, myself, that providing no undesirable symptoms show themselves, no undue interference should be attempted. It does appear that the cult leader is in need of psychiatric treatment and I agree that it would appear to be necessary to transfer this man from the Pindiu Corrective Institution to the Buimo Corrective Institution where suitable psychiatric care and treatment is available. Mr. Simpson should take all possible care when apprehending this man. I have instructed him to keep me fully informed regarding this matter.

4. Matters of interest to other Departments have been forwarded to them.

(District Commissioner)

District Commissioner.

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

67-1-4

7th. March, 1967.

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

PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO. 6 of 1966/67

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I enclose the original and two copies of the above report, together with claim for Travelling Allowance for Mr. Simpson. Mr. Morrison's report has not yet been received here.

Apart from the cargo cult, this has been a routine patrol and has been well reported. Mr. Simpson has been advised to transfer the cult leader to the Corrective Institution at Buimo, where psychiatric treatment seems indicated. With the removal of the leader, the cult will no doubt die out.

D. J. Murphy
(D. J. MURPHY)

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c: O.I.C., Pindiu.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No.

- : PINNIO,
- : FINGCHHAFEN.
- : MOROBE.

PINNIO PATROL NUMBER 6 1966/67.

- Patrol conducted by : P.H.Simpson. Patrol Officer.
- Area patrolled : Bulua river area of HUBE census division.
- Personnel accompanying patrol : Mr. R.P.Morrison. SPO.
One member of R.P.&N.G.P.
- Duration of Patrol : From 13/2 to 23/2/67.
11 patrol days.
- Last patrol in area : March 1966. Two weeks.
- Objects of the patrol. : (i). Revise census.
(ii). Check on council projects.
(iii). Routine administration.
- Map reference. :

INTRODUCTION.

The Bulum river area of the Hube census division is situated about seven hours walk from the Pindiu station and is by far the most backward area in the administrative area of Pindiu. Although these people have had European contact since the nineteen twenties their development has, I feel been curbed by the terrain of the area. The Bulum area is enclosed by mountains that are approximately seven thousand feet above sea level and in the actual headwaters must be nearer the nine thousand foot mark. On the southern side of the river the tributary rivers are in very deep gorges and the walking is sometimes hazardous as one walks along the tops of the hills separating these rivers. The villages are generally situated fairly close together, with the longest walk being about two hours.

As previously stated the Bulum people are backward, both in their outlook and in their economic development. Coffee is the only cash crop in the area but there is considerable difficulty in bringing the produce to market and the people carry their coffee to the buying point at Bukaua on the coast, two days walk. These statements will be enlarged on under appropriate headings.

PATROL DIARY.

- 13/2. Awaited aircraft to go to Mindik till 12.15. Aircraft did not arrive so walked to Ebbang. 4 1/2 hours. Overnight Ebbang.
- 14/2. Departed Ebbang 0700 for Mindik. Arrived Mindik 0930. Talked with mechanic re Dolmar saw till 1130 and departed for Sanaranang, arriving at 1 615. Overnight Sanaranang.
- 15/2. To Kotkin at 0800. Arrived 1130. People censused and talks given. Overnight Kotkin.
- 16/2. To Zengaren 1 1/2 hrs. Census revised and talks given. On to Numbut 2 hours. Census revised and talks given. Overnight Numbut.
- 17/2. To Ubaneng and Zewitzan. 2 1/2 and 45 mins respectively. Census revised and talks given in both villages. Overnight Zewitzan.
- 18/2. To Kor and Keili villages. 20 and 50 mins walk. Work conducted in both villages. Overnight Keili.
- 19/2. To Zangung and Nomenene. 60 and 110 mins respectively. Census revised and talks given in each village. Overnight Nomenene.
- 20/2. To Simbeng and Dubi. 60 and 45 mins respectively. Work completed in each village. Overnight Dubi.
- 21/2. To Maran and Selimbeng. 90 and 15 mins. Census revised in each village. Overnight Selimbeng.
- 22/2. To Semgeva 20 mins. Census conducted and talks given. Then to Tunnang village via Areguang. Overnight Tunnang.
- 23/2. Awaited aircraft till 1230 then walked to Pindiu. Arrived Pindiu 1600.

END OF DIARY.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

The patrol was reasonably well received in most villages but one had the feeling that we were interfering into the people's lives too much in the villages of Kor, Keili and Zangung. These people are in the midst of a cargo cult. See comments under courts. It is the custom of the Hube people to give a visitor to their village an article handed down from their forefathers but as these articles are now scarce, the writer and the accompanying officer were each given a native string bag. A singsing was put on in most villages as a sign of welcome and although there was a singsing in Keili the feeling was as stated above.

