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GULF DISTRICT

KEREMA SUBDISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS:

9-17 of 29/30

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

9/29-30.

KERMA, G.D.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by E.R. Oldham, Resident Magistrate, to
villages East of LILIFIRU as far as Cape Possession for the purpose of
inspecting villages, collecting 1929/30 tax, and paying Family Bonus
~~Etc~~ and reporting on Native Industries.

Left Station on 6/12/1929 Returned to Station on 18/12/1929

Number of Carriers employed 8 Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whaleboat. E.R. Oldham.

Villages visited LILIFIRU, KUKIPI, ULITAI, MIRIHEA, KAPURI, KAVORA,
AVIALA, BIANU, ICKEA and MORIO.

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- (5) The cost of the patrol must be shown within, in the space provided.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 6. 1. 1930.

E. R. Oldham

Officer in charge of Station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
	ℓs	ℓs	ℓs	ℓs	ℓs	ℓs	ℓs	
Rice	300	58	156	10	224	1 12 8	96	
Biscuits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Meat	12	8	-	2	10	5 10	2	
Sugar	6	6	-	-	6	1 5	-	
Tea	1	1	-	-	1	11	-	
Soap	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tobacco	12	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	3	6 11	9	ℓs 66 8 1/2
Matches	103	$\frac{1}{2}$ 103	$\frac{1}{2}$ 103	-	$\frac{3}{4}$ 103	3	4 03	
Kerosene	2	1	-	-	1	1 4	1	
Tents								
Flies	1						1	
Lamps	2						2	
Buckets	2						2	
Kerosene Cans	2						2	
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.	1						1	
Knives, other								
Belts	1000	8 1/2	10 6	10 1/2	10 1/2	2 12 0		
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes	1						1	
Tomahawks	1						1	
TOTAL £						5 1 11	11	

NOTE.—When an article such as a tent is issued, but is returned for future use, the value should not be entered.

REPORT OF A PATROL MADE BY E. R. OGDEN, RESIDENT MAGISTRATE,
TO THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE GULF DIVISION.

Object of Patrol.

1. Collecting Tax for 1929/1930 - LILIFIRU to LOVE.
2. Paying Family Bonus for 1929/1930.
3. General Inspection Etc.
4. Reporting on ~~copra marketing~~ *Home Industries (Kerema Patrol)*

6. 12. 1929.

Left Kerema in whaleboat at 9.30 a.m. with 3 A.C. and 8 MEI and UARIPI natives as crew. Arrived LILIFIRU (V.C.FOROMA) 4.30 p.m. Inspected village and found same in good order with the exception of the surroundings which I ordered the V.C. to have cleaned up first thing in the morning. Camped in old Rest House, the new one not yet being ready for occupation.

7. 12. 1929.

Left LILIFIRU at 6.30 a.m. as I had arranged to meet the M.V. "Vaiviri" from Port Moresby at KUKIPI this morning at about 8 o'clock to take delivery of the mail. Sighted the vessel at 7 a.m., and went on board at 7.40. Captain Burns informed me that he had a fair quantity of Government cargo on board, including four large tanks. As there are very few prisoners in Kerema Gaol sent Corporal SEVESE back in "Vaiviri" with instructions to engage the IPIPI and KORAITA people to help unload. Continued on to KUKIPI village (V.C.LOUSI) and commenced tax collecting at 1 p.m. Collected 23 KUKIPI, 2 IOKRA, 3 ULITAI, 1 VAILALA and 2 MOVIAMI Taxes. As several of the KUKIPI men are away the remainder of the taxes will be collected when I return.

Received from V.C. LOUSI the sum of £13. 6. 0 to pay into his account with the Commonwealth Savings Bank.

Inspected village and found same clean, but like LILIFIRU the surroundings have not received sufficient attention. Told the V.C. to have this attended to without delay, and ordered that a new Rest House and quarters for ~~the~~ A.C. and carriers be built as the present buildings are in a very bad state.

Mr. J. Walker called.

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8. 12. 1929.

Left KUKIPI at 7 a.m. and arrived MORIO (V.C. APORO) who also controls LOVE at 4.30 p.m. The Rest House here is one of the worst I have seen. The roof was half off, the floor dangerous to walk upon, and the so called kitchen beyond description. Inspected the A.C. and carriers quarters and found same in a similar state. Ordered that new buildings be erected without delay, and informed the V.C. that if he did not pay more attention to his duties that his dismissal would be recommended.

