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KIKORI STATION DELTA DIVISION

INTERIM REPORT

PROCEEDINGS AT THE TURAMA POLICE CAMP

PERIOD 20/2/8 to

Report by S.G. Middleton. P.O.A.N.C.

Forwarded to

Hon. G.S.

R.M. W.D.

S.G. Middleton & Blyth

R.R.M. i/c D.D.

Terrace Police Camp

20/11/31

20/11/31

Dear Mr. Oldham,

As we are operating in your Division, I suppose it is only quite right and proper that you should know what is going on here, as official advice, if you receive any at all, are usually pretty unenlightening, will take it on myself. Being a few spare hours, to give you the history of our doings so far.

Commencing from my arrival here we established a Camp on the 401291 side of 6130 Ch. at the mouth - a very temporary one so far, but gradually improving. After we had been here two days, we met some ^{Indians} ~~Indians~~ up the Bush who started to give us a pretty hot reception. I did my utmost to keep the peace but they ^{thought} that "they did not want to play; they wanted to fight. They were ^{not} and were not frightened of the ^{movement}" at the same time saying the words with very fast action. One or two arrows missed me by a whisker - I marvel yet how it was that some of us were not hurt - as most of the police had gone ashore, I ordered the remainder to fire into the canoes. The first few shots ^{hit} ~~hit~~ them and a couple of them were caught. They had been making oars and were preparing for a trip across to 6130. We found and destroyed about 300 arrows. Later we visited the same people, who had cleared off down to the ^{mouth} and they were quite friendly, V.C. HINA having ^{gone} ~~gone~~ in the meantime and rounded them up. We also visited the BAXO, VMIOAI, ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{last} ~~last~~ ^{named} ~~named~~ ^{people} ~~people~~ (the last named ^{near} ~~near~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{camp}) and all were friendly enough. Claude ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{now} ~~now~~ ^{newly} ~~newly~~ ^{appointed} ~~appointed~~ ^{Police} ~~Police~~ ^{has} ~~has~~ ^{arrived} ~~arrived~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~the ^{camp} ~~camp~~ ^{at} ~~at~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{same} ~~same ^{time} ~~time~~ ^{with} ~~with~~ ¹⁰ ~~10~~ ^{police} ~~police~~. We had also got the "HOARI", Mr. ^{Smith's} ~~Smith's~~ ^{launch} ~~launch~~, for our use & were able to get about~~~~

make better. I had found out that most of the
 Gopangai men were at a village named KEAAU a fair
 way up the WAIWI but two of them, BAWAGI & ADIMU
 were in the GOMA and they were travelled. Later we
 left via GIZU, MASIO, OIZO & WAIWI Crute (its a Hell of a
 passage, too) with the object of carrying out an early morning
 raid on KEAAU but the RABU carriers had to be driven nearly
 every foot of the way (they had the breeze vertical!) and we
 arrived there in time for Poi have the King, about 6.30 am,
 too late for a surprise visit. However, I wasn't going to turn
 back after going so far, so we pushed on to the village.
 Believe me, Mr. Oldham, I am not anxious to spend
 another half hour like the one we experienced at KEAAU.
 For a time not a soul showed up and, thinking they had
 all cleared out, we pulled up fairly slow. Then out they
 came, armed to the teeth. We yelled like mad that we
 didn't come to fight etc. but several times bows were drawn
 and only relaxed when I stood up & showed my bare
 hands as a sign of peace. All the time cold shivers were
 running up & down my back for fear that some would
 come in from the other side which would mean us having
 to run the gauntlet of arrows from each side to get
 away. Eventually, however, they put down their spears and
 allowed us to land. We did so but I was still pretty
 uncomfortable as I could see the bush was full of armed
 men. However, I managed to get hold of one TOIPO, who
 said he was the V.C., and worked my way into his company
 by the aid of some tobacco & a new sulw. Eventually they
 all came round and within half an hour were making provisions
 for us etc for the police & carriers. Our prisoners, who were
 split up among three small villages, about 150 yards apart,
 had all cleared into the bush. About a week later
 we went up again and, carrying out a simultaneous

train on KEARU and the two smaller villages, we caught
 NAUNI, KASE, KURISO and DAIGARI. The KEARU people
 helped us! We had them at the Camp about a week when,
 thanks to one of my messes to - policemen going to
 ship while on guard, the whole six got away. How they
 did it is a mystery, as they were handcuffed & ligged
 together in pairs - probably they got help from some
 outsiders. They returned to Kees and are hiding in the
 bush. God knows when we will catch them now. It is
 heart-breaking - I can hardly keep my hands off ARIXI,
 the A.C. who let them go. Later on the KEARU V.C. brought
 in GARI & MIHI and these have been sent to KIKORI.

Last Thursday night I heard of the murders of
 four IBOA (Cainu River) men by MAPO-IA & PAAHI
 men at GAMARAM. Yesterday I got all the murderers &
 the heads & sent them to KIKORI this morning.

That's about all up to date, Mr. Oldham. I feel
 sure that we can go anywhere here now in perfect safety and
 that it will only be a matter of time in getting the escapees.
 Better luck, though. If that ~~had~~ not happened we
 would have only 3 to get now to complete the list. The
 main part of the joke is that I intended sending them
 to KIKORI the very morning they escaped.

Cheeris! Kindest regards and best wishes
 to Mrs. Oldham and yourself also Alice & Mrs. Kuntz.
 Yours very sincerely,
 Biddellton.

P.S. Re the adrop. Keep it under your hat. There were
 no casualties on either side, thank goodness, but
 you know how a thing gets enlarged upon once
 it becomes public and so far it has been kept
 dark although I put in a full report about it.

B.B. (Over)

P.S.

An enclosing cheque for 7/- the cost of
the radio you lent for me and thank you
for the favour. The cheque form isn't the
best but it's the only one I've got.

By the way, could you please lend me
a map of the V.V.D. or of this district? I'll
return it as soon as I make a copy.

Yrs
S.M.

PATROL NUMBER TWENTY FOR L~~923~~-8. INTERIM REPORT

by

S.G. Middleton P.O. R.M. G.

Acting under the instruction of the R.M. D.D. I left Kikeri on the morning of the 20th February, on the "Kismet" the R.M. being in charge of the vessel, the police detailed to me were:- Cpl OKA, A.C. EBANI, MARIKOPI, DE EA, MIMISIMA, TOPI, MODOI, and Ct Intp OWAMU. We arrived at GABADIA, MORIGIO, at about 5 pm on the 21st and set to work to disembark my party and stores, the R.M. left in the KISMET, for Kikeri, as soon as he had landed us, my orders were to watch for the threatened reprisal raid of the BARO people and generally to act as a protection to the people here having assembled the people and told them the object of my visit they became friendly to us.