VILLAGES.

(i). The standard of most village housing is ~~xx x~~ good with a few exceptions as can be expected. The houses are all made of bush sawn planks with kunai grass roofs. The few exceptions to the rule are the houses with bamboo walls. Most rest houses had been repaired immediately prior to the arrival of the patrol.

(ii). Most villages are situated on good sites with the exception being Numbat village; which is sited on a narrow strip of ground about fifty feet wide with deep drops on either side of the site. The reason for this site was not available to the writer, although enquiries were made to numerous persons.

(iii). Numbat village is the only village which has not a good supply of water and on the next patrol into the Bulum an attempt is to be made to build a bamboo pipe line into the village. At present the people carry water for nearly twenty minutes and this is unnecessary because of the availability of water in the immediate vicinity. The bamboo pipeline will, I think, solve the problem.

(iv). The Pindia Council has now had its Hygiene and Sanitation rule gazetted and will I feel start to prosecute any person who does not keep his house etc up to standard. Generally speaking the villages are fairly clean but some of the hamlets are not much better than pig stys.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The Bulum area being under the Pindia Council has the usual Councillors and village Committees. In some cases these officials are very influential but in other cases their influence is a little more than existing. This influence is based on the traditional system and as most of the councillors are young men their influence does not reach the older members of the community as custom does not allow the younger men to rule the elders. The sooner this custom is disregarded the better for the Pindia Council and its members. Numerous complaints were brought to the writer about the people just ignoring the orders of the officials. Appropriate talks were given to the offenders.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION.

As previously stated there is a cult movement brewing in the upper Bulum villages ~~xxx~~ and this will be dealt with under an appendix heading. The attitude of most of the people towards the administration is, I feel, one more of tolerance in some villages as these people seem to have a cult movement every three years and would I imagine blame the Europeans and the administration for taking the cargo before it reaches the people to whom it was intended. The Pindia Council has been established since 1932 and judging ~~xxx~~ by the comments of the officers who patrolled the area in the early council days, I feel the council is gradually bringing the people into the picture of government. Frequent patrolling in the area this year prior to the House of Assembly elections and explanatory talks may help the people to understand government a little better.

I think the family system is gradually falling down in the Bulum area, as the number of people who approached the writer and asked if he could help them bring some of the absent persons back to look after the elders, were numerous. The absentee rate for the Pindia area at the last census was 54% for males. This large absentee rate also has serious effect on the work of the Pindia Council, when it calls for tax and for help on its projects etc. As can be expected with such a large number of absent male persons, the unmarried female population is high and consequently there are quite a few illegitimate children. The thing that worries a lot of persons or did worry a lot of people is the fact that the mission would not baptize illegitimate children.

Bride price in the Bulum is reasonable in most cases but of course there are a few complaints that the price is too high. The price is usually around the twenty to thirty dollar mark cash with the other extras.

AGRICULTURE.

The only cash crop in the Bulum valley is coffee and as previously stated the work involved in bringing the produce to market is not very encouraging to the grower. The coffee plots are mainly on the communal bases and in some cases these plantations are quite big. The people on the southern side of the valley and the people in the Bulum headwaters carry their coffee to a buying point at Bulum, whereas the people within a few hours walk from Mindik carry their coffee to the F.M. and MAMASU stores at Mindik.

The food situation in the Bulum area is good with an abundance of fresh food available to the patrol. European vegetables are very common and the potatoes seen are the biggest I have seen in New Guinea. Sweet Corn, beans, cabbages and onions are also in good supply. If an airstrip were nearby, these Bulum people could, I feel, supply a lot of vegetables to the market in Lae.

If the price of coffee continues to fall then another cash crop will have to be introduced to these people and this crop could be vegetables. This is something mainly for D.A.S.F.

LIVESTOCK.

Fowls are to be seen in abundance in the Bulum area and to a much lesser degree pigs. Prices for fowls are 50c for hens, \$1.00 for roosters. Prices for pigs are high compared to other areas.

FORESTS.

In November last year a short survey was done by the forestry department into the timber in the Bulum area on the southern side of the Bulum river. The area is mostly forested and any information available to this office by forestry on this survey can be appreciated.

COMMERCE and MONEY.

Every village in the Bulum area has at least one trade store but licences were not checked on a most of the owners were absent in Lae. The range of goods available to the buyers is very limited and in some cases the supplies were completely exhausted. Getting people to carry goods for these stores is the main problem.

LAND.

There is no land available for purchase in the area.

COMPLAINTS.