Inspected MORIO village and found same satisfactory with the exception of three houses, the owners of which were ordered to have same re-roofed and repaired.

V.C. TOARIPI and several MOVIAMI Councillors reported, and informed me that they were attending a feast at SAROTA.

V.C. MARA of SAROTA also reported and informed me that he had just completed the building of a new Rest House at his village, about two miles west of MORIO.

Mr. O. Higginson, trader, called in the evening, and stated that he had only bought eleven bags of copra since September, and wanted me to inform the people that he would give them a good price for it if they sold same to him instead of taking it all to SIVITOI. Told him that the people could do as they liked with their copra, and that if they did not want to sell to him we could not make them. He said that he had been trading in this District for eleven years, and had only been able to afford one trip to Port Moresby, and thought that if he remained here much longer that he would go mad. I suggested that he apply for a position of some sort on a plantation, but he said he was now too old, and not only this he was legally married to a KUKIPI woman who did not wish to leave the District.

9. 12. 1929.

During the morning collected 74 taxes from the SAROTA, LAULOVO, LAU ILAVA, VAKURU, MORIO and LOVE people, and distributed the sum of 29 among 39 Claimants for the Family Bonus.

Late in the afternoon assembled all the MORIO and LOVE people

paid over to them the £5 prize awarded for the best kept plantation in the Division for the year ending 30th June, 1929. The people asked for the money, and said they wished to be excused from holding a dance as they had been invited by the SAROTA people to attend a ~~feast~~ this evening which they were giving in honour of a number of visiting Samoan Mission Teachers.

10. 12. 1929.

Left MORIO at 8 a.m., and arrived at IOKEA (V.C. MAUTA) 11 a.m. Inspected Rest House, A.C. and carriers quarters, village and surroundings, and found same in excellent order. The prize for the most improved village in the Division for the year ending 30/6/1929 was awarded to these people, and there was much rejoicing when the £5, which I suggested should be spent on gardening tools, was handed over to them.

Collected 95 taxes, and paid 52 claims for the Family Bonus amounting to £13. 3. 0.

11. 12. 1929.

Paid 14 more Claimants for the Family Bonus the sum of £3.0.0, checked cash, and left for BIARU (V.C. KARAHURE), which was reached at 11 a.m.

Inspected Rest House, A.C. quarters, village and surroundings, and found same in very good order.

Collected 30 taxes, and paid out the sum of £8.18.0 in Family Bonus to 37 persons.

12. 12. 1929.

Collected 2 taxes, paid out £3. 0. 0. to 11 more Claimants for the Family Bonus, checked cash, and left for LESE, which was reached at 10 a.m. V.C's LAEO of AVIALA and KARUKULU of KAVORA reported all in order.

Inspected Rest House, A.C. quarters, villages and surroundings and found same very satisfactory.

Collected 27 AVIALA and 37 KAVORA taxes, and paid out the sum of £18. 5. 0 in Family Bonus claims to 82 persons as follows :-

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AVIALA.	31 Persons.	£6. 15. 0.
KAVORA.	51 "	11. 11. 0.
Totals:-	<u>82</u>	<u>£18. 8. 0.</u>

13. 12. 1929.

Left LESE 7 a.m., and arrived at KAPURI (V.C.SIMI) 9 a.m.
Inspected Rest House, A.C. quarters, villages and surroundings and found same satisfactory.

Collected 5 taxes and paid 2 claims for the Family Bonus amounting to 11/-.

At 10.30 a.m. V.C. PEAVIDI of POPO arrived with all his people. Collected 22 taxes, and paid out the sum of £1.18.0 in Family Bonus to 7 persons.

14. 12. 1929.

Left KAPURI daylight, and arrived at MOTUMOTU 7.30 a.m.
V.C's SAROA of ULITAI and LAHO of MIRIHEA reported all in order. Inspected Rest House, A.C. quarters, villages and surroundings, and found same satisfactory.

Collected 205 taxes.

15. 12. 1929.

Paid Family Bonus claims as follows :-

ULITAI.	42 Persons.	£9. 14. 0.
MIRIHEA.	45 "	9. 9. 0.
Totals:-	<u>87</u>	<u>£19. 3. 0.</u>

16. 12. 1929.

