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WEST SEPIK DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1968-1969

TELEFOMIN & OKSAPMIN

<u>Report no.</u>	<u>Officer conducting patrol</u>	<u>Area patrolled</u>
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of West Sepik Report No. Telefomin 1 of 1968 / 69.
 Patrol Conducted by Mr. C.W. van Lieshout Patrol Officer.
 Area Patrolled East Mianmin Census Division
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil
 Natives 58 carriers (average)
 Duration—From 9 / 8 / 19 68 to 23 / 8 / 19 68
 Number of Days 14
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Medical orderly accompanied
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services October / 19 66
 Medical October / 19 66
 Map Reference Sketchmap attached.

Objects of Patrol (1) Investigate possibility of East Mianmin being administered by May River Patrol Post. (2) Report on Mianmin aid-post (3) Investigate possibility of obtaining carriers from E.Mianmin. (4) Sorcery investigation, (5) Conduct a murder investigation, (6) Conduct Census, (7) Administration

~~(8) LAND INVESTIGATION~~
 Director of Native Affairs,
 PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

20/11 / 19 68

J E W
 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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February 19th, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
YAKIMO.


PATROL NO. TELEFOMIN 1/68-69

Your reference 67-1-7 dated 20th November, 1968.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual/Census Report by MR. G. van LIESHOUT, Patrol Officer, to East Miamin Census Division.

The report, as far as it goes, is a reasonable one.

Under the circumstances I would presume that the Assistant District Commissioner, Telefomin has arranged for a further patrol to proceed to the area to finalise matters which were still outstanding at the completion of the patrol under report.


(T.W. ELLIS)
Director



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.16.13 (23)

Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference: 67-1-7
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District Administration,
District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.
20th November, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONBODOBU

SUBJECT:- Telefomin Patrol No. 1 of 1968/69.

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol undertaken by Mr. C.W. van Lieshout, P.O. to the East Miamin Census Division, Telefomin Sub District.

- (i) Patrol Instructions 67-1- of 29th July, 1968 by the A.D.C. Telefomin;
- (ii) Report in duplicate;
- (iii) Covering comments P.R. 1-68/69 of 24th October, 1968 by the A.D.C. Telefomin;
- (iv) Copy of my comments 67-1-7 of 19th November, 1968.

2. Mr. C.W. van Lieshout was recalled from the patrol to undertake an in-service training course at the Administrative College. This delayed completion and submission of his report. A number of appendices mentioned in the body of the report have not been received. As Mr. van Lieshout received his two year national Service call up shortly after the Administrative College course was completed it is doubtful whether these missing appendices will ever be received.

3. The matter of whether the Usage group can best be administered from Telefomin or May River Patrol Post is still being investigated.

4. Forwarded for your information, please.

J.E. Wakeford
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(J.E. Wakeford) *uj*

District Commissioner.

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- (v) The transfer of the Tensaspin Aid Post to Timelmin is a matter for the Department of Public Health. You may care to make certain recommendations but under no circumstances will you move the Aid Post without the prior approval of P.H.D.
- (vi) As requested the original of the agricultural report has been forwarded to the District Agricultural Officer.

3. For your information and advice, please.

J. E. Wakeford
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(J. E. Wakeford) WJ

District Commissioner.

c.c. The Director,
Department of District Administration.
KOMEDCBU.

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District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District

20th November, 1968.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN.

SUBJECT:- Telefomin Patrol No. 1 of 1968/69.

Receipt of the Report arising out of the above patrol conducted by Mr. C.W. van Lieshout together with your covering comments, P.R. 1-68/69 of 24th October, 1968 is acknowledged.

2. Some comments follow:-

- (i) Administration of Usage group. Please refer to my 51-1-1 of 27th May 1968 and attachments. The C.I.C. May River is of the opinion that the Usage can be administered more ~~effectively~~ ^{effectively} from Telefomin. Your predecessor, Mr. L.W. Bragge A.D.C. was of the same opinion. A copy of Mr. Bragge's letter is attached.
- (ii) The Diary entry for 19th August states that there was a census revision of the Usage group so it would appear that this group is being administered to a greater or lesser degree from Telefomin. This diary entry went on to say that the Usage group are a group further down the May River which was not visited. I am not sure whether this means that the area occupied by the Usage was not visited or whether it means that the group was censused without physically seeing the people. Perhaps you can clarify the position.
- (iii) In the Introduction to the Report it was stated that Mr. Murphy C.P.O. was unable to accompany the patrol because of pressure of work. With the possible exception of appearing as a witness in a Court Hearing I do not know of any duties which by their nature and importance would preclude a cadet Patrol Officer from receiving actual training in the field. Please clarify.
- (iv) There are two appendices, "C" and "D" dealing with reports on murders in the Mianmin area - not one as indicated in your comment (10). Neither of these appendices were received nor were appendices:-

(B) Topic unknown;

(E) dealing with May River groups;

(F) dealing with carriage of patrol stores by aircraft;

Please clarify.

P.R. 1-68/69

GALL

West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

24th October, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
FANIMO.

Report - Patrol - East Mianmin Census Division,
Telefomin Patrol No. 1 - 1968/69.

Attached are 3 copies of a patrol report submitted by Mr. C. van Lieshout, and covering his patrol to the East Mianmin Census Division.

Shortly after the commencement of the patrol word was received that Mr. van Lieshout was to proceed to Port Moresby to undertake an in-service training course. As a result the proposed patrol duration of 4 to 5 weeks was curtailed to a 2 week patrol and much of the patrol objective could not unfortunately be achieved. Subsequently again, his in-service training course was abruptly terminated due to his call-up for Australian national service.

Under the circumstances his completion of the census revision and the submission of a report is to be commended. Apart from appendix 'A', matters referred to in the body of the report with respect to other appendices have not been submitted.

It is unfortunate that, due to the circumstances outlined above, an area study of the East Mianmin was one of the aspects of the patrol which were not reported upon.

My comments upon the patrol are as follow;

- (1) Your memorandum, W.51-1-1 dated 25th September, 1968, refers; also my letter, 67-1 dated 8th October, 1968, to you. Mr. van Lieshout was unable to undertake a full investigation of the matter referred to therein, namely, administration of the Usage Group, May River administrative area, with the East Mianmin Census Division. His comments at page 6 of his report indicate that an investigation of the river communications from the May River Patrol Post to the May River headwaters north of the East Mianmin Census Division would be desirable, also the possibility of land access to this point on the May River from the East Mianmin. Economically, geographically and distance-wise, orientation of the East Mianmin Census Division administration northwards, i.e., under the May River Patrol Post, appears desirable. Could the views of the District Commissioner, East Sepik District, and the Officer-in-Charge, May River Patrol Post, be ascertained on this possibility.
- (2) Two representatives from the East Mianmin were selected by the patrol and are receiving agricultural training with trainees from the Telefomin Local Government Council area in the Council training scheme. This is the first step in the economic development of the East Mianmin Census Division. Sale of vegetables to the Telefomin Baptist Mission is a start and an incentive in this aspect. Were cash cropping to be developed, it's outlet would be via the May River. There is the 9000' Donner Range physical barrier to an economic relationship for the area with Telefomin.
- (3) The matter of an possible airstrip site in the Fiak River area will be followed up with the Baptist Mission.

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- (4) Slight spelling changes have been made in Appendix 'A' - 'census and statistics', and the Village Population Register accompanying the report, to conform with spelling of village names given in the Village Directory. There are 3 additional villages in the census and this addition is noted in my memorandum, 14-1-3/14-1-4 dated 3rd October, 1968, addressed to you.
- (5) Attached with the report are comments concerning agricultural and medical aspects of the area visited. The comments on agriculture were compiled by a Council Field Assistant and the Administration Agricultural Assistant, Telefomin, prepared the report. The comments on health were compiled by the Health Educator, Department of Public Health, Telefomin, Mr. D. Miholi. The suggestion for the transfer of Temapmin Aid Post to Timelmin appears to have merit and will be further considered. I notice that the original of agricultural report, addressed to the District Agricultural Officer, Vanimo, is a part of the patrol report and would appreciate it being passed to the District Agricultural Officer for his perusal. I wish to encourage these submissions and ideas from local Officers.
- (6) Mr. van Lieshout advises that a patrol map is being sun-printed at Port Moresby and will be forwarded in due course.
- (7) Use of aircraft from Telefomin to Mianmin has proved economical, has minimised Officer walking time and carrier numbers and thereby food patrol requirements. The 10 minutes flying time was the alternative to 3 days hard walk.
- (8) Camping allowance claims are forwarded herewith. Those for Police accompanying the patrol have been forwarded to the District Inspector (Police), Wewak.
- (9) The patrol appears to have been well received throughout the census division.
- (10) With respect to the alleged murder, the appropriate appendix was not provided with the report and I shall write to Mr. van Lieshout for details on this matter. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Subsequently a further investigation patrol may need to be made.
- (11) With respect to the political situation in this area, it is still premature to expect any developments or desires emanating from within the area and future patrols will need to further disseminate political and local government propaganda.
- (12) Social improvement is influenced by the Baptist Mission Adult Literacy Campaign the work of which is commendable. There is no formal education available in the area. Continued repetitive talks on health education by future patrols will assist this situation.

For your information, please.

P. S. Gall
(P. S. Gall)
Assistant District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram _____
Our Reference 67-1
If calling ask for GALL
No. _____

Department of District Administration,
West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

29th July, 1968.

Mr. C. van Lieshout,
Patrol Officer,
TELEFOMIN.

Patrol Instructions - East Mianmin & Nenatiman Areas.

As discussed previously, please prepare to depart Telefomin for patrol to the East Mianmin and Nenatiman administrative units on Friday 9th August, after attending to those office and other matters which have been given to you for attention; alternatively unattended matters are to be handed to Mr. Fischer, Assistant District Officer, before your departure on patrol.

You will be accompanied by Mr. K. Murphy, Cadet Patrol Officer, an Interpreter and 6 Policemen, the latter being selected by you and I together. I shall endeavour to have an Medical Orderly and Agricultural Assistant accompany you, also.

Take an 510 type radio unit with you and sufficient batteries for your patrol.

Your carriers come from the Telefomin Council area and the completion of your patrol will coincide with the Council 1968/69 tax collection patrol.

Please attend to the following matters in particular;

- (1) Attached is a letter, 51-1-1 dated 27th May, 1968, with attachments, from the District Commissioner, Yanimo. Whereas the Usage Group may be better administered with the Mianmin Group, I want you to carefully investigate the possibility of the East Mianmin Group (and possibly the Nenatiman Group too) being more appropriately administered from May River. The East Sepik/West Sepik Districts boundary lies equidistant between May River and Telefomin. The economic future for the East Mianmin appears more appropriately directed to the nearby ~~Sepik~~/River than southward to Telefomin. There appears to be speedier, accessible, navigable communication from May River Patrol Post to East Mianmin than there is from Telefomin. Investigate any social or ethnic ties which may support - or mitigate against - this recommendation.
- (2) Report on the Mianmin Aid Post with respect to it's (a) condition, (b) suitability of location, (c) efficiency of management, (d) service to the people.
- (3) Investigate the possibility of obtaining patrol carriers from within the Mianmin for future patrols, which would enable the patrol nucleus to fly Telefomin/Mianmin. This would be speedier and cheaper to Administration and more appropriate than taking a fully equipped patrol fully supplied with food from Telefomin, and would considerably reduce the carrier need.
- (4) Please investigate the report of sorcery contained in attached letter from Mr. G. Morren dated 29th May, and check the current Mianmin/Eliptamin relations.
- (5) Please investigate the alleged murder reported in attached letter from Mr. G. Morren dated 25th July and the associated Mianmin/Mianmin relations. There is also the report of Telefomin infringement of Mianmin territory for hunting purposes. Check this too.

(h)

(6) Do a revision of census for both the East Mianmin and the Menatiman groups.

(7) Look up file 67-1-1 for any outstanding matters for attention on patrol which may be contained therein with respect to the areas of your patrol.

(8) Report on any other matter which may arise as the result of your patrol, especially in the matter of economic development of the area and of its administration.

Each copy of your report is to be complete in all respects, ie., a copy of these instructions, census figures, map, is to be included with each copy of your report. The census figures will also be filed in the appropriate file. Please amend the Station Sub-District map (to be compiled) with any changes in geographical or other data which arise as a result of your patrol. Please advise me when all this has been done. You ~~may~~ may require a week (more if necessary) at the completion of your patrol to compile your report.

Please ensure that the patrol is unhurried and that the resultant report is worthy ~~xxxxxxx~~ in all respects for submission to the District Commissioner.

The format for your report will follow the requirements of circular letter, 67-1-0 dated 21st June, 1968, from the Director of District Administration.

The format for your census revision will follow the requirements contained in circular memorandum, 14-1-0 dated 18th March, 1968, from the Director of District Administration. The details of your census revision (a rough copy) will be forwarded to the District Commissioner, Vanimo, who will arrange the compilation of the statistics on the new format detailed in the above-mentioned circular.

Have a good trip.

P. S. Gall

(P. S. Gall)

Assistant District Commissioner

PREAMBLE

Patrol Number : Telefomin Sub-District
 : West Sepik District
 Patrol Conducted by : Telefomin No. 1 - 1968 / 69
 : Mr. C. van Lieshout, Patrol Officer.
 Area Patrolled : East Mianmin Census Division.
 Patrol Accompanied by : 6 Members R.P.&N.G.O.
 : 1 Aid-post Medical Orderly - D. Miholi.
 : 1 Agricultural extension worker.
 : 1 D.D.A. Interpreter
 : 58 Carriers on an average.
 Duration of Patrol : 14 days - 9/8/68 to 23/8/68.
 Last Patrol to Area
 D.D.A. : October / November ¹⁹⁶⁸ - 27 days
 P.H.D. : October / November ¹⁹⁶⁸ - 27 days.

Objects of Patrol : Investigate possibility of East Mianmin
 being better administered economically
 from May River Patrol Post.
 : Report on suitability of the Aid-post.
 : Investigate possibility of obtaining
 carriers from Mianmin on a village to
 village basis.
 : Investigate report of Murder by Sorcery.
 : Conduct a Murder investigation in the
 Mabwaimin area.
 : Revise Census of E. Mianmin & Nenatiman.
 : Investigate land dispute FAK rv. area
 : General Administration.

Map References : See Sketch Map attached.

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Patrol Diary

9th August 1968

Carriers assembled and Patrol departed under the supervision of Const. 1/G OVISIM. At 0930 hrs Mission aircraft uplifted first load of gear and personnel into Mianmin, and at 1000 hrs. brought myself and the remainder into Mianmin also. Met at the airstrip by Mr. G. Morren (anthropologist), and the advance party of two constables of police. At 1100 set off for TIMELEMIN arriving two hours later after ascending a fairly high range. A resthouse had been constructed by the people and this was occupied. Discussions with local people and with Mr. Morren in P.M.

Slept night TIMELEMIN Camp No. 1.

10th August 1968

Further discussions with local people and Mr. Morren. Inspected the village, their nearby gardens, and the crops being grown.

Slept night TIMELEMIN Camp No. 1

11th August 1968

Over a period of several hours discussed the ownership of the Disputed land, the pattern of warfare waged between the Telefomin and the Mianmins over this land and so forth - see appendix (B). Carriers and police arrived in at 1900 hrs.

12 th August 1968

Census was revised this morning as most of the men had been absent bringing the cargo from Telefomin and only arrived last night. Census was easily revised with the people co-operating to a high degree. Medical orderly examined all, and gave a health and hygiene talk.

Slept night TIMELEMIN Camp No. 1

13th August 1968

Broke camp and departed at 0810 moving down the UK rv. which was crossed fifteen times by fording. During heavy rains this would cause delays to a Patrol. Ascended to ridge-top 0936, descended to bottom 0945, ascended till 1000, descended till 1023, ascended to ridge-top 1050 and rested until 1110. Descended to TEMSAPWIN Hmt. 1120 and river 1125, then climbed steep ridge to BELANOBIP deserted hamlet 1200. Stopped to set-up 510 wireless. Poor contact made with Telefomin at 1125. Moved on 1310 arriving Aid-post and KAIMOBIL Hmt. at 1330. Moved into resthouse. Aid-post inspected late P.M.

Slept TEMSAPWIN Camp No. 2

14th August 1968

Census revised in A.M., discussions held with local people. Native Medical Orderly instructed to Patrol more often. Told to spend at least one week out of four visiting neighbouring groups. Radio contact with Telefomin made, and Vanimo's comments regarding my attending the No. 9 Patrol Officer's training course Port Moresby copied. Revised my Patrol Programme from a four to five week patrol down to two weeks only, to allow for one week back at the Station prior to my movement to Port Moresby on the 30th August. Now impossible to proceed to May River Patrol Post as planned or to MENATIMAN.

Slept night TEMSAPWIN Camp No. 2

15th August 1968

Broke camp and departed 0730 ascending to KAIMOBIP Hmt. 0742. Descended steadily to the INEM rv. 0820, then sided hill to KRAKDIVIP Hmt. 0900 where camp was set-up. Krakdivip is a hamlet

of the USAREMIN Group. BOVARIPMIN people were also censused at this village. Discussions on local matters held. Native medical orderly examined all and gave a health and hygiene talk.

Slept night KRAKDIVIP hamlet Camp No. 3

16th August 1968

Broke camp and departed 0750 moving over broken country until 0810 when main ascent of ridge was begun, at top 1036 at an altitude of 5,300 asl. Rested until 1055 then descended to NINIMASI rv. 1145 and a clearing 1155 where the wireless was set-up. Good contact at 1245, waited until after the border sched when I was supposed to be contacted again, however this was not done. Moved on 1330 descending to NINIMASI rv. 1355 which was then followed down. Stopped at 1440 and bush camp set-up by 1630 hrs. Walking time of 5 hrs 16 mins, track time of 6 hrs 50 mins.

Slept night in bush Camp No. 4

17th August 1968

Broke camp and departed at 0755 descending to the WAMU river which was crossed by a stable solid bridge 0828 and ascended to WANDINENBIP hamlet arriving 0850. Const. OVISIM sick. The local people requested that the patrol remain overnight and offered a pig as a gift if we would do so. The original intention of only revising census of this small group and then moving on was dropped in view of the local attitude. Patrol programme slightly altered and it was seen possible to overnight provided we walked each day and revised census on the same day from here onwards. Census revised. Pig given to patrol and reciprocal gifts of money (asked for) salt, matches etc. made. Pig shot by local people. food traded for by patrol. Talks held in P.M. N.M.O. examined all and gave talks.

Slept WAMU river area Camp No. 5

18th August 1968

Broke camp and departed 0740 for the AMPARABIP Hmt. on the May river near the mouth of the PIAK river. Reached crest above camp 0810 sided hill to old campsite 0905 then descended to BIAKA ok. 0923 continued along undulating track 1000 and rested until 1030. Then descended to AMPARABIP hamlet arriving 1110. Very enthusiastic reception by the people consisting of MABWALIN's, MIFINIPBIP's, USAREMIN's, and an odd TRMSAPMIN. Was proudly conducted on a tour of the relatively new village, the new resthouse and police barracks. At 1400 commenced revision of census which because of the various groups proved to be a headache. Census finished at 1635 and immediately commenced an investigation of the alleged murder of KUKREIMAP of MABWALIN by MAKSAP's line of URAPMIN, in the restricted territory. See appendix (C) of this Report for details. Investigation concluded 1750 hrs. Late P.M. Const. BA'UN arrived with some minor items of equipment which had been forgotten. Food purchased with trade goods. N.M.O. examined all and gave health talks.

Slept AMPARABIP on the MAY river Camp No. 6

19th August 1968

Early A.M. the local Lulusi requested that the Patrol remain for another day, however this was impossible and this was explained to him. Broke camp and departed at 0750, crossed cane suspension bridge next to the village and then followed the May river downstream to AMAROMIN arriving at a large house sing-sing at 1035 and the place itself at 1050. Walking a pleasure over flat ground. Census revised in P.M. of AMAROMIN and USAGE. The USAGE's are a group further down the MAY river which was not visited by this patrol. Medical orderly examined all and gave health / hygiene lectures. Food for carriers purchased with trade goods. Discussions with locals held. They consider themselves belonging to May river not Telefomin. See appendix (B) for further elaboration on this.

SLEPT AMAROMIN CAMP No. 7

20th August 1968

Broke camp and departed 0730 moving back upstream until 0905 when track junction was reached, left river bank and ascended ridge moving over undulating country until 0945 when rested till 1000. Descended to URAME river, crossed by fording and met MABWAIMIN party with the alleged murder weapon (spear) of KUKREINAP - appendix (C) refers. Followed river then commenced long ascent of a ridge. Rested at 1200 till 1215 when ascent was continued. At 1245 rested again to consume some sugar-cane taken with the Luluai's consent from a garden the owner of which was paid later. Moved on 1318 arriving at the MAWAIMIN resthouse 1405. Walking time of 6hrs 35, and last carrier in at 1520 (7 hrs 50 mins). This section from AMAROWIN to here proved to be the most tiring of the Patrol. Camp set-up in resthouse. Census revised in large house sing-sing due to heavy rain which had continued unabated since early morning. N.M.O. examined all, gave talks. Food purchased for carriers.

Slept night MAWAIMIN Camp No. 8

21st August 1968

Broke camp and departed 0730 for SOGAMIN which was reached at 1040 and the resthouse at 1050 hrs.. A seven house hamlet DIKINTIMPRIIP was passed through at 0955 the people having gathered at the resthouse. Radio contact with Telefomin at 1245. Census revised from 1300 till 1510. Discussions then held on the alleged murder by sorcery of WAKREP of SOGAMIN by KOMDAVIP people - see appendix (D). N.M.O. examined all and gave health / hygiene talks. Food purchased.

Slept night SOGAMIN Camp No. 9

22nd August 1968

Departed SOGAMIN at 0815 after departure delayed due heavy rain. Moved off in light rain descending to a creek, then ascended a ridge, descended again then ascended for an hour to the top of a ridge arriving 1105 after a fifteen minute rest on the ascent. Descended steeply to resthouse at TIMELEMIN arriving 1200 hrs.. Met by Mr. Moran and camp was set-up in resthouse. Carriers arrived 1/2 an hour later cold and wet from the continual rain.

Slept TIMELEMIN camp No.s 1 and 10.

23rd August 1968

Broke camp and departed 0645 for Mianmin airstrip where an M.A.F. aircraft was to uplift me from back to TELEFOMIN. Ascended ridge arriving top 0715, followed this and then descended to the BAK river and strip-site 0830. Aircraft arrived 1055 and uplifted me arriving Telefomin at 1120. Ten minutes flying time or three hard days walk over the DONNER Mtn Range.

25th August 1968

Patrol under Sgt. JINOBARY arrived back late P.M. Patrol equipment returned to store, carriers paid-off.

Patrol stood down.

End of Diary.

INTRODUCTION

The area patrolled is the East Mianmin Census Division which lies directly north of Telefomin. It is bounded by the West Mianmin restricted area whose boundary is the FIAK / AKI rivers Divide in the West. The northern boundary is the 4 degree 40' South parallel approximately four miles north of Mount KASA, and the southern boundary is the DONNER Mtn. range.

It is an area of approximately 35 square miles, and is drained by the Fak, Fiak, and Iwar (May) rivers.

The terrain consists of a series of broken ranges, for the most part running generally east - west, or north east. The higher slopes are covered with moss, and trees festooned with same. It is a heavily timbered area with no noticeable tracts of secondary growth.

The climate varies from highlands type in the south to that of the lowlands down at AMAROMIN on the May river in the north. The extreme difference noticeably affected most of the TELEFOMIN carriers who were listless, and more tired of the flat easy walking from AMPARABIP hamlet (camp 6) to AMAROMIN, than of any comparable three hours walk elsewhere.

The nucleus of the Patrol flew into East Mianmin by M.A.F. aircraft, and commenced and finished the actual patrol there. Most of the police, and equipment walked in from Telefomin to TIMBELMIN and also walked back. The advantages of this are further elaborated in appendix (F) of this Report.

In accordance with my instructions six policemen, an interpreter, medical orderly, and an agricultural assistant were chosen to accompany the patrol. Due to pressure of work Mr. Murphy, Cadet Patrol Officer, was unable to accompany me.

The Patrol's programme was a full one and included a necessary visit to May River Patrol Post, and to NENAPIMAN which lies East of the Mianmin area. Equipment and rations for a patrol of four to five weeks duration was drawn and catered for, This however was not required as I received word by radio of my having to attend the No. 9 Patrol Officer's Training Course at Port Moresby on the 31st August. The patrol's programme was drastically changed and only one night was spent in each village from then on in order to complete and comply with as much of my instructions as possible.

The objects of the Patrol were attended to as far as was possible in the limited time available, and these are attached in the form of appendices to this report.

The format of the Report is in accordance with the Director's Circular letter 57-1-0 dated 21st June 1968, and the Patrol was conducted in accordance with the Departmental Standing Instructions Handbook as amended to date.

SITUATION REPORTPOLITICAL

The area patrolled is a non-council area. The people are familiar with the introduction of a Local Government Council at Telefomin, and with the agricultural schemes that are being implemented. This knowledge is for the main part gained through Baptist mission pastors who come to Telefomin for refresher courses and then take back word of what they have seen and heard. Not once was any mention made to me of anything to do with local government or to have the council extend to the East Mianmin.

I am of the opinion that once the council agricultural schemes and self help projects take effect that these people too will want to come under council administration in order to benefit from all that is happening at Telefomin.

Again no mention was made of the House of Assembly, or were any enquiries made after Mr. Wesani Iwoksim M.H.A.. No doubt they have heard of his being elected, and it appears they are content to leave it at that.

They have had no political education, and did not participate in the 1964 House of Assembly Elections or in the 1968 ones which were not necessary due to Mr. Wesani Iwoksim winning un-opposed. Very few people speak pidgin english, and therefore the issue of radios would have only a very limited effect. A few of the Mission pastors have radios and it is assumed that they translate any significant news that is heard.

ECONOMICA. General Rural Development

Of rural development as such there is none, agriculture being of a subsistence nature. The staple diet is taro which grows extremely well throughout the area. Very little sweet potato was seen.

The Mission airstrip at Mianmin is a community project and this was recently extended of their own volition a good four hundred feet. Usable length now 2100 ft by 100 ft..