There were numerous complaints brought to the writer and most of these were about debts, pigs, gardens, wife trouble and council tax. The first four types of complaints were settled quite easily but the matter of tax to the council was referred to all assemblies in all villages. The people were told, as they have been told numerous times before that the council sets the tax rate and the council will grant exempt titles to those people who the tax tribunal agree should be exempt. The patrol officer is just the adviser and does not sit on the council tax tribunal.

COURTS.

A few courts were conducted on patrol and these covered a case of stealing, failing to line for census and solitary. The person charged for stealing was fined one dollar.

REST HOUSES.

Every village has a rest house and as previously stated most had had rush repairs done just prior to the arrival of the patrol. Generally the condition of the rest houses is good, with the roofs giving the people concern. They all sit and hope it will not rain during the night.

CARRIERS.

Carriers were at all times easy to obtain. All carriers were paid at the rate of 10c per hour.

HEALTH.

The health of the people in the area appears to very good and there are three aidposts in the Bulum valley. These are situated at Zengaren, Ubaneng and Selimbeng. At present only one of these aidposts is manned, the one at Zengaren. The APO of Selimbeng is attending a school at Mt Hagon whereas the APO of UBANENG has had a rather long extended, unofficial and PAID holiday in Iae since the end of November, 1966. Action is sought from PHD. ~~Indonesians~~ There has been twenty seven deaths and by the description of the people most of these have been through malaria. Death dates are not kept by the people but I estimate by the crying women etc that most of these have occurred since the APO departed on AVL effort. The APO of Zengaren wants to have the aidpost situated at Kotkin, his own village, but Zengaren is by far the more central position. A meeting by the people will discuss this matter and the writer will be duly informed.

There are a few cases of goitre to be seen in the Bulum and also "grills".

EDUCATION.

There are mission schools in quite a number of villages, all teaching Kotte, but a few children are absent at other schools in other districts. Two children from the Bulum area attend school at Pindiu.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

There are no roads in the area but Mr F.E. Haviland has marked and surveyed a road from Mindik to Areganeng. Most walking tracks were in fair condition, although some pass through some treacherous country.

CEMETRIES.

Most cemetries sighted seem to be uncared for.

MISSIONS.

The only mission working in the area is the Lutheran Mission and they seem to be fairly influential. In all villages there is a church and in a lot cases these have galvanised roof. The main mission centre is in the Kua valley at Mindik.

Airfields.

The closest airfield is at Mindik but on the next patrol to the Bulum I intend looking at a site above Zengaren village. From a distance it could be possible but there are a few facts that need comment on.

- (i). The site is approx 5000 ft ASL.
- (ii). It is on the extreme edge of the area.
- (iii). Who would look after it.

All these facts have been expressed to the people concerned and they have asked if I would look at it and survey it. This will be done to show that there is some interest being shown.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL.

No comment.

LABOUR.

The absentee rate is high and the availability of labour is next to nil. Most absent persons are in Iae, Fort Moresby and Rabaul. The demand for labour in the area cannot be met in some cases.

PERSONAL TAX.

The Pindiu Council collects from the people and the male persons in the area pay \$1.00 and females .20c per annum. There is I feel a little difficulty in finding the money in some cases but the majority should find no hardship in paying tax. A large amount of tax was paid to the councillors of the various wards who accompanied the patrol in their respective wards. Those tax evaders were summons to appear before the court at Pindiu on 27/2/67 for tax evasion.

CENSUS.

The figures of the villages censused will be enclosed but a complete census figure will be forwarded when all the census patrols are completed in the Hube census division.

GEOGRAPHY / TOPOGRAPHY.

No comment.

APPENDICES.

- A. Report on Police.
- B. Cargo Milt Movement, appropriate court.

APPENDIX "B".

CARGO MOVEMENT IN BULUM RIVER AREA.

The people of the Bulum area are not all involved in this movement at present but it is possible that they could become involved as there is a certain amount of doubt as to whether the instigator of the movement has really found the answer or not. As previously stated on the top villages are involved.

I learned of the movement some time ago at the Pindiu Council Meeting but on hearing the details I left the matter till I visited the area as I believed that immediate action was not entirely warranted. The story that I was told at Pindiu was that a certain person was instigating that all the people of the area had to "work hygiene." I was told that this person told all the people that they had to clean their villages and repair their houses etc. The informant, when asked if cargo was involved, did not give a definite answer.

On patrol in the Bulum area I observed the following ;

" The leader of the movement is an ex Acourse teacher who was trained at Balob Lutheran Mission Teachers College at Lae and who was dismissed or he resigned because " the mission was not up to his way of thinking."

He tells the people to work hygiene and has designed special houses; which the people are to construct. Actually the designs are quite good.

