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PATROL REPORTS BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT 1967-68

HUTJENA, TINPUTZ

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
2-67-68	J. Vosivai	Selau C.D.
4-67-68	A. Wallensky	North east coast Buka area
5-67-68	J.G. Stevens	Solus, Buka Is.
12-67-68	R.W. Gregory	Part of Solus, north coast, and west coast area
11-67-68	J.G. Stevens	Nissan and Pinipel C.D.
9-67-68	J.L. Wellington	Selau C.D.
10-67-68	A. Wallensky	Nissan Island

TINPUTZ

1-67-68	J.G. Stevens	Timbiboon Native reserve
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Amount
Returned
to State



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Rougaiwille Report No. 1.02.67/68.

Patrol Conducted by Mr. J. G. Steven.

Area Patrolled Timibean Native Reserve.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives Conet. ADUAN 11102.

Duration—From 31./7./19.67. to 2./8./19.67. 10/8/67 - 12/8/67

Number of Days 6.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 22./9./1966.

Medical 22./9./19.66.

Map Reference See attached sketch map.

Objects of Patrol To define the boundaries of Timibean Native Reserve.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

e. Pop

Over 13	Females in Child Birth
M	F

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-1-10
KAB/ 67-11-15



Department of Public Administration
Bougainville District
MILNE BAY PROVINCE

29th March, 1968.

The Director,
Department of
District Administration,
KONEDONI, PAPUA

11th April, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SCHANO.

TIMPUTE PATROL 1-67/68

Your 67-1-10 of 29th March, 1968,

refers.

Please find attached 2 copies each of
plans of Dadabur (B.V.41) and Timbibeau (B.V.9) Native
Reserves as requested.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

Att.

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P/R 67-11-15

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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67-1-10
KAB/efd



Department of District Administration,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

29th March, 1968.

The Director,
Department of
District Administration,
KONEDOBU - PAPUA.

Tinputz Patrol No. 1
of 1967/1968.

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1. Your 67-11-15 of 20th March, 1968.
2. It would be appreciated if you would forward two copies of plans of TIMBEAN and DADABUR.

[Handwritten Signature]
D. A. (ASHTON)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

67. 11. 15.

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67-11-15

March 20th, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

TINPUTZ PATROL NO.1 OF 1967/68

Receipt of the report on the above patrol is acknowledged.

Plans of TIMBEBEAN and DADABUR Native Reserves are held here and copies can be forwarded if you have been unsuccessful in obtaining the plan of TIMBEBEAN from the Director of Lands, Surveys and Mines. C.P.O. Steven mentions three reserves within Rugen plantation; if the name of the third reserve is provided an enquiry will be made concerning it.

The two reserves named were created by German excision, and legislation will have to be amended before firm title can be given to any native occupiers. This lack of title may be one reason why the Namkeric people have been slow in planting thereon.

I am rather perturbed that this task of establishing boundaries was given to a very junior officer. Land is a particularly sensitive subject where very firm control of the situation is needed at all times, and I think the senior officer should have attended to the matter.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

67. 11. 15.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67/1/10.
KAB/LMW



Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

19th. February, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

TINPUTZ PATROL NO. 1 OF 1967/1968.
MR. J. STEVEN. C.P.O.

1. A Report of the above Patrol is forwarded for your information, please.

2. The Assistant District Commissioner, HUTJENA has written to the Assistant District Officer at TINPUTZ reprimanding him for late forwarding of the Report.

D. N. Ashton
(D. N. ASHTON).
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER. *KB*

Att.

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Department of District Administration.

Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.

14th February, 1968.

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The District Commissioner,
SOHANO.

TINPUTZ PATROL NO.1 -1967/68,
MR. J.G. STEVEN, CPO.

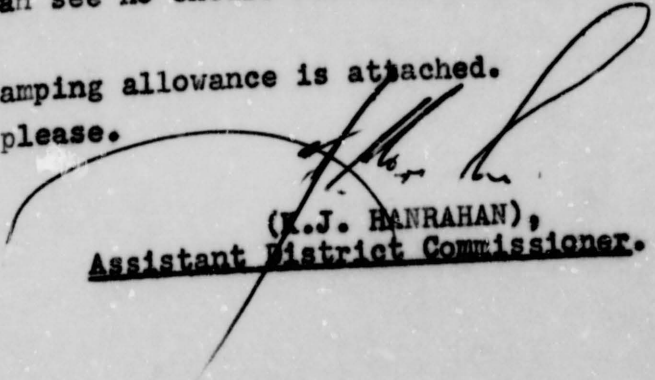
I attach original and one copy of a report on the above patrol, carried out by Mr. STEVEN, together with covering comments from the Assistant District Officer at TINPUTZ.