Held Court for Native Matters. FOROMA (F) v. KAKARI - Charge : Indecent Assault. Defendant Guilty. Convicted and sentenced to three months imprisonment with H.L. in Kerema Gaol.

One LELESI of ULITAI complained that his wife ITORO, a KAPAKAPA woman, was a common prostitute, and asked that he be allowed to send her back to her village. As the woman doesnot wish to remain at ULITAI, LELESI is to take her by canoe to Port Moresby, and is to see the R.M., C.D., re a passage for her to KAPAKAPA. R.M. advised.

Left MOTUMOTU at 9 a.m. and arrived at KUKIPI 11 a.m.

Collected 15 taxes, and paid out the sum of £3. 6. 0 in Family Bonus claims to 14 persons.

Inspected village and found that instructions issued on the 7th re the cleaning of the surroundings had been carried out, and that work on the new Rest House had commenced.

Left KIKIPI 1 p.m. and arrived LILIFIRU 3 p.m. Camped in the new Rest House which was finished this morning.

Collected 60 taxes.

A woman named OIKA of LILIFIRU complained that her husband PALAPAI-ELAMBALA of MIRIHEA (Tax Register No.38851) is loafing around Port Moresby and living on his friends. Says she has heard that he has made no attempt to find work, and if this is true would like him sent back to his village. R.M., C.D. informed.

17. 12. 1929.

Paid Family Bonus Claims as follows :-

<u>MIRIHEA.</u>	14 Persons.	23. 2. 0.
<u>TAVAFURU.</u>	5 "	1. 6. 0.
<u>HABUHABU.</u>	6 "	1.15. 0.
<u>LILIFIRU.</u>	26 "	6. 5. 0.
<u>Totals:-</u>	<u>41.</u>	<u>32. 8. 0.</u>

After finishing with the Family Bonus spent the rest of the day entering up Tax Register etc.

18. 12. 1929.

Left LILIFIRU 9 a.m. and arrived KEREMA 4.30 p.m.

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R.M., G.D.
6/1/1930.

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

10/29/30.

Kerama. G.D. STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Wm. J. Lambden. A.R.M. to
Western boundary of Gulf Division. for the purpose of
Inspecting roads, villages, etc. Court Matters, Native Labour matters,
Native Taxation, etc. encouraging the production of copra and attending
to matters in connection with the estate of Donald MacDonald.
 Left Station on 19/11/29. Returned to Station on 7/1/30.

Number of Carriers employed average. 25 Number of Police taken 3.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge -----

Villages visited All constal villages West of Kerama, total 69, population
9341.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 16th, January 1930.

W. J. Lambden
 R.M.: G.D.
 Officer in charge of Station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice	5	280	280		280	3 10 0		
Biscuits	68							
Meat	6 1/4	56	56		56	1 11 6		
Sugar	28	28	28		28	8 2		
Tea	3	3			3	2 9		
Soap	4	4			4	1 1		
Tobacco	2/3 1/4	61	see remarks		52 1/2	7 1 1	8 1/2 A.C.T.C.I. 3 1/2 11	
Matches	2 1/2 doz	2 1/2 doz			2 1/2	1 0	V.O? 4 1/2	
Kerosene	4 gal	4 gal	4 gal		4 gal	8 4	Cumilla 2 "	
Tents							Tungsten 1 "	
Flies							Purchase food 1 "	
Lamps	2						2 Carrier 4 1/2 "	
Buckets	2						2 Total 52 1/2 11	
Kerosene Cans	2						2	
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18 n.								
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes	1						1	
Tomahawks	1						1	
TOTAL £						13 3 11		

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GOVERNMENT SECRETARY.

IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

No. 180/30.

R.M.G.D., Kerema.

Copra making West of Kerema.

Upon reading Patrol Report No.10 of 29/30, His Excellency says that Mr. Lambden is doing very good work, and H.E. hopes that the lessened production is only a temporary incident. He goes on to say that the difficulty suggested on page 48 may be surmounted by giving an order to keep these areas clean, and taking proceedings if the order is not obeyed, adding that natives cannot be allowed to keep dirty areas of coconuts, which may be a breeding place for pests.

H. E. Lambden
G.S. 6/2/30.

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Report of Patrol No.10/29/30.
by Wm.J.Lambden A.R.M. from
Kerema to the Western Boundary
of the Gulf Division undertaken
for the following purposes:-

- i. Inspection of all villages.
- ii. Inspection of Roads and Bridges.
- iii. Inspection of Coconut Areas.
- iv. Encouraging the production of copra.
- v. Court Matters.
- vi. Native Labour matters.
- vii. Native Taxation matters.
- viii. Matters in connection with the estate of D.MacDonald.