The USARMIN and MABWAIMIN people residing on or near the Fiak river have mentioned an area of ground they believe suitable for an airstrip along the May river. Shortage of time did not allow me to visit this, which was a pity as I was requested by the Lalual to do so. Experience gained under Mr. L.W. Bragge in the Atbalmin G. D. surveying sites would undoubtedly have enabled me to give a yes or no answer to the site. Upon my return the mission at Telefomin asked if I had seen it and I was unable to assist. I believe an experienced native pastor will shortly visit the site and advise on its suitability. If suitable the mission will give them the go ahead. This development of a strip is also extremely desirable from an administrative viewpoint, as, people with little contact from this area and also from the restricted territory will be within easy walking distance of the airstrip.

B. Village Cash Crop Extension

Vegetables such as tomatoes, lettuce and some beans are grown in small quantity, fruits like bananas and pineapples are also grown within one or two days walk of the strip and these are sold to the mission for cash at the rate of 5c. per lb. to the monthly aircraft. The patrol traded for most of its requirements with salt and matches, however some cash was asked for and a total of \$11.40 was expended in this way. The main source of cash being labour at the station and acting as carriers for patrols.

Village Cash Crop Extension cont.

Apart from those basic items mentioned no other cash cropping is being done. The main reason for this would be the obvious difficulties of marketing crops.

C. Marketing

The Donner Mountain range rising to 9,000 ft and the Mittag mountains are the two main ranges lying between the Mianmin and Telefomin areas.

Road survey patrols will be departing Telefomin within the next two months, one of which will attempt to find a suitable route into the Bliptamin valley which lies between the Mittag and Donner ranges. The possibility of a road ever going across the Donner range seem extremely remote without a larger return than Village cash cropping could possibly give.

Marketing of future crops and introduced crops (if any) on a scale larger than is being conducted at present by the occasional light aircraft therefore appears impossible in a southerly direction towards Telefomin.

North to May River Patrol Post and out to the coast from there is the only possibility.

A full and accurate appreciation of the economic orientation of the East Mianmin to May River P. P. was not possible without my actually going to May River and seeing the facilities there. My trip as far as AMAROMIN at the edge of the Sub-District boundary did give a look at the terrain - which is flat with only minor ranges, which I am sure a road would not have to cross to reach the head of the river to which powered canoes can travel.

Therefore the accurate marking of the maximum point on the May River to which powered canoes can regularly travel to, and the construction of a road from that point back up along the river into the mountains would create an economically feasible outlet for any produce.

At present there is no produce. That however is only due to the lack of a possible marketing outlet. Produce which is being grown in other parts of the Territory - the Highlands in particular in my guarded opinion could quite possibly be grown in this area with such an outlet as mentioned.

I strongly recommend that the next patrol to the East Mianmin goes at least as far north as May River Patrol Post, and that all its attention is directed to the feasibility of a road, and therefore an economic outlet from the mountains to the sea.

Further elaboration on this point due to my lack of full knowledge I am reluctant to give, as castles built in the sky tend to come crashing down. The possibilities are there however, and it was only due to my being re-called that this full investigation was not done by myself.

D. Non-indigenous development

As yet there is no non-indigenous development in the East Mianmin. The section C. above applies here as well, this is a large sparsely populated area so far completely untapped of any wealth it may possess. Natural wealth in the way of minerals or timbers I am unqualified to comment upon. There are no large fertile highland valleys in this area to which a European or Asian might be attracted. However the potential for an indigenous person of this area is here, all that is required is an outlet and technical advice on a profitable economic crop.

SOCIALA. Education, and Health

The Baptist Mission at Telefomin through indigenes pastors has an Adult literacy scheme in progress. Pastor Amusep has been

Education, and Health cont.

conducting village classes in the TIMELEMIN area for the past four years. There are, according to figures received at the mission at Telefomin, approximately fifty people including pastors and lads currently training to be village teachers, fairly literate in pidgin English. Note however that this is only in the immediate TIMELEMIN area which has been under the longest influence. Factors such as the two Summer Institute of Linguistics ladies that have been based here, and the relatively recent arrival of Mr. G. Morren anthropologist, have had a large impact on these people in that they have been conversing continually in pidgin English.

As mentioned above there are six lads currently being trained at Telefomin to conduct adult literacy classes. These lads will work in the TEMSAPMIN, USAREMIN, and SOGAMIN areas, and through education will undoubtedly extend the Administration's influence.

There are no Government schools in the ~~x~~ area, however as a start two lads were selected by me to accompany the Patrol back to Telefomin where they would be accepted into the Agricultural Training Scheme. Mr. L. Smith of the Baptist Mission has agreed to conduct classes in simple English and Mathematics for the Agricultural trainees. Through this scheme a few boys annually will receive basic education and it is hoped a good knowledge of agriculture. At present only two lads could be accepted from the East Mianmin area, although there were several enquiries from other enthusiasts lads to join in the scheme. Note that spontaneous enquiries were made in most of the places visited to allow lads to come in on this course. The position of lack of accommodation and training facilities to accept more than twenty lads from the whole Telefomin Sub-District was explained, and understood by them.

Health

Mr. David Miholi - Health Education Officer, accompanied the patrol and besides giving health and hygiene lectures, acted as medical orderly. His report is attached as an appendix to this Report.

General comments only will be given by myself, for a more detailed analysis see his appendix.

The health of the people in my opinion is the best of anywhere in this Sub-district. The people look healthy, are taller and generally brighter in attitude than anywhere else. This is due no doubt to a higher protein intake. Census figures speak for themselves and the large difference between the birth and death rate is a good indication of their overall health. Sixty-nine births were recorded with only seventeen deaths. For a further break-up see appendix (A).

B. Law and Order

Two reports were received from Mr. G. Morren, one of an alleged murder by sorcery at SOGAMIN, and the other the alleged murder of a MABWAIMIN man by a group of URAEMIN's from the restricted territory.

Both were fully investigated as far as time would allow and reports of these investigations are attached as appendices, see appendix (C) and (D).

No complaints were reported to the patrol, and even close questioning did not bring any unrest to light. On the whole these are law abiding people of a very friendly nature. It is my opinion that there is no need for patrols to be heavily armed or to display excessive wariness. Caution and common sense is all that is now required. Mission influence, contact with the S.I.L. people, and Mr. G. Morren's continued presence have had their effect. This added to the effects of patrols to the area combine to have set these people very much on side with the Administration and Missions.

Continued contact and the schooling of lads at Telefomin plus the Missions adult literacy classes have and will further affect law and order in the East Mianmin.

C. Missions

There is only one mission in the area and this is the Baptist Missionary Society. The Mission at Telefomin has a lot of influence due to their efforts at education, it is their aircraft that goes in there, and due also to a large extent to the efforts of Sister Krouch who does infant welfare clinics there.

They have trained two indigenes pastors, and are in the process of training four teachers who will conduct basic classes in adult literacy.

I was informed that the people of Mianmin had over half of the present airstrip completed before the mission even came to hear of it. This is an indication of how badly they wanted a mission, a trade store, and of course the prestige of having an airstrip. An impression gained by me was that the people who had an airstrip were "bushies no longer" in their own opinions. This pride in wanting to be above the "bushie level" was good to see; as these are primitive people. Once the mission learnt of the strip being constructed aid by them was given.

D. Cult and Unrest

No cults of any nature were seen or heard of, or any signs of unrest noticed.

The old house tamarans have been allowed to fall into disrepair, and some have even collapsed completely. This is the extent to which the old order is being done away with through mission and government contact.

The impression gained by me was that these are content and fairly happy people, definitely no signs of cults or unrest.

E. Community Education, Women's Clubs, Youth Activities.

Under section A. Education, and Health the mission adult education scheme was reported upon. This is the only community education in progress.

There are no women's clubs in the east Mianmin.

There are no youth activities as such in the area, however as mentioned under section A. two lads have been accepted from the east Mianmin to join the Telefomin agricultural training course. As facilities are expanded through the Local Government Council larger numbers of youths will be brought into the scheme.

END OF SITUATION REPORTAREA STUDY

Due to the fact that within days of the commencement of the patrol word was received of my having to attend the No. 9 Patrol Officer's Training Course, and that the patrol was to achieve as much of its objectives in the limited remaining time available, it was found impossible to conduct an effective area study.

Walking over rough terrain for anything up to six hours per day, then conducting revision of census, and in four cases then commencing various investigations as per instructions, reveals adequately the lack of time, or energy, to conduct an area study.

As patrols in this area are costly this is regretted but could not be helped.

Rather than inserting an inaccurate area study from memory only it has been decided to omit this from the Patrol Report altogether.

APPENDIX (A)

CENSUS AND STATISTICS

Eleven groups were censused at eight census points, these points being the resthouse, if there was one, of the main group with other groups walking in.

The Village Population Register is attached and this gives an accurate break-up of the population figures.

Difficulty was found in balancing my census figures to that of the preceding patrol. In most cases this proved to be impossible with my figures being irreconcilable with those of the previous census.

Mr. G. Morren, anthropologist, followed my patrol, and each time census was revised, he sat at the same table as myself and checked the revision. For this reason I feel that my figures are as accurate as possible.

Twenty-one months elapsed between Mr. E.J. Mitchell's patrol in October / November 1966, and the authors report. Due to this lapse babies born in 1966 and 1967 have still been recorded by me in the Census Register as "B.R." even though they are now almost two years old, and many of them now instead of being in the under 1 year column, are now in the 1 - .5 years column of the population register. A glance at the Births column reveals a total of 69 births; whereas the Under 1 year column shows only 47 of that age group. The difference being absorbed in the 1 - 5 years column.

The natural increase of 5.9 per hundred is particularly pleasing to note, and reflects directly on the diet of these primitive people; and the effect that the Baptist Mission's infant and maternal welfare clinics, and the aid-post, is having.

A few duplications, and the apparent incorrect balances of the previous census, throw those figures out to a certain degree, however a break-up of the previous figures and this years is shown as an indication of trends.

GROUP	M.	F.	1966 TOTAL	M.	F.	1968 TOTAL
Amaromin ✓	27	22	49	32	20	52
Bovaripmin ✓	59	36	95	63	40	103
Kusareimin ✓	39	21	60	39	23	62
Mifimipbip ✓	14	20	34	11	20	31
Sogamin ✓	77	70	147	79	75	154
Temsapmin ✓	28	26	54	30	28	58
Timelmin ✓	92	68	160	93	80	173
Usareimin ✓	25	20	45	29	24	53
Wameimin ✓	49	51	100	56	52	108
Wamu	7	5	12	7	5	12
Ma/waimin ✓	39	30	69	40	35	75
	456	369	825	479	402	881

Village Population Register attached.

Dept of Agriculture,
Stock and Fisheries,
Telefemin.
West Sepik District.
29/8/68.

District Agricultural,
Officer. Dept of Agriculture,
Stock and Fisheries,
Vanimo.

Program to Patrol East Mianmin area for Vegetable Ex.werk.
Patrol Report No.1 of 1968/69.
Census Division East Mianmin.

No.2.Object.

- (a) Inspected Vegetables garden.
- (b) Told peoples to planting Vegetables and cash crops.
- (c) Inspected what kind cash crops they were growing in garden.

No.3.Staff.

L.G.Council Agriculture Assistant Paul Memetek.
Kiap Mr Ghis Van Lieshout.

Six Policeman

A.P.O. Mr.David Miholi.

No.4.Diary.

- 9/8/68. Left Telefemin on 8.30 to Kemduvip on 4.30 pm. (Slept one night.)
- 10/8/68. Departed from Kemduvip on 7.am and slept on the way, no village.
- 11/8/68. Stared to walk on the way to Timelmin on 7.pm. (over night)
- 12/8/68. 8.am Mr Ghis Van L.Reel call for village peoples.
Paul Memetek inspected Vegetable crop gardens.
They have to planting little bit of Panama, Sugar-cane, corn, Taro,
Bean, Sage palm trees, B ainable, and Kaukau.
- 13/8/68. Left Timelmin on 7.30.am. to Temsapmin at 3.pm. (Slept one night)
- 14/8/68. Left Temsapmin on 7.am to Usaremin at 8.am. Mr Ghis Van L.Reel
called for Village peoples. L.G.council Agri Assit. Paul-Memetek.
Inspected vegetable cash garden. The people is planting same Vegeta
bles cash crops. Bean, Corn, Tabieca, Panama, Taro send, Taro Hengheng
Bumpking, Squash, Pewpew, Sugar-cane, Abica, B ainable, (Slept one night)
- 15/8/68. Left Usaremin on 7.am to Mabwamin on 5.30 pm.
Mr Ghis Van L.Stared to ~~Reel~~ Reel called for village peoples.
Agri Asst. ~~Kat~~ Paul Memetek Inspected vegetables garden.
That village peoples planting same cash crops, has other
village planted.
- 16/8/68. Left Mabwamin 7.30.am. to Amaromin at 2.pm. Mr Ghis Van L. Reel-
called for Village people. Agri Asst. Paul Memetek Inspected cash
crop or vegetable garden. The people were planting Banana, Taro,
Bean, Bumpking, Cucumber, Pewpew, B ainable, Bumpking sugar-cane,
Tabieca and Squash. (over night)

- 17/8/68. Left Amaremin on 7.am to Yetema at 12noon.1pm.Mr Chris Van L. Stared to Reel called for village people. L.G council Paul-Memetek Inspected ~~vegetable~~ vegetable gardens. That village people planted same cash vegetables has other villages.That village Amaremin has fish in the river.(over night)
- 18/8/68. Left Amaremin on 7.30.am to Mawamin at 330.pm.Mr.Chris Van Lieheu Reel called for village people. L.G.council Agri Asst. Paul-Memetek Inspected Vegetable gardens. They planted Banana, Bean,Sugar-cane, Tare, Abica,Bainable,Squash,Bumpkin,Cucumber,Powpew,Tabieca and sage palm trees. Fish and crocodile in the river. (Spent for a night.)
- 19/8/68. Departed from Mawamin ~~at~~ at 7 am to Segamin on 25.3.pm. Mr.Chris Reel called for village people . L.G.council Agri Asst. Paul-Memetek Inspected vegetable gardens. He visited the people were planted same vegetables has other villages.
- 20/8/68. Departed from Segamin on 7 am to Timelmin at 230.pm. It is already Visited that village, Timelmin(slept one night)
- 21/8/68. Left Timelmin on 7am.te on the way(slept one night)
- 22/8/68. Departed from on the way to Kemduvip at 5pm.(Slept at Kemduvip)
- 23/8/68. Left Kemduvip on ~~7pm~~ 7am to Telefemin at 1.30.pm.

No.5.Economic Description.

- (a) Vegetable cash crop Subsistence.
 - Bean Bumpkin, Cucumber, Abica, Tabieca,Squash,~~Tabieca~~ Bainale,Banana, cern,Powpew and Sugar-cane, At all Villages from the East Mianmin, C/D.Did not any other Vegetable or cash crops planted in area of East Mianmin,C/D.
- (b) Livestock- Wild animals,man look after.
 - Dog,Pig,Casewary,Wallaby,Bendicoot,Guria and Kakaruk.The kakaruk¹ at Timelmin village only three kakaruks. Dogs and few pigs man look after in the village.

No.6.Evaluation or Future work Nil.Due to lack of Markets.

Help to Paul-Memetek,L.G.council Agri Asst.
 Writtern by Agri Asst Joseph Wimba.

MEDICAL REPORT OF DAVID MIHOLI (HAELTH EDUCATOR).

PAGE 1

PATROL DIARY.

6/8/68. Departed Telefomin Station by "HELICOPTER" at 6:45 am and arrived Mianmin for 7.15 am and left the airstrip 1.40pm to Timelmin Village and slept. No inspection.

12/8/68. People of Timelmin was inspected by me of Medical inspection to see how many people in the area has been suffering from Malaria and Pneumonia. These diseases were very common in the area.

Villages and their toilets were inspected and I found that most ~~xxx~~ toilets were in unsatisfactory condition and villages were very dirty with alot of rubbish and human being faeces were surrounding the area.

13/8/68. Departed Timelmin 8am and walked across a few valleys and rivers to Tamsapmin about 6 hours walked to where the Aids Post was and slept.

14/8/68. 8 am Medical inspections of the people conducted general many people seen were very dirty indeed. Some people were suffering from Scabies, Malaria, and Pneumonia. Those diseases were most common among the children and adult in the area. Some of them were treated in the AIDS Posts

The Aids Post was found to be in good condition. Drugs and dressing were neatly stored and well labelled. The aid post Orderly in Charge Jatamanap is doing a thoroughly good jobs. New Aid Post has been constructed replacing ago the old one constructed two years ago.

15/8/68.

8 am Departed Tamsapmin and arrived Usareimin at 9.30am. ~~xxx~~ The people seen on this inspections were found to be in unhealthy condition. 2pm Medical inspection of the people from Usareimin and found that the general many people seen were very ~~xxx~~ dirty indeed. Some of them were suffering from Malaria and Pneumonia were treated on patrol and others were send to Aid Post. Couple of Goitza were found and no treatment given. The houses and village were not very clean indeed. The people have their toilets in the bushes which was not far away from their houses.

16/8/68.

Departed Usareimin 8am and followed the poor tracked across the mountains, rivers, creeks and camped 2pm in the bush,

17/8/68.

8am Departed the bushes and arrived wandirembi for 9am. That was near the WAMU River. 10 am inspected the people by me of Medical inspections to see how many people in this Village were suffering from a diseases as followed. Malaria, Pneumonia, and Scabies. Houses Village, Toilets were inspected and found most the same as first villages were seen.

18/8/68.

MEDICAL PATROL REPORT (CONT)

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PATROL DIARY.

18/8/68.

Sam departed Wandirembi Village for ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 3pm. 4.30pm / AMOROMIN
Medical inspection to the people and other diseases were treated
and few Geitre were found but no treatment given. Houses and toilets
were inspected but there were all new houses and people using
the toilets along ~~the~~ side of the bank of river.

19/8/68.

Departed Amoremin and arrived Yatema for 11am. People of Yatema
was inspected when census commenced. The Villages and houses were
very poor. Other diseases were treated when finish inspected.

20/8/68.

Left Yatema 8am and arrived Wamaimin for 4pm. Census commence
5pm and medical inspection were carrying out. Other diseases
were treated when inspected of the people were ceased.
Few houses ~~xxxx~~, toilets and rubbish disposals weressen but they
all unlikely very bad, There were few people live in that
village.

21/8/68.

Departed Wamaimin 8am for Sogamin 12noon. 1.30pm Medical ~~xxxx~~
inspection commenced to the people when census conducted.
Other diseases were seen has been treated and few were send
to Aid Post at Tesapmin. Houses, Toilets were inspected but
they all very poor. Villages area were very untidy because of
surrounding were very muddy and fleis, and Mosquitoes could
easily breath in.

22/8/68.

Departed Sogamin 8am and arrived Timelmin for 12noon, and
slept.
4pm treatment were carrying out to the people and carriers.

23/8/68.

Departed Timelmin 8am for Mianmin airstrip 8.45 am.
Left the airstrip 9.15am and slept on the way.

24/8/68.

Departed in the bush 6.30am and arrived Komduvip
Village for 5.30pm and slept.

25/8/68.

Departed Komduvip 8am for Telefomin Station 3pm.

29th Of August 1968.

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Medical Patrol Of East Mianmin Report.

The Summary of Medical Patrolled.

All houses seen in the area were made of split bush timber, there were no windows in all houses and small door way in front. They obtained leaves of the bush pitpit and grass and few sage palms were made up the rest of these materials for the roofs. Houses are not built together each group of family lived together seperated away from others. There is no ventilation, I had also saw that there was ~~only~~ usually two rooms in each houses, Noticed.

Health.

Many of them were very dirty indeed, Women were naturally & dirty with grass skirts and men with Shell Kambang, few of the people in the area had been in the mission School for two years at Telefomin. They were reasonably clean. Generally speaking however the people health was very good.

Disposals.

Refuse is thrown into the bushes. A few latrines were seen in the villages, but it is unlikely that the people ever use them. So they defaecated any where in the bush.

Water Supply.

Each village water supply in each villages was from River creeks. These are mainly good clean supply although some pollution most occur from animals and humans.

Nutrition or Protein.

The people intake appears very good as they are all healthy looking.

Infant Mortality rate.

This cannot be very high as a lot of babies and young children were seen. The patrol officer Mr C Van Lieshout in his census recorded 69 births.

Death Rate.

This is very low only 17 deaths had been recorded. Some of them old people.

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Department Of Public Health,
Telefomin..West Sepik District.
29/8/68.

The Summary Medical Patrol Of East Mianmin.

Village Figs.

Most villages had high they were timid and slept in peopl
houses. On anthrax outbreak occurred in this area Setember and August 1
1967. It has not occurred for this year.

TEMSAPMIN AID POST.

I think it would be better if the aid post is moved to Timalmin where
where there is larger population and a bigger need for it.
The Medical Orderly can patrol in two directions better from here
than from Temsapmin. He can visit Sogamin and Kawamin on one
small patrol and Temsapmin and Usareimin on another. The Timalmin
Population is much bigger and he is much more needed here than where
he now is.

END OF MEDICAL REPORT.

D. Miholi

(D. Miholi)
Health Education Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number... *TELEFOMIN 2-1968/69.*

Subdistrict... **TELEFOMIN**

District... **WEST SEPIK**

Type of Patrol... **COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION PATROL**

Patrol Conducted by... **MR. GIDEON BUNDARI (LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT)**

Area Patrolled
(Council and/or
Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

MR. DAVID MIHOLI (HEALTH EDUCATOR)
FOUR MEMBERS OF TAX REVIEW COMMITTEE
AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

Duration of Patrol—from *5/9/68* To *12/9/68, 16/9/68 To 20/9/68,*
No. of Days *Nineteen (19)* *23/9/68 To 25/9/68 and 25/10/68 To 30/10/68.*
Twenty Two (22)

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: *ERIKTIONS 26/2/68 To 20/3/68*

Date..... Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) **COUNCIL TAX PATROL AND ALSO TALKS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
AND IT'S FUNCTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BY ME DURING THE PATROL.

BESIDE THESE THE TALKS ON HEALTH, INSPECTIONS ON SANITATIONS, LATRINES
AND VILLAGES WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE HEALTH EDUCATOR.

Total Population of Area Patrolled... *4602*

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

23 / 1 / 1969

J. E. Wakeford

District Commissioner.

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3rd March, 1969.

District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.


PATROL NO. TELEFOMIN 2/68-69.

Your reference 67-1-7 of 23rd January, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. G. Bundari, Local Government Assistant, to ELIPTAMIN, URAPHIN, TIFALMIN, PERAMIN and TELEFOMIN LOCAL CENSUS Divisions.

A good report and I concur that Mr. Bundari is to be commended for the competent manner in which he carried out his duties.


Other aspects have been dealt with in your covering memoranda.


(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

Minute to:
Mr. G. Bundari,
Local Government Assistant,
Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN.
West Sepik District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations.

File 67-16-42.
3rd March, 1969.


(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.



Department of District Administration,

District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

23rd January, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU

SUBJECT:- Telefomin Patrol No. 2 of 1968/69.

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol undertaken by Mr. G. Bundari to the Telefomin Local Government Council area.

- (i) Patrol Instructions, 42-1-4, 67-1 of 29th August, 1968 by the A.D.C. Telefomin;
- (ii) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (iii) Covering comments:
 - (a) P.R. 2-68/69 of 6th January, 1969 by the A.D.C. Telefomin;
 - (b) My 67-1-7 of 22nd January, 1969 to the A.D.C. Telefomin.

2. Mr. Bundari is a competent Local Government Assistant who is interested in his work. He is to be congratulated on the competent manner in which he carried out his patrol instructions and for the interest he aroused in the people for the work of the Council.

3. Forwarded for your information, please.

J. E. Wakeford
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(J. E. Wakeford)

District Commissioner.

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67-1-7

District office,
YANBU,
West Sepik District.
23rd January, 1969.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN

SUBJECT: Telefomin Patrol No. 2 of 1968/69.

Receipt of the report on the above patrol together with your covering comments, P.R.2-68/69 of 6th January, 1969 is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Some comments follow:

(i) While the total amount of the tax collected was over \$1000 in excess of the estimated figure the Council should not be over optimistic in respect of future tax collections. With the completion of the airstrip at Telefomin one source of income will be closed. I trust that the Council will give thought to an alternative source.

(ii) The interest displayed by the people and the good reception given the patrol is most pleasing. The situation should be capitalized on by the Local Government Assistant, Mr. Bundari patrolling those areas where Council projects are underway giving additional talks and using the Council projects as the focal points of such talks. By such means will the Council be identified with development and interest in the Council be maintained.

(iii) According to the preamble this report was completed on or about the 13th November, 1968. I cannot accept your explanation for the delayed submission. There was sufficient time between your return from patrol and Christmas or even New Year for you to complete and forward the report before the 6th January. Please treat future reports more promptly.

3. Mr. Bundari carried out a good patrol and submitted an interesting report.

J.E. Wakeford
.....
(District Commissioner) (u)
District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. G. Bundari,
L.G.A.,
TELEFOMIN.

P.R. 2-68/69

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Sub District Office,
West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

6th January, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

REPORT - Patrol - Telefomin Local Government Council Area
Tifalmin/Urapmin, Eliptamin, Telefomin, Census Division
Telefomin Patrol Number 2 - 1968/69.

Attached are the original and two copies of a report covering Telefomin Patrol No. 2 - 1968/69 conducted by M.G. Bundari, Local Government Assistant and which visited the Telefomin Local Government Council Area for the purpose of collecting the initial Council tax.

The patrol took 22 days inclusive and was conducted at broken intervals, the break in continuity being due to the holding of Second Revision of Estimates Meeting, among other factors.

The patrol had a special purpose and the report format has been styled accordingly. Its delayed submission is due to my absence on patrol for 5 weeks.

The tax collection itself was successful and this was by way of introducing the principle of taxation to this Sub District as prior to the inception of the Council, personal tax had not been known here. The talks and propaganda dissemination by Mr. Bundari with respect to the principle of taxation, the purpose of the Tax Review Committee and the function of Local Government in all aspects was thorough going and continue future repetition of this is necessary for some years ahead.

The Council area embraces 4 Census Divisions and separate submission will be made recommending the amalgamation of these 4 units into 1 called the Telefomin Local Government Council Census Division. The 4 units previously patrolled as separate units, then required a total of approximately 30 patrol days, which duration as one patrol is not unsuitable or over long and will create economies in many respects insofar as patrolling is concerned. Most important with respect to statistical analysis (financial, census or otherwise) the correlation of the Local Government and the Census Division units as one is in every respect, proper and necessary.

The next tax collection patrol should visit each of the 17 wards of the Council. This minimises inconvenience to the constituents and will ensure greater contact with the community with respect to the tax collection itself and the Local Government propaganda talks.

