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MORABE DISTRICT
PATROL REPORTS

1970-1971

FINSCHHAFEN/SIASSI/SIALUM
& PINDIU

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>FINSCHHAFEN</u>		
1-70-71	P. RUSSELL	Part Kotte Census Division
2-70-71	R. E. HATHERLY	Finschhafen / Kotte.
3-70-71	W. P. ELDER	Part Kotte Census Division.
4-70-71	S. T. SAN NGKEOC	Finschhafen Local Government Council Part Kotte Census Division.
5-70-71	R. E. HATHERLY	Finschhafen Local Government Council Yabim and Part Kotte.
6-70-71	T. J. TRUMBULL- WARD & S. ARABATA	YABIM CENSUS DIVISION
<u>SIASSI</u>		
1-70-71	P. C. LUSCOMBE	Part of Umboi Island Siassi C/D.
2-70-71	W. P. ELDER	Umboi Island/Aramot Island/Motamalau Island/Mandök Island and Aronai Motu Island.
4-70-71		
<u>SIALUM</u>		
1-70-71	M. P. SLOUGH	Part Dedua Census Division.
2-70-71 (A)	M. P. SLOUGH	Kalasa Census Division.
2-70-71 (B)	E. B. JOHNSON	Dedua Coastal.
<u>PINDIU</u>		
1-70-71	P. D. OATES	Balum and Lower Kua Valleys.
2-70-71	P. D. OATES	Balum and Lower Kua Valleys.
3-70-71	P. D. OATES	Mongi Valley.
4-70-71	P. E. WILSON	Kua River Valley. Part Hube Census Division



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

PINDIU PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1970/71.

FINSCHHAFEN SUB-DISTRICT , MOROBE DISTRICT.

COUNCIL AREA : PINDIU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : P.D. OATES, Assistant Patrol Officer.

AREA PATROLLED : BJLUM and LOWER KUA VALLEYS.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : Const. 1/C Goikula
Const. 1/C Mamat
Const. 1/C Gwaeolumbin

DATE & DURATION OF LAST PATROL INTO THE AREA : 26/5/70 to 26/6/70
30/6/70 to 23/7/70
Broken patrol
(55 days).

DATE & DURATION OF THIS PATROL : 27/7/70 to 9/9/70
16/9/70 to 30/9/70
Broken patrol (56 days).

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL : i. To accompany the Council Tax Patrol.
ii. To inspect the progress of the Ogeranong airstrip.
iii. To supervise construction work on the Mindik roads.
iv. General administration.
v. Political Education.

SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.

8/2/71

RPK:HC

67-6-47

KCNEDOBU. Papua

30th March, 1971

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL NO. 1 OF 1970/1971

Your reference is 67-2-10 of 2nd March, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of General and Situation Report by Mr. P.D. Oates, Assistant Patrol Officer to the Bulum and Kua Valley systems of the Hube Census Division.

It would appear that Mr. Oates has made no effort to peruse old patrol reports in order to obtain some aspects of report writing.

The Patrol Diary is also very brief and the report in itself has been very poorly written.

Mr. Oates observations seem very vague and show lack of interest on the officer's part.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-6-47

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District
Administration,
Morobe District,
IAE.

2nd March, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

PINDIU PATROL REPORT No. 1-70/71.

Forwarded herewith please find two copies of a report by Mr. P.D. Oates, Assistant Patrol Officer. This report is a re-submission of a draft. Nevertheless it fails to qualify as a standard for satisfactory reporting.

The covering memorandum by the Assistant District Commissioner is generally adequate. The construction of feeder roads to the airstrips is progressing satisfactorily and in spite of the heavy rainfall and maintenance problems. The development of these airfields is providing the only feasible economic outlet for produce from the area.

Please note comments under "Political Parties". There two points: (1) an extraordinary number of people who are associating themselves with a political party (of cult), and (2) lack of evidence that any people in the area have an understanding of political machinery, including the House of Assembly. This is despite our political education patrols disseminating information and literature.

The KZUBT Company is receiving my personal attention. This company is a registered company and the affairs of this company, and other matters, have been referred to the Registrar of Companies. You, also, have my report on this company. The information now contained in the patrol report is partly incorrect and outdated.

The Welfare Officer, Lae, will be kept informed on the progress of the Hube Sports and Social Club.

(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner.

67-1-4.

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
Finschhafen,

16th February, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Office,
Lae.

PINDIU PATROL REPORT No. 1 - 70/71.

The attached and two copies of a patrol report submitted by Mr. P.D. Oates, A.P.O. refers. The report was returned to Mr. Oates for resubmission, and this attempt is a vast improvement on the original draft.

The following are my comments:-

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The Pindiu area offers perhaps the most challenging terrain in the District for the development of communications. Engineering problems are enormous with frequent slips and landslides impeding progress. Construction work is a frustrating task to say the least. But communications are being improved and the Ogeranong Airstrip should be operational by April this year.

In an effort to speed up construction work the Pindiu Council recently purchased two Ford "County" 4x4 tractors equipped with dozer blades. However their value has yet to be proven as they have traction problems and frequently bog when working in soft patches of clay.

There are large coffee plantings throughout the Pindiu area but lack of suitable marketing outlets have proved a constant source of frustration to the people. To date only a small percentage of

potential production is being marketed and the major portion of coffee wasted through neglect.

I recall the Pindius had an excellent reputation when I was stationed in this district in the late 50's. They were industrious and large areas of land were being put under coffee. Now since my arrival at Finschhafen I have heard little that could be termed complimentary spoken of them. Absenteeism is high and the general attitude towards development activity is rather negative.

The development of the Mindik, Pindiu and Ogeranong airstrips together with their ancillary road systems will do much to improve the marketing facilities of the area and, I hope, the temper of the people.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The Council tax collection is now proceeding smoothly and problems associated with this have been overcome. At the end of January tax money collected stood at \$8551 of an estimated \$11,200.

POLITICAL PARTIES.

The Pangu Party has cells operating throughout the Sub-District and its activities to date have given no cause for alarm. Membership numbers upwards of 2000, but few of the members have any knowledge or understanding of the Party's platform.

ECONOMIC.

The affairs of KZUBT Co. are now being supervised by the G.I.C. Pindiu. The business is on the decline and each month's trading increases losses already incurred by the Company. There seems to be little hope of reviving the enterprise, and it is recommended its affairs be finalised and assets sold to pay current debts.

CONCLUSION.

I am pleased with the work carried out by Mr. Oates during his term at Pindiu. He has been engaged mainly in road and airstrip construction, and has acquitted himself satisfactorily. Because of this his knowledge of other fields of administration is limited. On his return from leave, he should be posted elsewhere in the District so as to gain necessary experience.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.

M. F. Carroll
M.F. CARROLL.

Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL DIARY :

- 27/7/70 Walked to Mindik from Pindiu (8 hours). Prepared for patrol.
- 23/7/70 Supervised road work and heard complaints at Mindik.
- 29/7/70 Advised of Tax Patrol postponement, worked on reports.
- 30/7/70 F.M.D.S. election held at Mindik. Heard complaints in the afternoon.
- 31/7/70 Typed reports. Attended to Mindik roadwork.
- 1/8/70 Observed at Mindik.
- 2/8/70 " " "
- 3/8/70 Road construction work around Mindik. Report typing.
- 4/8/70 Talks with Army survey team visiting Mindik. Report typing.
- 5/8/70 Organising first Mindik area local market. Report typing.
- 6/8/70 Police investigations, report typing.
- 7/8/70 Observed at Mindik.
- 8/8/70 " " "
- 9/8/70 Walked to Ebabang from Mindik (4 hours). Stayed o'night.
- 10/8/70 Council tax collection at Ebabang. Walked on to Hamaronong (1 hour).
- 11/8/70 Tax collections at Tumnang and Mindik.
- 12/8/70 Tax collection for Satneng & Suetine at Mindik in the morning. Walked to Areganang (3 hours) in the afternoon. Stayed overnight.
- 13/8/70 Tax collection at Areganang in the morning. Walked to Selimbeng (2 hours) in the afternoon, and collected taxes from Maran & Semgeta. Sent word to the rest of the Bulum that due to roads made impassable by rain the remaining taxes would be collected at Dubi & Simbeng.
- 14/8/70 Taxed Numbut at Selimbeng. Stayed overnight.
- 15/8/70 Received word that the people of Kotkin would come to Selimbeng for taxing. No-one turned up due to heavy rain. Stayed overnight.
- 16/8/70 Walked to Dubi via Ogeranong (4 hours). Taxed Kotkin & Zengareng. Walked to Simbeng and taxed Kor, Koile, Ubanang and Zevitzang. (Dubi - Simbeng 1/2 hour walk).
- 17/8/70 Collected taxes for Councillor Zeme's ward at Simbeng. Walked to Areganang (5 hours). Stayed overnight.
- 18/8/70 Walked to Mindik (3 hours). Typed report at Mindik.
- 19/8/70 Talks and tax collection held at Mindik for the people from Hamaronong. Planned work program with the Councillors in the afternoon.
- 20/8/70 Report typing at Mindik.
- 21/8/70 " " " " . Observed afternoon.
- 22/8/70 Observed morning. Talks with Councillors and headmen about Council works program in the afternoon.
- 23/8/70 Supervised Council works program.
- 24/8/70 " " " "
- 25/8/70 " " " "
- 26/8/70 " " " " . Heard complaints.
- 27/8/70 Supervised road construction at Mindik.
- 28/8/70 " " " "
- 29/8/70 Observed.
- 30/8/70 " " " "
- 31/8/70 Work^{ed} with Council tractor on the Mindik road.
- 1/9/70 Worked with Council tractor on the Mindik road.
- 2/9/70 " " " " " " " "
- 3/9/70 " " " " " " " "
- 4/9/70 " " " " " " " "

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PATROL DIARY : (cont.)