Time occupied. 50 days.

NOVEMBER 1929.

Tuesday 19/11/29.

Accompanied by L/Cpl. PAIEKI MAINU,

Court Interpreter KIMAI and 10 natives of IPISI, left Kerema in the whaleboat at 9.a.m. Crossed Kerema Bay and landed at HARIRI at 9.40.a.m. Inspected the village of HAMARAPIRU (V.C.MALOBO) and inspected copra smoke houses and copra being made.

Left at 11.50.a.m. and proceeding along the beach called upon Mrs. E.V. Priddle and Mr. S.L. Ashton. Left at 1.p.m. and visited the MUI villages. Inspected the villages of PIRU, BUBIRI and IRAVAPAIRE (V.C.BUKA) and inspected copra smoke houses and copra being made. In the C.N.M. 98 male natives charged for "wilfully neglecting to clean village". At 5.p.m. adjourned cases until tomorrow and remanded defendants to Kerema. Packed up and boarded the whaleboat at 5.20.p.m. Crossed Kerema Bay and arrived back on the station at 6.25.p.m.

Wednesday 20/11/29.

At Kerema in C.N.M. all the morning

dealing with cases remanded yesterday. 5 natives discharged and 91 convicted and sentenced to 14 days.

Left at 3.p.m. and visited the local villages. Inspected KARAITA (V.C.MALO) and inspected smoke houses and copra being made. Proceeded to IPISI and inspected the villages of OVAI, IVARIAPERU and IRAVAPAIRE (V.C.IRAKAI). Inspected smoke houses and copra being made. Returned to the station at 5.40.p.m.

Thursday 21/11/29.

Accompanied by L/Cpl. PAIKEI MAINU, Armed Constables EKAU and KOSIPI, Court Interpreter KIMAI and 10 natives of KARAITA, left Kerema in the whaleboat at 9.a.m. Crossed Kerema Bay and proceeding up Hilia Creek arrived at the Opau landing at 11.a.m. Sent to the villages for carriers and had lunch.

Left at 1.p.m. and proceeding along the road arrived at the first of the Opau group of villages at 2.p.m. Inspected the villages of NAMAHEROI, BIRAKERA and HEVAVILI (V.C.BAIBA); FURARI (V.C.LOWOLI); IRAVAPAIRE, HAUPOI, and HAMIHURU (V.C.HARIVA). Also inspected roads and bridges, copra smoke houses and copra being made. Camped in the Rest House at 4.30.p.m. Until 5.30.p.m. talking to natives re roads, villages and copra making.

Friday 22/11/29.

From 8.30.a.m. until 9.15.a.m. in C.N.M. Until 10.15.a.m. dealing with native disputes and giving instructions to V.C.'s. and Councillors. Packed up and left 10.30.a.m.

Reached the landing at 11.30.a.m. and proceeded downstream in the whaleboat. Landed at UARIPI at 1.15.p.m. and sent the whaleboat back to Kerema. Obtained carriers and left at 2.30.p.m. The V.C. was again absent from the village and some difficulty was experienced in obtaining the required number of carriers.

Proceeding along the beach reached The Bluff at 4.30.p.m. and could not proceed further owing to the state of the tide. The Rest House here is falling down. Pitched a tent and camped for the night. My wife and daughter who intend visiting Maim Plantation, are accompanying me as far as Vailala.

Saturday 23/11/29.

Mr. R.S. Moody and Mrs. D. MacDonald passed on horses at about midnight last night, enroute to Kerema.

Packed up and left at 7.10.a.m. Passed Araimiri Plantation (Priddle & Ashton) at 8.15.a.m. and arrived at Huiva Plantation (R.S. Moody) at 9.15.a.m. Met the

manager, Mr. W. W. Field, here. Left at 10 a.m. and proceeded along the beach.

Visited the village of HEREHIRE (V.C. HEURA). Inspected village, smoke houses, copra being made and canoes being made to load copra through the surf. Proceeded at 11 a.m. and camped at the Keuru Rest Houses at 11.30 a.m.