The people have to build him a house on a little piece of ground near Zewitzan village.

The leader has his own house in which he sits and thinks. He makes new rules and everybody has to obey these rules. "

The leader in my opinion is insane and appropriate action has been taken. This statement is backed by the following. The cult leader told me that he does things because his "brain" tells him to do so. I asked him to line for census with his wife and he agreed to do this. When I called his name he did not appear and when asked why he said; " My brain told me not to." His brain also told him not to let his wife line with the other villagers.

A local court was held and the defendant was fined \$2, his wife 50c.

The cult leader also makes his own rules and laws. All the people have to work for him to build his house and the people are not allowed to sleep near his house. Another local court was held on this matter and the facts are ;

A pregnant woman was working on the house and as the village is quite some distance away she decided to sleep near the site. The leader's law states that a woman sleeps near his house he must have intercourse with her. During the night the leader sent his wife to get the woman. The woman, unaware of the "law", thought he wanted to speak with her, went to the house. He, the leader then had intercourse with her. The woman claims she was an unwilling party but this could be hard to prove. The leader was convicted and sentenced to two months gaol. During the court the leader elected to say nothing.

It was only after this court had finished that the writer realized that the cult leader was a bit insane. He informed that he would not go to gaol and as a compromise I was to cut his throat. When asked why he wanted to have his throat cut he informed the writer that he, the leader, was greater than the government and all men and it was not fitting that he should go to such a low institution as a gaol. When told he was to be imprisoned he requested the writer to come and fight him. Asked why - the reply was. "If you hit me I can have you brought before the court."

As there was only one policeman on patrol with the writer at the time the writer returned to Pindiu and will return to apprehend the person next week. The writer does not expect that the other people will help the cult leader but is not sure. The assistant District Commissioner at Finschhafen has been informed and will be advised on all facts. It is felt that the cult leader will need treatment at a ~~mental~~ mental institution.

Long talks were given in all Bulum villages on the cult movement and it is hoped that the people will forget the matter, when the leader is removed from sight.

APPENDIX "A".

REPORT ON MEMBER OF R.P.S.N.G.C.

Constable ENGITAU.

The member who accompanied this patrol was a reasonably willing worker but is often found to be half a sleep and is inclined to forget things. Generally speaking not the best patrolling constable.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. 7 of PINDIU 1966-67

Patrol Conducted by P.H. SIMPSON Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Kua river of Hube CD.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 member of R.F. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 6/3/1967 to 14/3/1967 From 10/4/67 to 15/4.67

Number of Days 15 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services /10/1966

Medical / /19

Map Reference MOROBE

Objects of Patrol (i) Revise census (ii) Check on Council Projects

(iii) Routine administration

Director of District Administration, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

15/5/1967

B.H. Hobson 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

67-6-48

3rd July, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L.A.P.

PINDIU PATROL NO. 7 OF 1966/67:

Your 67-2-10 of 15th May 1967, refers.

Both your comments and those of the Assistant District Commissioner Finschhafen, adequately cover most points raised by Mr. Simpson in his report.

The report reveals a satisfactory situation in this section of the Pindiu Council area and the quality of the Councillors representing an area is a significant factor in the operation of an effective local authority. No doubt an approach through the Council would produce results remedying the accommodation position for patrolling personnel.

Formally constituted Ward Committees, to replace the present ad hoc village committeeman system, may be well suited to the Pindiu area where the representation ratio is comparatively high.

Improved communications and increased social and economic development should provide some answer to the problem of absenteeism. Restriction of movement is an archaic expedient.

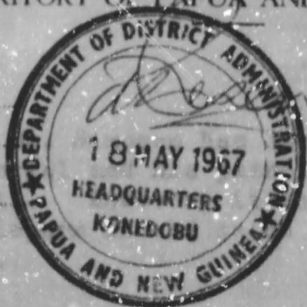
(J.E. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference 67-2-10
If calling ask for JPS/RMP
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.
15th May, 1967.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUBU.

PINDIU PATROL NO. 7 OF 1966/67 - KUA RIVER,
HUBE CENSUS DIVISION

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I attach copy of the abovementioned report submitted by Mr. Simpson, Officer-in-Charge, Pindiu Patrol Post. Also attached is a copy of memorandum 87-1-6 of 4th May, 1967, from the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen. The Assistant District Commissioner's comments cover most of the content of this report.

2. I agree with Mr. Murphy's comments in regard to rest houses. The people cannot be forced to provide these. However, through the Local Government Council every effort must be made to point out to the people that they cannot expect the assistance of our officers if reasonable rest house facilities are not available.