The availability to revenue sources was enhanced by current Telefomin airstrip reconstruction work. Again, this being the first collection, "hidden reserves" were no doubt tapped. The tax rates of \$5 and \$2 males and 50c females are high and money availability in this area is not high. However, neither of these two factors should be viewed in pessimistic light. It is better to have people endeavouring to achieve a high tax mark than retarding development by enjoying a rate well below their means. Again, the higher tax rate is intended to stimulate thought, effort and interest to local development which, as a revenue earning source must replace the artificial and temporary money earnings from airstrip

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employment. These facts have been discussed at length with Councillors and people and the Annual General Meeting held at Telefonin on New Year's Day (to coincide with Christmas festivities) indicated a high degree of interest and concern towards these matters indicative of a sincere effort and enthusiasm towards overcoming the problem.

The patrol was successful and well received by the people.

P.S. Gall

(P. S. Gall)

Assistant District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
Our Reference 42-1-4/67-1
If calling ask for
Mr. GALL

Department of District Administration,
West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

29th. August, 1968.

Mr. Gideon Bundari,
Local Government Assistant,
TELEFOMIN.

Council Tax Collection Patrol - 1968/69
Telefomin Patrol Number 2 - 1968/69.

As previously discussed, will you please leave Telefomin on Monday 2nd September, 1968, and undertake the Council Tax collection patrol to the Telefomin, Eliptamin, Urapmin, Tifalmin and Feramin areas which make up the Council area. The patrol will last for 30 days and will follow the programme given to the councillors for the tax collection.

The following people will accompany you;

The Council President
The Council Vice-President
The Council Executive Committee
The Council Tax Review Committee
Hospital Orderly Apansep Bonvarganing
Agricultural Assistant (Council) Anguselek Inumepnek
Health Education Officer David Miheli.

During your absence on patrol the Council vegetables marketing organisation - purchase and sale - will be undertaken by Interpreter Tindinam Bemengim (who has had stores experience) and will be supervised by Cadet Patrol Officer Kevin Murphy or myself. You will discuss the work procedures with Tindinam before you depart.

No patrol advance will be required as the organisation and carrier aspect of the patrol is a Council responsibility.

Patrol members can purchase food locally and this is a personal responsibility - all patrol members being public servants.

The Agricultural Assistant will investigate - and advise the Council and me by report - about the agricultural subsistence techniques, and about the types and quantities of feed and about the soils in each of the Council areas.

The Hospital Orderly will inspect and report on all Aid Posts visited, about staff and their problems, ~~staff/public relations~~ buildings, grounds and gardens, medicine supplies, disease problems, staff/public relations.

The Health Education Officer will inspect each village for hygiene and will give talks to the people about this.

These aspects I will discuss personally with the respective specialist Officers accompanying the patrol.

Your task is to collect the Council tax. This is not to be done by anyone else and you are solely responsible for the taxes collected.

This is the first tax collection for this Council and the first payment of tax by these people. Will you therefore undertake the collection each day in the following manner :-

- (1) Tell each group about -
- Local Government and what it is and does
 - the Telefemin Council estimates 1968/69
 - Council Tax and its relation to these estimates.
- (2) Collect the tax. The people are trying ~~hardly~~ very hard to pay the full tax. Make sure they understand what the tax Review Committee is for.
- (3) Each night check the money ~~collected~~ which you collected that day against the Tax Tickets issued that day before putting the money with your earlier collections. This will make your work in acquitting all the tax monies at the end of the patrol easy. The make a summary for the group (you will have 17 summaries when you finish, one for each Ward) as follows:-

Number of men who paid tax	x men	amount £a
Number of women who paid tax	y women	amount £b
Number of men absent	-	
Number of men present who did not pay tax (exemption)		
Number of women absent		
Number of women present who did not pay tax (exemption)		

Break down of tax collected :-

- men @ £ 5
 - men @ £ 4
 - men @ £ 3

etcetera for each different amount of money received, and do the same for women.
 the total for the two breakdowns (men and women) will equal the total tax collected for men and for women above.
 Remember tax is collected from those 18 years of age and over.

Please ensure that all Administration Officers accompanying the patrol submit their camping allowance claims with your report.

We will discuss these patrol instructions together before you depart.

Have a good patrol.

P. S. Gall
 (P. S. Gall)

Assistant District Commissioner.

THE TELEFOMIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
1968/69 TAX COLLECTION PATROL PROGRAMME.

2 nd September ;	To Trapdavip	Eliptamin
3 rd ;	Trapdavip	"
4 th ;	To Abungtemin	"
5 th ;	To Tagatemigin	"
6 th ;	To Belbil	"
7 th ;	To Kemduvip	"
8 th ;	Kemduvip - Sunday observed	"
9 th ;	Inangtigin	"
10th ;	To Telefemin	"
11th ;	Telefemin	"
12th ;	To Semintevip	Feramin
13th ;	At Semintevip	"
14th ;	To Pamukmia and return to Semintevip	"
15th ;	Semintevip - Sunday observed	"
16th ;	To Okslain	"
17th ;	To Telefemin	"
18th ;	At Telefemin	"
19th ;	To Kamevip	Urapain
20th ;	At Kamevip	"
21st ;	To Okbilavip	Tifalmin
22nd ;	Okbilavip - Sunday observed	"
23rd ;	At Okbilavip	"
24th ;	To Milentilavip	"
25th ;	To Kamevip	Urapain
26th ;	To Telefemin	Telefemin
27th ;	To Imfumavip	"
28th ;	To Ankevip	"
29th ;	Ankevip - Sunday Observed	"
30th ;	To Telefepip and Station	"

The Tax collection patrol will consist in ;

- The Council President
- The Council Tax Review Committee
- The Council Clerk
- The Assistant District Commissioner, Telefemin.

All people in the Council area are ask to have their tax money ready on the day the Council Tax Collection Patrol comes to their villages.

Any person who does not pay his tax to the tax collection patrol must bring his money afterwards to the Council House at Telefemin.

Any person who thinks he cannot pay the tax 'mark' must speak to the Council Tax Review Committee on the day it visit his village. If the Committee agrees that a person cannot afford the tax 'mark' it will tell the person how much he should pay.

Remember that the money each person pays for his tax will help the Council to do its work. To pay tax is a good thing, it is not a punishment.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Telefomin Local Government Council,
TELEFOMIN, West Sepik District,
13 th, November, 1968.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN, West Sepik District .

TELEFOMIN PATROL No. 2-1968/69.

Conducted by : MR.GIDEON BUNDARI(LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT).

Area Patrolled : ELIPTAMIN, URAPMIN, TIFALMIN, FERAMIN AND TELEFOMIN LOCAL, CENSUS DIVISION.

DURATION OF PATROL : 5/9/68 To 12/9/68, 16/9/68 To 20/9/68, 23/9/68 To 25/9/68 and 25/10/68 To 30/10 68.
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Personal Accompanying : MR. DAVID MIHOLI (HEALTH EDUCATOR) FOUR MEMBERS OF TAX REVIEW COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

Object of Patrol: COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION AND ALSO TALKS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND IT'S FUNCTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BY MR. TALKS ON HEALTH AND VILLAGE AND SANITATION AND LATERINES INSPECTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BY HEALTH EDUCATOR.

Bundari
Gideon Bundari,
Local Government Assistant.

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PATROL DIARY

TELEFOMIN PATROL No. 2-1968/69.

TELEFOMIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA

- 5/9/68 Departed Telefomin Station at 8.30 a.m. arrived Terapdavip at 3.30 p.m. Spent night at Terapdavip.
- 6/9/68 Tax collecting commenced at 8.00 a.m. Talks on Local Government Council, Tax and Council Estimat were given by me and also talk on health was given by David, who is a Health Educator. Tax Collected and spent night at Terapdavip.
- 7/9/68 Tax collection continuations commenced at 8.15 a.m. Completed 3.30 p.m. Spent night at Terapdavip.
- 8/9/68 Departed Terapdavip at 11.30 a.m. Arrived Bolvil at 3.30 p.m. Spent night at Bolvil.
- 9/9/68 Tax collection commenced at 8.00 a.m. Talks on Local Government was given by me and also talks on Health was given by David who is Health Educator. Tax Collection completed at 4.30 p.m. and spent night at Bolvil.
- 10/9/68 Departed Bolvil at 8.00 a.m. Arrived Komdavip at 11.00 a.m. Talks on Local Government and Health were given by me and Health Educator which followed by tax collection. Spent night at Komdavip.
- 11/9/68 Departed Komdavip at 8.00 a.m. Arrived Inantigin at 12 noon. Talk on Local Government and Health were given by me and Health Educator. Tax collected and spent night at Inantigin.
- 12/9/68 Departed Inantigin at 8.00 a.m. Arrived Telefomin Station at 2.45 p.m.
- 13/9/68 At Council Office all day. Entered receipts into R/Ledger, Totalled up receipts against money in morning. Afternoon banked money and also worked on Council books.
- 14/9/68 Saturday observed.
- 15/9/68 Sunday observed.
- 16/9/68 Departed Telefomin Station at 8.00 a.m. Arrived Ferantigin at 1.00 p.m. Spent night at Ferantigin.
- 17/9/68 Tax collection commenced at 8.00 a.m. Talks on Local Government and its work were given by me and also talks on Health were given by Health Educator. Tax collected, spent night at Ferantigin.
- 18/9/68 Tax collection continuation commenced at 7.45 a.m. Completed at 4.15 p.m. Spent night at Ferantigin.
- 19/9/68 Tax collection on some more villages commenced at 7.45 a.m. Completed at 3.30 p.m. Spent night at Ferantigin.
- 20/9/68 Departed Ferantigin at 8.00 a.m. Arrived Telefomin Station at 12 noon. Afternoon worked on Council books.
- 21/9/68 Saturday observed.
- 22/9/68 Sunday observed.
- 23/9/68 Departed Telefomin Station at 8.00 a.m. Arrived Urapmin

PATROL DIARTY Cont.

- 23/9/68 cont. at 3.00 p.m. Spent night at Urapmin.
- 24/9/68 Observed and waited for the tax register for Urapmin and Tifalmin from Telefomin for the register which are not maintained.
- 25/9/68 Departed Urapmin at 8.00 a.m. Arrived Telefomin Station at 2.30 p.m.
- 26/9/68 Departed Telefomin Station at 8.30 a.m. Arrived Angavip at 8.45 a.m. Tax collected. Talks on Local Government were given by me. Returned to the Station in the afternoon.
- 27/9/68 Departed Telefomin Station 8.00 a.m. Arrived Misirmin at 9.45 a.m. Talks on Local Government were given by me and also talk on Health was given by a Health Educator, who accompanied the Patrol, followed by tax collection. Returned to Station in the afternoon.
- 28/9/68 Saturday observed.
- 29/9/68 Sunday observed.
- 30/9/68 Departed Telefomin at 8.00 a.m. Arrived Korborenmin at 9.30 a.m. Talks on Health and Local Government were given which was followed by tax collection and returned to Station.
- 1/10/68 Departed Telefomin at 8.00 a.m. Arrived Telefop at 9.25 a.m. Talk on Local Government was given by me which was followed by tax collection. Afternoon, returned to the Station.
- 25/10/68 Departed Telefomin at 10.30 a.m. Arrived Urapmin at 5.30 p.m. Spent night at Urapmin.
- 26/10/68 Tax collected at Urapmin while K. Murphy (C.P.O.) was revising Census at Urapmin. Spent night at Urapmin.
- 27/10/68 Departed Urapmin at 8.30 a.m. Arrived Tifalmin at 11.30 a.m. Spent night at Korpamin Tifalmin.
- 28/10/68 Collected tax at Tifalmin while K. Murphy (C.P.O.) was revising Census. Spent night at Tifalmin.
- 29/10/68 Departed Tifalmin at 7.45 a.m. Arrived Tifalmin (Upper) at 8.45 a.m. Tax collected while K. Murphy (C.P.O.) was revising Census. Returned to Tifalmin in the afternoon and spent night at Tifalmin.
- 30/10/68 Departed Tifalmin at 8.00 a.m. Arrived Urapmin at 11.00 a.m. Departed Urapmin at 12.15 p.m. Arrived Telefomin Station at 5.30 p.m.

Gideon Bundari, Local Government Assistant.

Patrol Report No. 2-1968/69.

DIARY : Field Officer's Journal attached for my diary. On Thursday 5th. September the patrol departed Telefomin Station and moved to Eliptamin area which is in the Eliptamin Census Division. The Patrol was accompanied by Mr. D.Miholi who is a Health Educator from Telefomin and the Four members of the Tax Review Committee and the President of the Telefomin Local Government Council. It was estimated one month for the completion, but it was extended to Two month ~~xx~~ because the Tax Register for Urapmin and Tifalmin area were not maintained.

Telefomin Local Government Council covers about 4,602 population in the area.

PATROL AIMS. Tax Collection Patrol for the year 1968/69. Beside Tax collection the talks on Local Government Function was carried out by me. Also the talks on Health and village inspection were carried out by a Health Educator. The Tax collection was quite good and successful. The tax ~~xx~~ rate were all the females in the area 50%, villages around the Telefomin Government station \$5-00 and Eliptamin, Framin, Tifalmin and Urapmin census Division were passed to pay \$2. The Estimate for Tax Collection is \$1910, but the exactly amount after the tax collection was \$2,946-00 which is \$1,036 above the Estimate. Every one in the area paid tax to the Council with no complaints.

It is only few defaulters listed on the list and also only few people working outside the District. It is very good to see that the new Council have collected \$1,036 more than what they estimated for. I hope the Council will do some more works with this mony.

RECEPTIONS OF INTEREST. The people in the Telefomin Council area were interested with the Local Government Council and its work. The people in the area were very interested with the talks on Taxation and Political Development development which were given by me at the every collecting centre. In the every collecting centre or whole of the Council area people said that the Council would not increase the tax rate for next year or year after next year and said that it would leave it as it is. They said that this is because the Economic Development in the area in not started. They also said that the Council would help them with the Economic Development in the area.

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GENERAL INFORMATION ON PATROL.

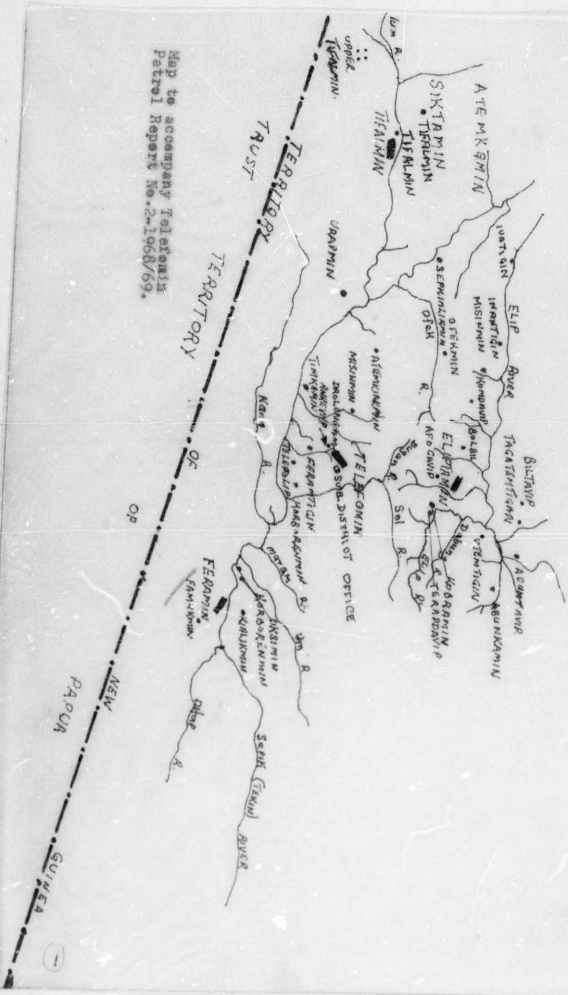
EDUCATION. There is only one Primary "T" School which runs by the Administration which is known as Telefomin Primary "T" School which is situated about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away from the Government Station. There are few small village schools which runs by the Australian Baptist mission in the area.

HEALTH SERVICES. The Health Service in the area is running by the Administration and partly by the Australian Baptist Mission. There are Three Aid Posts in the area which based on Telefomin Hospital.

COMMUNICATION. The Four wheel-Vehicle road was not maintained in the area. All the villages in the area are joined by a foot path from village to village. The Telefomin Local Government Council has estimated about \$400.00 to help them on Road Maintenance in the area. There are Three Air Strips in the area which runs by the Australian Baptist Mission.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT. The Economic Development in the area is very poor, this is because no one in the area who would ~~show~~^{show} them how to plant or how to lookafter the crops. The Telefomin Council has just started to train some people in the are how to plant and how to lookafter the crops so that when they go back they will ~~show~~^{show} people in the area how to plant crops. The important thing in the Telefomin Council area is to start the Economic Development .

Map to accompany Tolofana
Patrol Report No. 2-1968/69.



DIRECTOR, D. D. A.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... 3 (three) 1968/69 TELEFOMIN

Subdistrict..... TELEFOMIN

District..... West Sepik District.

Type of Patrol..... General Administrative / Annual Census.

Patrol Conducted by..... Kevin E. MURPHY, Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled } TELEFOMIN Local Government Council
(Council and/or } Tifalmin - Urapmin Census Division.
Census Division/s) }

Personnel Accompanying Patrol 1
Six (6) Members of the
Royal Papua and New Guinea
Constabulary - Telefomin Detachment.

Duration of Patrol - from 25/10/1968 To 31/10/1968

No. of Days..... ~~55~~ (X) Seven (7)

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : 1966/67 PATROL NO. 1

Date: 9/8/66 to 24/9/66 Duration: THIRTY TWO (32) DAYS

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) 1. Report on Urapmin Aid Post. 2. Revision of Census.
3. Investigation into proposed road extension --- Telefomin
through Urapmin to Tifalmin. 4. Local Government propaganda talks.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 861

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

17/3/1968

J.E. Wakeford

District Commissioner.

M. S. Sney
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on 26/1/00

67-16-51

28th March, 1969.

District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VAULEU.


PATROL NO. TELEPOMIN 3/68-69.

Your reference 67-1-10 of 17th March, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census Report by Mr. K.E. Murphy, Cadet Patrol Officer to TIFALMIN-URAPOMIN Census Division.

An interesting report which indicates that Mr. Murphy is alert to the needs of the area.

Your memorandum to the Assistant District Commissioner, Telepomin covers other matters raised in the Report.


(T.W. ELLIS)
DIRECTOR.

cc:
Mr. K.E. Murphy,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
Sub-District Office,
TELEPOMIN.
West Sepik District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.16.51.

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-1-10
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Mr.....



Department of District Administration.

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District Office,
VANIKO,
West Sepik District.
17th March, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KOROBOBU

SUBJECT:- Telefomin Patrol No. 3 of 68/69

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol undertaken by Mr. K.S. Murphy C.P.O. to the Tifalmin - Uraimin Census Division of the Telefomin Administrative Area.

- (i) Patrol Instructions, 67-1- of 25th October, 1968 by the A.D.O. Telefomin;
- (ii) Patrol Report (Situation Report and Area Study) in duplicate;
- (iii) Covering comments, 3-68/69 of 6th January, 1969 by the A.D.O. Telefomin;
- (iv) Copy of my comments, 67-1-10 of 17th March, 1969 to the A.D.O. Telefomin.

2. For your information please.

J.E. Wakeford
(J.E. Wakeford) J.E.

District Commissioner.

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District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

17th March, 1969

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN.

SUBJECT:- Telefomin Patrol No. 3 of 68/69

Receipt is acknowledged of the report arising out of the above patrol together with your covering comments, 3-68/69 of 6th January, 1969.

2. Some comments follow:-

(i) In view of your instructions not to hurry the patrol which may have been in the field for 10 to 14 days does not the completion of the patrol in 7 days indicate that it was somewhat hurried? There may be some reason for the short stay in the field which I am aware of because you have failed to make any comment on this aspect.

(ii) In my opinion it is useless to introduce strange new crops without instruction on, and demonstration of the methods to be used in the cultivation of such crops. It is not imperative for Mr. Murphy to state how this could be achieved. This is the concern of the Department of Agriculture whose officers could assess the validity or otherwise of Mr. Murphy's observation and subsequently implement the necessary training and demonstration.

(iii) I am not aware of the reasons for the closing down of the Tifalmin Aid Post but it will be necessary to obtain prior approval from the Regional Medical Officer before it can be reopened.

(iv) Just how do the people associate the severe pneumonia epidemic with the inauguration of the Council. I must confess that I cannot understand the connection.

(v) Please inform me of any conclusions you may have reached from your considerations on prevailing attitudes in your sub District. I am most interested as I have had nothing from you on this subject.

(vi) The scale and area of the map conforms to Departmental instructions. If you required a larger map incorporating adjacent areas surely you should have included this in your patrol instructions.

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(vii) Please advise the results of the P.I.R. Civic Action team in respect of the Sepik River Bridge.

3. Mr. Murphy carried out a ^{good} piece of field work and has submitted a most informative report.

J. E. Wakeford
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(J. E. Wakeford)

District Commissioner.

c.c. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KOROROE

P.R. 3-1968/69.

Call

Sub District, Office,
West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

6th January, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
WANIMO.

REPORT - Patrol - Urapmin/Tifalain Census Division
Telefomin Local Government Council Area
Telefomin Patrol Number 3 - 1968/69

Attached are the original and two copies of a patrol report submitted by Mr. K. Murphy C.P.O., detailing his patrol to the Urapmin/Tifalain Census Division.

Patrol instructions, map and camping allowances claims are forwarded.

With respect to census, the villages are not in alphabetical sequence as required and this will be rectified with future submissions.

The delay in submission of this report is due to my absence patrolling for the 5 weeks immediately preceding Christmas.

SITUATION REPORT:

Political: The lack of understanding of Local Government and its application is understandable. Repeated dissemination of local government propaganda will overcome this ignorance as well as the practical application of local government in its development programme. As the report clearly indicates, this programme is spearheaded by accessibility by means of the proposed road extension and Sepik River crossing.

The opinion of an area elder expressed as paragraph 2 page 2 is provocative and interesting. It is answered by the fact that Administration has spent 19 years in contact pacification and introduction of law and order; then introduced local government. Developmental priorities, Territory wise, precluded attention to the Telefomin S/D whereas the Telefomin Local Government Council has economic development as its prime, foremost and first interest and consideration and must realize this. However, it does look to government, especially the Agricultural Department, for help and guidance.

With respect to the vague appreciation of the House of Assembly a big step has been taken with the introduction of Local Government and once this has been taken into stride, then the broader horizons which incorporate the House of Assembly can be viewed and accepted. The grass roots local situation is sufficient change to understand, accept and digest first.

Mr. Murphy has given a real appreciation of the Councillor/Village Official relationship problem in its new context and appears to have tackled it on the spot, by giving logical and sound advice. Recognition of and sustained interest in the new Local Government concept by ex village officials and traditionally important persons is essential.

Economic: With respect to his comments under "Agriculture" on page 3, Mr. Murphy should have substantiated his views by delineating his ideas

with respect to how the assistance desired should or could be applied in detail. Again, he may have been more specific and detailed in outlining the development and potential to which he alludes and in its relationship to road needs.

Social: The public health situation of the Telefomin S/D and the hospital and aid posts disposition and staff relative to this situation is being reviewed by the Medical Assistant in Charge, Telefomin S/D and myself and includes the possible re-establishment of the Tifalmin Aid Post.

That the people have associated the severe epidemic of pneumonia with the inauguration of their Council, is interesting and understandable and is the type of attitude which is continually coming under consideration in the administration of this Sub District.

AREA STUDY:

This is quite straight forward and required no additional or explanatory comment from me. The kinship ties between the Urapmin/Tifalmin people with those of the Olsehip people of the Western District, Papua, was associated with the earlier administration of that (Olsehip) area from Telefomin.

MAP:

Whereas the map was intended to provide a perspective of the census division patrolled in relation to the Sub District as a whole, it is desirable at this stage to achieve a more detailed and accurate geographical and topographical knowledge of the Sub District and therefore a large scale, detailed presentation of the unpatrolled would have been more appropriate.

ROAD REPORT:

A specific coverage of the road extension proposals is not included with the report.

The Council is considering the various possible routes from Telefomin to Urapmin in more detail.

The extension from Urapmin to Tifalmin will not be proceeded with at this stage.

The P.I.R. in its current visit to the Sub District and in its Civic aid programme, will investigate and select 1 of 3 possible locations for a suitable bridge crossing of the Sepik River.

As this latter factor is the key to road extension, the detailed submission and recommendation is withheld, pending selection of the Sepik River crossing.

Mr. Murphy has presented a thoughtful and informative report and has achieved the objectives of the patrol especially in his down to earth discussions with the people, a most essential element and patrol function at this embryonic stage of the Council development.

P. S. Gall
(P. S. Gall)

Assistant District Commissioner.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-1
If calling ask for.....
Mr..... GALL

Department of District Administration.
West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

23rd October, 1968.

Mr. K. Murphy,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
TELEFOMIN.

Patrol Instructions - Patrol No. 3 - 1968/69,
Tifalmin-Urapmin Census Division.

As discussed previously, please prepare to depart
Telefomin for patrol to the Tifalmin-Urapmin census division on
Friday 25th October, 1968.

You will be accompanied by an Interpreter and 6 Policemen,
the latter being selected by you and I together. I shall arrange for
an Hospital Orderly and an Telefomin Local Government Council Agricultural
Field Assistant to accompany you also.

Mr. Gideon Bundari, Local Government Assistant, will accompany
you round the Urapmin area only, in order that his tax collection
patrol (Patrol No. 2 - 1968/69) may be completed. As you are aware,
Council meeting and matters required this intervention to his patrol.