5/9/70 Observed at Mindik.
6/9/70 Observed at Mindik.
7/9/70 Supervised construction of the Mindik roads.
8/9/70 " " " " " "
9/9/70 Walked back to Pindiu.

Spent six days at Pindiu.

16/9/70 Walked back to Mindik to resume patrol.
17/9/70 Road construction work at Mindik.
18/9/70 " " " " " "
19/9/70 Walked to Areganang (3 hours). Heavy rain kept the
patrol there for the rest of the day. Stayed over-
night.
20/9/70 Walked to Ogeranong airstrip (2 hours). Held
meetings with Councillors about works program.
21/9/70 Supervised work on the airstrip at Ogeranong.
22/9/70 " " " " " " "
23/9/70 Walked back to Mindik (5 hours) in the afternoon.
24/9/70 Readied the people of Mindik, and members of John
Biro's store staff for the visit of the D.D.C.
25/9/70 Mr. G. Smith, D.D.C., visited Mindik. Talked with
people about John Biro's store.
26/9/70 Walked back to Ogeranong (5 hours). Stayed overnight.
27/9/70 Observed at Ogeranong.
28/9/70 " " "
29/9/70 Supervised airstrip construction, Ogeranong.
30/9/70 Held Political Education talks in the morning.
1/10/70 Walked back to Mindik in the afternoon (5 hours).
Heard complaints at Mindik. Worked with Council
tractor on Mindik road system.
2/10/70 Returned to Pindiu from Mindik (5 hours).

END OF PATROL.

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1.
SPECIAL REPORT :

Introduction :

The purpose of this patrol was five-fold :-

- i. To accompany the Council Tax Patrol team into the lower Kua and Bilum valleys.
- ii. To inspect the progress of the airstrip at Ogeranong.
- iii. To supervise the construction of the road systems around Mindik, and the road to the coast.
- iv. General Administration.
- v. Political Education.

Construction of Roads & Airstrip :

Mindik Roads :

The Council tractor has been a great help in repairing the existing roads around Mindik. During the construction of the new bridge near the airstrip the tractor was able to pull the large logs from about two miles away, which considerably shortened the time taken to construct the bridge.

(A) The completion of this bridge was given priority as the Council tractor was not able to service or work on any of the other roads around Mindik, except the road going to Hamaronong. This meant that before the bridge was ~~been~~ completed all the work of clearing rain washed debris, and filling washed out sections, on the other roads had to be done by hand - thus reducing the time spent on construction of the coast road.

All the other effects of the rain on the roads have been removed, although land slides are still occurring where ground has been undermined during heavy downpours.

The coast road is being pushed through to near Hamaronong, and the Council chain saws are being used to clear heavy timber so the tractor can assist the people with the road work.

(B) Some problems prevented an all-out effort on the Mindik roads. - The greater part of August was made unsuitable for road work because of the heavy rains. This is also the traditional time for making and planting new gardens. Another factor is that some Councillors are not exerting much effort to motivate the people of their wards.

(C) Ogeranong Airstrip :

Work is coming along well at the moment, with the strip about 75% completed. Some problems have occurred in the work of the Councillors, but this will be described in the Situation Report.

SPECIAL REPORT : (cont.)(D) Construction Report : (cont.)

The area from the bottom of the strip to the 350 ft. mark has been leveled, and is ready for grassing. (See sketch below.)

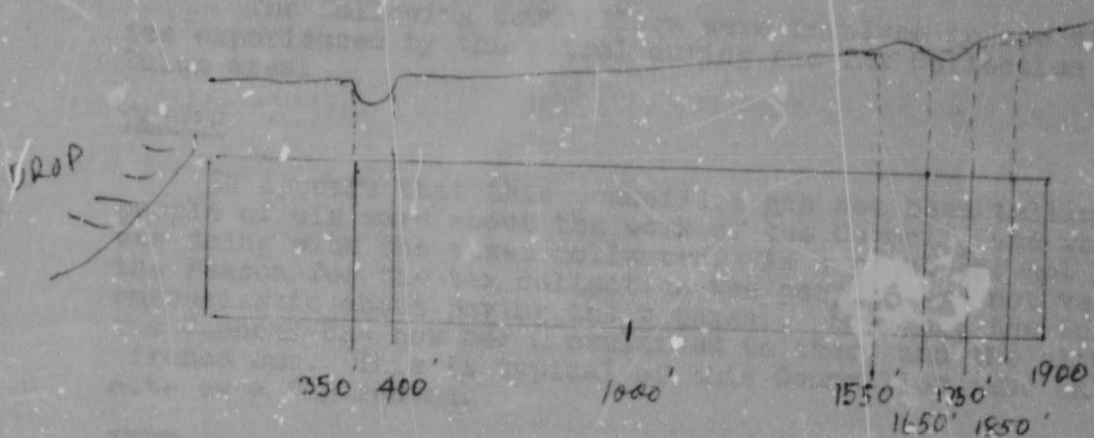
The gully at the 400 ft. mark has still about 60 ft. remaining to be filled. The average depth of fill required is about 3 ft.

From the end of the gully to the 1550 ft. mark the surface is roughly leveled, and will require additional work to erase small undulations before grassing can commence.

Between the 1550 ft. mark and the end of the strip there are two small hills which have to be cut, and a small depression which has to be filled - using the fill obtained from leveling the two ridges.

At the end of the strip work has begun on the parking bay.

(E)



SKETCH NEW OGERANONG STRIP
(ELEV. 5600' ASL)

SITUATION REPORT :POLITICAL :Local Government :

The Local Government Council has its work program going again after the rainy season. Work is progressing well on the Ogeranong airstrip, and at Pindiu, but seems to be greatly hindered just recently in the Kua, due to the apathy of some of the Councillors.

The patrol accompanied the Council Tax Team into the lower Kua and Bulum valleys. Little difficulty was experienced in the Kua area, but the antagonism met with in the Bulum headwaters was considerable. This was solely due to the failure of the Councillors in that area to explain to the people any of the workings of the Council, or tell them what it was doing with the tax money.

SITUATION REPORT :POLITICAL : (cont.)Local Government CouncillorsAKINU : (Council President)

Whatever influence this man may have had over his people as far as motivating them for Council Works Programs is concerned, has fallen to an alltime low. Most of the work being done in Akinu's ward is only possible because of a retired Councillor named OKNAVIONG.

TAUP :

This old man is virtually useless as he is unable to either control his ward or motivate the people.

YOGIN :

He was a member of the Tax Team which toured the Kua and Bulum valleys. Yogin is a pro-Administration Councillor, and helpful in this role, but useless in his own ward.

The following Councillors were involved in the difficulties experienced by the patrol during the Tax Collection in the Bulum area.

YANGEP :

It appears that this Councillor has not been telling the people of his ward about the work of the Council, and what it was doing with the taxes collected. As a result of not knowing the reason for the tax collection the people were not very enthusiastic about paying their taxes. However, the work of the Council has now been explained to them, and the situation ironed out. This is typical of this Councillor, who only acts as a figurehead.

ZEME :

He is another of the old Councillors who is unable to do much, and the same situation occurred in his ward as in Yangep's. This would seem to point to the same reason - lack of communication with his people.

BIONGI :

He has been absent from Ogeranong for 4 months, and was again absent when the tax patrol arrived. Very little can therefore be said about him.