On the 22nd the police were drilled in the morning, and I inspected the village it was not too good and untidy started the people ~~cleaning~~ up, at 8 30 am I took two A.C. and Intp OWAMU and went by canoe to DADEBI, arriving at 9 45 am, the V.C. MAIMERI was at Kikeri, explained to the people the reason we were here this was enthusiastically received, returned to camp at noon and spent the afternoon dressing stores. the 23rd was spent in camp, the police being drilled and the people busy cleaning up and removing old tumble down houses etc.

^{2nd}
On the 24th having concluded my enquiries into the whereabouts of several men wanted on recent raid, I despatched A.C. DE EA to DADEBI A.C. MODOI to a keemabati on the mouth of the Paibuna, Councillor KAKAPI to another keemabati near the end of the Island and Councillor SAMAI to NABIO, KAKAPI returned about 3 45 with NAOPI wanted for murder DE EA returned about 4 pm with BENAU and MENARI, SAMAI returned saying that GAUWE, who has previously escaped from custody, had again got away, sent him back to tell V.C. of NABIO to get the man and bring him in, at 9 pm there was no sign of MODOI who had to arrest NINI a chief, the police however tell me it is his fashion that he went home back till he gets his man.

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- 25th. Raining heavily all mornning. V.C. KOVIO of NABIO arrived with GAUWE. A.C. MODOI brought in NINI at 3 45 pm, sent Cpl OKA to Kikeri on outgoing tide at 6 pm with six Prisoners and one hospital patient.
- 26th SUNDAY in camp all day.
- 27th pelice paraded as usual, village people rebuilding houses etc.
- 28th as yesterday.
- 29th. Usual camp routine, Cpl ret'd from Kikeri with instructions from S.M. in compliance with these arrested GOMEI of GABADIA and sent him in charge of Counciller SAMAI to Kikeri
- March 1st. Visited NABIO during mornning Village clean Rest house good,
- 2nd Visited DADEBI during mornning, at about 1 pm V.C. INAI of HARAGO arrived he told me the DORIOMO and BARO people had crossed over to NEABO Island on Wednesday and sent a ^{man} and woman to Harage these made enquiries as to the whereabouts and movements of the MORIGIOS, on the Tuesday they all returned, INAI thinks this is spying and nothing will happen in the nature of a raid till they have made their war canoe
- 3rd Usual Camp routine.
- 4th. SUNDAY.
- 5th. Police and ~~arrived from~~ Villagers busy building rest house and barracks V.C. INAI arrived from HARAGO and told me 27 UMADAI and WARIADAI cencees had visited HARAGO on Sunday and made enquiries re the MORIGIOS they talked of a raid on the latter, during the afternoon they returned to their villages. INAI also says he saw ~~signals~~ ^{signals} near Bell point. On the 6th the Barracks was completed. On the 5th the R.M. arrived in the Kismet with Private Steres, and on the mornning of the 6th the R.M. inspected the camp and conferr'd on the general state of affairs. he dealt with one or two cases and left for Kike ri abt 11 30 am on the 7th the day was spent finishing off houses and cleaning up. On the 8th ^{usual} ~~usual~~ camp routine On the 9th I preceeded to DADEBI to try to locate the hot spring said to be up that Creek.

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9th. March. V.C. MAIMERI knew nothing of followed creek to its source without finding spring the DADEBI people say there are hot springs in the Wariadai district but not on Merigie. Retd camp at 6 pm. on arrival I found one of my domestics a small lad named LALASE in his death agonies obviously beyond aid and he died a few moments after, enquiries elicited the fact that he had been taken ill the previous afternoon was very sick during the night got worse as day broke, at about noon he was suffering dreadful pain but told his friends he would wait and see taubada before he died, I warmly admonished those concerned for not telling me of the lad's illness before I left the death cast a gloom over the whole camp where he was very popular. he was buried at 8 pm. on the 10th I sent word to the R.M. of the death, and spent an anxious day watching for any signs of further sickness.

11th SUNDAY in camp all day.

On the ^{12th} "Kismet" was sighted at 9 am and arrived about 9 30 am when His Excellency the Lieut Governor accompanied by the R.M. and the Acting official secretary landed. Stores were landed, after H.E. had investigated matters here I left with the Kismet for UMADAI, however we found the village deserted, and returning we had a very rough trip out to the Laurabada reaching here about 10 30 pm.

A.C. GIJA and KEMAMU were landed and attached to camp.

13th On the ^{14th} Laurabada sailed for west ~~Kamau~~ R.M. took me back to the camp in the "Kismet" and then left for Kikeri I myself had to retire to bed to recover from sea sickness.

On the 14th V.C. INAI arrived and told me a man from BUDUHU GAMA river had visited his village and told the people not to walk about on the BARA side or they would be killed. I told INAI to try to get in touch with the UMADAI people.

On the 15th the party was engaged building and I inspected for V.C. On the 16th I sent V.C. INU to Kikeri with 12 patients for hospital, I left for HARAGU and inspected village which is a credit to the V.C. Councillor AURAGI has gone to UMADAI to

try and get in touch, retrd to camp 5 15 pm. On the 17th sent A.C. DE EA to KEME to try to hire a large canoe, issued rations etc. On the 18th Sunday we spent day in camp DE EA returned, the KEME people told him their sage camp had been visited by strange men, who when they found it occupied gave vent to their feelings by destroying some canoes and stealing others, no one seems to know who they were but probably a scouting party from BARA. the 19th was spent in usual camp duties. On the 20th "Kismet" was sighted at 1 30 pm and anchored 2 pm. went aboard and conferred with the R.M. received instructions to remove camp to GIBU creek, ashore to prepare at 9 pm Cpl. OKA reported he had been bitten by a snake, this appeared to be a death adder, treated him and sat up most of night with him in morning he was much improved left with R.M. for GIBU creek had engine trouble and we stuck on a bank near to HARAGU, left again at 7 20 am arrived GIBU creek 2 30 pm landed all camp gear and party "Kismet" left for Kikeri 3 pm. On the 23rd I left with Ct Intp OWAMU in the motor dinghy left here by R.M. for HARAGU to get labour to assist in clearing camp site retrd to camp site 9 pm.