3. In regard to Tobai land, the Officer-in-Charge will be instructed to take no further action pending advice from the District Inspector as to the plans of the Department of Education in the Mindik area.

4. The Pindiu Council has submitted several proposals to the Morobe District Co-ordinating Committee covering road extensions. These have been considered by the Committee and it is likely that financial assistance will be given when funds become available for rural development to the Co-ordinating Committee.

5. Despite the large number of men absent from the Hube area at work I do not intend to support any recommendation that the area be closed to recruiting.

6. The various matters raised by the Officer-in-Charge have been referred to the Departments concerned.

7. Mr. Simpson has obviously made a careful patrol and his patrol report contains much detail. However, it is untidily presented and Mr. Simpson should watch this aspect of his reporting.



(D.N. Ashton)
a/District Commissioner.

67-1-4

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

4th. May, 1967.

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

PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO. 7 of 1966/67

I enclose the original and one copy of the above report, together with claim for Camping Allowance submitted by Mr. Simpson. Even though the patrol was split into two periods, it is still essentially only one patrol and need only be numbered seven. I have amended the report accordingly.

I have the following comments to make:-

POLITICAL SITUATION: The people should be much happier with the current proposed Finschhafen Electorate, which joins their Council with the Finschhafen, Tewai and Siassi Councils.

AGRICULTURE: Would you please refer the matter of the posting of an Agricultural Officer to Pindiu to the District Agricultural Officer.

FORESTS: It is pleasing to see the idea of a reforestation programme being suggested by the people themselves. Can this matter be taken up with the Regional Forests Officer.

COMMERCE & TRADING: A course for Tradestore Managers is definitely worth consideration. I recommend that it be taken up with the Business Advisory Officer in Lae.

LAND: There is nothing on file here regarding the Tobau land. Perhaps the O.I.C. Pindiu should request that an application be made.

Could the matter of a proposed school in the Mindik airstrip area be taken up with the District Inspector of Education in Lae.

REST HOUSES: No coercion whatsoever should be used for the erection of rest-houses, and Police Barracks in Villages. I have written to the President of the Pindiu Council pointing out to him the importance of regular patrolling in the Pindiu area and requesting his assistance in this matter.

HEALTH: The report indicates a very satisfactory state of affairs. Very shortly a course is to be held in Finschhafen for A.P.O's from this area and the Pindiu Council Health Committee. This should add stimulation to the good work already being done and help to rationalize Council Health programming.

ROADS: It is pleasing to see efforts to build roads being made by these people. There is some particularly rugged country in the Pindiu area. It is to be hoped that when the District Co-ordinating Committee becomes financial it can assist with road development in the Pindiu area.

District Commissioner.

14th May, 1967.

CEMETERIES: Perhaps the Pindia Council could look into this matter and consider passing a rule to control the maintenance of Village Cemeteries.

LABOUR: The absentee rate in the Habs Censua Division is alarming. However, the problem is not a new one and no real and practical solutions have yet been put forward.

CENSUS: These figures will be forwarded on upon receipt.

PATROL MAP: There was no patrol map attached to the report. I have asked Mr. Simpson to forward it immediately.

This was a well conducted patrol and Mr. Simpson has submitted a meaty report. However, his English and phraseology needs improvement.

Encls.

D. J. Murphy

(D. J. MURPHY)

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c: O.I.C.,
Patrol Post, Pindia.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
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No.

: PINDIU.

: FINSCHHAFEN.

: MOROBE.

PINDIU PATROLS No 7 ~~1966~~ of 1966/67.

Patrol conducted by. : P.H.Simpson. Patrol Officer.

Area patrolled. : Kua river area of the Hube CD.

Personnel accompanying. : One member of R.P.& N.G.C.

Duration of patrol. : No 7. 6/3 to 14/3/67

No 8. 10/4 to 15/4/67

15 days.

Last patrol in area.

Objects of patrol. : (1) Revise census.
(11) Check on council projects
(111) Routine administration and

Map reference.

INTRODUCTION.

The Kua river area of the Hube census division is situated near the Pindiu patrol post, with the first village approximately two hours walk from Pindiu. The people of the Kua area are some of the most progressive people in the Hube, and they have some of the most influential councillors in the Pindiu Council. The general terrain is the ~~same~~ same as most of the Huon peninsular, with the area completely surrounded by dense bush and high mountains. The area is fairly well populated with the bigger villages in the headwaters of the Kua and the villages near the airstrip at Tunnang. Most of the villages are situated close together, with the walks averaging about one and a half hours between villages.

This report covers two patrols as the patrol was interrupted by the writer having to attend a council meeting at Pindiu, and the writer having to go to Lae. Although the patrol was spread over a period of two months the situation described in the report will cover the two patrols as nothing really changed in the time.