RUKANZINGA :

He seems to be losing interest in Ogeranong due to lack of support from other Councillors. Efforts will be made to encourage him as the work is nearing completion.

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SITUATION REPORT :

POLITICAL : (cont.)

Political Parties :

During Political Education talks in both the Kua and Bulum areas it was found that the people have little or no knowledge of anything to do with Democratic Government or Political Parties. However, it was observed that many people in the lower Kua and Bulum valleys are becoming members of the PANGU PATI without any knowledge of its platform. So many people are joining, in ignorance of what the party stands for, that the rate of new members suggests it is developing into a cult. This is made more evident by the way the people are now wearing Pangu party shirts and buttons.

Much money has been collected in the Kua valley, and these funds are held by the Secretary of the Mission, in the Mission offices at Mindik. It seems the Party has three representatives in Hube - one in each of the valleys. It is not known how much these representatives know about the Party, or how much has been explained to them, but they appear to be using their positions to press other people into membership. One important factor influencing the advances that Pangu has made is that a person's membership is used as a status symbol, and that people are looked down upon for not 'keeping up with the Jones's'.

Much good work could be done by a political education officer in this area.

List of Pangu Pati Representatives :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Home Village</u>	<u>Employer</u>
TALA ALEK	BULUM	KOTKIN	D.A.S.F.
KONGAPO	KUA	EBABANG	Self
WALIWONG	MONGI	BULU	Self

ECONOMIC :

On the 24th September, Mr. G. Smith, D.D.C., visited Mindik to talk to the Directors and members of John BIRO's store. It appears that the Managing Director, J. Biro, has definitely departed, and left the store at Mindik, and the one at Pindiu to be run by the storemen. The business itself, K.Z.U.B.T. Company is in a critical condition, due to lack of funds, no stock, and no money with which to buy coffee or pay employees.

The company has debts with almost every store in Lae, and about \$13,000 of native share capital appears to be lost in the venture.

Coffee :

As mentioned in previous reports the only economic enterprise in this area is coffee production. The present time is the middle of the coffee flush, and much coffee is being sold at the buying points at Mindik.

Coffee prices are the best they have been for a long time. - 22¢ for X, 18¢ for Y1, 14¢ for Y2.

At these prices it is reasonably profitable to pick the berries, instead of letting them rot on the trees, and fall to the ground.

SITUATION REPORT :ECONOMIC : (cont.)Coffee : (cont.)


Also, the Council Tax went up to \$6.00 this year, and many people are picking more coffee to meet their tax.

SOCIAL :

As mentioned in the last Patrol Report of the year the Council has appointed two Welfare Officers, but as yet they have not completed their course, so nothing can be said about their work.

A Sports and Social Club has been started at Mindik. This club should be able to organise sporting and social events for the people of the Bulum and Kua valleys, and so augment the work of the Welfare Officers.

It appears that Welfare Officers in Lae helped to get the Pindiu Club going by forwarding a donation, and it is hoped that a similar donation could be arranged for the new Mindik Club. There is \$100 in funds held at the moment by the Mindik club, and an extremely large clubhouse has been built. The name of the club is the HUBE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB.



 (P.D. Oates)
 Assistant Patrol Officer.

MAP of the BUHUM and
KVA valley systems of the
HUBE C.D.



PINDIV PATRON No 1
70/71

P.D. OATES, Asst. Patrol Off.

Names of councillors underlined.

--- WARDS
--- Coast Road --- Existing road
--- Patrol Route

Scale - 1" = 2 miles.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

PINDIU PATROL No 2 of 1970/71.

FINSCHHAFEN SUBDISTRICT, MOROBE DISTRICT

COUNCIL AREA - Pindiu Local Government Council.

Area Patrolled - Bulum and Lower Kua Valleys.

Personnel accompanying Patrol: Const 1/c. Mamai
Const 1/c. Goikula.

Date & Duration Last Patrol into area: 27/7/70 to 30/9/70.

56 days

(Broken Period)

Objects of Patrol (1) Census Revision
(2) Ogeranang Airstrip.
(3) General Admin.

Sketch Map attached.

FJM:JO

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KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

16th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL REPORTS NOS. 2 AND 3
OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-2-10 of 10th June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the above-
mentioned Patrol Reports by Mr. P.D. Oates.

(Handwritten signature)
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



67-6-72

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
Morobe District,
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10th June, 1971

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Department of the Administrator,
KONEBOBU.

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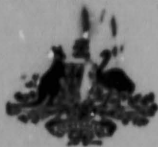
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PINDIU.

13th January, 1971.

Mr. P. Oates, A.P.O.,
Patrol Post,
PINDIU.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

PINDIU PATROL NO. 3 20/71 TO BULUM AREA.

Please prepare to depart for the Bulum area on the 18th January, 1971, to continue your patrol of that area.

During the patrol you will be required to carry out the following duties :-

1. Annual Census Revision.
2. Supervise tax collection. The Council clerk and Tax team have been advised.
3. Check labour organisation and give advice and supervision on the Ogeranong airstrip construction.
4. Collect all bankbooks, and issue receipts for them.
5. Conduct tax payers meetings. Pidgin translations of the Second Revised Estimates have been prepared for the purpose.
6. On your arrival at Mindik restart the road construction program, if the tractor has been repaired.
7. Organise the baby clinic for the area.
8. Give political education talks, especially regarding the United Nations team visit, and the visit of the Select Committee.
9. Check on any unusual political/cult activities as previously discussed.
10. The Council Health Committee will accompany your patrol, these members have been advised.
11. Carry out General Administration, and refer any Court matters to Pindiu.
12. Deal with any other matters within your capabilities which arise during the course of the patrol.

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P. Russell
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(P.E. Russell)
O.I.C.

cc. O.I.C., Finschhafen.

Patrol Diary.

- 17 nights
- 2/11/70 - Walked to Mindik overnight.
 - 3/11/70 - Land investigation at Mindik airstrip with K.Z.U.B.T. Trade store.
 - 4/11/70 - 4 Complaints and Police work at Mindik and working on the Mindik roads during the afternoon.
 - 5/11/70 - Walked to Ogeranang and supervised construction work there.
 - 6/11/70 - Supervising airstrip construction A.M. - P.M. walked to Selimbeng.
 - 7/11/70 - Heard complaints and General Administration at Selimbeng.
 - 8/11/70 - Observed at Selimbeng.
 - 9/11/70 - Walked back to Ogeranang Supervised airstrip construction. Ogeranang.
 - 10/11/70 - Ditto
 - 11/11/70 - Ditto
 - 12/11/70 - Ditto A.M. - P.M. Heard complaints from Maran.
 - 13/11/70 - General Admin and complaints from Maran and Selimbeng.
 - 14/11/70 - Walked from Ogeranang to Mindik.
 - 15/11/70 - Observed at Mindik.
 - 16/11/70 - Police investigations re cargo cult activity in the Lower Kua.
 - 17/11/70 - Report typing and investigations on cult activity
 - 18/11/70 - Supervision of road work around Mindik with the council tractor.
 - 19/11/70 - Walked to Findiu.
 - 18/1/71 - Walked to Mindik - 7 hrs via Kwenzenzeng.
 - 19/1/71 - Talks with councillors and A.P.O.'s on coming Baby Clinic A.M. - P.M. walked to Orogenang. overnight.
 - 20/1/71 - Walked from Orogenang to Zewitzang and held taxpayer meeting - overnight.
 - 21/1/71 - 6 Revised Census figures for Ubanang, Kor and Koile at Zewitzang.
 - 22/1/71 - Revised census of Zawitzang and then walked to Simbeng for taxpayer's meeting and Political Education.
 - 23/1/71 - Walked from Simbeng to Selimbeng overnight at Selimbeng.
 - 24/1/71 - Taxpayers meeting at Selimbeng and Political Education talks - then walked back to Mindik.
 - 25/1/71 - Organising Baby Clinic at Mindik.
 - 26/1/71 - Ditto plus complaints heard and Taxpayer's meeting.
 - 27/1/71 - Political Education and Council works programme discussed with Councillors.
 - 28/1/71 - Organising work on the Mindik roads and meeting held into the people re-rent Baby clinic.
 - 29/1/71 - Welfare work and work on the Mindik roads.
 - 30/1/71 - Observed at Mindik.
 - 31/1/71 - ditto:
 - 1/2/71 - Mindik works programme supervised.
 - 2/2/71 - Walked to road head near Hamcronang to inspect and supervise road work. Walked back to Mindik.
 - 3/2/71 - Supervising road construction at Mindik.
 - 4/2/71 - Road construction work at Mindik.
 - 5/2/71 - Walked to Orogenang and prepared programme for the construction of the census Patrol into the Bulum overnight at Orogenang.
 - 6/2/71 - Walked to Simbeng via Semgeta and Ogeranang and Dubi - 5 hrs overnight at Simbeng.
 - 7/2/71 - Walked to Nomaneneng and inspect village overnight.
 - 8/2/71 - Conducted Census at Nomaneneng for that village and for Zangum.