On the 24th police and carriers were busy clearing undergrowth sent A.C. EBANI TOPI and MARIKOPI up GIBU creek to cut timber for buildings. they returned seen after and said they had been fired on with bows and arrows from the banks, taking 7 police in two canoes I left to investigate, after about 20 mins we saw two men paddling up the creek we endeavoured to overtake them without success about a mile further on a number of canoes suddenly rounded a bend about 100 yards away, on seeing us they commenced to yell and wave their bows and arrows challenging us to fight, I endeavoured to make them understand we wanted peace they called they had not come to play but fight and as soon as we were in range they started to fire arrows at us, I told my carriers to pull towards them, ^{They} were terror stricken and would not move, this was awkward as we became a stationary target for an increasing shower of arrows, I then told 4 A.C. to go ashore and try to get behind the canoes, as soon as they did the hostile advanced on us sending more and more arrows my orderly and DE EA

till my own hat was hit, I then told the police to fire low at the canoes and one or two rounds sent the hostiles scrambling for the banks where two of them were caught by the police who had gone ashore. Examined canoes and found ten newly painted and seven old ones 18 skulls and thousands of arrows which were destroyed the two prisoners informed us we had upset the final arrangements for a raid on Merigie and that they were on the point of having the feast prior to the raid when we disturbed them, the men who attacked us were DORIOMOS. I found later ~~xxxxxx~~ there were no casualties, I then decided to remain at the camp till I could confer with the R.M. the matter.

Sunday 25th. In camp all day, during afternoon saw a native swimming across creek but time I called up the Interpreter he had vanished,

26th. police and prisoners and carriers clearing undergrowth V.C. INAI arrived with Harage people to help, "Kismet" arrived at 10 30 am with Mr P.O. ~~xxxx~~ Champien aboard, landed stores and extra police for camp namely L/Cpl JIGORI. A.C. ARIKI. BATE. KAIBA. DORO. SIAI. EDEA. SARUA BEAI. MAGORO.

A.C. EBANI and MARIKOPI were transferred back to Kikeri and the R.M. also took back C/Pl OKA who has been of little use to me the R.M. instructed me to do my best to arrest the murderers of the Gamsabari people and that in event of hostilities to use my discretion as to force needed, The 27th was spent in camp building, V.C. INAI was sent to Kikeri with six V D suspects councillor AURAGI came in with V.C. NAINI of WARIADAI and BASIKO of UMADAI, they said their people were tired of fighting and ~~xxxxxx~~ wished to return to their villages on the main river, they also insisted that the 27 canoes which went to HARAGU were only on a friendly visit, I talked to them strongly on government ideas and their own folly in committing acts which caused them to live uncomfortably in the bush, they agreed they were foolish. soon after they left for HARAGO in good spirits. On the 28th the "Kismet" arrived from Kikeri. the R.M. brought down ^{his} own launch the "Heuri" for the use of the camp in place of the motor dinghy. he told me he had seen people lower down the river in canoes, I sent A.C. EDEA and V.C. KAIHA of DORIOMO who by ~~xxxxxx~~ the way came down last "Kismet" to find them and bring them

~~Summary~~

Camp. On the 29th they returning with Chief SAGIRI of BORA and a number of BORA people had a long talk with SAGIRI and invested him with a Councillor's badge the R.M. spent the morning ashore with me talking to the people etc. He left for Kikori at about noon sent V.C. KAIHA and local A.C. EDEA to the Doriomo villages to get in people. Later I left with Mr Champion in the "Houri" for HARAGO to buy sago returning about 6 pm. On the 30th accompanied by Mr Champion and 11 Police I left per GIBU creek in canoes to visit the villages on the GAMA we found that it is not the GIBU which runs right through but another creek named WASIO leading from it to the BIBO which in turn leads into the WAIWI, had considerable trouble getting thro and the passage is very tortuous. just after noon we arrived at NEMETI V.C. SOGOMI on the junction of the GAMA and WAIWE, we got a friendly reception, at 12 45 left for WEBODA, V.C. KAIHA most of his people were in the village and these, the timid at first soon became friendly, found murderer BANIGI, who had been arrested. by EDEA waiting here KAIHA told me his people very much regretted their foolish action in the GIBU creek, and they all wanted to return and build a village near my camp. Ascertained whereabouts of others of the wanted man, one ADIMU is at POIMIA and the rest at KEARU a village up the WAIWE, KAIHA warned me that I would be sure to strike trouble up there. left for Camp just as we entered BIBO creek bore passed and tossed about a bit but luckily did not capsize us. Arrived camp 9 30 pm. On the 31st I left with Mr Champion and 3 police in the "HOURI" for Harago to buy sago Leaving Harago we went over to inspect villages near Sell point calling at BORA and WABUMATURA they were deserted. Arriving back at the camp a strange sight met us the creek was full of canoes, at the camp of people the bush was ringing with the sound of axes, landing we found the people of the GAMA villages NEMETI, WEBODA PARAVI, POIMIA were paying us a friendly visit whilst representatives of all three Morigio villages were also here and it was pleasing to see these former enemies all together and perfectly friendly. took the opportunity of a combined talk to both

parties. EDEA had come back with the other wanted man ADIMU. On the 1st the camp was like a bee hive, people arriving and departing from all directions, told that KEARU have said they will drive us into the sea, Councillor SAMAI says that after we left GABABIA some UMADAI and WARIADAI canoes came down to raid but hearing the government was so close went back. On the 2nd with Mr Champion and three police I left for UMADAI to try to get hold of these people and talk them out of their threats to Morigio. So towed a canoe with 5 carriers behind the "HOURI", found KESUMUBU and MOGODIO still ^{deserted} I had intended going up the SIDIKEROMA creek but a storm threatened from the N.W. and fearing a big blow we made for camp again arriving at 4 15 pm. V.C. SOGOMI is employed on building a village on the opposite side of the GIEBU V.C. INAI arrived from Kikori with mail and stores. On the ^{3rd} V.C. INU of GABABIA and SOGOMI of NEMETI came to me with their arms round each other and said they wanted to go to INU's village, I warned INU if anything happened to these GAMA people at his village there would be heavy retribution, he told me that he had made SOGOMI his brother and all would be peace, they went off together happily at 5 15 pm with Mr Champion the L/Cpl and 11 police and 38 carrier in four canoes I left for the purpose of raiding KEARU very little water in the WASIO creek had to pull canoes thro the carriers were very lazy and the result was that my hopes of an early morning raid were disappointed at 6 30 am at the last point below the village I landed L/Cpl and four A.C. with orders to approach village from the back, forcing the carriers, who were thoroughly scared to keep pulling we made straight for the big DUBU in single file my canoe leading. for a time not a soul was to be seen which the natives took as a bad ~~king~~ sign saying that as soon as we approached close enough they would come out en masse and overwhelm us, when we were within about fifty yards of the Dubu a number of armed men rushed out on to the bank, we called to them we only wanted peace, at first there was some threatening of shooting the arrows but I stood up and tried to give a peace sign for a few tense moments they seemed uncertain then they laid down their bows and held up their arms. We landed the police and carriers asked for sago saying we had come far and were tired and hungry soon friendly relations were established, I noticed however we were being watched from the bush and warned the police to keep their guard, I asked for the V.C. and a one eyed individual come out almost naked.