PATROL DIARY.

- 6/3/67. Departed Pindiu at 0900 for Berakwaiyu. Arrived Berakwaiyu 1200. Census revised, talks given. Overnight.
- 7/3. From Berakwaiyu to Yapang and Nengit. Census revised in both villages. Thence to Lalang. Overnight.
- 8/3. From Lalang to Podzorong and Siu. Census revised and talks given. Overnight Siu.
- 9/3. To Avenggu. Census revised and talks given. To Lengbati, 1½ hours. Departed Lengbati for Nomenene at 1430. Arrived Nomenene at 1815. Departed Nomenene at 2130. Arrived Simbeng at 2300. Slept Simbeng till 0430. Thence to hamlet of Zewitzan arrived at 0645. Apprehended convicted person and returned to Zewitzan at 0715. Departed Zewitzan at 0845 for Simbeng, arriving at Simbeng 0930. Departed Simbeng for Nomenene at 1100. At Nomenene at 1245. Overnight at Nomenene.
- 10/3. Departed Nomenene at 0730 for Lengbati and arrived at 1030. People censused and talks given. Overnight.
- 12/3. To Korumba and Tobau. 2½ hours. Census revised and talks given. Overnight Korumba.
- 13/3. To Hendeneng where the people of Suetne and Hendeneng had assembled. Census revised and talks given. Returned to Yapang and stopped overnight.
- 14/3. From Yapang to Pindiu, via Berakwaiyu and Ungsesu. 4½ hours.
End of No7 patrol.
- 10/4. By aircraft to Mindik strip. Work on two roads inspected and few alterations made. Then to Mindik village. The census books of Mindik and Satne revised. Overnight.
- 11/4.

- 11/4. To areganang. 1 hour. Census revised and talks given. Returned to Tunnang at 1600. Census conducted at Tunnang. Overnight.
- 12/4. To Hamanarong. 1 hour. Census revised. Overnight.
- 13/4. To Bulumanong. 1½ hours. Census revised for Bulumanong and Sanganarong and talks given. Returned to Ebabang. 1½ hours.
- 14/4. To Wamuki. 1 hour. Census revised. Returned Ebabang. Overnight.
- 15/4. Returned to Pindiu, via Zalimpa and Kwenzengzeng. 5½ hours.

End of No 8 patrol.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

The patrol was very well received in all villages and in the villages of Hamanarong, Wamuki, Bulumanong and Nengit, the writer was given a string bag. This presentation is the way the Hube people say welcome to the village and although this did not happen in most villages, the writer felt the patrol was most welcome ⁱⁿ each village.

VILLAGES.

The housing in all the villages of the Kua area ~~xxx~~ is of a fairly high standard. Although in all villages there were some houses that were in need of repair and the owners and occupants were reminded of the necessity of good housing and hygiene. Repairs to the basic type of house are very simple as the houses consist of bush sawn timber and kumai grass roofing. The people were also reminded of the Council's rule on the subject of housing.

All villages are situated in the best available sites in the area. The water supply to all villages is very good, with the exception being the village of Berakwaiyu, where the water supply is quite a distance from the village. The people are very firmly established on the site and are reluctant to move. The Pindiu Council have health committee men in each village, each receiving a payment of fifty cents per month. Generally speaking the men do a reasonable job and due to their consistent checking up on the villagers, the hygiene and sanitation is good. Of course there are exceptions.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The Hube census division is in the Pindiu Local Government Council area and in each village there is a village health committeeman, who acts as the village committeeman. As stated in the previous paragraph, these men do a reasonable job but in some cases their influence is not the best and leaves much to be desired. Comments could be made on different councillors but speaking generally the councillors are good. Reports on these councillors are made in the report on the council by the council adviser.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION.

The Hube people are reasonably good at creating cargo movements but it is pleasing to note that there has not been any sort of cargo movement in the Kua ~~xxx~~ area for quite some time. These people are much farther advanced in their thinking than their counterparts in the Bulua area. These people are progressive and have large plantings of coffee.

The Pindiu Council was established in 1962 and the people are very interested in the workings and functions of the council. On patrol No 7, the writer was patrolling prior to the council drawing up the draft estimates for 1967/68. The questions asked about the council and the proposed projects, shows that the people have a fairly good working knowledge of the council. The council is accepted into the community better than it is in the Bulum area. The people realise that the council is gradually taking over a few functions of the government and the people realise that this is the basic form of area ~~administration~~ ^{administration} and that it will lead them into a better knowledge of central government.