- 6
- 9/2/71 - Talks with villagers on work at Ogeranang airstrip and Political Education talks.- then walked back to Simbeng.
 - 10/2/71 - Census at Simbeng and Political Education talks.- walked to Dubi- overnight.
 - 11/2/71 - Census conducted at Dubi and then walked to Zengareng 4 hrs.
 - 12/2/71 - Census for Zengareng and Political Education talks walked to Kotkin overnight.
 - 13/2/71 - Conducted Census for Kotkin and talks give - overnight.
 - 14/2/71 - Observed at Kotkin.
 - 15/2/71 - Walked to Zengareng and conducted census for Numbut as well as Political Education talks.- overnight.
 - 16/2/71 - Walked to Selimbeng - overnight.
 - 17/2/71 - Inspected Ogeranang and marked D.C.A. levels. Walked Maran and conducted census and Political Education and then back to Selimbeng and conducted Census and Political Education overnight at Selimbeng.
 - 18/2/71 - Walked to Semgeta and conducted census and then walked to Aregenang where both villages were given Political Education, talks.
 - 19/2/71 - Conducted census for Aregenang and then walked back to Mindik.
 - 20/2/71 - Observed at Mindik.
 - 21/2/71 - Observed morning - afternoon devoted to Political Education, with Mindik and Tumnang people.
 - 22/2/71 - Comply census figures and road work at Mindik.
 - 23/2/71 - Supervising work in the Mindik - Tumnang road.
 - 24/2/71 - Police work and complaint from Satneng and Suetneng.
 - 25/2/71 - Political Education talks held with people of Satneng and Suetneng.
 - 26/2/71 - Meeting with Councillors and organising council work with regard to the council meeting at Mindik by the full council.
 - 27/2/71 - Day spent organising sports for the Mindik Sports Club.
 - 28/2/71 - Observed at Mindik.
 - 1/3/71 - Supervising road construction at Hamoronong walking from and to Mindik.
 - 2/3/71 - A.D.O. Wilson arrived from Pindiu and Day spent talking with people on General Admin and Government Policy.
 - 3/3/71 - Assisting to a complete stocktake of K.Z.U, B.TIS store at Mindik.
 - 4/3/71 - Walked to Hamoronong for Local land purchase made by A.D.C. Wilson and then walked back to Mindik- 3 hrs.
 - 5/3/71 - General Administration at Mindik.
 - 6/3/71 - Walked to Pindiu - 5 hrs.
Patrol Ends.

47 nights

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Miscellaneous.

The Hube Census Division is geography split up into three distant areas by two mountain ranges or in course three river valleys. The Mongi, the Kua and the Bulum.

These valleys are usually patrolled separately and a likely event in the near future could be the breaking up of Hube into 3 census Divisions. At the moment Hube has come 16,500 people.

In the Mongi valley there seems to be a few abnormalities. For instance the village of Safifi is to sight from Pindiu (about 3 hrs walk) but still remains administered from Finschhafen and is in the Kotte Census Division although all the people of the village come to Pindiu for business.

Also the three villages of Morago, Faseu and Gunubosing are more closely placed to Pindiu and all the people from them come to Pindiu for all their buying and selling. However they are still included in the Dedua Census Division and are controlled from Sialum, a greater distance away than Pindiu.

These could quite easily transferred into Hube Census Division, or a new Mongi Census Division. See map.

No map attached.

Political

Local Government.

There seems to be a general feeling that was voiced by the people in talks with them that the Pindiu Council is concentrating too much on the Mongi and Kua valleys and not so much on themselves. Talks were given by the Council President, Simongi, the council Clerk and myself on the work of the council and how much the council was spending on the airstrip at Ogeranang and yet the feeling of the people is that the Council is a long way away and that not much interest is taken in them.

The Council in its composition, I think helps to foster this feeling for in the Mongi valleys there are seven Councillors, in the Kua there are seven but in the Bulum there are only four and perhaps the people feel that they have not the swing in the council meetings that they might have.

This lack of confidence in the council is also fostered by the fact that in the Upper Bulum the two Councillors are very weak to their work and until recently, not much of the Council's work program was explained to them.

It was most beneficial that the Council President accompanied the patrol and gave long and enthusiastic talks to the people. I think the effect of this interest in the people will be felt in the near future.

The people of Councillor Biongi's ward however seem to have close ties with the coastal region extending down to Bukawa on the coast and a lot of their coffee is not sold at Mindik but at buying points on the coast. This helps to divert the people's thinking away from Pindiu which is a long distance away and not much interest in the Council was experienced while in this ward.

It is regretted that the Council President was not able to continue with the patrol into this area due to a United Nations visit to Finschhafen which he had to attend.

Political

Local Government Councillors.

Yangep Atak: of ZEWITZANG. This councillor seems to have no influence on his people and attempts to foster his authority accent seem to have achieved much. Most of the internal problems of his villages seem to be settled by the village committee men.

The Aid Post Orderly (FOUNUK) seems to be more revered than his councillor which may be because he comes from UBANANG which is Yangep's largest village and therefore he has a large following when collectively grouped with the other villages. Also Yangep comes from the smallest village and does not have many followers. Yangep in the past has missed several council writings and the people do not know much about what the council is doing.

ZEME of Dubi: Zeme's influence on authority with his people does also not amount to much. He has also missed several council meetings and it appears, as if he is not very keen on patrolling his ward.

These people of Dubi and Simbeng seem to be fairly well versed in the council projects but those of Nomaneneng and Zangum appear to be somewhat left in the dark.

Councillor Biongi of Kotkin. Some evidence was seen that this councillor interested in his ward and does patrol it regularly but as to coming to work on self help projects eg. Ogeranang airstrip, his people are more interested in starting a more cattle business down toward the coast. He seems to be quite popular with his people.

Councillor Rukunzinga of Areganang.

Rukunzinga has always been the main driving force behind Ogeranang airstrip and certainly his ward seems the most enthusiastic toward this project. Being so keen about finishing the airstrip has brought him into subdaed conflict with Yangep and Zeme who are not able to whip up much enthusias and so their turnout is by composition usually very poor.

He is regarded as a bigman because of his coffee (approx 1000 trees.) and his village is quite clean with well made roads unlike Yangep's and Zeme's home villages.

Unfortunately he is not well educated and is not conversant with the finer points of business or Council however if time is taken with him and the other councillors to help their failing I think the situation would improve.

House of Assembly.

In Political Education talks held with all the villagers it was experienced that the people had only a hazy idea about the House of Assembly and other political terms such as Self- Government and Independence.

One man said that he had been to Lae and Port Moresby but had seen no evidence of the Self Government only of the Government of the administration.

Political Education.

Political Education was conducted with all the villages in the Bulum.

Going by old patrol reports and comments in the village books, of previous patrols it would seem as if the people of the area for all the Political Education talks held before have not much awareness of the political scene.

However, these seems to be an increasing interest in political affairs. I was asked alot of questions about Self-Government and Independence, if somewhat naive, at least they were indicative of a growing thirst for knowledge.

This could be due to an initial start made by joining the Pangu Party and then finding out that events were moving a lot faster than they expected. Especially, since the Pangu Party had a major triumph at Pindiu in getting the people to tell the Select Committee on Constitutional Development that they wanted Self - Government. in 1972. This seemed to jog the people's inertia on political subjects and a beneficial effect has been created by this.

Economic.

The main sources of income in the region comes from coffee, some villages having quite extensive gardens.

Coffee gardens in the Lower Bulum are well cared for especially those of Araganang and those around Kotkin due no doubt to the resident D.A.S.F. field Assistant. At Kotkin, Tala Alek. However the field assistant evidently does not patrol as much as would be expected except in his own village and evidence was seen of neglect in the gardens around Zewitzang and Ubanang. This could also be due to the distance Coffee has to be carried in order to sell it and so interest has slackened somewhat.

Prices for coffee have fallow somewhat since last year the current rate being 20c for x grade 16c for y.1 and 14c for y 2.

In selling the coffee the owner usually sells it to the entrapemen who buys wet beans and ferments them. He then dries them and employs people to carry the dried beans to the buying points. An average of 20 - 25 lbs is usually carried and at 10c an hour carrying rate a man from head of the Bulum would get about \$3 a bilum if sold at Mindik with about \$1 in carrying charges.