nothing to show what he was, however I found him quite intelligent with a knowledge of Motuan, and for some time I lectured him on his duties, I then gave him a new sulu and a couple of sticks of tobacco with which he was very pleased, on enquiry another man named DODOBI a Chief was brought to me and I gave him a councillor's badge telling him to assist the V.C. in good work the V.C. is named TOIPU, I told him the names of the wanted men and he said they were all in two small villages named MAGIVI and NEMETI further up the creek, taking him we pushed on up there MAGIVI was deserted, at NEMETI it looked like trouble, several armed men appeared and drew their bows but TOIPI called to them and they slunk off into the bush, I did not expect to get the wanted man but took note of their dwellings for future use, here we got the skull of EWARA a Gearabar man who was killed by GANIEU or KASE returned to KERA thence to camp arriving at 4 15 pm very weary The 5th we spent in camp all day, V.C. INU returned with his guest SOGOMI, and amusing couple these two spreading good will wherever they go, V.C. INAI arrived with councillor AURAGI just returned from UMADAI, he says on his way there he met some UMAIDAI on their way to attack Morigio but he told them about us and they went back he brought with him a Waraidai named GAIMI who says about two weeks ago OGO of his village had been killed by one DUAI a UAREMI (?) man, On the 6th I left with Mr Champion and Intp OWAMU in the "HOURI" for KEME to send word to Kikori and to get more reliable carriers landed OWAMU who was told to recruit carriers on his way back from Kikori endeavoured to get out of passage but tide too and sea getting up and we were forced to sleep at KEME. On the 7th we returned to camp found V.C. TOIPU and Cr DODOB awaiting us, TOIPU said the murderers had returned to village but he could not arrest them having no handcuffs, he suggested we go up together and try to get them whilst asleep, I was pleased to hear him suggest this as it is what I wanted to do myself. told to wait in camp till Monday.

Sunday the 8th a day's rest in camp.

On 9th police party chosen for KEARU raid and at 9 30 am 12 police 1/c the L/Cpl left in canoes via GIBU creek V.Cs SOGOMI, KAIHA and TOIPI with them Mr Champion and self with three A.Cs left in the "HOURI" to go round via Bell point, Villages are springing up all along the Turama from the camp to Bell point with people industriously fishing and canoes everywhere Arrived at temporary camp said BIBO creek 4 50 pm found police had duly arrived, landed and waited for dark, at 8 30 pm leaving

launch anchored left in canoes for upstream, sighted KEARU 10 30 pm too early for raid the cloudy moon made visibility good up to 150 yards. Decided to wait till 4 am then surround village and raid at daybreak. at midnight heavy rain set in carriers complained bitterly and police became glum at 2 30 am decided to push on, divided party in three L/Cpl to creep up to NEMETI, my party to MAGAVI and Mr Champion to surround the KEARU dubu at a given signal the three parties closed on their Objectives, and before the slumbering inhabitants were properly awake a number were caught, I found that we had four of the actual murderers NAUNI. GANIBU. KURIGO. and ARI. BAGARI. they all later confessed to actually killing Gosrabari man. Returned to temporary camp 4 40 am and after a short rest left for police camp the police leaving shortly afterwards, we reached home at 2 pm practically ~~at~~ coincident with police canoe. ✓ told prisoners BANIGI had tried to escape by swimming the GIBU in leg irons and handcuffs but was brought back. 11th and 12th were spent in camp and interrogating prisoners other wanted man. On the 13th we had storm all night and morning Intp OWAMU reter from Kikori with stores launch oil etc instructions from R.M. A.C. MAGIANMA rept d for duty here. V.C. TOIPU arrived with some of his people he says the other wanted man who evaded capture on our raid were still in the bush but as he was giving a dance they would probably come to it, and if we would give him hand cuffs he would get them, I give him three pairs.. On the 14th acting under order from the R.M. I had the "HOURI" pulled up well washed and dried out she is not coppered and the R.M. reminded not to leave her too long ~~in~~ in water, started ~~to~~ ^{build.} ~~to~~ a small shed to keep her in warned certain V.D patients for Kikori. Mr Champion has been doing the medical work there is a lot of it and we need a boy with some knowledge badly for this.

General Remarks.

with the exception of the brush with the DORIOMC in the GIBU creek we have not met with any serious opposition, and unless we go right up on the opposite side of the TURAMA to WARIADAI, I don't think we will. The BARO and DORIOMC have all domiciled within a stone's throw of the camp, and visit us daily. UMADAI and WARIADAI need patrolling a bit more before they can be called under control. This will be done as soon as possible, the Upper WAIWE creek people, from whom trouble was expected are now bringing in sago, and are sufficiently under ~~xxxxx~~ control to warrant the safety of future visit it is noticeable and regrettable, that many V.Cs in this district have not a rag or a written word to show they are Govt representatives, most places have no V.C and not even councillors. I heartily agree with the R.M.D.D. (P.R.xix 17/26-7) in what he says about registers and ~~any~~ dual interpretation.

The Motor launch "HOURI" kindly loaned to the camp by the R.M. pending approval of a charter, is a splendid little vessel for this work she gives little trouble, is simple to operate speedy and powerful, she is really invaluable to us.

Much good could be done here with a trained medical assistant attached to the camp, the V.Cs as yet do not know their duties re this disease which seems fairly frequent.

Sgd.S.G. Middleton P.O.

The R.M. Kikori,

for your information remarks and transmission

Please

initd S.G.M. P.O.

Observations.

Mr Middleton appears to me have done exceedingly well, when it is remembered that it is really his first patrol his success in handling the natives is quite good. On reading this report I have a greater feeling of confidence in the position of the camp than I have had since its inception. The question of the "HOURI's" charter has been written about, she appears to be doing all that could be expected of here.

J. O. Johnston & Blyth
R.M. 19/4/28.

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The R.M., D.D.

Kikori.

Turama Police Camp.

I have to thank you for your letter No. 169/23/28 of 5th ult., also copy of Mr. P.O. Middleton's report. The P.O. is to be congratulated on his work.

If possible I will visit the Upper GAMA, TURAMA, and KIKORI before the end of September.

EO

R.M., W.D.
11/6/1928.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE DELTA

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The R.M. W.D.

Turama Police Camp.

As you are aware the above has been established P.Os Middleton and Champion, and 19 police being there, up to date all but four of those wanted for the murders of the Goarabaris have been arrested.

V.C. GAUDI has been committed for sentence you will I presume recommend his discharge.

DAMAI of MAPOI IA has been selected to take his place full particulars later.

HENERI of BUDUHY has been secelcted as V C new appointment.

As soon as possible I will send you copy of intering report on the Camp.

I visit the camp at intervals of ten days or so. Everything so far very satisfactory.

William J. Blythe

RRM i/c DD
5/5/28

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TURAMA RIVER BASE CAMP.

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The R.M. W.D.

C. D. Linton & Bleth

REM i/c D.D.

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DELTA DIVISION

INTERIM REPORT TURAMA CAMP NUMBER TWO.