Please attend to the following matters in particular;

- (1) Report on the Urapmin Aid Post with respect to it's (a) condition,
(b) suitability of location, (c) efficiency of management, (d) service
to the people. Report on the need for an Aid Post to be re-established
in the Tifalmin.
- (2) Do a revision of census. The format for your census revision will
follow the requirements contained in Circular Memorandum, 14-1-0 dated
18th March, 1968, from the Director of District Administration. The
details of your census revision (a rough copy) will be forwarded to the
District Commissioner, Vanimo, who will arrange the compilation of the
statistics on the new format detailed in the above-mentioned circular.
An area study will also be required with your report.
- (3) Investigate the proposed road extension from Telefomin Station
through the Urapmin to the Tifalmin area, please. Refer to the
circular memoranda attached to memorandum, 1-1-6 dated 2nd October,
1968, from the District Commissioner, Vanimo, with respect to a
submission. Please give the matter of a crossing for the Sepik River
full consideration and detail what you consider the most suitable
negotiable spot, and alternatives, with the view to a bridge being
constructed by the Pacific Islands Regiment, Wewak, following a tentative
arrangement towards this end, made with Lt. Colonel McCormick, Commanding
Officer, 2 P.I.R., Wewak, on his visit to Telefomin for the occasion of
the Inaugural Meeting of the Telefomin Local Government Council.
- (4) Please give local government propaganda talks in each village
visited with special emphasis on tax and its collection, the functions
of the Tax Review Committee, the Council estimates and objectives for
this financial year and the part taxation plays in this work. Will you
please observe the tax collection and bookwork involved when Mr. Bundari
collects in the Urapmin.

Please ensure that the spelling of village names and census
groups coincides with that in the Village Directory and Population
Register and that the number of groups coincide with that in the

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Directory and Register. If any variations occur, please provide an explanation for it.

Report on any other matter which may arise as the result of your patrol, especially in the matter of economic development of the area and of its administration.

EACH copy of your report is to be complete in all respects, ie., a copy of these instructions, census figures, map, is to be included with each copy of the report. THE CENSUS FIGURES will also be filed in the appropriate file. PLEASE amend the Station Sub-District map with any changes in geographical or other data which is recorded during your patrol. Please advise me when this has been done. The format of your report will follow the requirements of circular letter, 67-1-0 dated 21st June, 1968, from the Director of District Administration.

Your objectives may be achieved within 10 to 14 days but ensure that the patrol is unhurried.

Have a good trip.

P. S. Gail

(P. S. Gail)
Assistant District Commissioner



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for.....
Mr. Murphy.....

Department of District Administration,
West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

3rd. November 1968.

The Assistant District Commissioner.
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN.

TELEFOMIN PATROL No. 3 - 1968/69.

Patrol Conducted by; Cadet Patrol Officer K. E. Murphy.

Area Patrolled; Tifalmin - Urapmin Census Division,
Telefomin Local Government Council Area.

Personnel Accompanying;

Const. 1/C Gwatorvin	No.1149	R.P.N.G.C.
Const. 1/C Forbaiuk	No.1148	R.P.N.G.C.
Const. 1/C Pomdei	No.1792	R.P.N.G.C.
Const. 1/C Yambu	No.1890	R.P.N.G.C.
Const. 1/C Irai	No.2289	R.P.N.G.C.
Const. 1/C Mei	No.1304	R.P.N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol; From 25/10/68 to 31/10/68.

Actual Patrol Days; Seven Days. (7).

Last Patrol to the Area; D.D.A.

Objects of Patrol;

1. Report on Urapmin Aid Post.
2. Revision of Census throughout the area.
3. Investigation into proposed road extension, Telefomin through Urapmin to Tifalmin.
4. Local Government propaganda talks.

Map Reference; See attached.

TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT

(8)
No. 3 - 68/69

Patrol Diary.

Friday, 25th October.

A.M. 1000 hrs Carriers departed Telefomin for Urapmin. Three police accompanied the carriers. I departed the station at 1145hrs. Good walking conditions, tracks well kept. The Sepik River crossing is over a ~~can~~ timber bridge, which is in fair condition. Arrived Urapmin at 1500hrs, five minutes after the carriers. Councilor at the rest house to meet the Patrol. Spoke with the councilor and had him arrange for the people to be ready for the Tax Collections and Census.

Slept, Urapmin.

Saturday, 26th October.

A.M. People at the rest House for Census. Member of the House of Assembly gave a short talk. The Council Clerk gave a long but encouraging talk on the purpose of the council tax. I followed up both these talks with a talk on the importance of the people not only having a Council, but also the important part they (the people) play in the development of not only the council but also the development of their own area.

Tax collection and Census for the rest of the day. Slept Urapmin..

Sunday, 27th. October.

A.M. Left Urapmin for Tifalmin. Left Urapmin at 0745 hrs. arrived Tifalmin at 1230 hrs. Afternoon spent talking to the Councilor and people in the village.

Slept Tifalmin, No. 1 Village.

Monday, 28th. October.

A.M. Spoke to the people about the Council and it's importance to the Telefomin area also it's importance to they themselves. Quite a long discussion on the development of the area and also of the improvement of the peoples own living conditions. The people from Tifalmin No. 1 and No. 2 villages were at Tifalmin no.1 village for the Tax Collection and Census. This took almost all day. Late in the afternoon, I had discussions with the people on ways and means by which they might improve their area, both economically and socially.

Slept Tifalmin No.1 village.

Tuesday, 29th. October.

A.M. 0730 hrs left for Tifalmin upper, which is a small group of hamlets about a half an hours walk from Tifalmin No. 1 village. Upon ~~xxx~~ arrival was met by the Councilor. All the people were waiting at the village, ready to pay their Council Tax and for the Census. Had a long talk with these people as I feel, they feel that they are being left out on the side line of any development which has and may to a greater degree go on throughout this area. Council Tax and Census. Completed at 1330 hrs. Rest of the day spent talking to the people in the village. One land dispute was brought up which was settled there and then. Returned to Tifalmin at 1730 hrs. Slept Tifalmin No.1 village.

TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT

Patrol Diary. (cont.)

Wednesday, 30th, October.

A.M. Left Tifalmin No.1 for Urapmin, at 0800 hrs. The Councillors from both Tifalmin and Tifalmin Upper accompanied the Patrol. Most of the way we were looking for possible road ^{rights} ~~rights~~. The time spent investigating possible areas for road construction took most of the day. We arrived at Urapmin at 1500hrs. We, the two councillors from Tifalmin and the councillor from Urapmin, then had a look at one of two possible ways from Urapmin down to the Sepik River. Arrived back at Urapmin at 18.5hrs.

Slept Urapmin.

Thursday, 31st, October.

A.M. left Urapmin at 0745 hrs. for Telefomin. We, the 2 councillors and myself walked the other possible way from Urapmin to the Sepik River, looking at this possibility for the road down to the Sepik. Met up with the rest of the Patrol at the Sepik. Had a look at several ^{locations} ~~spots~~ for a bridge across the Sepik River. Left the Sepik at 1145 hrs and arrived back at ~~the~~ Telefomin at 1615 hrs.

This area has developed quite a number of problems with regard to the development of the road. The Sepik River being the main impediment to this area. Several other bridges had looked into during the patrol and three possible sites for crossings over the Sepik were considered.

REMARKS: The political situation through out the area is of the nature involving around the local Government Council, which has just been established in this local area. The local area, I think, is back to the days of our local Government Council, although this has changed because of the past period of time the Council has been established. This will be dealt with separately under the political heading.

REMARKS: There is no economic development throughout this area. This is due to the inaccessibility of the area, which has prevented their development.

REMARKS ON PATROL:

The retention of the patrol was of all these items. Further work will be undertaken.

REMARKS ON PATROL:

The Tifalmin-Urapmin Council Division is within the Tifalmin Local Government Council area. There are three Councils in this area, but this division which covers a large part of the Tifalmin area is not under the Tifalmin Council. The three Councils are Urapmin (No. 1), Tifalmin (No. 2) and Upper Tifalmin (No. 3).

Since the establishment of the Tifalmin Local Government Council in June 1964, the majority of the people residing in the Tifalmin Local Government Council area, I think, are of the opinion that the purpose of the Council, which is to be achieved by this area, is to develop the area into a more developed area. This is because of the large population and the large number of people living in the area. In fact, the Tifalmin Local Government Council is a very important body in the area. It is the only body which has the authority to develop the area. It is the only body which has the authority to develop the area.

INTRODUCTION:

As indicated in patrol instructions (see attached) the objects of this patrol were to:

- 1) Report on the Urapmin Aid Post with respect to its -
 - (a) Condition
 - (b) Suitability of location
 - (c) Efficiency of management
 - (d) Service to the people... and to report on the re-establishment of an Aid Post in the Tifalmin area.
- 2) A revision of the census throughout this area.
- 3) To investigate the possibility of a road through the Urapmin area and into the Tifalmin area from Telefomin.
- 4) To give Local Government propaganda talks with special emphasis on tax collection and the objects of the Council.

Each of the abovementioned introductory headings will be dealt with in greater detail under their appropriate headings.

DIARY: See attached.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS:

Throughout the Tifalmin-Urapmin Census Division the economic and political situation is at a stage of development. I was more concerned with the economic aspect of development throughout this area, although the political situation was also observed. Due to the topography and geographical position with respect to the Telefomin area, this area has encountered quite a number of problems with regard to the development of the economy, the Sepik River being the main impeding barrier into this area. However, this problem was looked into during the patrol and three possible sites for crossings over the Sepik were considered.

Political: The political situation throughout the area is at the present revolving around the Local Government Council, which has just been established in the Telefomin and local areas. The people have, I feel, a lack of understanding of the purposes of the Local Government Council, although this was expected, because of the short period of time the Council has been established. This will be dealt with separately under the political heading.

Economic: There is no economic development throughout this area. This I feel is due to the inaccessibility of the area, which has prevented this development.

RECEPTION OF PATROL:

The reception of the patrol was at all times friendly. No problems were encountered.

SITUATION REPORTPOLITICAL SITUATION:

The Tifalmin-Urapmin Census Division is within the Telefomin Local Government Council area. There are three Council Wards throughout this division which serve a population of eight hundred and ~~two~~ ^{three} people. The three Council Wards are Urapmin (W5), Tifalmin (W6) and Upper Tifalmin (W7).

Since the establishment of the Telefomin Local Government Council in June of 1968, the reaction of the people towards their Local Government Council is, I feel, one of lack of understanding of the purposes of the Council, which is to be expected at this stage. This of course, is more noticeable when talking with the elders of the villages. Unfortunately, I was not at Telefomin prior to the establishment of the Local Government Council and I feel I cannot give a true assessment of the change which most probably has

taken place. The lack of understanding of the purposes of the Local Government Council could be, I feel, attributed to the fact that the people at the present are not prepared to accept the fact that this is their own Council. (5)

Speaking to quite a number of the elders of the villages, especially in the Tifalmin area, I felt that the people considered themselves unequal to the demands which have been made upon them so suddenly. One particular argument given by one of the elders (allowing for interpretation) was that, "How are we going to develop our area, when the Government has been in and throughout this area for many years, and yet even they have not been able to develop the area to any great degree? However, the younger people, I feel, look on the Local Government Council as their own and have accepted this as a challenge to try and do perhaps, what has not been done previously. My reasons for saying this are, firstly, the willingness of the people to contribute to the tax collection, secondly, the interest shown when talking to them about the proposed road link from their area to Telefomin and thirdly, the number of questions which were put to me with regard to the purpose of the Council.

The Member of the House of Assembly accompanied the patrol and talked about the House and its purpose throughout the Territory. I felt that the people were completely at a loss to understand, because the Member was elected unopposed and no House of Assembly Election Patrol was done, which would have given the people some understanding of the House. The people appeared to have no interest in the House of Assembly, this mainly because of the lack of understanding and also because they feel that they have their own Council which will achieve more in their eyes than would the House of Assembly. Quite long discussions were held by myself, the Council Clerk and the Member of the House of Assembly on the importance of both the Local Government Council and the House of Assembly.

The Lului and Tultuls feel that they have been outaged by the Council and they are not prepared to assist the newly elected Councillor in trying to achieve his aims. The Councillor complains of the people's lack of assistance given to him in his duties. This I feel, stemmed from the lack of co-operation given by the Lului and Tultuls which have been the driving force for the last twenty years throughout this area. However, I spoke to the Lului and Tultuls in respect to their giving assistance to the Councillor and told them even though the Councillor now holds the position of the Government in the village, they also could assist to a great degree by backing up what the Councillor had to say. This lack of co-operation, I feel, arose from the lack of understanding which may have been caused by the inadequate explanation of the purpose of the Council coming into the area. However, I had lengthy discussion with the people and attempted to dispel any of their doubts by trying to give them a better understanding of the Council and its purpose. However, with discussions on the development of the area, firstly, from the construction of a road into the area and secondly, from the assistance that could be given by the Council, the people then appeared to be enthusiastic and prepared to carry out any developmental work which may be introduced into the area.

Although it appears the people have a lack of understanding of the political situation, this I feel, will be eliminated by more regular patrols into this area, which could follow up previous work and give assistance to the Councillor.

ECONOMIC:

Throughout the Tifalmin-Urapmin Census Division, no economic development has taken place. The area, although having, I feel, quite a lot of agricultural potential, is impossible to penetrate by vehicular road. The Sepik River is the most difficult natural hazard which would be encountered with the construction of a road into the Tifalmin-Urapmin areas. However, the possibility of a road into the Urapmin area was looked into by myself, the

Council President and the Councillors from both Tifalmin, Urapmin and other areas. This is however, still under discussion by the Councillors and will be submitted in a Submission to the District Advisory Council in the near future. Since the beginning of the Telefomin Local Government Council, a marketing system has been established at Telefomin to try and give the people of these areas as well as other areas, a source of cash income, thus enabling them to try and improve the agricultural productive output of their area.

Agriculture: The agricultural development which has gone on throughout this area, was I feel, directed mainly to the introduction of new crops, which the people do not use in their own staple diet. A number of gardens throughout these areas were looked at and it can be seen in the system by which they are planting out etc., that no agricultural assistance has been given them. The introduction of these crops has, to a minute degree, helped the people and enabled them to obtain a certain amount of cash, which at the present time is tiding them over the newly imposed Council tax. However, I feel that the people throughout these areas would have been helped to a far greater degree, had they been shown methods by which they could improve their already subsistence agriculture.

With the construction of a road into, especially the Urapmin area, this will enable both assistance to be rendered and also an outlet for the produce which will be produced. Although the Tifalmin area has, I feel, quite good economic potential, the road link between Urapmin and Tifalmin would present numerous problems which, I feel, the Council at this stage could not give assistance to financially.

SOCIAL:

Housing: The social development throughout the Tifalmin-Urapmin areas, has to a degree been directed to the improvement of living conditions of the people. This has mainly been introduced by patrols which have gone into this area and also by mission activity throughout the area. The general standard of living has not, I feel, improved to any noticeable degree, although the people do, I feel, realise the importance of better living conditions. At Urapmin, the Aid Post which serves the people throughout this area, is of a relatively high standard and renders quite a considerable amount of assistance medically to the people, for which they appear to be most grateful.

Health: The general health of the people throughout this area is of an average standard, although the Infant Mortality Rate is still relatively high. However, this could quite easily be reduced with the introduction of meat in particular to this area, as the area itself lacks protein of this type. Because of the traditional ways of these people, there is very little time lapse between the time a woman bears a child and the time she conceives another. The introduction of meats would help the mothers, especially during their pregnancy and reduce the Infant Mortality Rate because of the protein which would be passed on to the children which are at the moment dying because of their mother's inability to pass on the proper nourishment. The child also, when it is born, lacks the normal or natural protein which combat a lot of sickness and disease which usually causes the high death rate in these infants.

Once a child has passed this critical stage, the death rate is not affected significantly by causes other than the normal ageing process.

In the Tifalmin area the Aid Post which was there has since been moved. However, these people are served by the mission with a clinic which visits the Tifalmin area once every three weeks by plane. This service is adequate to a degree, although I feel that Tifalmin does warrant an Aid Post being re-established. This

will have to be looked into to a far greater degree by the Medical Assistant, who is now at Telefomin and it will be through his records that a true picture for the necessity of an Aid Post to be re-established will be attained. At the moment the people from the Tifalmin area do on occasions take their sick to the Urapmin Aid Post and also the Aid Post orderly from Urapmin visits Tifalmin medically. Only one problem was encountered during the patrol which I feel is of interest to note. This occurred just after the introduction of the Local Government Council in June. An epidemic of pneumonia spread throughout this area, resulting in quite a number of deaths. The people attributed this sickness, to the establishment of the Council and this, I feel, resulted in their misunderstanding of the Council's purpose.

Education: Education throughout the Urapmin and Tifalmin areas is carried out by Mission Bible Schools, which have been established in both of these areas. These serve quite a good purpose, in so far as they are directed, I feel, to adult education. There are quite a number of young boys and girls from these areas, who attend the Primary "A" School at Telefomin. However, other than this, there is no other school throughout the areas. Adult education, as was mentioned, has only been, I feel, attempted by the mission, although the work which has been done, has assisted to a very great degree in the improvement of the social conditions of these people.

Mission Activity: Mission activity throughout this area is directed mainly to infant and maternal welfare. This has reduced to a degree the Infant Mortality Rate, although, due to the inaccessibility, their work cannot be carried out to the degree which would eliminate, I feel, the high Infant Mortality Rate completely. There is a Bible School established at Urapmin and Tifalmin and although these were introduced originally to spread Christianity throughout these areas, they also diverge to a degree to adult education.

CONCLUSION:

No major problems were encountered by the patrol. All aspects of the patrol were carried out and it is hoped advice given in these aspects will help improve the situation throughout this area.

H. E. Murphy
Squad Patrol Officer

DIRECTOR SSA

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... TELEFOMIN 4 - 1968-69

Subdistrict..... TELEFOMIN

District..... WEST SEPTK DISTRICT

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL PURPOSE

Patrol Conducted by..... P.S. GALL - Assistant District Commissioner

Area Patrolled } Portion of East Mianmin Census Division
(Council and/or } Non Council Area
Census Division/s.) }

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

6 members R.P. & N.G.C. 1 Agricultural Farmer Trainee

1 Hospital Orderly 1 Interpreter

1 Agricultural Field Assistant

Duration of Patrol—from 15./11./68 To 20/12./68

No. of Days..... Thirty Six

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : 9th August, 1968

~~From~~ To 23rd August, 1968..... Duration..... Fifteen Days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly).....

(1) Apprehend an alleged murderer.

(2) Contain any native situation development arising from murder.

Village population register not enclosed.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 881 people.

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

18/3/1968

J. E. Wakeford
District Commissioner. *WJ*

67-16-84

28th March, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VALEBO.

PATROL NO. TELEFOMIN 4/68-69.

Your reference 67-1-7 of 18th March, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by MR. P.S. GALL, Assistant District Commissioner, to Part of East Mianmin Census Division.

The object of the patrol was successfully achieved.

I concur with the points you have raised in memorandum 67-1-7 of 17th March, 1969, to Assistant District Commissioner, Telefomin.

do
(T.W. ELLIS)
DIRECTOR.

cc:
Mr. P.S. Gall,
Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN.
West Sepik District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference 67-1-7
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District Administration.

District Office,
VANIMO,
West Upiik District.

18th March, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KORORUA

SUBJECT:- Telefomin Patrol No. 4 of 1968/69.

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol conducted by Mr. F.B. Gall, A.D.C. to portion of the East Mianmin Census Division.

- (i) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (ii) Copy of covering letter, B.R. 4-68/69 of 6th February, 1969 by the A.D.C. Telefomin;
- (iii) Copy of my covering comments, 67-1-40 of 17th March, 1969 to the A.D.C. Telefomin.

2. The patrol was mounted for the special purpose of apprehending an alleged murderer and to investigate reported unrest in the area. The patrol achieved its primary objective and also found that the situation was normal.

3. It also appears that some grass root administration was achieved particularly from the Health aspect.

4. For your information, please.

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J. Wakeford.
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(J. Wakeford) neg.
District Commissioner.

67-1-7

District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

17th March, 1969.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN.

SUBJECT:- Telefomin Patrol No. 4 of 1968/69.

Receipt of the report arising out of the above patrol together with your P.R.4-68/69 of 6th February, 1969 is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Some comments follow:-

(A) DIARY

(i) Diary 17 November, 1968: What has happened to the injured farmer trainee. Is he still hospitalized or has he fully recovered? Please advise.

In view of the objections of the patrol and the reported unrest in the area was it wise to include a D.A.S.F. Officer and a farmer trainee as patrol personnel. They could do little to assist the patrol in achieving its primary objectives - in fact on a patrol of the nature their presence could well have been an hinderance and worry whould the reported unrest been true. What did these people achieve? Please advise.

(ii) Diary 26 November, 1968: You make no mention whether the reports of ~~the~~ the Government (?- road were correct or not. Please advise me of your findings.

(iii) Diary 27 November, 1968: Who is to staff and operate the new school at Sogamin?

(iv) Diary 5 December, 1968; Please advise who intends constructing and operating the proposed alternative airfield at Amaromin.

(B) SITUATION REPORT.

(i) Congratulations on apprehending the alleged murderer Wakimsep but surely you could have devoted a little more than fourteen lines to the primary objectives of the patrol.

(ii) If you consider that the movement of the Mianmin groups is sufficiently stabilized please make the necessary recommendations for Village Directory amendments;

(iii) You make no mention of the success or otherwise of your Village Official 'training course'. The number and variety of the topics covered amazes me. Unless these officials are vastly different to other uneducated and unsophisticated or at the best semi - sophisticated people then I am afraid you have a lot of very confused Mianmin Village Officials. I wonder just what was passed on to the other West Mianmin officials.

The idea of some sort of training course is good but it should be limited to a small number of topics all of which should be at a fairly low level to enable the participants to absorb what is being taught or discussed.

Under no circumstances will you raise any development topics at these courses until you have first ascertained in writing the policy and programme of the Department concerned in respect of the area being discussed. You cannot and I will not allow the Administration to be committed to any form of development unless the Department involved approves of the action.

(iv) The District Rural Development Officer advises that the Department of Agriculture extension programme "is at present and will be for some time confined to the immediate Telefomin area. The programmes will consist of:-

- (a) Rice cultivation for subsistence purposes in the first instance;
- (b) Introduction of such new crops as corn, peanuts, soya bean to improve the subsistence diet;
- (c) Improve present subsistence cultivation methods;
- (d) Fish pond culture on a limited basis;

No extension programme has been laid down for the Mianmin and when such a programme is introduced it will have a subsistence basis. Therefore any proposals for a Mianmin "Area central agricultural experimental plot" must be shelved. D.A.S.F. resources, financial as well as staff wise will be concentrated on the Telefomin project

(v) At this junction any feasibility road survey in the Mianmin would be at a low level and would only serve to add to basic area data. Please keep this aspect in mind when you next visit the Mianmin. Also as you may visit part of the East Sepik District it would be courtesy to inform the District Commissioner, Wewak, through this office of your intentions. Personally I can see no useful purpose being served at this time by a road feasibility survey to Givimi Island

(vi) As requested I am forwarding copies of the Report to the officers you have designated however you must accept the fact that there will be no economic development in the Mianmin for some years. I suggest you devote your efforts to assisting D.A.S.F. in their programme for the immediate Telefomin area.

3. For your information and advise where necessary, please.

J. E. Wakeford
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(J. E. Wakeford) *WJ*

District Commissioner.

P.R. 4 - 1968/69

GALL

West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

6th February, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

Report - Patrol - Portion East Mianmin Cansus Division,
Telefomin Patrol No. 4 - 1958/69.

Attached are the original and seven copies of a report covering a patrol conducted by me to portion of the East Mianmin Cansus Division.

Map and camping allowance claims are forwarded herewith.

The following comments are made;

- (1) References are made in the report to variations in group names and group combinations differing from that shown in the Village Directory and Population Register. These changes will be the subject of separate correspondence made after the next Mianmin patrol which will embrace both the East and West Mianmin Cansus Divisions in order that any variation in West Mianmin units may be incorporated in the one letter.
- (2) With respect to proposals contained in the report concerning economic development of the Mianmin entity, advice and criticisms from those whose areas may be concerned will be appreciated, and will guide my further activity in this matter. The critical factor effecting these proposals will be a cash crop transport communication system utilising the May and Sepik Rivers and for this transport system to be viable, co-ordinated development of the Mianmin and Green River areas appears desirable for optimum results.
- (3) Following a recent discussion with the Forestry Officer, Wawak, it would appear that the Department of Forests is most interested in, and investigating further the exploitation of, the copal gum potential of the Mianmin area.
- (4) As an initial step towards the economic development of the Mianmin area, 4 volunteer recruits have commenced training at the Telefomin Agricultural Training School conducted by the Telefomin Local Government Council.
- (5) An initial basic requirement is an assessment of the Mianmin economic potential by an Officer versed in agricultural assessment, current crop trade trends and the logistical factors which would determine viability of a Sepik River transportation system.
- (6) The initial phase, should any development be agreed upon, will be the establishment of the appropriate cash crops in suitable areas in experimental trial plots followed by a 4 to 7 year period of extension by which time initial planting will reach fruition. Fertilising material will also be required.
- (7) Due to the fact that my leave is due shortly, and as I shall be involved in the Telefomin Local Government Council elections from the completion of the current P.R.R. Civil Aid Programme and the Mining Warden's prospecting authority Courts scheduled for February 15th to the commencement of leave, the second patrol I wish to

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undertake to the Mianmin to conclude investigations into the economic development possibilities of the total Mianmin entity will now be made at the completion of my leave. This, however, will enable assessment of my proposals by yourself and others concerned and your resultant advices with respect to the proposals contained herein will guide my activities in the next patrol.

For your consideration, please.

P. S. Gall

(P. S. Gall)

Assistant District Commissioner

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37-1-1/51-1-3

GALL

West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

11th November, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

Unrest - Mianmin Area.

Your 37-1-7 dated 8th November, 1968, refers.

I have just received this letter and have asked the bearer, pilot - Aerial Tours, en route Oksapmin, to bring the Oksapmin portable radio, model 510, to Telefomin, for purposes of the Mianmin patrol.

It is unfortunate that this should occur now, as I was preparing for an Atbau visit towards the end of this week after the possible visit to Telefomin of the Director of Education.

It would appear that the police investigation patrol from May River will commence in approximately 6 weeks.

I shall, in the meantime, endeavour to apprehend one Wakimsep and attend to the native situation in the Mianmin generally, which may have arisen out of this matter.

As this matter involves peoples of the Usage Group, situated in the May River area, circumstances may necessitate my visiting parts of that Administrative Area. However, communications allowing, I shall contact you first in this regard, should the need arise.

(Signed) (P. S. Gall)
Assistant District Commissioner.

copy only (A)

37-1-7

District Office,
VANDUO.
West Sepik District.
8th. November, 1966.

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

UNREST MIANMIN AREA.

Attached is copy of a letter from the Officer-in-Charge of May River Patrol, also a minute from the A.D.C., Ambunti and the District Commissioner, East Sepik.

I want you to act on this and act quickly. It will be necessary for you to conduct the patrol.