It would seem that the patrol was mounted to resolve a land dispute between the people of MANKERIO and the manager of RUGEN Plantation, over the boundaries of TIMBIBEAN Native Reserve. It would also appear that the patrol was unsuccessful in that a survey was not completed.

To settle this dispute, would you please request a plan of TIMBIBEAN Native Reserve from the Lands Department. I shall then forward this to the Assistant District Officer who will arrange to have a survey carried out. The plan held at RUGEN Plantation lacks detail and is un-satisfactory.

This patrol report has been submitted to HUTJENA five months after lodgement by Mr. STEVEN at TINPUTZ. Whilst the subject matter appears to be of a local nature only, I can see no excuse for this extreme delay.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.
Forwarded, please.


(K.J. HANRAHAN),
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... **67-1-1**
If calling $\frac{1}{2}$ for.....
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
TIMPUTA.

2nd. February, 1968.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
M U T J E N A.

Timputa Patrol Report No. 1-1967/68.

I regret the long delay in forwarding this report, however, had it not been for a recent request from Mr. Steven for his camping allowance, the report would still be misplaced.

The report was handed me by Mr. Steven on 14th. September, 1967; and since that time, with numerous patrols of my own and frequent official visitors to the station, I have neglected to comment on and forward the patrol report through the appropriate channels.

Page 3 of report 'Land' - The actual survey plan of the Reserve used by Mr. Steven belongs to the manager at Rugan Plantation. Mr. J. Channing-Pearce was, unfortunately, absent on leave when this attempt was made to define the boundaries of Timbibeam. He returned from leave mid-September last year, but another survey could not be effected until the survey plan of Rugan Plantation was returned from Rabaul. This has since been done, and either myself, or perhaps a Lands Officer (one has been requested to check on the Wainania Timin resettlement scheme blocks) can attempt to define the boundary. I would prefer utilising the Lands Officer if he was in the area.

The Harkerio people have cleared very little ground on the Reserve, and at this stage there is no fear that they will encroach on Rugan land. They had previously cleared some bush on the eastern side of the Reserve, and this was proved to be Rugan land. However, they did not commence to plant cash crops and were told to desist from further clearing. During the forthcoming elections I will be at Rugan, and will discuss this situation again with Mr. Channing-Pearce. He has already told me he knows nothing of a cement peg described by Mr. Steven as a 'red herring' from the Councillor of Harkerio - para 3, page 3. I will keep you informed on any new developments over this land matter.

Page 3. para 1 - On 9th. August, 1967, I spoke to the Councillor from Harkerio about his disturbing outburst against patrol officers and European planters in the area. Councillor TOBUIN said he was sorry for the things which he had blurted out to Mr. Steven. At the time he was angry because he knew the Reserve was much larger than Mr. Steven's survey revealed. He thought it was a trick to deprive the Harkerio's of suitable cash crop land. I informed TOBUIN that an error had been made in calculations and that Mr. Steven would be returning immediately to attempt another survey.

Councillor TOBUIN was also reminded of the fact that in 1963 permission was given to the people of Namkerio to plant cash crops on the two Reserves - TIMBIBEAN and DADABUR - by the Trustee of these Reserves (Director, Dept. District Administration). This was done to assist the Namkerio people economically, as they had continually complained to patrolling officers about shortage of suitable cash crop land. Both these Reserves total 250 hectares (approx. 600 acres) are relatively flat, and have access to supplementary roads leading to the coast. The population of Namkerio is 136 - surely this gesture by the Administration must be appreciated by the people - although one would not think so.

How much planting had the Namkerio people done prior to Mr. Steven's visit? None had been planted on TIMBIBEAN and only about 30 acres of DADABUR had been utilised. I told the Councillor this was a poor reflection indeed on the Namkerio people. Yet, these same people have been pestering the Administration to buy land and resettle the unfortunate Namkerios. When asked why they had not developed the Reserves - the Councillor only mumbled incoherently, and I further stressed that under the present circumstances, the Administration would be loathe to purchase land solely for Namkerio resettlement. The mountain communities such as Melalup (220 pop) Mutahi (210) Tumuri (144) who have no suitable land at all for cash cropping would be more deserving of land being alienated for resettlement. It is noted that the Administration is not interested in buying Rugen Plantation. This possibility had been promulgated by the local Council to assist them (the mountain villages) in developing cash crops.