OBSERVATIONS

The majority of the material in this report has already formed the subject of letters etc from myself.

Mr Middleton had a deal of trouble with his police, at first I took L/Cpl KOBUTA down to him as L/Cpl JIGORI had caused the P.O. some trouble, he is still at the camp, and as Corpl OMA appears quite useless either there or here at Kikori I would like to see him promoted.

As, absence without leave, intercourse with women, sleeping on guard etc appeared to continue I took sergt TARO down, and he is at present there, in the hope that, good disciplinarian that he is, he will be able to assist the officers to stop this.

I am glad the "MOURI" continues to give such good service it will be already known that the power dinghy was recovered with no damage to the boat, the officers being the sufferers, including myself, through the accident.

Since Mr Middleton sent this report to be typed I have again been down to the camp, see my P.R. 28.

I think both officers have done good work and they are at present much handicapped by the weather.

A small sketch map is attached.

C. J. Lister & Blyth

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INTERIM REPORT FROM TURAMA POLICE CAMP.

by S.G. Middleton, P.O.

Officer in Charge.

Continued from Former Report.

Sunday April 15th. With Mr P.O. Champion left in "HOURI" for HARAGO for purpose of investigating murder of GAMA of BORIGMO said to have occurred there, returned to Camp at 1 40 pm.

April 16th. Heavy storm from midnight till nearly daylight, at 4 am was awakened by L.Cpl. JIGORI who reported all the prisoners had escaped, and that the launch "HOURI" was also gone, we found the launch had apparently dragged her anchor but she was found safe in the main river, no signs of the prisoners, sent canoes with police in all directions searching, Mr Champion with party of police left in canoes per GIBU creek to get into GAMA river and endeavour to head off fugitives. The mode of escape is a mystery, as handcuffed and leg ironed in pairs, as they were, they could hardly have swam the creek. Police returned at intervals during the day being unsuccessful.

April 17th. Search was continued in bush towards Bell Point and above camp. Mr Champion and party returned 9 30 am having camped at HEMETI. He reported hearing a strange canoe pass in the night sent A G DE EA and TOPI to KEARU to see if escapees had been seen there, they returned on Wednesday the 18th bringing in two GAI AI and AIKAI, they learned that the escapees had returned to KIRBAU in fact they had been there just before, they also informed me that V C TOIPI had arrested five men altogether which would have completed the Goarabari murderers, but three escaped with handcuffs on. To have arrested 15 only to have 13 escape is a bitter pill. Those who escaped from the camp did so owing to A G AIKIKI sleeping on guard. At night I was informed of the murder of four men of IBUA Gama River by the Paravi people. On the 19th I arrested NOMBA, KOWAI and NIAGI of Borigmo for the murder of KAMIDE of IBUA and GAUDI V.C. MAURI, KIRIMAI for the murders of GOITA, BOIBERU and NAKA of IBUA. These men with prisoners GAIKI and AIKAI were sent to Kikori under escort of police. On the 20th V C TOIPI came in and said the escapees were still in the bush, and that should they come in he would arrest them, next day I was told by SOGONI V C of HEMETI that TOIPI was double crossing me, and that the escapees were in TOIPI's dubu, decided to carry out night raid on dubu, but first await the R.M. whom I expect tomorrow.

Awakening at 6 am we could distinctly hear an engine on the opposite side of HEMBO and sent L/Cpl to investigate, at 9. 30 am the "Vanapa" was sighted coming into towards camp, Mr Champion and I went aboard and received our mails and stores, the "Vanapa" was bound to Kikori and prior to leaving she recruited 20 labour. She left at 1 30 pm.

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The 23rd was spent in camp waiting for the "Kismet" the police etc continuing work on buildings, as there was no sign of here next morning I left for HARAGU to ascertain if V C INAI I had ret'd from Kikori, arrived there almost simultaneously with him, and learnt the "Kismet" was on her way but was experiencing considerable engine trouble. Returned to camp 6 30 pm sighted "Kismet" coming up river and she anchored off camp about 7 to 8 pm. I immediately went on board with Mr Champion and met the R.M. Stores and extra police viz L/Cpl FORUTA and A C GOTTI were landed the 25th. A Cs GIGA, KAIBA, ARIKI and BI AI also returned from Kikori, the R.M. and self spent the morning trying various cases of Breach of discipline by police and ARIKI was suspended by the R.M. for his share in the escape of the prisoners, inspected A Cs. At 11 30 am the R.M. and self with A Cs KAKORA and MIMISIMA left in the "HOURI" for KEARU to carry out raid mentioned on the 20th inst. Seven A Cs went thr canoe passage to meet us, we reached old camp site about 10 30 pm and R.M. and self and police going on per canoe raided KEARU dubu, no sign of the escapees, spent miserable remainder of night on floor of dubu.

The R.M. discussing matters as to best method of effecting re arrest of these men advised the temporary split of my party, Mr Champion to form a sub camp up here, we therefore left 7 A Cs at a suitable site to prepare a camp, and left for the main camp in the "HOURI" arriving at 4 pm. Acting under the R.M.'s instructions I recruited four local constables to fill vacancies. On the 27th the R.M. left in the "Kismet" taking Mr Champion, his gear and two extra police to take him to the sub camp. At 3 pm having completed correspondence etc I left in the "HOURI" for Haragu there to await return of KISMET from GAMA River and to save the R.M. the run of 14 miles up the river again I was to meet him at sea. However the KISMET did not appear and I decided to return to camp and send mail by canoe I did so on the 28th and found that one escaped prisoner BAWAGI had been re arrested.

As a result of information gleaned I left at 5 30 pm on the 29th for KEARU, taking also L.Cpl JIGORI and A C DORO for sub camp, the sea was too rough to take launch round Bell Point so I went by canoe. Mr Champion rept'd on my arrival at 3 am on the 30th that another escapee GANIBU had been arrested. He had been sent to Kikori by KISMET sent out police to search bush they returned about 9 pm with three KURIGO, BAI I and BAIDI also the skull of IANUA one of the murdered Goarabaris. Left for Base camp at 10 30 am my canoe was capsized in the Gibu creek and some of my gear and the police' also 50 rounds of ammunition was lost. Arrived camp 8 pm with bad fever.