Under no circumstances can we have another uprising amongst the MIANMIN people as we did previously.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

(Signed) J.E. WAKEFORD
District Commissioner

(17)

COPY ONLY

Reference: 37-1-7

Patrol Post,
MAY RIVER,
East Sepik District.

18th October, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,
AMBUNTI.

UNREST MIANMIN AREA

As the result of reports of impending trouble in the Mianmin area following the recent homicide there, a short patrol was mounted to the area to investigate these reports. By the time the patrol arrived in the area, the situation had settled down.

2. As the result of investigations the following appears to have taken place. While a man WAKIMSEP was absent working as a plantation/labourer his wife TOROBO gave birth to a child. Luluai YESSIN of USAGE alleged that a man TOFUP was the father of this child, but he denied it. When WAKIMSEP arrived home, he demanded that TOFUP's wife BAIKEP should have sexual intercourse with him as compensation for TOFUP's alleged adultery. This demand was supported by the Luluai who is a relative of WAKIMSEP's. The woman was unwilling to accede to these demands. TOFUP was away at work and some of his relatives ordered BAIKEP to go with WAKIMSEP so that WAKIMSEP would not become more upset. As a result of this BAIKEP went with WAKIMSEP for three days before he released her. Some days later, about 13th September, WAKIMSEP is alleged to have killed his wife and the small child. He then warned all the people in the area against reporting the killing and then fled to the Telefomin area. Later when TOFUP returned home, his wife told him what had happened and becoming angry picked up his axe and bows and arrows threatening to fight his relations who were responsible for sending his wife to WAKIMSEP. He was stopped by a number of men who convinced him that they would get the "kiap" to come and settle the matter without fighting. He finally agreed to do this provided that it was settled quickly.

3. Three men were convicted in the Local Court under Regulation 85 N.A.R.s. The people were informed of the laws etc. relating to adultery and inducing people to have sexual intercourse without their consent and that these matters could be settled without fighting and killing. The people appeared to be satisfied with this.

4. Investigations were also begun in regard to the alleged killing of WAKIMSEP's wife. Statements were taken from witnesses, alleging that WAKIMSEP had admitted to killing his wife and warned the people against reporting the killing. There appear to have been no eye witnesses. Luluai YESSIN is most likely to have some information concerning the killing, but he and three other men who lived in the vicinity, fled with WAKIMSEP fearing they may have been involved. Some two weeks before, the mutilated body of an unidentified Mianmin woman was taken from the May River near BURUMAI and at that time statements were taken. There was nobody available to identify the body and at that stage it was decomposed enough to be almost beyond recognition. It has also been alleged that the small child of TOROBO has been killed but to date there has been no evidence of this.

5. WAKINSEF is believed to be at TEMSARMIN in the Telefomin Sub-District, being some five days walk away from where the USAGE people are at present lying. It is suggested that the Assistant District Commissioner, Telefomin be asked to assist in apprehending him.

6. The Luluai is believed to be at a place about 1 - 2 days walk from USAGE and refused to come in and see the patrol. As I was due to be at Ambunti to start a patrol there, the patrol had no time to chase him up. It is proposed to conclude this investigation on completion of the Ambunti Patrol, when a census patrol is due in the Upper May Census Division, and when more time can be devoted to following up reluctant witnesses etc.

7. For your information please.

(Signed) (M.E. THOMLINSON.)
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

Minute to/

Confidential

District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
WEWAK.

Sub-District Office,
AMBUNTI.

18th October, 1968.

This is further to my Confidential Telegram 285 of 27th September, 1968. Mr. Thomlinson will be departing on a six week patrol on next Wednesday immediately after the Administrator's visit. The USAGE incident will be investigated after completion of that patrol as there are insufficient Police AMBUNTI and WEWAK to conduct both patrols simultaneously. Unfortunately I only have two copies of Mr. Thomlinson's memo, one of which I am forwarding to you. Perhaps you may consider it desirable to have copies typed of this memo for distribution to Discom Vanimo and to A.D.C. Telefomin through Vanimo.

For your information, please.

(Signed) (J.C. CORRIGAN.)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER.

File: 67-1-12

District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

District Office,
WEWAK?
East Sepik District.
28th October, 1968.

For your information please. In view of paragraph 5 above it would be appreciated if you could request the Assistant District Commissioner at Telefomin to assist with the apprehension of WAKINSEF who is believed to be at TEMSAFMIN in the Telefomin Sub-District.

(Signed) (E.G. HICKS.)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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PATROL DIARY

EAST MIANMIN CENSUS DIVISION

TELEFOMIN PATROL NUMBER 4-1968/69.

15th November, 1968:
Friday

Patrol departed Telefomin Sub District station at 9.45 a.m. Crossed Ofek River at noon, reached lookout at top of Mt. Ribaltigin 2.15 p.m., followed River Atem to confluence with River Mugim 4.20 p.m., over 2 spurs of Mittag Range to Komdavi Village, situated on southern slope of Elip River Valley, 5.45 p.m. Movement time slow, track wet.

16th November, 1968:
Saturday

At Komdavi. Arranged fresh food for onward movement. No radio (510 portable) contact Telefomin.

17th November, 1968:
Sunday

Departed Komdavi 9.25 a.m., crossed River Kee 10.35 a.m., negotiated 2 spurs southern slope Elip River Valley passing Bobhil hamlets, Afogavip sighted. To River Abi, followed and reached Elip Valley airstrip (privately "owned" Baptist Mission) 1.07 p.m. Away 1.35 p.m. Steep descent and ascent to ford and follow Tol River to Terapdavi/Tagatemtigan road - followed to steep descent to Elip River, forded and to confluence Elip/Abung Rivers. East following Mung River and steep ascent to Tagatemtigan, north side of Elip Valley 4.00 p.m. Injury agricultural farmer trainee (bush knife pierced ribs - feared lung right arm pit). Radio contact Ambunti, plane evacuation 18/11 arranged. Talks with May River portable.

18th November, 1968:
Monday

Injured patrol member to Elip Valley airstrip, evacuated M.A.F. cessna 10.08 a.m. Remainder of day at Tagatemtigan.

19th November, 1968:
Tuesday

Depart Tagatemtigan 8.00 a.m., steep ascent Donner Range, 9,000 ft., resting crest 1.00 p.m. Steep descent to tributary of River Fuk 3.15 p.m. followed downstream past landslip. Carbonaceous or graphitic hyper deposits to confluence with Fuk River on north side of Donner Range. Followed Fuk river, several large, fresh landslides and negotiated narrow, deep gorge section (scene of earlier Atbalmin group massacre by Mianmins). 4.10 p.m. established 510 radio contact with Telefomin and May River portable. Rain. Proceeded downstream to campsite 5.15 p.m. Evening heavy, continuous showers. Campsite confluence Fuk and Okfek Rivers.

20th November, 1968:
Wednesday

Departed 8.30 a.m. forded River Wim to Kwimim River 11.09 followed course (both tributaries of and on north side of Fuk River). Followed, continually crossing Fuk River. Campsite established by 3.30 p.m.

21st November, 1968:
Thursday

Broke camp 8.06 a.m. Numerous further crossings Fuk River downstream N.W. course. Crossed tributary Mi, southern aspect Fuk Valley and at 10.35 a.m. reached a main Mianmin/Eliptamin road; followed to Mianmin airstrip 11.30 a.m. Camp struck. P.M. Discussion with Timelmin (Mianmin) village officials and airstrip inspection. Climatic and higher temperature conditions and vegetation variants noted.

22nd November, 1968:
Friday

A.M. Airstrip cleaning by Mianmin peoples. P.M. Arrived M.A.F. cessna 3.00 p.m. Further

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PATROL DIARY Cont.

discussions local people and officials.
Evening rains.

23rd November, 1968:
Saturday

Discussion V.O.'s re airstrip maintenance needs. Broke camp 9.00 a.m., crossed Fuk River (by cane suspension bridge) to north side; negotiated hill spurs westwards and over to Uk River Valley along its course and crossed at Timelmin arriving 12.30 p.m. Casuarina, chillis and coconut introduced from May River. Word sent to area V.O.'s re gathering at Fuk River. Vegetable seeds planted under supervision. Considerable medical treatments. Number of area problems arising from sangguma ostensibly associated with area deaths (malign sorcery).

24th November, 1968:
Sunday

Timelmin. Radio call Telefomin/Oksapmin/Atbalmin. Telefomin portable. Oksapmin patrol problem. V.O.'s arrive and discussions developmental/roads/agricultural.

25th November, 1968:
Monday

Departed Timelmin 8.40 a.m., forded Uk River and negotiated mountain spurs to Meteli River, forded further ridges to headwaters May (Iwar) River, crossed and steep final ascent to Sogamin Rest House on sharp ridge 3.17 p.m. Sogamin/Wameimin sangguma worries allegedly originated by Tultul at Fiak River who is considered responsible for 3 deaths.

26th November, 1968:
Tuesday

A.M. Sogamin awaiting arrival A.F.O. Tensapmin. Advised re alleged blockade of Government road at Fiak/May confluence. Medical treatments - broadspread of influenza/bronchitis, pneumonia. Talks agriculture and re Black/Taylor expedition.

27th November, 1968:
Wednesday

Departed Sogamin 8.10 a.m. reasonable downhill track crossing Degiwasi River by suspension bridge. Inspected new Sogamin Village to incorporate school and Rest House, impressive effort. Several spurs (western extreme of Mt. Stolle 9,680 ft. (Makei)) arriving at Wameimin on Wanagu River (Tributary of May) 1.20 p.m. Considerable sickness Wameimin (overtones of sangguma) attributed to Fiak River group. ~~and~~ Medical treatments. Met newly repatriated labour (via May River) ex Kavieng. Discussion village officials.

28th November, 1968:
Thursday

Wameimin - Medical treatments and long discussions re source of sickness. Discussions re airstrip sites and roads.

29th November, 1968:
Friday

Movement Wameimin (8.10 a.m.) to new (12 months old) settlement named Amfakavip at confluence of May/Fiak Rivers, composed of Mifimipip census group some Usareimin and Mawaimin people, arriving 2.10 p.m. ~~New road (suspension bridge) across~~ Crossing May (Iwar) River at the village by cane suspension. ~~Notes~~ influence of repatriate labour and trade exchange from May River area (dress, housing utensils, 2 spades, chillis, coconuts, kapok tree). Several V.O.'s waiting. New road (access gardens) across mountains, and final stages along Urame River. Met Tultul, Ollisak, enroute. Area - Fiak/May Junction - between Kase and Stolle Mountain masses.

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PATROL DIARY Cont.

30th November, 1968:
Saturday

At Amfaravip. Further V.O.'s in. A.P.O. ex Temsamin arrived. Listed area groups and officials. Discussions hygiene, sickness and sanggama. P.M. inspection proposed airstrip site situated west bank May River just north confluence May/Urame. Patrol illnesses, area health discussed with A.P.O.; roads and airstrip with village officials.

1st December, 1968:
Sunday

Radio communication Telefomin/Oksapmin. Further village officials arrive. P.M. All but 1 village official from East Mianmin present. Discussions and outline re Administration airstrip and village officials' duties and responsibilities. Items of discussion at Appendix A.

2nd December, 1968:
Monday

"School" for village officials continues. Late p.m. arrival message concerning 2 sudden iraxplacite deaths Sogamin/Timelmin. Implications sanggama. School terminated. Village officials and Hospital orderly return to villages concerned. Advised (by Mawwainin, Mission Pastor) of 2nd potential airstrip site further north.

3rd December, 1968:
Tuesday

Distribution vegetable seeds. Other village officials return to villages (including 1 from West Mianmin).

4th December, 1968:
Wednesday

8.10 a.m. *Kespa* departed Amfaravip following May River northwards (long distances over rocky river bed) to Amaromin 12.30 p.m. Chillis, mango, kapok and coconut introduced from May River. Amaromin is situated on Ietema River, tributary of the May.

5th December, 1968:
Thursday

Amaromin. Inspected alternative proposed airstrip site situated on west bank of May River. Patrol rations arrived ex Telefomin. Evening rains becoming regular and heavy. Ietema River rising.

6th December, 1968:
Friday

2 R.F.C. members, Aid Post Orderly, 3 sick carriers, village officials, Telefomin carrier line and Councillor south to Sogamin and Timelmin. Patrol departed Amaromin 11.10 a.m. northward following May River (in partial flood which precluded short cuts by fording) to Hotmin group (Mianmin people) hamlet situated just south of May/Usagei confluence. Longer route than normal - due flooding. Camp established at 4.20 p.m. near hamlet situated between May and Awei (Abei, Makum) Rivers. Inquiries into details of local geography.

7th December, 1968:
Saturday

Inspection hamlet and sing sing house (West of Awei River). Evening heavy rains.

8th December, 1968:
Sunday

At Hotmin hamlet. Early A.M. call Telefomin. Further rains. May River rising. Vegetable seeds issued. No contact May River Patrol. Post re move north, food availability problem, weather variable, so departed Hotmin camp 1.00 p.m. returning southwards to Amaromin arriving 4.45 p.m. Enroute advised of one death (sickness) Amaromin and village deserted. Sickness spread over whole area. Late p.m. Hospital Orderly returned ex Sogamin.

9th December 1968

*Monday Noon call Telefomin.
Hotmin situation satisfactory No
contact May River P.P. re move north*

10th December, 1968:
Monday

Kusaremmin village officials away. Patrol departed Amaromin 8.45 a.m. Movement to

PATROL DIARY Cont.

Amfaravip fording May River ^(swell down) several times, arriving 12.14 p.m. Carrier line and village sickness attended. Limited food purchases. P.M. contact Telefomin re medical and food supplies. Evening - heavy rains, river up.

11th December, 1968:

Wednesday

Movement Amfaravip to Wameimin - from 8.10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Medical treatments, situation under control. Again heavy evening rains.

12th December, 1968:

Thursday

Departed Wameimin 8.10 a.m. for Sogamin arriving 12.15 p.m. Old patrol track recut for this return movement. Good level road and with clearing, a vehicular track; one obstacle area to be circumvented. Evening rains. Person selected for Agricultural Training School, Telefomin. Sogamin sickness reduced but much of p.m. on treatments.

13th December, 1968:

Friday

Discussion village officials re area illnesses and "sangguma" repercussions in relations between Sogamin and Timelmin. Departed Sogamin 8.45 a.m. for Timelmin arriving 1.30 p.m. M.A.F. cessna to Mianmin strip. Medical and ration supplies ex Telefomin met patrol Timelmin dusk. Sickness lingering this area. Evening rains.

14th December, 1968:

Saturday

Timelmin - medical treatments continue. Vegetable seeds distributed. Discussions Timelmin and Temsapmin people re sickness, sangguma and developmental matters.

15th December, 1968:

Sunday

Further medical treatments. Temsapmin Luluai away. Selection agricultural trainee for Telefomin.

16th December, 1968:

Monday

Timelmin medical treatments. Situation considered satisfactory. Total 9 deaths immediately prior to and during course of patrol. Aid Post Orderly briefed re supervision situation and provided additional medical supplies. Evening rain.

17th December, 1968:

Tuesday

A.M. rain. 12.35 p.m. departed Timelmin to Mianmin airstrip, 2.47 p.m. and southward to a bush camp site (at onset rain) made near foot of northern side of Donner Range 4.10 p.m. Heavy rains.

18th December, 1968:

Wednesday

Broke camp 7.10 a.m. up northern slope Donner Range to peak (9000'). Magnificent views Atbalmin, Mianmin, Eliptamin, Urapmin/Tifalmin. Movement over 1 hour through moss forest at crest of range, peak reached 11.30 a.m. Downhill to Elip River (3000') reached 2.45 p.m. Depart 3.05 p.m. uphill following a stream cut through a coal like flaky shale seam located in northern slope of Mittag Mountains, to Komdavi (approx. 5000') at 5.20 p.m. Heavy storm.

19th December, 1968:

Thursday

At Komdavi. Discussion Elip group re Telefomin Council activities, money earning sources and road extension proposals.

20th December, 1968:

Friday

Movement Komdavi 7.50 a.m. to Telefomin sub-district Station, 12.50 p.m. Payment of carriers. Patrol completed.

EAST MIANMIN CENSUS DIVISION

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol visited portions of the East Mianmin Census Division of the Telefomin Sub District, also the Hotmin (Mianmin) group of the Usagei River area of the May River Administrative Area of the East Sepik District for a special purpose arising from matters contained in memorandum 37-1-7 dated 8th November, 1968, from the District Commissioner West Sepik District with attachment 37-1-7 dated 18th October, 1968 by the Officer in Charge May River Patrol Post; minute dated 18th October, 1968 by the Asst. District Commissioner, Ambunti and minute 67-1-12 dated 28th October, 1968 by the District Commissioner, East Sepik District: Namely (a) the apprehension of an alleged murderer named Wakimsep (from the Hotmin area of the May River Patrol Post admin. area, wherein the alleged murder was committed) believed to be hiding in the Tamsaymin area of the East Mianmin Census Division, and (b) to contain any native situation which may have arisen as a result of this alleged murder. Copies of this correspondence are attached.

Thirty six days were spent in the East Mianmin and May River Patrol Post Administrative Area from the 15th November, 1968 to the 20th December, 1968 inclusive.

The larger portion of patrol time was used attending to the medical aspect and native situation which arose in the area just prior to and during the patrol visit, brought about by a spread of influenza, bronchitis, pneumonia, which took 9 lives during this short period.

The Murder & the Native Situation:

The murder, which occurred in the Usagei River area and among the Hotmin group of Mianmin people of the May River Patrol Post Administrative Area of the East Sepik District, was committed on or about the 13th September, 1968, was investigated by a patrol to the area conducted by the Officer in Charge, May River Patrol Post and a police investigation was commenced which is to be concluded in January, 1969. (Paragraphs 2 and 6 of memorandum 37-1-7 dated 18th October, 1968, copy attached, from the Officer in Charge, May River Patrol Post, refer).

The native situation in the Hotmin area was found to be still quite normal and the people there are awaiting the return of the Officer in Charge, May River Patrol Post, to conclude the police investigation.

The alleged murderer, Wakimsep, has been transferred by air from Telefomin to Ambunti for any litigation which arises at the conclusion of the police investigation.

Situation Report:

(a) Political;

Administration Representation

Attached at appendix "A" is an outline of administration representation. With respect to this list the following comments are made:

(1) One census group only (Amaromin) possesses the standard 7" x 6" grey village book this having been issued from May River Patrol Post. A supply of new village books has been requested from the Director of District Administration for distribution next patrol.

(2) There are 10 groups shown, not 11 as in the Village Population Register and Village Directory. Wamu is a sub unit of the Usareimin census group. The old Mifimipip census group is now extant and reappears as Amfaravip (situated at the confluence of the May and Fiak Rivers) enlarged by migrants in from Mawainin and Usareimin.

(3) The group called Kusarenmin (situated North of Mt. Kasa) is actually a portion of (and is situated within the land boundaries of) the Usareimin group. There are indications of moves by a larger portion of this group back within the parent body, Usareimin.

(4) The Bovaripmin group has customarily taken census at Usareiman, and Kusarenmin at Amaromin.

(5) New appointments of village officials as required, will be made next patrol. These matters will be finalised as a result of the next patrol detailed below.

Administration Training

All village officials of the East Mianmin Census Division (excluding 1) and 1 from West Mianmin gathered, by invitation, at Amfaravip, for a training course, an outline of which is Appendix "B". The course covered 3 broad spheres, namely -

- (a) Administration aims.
- (b) The duties and responsibilities of village officials.
- (c) Area development planning.

Area development is discussed in greater detail under "(b) Economic".

The West Mianmin Official was asked to brief other West Mianmin officials on the matters discussed and to prepare them for the next patrol, a major aim of which will be area development planning.

The Mianmin Entity

The Mianmin incorporates the people of the East Mianmin Census Division (derestricted 1965), the West Mianmin Census Division (restricted) the Hotmin people, located in the Usagei River region of the May River Patrol Post Administrative Area, the uncontacted (and unrestricted) Numanmin, Kimelmin and possible other groups situated north of the Northern Telefomin Sub District boundary and in the Green River and May River Patrol Posts administrative areas.

The patrol outlined below of the Mianmin will have, as objectives, (a) the derestriction of West Mianmin, (b) rationalisation of admin. representation throughout the whole Mianmin, (c) examination of the feasibility for amalgamation or consolidation of all the above-mentioned units into one census division called the Mianmin. Census and statistical analysis will then become more correct and accurate as it will apply to the Mianmin as a whole, and the area and the number of people will form a more viable and suitable unit for the purposes of economic development.

(b) Economic;

Trade, money & existing cash cropping

Money earning sources for the Mianmin are:

- (1) Casual employment May River Patrol Post or Telefomin (limited).
- (2) Expatriate labour (limited) through May River Patrol Post.
- (3) Patrol expenses and carrier earnings (irregular and infrequent).
- (4) Canoe sales to May River Patrol Post (limited).
- (5) Sale of crocodile skins via May River Patrol Post (moderately extensive) northern groups.
- (6) Sale of fruits, Telefomin (monthly) utilising M.A.F. cessna flights.

Thus a small flow of money enters the Mianmin (East only) from North and South. That from Telefomin goes to Timelmin from whence, in trade for blackwood bow timbers, it is channelled to Usareimin and Sogamin. From the North a noticeable money influence was the inflow of trade goods with the recent first repatriated labour recruits from this area - via May River. The central Mianmin groups by comparison noticeably lack these goods.

4-1968/69. (6)

Cash cropping is completely non-existent. A quantity of pawpaw, pineapple and choko is clustered round the Miammin airstrip and is highly productive but with restricted market to which there is limited access.

Coconuts, kapok, chillis, mango in very small quantity, have been introduced via May River Patrol Post.

Potential

The area is situated in altitudes from 2,800 ft. to 1,000 ft. north of May River Patrol Post. There appeared to be extensive tracts of virgin rain forest along the river valleys, area increasing northwards in with decrease in mountainous areas. I gained the impression that the area and soil appeared possibly suitable for cacao, coffee, chillis, coconuts and rice with moderate timber availability. Fruits and vegetables thrive. Taro is the staple with little sweet potato which has minimised the decrease of forest areas. Copal gum is found.

Transport & communications

Two potential airstrip sites were investigated in the Amfaravip/Amaromin areas following their delineation with strip survey lines by a Baptist Mission Pastor. Whereas both show promise, a site further westward within the West Miammin Census Division in the vicinity of the Someimin or Samman census groups, if site and population density are suitable, would be more appropriate. This will be investigated during the patrol proposed below.

A trunk road from Amfaravip to the Usagei/May confluence (the northern extent of this patrol) is quite feasible and the feasibility of extension from this point to Gwimi Island, the southern extent of May River navigability, will be investigated next visit.

Development (on the self help principle) of this basic section into a structure of roads necessary for economic outlet is feasible, proceeding south in the eastern sector and for the western sector further investigation is required.

Economic outlet

It is emphatically out of the question should cash cropping be introduced to the Miammin, that movement of the produce from the abovementioned cash crops could be southward to Telefomin, crossing the steep 9000' high Donner Range enroute then to require air carriage to seaport i.e. from Telefomin to Wewak.

It is natural, and not a difficult proposition for movement of produce to be directed to the navigable head of the May River thence northwards to the Sepik and the sea by appropriate water craft.

Economic transportation of produce to Pagwi (if this is developed as an outlet to Madang direct for the Lower Sepik developmental areas) which may involve 4 or 5 days, may be coordinated with economic productivity (presumably mainly in copra) now under consideration for the Green River administrative and Council area - following requests for guidance in economic development and activity by the Green River Local Government Council movement of which produce no doubt would use water craft plying the Sepik River.

No doubt there would be upriver cargoes for Ambunti, May River Patrol Post and Green River Patrol Post.

The above of course is hypothetical, as I am unacquainted with the Sepik River, but is submitted for consideration.

Local Attitudes

The Miammin are a virile people whose attitudes are expressed in their profound respect for anything approximating education or development.

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A number of men have, as murderers or accomplices spent terms at Wewak and Madang and from these repatriates, the enthusiasm for development originates.

The village officials gave an enthusiastic and attentive reception to all developmental proposals investigated and discussed with and by the patrol.

They are most interested in and await the outcome of the next patrol in regard to West Mianmin economic potential and to my proposals for the west and for east Mianmin as an integral unit for all purposes including economic.

(c) Social;

Public Health & Sangguma (Malign Sorcery)

Upon reaching the first and southern Mianmin village, Timelmin, the patrol was made aware of the manifestation and spread of illness, the local attitude towards, and interpretation by the people of this being that it was sangguma inspired, with repercussions directed, as retaliation, usually towards adjacent groups.

At times the objectives of the patrol, as enunciated on the cover jacket were sublimated by the incidence, spread and reaction to, sickness in the area. Sorcery has a profound influence in the area and death motivated considerable reaction among the people culminating in most animated mortuary rites.

The patrol therefore elaborated discussions on sickness, their causes and village hygiene influences as contributory factors.

Nine deaths occurred during and immediately prior to the patrol visit.

A very strong request was made by the East Mianmin Village Official for a second aid post to be established in the area. This matter has been discussed with the Medical Assistant in Charge, Telefomin Sub District, and the unit, subject to approval ratification by the District Medical Officer, Vanimo, can be established materially and staffwise using Sub District resources. Its location will be selected following the Mianmin patrol early 1969, to ensure that this unit in coordination with the Temsamin unit provides the most effective and practical coverage of the east and west Mianmin, as a whole.

The very real need for this additional unit is borne out by the experience of this patrol in terms beyond the strictly medical aspect in the associated sangguma factor and reactions imposed by the cultural pattern of this primitive group. In terms of administration the improved medical service may minimise deaths which in turn may reduce sangguma payback murders and reduce the patrol function of apprehending murderers, which act widens the fear aspect in Administration/West Mianmin relations, reducing the effective group contact by patrols.

The area is extremely isolated and provides a formidable problem in terms of medical coverage and the second unit is undoubtedly warranted.

Social Development

Appreciation must be recorded of the social improvement work performed by the Australian Baptist Missionary Society in the East Mianmin unit.

- (1) An airstrip is established and maintained through its auspices in the area.
- (2) Monthly infant welfare clinic visits by air are made by Mission Sister Crouch.
- (3) An adult education programme has been introduced to the area.
- (4) Mission sponsored cesna flights uplift fruits on return trips Telefomin as a beginning and incentive to economic productivity

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and providing a revenue earning source.