A lot of the Coffee from Biongi's ward in the lower Bulum is carried to the coast and sold so coffee figures for the Bulum are not really accurate.

However, it was found that the majority of the men have at least about one hundred trees and some 150 and 200. The bigmen of the village usually have large gardens of about 1,000 trees.

The average return each year for 100 trees is about \$10 and this figure seems pretty standardized throughout the Bulum. No income seems to come from relations working in the towns and sending money home - mostly they send materials for the village church.

Some income is obtained by making string bags of variegated colours and sending them to the towns with relations to sell, however this is not on a very large scale.

In the lower Bulum, some hope is held for cattle farming between the Bulum Valley and the coast and although a lot of work has been put to clear the ground and plant pasture no income is being devised from this at the moment.

Health.

Natural Increase of 3.15 Despite health Services available point to fairly poor health conditions of the people in the Bulum area.

Social Education.

During a recent survey on schools in the Hub it was found that very few children from the Bulum attend the Government school at Pindiu, it being a long way away. While some also attend the Government School at Bukawa down at the coast, and some go to the Mission School at Hamoronong it seems the majority of children from the Bulum who attend English Schools are usually sent to Government Schools in the towns where they stay with relatives.

The vast majority of children however, attend the mission schools in villages where they are taught in a language called Kotte. Very few reading books, or for that matter any other kind of books have been published in this language and most of the reading matter that the children get is either rammed sheets or Mission Correspondence.

This has a depressing effect on the children when they try to get work as they can learn to speak pidgin but find it difficult to write it as the simbles and phonetics are dissimilar to pidgin or English.

In General it appears as if the teachers employed in these schools are not very keen on their work. One of them complained to me that he had been working for a year and had received any pay for that time and as he was from an other area, (the Kua) the people did not look after him. He has since left his work and there has been no replacement and the children have no opportunity to going any education.

This is not only case of this happening and many schools are left empty for want of a teacher.

Social Missions:

In every village visited no matter how small or how far away from Mindik airstrip each had an extremely large and ornate church usually sited on the highest vantage point of the village. Only one, at Zengaring, did not have a corrugated iron roof and was not painted. All the rest were usually of include size and one wonders where the people find the energy to built such edifices when there never seems to be enough enthusiasm for getting self-help projects underway.

Its a great pity that some of this energy to build churches could not be diverted into improving the peoples own living quarters, some of which are in worse repair than the huts built for their pigs.

It seems to be a mania with the people of the Bulum, especially those of the Upper Bulum, that their village must be the one that has the largest and most ornate church.

On asking about extra income that the people receive other than from coffee it was found that, unlike the Mongi and Kua vallies where some people receive money from relatives in the towns working, most of the absent workers send building material for the village church. Nails, iron and paint and periodically delivered to Mindik airstrip where the people carry this back to the village and built exten-
sions to their church.

Then at Christmas time when the workers in the town return home they are regarded as important men because of their gifts sent for the church.

Health.

As instructed by the O.I.C. at Pindiu, a baby clinic was organised at Mindik for the Lower Bulum and Kua valley areas. Matron Gough from Angau Hospital in Lae was accompanied by three clinic staff and inspected, over 400 children under age of five. This will undoubtedly improve the health of the children in the Lower Bulum valley as clinic's will now be held regularly every month. However the rest of the Bulum will have to wait until Ogeranang airstrip is finished before a more detailed health program can be envisaged.

Services Provided by the Government.

Due to some deficiencies in the bank agency at Pindiu, the Patrol collected passbooks for a bank audit. It was noticed however that, that most of them were opened at Mindik about 4 yrs ago and not many have been operated or since. It seems that not much of the Banking from the Bulum is done at Pindiu. May requests were received to open an agency at Mindik as Pindiu is too far away to bring any banking business.

Youth Activities.

Welfare Officer has sent a girl from the Bulum to welfare officers course held in the Milne Bay District. On returning she should be able to start some sporting activities and womens Clubs in the area which is sadly lacking in this field at the moment.

P. D. Oates
RPO.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

PINDIU PATROL No 3 of 1970/71.

FINSCHHAFEN SUBDISTRICT, MOROBE DISTRICT

COUNCIL AREA - Pindiu Local Government Council.

Area Patrolled - Mongi Valley.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol: Const. EIMA.

Date & Duration Last Patrol into area. 1/10/69 to 24/10/70

24 days

Objects of Patrol (1) Census Revision
(2) General Admin.

Sketch Map not attached.

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Patrol Post,
PINDIU,

Morobe District,

24th May, 1971.

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


PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO.3 of 1970/71.

The attached Report by Mr. Oates refers.

He commenced the Patrol on the 14th January 1971
and completed it on then 18th March, 1971.

I cannot find anything on the Patrol other than
the diary. So I am submitting this.

Camping allowance claim is incorporated in claim
for Patrol No.2.


(P.M. Wilson.)
Officer in Charge.

67-2-10



Horobe District,
LAE.

10th June, 1971

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

FINDIU PATROL REPORTS NOS. 2 AND 3 OF 1970/71

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B. Bunting
(B. BUNTING)
s/District Commissioner

Patrol Diary. Pindiu Patrol Report No 3.

- 4-1-71 - Afternoon - census revision at SANZENG
- 5-1-71 - Census revision and new books made out for Kwekwendangu and SANANGA.
- 6-1-71 - Census revision at Pafiu.
- 12-1-71 - Census revised for Bakugu and Bantummu at Bakugu.
- 9-3-71 - Walked to Magazetzu overnight.
- 10-3-71 - Political Education talks to Magazetzu and compiled new census books.
- 11-3-71 - Continued compiling census books for Magazetzu and in the afternoon walked to TIREN and conducted census - overnight.
- 12-3-71 - Walked to GUBU and compiled Census book for GUBU
- 13-3-71 - Compiled census book for BULU at GUBU- afternoon walked to Besibong and gave Political Education talks.
- 14-3-71 - Morning observed - afternoon compiled new book for Genna overnight at Besibong.
- 15-3-71 - Compiled new book for Besibong.
- 16-3-71 - Compiled new book for Koba and the walked to Gaieng.
- 17-3-71 - Compiled new books for Gaieng and Kobau.
- 18-3-71 - Walked from Gaieng to Pindiu 4 hrs.

End.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO.4 of 1970/71.

Finschhafen Sub District.

Morobe District.

Council Area: Pindiu Local Government Council.

Conducted by: P.E.Wilson, Assistant District Officer.

Area Patrolled: Kua River Valley. Part Hube Census Division

Personell Accompanying the Patrol:

Const.1/c Mamai

Const.1/c Temba

Date and Duration of Last DDA Patrol: 2/11/70 to 6/3/71

66 days

Broken period.

Date and Duration this Patrol: 25th May, 1971 to 11th June, 1971

17 days

Broken period.

Objects of the Patrol: (1) Census Revision

(2) Update the Common Roll

(3) Political Education.

(4) Investigate Cult Activity.

(5) Discussions with Wamuki people
re land.

(6) General Administration.

Sketch Map Attached;

Population: 6586

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KONIEDOBI...FAPUA.

11th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Horohe District,
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL NO.4 of 1970/1971

Your reference 67-2-10 of 15th July, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census Report by Mr. P. Wilson of Hube Census Division.

As you say, the 60% absentee rate of the adult male work force is having a detrimental effect. It causes difficulty in council tax collections and retards visible progress in rural development projects, both problems reported by the patrol. It must also have a devastating effect on family and community life. As most of the absentees are skilled or semi-skilled workers such as carpenters, drivers, painters etc and as there is little incentive for them to return to the villages, restrictions could hardly be considered.

The paragraph on Pangu Pati and council tax has been extracted and passed on to the Office of Local Government.

Mr. Wilson is obviously an observant officer and has submitted a concise report.

(T.W. HLLIS)
Secretary



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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16 JUL 1971
KONEDOBU

In Reply
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No. 67-2-10

Department of the Administrator,
Morobe District,
LAE.

13th July, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1970/71
MR. P.E. WILSON ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

Two copies of the report are forwarded herewith.

The critical problem of the area is migration. With 60% of the adult male work force absent from the villages the security of the family is undermined. There is a detrimental effect on village economy and on the effectiveness of the Local Government system, in that rural development projects are set back and the financial estimates of the council are shortened by the defaulters who claim residence and security inside the town.