The complaint referring to patrol officers is totally unfounded, and the Councillor was advised to tone his criticisms down somewhat in this particular sphere. He apologised profusely stating that at the time he had had too much betel nut !

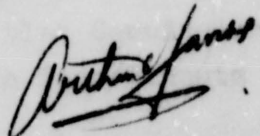
The plantation managers from both Rana and Rugen have tirelessly offered assistance to the Namkerio people, and the Councillor, together with his constituents, should not forget it.

I told TOBUIN the only answer to their problem was hard work. Economic development is not a manifestation of prolonged whining on alleged Administration neglect. Other areas in Timputa area planting vigorously, and it was about time the Namkerios stirred themselves into energetic activity, or be left on the shelf, thus creating further frustration for themselves.

Over the past few months Councillor TOBUIN has had very little to say - even at the Council meetings. The man is either brooding or repentant, however, I do know the Namkerios have still made no concerted effort to continue clearing and planting the two Reserves.

Mr. Steven has presented a neat report. I think for his experience, he handled a delicate situation well.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.



Arthur Marks.

Assistant District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67-1.
If asking ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Patrol post,
TINPUTZ.
14th. September, 1967.

The Assistant District Officer,
Patrol post,
TINPUTZ.

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with patrol instructions, I proceeded on patrol on the 31st. July, 1967. There is little to report because of the specific nature of the patrol, which was to define the boundaries of TIMBIBEAN native reserve.

A complaint had been made on my last patrol by the manager of Rugen plantation, Mr. John Channing-Pearce, who claimed that the natives of Namkerio village, to whom the abovementioned reserve was granted, had cleared an excessive amount of bush on the eastern side of the reserve, thus encroaching on Rugen's land.

Unfortunately, at the time of the attempted survey, Mr. Channing-Pearce was on leave, and his place had been temporarily taken by Mr. Jim Pirie, who was not as well acquainted as the former with the abovementioned boundaries.

A map of the area was made available by Mr. Pirie. This depicted the boundaries of Rugen plantation and the three native reserves therein.

I was assisted by Mr. Peni Waninara, who is a field assistant from the Land Titles Commission, Rabaul, and is on secondment to the Teop/Tinputz Local Government Council.

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Observations & Comments:

Reception of patrol:

The patrol was well received throughout its two short sojourns at Namkerio.

Village:

The standard of housing is good. Most houses are constructed on wooden piles, though ground dwellings still remain. Walls are constructed of plaited bamboo, which gives these houses an attractive appearance. Roofs are constructed of the fronds of the Sago palm. These provide an excellent water-tight protection for quite a few years.

The site suffers from no disadvantage. It is well drained and has streams nearby. It is near the Rugen - Rava road, and a supplementary road connects Namkerio to this road.

The village has a 1,000 gallon water tank, which was supplied by the council.

The whole village was of a neat, clean and tidy appearance. Sanitation was average.

Agriculture:

The people have an ample supply of victuals. Pigs are raised in the village to add to the variety of food available.

Copra and very little cocoa are their cash crops. Planting is done on a communal basis. Copra is marketed through Tsisiko village's 'T' number.

Rest house:

The rest house at Namkerio is suitable for only two officers. It was in good condition. The rest house is approximately two and a half hours walking distance from Tinputz.

Carriers:

Carriers are easily hired if ample warning is given of an intended patrol. The rate of hire is 20¢ per hour. They are willing to carry patrol gear to and from the patrol post on most occasions, rainy weather being an exception.

Health:

The people of the village appeared quite healthy. The nearest aid post is at Tsisiko, which is about one hour's walk away.

Roads & Bridges:

The bush track to Namkerio was very well kept, the grass and bush being cut well back on both sides. There is a supplementary road connecting the Raua - Fugen road. This road has a few large trees across it, but otherwise is in good condition.

Geography/
Topography:

The area is undulating, lying in the foothills of the Emperor Range. Many rivers and streams wind their way through this tract of land, making travel arduous and sometimes impossible during the wet season, as a result of flooded rivers.