- (5) Three Mission Pastors providing a rudimentary education service work in the area, have provided basic survey of 2 airstrip sites, guided building of schools and rest houses and in one instance has encouraged "nucleation" of the several hamlet units of a Mianmin group and provide a medium of contact between Mianmin and administration.

- (6) A small trade store is maintained in the area.

- (d) Miscellaneous;

Patrol communication and transport

Patrol communications were maintained by the use of Service 510 type radio. Contact with Telefomin was daily and reception good at 7.30 a.m. and between 4.15p.m. and 5.00p.m. after which atmospheric interference occurred. Contact with Ambunti Sub District station and Ambunti portable was regular and good.

Contact with Green River, Pageni, Imonda, Atbalmin and Oksapmin was achieved at various times during the patrol.

Movement between Telefomin Sub District station and the nearest southernmost Mianmin entity (the airstrip near Timelmin) took a total of 8 days return. The cost of this 8 days in personnel salaries, carrier pays and ration was \$456 approx. Had movement been effected by M.A.F. cessna charter (10 minutes flying time), the movement time and cost between Telefomin and Mianmin airstrips for the basic patrol unit and gear, would have been 2 hours and \$128 total outward-homeward. A considerable time saving would have been achieved and a Mianmin carrier line used, thus providing a revenue earning source. I have sought funds for this purpose in the 1969/70 estimates and have arranged tentatively for a total Mianmin carrier line for the 2 month Mianmin patrol proposed for the first half of 1969 elucidated later in this report.

Sketch map

The patrol map shows not only the small area actually visited by the patrol but the large area embraced by the economic development proposals contained in this report.

Map copies are not required, hence colour has been used.

As, to incorporate the Green and May River areas in this map compromise in variants in a number of other maps was necessary, reliability in accuracy in the relative displacement of the geographical features shown is not known. I would appreciate any correction or addition to this submission which may be provided by the Officer in Charge May River and Officer in Charge Green River Patrol Posts.

The spelling of group names is as given in the village directory.

The Hotmin group of the Mianmin (a hamlet of which is shown at the northern point reached by the patrol) is shown in the Village Directory as "Usage". Informants advised me they are correctly known as Hotmin people but living in the vicinity of the Usagai River. I would appreciate any further clarification of this from the Officer in Charge May River Patrol Post.

My map notates a river as the possible course of the Abel, Awei or Makun River, local names for the Right May. However, whereas in other maps the Right May is shown differently (on my map as the river Right May), reliable witnesses (May River Patrol Post Interpreter (patrol) and Mawamin Baptist Mission Pastor) assure me that the Abel was a river flowing near and visible from my Hotmin area camp, as tentatively shown on my map to be confirmed or corrected next patrol.

Administration of the Mianmin

The southern and northernmost villages of the Mianmin are slightly closer to May River Patrol Post than to Telefomin Sub District Station.

The westernmost group of the Mianmin (I am using Mianmin in its all embracing sense) Ivikmin on the Sepik River at the West Irian border is equidistant to May River Patrol Post and Telefomin.

The economic outlet of the Mianmin is northward by way of the Sepik River. Access to the Sepik River for the East Mianmin would be northwards along the May River and for the West Mianmin either by the May or the August River (this latter aspect to be investigated). A southward flow of Mianmin products to Telefomin would have to negotiate the 9000' Donner Range then undergo expensive airlift movement to sea port.

More inflow of trade and other items and of recruited and repatriated labour to the East Mianmin, is through May River Patrol Post than by the more circuitous route via Telefomin.

Traditional enmity for the Mianmin has been directed against the Telefomin and Atbalmin peoples in defending hunting grounds, in reciprocal murders and cannibalism. In turn, the Mianmin made migratory moves northward into the sago lands of the May River area and now in times of administration control and law and order use and move in both ecological areas to suit their subsistence needs.

None from the restricted West Mianmin, other than apprehended murderers, visit Telefomin. Visitors from East Mianmin are also few in number.

An attempt by the patrol to visit May River Patrol Post to discuss contiguous Sub District boundary mutual group administration problem, rationalise area administration, compare mapping geographic information, was thwarted by patrol food situation, May River floodings and communications.

The matter of Mianmin administration will be further discussed with the Officer in Charge, May River Patrol Post early in the new year when tentative arrangements have been made for contact during the proposed Mianmin patrol then.

Weatherwise the middle of the year would be most favourable for Mianmin visits if this patrol experience is any indication of the normal weather pattern. Walking times as shown were influenced by weather and effect on tracks. Police members Forbafuk and Gwatorvin, who derive from the Telefomin area, are moderate assets to Mianmin patrols.

Revisit Mianmin 1969

Considerable reference has been made throughout the report to a revisit to the warea early in 1969. The 1969 visit will embrace the Mianmin entity as a whole, all East and one West Mianmin official are aware of the proposal and whereas various objectives have been listed in this report, the main purposes will be to derestrict the West Mianmin and to review the whole area with a view to economic development planning AND COMMERCEMENT. Assessment in factors agricultural, economic and marketing via the Sepik River outlet is needed. The patrol would be made in conjunction with one by the Officer in Charge, May River Patrol Post, following consideration of this whole proposal by all concerned.

Conclusion:

The objectives of the patrol were achieved and, more important, a sketchy outline for Mianmin area development prepared, to be further investigated and consolidated in the proposed 2 month Mianmin patrol early 1969.

A most important factor is the need for an agricultural officer to accompany the patrol and assess and specify the suitability of the various parts of the Mianmin for the trial of experimental plots of crops which have a potential success possibility in those areas.

If this project is coordinated with economic development cash crop proposals in the Green River area then the latter combined with Mianmin feasibility crops provide a leading factor for the possible development of a Sepik River water craft transport and communications system.

Could these proposals be considered by the District Coordinating Committees of the East Sepik and the West Sepik Districts and staffs of the Sub District (Amanab and Ambunti) concerned. My further efforts towards development of the Mianmin will, of course, be guided by advices and criticisms through you from these sources.

My immediate strong impression is that the East Mianmin has a developmental potential which should be neither wasted nor overlooked.

Since the bulk of this report is concerned with the possible economic development of the Mianmin, I have forwarded 3 extra copies of the report for the District Commissioner, East Sepik District, Assistant District Commissioners, Amanab and Ambunti, insofar as it effects their areas and for favour of their criticisms and advices with respect to the feasibility of my proposals.

Perchance the most pertinent factor in this matter is the assessment of the whole Green River and Mianmin, economic potential situation by an officer (I combine the two insofar as Sepik River produce outlet flow is concerned), competent ~~in~~ the feasibility of agriculture, communications and economic factors involved.

P. J. Gaell

<u>GROUP</u>		<u>LULUAI</u>	<u>TULUUL</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>R.H.</u>	<u>VILLAGE BOOK</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
TIMBEMIN	1	BELIAP	SEGARUGIM	173	Yes	No	
TEMSAPMIN	2	MASIAF	-	58	Yes	No	
BOVARIPMIN	3	BAKSEP	-	103	No	No	
USAREINMIN (+ WAKU)	4	FIRINIP	ADUM	65	No	No	In Directory Wamu a separate entity.
KUSAREMIN	5	MTGILIM	TABIARF	62	No	No	
MAWALMIN	6	EBESENI	-	75	Yes	No	
AMAROMIN	7	FETAWENAF	-	52	Yes	Yes	
WAMBIMIN	8	DUROGAPNING	WEINAF	108	Yes	No	
SOGAMIN	9	FERINAF	SIKIRUN	154	Yes	No	
AMFARAVIP	10	-	ORAIKAK	31	Yes	No	Ex Mifimipip.
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Appendix "B".

Subject matter of training course given to East Mianmin Village Officials.

Siak River - November, 1968

Introduction.

1. Rationalisation of units and names.
2. Enumeration of village officials and filling vacancies.
3. Derestriction of West Mianmin.
4. Amalgamation West & East Mianmin.
5. Ambunti/Telefomin border groupings - their affiliations.
6. 1969 patrol - West Mianmin and Telefomin/Ambunti Sub District's border area - appoint Village Officials.
7. Elucidation of administration aims and village officials' responsibilities.
8. Village registers and village books - grey.
9. Visits - village officials - Telefomin - accompany patrols.
10. Village Officials - murders, sangguma, major matters.
11. Group rest houses - census focal points.
Introduction of a day devoted to government work.
12. Area development proposals - (1) roads, (2) training, (3) crops.
13. Any trained expertise this area.
14. Radios this area - 3 - (1 Aid Post Tensapmin)
15. Hotain people and Mianmin development.
16. Area land usage - tillage and hunting.
17. Agricultural training, Telefomin - recruits.
18. Area central agricultural experimental plot - potential money earning sources - rice, coffee, coconuts, coconuts, vegetables, chillis, fish, crocodiles, citrus, kapok, copal gum.
19. Area schooling.
20. Students Telefomin Primary "T" School/May River Patrol Post.
21. Area Aid Posts and health/sangguma problem.
22. Location Tensapmin Aid Post.
23. The government road system - open safe traffic/development.
24. Airstrip site - area May River/Urama River.
25. Maintenance airstrips.
26. Labour - work - Telefomin.
27. Sale pigs.
28. Internal recruitment patrol carriers.
29. Matters raised by village officials themselves.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

H. G. 2

Report Number.....

Subdistrict.....

District.....

Type of Patrol.....

Patrol Conducted by..... P. P. P. P. P., Assistant District Officer,

Area Patrolled
(Council and/or
Census Division/s.) } ATALANTA CENSUS DIVISION (Part)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

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Duration of Patrol—from 7/1/69 To 7/2/69

No. of Days..... 11 Days

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :

Date from 7/1/69 to 7/10/69 Duration..... 09 Days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly).....
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Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 1,720 (Estimated)

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

18/3/1969

J. E. Wakeford

District Commissioner. W.

67-16-55

31st March, 1969.

District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
YARIMO.


PATROL NO. TELEFOMIN 5/68-69.

Your reference 67-1-7 of 18th March,
1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of
Special Report by Mr. B.M. Fischer, Assistant
District Officer, to part of Atbalmin Census Div-
ision.

A routine patrol well carried out.

I concur with remarks in the last para-
graph of your covering memorandum.


(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

C.C.
Mr. B.M. Fischer,
Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN.
West Sepik District.

Please note that political education must be
a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis
on the advantages of national unity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

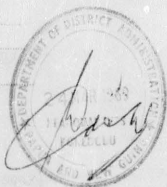
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Telegrams _____

Our Reference 69-1-7

If calling ask for _____

Mr. _____



Department of District Administration.

District Office,
VANUHO,
West Sepik District.

17th March, 1959.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
PORT Moresby.

REPLY:- Telephin Patrol No. 5 of 1959/59.

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol conducted by Mr. E.M. Fischer A.B.O. to part of the Abilwin-Carara Division.

- (i) Patrol Instructions, 69-1 of 22nd January, 1959 by the A.B.O. Telephin;
- (ii) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (iii) Covering comments, P.D. 5-196/59 by the A.B.O. Telephin.

2. The patrol was mounted for the special purpose of acquiring the people with the proposed entry into the area of Kenacote Exploration and the Mining Warden's Court into the Prospecting Authority for which the Company had made application.

3. The patrol was highly successful not only in getting so many of these primitive people to congregate at such a far distance, but in convincing some 150 of them to visit Telephin for the actual Warden's Court hearing. Mr. Fischer must not only have been quite persuasive but most tactful to have done so.

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J E Wakeford
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(.....) (Sd)

District Commissioner.

P.R. 5 - 1968/69

GALL

West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

3rd March, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

Report - Patrol - Atbalmin Census Division,
Telefomin Patrol No. 5 - 1968/1969.

Attached are the original and 2 copies of a report covering a patrol conducted by Mr. B. Fischer, Assistant District Officer, to the Atbalmin Census Division.

Maps are included with each copy of the report and camping allowance claim submitted herewith.

The following comments are made;

- (1) The purpose of the patrol was to acquaint the Atbalmin people with the proposed entry to their area of the Kennecott Exploration Ltd. Company for the purpose of mineral exploration, and to select the principle land-owners to undertake the visit to Telefomin for the purpose of attending the Mining Warden's Court held on the 15th February, 1969, at Telefomin.
- (2) It was impossible in the time available for the patrol to visit each Atbalmin group (this would have required a patrol of 2 months duration) and the selection of only those required was intended to prevent undue hardship on too many people visiting Telefomin and also to conserve Telefomin ration supplies. As it was approximately 150 people visited Telefomin for the purpose of the Mining Warden's Court.
- (3) Some groups which gathered at Busilmin, of their own volition, did not undertake the walk to Telefomin, however, did gain the value of the preliminary talks given by Mr. Fischer on the subject of the mining exploration.
- (4) It would appear (and this was confirmed at the Mining Warden's Court) that all the Atbalmin groups appear to be in favour with the proposed mining exploration in their area.
- (5) The names of the groups listed as having been seen at Busilmin and shown at page 2 of the report reference letter in fact covers the Atbalmin groups listed in the Village Directory, Mr. Fischer having used the locally used area names which describe groups by the river area in which situated.
- (6) Although a formidable task, the visit by leading Atbalmin landowners to Telefomin (some for the first time) had considerable administrative contact value, apart from the special purpose for the visit.

The patrol was successful in its undertakings and the requirements of the Mining Warden's Court, in this aspect, appear to have been adequately covered.

D. S. Gall
(D. S. Gall)
Assistant-District Commissioner

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GALL

West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

23rd January, 1969.

Mr. B. Fischer,
Assistant District Officer,
TELEFOMIN.

Patrol Instructions - Telefomin Patrol No. 5 - 1968/69
Atbalmin Census Division

As discussed previously, will you please prepare to depart Telefomin on Tuesday, 28th January, 1969 for the purpose of conducting a special purpose patrol to the Atbalmin Census Division.

Please select two members of the Telefomin Police Detachment and one interpreter for the patrol and they will depart Telefomin Friday, 24th January, 1969.

The patrol will proceed to Busilmin group and will arrange a meeting there of the principal land owners of the Atbalmin Census Division. The total Atbalmin population is within a four day walking radius from Busilmin, the majority being within a one to two day walking distance.

Please instruct the replacement policeman proceeding to the Atbalmin rural Police Post today by Army helicopter to arrange the movement of principal land owners and village officials from the western sector of the Atbalmin Census Division to Busilmin.

The patrol moving from Telefomin to Busilmin will, during movement, make similar arrangements with respect to principal land owners and village officials of the eastern sector of the Atbalmin Census Division enroute.

For officials and land owners in the northern and southern sectors of the Atbalmin Census Division, arrangement for their movement to Busilmin can be made subsequent upon your arrival there.

As arranged with Major I. Fisher, in charge of the visiting Army group, Telefomin, you may proceed to Busilmin by Army helicopter on Tuesday, 28th January, 1969.

I would refer you to memoranda, 35-11-3 dated 10th December, 1968, addressed by the District Commissioner, Vanimo to myself, and the copy of PAB5-549 dated 31st May, 1968, addressed by the Mining Warden, Wau, to the District Commissioner, Vanimo.

Prior to your departure, I wish to discuss with you the various matters which are to be discussed with the principal land owners of the Atbalmin Census Division and relating to the Prospecting Authority No. 85.

The gathering of the principal land owners and village officials at Busilmin and preliminary discussions concerning the forthcoming mining prospecting in that area, should be achieved by 6th February, 1969. As the movement from Busilmin to Telefomin requires seven days, village officials, principal land owners and patrol should depart Busilmin for the return movement Telefomin on Friday, 7th February, 1969. This will enable their arrival Telefomin and further discussions by myself with officials and land owners, before the

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23rd January, 1969. (7)

Mining Warden's Court is convened at Telefomin on Saturday, 15th February, 1969.

This is a special purpose patrol and the format of your covering patrol report should be duly written in accordance with the requirements of circular letter, 67-1-0 dated 21st June, 1968, from the Director of District Administration. Each copy of the report is to be complete in all respects, i.e., a copy of these instructions, patrol map, is to be included with each copy of the report.

Have a good trip.

P.S. Gall

P.S. Gall
Assistant District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT DIARY.TELEFOMIN REPORT No.5 of 1968/69.

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- Tuesday
28th. January 1969;- Departed Telefomin 0830 per Army Helicopter together with Interpreter Singsingla and proceed Busilmin area of the Atbalmin Census Division - arrive 0915. Rest House occupied by P.I.R. platoon. P.I.R. departs 1230. Set up camp and talk with villagers regarding purpose of visit during afternoon.
- Wednesday
29th. January 1969;- Work on Rest House area while awaiting arrival of the two police constables walking in. Const. Irai reports in from Atbalmin Rural Police Post - says he has advised all people en route Atbalmin - Busilmin regarding necessity of reporting Busilmin and that word has been sent to areas north of Atbalmin regarding proposed Busilmin meeting. L/Cpl. Kuabi and Const. Pomdei report in at 1100 - Kuabi in bad shape and says area is too much for him. People from Nong Rv. arrive early afternoon and are given talk on Kenicott application for Mining Lease, importance of same to the area and Mining Warden's Court at Telefomin on the 15th. February - all appear to understand and are enthusiastic that the company enter their area. Carefully explained that any payment of monies will depend entirely on findings - comprehended.
- Thursday
30th. January 1969;- Const. Irai returns Atbalmin with instructions to proceed area north of Atbalmin to ensure people proceed Busilmin for talk. Const. Pomdei and Interpreter Singsingla despatched to lower Din Rv. area to contact people and request their attendance at Busilmin - both state that there are very few people living in this area and that they are so scattered and primitive that they may be difficult to contact - implication is that both ADC and myself do not know enough about area and that instruction is unreasonable - possibly, however necessity of such an approach fully explained - depart 0900. Busilmin people continue work on Rest House area and commence cutting lines on possible strip site. Groups from lower Din Rv. area report in during afternoon and reason for visit explained - well received. Commence cutting lines on another airstrip site 1400 - continue all afternoon.
- Friday
31st. January 1969;- Continue cutting lines on two possible airstrip sites during morning. Afternoon two small groups from lower Din Rv. area report in - talk given and well received. Const. Pomdei and Interpreter Singsingla return 1800 - state no people in area where sent - say they have sent talk on via the people - sounds like sheer laziness - will go out again Monday if people have not reported Busilmin before then.

PATROL REPORT DIARY.TELEFOMIN REPORT No. 5 of 1968/69.

- Saturday,
1st. February 1969 :- Rain till 1400 - weather clears and people continue cutting lines on possible strip sites till 1700. Ialwai and landowners from Wimurapmin 2 group on Sepik report in at 1815 - purpose of visit explained and talk given - well received.
- Sunday,
2nd. February 1969 :- Sunday Observed.
- Monday,
3rd. February 1969 :- All morning cutting lines on possible strip sites. People from Nem Rv. area north west of Atbalmin Police Post report in - talk given & well received. Const. Pomdei and Interpreter Singingla depart for Niol and lower Din Rv. areas to ensure people have heard talk of proposed exploration.
- Tuesday,
4th. February 1969 :- One group of people work on construction of helicopter pad adjacent to Rest House and others continue cutting strip lines. Const. Karai from Atbalmin and large group villagers from various areas report in late morning - some from Niol Rv. area - talk given and well received however many men apprehensive about the walk in to Telefomin - say they know nothing of such matters and will leave it up to the Administration to make arrangements. Many of these men obviously still very primitive and very nervous outside their own area.
- Wednesday,
5th. February 1969 :- 0700, as half expected number of people from lower Din Rv. area have departed during night - long walk to Telefomin (6 days) not to their liking. Continue work on helicopter pad & cutting lines for possible strip sites - helicopter pad finished early afternoon - should provide a good landmark for area. Although I have no instruments I imagine the slope for possible strip site is from 8-10% - good one way approach up valley from Sepik - dimensions should be at least 1200'x 150' - difficulty will prove to be labour and keeping people interested until project is completed but this would apply anywhere in area. Estimate that with hundred labourers it would take 9-12 months to complete.
- Thursday,
6th. February 1969 :- Cpl. Kuabi reports more Niol Rv. people attempted leave early morning but were stopped by other groups - further talks with these people and persuade them of the importance of their attendance Telefomin. Busilmin people cutting bush on likely strip site all day.
- Friday,
7th. February 1969 :- Continue cutting bush on strip site till 1230 when helicopter arrives as arranged - instructions to police regarding walk out-depart Busilmin 1400 & arrive Telefomin 1430 - report ADG.

35-6-6 *km*

Fischer

(4)
Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN,
West Sepik District,
10th. February, 1969.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
RAISFORD, W.S.D..

REPORT ON PREPARATORY TALKS HELD WITH
VILLAGERS OF THE ATBALMIN CENSUS DIVISION
ON PROPOSED MINING AUTHORITY IN AREA
ON APPLICATION BY KENICOM EXPLORATION LTD..

Reference your 67-1 of the 23rd, January 1969.

1. As directed by the above instructions preparations were made for the mounting of Telefomin Patrol No.5 of 1968/69 to visit the Atbalmin Census Division of the Sub-District to advise all village officials and land owners of the area on the proposed Mining Warden's Court Hearing scheduled to be held at Telefomin on the 15th. February, 1969.
2. The two members of the Telefomin Police Detachment selected (1/Cpl. Kuabi and Const. Pomdei) departed Telefomin as scheduled on the morning of Friday 24th. January 1969. As instructed they proceeded to Busilmin via way of villages located on the upper Bagian, Binop and Iilem river systems instructing all people en route of the proposed Mining Warden's Court and requesting their attendance.
3. Constable Irai was briefed on the subject prior to his departure for Atbalmin Rural Police Post and instructed to advise all land owners in the vicinity of Atbalmin to proceed Busilmin before continuing on to Telefomin for the Warden's hearing. Similar instructions were also passed to Constable Karai at Athalmin via radio.
4. Together with Interpreter Singisigla I departed Telefomin via Army helicopter on the morning of the 28th. January 1969. On arrival Busilmin the purpose of my visit was outlined and the people requested to ensure that all people in the area were made aware of the presence of the patrol and the proposed Mining Warden's Court. This initial talk was enthusiastically received and young men immediately departed for both the lower Din and Worp river areas to advise all village officials and land owners to proceed Busilmin.
5. Soon after my arrival at Busilmin Constable Irai reported in from Atbalmin and stated that all people in the vicinity of Atbalmin and en-route Atbalmin - Busilmin had been informed of the purpose of the patrol's visit and been requested to come Busilmin for further talks. On arrival of the two police ex-Telefomin word was again despatched to people living in the lower Din River area; the member despatched on this task, Constable Pomdei, attempted to point out that there were few people living in the lower Din River area and that it may be impossible to contact them. He pointed out that neither the ADC nor myself knew the area and hinted the instruction was unreasonable - while it is certain that the area is not densely populated there are people living in the lower Din Rv. area. I will discuss this matter more fully with you.

6. Constable Pomdei also pointed out that it would be far easier for the people of the lower Din Rv. to proceed direct to Telefomin from their villages without first coming to Busilmin. After having this fact corroborated the constable was given a full briefing on the reason for the patrol's visit and the importance of possible mineral finds and directed to advise the villagers contacted accordingly - the people were to be advised to come firstly to Busilmin but if reluctant they could be requested to proceed direct to Telefomin.

7. Groups seen and talked to at Busilmin included the following:-

Nong River	Fugum River	Tugum River
Worp River	Mimi River	Upper Al River
Nim River	Niol River	Yak River
Tundelmin 1	Wisurapain 2	

Without exception all of the above groups expressed keen interest in the possibility of a mining company coming into the area - not one word of dissent was heard. The prospect of having to proceed to Telefomin however was not enthusiastically received and many of the older and more influential men could think of many reasons why they could not make the journey.

A couple of the more remote and primitive groups had obviously had to work up their courage to come as far as Busilmin and the prospect of a further six days journey away from their area was more than they were prepared to undertake. The Niol River group left Busilmin during the early morning hours of the 5th. February rather than undertake the walk.

8. It is proposed that the patrol return to Telefomin by way of Nong River and the west bank of the Sepik River and en route advise all people of the Mining Warden's Court hearing.

9. At the time of my departure from Busilmin on the 7th. February all assembled groups were keen to attend the Mining Warden's Court in Telefomin however it is possible that this enthusiasm will wane after either a few hours or a couple of days on the road and it is not at all certain how many representatives will reach Telefomin. Trade goods will be used for purchase of native foods en route as it appears these people are not great travellers and few have friends in villages along the road to Telefomin.

10. Representatives of the more remote groups will have to travel from 9-10 days to reach Telefomin and the Mining Warden's Court hearing and this cannot be considered very satisfactory. Matters would have been simplified considerably if arrangements could have been made for the Mining Warden to visit either Atbalmin or Busilmin for the hearing.

11. All aspects of the Mining Warden's Court Hearing and the proposed prospecting by Kenicott excepting the concept of "State Ownership" were fully discussed with the people and I am satisfied that they fully comprehended what prospecting will entail in their area. To attempt to explain state-ownership on such a short visit would possibly only confuse the people; if it is considered necessary to have this concept explained at this stage it will be imperative that all groups be visited and explanation given to all adult villagers in order to forestall any possible misinterpretation being passed on to people not present.

12. It was seen that the people of the Atbalmin Census Division, although still primitive, have an appreciation of the difficulties and backwardness of their area and are at that stage where they are awaiting some lead in development by the Administration - a few might interpret this interest in prospecting as the start of the expected lead.

13. I consider the object of the patrol was fully achieved.

For your consideration please.



B.M. Fischer.
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. 6-1968/69.

Patrol Conducted by Mr. GIBSON BUNDARI (LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT)

Area Patrolled ELIPTAMIN, WRAPMIN AND TIFAIMIN CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. D. Mc COMBE. (C.P.O.)

Natives TWO MEMBERS OF R.P.N.G., PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL AND ONE INTERPRETER.

Duration—From 5./3./1969 to 12./3./1969. &
14/3/1969 to 19/3/69.

Number of Days 14 DAYS.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 26./2./1968 to 20/3/68.

Medical 11./11/1968.

Map Reference MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol Second General Election, beside General Election the talks on Political Education and the Local Government was carried out.

Director of District Administration,
 PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please,

12/5/1969

(Signature)
 District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-16-69

28th May, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
WANIMO.

PATROL NO. TELEFOMIN 6/69-69

Your reference 67-1-7 of 12th May, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. G. Bundari, Local Government Assistant, to ELIPTAMIN and TIBALMIN-URAPMIN Census Divisions.

A good report, however, assistance at the draft stage would have eliminated spelling errors contained in same.

It is pleasing to note that the Council is tackling the problems of lack of economic development in the area.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

cc: Mr. G. Bundari,
Local Government Assistant,
Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN, West Sepik District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telephone

Telegram

Our Reference 67-1-7

If calling ask for

Mr.