Under these circumstances and with the Pangu Parti offering misplaced promises for urban workers the situation will not improve. The village people have, predictably, increased their demands on the Administration for more payments (Rural Development Funds), road construction and airstrips. A measure of the regard for the Council may be taken from the refusal to pay tax until more was provided in certain areas. Arguments are not necessarily logical but are determined by an expectation of success through bargaining.

The fear of independence will need to be replaced by a feeling of confidence for the future. The people have been reminded that they have already achieved practical experience and success in the House of Assembly and that they are handling the affairs of government in a capable manner.

I regret to convey the opinion of Mr. Wilson on the political future of the local member. Mr. Wilson states "Meck has lost much of his popularity due to the fact that his Ministerial duties keep him from his electorate. It seems unlikely that he will be re-elected".

The attitude adopted by the mission towards the cult (that is to ignore it in its present form) would appear to be basically sound.

The report is well presented, informative and contains the observations of a keen officer.

R. T. Galloway
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District Commissioner

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

24th June, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PINDIU PATROL NO. 4 of 1970/71

KUA VALLEY - HUBE G/D

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

The patrol was a valuable one in maintaining contact with this fairly isolated area which in many ways has been neglected of late. The report is well written and provides good information of the area.

Mr. Wilson has included village Population Register forms for the villages he visited. These amount to about one third of the Hube Division only. They have been returned to Pindiu to be held until the rest of the Division is completed when they will be submitted for the entire Division in accordance with the instructions on the subject.

Submissions are being made to have the Hube Division divided into three Divisions - the Kua valley, visited by this patrol, will be one Division.

Specific comments are as follows :-

Introduction

Revision of the Electoral Roll in the Hube area is now about 85% complete.

The Kua valley is prone to cult activity, apart from frustration amongst the people, they have in the past not had too serious consequences. I am inclined to think that the Mission's attitude in allowing the cult to run its course is a good one.

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I have already informed the District Commissioner of the possibility of obtaining land at Wamuki. If a timber company could be interested in obtaining a timber lease in the area, and building a road to it from the coast, many of the access problems to the Pindiu area would be alleviated.

Political

The political situation as described in the report is not good. That these are an energetic people can be shown by the number of people absent working throughout the Territory. The villagers have been continually frustrated by their isolation and the terrain, small wonder that those that are left continually try to find an easy way to better their lot. They are chronic contributors to any fund which alleges to help them and invariably they lose their money and suffer further disappointment.

I am sure the present popularity of the Pangu Pati in the area is another manifestation of this desire to join or buy something that will

satisfy their desires. The Council, while providing a number of services and assets in the area, has not alleviated the ever increasing work load caused by the increasing absentee rate in the area. There were a few very good Councillors in the Kua valley about six years ago - all old men who probably cannot take the walk to Pindiu each month these days. The newer Councillors appear to reflect the apathy of the area.

The only patrols into this area since Mr. Wilson's last in April 1970 have been conducted by APO Oates - of which enough has been written previously. It is obvious that more frequent patrolling of the Kua and similar areas is required both to watch the situation and to maintain contact with the people. If the Lengbati airstrip site is suitable, every effort should be made to have it constructed to give the people something tangible to occupy themselves and to enable them to go some way in realising their legitimate ambitions. *Low!*

The fear of Independence in Ebabang and Lengbati will only overcome by political education on patrols and experience.

The rumour that the Pangu Pati will do away with Council Tax is a good example of the misinterpretation to be expected when semi-literate people are left with involved theoretical concepts. It would be impossible to hold the originators of these ideas responsible for them. The only answer is to have more Officers in the field to explain and counter misinterpretation. The recent division of functions in ODA has effectively removed 60% of the field staff in this Sub-District from this area of District Administration. We can only look forward to more of this type of trouble in the future.

Economic

If staff ever permits, an officer is definitely required in the Mindik area to patrol the Kua and Bulum valleys as well as supervise road work in the area. In the meantime the Council Adviser could well spend a large percentage of his time in that area.

It is to be hoped that the attempts by DASF to introduce spices will succeed.

Social

I agree that a school should be provided for the Bulum valley people before a third school is started in the Kua valley.

Conclusion

With 60% of the adult male work force absent, the future development of the area is severely hampered. There is little incentive for these men to return to their villages, and with no head tax in the town Councils there will be even greater numbers leaving the villages, at least while the tax patrols are out.

Contingency for camping allowance for Mr. Wilson is attached. I assume claims for the two constables together with forms RSI have been sent to the Superintendent and the Commissioner respectively.

For your perusal, comment and onforwarding please.

F. G. Haviland
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Assistant District Commissioner

cc.
Officer-in-Charge,
PINDIU.

PINDIU PATROL NO.4 of 1970/71.

PATROL DIARY

- TUESDAY 25th May, 1971: Departed Pindiu by aircraft at 1225 hrs and arrived Mindik at 1240. To Rest house by Council Tractor. Conducted Census Revision and Common Roll. Political Education Talks given emphasising House of Assembly Elections and persons now eligible to vote. Complaints.
- Wednesday, 26th May, 1971: To Turunang for Census and Common Roll. Political Education talks as above. Meeting with people re Health Centre site. Stocktake KZUDT Store. Returned to Mindik. Fig res.
- Thursday, 27th May, 1971: Left Mindik at 0815 hrs and arrived Hamaronong at 1115 hrs. Census of Hamaronong, Buamanong and Sangaranong. Political Education as above. Complaints and enquiries. Figures.
- Friday, 28th May, 1971: Left Hamaronong at 0840 hrs following Complaints and enquiries and arrived Ebabang at 1000hrs. Conducted Census etc of Ebabang, Zalippa and Wamuki. Political Education. Discussions re sale or lease of land at Wamuki. Figures.
- Saturday, 29th May, 1971: At Ebabang. Talks and discussions with people re problems and duties. To Wamuki and back to inspect complaints of over zealous Council Health Committee. 1 and three quarter hours each way.
- Sunday, 30th May, 1971: Observed at Ebabang.
- Monday, 31st May, 1971: Left Ebabang at 0800 hrs and arrived at Eumanang at 1030 hrs. More talks with people re Health Centre site. To Mindik by tractor. Discussions with Councillors and Council Clerk re tax collection and other problems in area.
- Tuesday, 1st June, 1971: Left Mindik at 0845 hrs after waiting one hour for carriers. Arrived Satneng at 1000hrs. Census and Political Education Council Clerk collecting late 1970/71 Tax. Two Tax Courts. Complaints and enquiries.
- Wednesday, 2nd June, 1971: Left Satneng at 0800 hrs and arrived Snewitne at 0815 hrs in heavy rain. Census and Political Education Talks. Complaints and enquiries.
- Thursday, 3rd June, 1971: Left Snewitne at 0815 after waiting for carriers and arrived Hendeneng at 0900 hrs. Conducted Census and gave Political Education talk. Left at 1200 hrs and arrived at Korumba at 1230 hrs. Conducted Census and gave Political Education talks. Complaints and enquiries.
- Friday, 4th June, 1971: Left Korumba at 0830 and arrived at Lengbati at 1230 hrs after spending 1/2 an hour inspecting Capet school. Conducted Census and completed other objects. Inspected airstrip site. Complaints and enquiries.
- Saturday, 5th June, 1971: Left Lengbati for Pindiu at 0610 hrs and arrived there at 1430 hrs. urgent Personal Business.
- Sunday, 6th June, 1971: Observed at Pindiu.

Monday, 7th June, 1971: Left Pindiu at 0710 hrs and arrived Avenggu at 1530 hrs. Discussions with Leaders. Complaints and enquiries.

Tuesday, 8th June, 1971: Conducted Census and Political Education Talks. Left Avenggu at arrived Siu at 1245hrs. Political Education talks but Census cancelled due to heavy rain. Complaints and enquiries.

Wednesday, 9th June, 1971: Continued Cehsus at 0730 .Left Siu at 0900 and arrived Podzorong at 1000 hrs. Census and Political Educatic. Podzorong. Left Podzorong at 1310 and arrived Lalang at 1410. Census and Politiacl Education. Complaints and enquiries.

Thursday 10th June, 1971: Left Lalang at 0815 and arrived at Nengit at 0915. Census and Political Education. Left for Yapang at 1215 hrs and arrived there at 1245 hrs. Census and Political Education. Complaints and enquiries.

Friday, 11th, June, 1971: Left Yapang at 0730 and arrived Pindiu at 1050 hrs after picking up Motor bike at Unsesu.

END OF PATROL

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PINDIU PATROL REPORT NO.4 for 1970/71:

INTRODUCTION:

The patrol was carried out in the Kua River Valley portion of the Hube Census Division. The terrain is mountainous and is cut by numerous smaller rivers which makes walking between villages, particularly in the Upper Kua rather hard. The rugged nature of the country makes the development of communications difficult.