On the 1st I sent the 4 prisoners with A C HAGAUMI to Kikori. A Cs IDEA and KAIBA sent to Paravi for witness had not ret'd they went y'day. On the 2nd the above two A Cs ret'd at noon they told me the PARAVI people had acted in a hostile manner and threatened them and any one else from our camp with death if we went to PARAVI until recently these people have been encamped down the river and frequent visitors to the camp, they sent me a message to the effect

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they would kill us all as they were not frightened of me or the police who sat in camp all day and were afraid to come out and fight. I will visit them as soon as I can. The 3rd was marked by heavy rain and howling SE sea, the 4th similar unable to do any thing this cleared ab ut midday the 5th and it was a treat to see the sun again. Mr Champion arrived at 3 pm bringing with him HANNI and GAINA two wanted murderers, also a native of KIMBU named SOI IO, who had been accidentally shot by his orderly when cleaning his revolver, we made him comfortable for the night on the 6th fearing peritonitis I decided to take him in the launch to Kikori, left at 8 15 am in the "HOURI" arrived Kikori 9 5 pm and reported to R.M. Dr Leigh arrived on station next morning and the patient was able to receive skilled attention. The 7th and 8th I spent at the station going into camp matters, and the R.M. also during this period took down the "HOURI's" engine and gave her a thorough overhaul and clean up, she had needed this some time being rather sluggish latterly.

On the 9th the engine was put back in the boat and I left to return to camp at 3 15 pm. arriving UBUA, Gashbari, at 6 pm and camping. Left at 4 40 am in the morning and reached GABABIA Korigio abt 10 am, I had instructions from the R M to make two arrests here the men wanted were not here and I told V C IBU to arrest them and bring them in, arrived camp 1 pm the "HOURI" ran beautifully all the way.

The 10th was spent at the camp all hands building. A C DE EA who had been sent to sub camp to bring in police ret'd two further arrests had been made, previously I had been unable to get any evidence against chief BAHAGI but I have now evidence that he is also implicated.

The 11th we spent the morning checking all stores and gear as the R.M. requires a list for his returns, A C KHAMU and I ret'd from Kikori to which place they were sent as escort last Sunday, the P.M. informed me they did not reach Kikori till 9 30 pm on the Wednesday having loitered at AILANE en route, the R.M. advised me to charge them as loitering with prisoners must be stopped on account of possibility of escapes if nothing else.

I did so. Re arrested BAHAGI who had ret'd with the police from Kikori. As V C IBU had not arrived with men he was told to get the other day I left with Mr Champion and two A Cs in the "HOURI" towing the power dinghy, containing all our cooking gear etc, near DABEBI a strong SE sprang up, increasing to a gale the launch tossed about all ways, at the critical moment of crossing the sand bank in less than a fathom the tow line parted to warn back for the dinghy would have almost certainly meant losing the launch also and probably our lives, I decided to get to DABEBI and head on, darkness closed in rapidly when we reached where I thought DABEBI was, it was almost pitch black very heavy seas running and wind increasing, it took every ounce of my strength to keep the launch on a straight course, a broken rudder or steering rope would have spelt disaster. As we reached GABABIA, whose lights we could see, we ran out of the sea into calmer water and were able to anchor off the village, we were unable to persuade a canoe to go out for us.

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One could not expect it in the sea running at the time. All we could do was sit and wait for wind to drop which it did not do till daylight, at which time we left in the "HOURI" for DADEBI to commence search for dinghy. A black cloud showing very indication of another blow caused us to change our minds and we sent Cr PEGA to DADEBI telling him to tell people to search and we proceeded to camp round northern end of island.

On arrival I immediately detached police to organise a wide spread search.

All Sunday and Monday 14th. a howling S E was blowing and our hopes for recovering the dinghy and a large list of personal gear fell to zero. This with what I lost in the GIBU creek has left me little in the way of utensils, my biggest loss was my new automatic which was in a sling bag in the dinghy

GENERAL REMARKS.

First and foremost I must express my sincere regret at the loss of the dinghy, the engine of which is, I believe, the private property of the R.M. Mr A Liston-Blyth, to whom I extend my sympathy, in addition to which he suffered the loss of a gramophone and records he had kindly lent the camp.

At the time of the accident we were making good headway and should have negotiated the point all right, the rope a one inch mailla looked strong enough to hold a vessel twice the size of the launch itself, but these muddy waters have evidently caused it to deteriorate.

As regards the work of the camp, all the murderers of the Goarabaris except four have been arrested and sent to Kikori.

Three of the four are in the Upper WAIWE district and the other on the Gama river, their ultimate capture I feel sure is certain.

The temporary camp under Mr Champion has done excellent work, and its abandonment will be only temporary. Mr Champion with picked police will return in a few days time, and I feel sure he will succeed in getting the remaining three in that district.

The launch "HOURI" kindly loaned by the R.M. still proves invaluable, and since her overhaul at Kikori is running better than ever, the only draw back is her size, she is not built for open seas. In the dry season there will be no passage thro via Gibu to WAIWE and a launch to go round Bell Point is a necessity. A successful patrol of UMADAI and WARIADAI cannot be carried out without a launch. Our health bar a few colds remains excellent.

sgd S.G. Middleton P.O.

O/i/c Turana Camp.

R.M. D.D. for information, observations and transmission please after typing.

SGM 14/5/28

SUB PATROL REPORT

by G. Champion. P.O.

Turama Camp.

After a discussion with the R.M. Mr P.O. Middleton, officer i/o Turama Camp, gave me instructions to proceed up the WAIWE and form a sub camp on site selected by the R.M. accordingly I left per "Kismet" in charge of the R.M. on the morning of the 27th April with A.Cs. Seven A.C. had been left there to commence camp, we proceeded round Bell Point up the GAMA and into the WAIWE, on entering the GAMA five canoes came out to greet us, they wished to come up with us and we took two canoes of FOIMIA people in tow we reached the selected site at 6 45 pm about, after a pleasant trip and the A.C. reported all well and that they had one prisoner one GANIBU an escapee from base camp. Landed A.C. and stores.

At 5 45 am GANIBU was handed over to the R.M. and the "Kismet" sailed at 6 am for Kikori. V.C. TOINU of KEARU reptd this man was responsible for the re arrest of GANIBU, police and prisoners building house which was finished by 4 pm.

On the 29th, V.C. KIONAI of FOIMIA and his carriers being quite useless to me I sent them to base camp with mail, raining all day.

On the 30th Mr Middleton arrived with two canoes at 4 20 am bringing a few stores etc, V.C. TOINU reptd and stated that some of the wanted men had returned to their village HEMETI about a mile above this camp, sent L/Cpl JIGORI and police to endeavour to arrest they returned with three KURIGO, BAIDI and BAJI all wanted, Mr Middleton left for base camp at 11 35 am taking the prisoners and six of the A.Cs which leaves me with eight.

On the 1st May heavy rain fell all day, NUUNI was arrested about 1 45 pm some more good work by V.C. TOINU.

On the 2nd V.C. TOINU arrested GAI at Keara where he had ventured to visit his wife. Owing to incessant rain it is impossible to do any patrolling.

The 3rd was spent in camp heavy rain all day.

On the 4th I despatched L/Cpl and 3 A.C. to see if they could locate the murderers, the police are getting restless at inaction owing to rain. They reptd abt 6 pm and the L/Cpl reported they had found a shelter about four hours from the camp but no sign of the fugitives.

