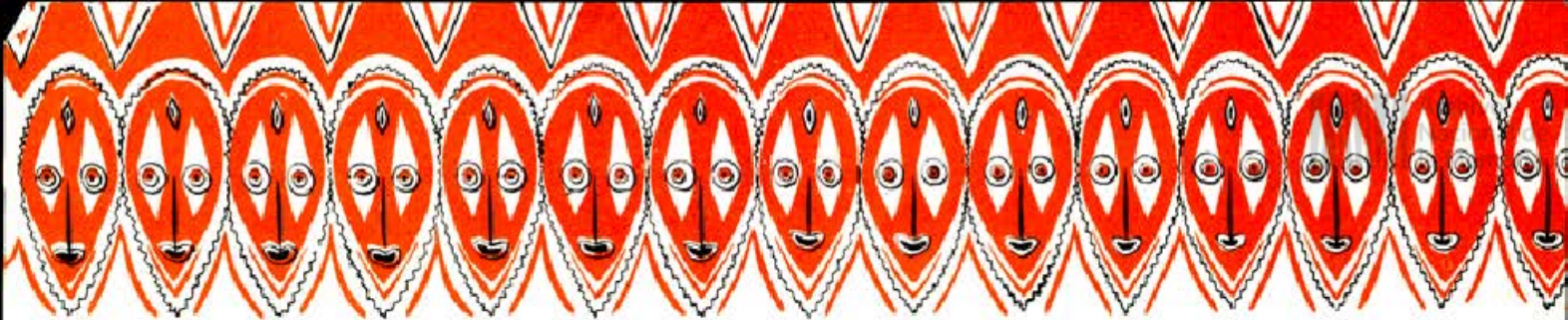




PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Dear Mrs Rice

Thanks very much for letter and Pat's one too, his great to write such long ones, I just scribble short ones.

Well Christmas was peaceful here, all drinking was banned - or rather sale of drink was banned banned so things were quiet. People here cook a lot different than at home but deep down they have a lot in common, both good and bad. I like going round to see the old people they have great character in them, true - there's not many 'flashy' people to be dealing with but the old people in the 'bush' (countryside) are great.

Pat didn't say what sickness he had - did he - I've had malaria here it's terrible but I only had it a few days at a time - anyway it's terrible if one gets a bad dose, so be grateful for the cold weather sometimes because it kills a lot of sickness.

I'm not sure of Pat's address so I'll send a letter in this perhaps you could send it on to him.

P.T.O

Life here is not so rough as it used to be
now we have running water and electricity and
the food is good - meat and vegetables in good
supply so we're a lot to be grateful for.

Hope you all have a very happy new
year.

Good Bless.
Fr. Jansett.

P.S. That 'cheque' never arrived. Somebody
notified the bank that they were sending money
but the cheque never reached me. Could
you see if the cheque you sent was cashed or
not. The bank manager here said a new cheque
would have to be sent out.

Love,

Jansett.