Personnel:

The patrol was accompanied by Constable Aduan, 11102, an experienced man, who has been in the Tinputz area in excess of nine years. He assisted in putting up camp. He was not required to act in his official capacity. His conduct was good.

Land:

The first part of the patrol was wasted, as an error was made on our part concerning the dimensions of the reserve. The dimensions indicated on the map, we took to be in links, and this gave us an area of sixty odd acres.

When the survey was completed on the first part of this patrol, it did seem a little odd that the people

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had cleared an area of land far in excess of that which we had surveyed. The councillor became very agitated on this occasion, and claimed that the area of the reserve, which they had been allocated, was much larger than the area we had surveyed. He said, inter alia, that patrol officers were not here to assist the natives, but expatriate planters; that the land was theirs and not Australia's, and if he wanted to plant on Rugen's land, he would do so, come what may, even if it meant going to prison for doing so.

Mr. Pirie was consulted later that day, and it transpired that the dimensions on the map were in metres and not links, thus giving the reserve an area of approximately 370 acres!

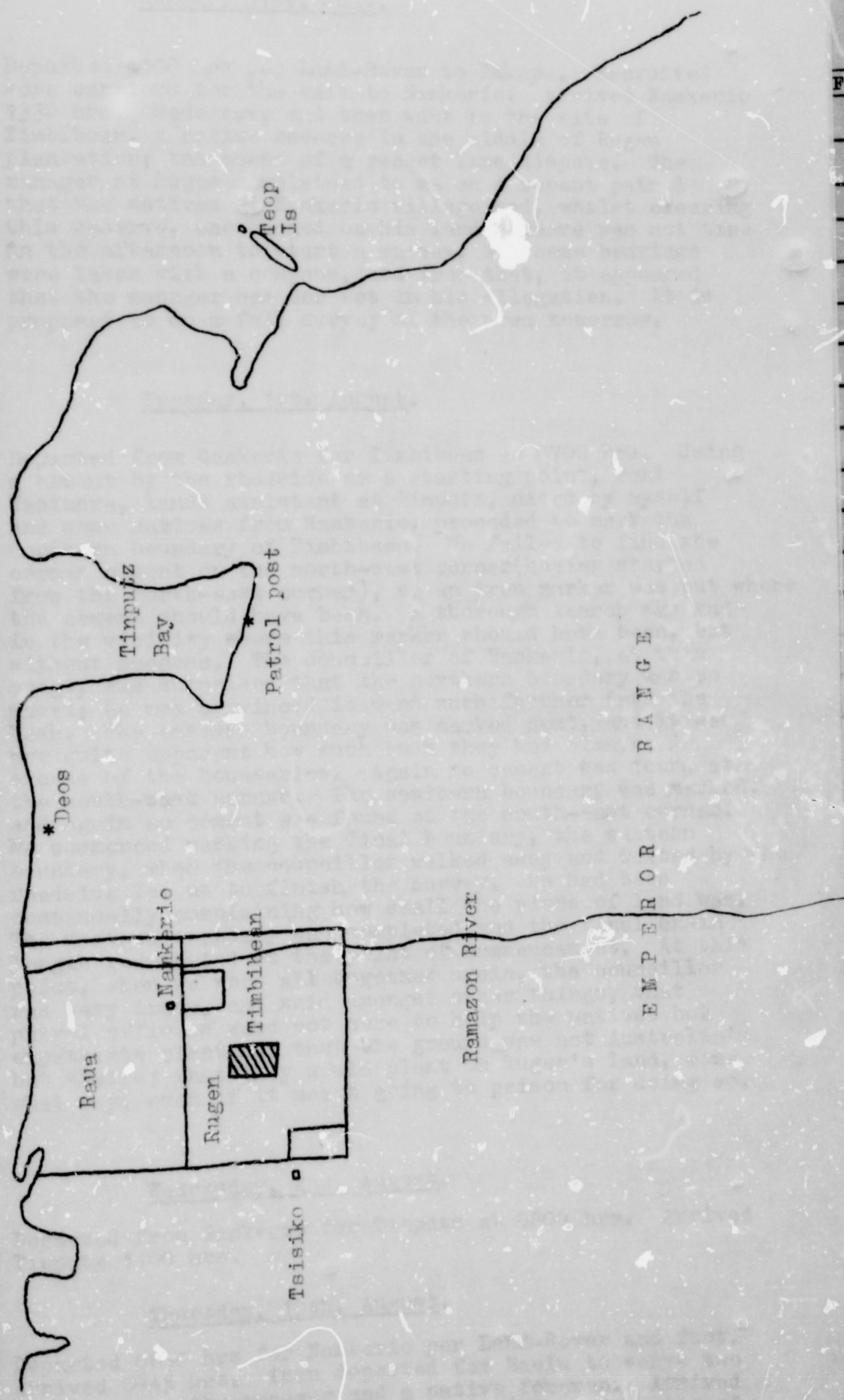
The patrol returned to Namkerio over a week later in an endeavour to re-survey the reserve. However, a whole day was again wasted, as the councillor drew a red herring across our path by taking us to a cement peg deep in the bush, which he believed to be one of the boundary markers of Timbibeau. However, a chain and compass survey to an established cement marker on one of Timbibeau's boundaries, revealed the aforementioned marker to have no connection with Timbibeau's boundary.