On the 5th whilst waiting for breakfast I heard a gun report from near police house, going down I found V.C. TOINU holding one GAI IO of KEARU, who had brought sage in, he had been accidently shot by A.C. KIMANU, whilst the latter was cleaning my revolver the bullet had entered the abdomen on the right side and came out on his back abt a quarter of an inch from the spine, after attending to wound I rigged up a suitable place for him on a canoe with my camp bed and with three police two prisoners left at 9 30 am for base camp. L/Cpl JIGORI left in charge here.

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On the 6th Mr Middleton left for Kikori with wounded man in the "HOURI". I later sent two prisoners HOUNI and SANAI to Kikori see pt A C KIMANI and IMAI I.

A C HAGIAUMI arrived here from Kikori with mails and stores.

8th At base camp, all hands building etc. forwarded witnesses wanted by R.M. in IBOA murder case.

8th Held off Gearakari carriers. building etc.

9th Building at base camp.

10th sent word to L/Cpl to bring in all gear from sub camp.

Mr Middleton ret'd from Kikori.

11th At base camp. L/Cpl brought in police and gear from sub camp. They brought two more prisoners HUNI and ARU.

sgt G.Champion. P.O.

15/5/28

C.I/c ~~Syama~~ Camp

For information please

CC 15/5/28

W.D.

TURAMA POLICE CAMP

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Forwarded to

The Hon. The G.S.

The P.M. W.D.

19/7/23

A. Linton Blyth

RM 1 /c D.D.

TURAMA POLICE CAMP.

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By S.G. Middleton S.S. In Charge.

Continued from previous report.

On Tuesday the 15th, A C DS KA and NAGIAMI returned with the pleasing news that the power dinghy had been found by some BADEBI natives in the mouth of a small creek near where it was lost.

They were unable to bring it to camp owing to rough seas, we were pleased to hear a considerable portion of our private gear had been recovered by diving. On Wednesday the 16th I sent OMANU to bring the dinghy to the camp, I sent also A C S IHAI I and MURAGI with prisoners to Kikeri. About 9 pm I went out to see if the "Hour anchored in the creek was alright, she was, five minutes later I had another look just in time to see her disappearing into the Turama, sent police and carriers to bring her back. At 10 am on the 17th OMANU returned with the dinghy, examined her and found only slight damage to engine, took it to pieces and thoroughly oiled it, V C HANDEI and DAMAI arrived both Bare men from whom obtained a vocabulary of the Bare language. Being unable on the 18th police working on buildings etc. At about 8 am on the 19th I left to attempt to get remainder of those wanted for the IBUA raid, strong seas prevented use of the launch on outside passage so I went by canoe up GIBU, Mr Champion and nine A C accompanied me, at the old HANDEI site now also the duku has been burnt down we lunched, then proceeded up the WIBOS which is the name given to the Gava river after the junction with the Kive, at 4 30 pm I called a halt at an old Koombati to wait for the tide, it passed with a roar at about 7 pm and I was glad I was ashore, we followed it up, at about 4 30 am V C DAMAI whispered to me that we were close to the BIKAVI people, waited for daylight, first sign of pushed on and landed flanking party, raided several houses successfully and took several prisoners but none of them had anything to do with the IBUA trouble, I was informed the culprits were camped at the BIKAI creek proceeded there, entering creek saw two newly built huts from one a man ran out armed with bow and arrow, one of which he discharged over our heads, I told the paddlers to rush the bank they but the man then pointed his bow straight at us, all the boys threw themselves down in the bottom of the canoe and I was left sitting facing him without even a revolver, we were about ten feet apart, fortunately when he saw me he changed his mind and ran off into the bush, I learned he was one BIKIA a big chief (now V.C.), several

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The 21st was spent in camp, police and carriers building etc. A 3 DE BA to Coarabari for fresh carriers.

At 10 am on the 22nd I left in the "Hourai" for Barago to send a mail to Kikori, taking only my attendant LALAI, whilst at BARAGO at 12 30 pm a strong wind came up and we experienced a rough trip back, the launch nearly being capsized several times, nearing HEABO Island a big sea came right over her half filling her and stopping the engine, with LALAI's assistance I rowed her into the Island, and after a lot of work got the engine going again and got to camp safely, she is a wonderful little sea boat for her size. The 23rd to the 25th were spent in camp rain squalls and strong S E winds, building etc was done.

On the 26th DE BA returned from Coarabari with 13 carriers, at 4 30 pm the "Kismet" arrived with the P.M. aboard, landed stores for the camp etc, the P.M. went into matters connected with the camp with me, on the 27th Mr Champion arrived from KIRAU with five prisoners two of whom were released as not being wanted, the other three were charged with murder. SINGHA one of them was one of the escapees of April and he confirmed the story that some of them were drowned on that occasion. The P.M. held a Magisterial Enquiry which he adjourned to Kikori.

On the 28th the "Kismet" left for Kikori at 5 15 am, at 8 30 am Mr Champion left on his return to KIRAU and at 9 30 am I left with the Corporal and six A Cs, to search for the BARAVI people again, again lunch at HEMTI, one of the Baravi men we had previously arrested told me he thought the wanted men had left their village up the WINGDA and gone down the Gama, sent him to investigate, he returned in half an hour and said the men were there, decided to remain at HEMTI and raid BARAVI early morning. Leaving 3 30 am the 29th we reached Baravi at daylight arided village found it deserted, the people had apparently been warned as all their fowls dogs etc were here and all signs of a hasty flight, went up a nearby creek by canoe police flanking each side, after half an hour police found a well defined track leading into bush, despatched four to follow it, I found I could not myself owing to my heavy boots in the swamp, after two hours police returned and said they had found people at a newly made village in middle of a swamp, the friendly advances of the police were ignored and arrows were discharged at them DE BA had a narrow escape one arrow hitting him on the belt. Leaving the Corpl and three A Cs to watch Baravi I returned to HEMTI to collect gear to move to Baravi. Returning we established ourselves as easily as we could in the village, rounded up all live stock, sent in the Baravi man to tell people I would remain here and hold possession of their canoes and stock till they came in and acted in a friendly way.

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Just before dark a number of women and old men returned to Inzavu and settled into their houses, from then till late at night there was a stream of them, and when I awakened on the 30th I found all save a few stragglers had returned. Selected KOIBLA the "str man" of the village as V C, after having his duties explained I told him to pick out those concerned in the IBUA affair, he picked out five men whose names agree with those I had already. After arrest them we struck camp and reached the base camp at 4 50 pm.