Left at 1.20 p.m. and visited the villages of KAROHORO, LEILOLO and ARURU-U, (V.C. HEURA); HWAKAKOA, OVOVAHA, MAKOBO, PEKOI I, OVAHUU, DOBEHOHO and HIRU. (V.C. HOA.) Inspected villages, roads, bridges, coconut areas, smoke houses, copra being made, and canoes being made to load copra through the surf. Returned to the Rest House arriving there at 5.40 p.m. V.C. MAILLO reported from Keema with mail and stores.

Sunday 24/11/29.

Commenced at 8.30 a.m. and until 11 a.m. talking to the assembled Keuru natives concerning copra making and improvements to villages; straightening out copra accounts and attending to sundry other matters.

At 11 a.m. proceeded to the mouth of Keuru Creek and attended the ceremony of launching the 5 new double canoes built for loading copra. Returned to the Rest House at 1 p.m.

Rested all the afternoon and tried, unsuccessfully, to dislodge a snake that has made its home in the roof of the Rest House. There is a lalatoi here from BARAKAU. C. D.

Monday 25/11/29.

Until 10 a.m. dealing with native dispute. Packed up and left at 10.10 a.m. Proceeded along the coast and arrived at KEAKEA (V.C. HEHEBABA) at 11.15 a.m. Inspected village, smoke houses and copra being made.

Proceeded at 11.30 a.m. and proceeding along the beach inspected the villages of EPEVEAVO and HELAU (V.C. KOAKE); BERARE (V.C. POKOWAI), and BAIBADUVA (V.C. IHAHE). Also inspected smoke houses and copra being made. Arrived and camped at the Konialahu Rest Houses at 12.45 p.m.

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Left at 2.30.p.m. and visited the villages of KOAIAZAHU and AIVAU. (V.C.IHAHE). Inspected villages, smoke houses and copra being made. Returned to the Rest House at 5.p.m. I learn this afternoon that IAVI, an elderly man who has been of great assistance to me in the past, died about a week ago.

Tuesday 26/11/29.

Commenced at 8.30.a.m. in the C.N.M.

At 9.a.m. Mr.W.W.Currie called and stated that a native had just informed him that Mr.D.MacDonald was lying dead at Vaviri. Adjourned all cases and packed up. Sent a note to Mrs.MacDonald who is at Kerema and asked her to return to her home.

Accompanied by Mr.Currie left in canoes at 9.30.a.m. Arrived at Vaviri Plantation at noon and was met by Mrs.W.M.Strong and Messrs.Coghill, Sinclair, Burke and Puxley. It appears that Mr.MacDonald, who had been drinking heavily for some days, was found at day-break this morning by his cook-boy, lying on the floor beside his bed. Life was extinct. Viewed the body, gave an order for burial and attended the funeral at 3.p.m. Mr.Sinclair read the burial service.

Messrs.Puxley, Sinclair and Burke departed at 4.p.m. Mrs.Strong and my wife remained to meet the widow and Mr.Currie also remained. Took over the estate and arranged for the native labourers to remain at their employment as casual labourers until affairs are straightened out.

Native MAIVAI of ARIHAVA reported to inform me that all native owned copra stored at OROKOLO and ARIHAVA has been loaded by the "Papuan Chief".

Wednesday 27/11/29.

Spent the day sorting up papers, letters, documents, accounts, etc., searching for a will and taking possession of cash that deceased had hidden in various places. Cash found today amounts to £50.

At 9.a.m. the "Veimauri", enroute to

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KIKORI, arrived, (Captain Dean) and landed Mesdames Priddle and MacDonal d and Messrs. Moody, Ashton and Johnston.

Captain Dean advised that he has loaded all native owned copra stored at KENRU and that he will load all native owned copra stored along the banks of the Vailala River. Sent messengers to all the villages concerned and advised them to get ready to load their copra. "Veimaura" departed at 5.30.p.m.

"Vaiviri", (Captain Burns) arrived at 5.p.m. from Port Moresby and unloaded cargo and mails. Captain Burns is very upset because the "veimauri" is loading the native owned copra. He states that it should be reserved for his vessel but admits that he will not be able to load it for some weeks.

Thursday 28/11/29.

Engaged all day on affairs in connection with the estate of Donald MacDonal d. Left at 11.a.m. aboard the "Vaiviri". Mrs. Priddle and Messrs. Ashton and Moody were passengers as far as Vailala. Anchored at the mouth of the Vailala River and went ashore.