Department of District Administration.

District Office,
VANIMO,
West New Guinea District.
21st May, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
VANIMO

RE: - Telefomin Patrol No. 6/68-69.

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol of the Milneba, Uraimin and Tiflain Census Divisions by Mr. G. Bungari, Local Government Assistant.

- (i) Patrol Instructions, 67-1 of 3rd March, 1969 by the A.D.C. Telefomin;
- (ii) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (iii) Covering comments, FKG-1968/69 of 27th April, 1969 by the A.D.C. Telefomin.

2. The patrol was mounted for the special purpose of conducting the second General Elections for the Telefomin Local Government Council. The comments by the A.D.C. Telefomin adequately cover the situation and no further comments by this office are needed.

3. Mr. Gideon Bundarika is to be commended not only for the manner in which he conducted the patrol but also for the interest he displays in his work.

J.S. Wakeford
District Commissioner.

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P.R. 6 - 1968/69

CALL

West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

21st April, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

Report - Patrol - Part Telefomin Council Area,
Telefomin Patrol No. 6 - 1968/1969.

Attached are the original and 2 copies of a report covering a patrol conducted by Mr. G. Bundari, Local Government Assistant, to the Siptamin and Tifalmin/Urapmin Census Divisions.

Maps are included with each copy of the report and camping allowance claims submitted herewith.

The following comments are made;

1. This patrol was co-ordinated with another conducted by Mr. B. Waninara, Local Government Assistant, Vanimo, (Telefomin patrol report No. 7 - 1968/69), to achieve the 2nd elections for the Telefomin Local Government Council ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.
2. The election report, including statistics, under cover of my memorandum, 42-1-2 dated 9th April, 1969, has been submitted and distributed as required. Included with the patrol report are copies of the election report which was also compiled by Mr. Bundari.
3. The elections were carried out without incident, and in the majority of wards the sitting Councillor was both returned and unopposed. It would appear that the attitude of the people is for the Councillors, who are just becoming acquainted with their work after 1 year of Council operation, to be returned and assessed over the next term of office.
4. Political development; As Mr. Bundari points out, an understanding of local government by the people will require more time and repeated dissemination of local government propaganda. Likewise, with overall political education and the House of Assembly, the broader horizons will require even more time for the people to become acquainted with them.
5. Economic development; The Council introduced an agricultural training scheme as the basis for skills with which to assist area economic development. Subsequently, the Department of Agriculture provided staff at Telefomin, who assist both the training aspect and the fish and livestock projects which the Council has, and hopes, to introduce to its area.

Rural development in this area is poor, but the introduction of the Council has enabled - in the earlier absence of the Department of Agriculture - the organisation to be ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ formed to assist this aspect of development and has resulted in the formation of a fresh foods and vegetable market whose sales, by the 30th June, 1969, ~~xxx~~ in its first 8 months of operation, will amount to \$650. Road development and entry/outlet to the Newak consumer need (negotiation to supply Newak General Hospital with foods and vegetables backloaded in administration aircraft charters is nearly finalised) will further assist local money earning efforts.

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GALL

West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

3rd March, 1969.

Mr. Gideon Bundari,
Local Government Assistant,
TELEFOMIN.

Patrol Instructions - Telefomin Patrol No. 6 - 1968/69,
Telefomin L. G. Council Elections.

As electoral equipment will be arriving Telefomin to-morrow, would you please prepare, as discussed previously, to depart Telefomin on Wednesday 5th March, 1969, for the purpose of conducting elections in the Eliptamin and the Urapmin/Tifalmin areas of the Telefomin Local Government Council area. The patrol is a special purpose patrol, and in accordance with statutory requirement, the elections are to be completed by the 20th March.

Mr. D. McCombe, Cadet Patrol Officer will accompany you on the Eliptamin portion of the patrol for the purpose of learning local government electoral procedure. An Interpreter will also accompany you.

When conducting the elections in each ward, please take every opportunity to disseminate local government propaganda, to give further education to the people in the process and procedure and purpose of elections, to publicise the work of the Telefomin Local Government Council - especially in developmental work - to hear the views of the people with respect to their Council and to remind them of the forth-coming tax collection next August.

Remind constituents also that on this occasion the newly elected Councillors will remain in office for a term of two years.

Take a patrol advance with you, but I should like to think that as it is a local government patrol and not administration that the people will seek no remuneration for patrol carrying, as with your last tax collection patrol.

This is a special purpose patrol and the format of your covering patrol report should follow the requirements of circular letter, 67-1-0 dated 21st June, 1968, from the Director of District Administration. Each copy of the report is to be complete in all respects, i.e., a copy of these instructions and your patrol map, is to be included with each copy of your report.

Have a good trip.

J. L. Gall
(J. L. Gall)
Assistant District Commissioner

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT.

Report No. Telefomin Report No. 6-1968/69.

Sub - District Telefomin.

District. West Sepik.

Council/Non-Council Area Telefomin Local Government Council Area.

Patrol Conducted by. Mr. Gideon Bundari.

Designation. Local Government Assistant.

Area Patrol. Part of Telefomin Local Government Council Area. Eliptamin, Urapmin and Tifalmin Census Divisions.

Personal Accompanying Patrol. Mr. D.Mc Combe, (C.P.O.), 2 members of R.P.&N.G.C., President of Council and 1 Interpreter.

Duration of Patrol. 5/3/69 - 12/3/69 & 14/3/69 - 19/3/69 = 14 days.

Date and Duration of last D.D.A. Patrol to Area. 26/2/68 - 20/3/68 = 24 days.

Objects of Patrol. Second General Election for Telefomin Local Government Council. Beside Election talks on Political Education and Local Government was carried out.

Total Population of Area Patrolled. 2,590 population.

Map Reference. Patrol Map Attached.

Village Population Register. Village population Register not enclosed.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TELEFOMIN PATROL No. 8-1968/69.

TELEFOMIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA.

- 5/3/69 Departed Telefomin Station at 11.00am. arrived Terapdavip at 4.00pm. Spent night at Terapdavip.
- 6/3/69 Held Election at Terapdavip and given talks on Local Government, Election and Political Education by me at the end of the Election. Departed Terapdavip at 9.05am. arrived Awunkamin at 11.05am. Spent night at Awunkamin.
- 7/3/69 Held Election at Awunkamin and the Councillor was unopposed elected. Carried out talks on Local Government, Election and Political Education by me. Departed Awunkamin at 9.45am. arrived Tagetemtigin at 11.30am. Held Election at Tagetemtigin and the Councillor was unopposed elected. Talks on Local Govt., Election and Political Education was carried out by me. Spent night at Tagetemtigin.
- 8/3/69 Departed Tagetemtigin at 9.30am. arrived Terapdavip at 12.30pm. spent night at Terapdavip.
- 9/3/69 Departed Terapdavip at 9.00am. arrived Wolbil at 11.00am. Spent night at Wolbil.
- 10/3/69 Held Election at Wolbil and the Councillor was unopposed elected. Talks on Local Government, Election and Political Education was carried out by me. Departed Wolbil at 11.30am. arrived Komduvip at 3.15pm. Held Election at Komduvip and the Councillor was unopposed elected. Talks on Local Government, Election and Political Education was carried out by me. Spent night at Komduvip.
- 11/3/69 Departed Komduvip at 8.00am. arrived Inantigin at 12.00 noon. Held Election at Inantigin and the Councillor was unopposed elected. Talks on Local Government, Election and Political Education was carried out by me.
- 12/3/69 Departed Inantigin at 8.30am. arrived Telefomin Station at 2.30 pm. Afternoon checked on the Election Returns and spent night at Telefomin.

14/3/69 Departed Telefomin Station at 10.30am. arrived Kamovip at 3.30pm. spent night at Kamovip.

15/3/69 Departed Kamovip at 9.30am. arrived Okbilavip at 2.30pm. spent night at Okbilavip.

16/3/69 Sunday observed at Okbilavip.

17/3/69 Held Election at Okbilavip and the Councillor was unopposed elected. Talks on Local Government, Election and Political Education was carried out by me. Spent night at Okbilavip.

18/3/69 Departed Okbilavip at 8.00am. arrived Milemtavip at 8.30am. Held Election at Milemtavip and the Councillor was unopposed elected. Talks on Local Government, Election and Political Education was carried out by me. Departed Milemtavip at 11.30 am. arrived Okbilavip at 12.00 noon. Departed Okbilavip at 12.30pm. arrived Kamovip at 5.30pm. spent night at Kamovip.

19/3/69. Held Election at Kamovip and the Councillor was unopposed elected. Talks on Local Government, Election and Political Education was carried out by me. Departed Kamovip at 11.30am. arrived Telefomin Station at 5.30pm.

End of the Patrol.

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GIBSON BUNDARI, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT.

PATROL REPORT No. 6-1968/69.

SPECIAL PATROL.

(i) Patrol Report Jacket:

(ii) Patrol Diary: My Patrol Diary is attached to my Patrol Report.

(iii) Telefomin Second General Election: This patrol was carried out mainly for the Telefomin Local Government Council second General Election. This patrol was carried out to Eliptamin Urapmin and Tifalmin census Divisions. The patrol was scheduled to depart Telefomin Station on 3rd. March 1969 but it was delayed until 5th. March 1969, because Ballot Papers delayed in arriving to Telefomin. During the election, the additional talks on Local Government, ~~Kixitix~~ Election and Political Education was carried out by me. These talks were carried out at the end of the election in every Polling Centers. The people in the area showed the election team that they were very clear with the Election and it's procedures.

The Election was achieved within the proper time without incident. It is also very interesting that the members in nine (9) Wards in the Three (3) Census Divisions were all unopposed elected ans also they were previous members of the Telefomin Council. The patrol was carried out with no complaint from the people.

Political Development:

Local Government. The Local Government in the ~~xxx~~ area was started last yea and the people of the area are not very clear about the Local Government Council, w which is of cause it a new thing to the Telefomin area.

Local Government Councillors. The Councillors in the Telefomin Local Government Council are just begining to understant their rols and ~~xx~~ functions. In few years time the Councillors might know their procedures and the Local Government functions.

Political Education. The Political Development in the are is very small. I carried out the Political Education in the area during the Council Election. The Political Education in area is carried out by the Officers of the District Administration when they go out on patrol. At my point of view, I would like to say that the Political Education in the Telefomin Council are would be a continuation process. I would say that, if any Administration patrol carries out in the area, then the Officers have to understant that the Political Education is a big task in the area.

Economic. General Rural Development. The Economic Development in the area is very poor. This is because no one in the area show them how to grow crops or where they could grow them. There is no ~~Rural~~ Rural Development in the area, because nobody has been introduced in the area.

Activities of Development Department. The Administration haven't started Department of Agriculture Stocks and Fisheries in Telefomin, or train someone how to grow and crop. The Telefomin Local Government Council has just started to develop a Rural Development and the Administration provided the Council, one Assistant Rural Development Officer and one Agriculture Assistant. I hope within the few years, the Farmer Trainees will finish their Training from the Council and they might go back ~~xxx~~ to their villages and show the people in the villages.

Processing and Marketing. Marketing is in a small scale, which they grow only enough crop for their own use. Marketing is the only way to find the money in the Telefomin area to pay the Council tax. Marketing is improving since the Council took over the market from the Administration.

Village Cash Crop Expansion. The main crop in the Telefomin area is Taro, Sweet Potatoes and Banana which they use them as cash crops. Apart from these crops, they grow some European Vegetables in a very small scale for the purpose of marketing. In the future, when the Rural Development in this area improve all these vegetables will be grown in a big scale.

Social. Education and Health. The Education in the area is very small, which is because there are not enough Primary "T" Schools in the area. There is only one Primary "T" School which is known as Telefomin Primary "T" School which runs by the Administration. It is situated $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away from the Telefomin Government Station. There are few small village schools which run by the Australian Baptist Mission in the area.

The Health Services in the area is run by the Administration, and partly by the Australian Baptist Mission. There are three Aid Posts in the whole of the Council area. The villages are not very clean, and the housing in the area is in a low standard, and the village sanitations are not very good.

Community Education. No Community Education course has been introduced in the area, but Council is proposing to start it. Councillors and their wives were given a Community Development Course lasting 10 days. There are few Village Women's Club in the area.

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TELEFOMIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTION REPORT.

RETURNS.

- (a) Statistical Returns: Statistical Returns in accordance with Form 10 & 11 attached with Election Returns.
- (b) Election Report:
- (1) The talks on pre-election was ~~xxx~~ given during the gathering of the New Year and also given out the Election Programme to the Council members. There was further talks carried out during the gathering of the Army's, visit to Telefomin, and also notification of General Election was sent out to all the villages Two weeks ahead.
- (II) Manner of Election: The Election was held in a secret ballot, and nine polling places were used during the election. Sixteen (16) days were used during the election. There were no assistance required during the election which of course all the members elected were all unopposed elected. This was only Eliptamin, Urapmin and Tifalmin census division. It is very interesting that all the members in this three census divisions were all unopposed elected and also they are all previous members of the Council.
- (III) Feminine Interest in Election: All the female in the area showed the election team that they all very interested in Council Election. None of the women were nominated or stand for the election.
- (iv) Incidents, if any: The election patrol was carried out in a right manner with no difficulty. The voters in the area did not rise up any complaint concerning the election, but there was a man from Eliptamin area who was hitting his sister with an axe and he was sent to Telefomin Station by a Cadet & Patrol Officer who accompanied to election patrol. The people in the area were very interested with the election.
- (v) Absenteesism: There were not many people who were away from election. It is about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the population who are working outside the District, and they are short-term absentees.
- (VI) Analysis of Statistics: The following Forms were attached for analysis of Statistics :-

Form 9
Form 10
Form 11.

(vii) Summary: All the ~~XXXXXX~~ present members in the area were all previous members of the Council and they were all unopposed elected. At the every Polling Centers the additional talks on Council Election were given to the people before closing up the nomination. Also talks on Local Government Council and bit about Political Education were carried out at the end of the election in every polling centers. At my point of view I would like to say the people in the area are very clear with the election, another way of saying is the people in the area know how to choose a good leader or a councillor to lead them in a good way.

(viii) Appendix: All the newly elected members in the area were all previously a member of the Council.

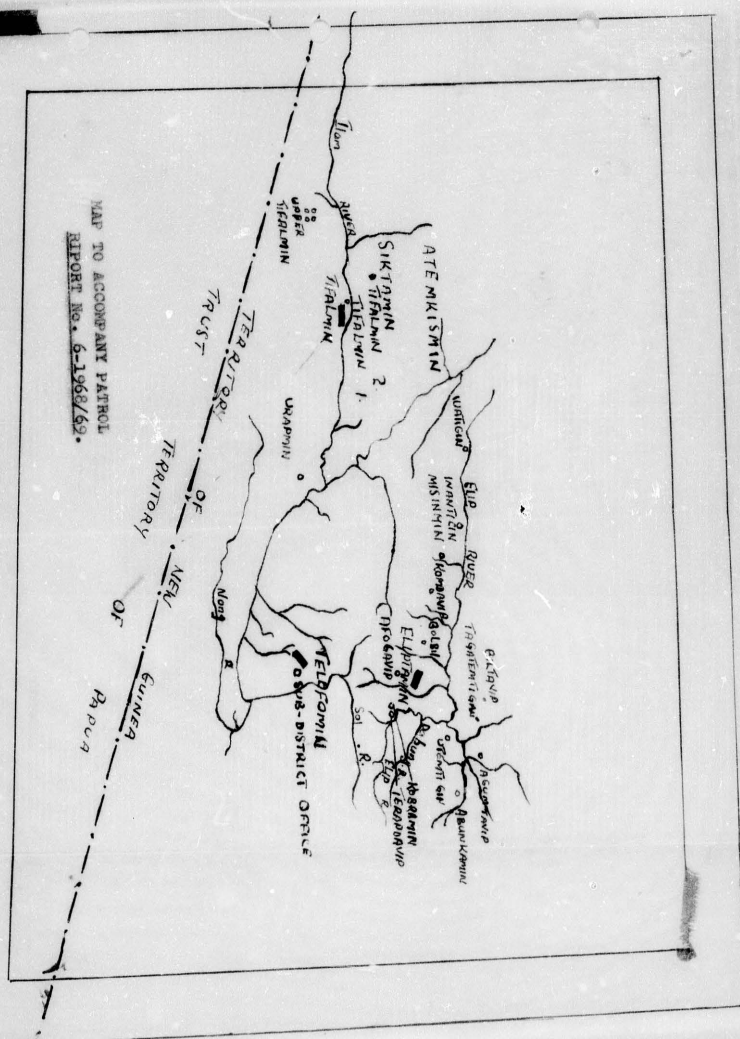
(c) Elected Office Bearers: The elected Office Bearers as follows:-

President; Kamesep Bureibengia

Vice President; Ferapnok Konsep.

These Office Bearers have been elected during the first General Meeting on 3/4/69. These Office Bearers were re-elected.

MAP TO ACCOMPANY PATROL
REPORT No. 6-1968/69.



DIRECTOR SSA 110



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... Telefomin 8 - 125 / 78

Subdistrict..... Telefomin

District..... Telefomin

Type of Patrol..... Special purposes

Patrol Conducted by..... E. S. Hall Assistant District Commissioner

Area Patrolled } Portion of Telefomin and Eit/Emin valleys of
(Council and/or } Telefomin L.S. Council area, portion of Un
Census Division's.) } river valley C.D. and portion of Tokin-SEA
C.D.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

1. E. S. Hall, District Officer

2. One Medical Officer

3. One Constable, I.P.S.C.

4. One Constable, I.P.S.C.

Duration of Patrol—from 5/1/58 To 12/31/58

No. of Days..... 12 Days

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : Gaboron area 12/5, S. river 12/5, Tokin-SEA 12/5

Date..... Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) : Telefomin L.S. Council elections
assess Telefomin-SEA road feasibility
assess Telefomin-SEA road feasibility
assess road construction

Total Population of Area Patrolled.....

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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E. S. Hall
District Commissioner.

67-16-68

23rd May, 1969.

District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
YANIMO.


PATROL NO. TELEFOMIN 8/68-69.

Your reference 67-1-7 of 12th May, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. P.S. Gall, Assistant District Commissioner, to Parts of TELEFOMIN, ELIPTAMIN, TEKIN-BAK and OM RIVER Census Divisions.

A good appraisal of the need for developing an adequate road network to increase economic activity in the area patrolled.

I presume that Mr. Gall has, by now, forwarded the necessary submission for Rural Development Funds to your office.


(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

c.c.
Mr. P.S. Gall,
Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
TELEFOMIN.
West Sepik District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference 67-1-7
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District Administration.

District Office,
VANIMO
West Sepik District,
12th May, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KOROROEVA.

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SUBJECT: TELEFOMIN PATROL NO. 8/67-9.

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the above patrol to part of the Telefomin Local Government Council area and various portions of the Om River and Tekin-Bak Census Divisions by Mr. P. Gall Assistant District Commissioner.

- (i) Patrol Report in duplicate.
- (ii) Covering letter, PR. 8-1968/69 of 17 April, 1969 from the ADC Telefomin.
- (iii) Copy of my comments, 67-1-7 of 12 May, 1969 to the ADC Telefomin.

2. For your information please.

J. E. Wakeford
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(J. E. WAKEFORD) *WJ*
District Commissioner

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67-1-7

District Office,
VANIMQ,
West Sepik District.

12th May, 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN

SUBJECT:- Telefomin Patrol No. 8/68-69.

Receipt of the Report arising out of the above patrol is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Please compile and forward a submission for Rural Development Funds in respect of the Telefomin - Eliptamin road. Peruse all relevant circulars and correspondence relating to Rural Development before compiling the submission. Ensure that it contains the necessary information relating to the self help component and its cash equivalent also Council participation will have to be stressed. The submission must follow the format of Lumi Loop Road submission of which you have a copy but not in the form which you predecessor previously forwarded and which was rejected by the District Co-ordinating Committee. The submission can be typed on duplicopy paper and the required number of copies run off at this office. Six copies of the map will be required.

3. A good patrol.

J.E. Wakeford
.....
(J.E. Wakeford) *WJ*

District Commissioner.

c.c. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
ENKEDOBU

P.R. 8-1968/69

CALL

West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

17th April, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

Report - Patrol - Feramin/Telefomin/Oksapmin
Telefomin Patrol No. 8 - 1968/1969.

Enclosed is Telefomin patrol report No.8 - 1968/69,
with associated papers and camping allowance claims, for your
consideration, please.

The submission was delayed by the fact that at the
completion of the journey, the patrol remained at Oksapmin from
the 18th to the 31st March, 1969, for purposes of Station inspection,
before returning to Telefomin. Involvement in an Community
Development Course and Council estimates meeting then occurred.

As the writer undertook the patrol no further comment
is warranted here.

P. S. Gail

(P. S. Gail)
Assistant District Commissioner

Telefomin Patrol No. 8 - 1968/69

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Patrol Diary.

5th March, 1969:

Departed Telefomin Station 10.30am, crossed Sol River, Marvan River (boundary between Telefomin and Peramin traditional lands), Om River at 2.20pm and reached Semintivip (Kialimin) at 3.00pm. Track adequate for improvement to vehicular standard.

6th March, 1969:

Elections for Kialimin ward held at Semintivip. Election conducted by Mr. B. Waninara, L.S.M.. Inspected water supply and aid post. Group discussions re development and local government.

7th March, 1969:

Elections for Pasukain ward conducted by Mr. Waninara, at Semintivip. Movement to Okimin - 1 hour to 3.30 pm.

8th March, 1969:

Okimin Korboremin ward elections held. Okimin and Korboremin separate entities but a composite village. No rest house, but one to be erected. Development and local government discussions well received. Seed distribution.

9th March, 1969:

Observed Okimin. Discussions with the 3-elected Peramin area Councillors. Discussions re area roads.

10 March, 1969:

Departed Okimin 8.20 am - wet track - alternative route following Sayik River (partly) thence connecting with Telefomin/Semintivip road. Telefomin reached 1.30pm. President Kanesep re movement Eliptamin.

11th March, 1969:

10.50am departed Telefomin proceeding north taking one of 2 alternative road routes to Eliptamin. To Terapdavi, arriving 4.20pm. Discussions and village inspection. Healthy citrus.

12th March, 1969:

Departed Terapdavi 8.10 am, after inspection of aid post, following Elip River, then westward across saddle to head of the Om River. Followed Om River - through isolated dense casuarina grove in very loose shale material - fossil specimens to confluence rivers Om and Anson. Camp struck at 4.35 pm. Terapdavi (Eliptamin) gardening lands encroach Om headwaters.

13th March, 1969:

Broke camp 3.30am followed Om River until 3.00pm then moved eastward to Afi River reached at 3.45pm. Unsuccessful attempts to cross. Camp struck at 5.30pm. on west bank of the Afi. Traversed good rain forest area during day. Still within Eliptamin hunting and gardening areas.

14th March, 1969:

Patrol across Afi River by 1.15pm. Reached River Din at 4.40pm and camp established. Main Om River valley sighted to north eastward. Encroachment of the Om Valley by Telefomin (eastern Eliptamin) people, by conquest extends to the Fugi River - a tributary on the southern arm of the Om Valley.

15th March, 1969:

Re-erected Din River camp at 8.00am and headed upriver, thence diverged easterly direction to Fugi River reached at 12.40pm. Bridged and across by 1.40pm moving south-easterly and climbing into moss forest again. Crossed large landslide, a kaolin like clay. Entered first of Okesamin gardens, camp struck at 5.00pm in a marshy moss forest. Fairly high density good timber, consistent, and one ridge of heavy pine cover for some distance. Rain most of day.

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16th March, 1969:

8:45am broke camp, good distance covered sidling round mountain spurs, no difficult obstacles, rain all day, to a thick pandanus perimeter to a bull-rush swamp in an enclosed valley midway between On and Tekin Rivers. Timber density earlier part of day prevailed. Road feasibility still holds good. Camp established at 5:30pm. at between 6000 ft and 7000 ft, cold & wet.

17th March, 1969:

Camp struck at 9:15am, rain, crossed several undulations into Tekin Valley, river source reached at 12:45pm. First Te in village, Tekap or Tekmin, reached at 1:45pm., and continued on to Kusana rest house, arriving 5:00pm.. Track very greasy and hard to negotiate even for carriers due to rain. Tekin villages connected by a track of motor-cycle standard with very little work. Pandanus swamp at head of valley, which is impressive and picturesque, and fertile. Vegetables grown of exceedingly good quality.

18th March, 1969:

Discussions at the Baptist Mission, Tekin.
Departed at 10:15am for Oksapmin Station arriving at 1:00pm.. Road inspection en route - considerable progress since last visit, well advanced to vehicular stage almost whole length. Petrol completed and Oksapmin Station inspection (report No. 2-1968/69) commenced.

Patrol Report.

Introduction:

Following the first year of Telefonin Local Government Council activity in creating a market outlet for locally grown fresh foods and vegetables, as well as introducing other types of business, the need arises for road extension to facilitate these rural cropping activities as well as administrative and social needs.

This patrol was prompted mainly by the enthusiasm of Mr. K. Dureibengin, Telefonin Council President, who, on behalf of his Elijamin constituents, is keen to commence the proposed Telefonin/Terapdaviv road and to examine this road extension possibility from Terapdaviv, located in the eastern Elijamin Valley, to Elijamin group hunting and gardening areas at the headwaters of the On Riv. The patrol continued to Okapmin patrol post to make a routine inspection.

Opportunity was also taken, while Mr. Dureibengin was engaged in his own constituency election, to visit the Peramin Valley to observe the elections there and to examine the government tracks in that area with a view to the possibility of their being up-graded to vehicular standards, by voluntary self-help effort.

The patrol lasted from the 5th to the 16th March, 1969, inclusive, a total of 14 days.

Mr. D. McCombe, Cadet Patrol Officer, accompanied, with the view mainly of considering road extension proposals and, also, matters of administration generally at Okapmin Station, of which he will be Officer-in-Charge.

The format of this report is that prescribed for the special purposes type patrol. The Okapmin Station inspection report is submitted separately. Likewise, the Telefonin Local Government Council election report is a separate submission and that aspect covered herein lightly only.

Telefonin Council Elections - Peramin Area:

The elections were conducted by Mr. W. Mainaris, Local Government Assistant, who had also conducted the initial Telefonin Council elections last year.

The manner in which he conducted the elections was extremely thorough and the ease with which they were achieved is indicative of the excellent ground-work to electoral procedures which he provided the three Peramin wards at the initial, 1968, elections.