The main object of the patrol was to conduct the annual Census Revision of the area for updating the Common Roll in preparation for the forthcoming House of Assembly election. Copies of the Census figures are attached. The Common Roll amendments will be forwarded to the Returning Officer, Finschhafen Open Electorate when the remaining villages have been amended.

An attempt was made to examine CSB Passbooks to ascertain whether an audit was required following the discovery of deficiencies at the CSB Agency. However, the people were loath to allow the passbooks to come into my possession. Of the books examined nothing untoward was discovered.

The report of cult activity was investigated, however, nothing of any value was discovered. There is definitely some type of odd activity going on particularly in the Mindik/Suewitne area and the two men behind it appear to be the Vice President of the Pindiu Council, AKINU and the Aid Post Orderly at Mindik, Fornu. Apparently, they have tried to recruit the members of other villages into the cult, but to my knowledge they haven't succeeded. The Missionary at Mindik has also heard about the cult, but he also is unable to pin it down. Akinu was involved in the earthquake cult in the area in 1968. The Missionary pointed out that the Mission has changed its policy towards cults and now turns a blind eye. The mission feels that by applying "Church Discipline" (No Baptismal, Burial or marriage ceremonies, etc.) to the cult leaders and their followers, only strengthens the cult. By ignoring it // the mission hopes that the cult will die out.

While at Ebabang and Wamuki, I discussed with the Wamuki people the possibility of their selling a large area of their land on the coastal plain for resettlement purposes. They agreed tentatively to this and also to the possibility of granting timber rights in the area. This subject has been forwarded to the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen, on a separate memo.

The patrol was well received in all villages, and apart from having trouble obtaining carriers at Mindik and Suewitne there were no difficulties.

SITUATION REPORT

POLITICAL:

(A) Local Government:

The area Patrolled is part of the Pindiu Local Government Council area. There are seven Councillors representing the 6,586 people of the area.

At the present time the Council is not over popular in the upper Kua where the people feel they are not getting enough local development for their money. They feel that the Rural Development road building programme does not and will not affect them in any way for many years to come. They feel that an airstrip should be constructed

to meet their immediate needs. There are three sites chosen by them and each was inspected. They were at Tobau, Lengbati and Lalang. The Tobau and Lalang sites appeared to be too short. The Lengbati site has possibilities. It is hoped that a DCA Airport inspector will visit the area within three weeks. The people of the area were so worked up about the lack of development that when the Council Tax team went to collect Tax in September, 1970, many of the people refused pay until something was done about the airstrip sites. They all have paid their Council Tax now.

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The Council assets in the area are permanent Aid posts at Nengit, Podzorong, Lengbati, Satneng, Mindik and Ebabang. The Council has constructed three wire rope bridges across the Kua river. A four wheel drive Ford Conty Tractor was purchased by the Council and is stationed at Mindik to assist the people in the construction of the rural feeder roads.

At all villages the people were informed that the Council elections were to be held during July, 1971.

(B) Local Government Councillors:

The seven Local Government Councillors in the area are possibly the least effective in the whole of the Census Division. They are:-

Councillor ZIABE of Ebabang:

Rather a weak Councillor who appears to have been elected purely on the basis of his weakness. One of the two outstanding leaders in the area, WENZION of Ebabang, an ex Councillor and Baring of Wamuki, may be considered by the people in the forthcoming Council elections.

Councillor ZIWANG of Hamaronong:

Is renowned for being a bit of a wind bag and not a man of action. However, in recent months appears to have motivated his ward into continuing work on the rural development feeder roads in the area. There did not appear to be any other potential candidates or people capable of being elected in the ward.

Councillor AKINO of MINDIK:

The ex President and now Vice President of the Council. A Mission bible school teacher, removed from the Mission after he started a cargo cult over the Earthquake rumors of September, 1968. He is still in the cult business and it is believed that he is behind the cult in the area. However, there is no proof. He dislikes intensely the Missionary at Mindik who was responsible for his removal. The feeling is mutual. The only possible candidate who would be of any use is OKWAVIONG, the ex Councillor, however it is unlikely that he will stand as he states he is getting old and that he just wants to remain at home to tend his coffee.

Councillor TAUP of Suewitne:

Possibly the most useless Councillor in the Pindiu Council. The two villages in his ward were the dirtiest in the area and the resthouses were unfit for habitation. It is hoped that a new Councillor will be elected, however, nobody of any authority appeared to left in the villages.

Councillor YOGGIN of Lengbati:

Another below average Councillor who was elected unopposed at the last election. It looks like this will happen again. This area is rather undeveloped and the people definitely need a strong councillor who can put their case before the Council and get some results.

Councillor ZONGE of Lalang:

Another useless Councillor who spends most of his time at meetings asleep. He will probably be defeated by a candidate from Podzorong, the ex Councillor Yonge.

Councillor ULEVING of Yarsang:

A fairly unimpressive Councillor although he has improved somewhat over the past two years. There is no opposition in his ward and I would be surprised if he was elected unopposed.

On the whole a fairly unimpressive and useless bunch. A few new faces on the Council from this area could do no harm. However, most of the true leaders have left the area and are working in the urban areas.

(C) House of Assembly:

The functions of the House of Assembly were discussed in all villages visited. However it seems unlikely that the people fully understood what was being said. Political Education literature was discussed and distributed. Also copies of the new T.P.I.G. were left in all villages and an explanation was given as to the reason for a flag.

The people in all villages were informed that one of the objects of the patrol was to amend and update the Common Roll. It was explained to them that 18 year olds would be allowed to vote and that people who have been absent for six months or more working in other electorates would be deleted from the Roll for the Finschhafen Open electorate and included on the Roll of the electorate where they were resident.

I also informed the people of the approximate date of the House of Assembly elections.

At Ebabang and Lengbati the people expressed fears that early independence would bring fighting and killings to the Territory as a whole. They said that they didn't like all this talk about early independence which was being spoken by some of the people in urban areas and that they want the Australian Government to look after them for many years to come. I attempted to calm their fears about early independence etc, however I don't know how successful I was. This could have something to do with reports from these areas that Pangu Pati representatives are telling the people to join the Pati or else when the Pati gets into power something bad will happen to them. There is no proof of this. This matter has been reported to the District Commissioner Lae prior to the commencement of the Patrol.

(D) House Of Assembly Member:

Mr. Meck Singiliong, Assistant Ministerial Member for Corrective Institutions is the member for this area. He visited the area recently but his patrol was cut short when he was called away to the AEC for a meeting.

Meck has lost much of his popularity due to the fact that his Ministerial Duties keep him from his electorate. It seems unlikely that he will be re elected.

At present there are no proposed candidates for the 1972 House of Assembly elections from the Kua area.

(E) Political Education:

This is covered under (C) above.

(F) Political Activities:

The Pangu Pati has many members in the area and it is thought that the cargo cult in the area revolves in some way around the Pangu Pati. However, there is no proof of this. The Missionary at Mindik has made a statement to the District Commissioner on this matter. I was unable to find out any further information as I found the people would not discuss these matters with anybody concerned with the Administration.

Concerning the rumour that the Pangu Pati will do away with Council Tax when they get into power I had a chance to obtain a copy of the March edition of the 'Pangu Pati Nuis' in which they discussed their platform??? for the Town Council Elections. They state that will oppose 'Head Tax' as a form of obtaining revenue and that they will find other methods to get that revenue. It is easy to see when the Pidgin translation (Not Good) is read, that the semi educated and semi literate villager could misinterpret the contents to read that the Pangu Pati will do away with all Council Tax. I feel that the party platform for the Town Council elections should have been distributed in the towns concerned only and not in the Rural areas where it could and has been misinterpreted.

ECONOMIC:

(a) General Rural Development:

Rural Development in the area as far as communication and roads is concerned is not progressing rapidly. The Valley has one airstrip (Mindik) at present leased to the Lutheran Mission. The Mission is making arrangements to have the leased area handed over to the Council as the Council is in a better position to maintain it. As stated previously, there is a site for an airstrip under consideration in the Tobau/Lengbati area.

There are approximately 8 miles of vehicular roads radiating out from the Mindik Airstrip. The Council has a four wheel drive tractor with blade in the area which is used to assist in the construction of roads.

Lack of Communications and shortage of staff hamper supervision of these projects. It is noted in the attached Census figures that over a third of the population of the Hube Census Division can be found in the Kua Valley and to adequately supervise these projects and to report on cult activities in the area it is felt that an Officer should be posted full time to the Mindik area.