The people realise that they are virtually fully dependant on the european personal but occasionally the writer was asked how the price system works as they, the people, thought that they were being charged exorbitant prices for various commodities. The writer tried to explain the way of the price system but he observed that most people found it hard to understand.

There are no Chinese people in the area and I do not know how a Chinese businessman would go if he started up business in the Pindiu area. A few sly comments were made about the Chinese people in the course of conversation and discussions. The above statement is based on the comments of six or seven persons. Relations between the Lutheran Missionary, Mr W. Jacobsen and the people is very good.

As previously stated in my report on patrol No6 of 1966/67, on the matter of the family system,; the situation in the Kua area is the same as that in the Bulum. The family system is falling down. Most of the male population is absent and the usual requests seeking help in getting the non working Hube people, to return to their villages.

The Kua people are situated in the middle of the Hube census division and relations between the people in the three valleys, Mongi, Kua and Bulum, are of a very high standard. These people have ties with the people in the Mongi and Bulum valleys but no ties with the people of the Wain or Kabwum areas. Concern was expressed when somebody told the people that there was some talk that the government was thinking of combining the people of Pindiu and the Wain area in the next House of Assembly elections. The people would not mind joining with Finschhafen or the Dedua people but not the Wain or Kabwum.

AGRICULTURE.

The only source of cash cropping in the Kua region is coffee and fresh vegetables. The coffee grown by the people is of a good quality, I am informed, and with the reasonable price being paid by the two co-operatives in the area, the people are fairly pleased with the coffee. The coffee flush is from July to September, and the writer is encouraging the people to plant potatoes and onions as cash crops between the months of November and May. The potatoes from Ebabang are very good and if the people can grow onions like the Dedua people do, I feel that a market for potatoes and onions could be found in Lae, especially with the establishing of the army barracks in Lae. The only set-back to the plan is the airfreight charged from Mindik to Lae, which is 40 per pound.

The problem of marketing produce is not as bad for the Kua people as it is for the Bulum people. There is an airstrip at Mindik and the farthest village is about six hours walk.

AGRICULTURE. cont.

At present there is not a European agricultural officer stationed at Pindiu and the people of the Kua area have expressed the wish that one be stationed here in the near future.

LIVESTOCK.

There are no cattle in the Kua valley area but there are numerous fowls and pigs. Surprisingly there are four nanny goats. A dispute over payment for the goats had lead the owners of the billy goat from Ungesu the strongly fence in the billy goat. Discussions between the persons or owners did not solve the problem, even though the writer explained the goats would be a good source of fresh meat.

Near the village of Lungbati there is a large area of kunai grass which I feel would be an ideal place for a few head of cattle. The owners of the ground informed the writer that they would give the matter some thought.

FORRESTS.

The Kua area is densely forested in the headwaters and round the lower villages, but in the vicinity of the Tunnang airstrip and Mindik village the timber has been removed to make way for coffee gardens. The Hube Congregation has a Dolnar Saw and has used a fair amount of timber in the construction of the Lutheran Mission station at Mindik and the erection of village churches and schools. The cost of timber is approximately half the price of timber in Lae. It is understood that the missionary at Mindik would ~~supply~~ supply trees for the people when they cut down trees. As far as the writer could establish, this has taken place in a few cases, but not in the majority. The council has expressed the wish that for every tree that is removed by the saw a new tree, such as klinki pine, would be planted.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

There are two cooperatives active in the Hube census division, with Namasu having a store at the Tunnang airstrip. F.M.D.S. has a buying point at this airstrip but as yet no store has been established. In all villages there is at least one trade store, most either running at a loss or just breaking even. I believe that if a course was held for all the village proprietors on the managing of stores and the pricing of goods, the number of stores closing down would be cut and the hard earned money invested in the stores would not be lost.

LAND.

The Hube congregation or mission schools are situated at Tobau and Hamanarong villages. The land for these schools will have to be bought. The writer will endeavour to survey the land at Hamanarong as an application for the lease of the land has been made. Nothing has been said about the Tobau land. It is believed that the government intends to build a school in the Mindik airstrip area and the writer made enquiries into the availability of the land near the strip. There is land available and a chain and ~~xx~~ compass survey will be done in the near future, depending on approval from the District Office Lae.

COMPLAINTS.

An average of two to three hours each day was spent on hearing complaints. The complaints mainly consisted of pigs eating gardens, people shooting other people's pigs, dogs killing fowls and borrowed money not being returned. These complaints are common in every village and judging by the comments of previous officers, the trend is not getting better. All village committeemen ~~were~~ stated that they try and settle these disputes and only bring them to the patrol officer when they can not straighten the matter.

COURTS.