In each of the three wards two candidates contested the elections and in two of the wards the sitting Councillor was deposed. All conduct was good, interest keen, and I gained the impression that the selection of Councillor had not been predetermined.

Road Feasibility - Telefonin Station to Peramin Valley:

A vehicular road could connect Telefonin Station to Gendaaviv (Kialikain), Laguna Pasakain and to Okrain/Koroborenwin, the centres for each of the three Council electoral wards in the Peramin Valley.

Attempts had been made to erect construction of parts of this road previously but discontinued. There are no technical or geographical difficulties to construction of this road network. The On Riv., situated near and west of Telefonin Station, provides the only, but not difficult, obstacle along the course of the road.

The course is to be straightened, from which the Peramin

people are keen to obstruct construction of the road, under Council auspices. They have been advised that a further inspection of the revised track by an Officer now and should be made before the pilot track is cut. They are fully aware and appreciative of the benefits road construction and access to Telefonin Station will bring.

Once the slight modifications to route are made, final inspection by an Officer will enable work to proceed. The earlier work on this road and the lack of major obstacles will make this project a relatively simple task, and will depend to major degree upon the enthusiasm of the Barain and Telefonin peoples through whose lands the road would progress.

Road Feasibility - Telefonin Station to Okesamin Station:

As mentioned earlier this aspect of the patrol was prompted by the enthusiasm of the Telefonin Council President, Mr. K. Barabengin, who, together with the Elijasin people, are keen to have a road connection with Telefonin and an extension from Elijasin to Elijasin group gardening lands in the On River headwaters area.

Also, road extensions from Okesamin Station to Tekin Baptist Mission, and thence to Tekin at the western extreme of the Tekin Valley, are currently in progress or under consideration, and an inspection at Okesamin Station was made, and these factors induced the patrol and its route, primarily to traverse the area, assess road construction feasibility and examine those portions where road work is in progress or examination. Whereas a substantial portion of this proposal is under consideration or progress, the achievement of the ultimate aim - Telefonin/Okesamin connection - is a long range plan, if at all, but each stage will induce and precipitate extension, especially as developmental potential and other factors motivate.

The road may be considered in 4 sections;

1. Telefonin Station - Terapdaviv Village (Elijasin);

This stage proceeds northward from Telefonin across the Mt. Tag Mountains to Terapdaviv which is located at the eastern end of the Elijasin Valley. This area has a large population, an active group, is a productive area in vegetables, coffee is grown but not produced, and the people are pressing for the road to enable easier access for vegetables to market and the social and administrative advantages to be gained.

The lead given here would encourage and motivate similar roadwork in other parts of the Council area. The Elijasin are noted for their enthusiasm, vigour and interest in development.

This sector has previously been examined and, with respect to the Telefonin-Okesamin ultimate aim, this stage would have the highest economic justification and priority.

The Telefonin Local Government Council is allocating funds in its 1963/70 estimates for this work to commence, the initial phase being the pilot track construction.

2. Terapdaviv - On River Headwaters;

The next stage traverses over On Valley land which has been acquired (by conquest) gardening, and hunting domain of eastern Elijasin Valley groups. The area through which it would pass is rain forest, well-timbered, and appears to have a good developmental potential. Whereas the Elijasin people wish this portion to be included with the Telefonin/Terapdaviv sector as one extension unit, it is assessed as third priority in the total road extension to Okesamin, and will receive consideration when the Telefonin/Terapdaviv portion is completed. The barrier between the Elijasin and the On River sources is low mountain saddle which presents no difficult construction problem.

3. On River - Tekin River Headwaters;

Only gardening settlements are located in this region. A group of people from the Bak Valley of the

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Okeapain Administrative Area was not making gardens in lands from which they had ostensibly retreated before attacks from the Telefomin area and migrated to the Pak Valley. These people informed the Telefomin Council Resident, who accompanied the patrol, that should road extension pass through this area, they would again resettle there. The road construction is feasible, this area would have last, or fourth, priority, due to its relative isolation and lack of population.

4. Tekin Roadwaters - Okeapain Station:

This section has two stages; (a) that from Okeapain Administration Station to Tekin Baptist Mission which is well progressed towards completion at vehicular level, and (b) from Tekin Mission to Tekap Village at the western end of the Tekin Valley which portion can only provide fair weather only access for motor cycle for most of its length.

This road would provide access to most of the Okeapain administrative area population, and covers an area which grows vegetables of high quality and quantity for which there is an existing regular outlet to market at Wewak. Considerable loss occurs with market vegetables as the Tekin Mission airstrip, its outlet point, is not a good strip and therefore at times closed. Also, the maximum outgoing uplift cargo limit is very low, adding to vegetable losses when amounts harvested for market each week exceeds uplift quota. The Okeapain-Tekap road, at vehicular level, besides enabling greater future vegetable production (of which this area is capable) would ensure permanent outlet to Wewak market, as the Tekin and Okeapain airstrips are rarely closed simultaneously, and Okeapain uplift is considerably heavier than that from Tekin.

Subsistence - Telefomin/Okeapain Road:

The question arises, of course, as to whether such a proposal, in whole or in part; in long range or short range development, is warranted.

The Telefomin/Tekapdevit (Miytamin) and the Okeapain/Tekap sections justify early construction as they provide access to the higher population areas of this Sub-District with definite immediate developmental potential and for reasons and advantages economic, social and administrative. This the more when pressure is primarily motivated by the people themselves, and construction largely voluntary on a self help basis.

The ultimate project in the long range is also linked with two associated factors namely (a) the degree to which the Telefomin Sub-District may become incorporated in the Highland economic sphere, (b) the feasibility of Okeapain/Lake Kopingo road access, of which I am unfamiliar but have heard conflicting views, and (c) depending upon (a) and (b), the suitability of the Telefomin Sub-District valleys for large scale crops of the Highland type.

There is a need for internal administrative connection between the Telefomin and Okeapain Stations to enable a proper administrative relationship not possible with the current irregular air services and the vagaries of flying conditions encountered in this area at periodic times of the year.

Moreover, at this early stage, the patrol objective was to view the two middle sectors, to inspect current work on the Okeapain/Tekap sector and to discuss with the Telefomin Council Resident, Mr. S. Dava Bengin, aspects of road construction along the Telefomin/Tekapdevit sector on which the Miytamin people appear keen to make an early start.

Okeapain Station Inspection:

The other specific item for which this patrol was undertaken was an inspection of Okeapain Station which was made between the 18th and 31st March, 1963, and covered by Telefomin memorandum of inspection No. 2 - 1963/6.

Mission Report:Political:Telefonin Local Government Council Elections - Forum:

During the course of political education talks given at the conclusion of Telefonin Council elections at the 3 centres visited, it became evident that people of the area are strongly averse to any suggestion that women candidates for Local Government elections be considered. It may be some time before a breakdown in this attitude occurs, nontheless eligibility of women was stressed during talks.

Local Government, Okapaia:

The Tekin Valley, through which the patrol moved to Okapaia, is a high quality and quantity area for vegetables with a small current market outlet to Newak.

With an Administration Primary 'I' School opened at Okapaia Station earlier this year; with road extension proposals for the Teremba (Okapaia), Tekin, Sak and Bimen Valleys in progress and examination; and if the Department of Agriculture can offer a modicum of assistance to the Okapaia area as requested in correspondence, there is no reason why local government should not be introduced to embrace the Valleys above-mentioned within 3 to 4 years. This objective and these aspects of development are being actively pursued and have raised considerable interest among area Village Officials who gathered at Okapaia Station - on request - for discussions with the patrol, including Mr. Karebengia, the Telefonin Council President.

Economic:

Associated with the road development possibilities and in part current proposals with respect to the Telefonin/Okapaia connection is the economic advantages which may accrue.

Development of the Telefonin Council market activity has reached a level where Telefonin Local and Station needs have been absorbed although supply is gradually increasing.

The Telefonin to Elipitania road sector will considerably increase the supply of fresh foods and vegetables to the Council market. Outlets at Vanimo and Newak are sought, and one with the General Hospital, Newak, utilising backlog on government charters, is currently being negotiated.

English potatoes grown in the Tekin Valley should find a ready market at Newak and outlet for these and increased vegetable quantities - to Newak - is currently under examination. The Decep/Okapaia road will considerably facilitate this.

A factor newly introduced to Telefonin life - and one which causes thought - is that of taxation to Council. Personal tax, to government, was not introduced or known to this area. Insofar as the people readily accept their Council tax responsibility to a pleasing degree, the matter of revenue earning avenues is continually raised, as with this patrol. The Forum, as with the rest of the Council area, has a moderately broad-based money earning capacity to satisfy both Council taxation and social and personal needs. Additional new sources of money, introduced by the Council were sale of fresh foods and vegetables and artefacts. It was found, during the course of this patrol, as previously, that considerable interest is given to this aspect of increasing personal incomes. Other money earning activities can be introduced, and are being examined, and the people can readily be guided in this regard, the Council taxation providing a noticeable pressure which people do not try to avoid.

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Social:

A disturbing matter raised with the patrol was the number of Peramin children not attending school. This is due to a parental reluctance for children to go to Telefomin for week long periods, and to the normal cultural conflicts in such areas, of education versus instruction in subsistence gardening techniques and rites. Councillors and people were advised that the establishment of a Primary 'A' School in the Peramin area at this stage was not contemplated, that a needs survey was first required, and also that the high population density Mliltamin area had greater priority for a school and that this was under consideration.

Miscellaneous:

Although the Peramin Valley has three wards, Councillors and census units, only one rest house is established, at Semintiv (Kialikmin). New rest houses are to be established at the other two centres, in order to minimize inconvenience to village elders who now have to walk to Semintiv, and to enable visiting Administration personnel to have closer and broader contact with each community and its activities and problems in its own environment.

P. S. Gall

(P. S. Gall)
Assistant District Commissioner.

WAINA SOWANDA CENSUS DIVISION.

SITUATION REPORT

(i) Political.

Local Government:

Refer Area Study (L).

Local Government Councillors:

Refer Area Study (D) (b).

House of Assembly:

Some of the people have a very vague idea of what the House of Assembly is; the majority has no idea at all. Refer further - comments under Area Study (L).

House of Assembly Member:

The Member is Wesani Twoksim, from the Telefomin area. He has never visited this Division.

Political Education:

Talks on the House of Assembly and Local Government were given at each village during the patrol. Umeda and Punda people were attentive, but at the other villages, particularly Waina and Sowanda the people did not even suspend their conversations. One is completely ignored at these villages unless one is being amusing.

The Punda and Umeda people only give attention because they know it is expected of them. They are merely being polite. During all these discussions, I could discern no interest whatever in the subject.

(ii) Economic.

Refer Area Study (M) and (N).

General Rural Development:

On asking some of the returned contract labourers whether they were interested in cash cropping, they replied that they were. I am sure that this group has a realization of the differences between their area and the one in which they have been working (coastal Bougainville). I feel that they will be willing to do something to improve their lot if given an opportunity and plenty of encouragement.

(iii) Social.

Education:

During the patrol Umeda people requested that "---a Medical Orderly, Teacher, or trade store be put in the village." When asked if the people would make it difficult for a Medical Orderly or Teacher as they had done in the past, they replied that they had learnt a lesson.

Since the patrol, a Catechist from the Catholic Mission at Imonda has started preparing a school at Umeda village. The Councillor from Punda has promised to send some of the children from his village to attend this school.

Although schools were established by the Dutch in about 1959, and the last school closed in Umeda in 1965, there is not one literate person in the area. The Catechists were constantly reporting that most of the children were absent from the schools. At times no children would attend for three to four weeks - they would be accompanying their parents into the gardens and bush. Hence, the attitude towards education up to now has been very negative.

As yet there are no children attending the Imonda Primary "T" School, but the Mission intends to encourage any good students from the village school at Umeda to proceed to Imonda Primary "T" School.

(iii) Social (cont'd.)

Health:

The first voluntary patients from this area arrived at the Station on 26/1/69. They were from Punda, and it was due to the combined efforts of the Administration who have been encouraging this for many years but without success, the Parish Priest who returned to Imonda from a visit here the previous day, and the Councillor of Punda.

Several women from Punda also brought their babies on the same day to visit the Infant Welfare Nurses. This involved a two day walk.

On the grimmer side, the Priest reported that one child was suffering terribly from ulcers at Waina, and would probably die within a week or so, but the father would not bring it to the Station. This, unfortunately, is the more typical example.

I think, though that we have made a breakthrough with the people's attitude to medical treatment.

Law and Order:

The people only approach the Administration as a last resort for redress in legal matters. The traditional pay-back system is first tried. If a man has no brother to help him in a fight, or is greatly outnumbered, he will approach the Administration.

On the other hand, the constant threat of Police action has reduced the amount of killing.

Census absentees pose a problem. They are almost impossible to apprehend, as they hide in the bush. I have not prosecuted any absentees yet, nor threatened to, I merely remind the people of the reasons to come.

Any patrol attempting to apprehend a person has a very difficult task indeed. An attack is invariably attempted on the patrol. The last two patrols have been threatened, through intermediaries, that they would be attacked if any arrests were made. The other patrol last year was threatened and had to withdraw before being reinforced. Over 30 arrests were subsequently made. Refer Appendix "B".

(iv) Miscellaneous.

Attitude of the People to Administration Officers & Patrols:

In all villages patrols are given a friendly reception. However, many people are wary of the intentions of patrols. I could sense this wariness with several individuals with whom I spoke. We are not yet trusted. It is as though they are expecting us suddenly to turn round and do something unpredicted. Or perhaps they have predicted what it will be.

This attitude, however is being noticeably overcome, as we become more familiar to the people, and they gain confidence.

Sowanda Helicopter Pad:

The Sowanda Councillor approached me about building a "ples balus" for the helicopter. I asked him the reason for one, but he did not reply except to say that he wanted a helicopter to land there. I found nothing to indicate cargo cult.

It was noticed in Mr. O'Donnell's report No. 2 of 1965/66 that the Sowandas had started work on a "ples balus", and were told to stop it. Mr. O'Donnell reported that he could find nothing to indicate cargo cult at that stage.

M.A. Pryke

(M.A. PRYKE)
Assistant District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number... Talefomin Patrol Report No. 9-1968/69.

Subdistrict... Talefomin Sub-District.

District... West Sepik District.

Type of Patrol... Special Purpose.

Patrol Conducted by... D. McCombe, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled } Part Council Area.

(Council and/or

Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

I.R.E. & M.G.O.

L.O.C. President.

30 Natives.

Duration of Patrol—from 11/4/69 To 15/4/69

No. of Days... Four (4).

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : N/A

Date..... Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) Work Pilot Track for Future Road.

Total Population of Area Patrolled N/A

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

16, 5/1969

J E Wakeford

District Commissioner.

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67-16-71

6th June, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
YANLMO.

PATROL NO. TELEFOMIN 9/68-69.

Your reference 67-1-7 of 11th May, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. D. McCombe, Cadet Patrol Officer to Part of ELIPTAMIN Census Division.

A brief but informative report which indicates that there is every possibility of putting in the proposed road without untoward difficulty. I trust that the Assistant District Commissioner Telefomin is taking the necessary follow-up action required.

Future reports from Mr. McCombewill be read with great interest.

RLA
(T.W. ELLIS)
DIRECTOR.

cc:

Mr. D. McCombe,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
OKSAPMIN Patrol Post,
West Sepik District,

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
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Our Reference 67-1-7
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District Administration.

District Office,
KORORUA,
West Sepik District.
16th May, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KORORUA

SUBJECT: - Telefomin Patrol No. 9 - 1968/69.

Attached please find the following documents arising out of the patrol undertaken by Mr. D. McCoomb C.F.O. to the Nuttang Mountain area of the Telefomin Sub District.

- (i) Patrol Instructions, 67-1 of 9th April, 1969 by the A.D.C. Telefomin;
- (ii) Patrol Report in duplicate;
- (iii) Covering comments, 67-1-2 of 5th May 1969 by A.D.C. Telefomin.

2. The patrol which was of a special purpose nature was virtually a follow up to Patrol No. 8 - 1968/69 in respect of the proposed Telefomin - Elipitamin road. I have already requested a Rural Development submission in respect of this road from the A.D.C. Telefomin.

3. This was Mr. McCoomb's first report. It is a clear concise record of Mr. McCoomb's observations and as such tends to confirm my impressions that Mr. McCoomb has the potential to develop into a fine field officer.

J. E. Wakeford
District Commissioner.

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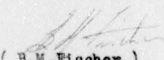
West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN,
5th. May, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT No.9 -1968/69.

1. Attached please find the original and two copies of a report covering a patrol conducted by Cadet Patrol Officer Mr. D. McCombe to the Mittag Mountains slightly to the north of Telefomin station. The sole objective of the patrol was to carry out a road feasibility survey in an endeavour to locate a possible road gradient to connect the Kliptamin Valley with the DC 3 size airstrip at Telefomin.
2. The villagers of the Kliptamin Valley constitute the most progressive element of the Telefomin Local Government Council and their enthusiasm for a road link with Telefomin has been engendered by a certain feeling of frustration in the pursuit of the economic development of their area. Since the formation of the Telefomin Local Government Council in June 1968 both the people and Councillors have been encouraged to rely more upon resources readily available locally for the development of their area. This project was first proposed in a Council Meeting and is evidence that the people have a basic understanding of the priorities necessary for development.
3. Other comments as follows:-
 - (a) The report represents a very good initial effort in patrol reporting by Mr. McCombe.
 - (b) It was necessary to set the time-limit of four days because of Mr. McCombe's immanent transfer to Oksapmin. To ensure the people's continuing enthusiasm for the project it will be vital that a follow-up patrol be made at the earliest.
 - (c) If a subsequent survey does eventually find that such a road link is indeed feasible the question of whether the initial enthusiasm of so small a population will ensure the project's completion within a reasonable time is indeed raised. I. the road can be completed successfully the people will have proved themselves "Highlanders" in every sense of the word.
4. Attached find Camping Allowance claim for your authorisation please.
5. No opportunity for further political education presented itself on this patrol.

For your consideration please.


(B.M. Fischer)
a/Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams _____
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If calling ask for _____
Mr. _____

Department of District Administration,
West Sepik District,
TELEFOMIN.

9th April, 1969.

Mr. A. McCoabe,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
TELEFOMIN.

Patrol Instructions - Telefomin Patrol No. 9 - 1968/69,
Telefomin - Terapdavip Road.

Further to our joint examination of the Telefomin-Terapdavip (Elipstein Valley) route undertaken during the course of our recently completed patrol, and subsequent discussions, will you please prepare to accompany Mr. E. Suroibengh, President, Telefomin Local Government Council, to the Pitteg Mountains, north of and behind the Telefomin Station, for a period of approximately 4 days, in order to assist him and Elipstein Councilors to mark the route - through the central sector only - for the proposed road to Terapdavip.

As discussed earlier, please give attention mainly to road gradients and water movement - with respect to the road - in this central sector.

When you have completed the task the Councilors and Elipstein and Telefomin peoples propose to install a pilot track as the first phase of this road extension.

Your patrol is of the special purpose type and the format of your patrol report will follow the requirements of circular letter 67-1-C dated 21st June, 1960, from the Director of District Administration.

P. S. Gall

(P. S. Gall)
Assistant District Commissioner

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Telefoain Patrol No. 9 - 1968/69.

Patrol Diary.

11th April 1969:

Departed from Telefoain Station at 11.00am and proceeded north to the summit of the Mittag Mountain Range. Reached the summit at 2.00pm and after resting, proceeded down the Terapdavip side for about 300yds where we set up camp in the rain at 2.30pm.

12th April 1969:

Rained all day and the men from the Eliptamin Valley did not arrive to do the cutting of the pilot track.

13th April 1969:

Departed camp site at 9.15am after waiting for the work party to arrive. Began cutting the pilot track at 9.30am and worked until 3.30pm; returned to camp arriving at 4.15pm. One short stretch of rock observed running for about 100yds but should cause little trouble. A good days work.

14th April 1969:

Departed camp site at 9.15am after waiting for rain to cease. Worked in two separate parties, one continuing on from the previous days work and the other beginning the descent on the Terapdavip side. Passed one extremely steep section of about 150yds. Work going well until interrupted by heavy rain at 1.30pm, causing all to seek shelter and as rain would not cease we returned to camp arriving 2.30pm.

15th April 1969:

Departed for Telefoain at 11.00am after cleaning all cooking utensils, checking and packing all patrol equipment. Arrived Telefoain 1.45pm.

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Telefoain Patrol No. 2 - 1948/49.

Patrol Report.

Introduction:

This report is of the special purpose type and the purpose of the patrol being to work a pilot track across the ridge-line of the Mittag Mountain Range and descend on both sides, in order to determine the feasibility of a future road being constructed over the mountains.

This patrol was prompted by the very keen and energetic Telefoain Local Government Council President, Mr H. Duroibengia, of Terapdavip the village to which the road will be constructed. He together with the other six councillors from the Eliptain Valley plus the eighteen hundred inhabitants of the valley want a road outlet to the Telefoain Station.

The gardening potential of the valley is quite good and still quite a substantial amount of ground exists which has never been used. I was able to observe some very fine gardens whilst accompanying Mr. G. Bundari, Council clerk, for four days during the Local Government Council election patrol in March.

With the advent of the Local Government Council market the people of Eliptain want a road so as to provide easier access to the market for their produce. They appear to be quite aware of the advantages of a cash economy and will strive to improve their lives socially and economically. I also observed whilst on the Local Government Council election patrol that one village had a house with a corrugated iron roof, guttering and a water tank of which the people used and were thankful for. These items were carried piece by piece and assembled in the village and they realise how much easier it would have been had there been a good road available to them.

Road Site Observations:

The pilot track although cut across the ridge-line was mainly worked on the Telefoain side of the mountain range. The reason for this being that because of previous observations this sector was considered to be the most difficult sector in the road project and that if a road could be constructed here the project as a whole would be quite feasible.

The main problem and purpose of the patrol was to discover whether, from the summit, sufficient altitude could be lost whilst at the same time maintaining a reasonable gradient so as to eventually allow the road to curve back and come inside a smaller mountain situated at the base of the larger mountain, as is shown by 'Route A' on the map. If sufficient altitude could not be lost then it would mean that the mountain range would have to be followed further to lose height and finally arrive at the station via Drollingham village. This would mean a great deal more work would be required as the distance of the road would be more than doubled and also two rivers would have to be bridged. This route is shown on the map as 'Route B'.

The intended 'Route A' has no streams as the route is kept to high ground all the way to the station and the run off of water has not had time to form any streams. Never the less there is considerable moisture and the road will have to be well drained if it is to be successful.

Pilot Track:

Work on the pilot track was conducted from our camp which was situated about 300 yards from the summit of the mountain on the Terapdavip side.

We cut a track across the ridge-line heading in a westerly direction, all the time keeping to a desired gradient and occasionally levelling off for short distances. After the first full days work I was a little concerned that we were not losing height as rapidly as I had hoped. The following day I was able to get a glimpse of the area during the morning and as a result I was more optimistic that we would be able to use 'Route A' after all.

Unfortunately bad weather set in on us and I was unable to view the situation again during the patrol, this being unfortunate as we had covered quite a considerable distance during the last few hours of the patrol.

Conclusion:

Despite the great loss of time due to extremely bad weather for the

whole duration of the patrol, I see no reason a road can not be constructed on the Telefomin side of the mountain range.

There will be difficulties, but nothing that can not be overcome with plenty of enthusiasm and hard work.

There is one sector of the pilot track which is quite steep and will require much work in the way of excavation. There is another stretch which is quite rocky, but the rock is not so tough, so plentiful or so large as to cause too much concern.

The vegetation is of the tropical alpine forest type and consequently the soil is damp and often mushy. I feel this problem of dampness will be overcome by clearing of the forest to a considerable distance in from the road so as to allow the sun to continually shine onto the road. The vegetation itself is of little concern as it is mostly light timber, moss, vines and shrubbery.

It only now remains to be seen which of the two routes will be used to continue the pilot track into the station.

Mr. K. Dureibengin and the people of Elijptamin are going to cut a pilot track from the summit of the mountain to the village of Terapdavip on their own, which will later be observed by a Patrol Officer to determine the feasibility of it. I feel sure they will do a good job on the track as I seldom had to correct them and Mr Dureibengin will be working with them also. They understand the necessity for gentle gradients and the avoidance of rivers, of which there is one large one on the Terapdavip side. This side of the mountain has a far more gentle slope and will be easier to construct a road although the distance is greater.

Problems:

Despite the feasibility of a road and the obvious advantages to the people I think there will be problems.

The main one is whether the people of the villages close to the station will construct most of the road through their own gardening land on the Telefomin side of the mountain. The only real advantage from their point of view is that the road will be an outlet for their vegetables. I have doubts as to whether this will be sufficient incentive to them to do the necessary work.

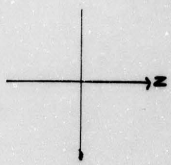
The other problem is the question of whether the enthusiasm of a relatively small population is such to do a job comparable to projects carried out in other parts of the Highlands by larger labour forces.

Apart from these problems the road is feasible from a geographic point of view.

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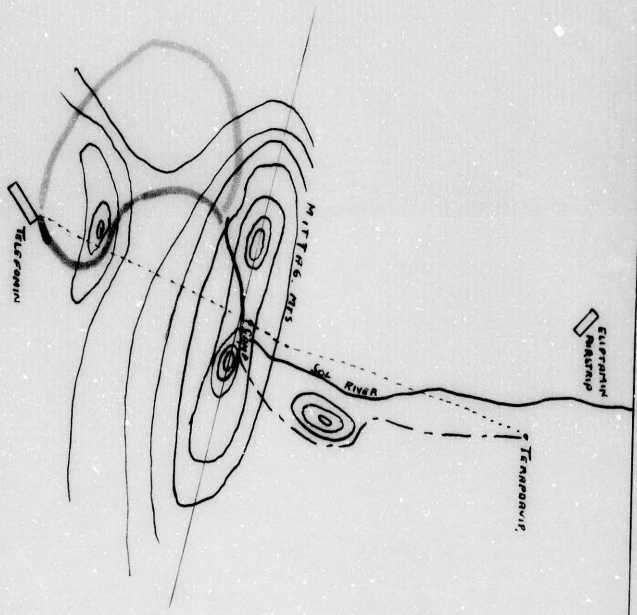
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- Foot-Track
- Pilot Track
- Proposed Route "A"
- ALTERNATIVE ROUTE "B"
- Proposed Road Site



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