On the 31st V C LAMAI arrived with another man wanted for the IBUA affair by name APOBI. The whole of the 1st June I spent in bed sick with fever. On the 2nd I sent six prisoners escorted by A C HAGAUMI and KIMAWU to Rikori. Just as I was preparing to leave CR HOGA of HABIS arrived with a tale that he and a man named DAUBU had gone to Unadai to get some "gun" and that DAUBU had been killed by MIPAI and HOGE K, the councillor escaping in the canoe. at 11 30 am I left for UMBAI in the launch towing a canoe with 7 AC arrived at KESUMURU at 4 30 pm and found it deserted from a sign left on the duka we gathered they had gone up river, as it was big bore time I did not care to go higher up and returned towards camp at 6 30 pm we met the bore the steering gear carried away and the launch swung round, my cook LAMAI with considerable presence of mind jumped to the rudder and turning it with his hands brought the launch head on again, the bore was about four feet, a choppy sea followed it and I was forced to leave the canoe after a rough trip we reached the camp at 9 pm the canoe arrived at 5 am.

On the 3rd V C KIMAI was charged with adultery and he was sentenced and his uniform removed. a man named KORI was selected in his place. On the 4th learned there was yet another man named WASAI connected with the IBUA affair sent V C SOGOMI to get him and later he brought him in.

On the 5th left in the "Hourai" to visit Mr Champion a strong S E compelled me to return.

On the 6th leaving at 6 am made another attempt to this time we succeeded in rounding Bell Point and arrived at KESURU at 4 40 pm. Found Mr Champion had been ill some days, I decided to abandon the WAIVE camp, telling the police to come by canoe next morning I took Mr Champion aboard and left at 7 pm at 1 am we reached POINTA V C KORI, at the mouth of the Gama as a strong S E was blowing decided to camp. Next day the 7th made several attempts

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decided to try again. As we approached the sand bank the wind again freshened and we experienced a very rough time, the little launch however was doing very well in the mountains seas when the steer again gave way, LALAI again saved the situation by jumping on the counter and steering her by hand we reached the camp at 2 25 am found that BAGIAUMI and KIMANU had returned from Kikori with mails and stores.

Prisoners KAMIA had escaped but had been brought in by V C DAMAI. The 8th was spent in camp self on mails etc. at about 7 pm the Sgt on loan from Kikori reported that BAGIAUMI had gone into the bush close to the camp about 3 pm and had not returned order of police to search for him, a few moments after we heard yells and soon after were told BAGIAUMI had been found dead. Dressed hastily Mr Champion and I went along and met the police carrying the unfortunate lad into camp, on arrival at the barracks I examined the body he was quite dead, the only marks were across the back of the neck and another clearly defined under the jawbone, took statements from A C KIMANU and ZAIBA who found the body, it had been found in a kneeling position at the foot of a large tree the chin resting on a raised root and a limb was lying across the neck. The deceased was a Morigio and one of my smartest A Cs. A Hunter of his village were in camp and they asked permission to take the body home for burial, I allowed this and the next morning the 9th sent A C DE EA with them to see it buried properly and secretly.

On the 10th sent IHAI I to Kikori with witnesses and the prisoner WASAI. On the 11th I commenced the census of local villages as instructed by the R.M. completed 20 C village near camp 186 names taken. DE EA returned and reported BAGIAUMI to have been buried. Mr Champion very ill he has been seedy all last week, tonight his temperature was 105 .2 , he vomitted anything I gave him. at 9 30 pm Mr Champion perspired freely and had a fairly comfortable night. On the 12th Mr Champion was such improved self attending to him and also two sick police.

On the 13th completed HEMTI census. at 7 pm Sergt reported KIMBAI gain escaped, sent search parties unsuccessful.

14th and 15th spent in camp repairing buildings etc.

On the 16th inspected police gear V C TOIEU arrived with two prisoners both wanted in connection with the Coorabari murders T IEU reported arresting them at the BIRAI creek 40 miles from his village a very creditable performance for a new V C.

On the 17th IHAI I returned from Kikori with mails and stores.

On the 18th as result of a memo from K K arrested

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SARARI DUBUDE and BAUDI of Borlomo for murder, held then pending arrival of R M.

On the 19th sent prisoners to KIKORI A C DE EA escort. TOINU arrived having arrested the last of the Gocarabari murderers via BAIGARI. At 3 30 pm sent A C TOBI with prisoner to try to overtake DE EA if unable to do so to take him on to Kikori.

The 20th in camp all day A C AGOTI brought in badly lacerated by a charging pig had not A C BATE been close at hand and able to kill the pig no doubt AGOTI would have been killed

On the 21st left in "HOURI" for Dadebi to distribute pay of deceased MAGIAMI to his relatives at DABEBI filled in as far as possible questionnaire re Technological survey as requested by R M. Arrived back at camp at 5 20 pm.

On the 22nd was in camp all day Mr Champion again ill. V C KOVEA of HABIO with mail from Kikori and instructions to investigate alleged fight at Habio. As a result OY HOGA was arrested. I asked KOVEA about the alleged murder of BAUBU at UKADAI and he told me HOGA had lied BAUBU was not a Habio man and had been killed a long time ago in a fight over a woman.

23rd I spent on mails all day. On the 24th V C a HANGAI DAMAI, KOKKIA, AUBI, KOHI, all Baro men brought in ZAMIA who escaped the other day.

On the 25th I spent day overhauling launch engine. DE EA and TOBI returned with instructions from R M.

On the 26th I left under instructions of R M fro GABADIA to arrest a deserter named DAMAI, however I found he has signed on to Messrs Anderson and Clunn on the Lokakasa goldfield.

Arrived back 6 10 pm.

On the 27th in camp all day raining.

On the 28th V C DAMAI arrived and told me that V C SEGERI of Bora had died suddenly left with two A C in launch to investigate examined body no sign of foul play. ordered it to be buried selected SBOI to take his place. Returned to camp 4 35 pm and found the "Eisnet" here with the R.M. and Mr Austin A.R.M. to take charge. Handed over affairs of camp to the latter at 8 pm.

sgd S.C. Middleton. P.O.

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OBSERVATIONS

Mr Middleton, in the pencil report sent me to type, winds up with the native word VAKDESI, it is a word that in it's one sense is most applicable, "all right" because there is no doubt that the work that the work the Officer has done in the time he has been in charge is all right.

My own report No 1 of 1928-9 will show what I felt as to the extraordinary change in the District since Mr Middleton was landed by me on Morigio five months ago, new villages built and from all appearances likely to be permanent ones, constant flow of visitors to the camp, Village police in uniform doing their job, e.g. FOIFU.

Mr Middleton has certainly taken great pains and spared himself no discomfort to bring about the needed arrests, he speaks of others' ill health but does not mention that he himself is very much run down, suffering from boils and intermittent fever. It is my intention to relieve him with Mr Champion, now that that gentleman has had a thorough rest and is better from his attack.

I have little doubt, that if our staff is kept up, so that we can arrange for quarterly visits for a time to come that little further trouble should be experienced in this district. I trust the same will apply to UMADAI and WARIADAI.

Alister Bluff

Relieving Resident Magistrate.