Mr. Channing-Pearce has since returned to Rugen, but another survey cannot be effected, as the map is at present in Rabaul.



(J.G. Steven),
Cadet Patrol Officer.

PACIFIC OCEAN



PATROL DIARY:

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Monday, 31st. July.

Departed 1100 hrs per Land-Rover to Pbkapa. Recruited some carriers for the walk to Namkerio. Arrived Namkerio 1330 hrs. Made camp and then went to the site of Timbibeau, a native reserve in the middle of Rugen plantation; the scene of a recent land dispute. The manager at Rugen complained to me on a recent patrol that the natives of Namkerio village had, whilst clearing this reserve, encroached on his land. There was not time in the afternoon to start a survey, but some bearings were taken with a compass, and from that, it appeared that the manager was correct in his allegation. It is proposed to do a full survey of the area tomorrow.

Tuesday, 1st. August.

Departed from Namkerio for Timbibeau at 0700 hrs. Using a cement by the roadside as a starting point, Peni Waninara, lands assistant at Tinputz, aided by myself and some natives from Namkerio, proceeded to mark the northern boundary of Timbibeau. We failed to find the corner cement on the north-west corner (having started from the north-east corner), so an iron marker was put where the cement should have been. A thorough search was made in the vicinity where this marker should have been, but without success. The councillor of Namkerio, at this stage, was surprised that the northern boundary was so short; he was convinced it went much further into the bush. The eastern boundary was marked next, and it was now quite apparent how much bush they had cleared in excess of the boundaries. Again no cement was found at the south-west corner. The southern boundary was marked, and again no cement was found at the south-east corner. We commenced marking the final boundary, the western boundary, when the councillor walked away and waited by the roadside for us to finish the survey. He had been continually complaining how small the piece of land was. The western boundary was completed and the final chain length terminated at the point of commencement. At this point, when we were all together again, the councillor was very irate, and said amongst other things, that patrol officers were not here to help the natives but expatriate planters; that the ground was not Australia's but theirs; that they would plant on Rugen's land, come what may, even if it meant going to prison for doing so.

Wednesday, 2nd. August.

Departed from Namkerio for Tinputz at 0800 hrs. Arrived Tinputz 1100 hrs.

Thursday, 10th. August.

Departed 0830 hrs for Namkerio per Land-Rover and foot. Arrived 0945 hrs. Then departed for Baniu to serve two summonses on the manager and a native foreman. Arrived Baniu 1215 hrs. Served summonses on the abovementioned two and then departed for Namkerio at 1300 hrs. Arrived Namkerio 1600 hrs.

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PATROL DIARY (CONT):

Friday, 11th. August:

Departed 0800 hrs from Namkerio per foot to the site of a native reserve, Timbibeau, for the purpose of re-surveying this piece of land, as the manager of Rugea plantation claimed that they had cleared an excessive amount of bush, and were going to plant on Rugea's land. Spent the rest of the morning and some of the afternoon cutting virgin bush to find a cement marker approximately five hundred metres away. However, when this was found, it was clear that this was not one of the markers of the reserve. Then went down to ~~xxx~~ see the manager at Rugea in the late~~x~~ afternoon to return survey map, as the company wanted the map returned to Rabaul. The return of the map will have to be awaited till more surveying can be done.

Saturday, 12th. August:

Departed Namkerio at 0800 hrs per foot for Tinputz. Arrived Tinputz 1100 hrs.

End of patrol.