(b) Activities of Development Departments:

The Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries have two Assistant Rural Development Officers permanently stationed in the area patrolled. They are continually on Patrol and assist the people with their problems and give advice on coffee processing, pruning, marketing, etc. The area was last patrolled by a Rural Development Officer, in May, 1970.

(c) Processing and marketing:

Coffee is the main cash crop in the area. It is processed in village owned fermentaries or fermentaries run by local entrepreneurs. When the coffee has been processed to the parchment stage, it is carried to the nearest buying point, either Mindik, Pindiu or the Coast. It is sold usually to NAMASU, FMDC or KZUBT. At present Namasu is paying the top price for coffee which is 22 cents a pound.

(d) Village Cash Crop Extension:

As stated previously, coffee is the main cash

crop in the area.

Vegetables grow in abundance but marketing facilities are limited due to the unreliable and poor communications. DASF are attempting to introduce the spice Cadamom in an effort to diversify. Small cattle projects are being established, however there is very little scope for large scale cattle stations due to the rugged nature of the Country.

(e) Non Indigenous Development:

The only true non indigenous development was a store run by J. Biro under the name of KZUBT. As this character has now disappeared, the enterprise is now Administration supervised but has only indigenous shareholders.

EMDC and NAMASU also have stores and coffee buying facilities at Mindik.

SOCIAL:

(a) Education:

There are two primary schools in the area Patrolled. They are situated at Hamaronong and Tobau. The Hamaronong school has 69 pupils in standards 1 and 2 while the Tobau school has 113 pupils in standards 1, 2 and 3.

The people in the Mindik area feel that it is time the Education Department established a school at Mindik. However ~~it~~ should a school be scheduled for the Hube it is felt that it should be constructed at Ugeranang in the Bulum valley where the need is much more urgent.

(b) Health:

The Health of the people in the area is good. As mentioned previously there are five Council Aid Posts. One, at Nengit, is unstaffed and the people have requested that every effort should be made by the Health Department to have the Aid Post staffed as soon as possible.

Infant Welfare Sisters visit Mindik monthly from Lae for Clinics. People from most Villages on the South side of the valley attend with their children.

The people of Tumanang have selected a site for the construction of a Council sponsored Health Centre to be used as an Infant welfare clinic and general Aid Post.

(c) Law and Order:

During the patrol 3 Local Courts were held. These were made up as follows:

- 1 Assault with a knife
- 2 Tax Prosecutions.

Also at every village the patrol was asked to sort out the normal problems usually found while on patrol and arbitrate on minor matters.

(d) Services Provided by the Administration:

The nearest services provided by the Administration are the General services found at Pindiu Patrol Post. The Lutheran Mission at Mindik have a Free Mail Bag Service and also sell Postage stamps.

(e) Missions:

The Lutheran Mission at Mindik is the only Mission in the area. It is named by a young German, his wife and family.

The Missionary is not popular with the people in the area. I feel that this is due entirely to the fact that he is young, arrogant and is possibly 30 years too late in coming to the Territory.

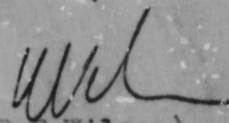
(f) Cults and Unrest:

As stated in the introduction, there is cult activity in the area but what it is related to at the moment is unknown.

The only unrest in the area was due to the fact that the people in the upper Kua refused to pay their Council Tax until something was done about the construction of an airstrip in their area. They have now all paid after being assured that an Airstrip Inspector from DCA will visit the area in the next few weeks.

CONCLUSIONS:

The people of the Kua Valley and the Hube Census RDivision generally are a pretty lethargic lot, prone to cult activity. However I feel that this lethargic attitude must have something to do with the fact that in most villages there is an absentee rate ~~VERY~~ of over 60% of the adult males between the ages of 16 and 45. With such high absenteeism, village life must be put under pressure as normal village chores are left to the women, old men and children. Along with this there are the normal outside pressures brought to bear on the people by the Council (Rural Development Projects, Aid Post Construction etc) and the Mission, (Voluntary projects). Is it any wonder that the small group of people left in each village are tired of this never ending demand on their limited resources. These absentees are unlikely to return to the villages permanently until they are due to retire as there are little or no incentives for them to stay in the villages. Most of these people are skilled or semi skilled workers such as carpenters, painters, drivers etc.. Their return to the villages would leave a large hole in the urban work force.


(P. E. Wilson)

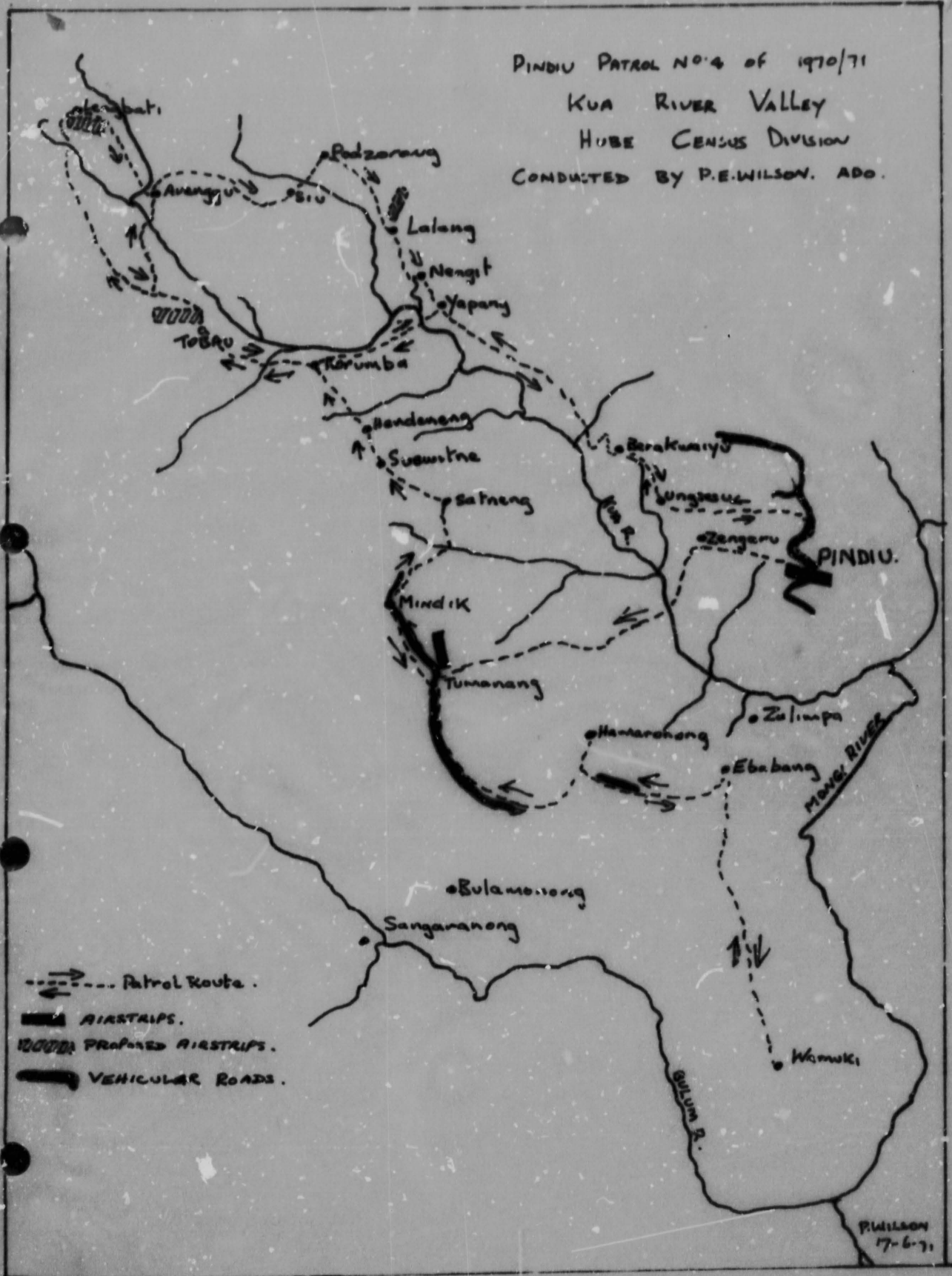
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PINDIU PATROL NO. 4 OF 1970/71

KUA RIVER VALLEY

HUBE CENSUS DIVISION

CONDUCTED BY P.E. WILSON, ADO.



- Patrol Route.
- == AIRSTRIPS.
- Proposed AIRSTRIPS.
- == VEHICULAR ROADS.

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