No courts were held on the patrols but the writer sat in on discussions on different matters. Courts are held at Pindiu each Wednesday and most complaints are settled in court at Pindiu.

REST HOUSES.

Each village has a rest house but some of them leave much to be desired, and it is obvious that some villages do not take any interest in the rest houses. The writer had a large tarpaulin with him but in most villages the rest houses for the police were repaired under supervision.

CARRIERS.

Carriers are always easy to get in the smaller villages but this is not always so in the larger villages. Also a lot depends on the councillor or the village committeeman, who usually tell certain members of the community that they are required to carry for the patrol officer. All carriers are paid at the rate of ten cents per hour.

HEALTH.

The health of the people of the Kua area is very good and this is due to the good work being done by the aid post orderlies. Aid-posts are established at Mindik, Lengbati, Nengit and Ebabang. There were reports received at Pindiu that the aidpost orderlies at Mindik and Ebabang were telling the people that they had to pay for the medicine. These reports were found to be incorrect, but the writer did inform the people that in the future the government may ask them to contribute to the cost of the medicine; as they were now doing when they paid one dollar towards the cost of books etc. for the schools. Two ex Wagezaring nurses are working in the villages of Ebabang and Zalimpa, helping the APO of Ebabang. He does not need help but as these girls are not on a salary, nothing was said to discourage them.

EDUCATION.

There are English teaching schools at Tobau, and Hamanarong. These are congregation-mission schools. These appear to be doing a reasonable job, although there ~~was~~ no school on the day that the writer visited the villages. Most of the smaller villages have mission schools teaching the Kotte language.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

There are two roads being constructed in the Kua river area, one going from Tumnang airstrip to Ebabang and the other from the airstrip to Aregenang. Both roads are under construction with the former being about half a mile from the strip and the latter about a mile from the strip. Due to the distance from Pindiu to Mindik it is virtually impossible to regularly check on the work being done. Consequently in both cases, the roads have been wrongly constructed; that is they have not followed the survey pegs of Mr Haviland, and the work involved in correcting these faults will severely set back the construction of the roads. The member of the R.P. & N.G.C. who accompanied the patrol helped to remark the wrong marks of the roads. This member is very experienced in the construction of roads and his help to the writer was appreciated. The ~~Kragang~~^{Ebabang} road is near Tumnang village and the Aregenang road is approaching Mindik village. The latter road will have to have a bridge constructed in the near future. The other road will only have to have culverts built.

CEMETERIES.

Most cemeteries sighted seemed to be uncared for.

MISSIONS.

The only mission working in the area is the Lutheran Mission and they seem to be very influential. In all villages there is a church and some have corrugated iron roofs. The Mission also man a hospital at Wagezaring in the Mongi valley.

AIRFIELDS.

The only airstrip in the area is the one at Tumnang village. This strip is known as Mindik Airstrip. This strip is two thousand feet long, has a hard surface but gets slippery after rain. The surface is rough but this does not worry the pilots very much. The strip is maintained by the mission. The Pindiu Council is considering helping to maintain this strip as most of the planes that land at Mindik carry passengers from the area and if the Council can get a commission from the companies that fly into the strip, it will allocate some money to be spent to improve the surface of the strip.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL.

No comment.

LABOUR.

At the last census conducted in the Huko, there was a fifty four percent absentee rate among the male populace. The availability of labour is just about non-existent and the main labour available is female labour. Consequently not much can be done. The work force on the roads numbers about fifty, and fifty per cent of these are women, not young women. The writer was informed of a case of the number of people absent from the area, which astounded him. In the territory census last year, there were three Pindiu persons employed at a store at Lae but there were thirty two persons at this place at the time. This means that twenty nine persons were in Lae, unemployed.

Most absent

LABOUR. cont.

Most of the absent persons are at Lae, Madang, Wau and Rabaul.

PERSONAL TAX.

The Pindia council has a tax rate of \$4.00 for males and twenty cents for females. This is the rate for the current year. For 1967/68 the rate for men is to be increased by fifty cents. There should be no hardship in finding this amount.

CENSUS.

As stated one of the objects of the patrol was to revise the census. However the census figures for the Kua area will not be included in this report but the complete figures for the Hube census division will be forwarded when the Hube census is complete. It is hoped that these will be available in the middle of June. One of the pleasing things to note from the figures is the increase in population, due to the large number of births and the few number of deaths.

GEOGRAPHY / TOPOGRAPHY.

No comment.

APPENDICES.

- A. Report on Police.
- B. Patrol Map.

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APPENDIX "A".

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

Constable Kuliga. No

An old policeman. Very slow but gets there. Is reliable and an
experienced patrolling policeman. Conduct excellent.