Visited the store and residence here belonging to the estate and took a complete inventory. Loaded 39 bags of copra belonging to the estate and returned to the "Vaiviri" at 2.30.p.m.

Natives report that they have shipped all the native owned copra along the banks of the Vailala and the "Veimauri" left for KIKORI this morning.

Sargeant GERRA reported. He arrived here from Kerema with 50 odd prisoners yesterday and is taking up the Vailala River, rice etc. that will be used by Mr. Middleton, P.O. on his forthcoming patrol inland. The Sgt. stated that he was returning the prisoners to Kerema and was having difficulty in obtaining carriers. The carriers will be away from their village for about a fortnight.

Investigated the complaint. It appears that the Vailala people, for the first time in 10 years, are

.holding the "Kaiwa Kuku" ceremony and the feast held in connection with the ceremony is to take place tomorrow. The Sgt. was selecting his carriers (24) from amongst those who were taking a leading part in the ceremony and the feast. Instructed the Sgt. and the V.C's. to select 12 carriers from Vailala West and 12 from Vailala East and to select those men who were not taking part in the ceremony or those who had done the least in preparing for it.

A.C's. KEKEMA, EMO and SENA reported with a letter from the R.M. to the effect that they are to take the place of L/Cpl. PAIEKI MAINU and A.C's. EKAU and KOSIPI.

Instructed the latter A.C's. to report to the Sgt. for duty with Mr. Middleton.

Left aboard the "Vaiviri" at 2.45.p.m. and proceeding up the river anchored at Vaiviri Plantation at 4.p.m. Loaded 188 bags of copra and consigned it to the Public Curator. Until 10.15.p.m. engaged on reports and correspondence for the out-going mail.

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"Vaiviri" sailed for Port Moresby at 6.15.a.m. Assisted by Mrs. Macdonald and Mr. Johnston, engaged all day in taking an inventory of the stock in the native trade store. V.C's. DARIKALA, ALAVA A, and AKABA reported. Advised them that I will visit their villages on Sunday or Monday.

Saturday 30/11/29.

During the morning held an Inquisition concerning the death of Donald Macdonald. Mr. Middleton, P.O arrived at 9.a.m. enroute to the Upper Vailala River and Albert Mountains. Mr. & Mrs. Puxley arrived from Haira at 9.30.a.m. and left noon.

During the afternoon completing an inventory and going through accounts in connection with the estate. Finished for the day at 6.15.p.m.

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Left by canoe at 9.30.a.m. and proceeded up the Vailala River. Landed at the IORI landing

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at about 10.a.m. and proceeded along the road to IORI (V.C.DARIXAIA) and LEPOKERA (V.C.AIAVA-A). Inspected villages, roads, bridges, coconut areas, smoke houses and copra being made.

Assembled the people and talked to them for some time concerning villages, gardens, coconut areas, and the production of copra.

Left LEPOKERA at 12.25.p.m. and arrived back at the Vailala River at 1.10.p.m. Proceeded down stream and arrived back at the plantation at 1.30.p.m.

Messrs.Coghill and Burke arrived from OROKOLO at about 2.30.p.m. Opened the adjourned inquisition concerning the death of Mr.MacDonald and examined Mr.Burke who was the last European to see the deceased alive.

Finished up at 4.p.m. Mrs.W.M.Strong and Messrs.Coghill and Burke left for OROKOLO.

Sunday 2/12/29.

Handed over the management of the estate to Mrs.MacDonald. Packed up and left at 9.a.m. accompanied by A.C's.KEKESA, EMO, and SENA, Court Interpreter KIMAI and 24 carriers from IORI and LEPOKERA. Proceeded up the Vailala River in canoes and landed at Maira Plantation at 10.a.m. Called upon Mr.& Mrs.Puxley at about 10.30.a.m. and left at 11.15.a.m.

Passed through Maira Plantation and along the road to the Kiri villages. Arrived and camped at the HIIOI Rest Houses at 12.30.p.m.

At 2.p.m. V.C.EVARE reported that a man had been bitten by a death adder so went post haste into the village to see him. The unfortunate man was an old friend named EVARE who has served the Government as an A.C. and as a V.C. I learnt that he was bitten on the foot an hour previously, failed to put a ligature on his leg and had walked 2 miles after being bitten.

Scarfied the puncture, rubbed in permanganate of potash and put ligatures on the leg but it seemed that he was beyond human aid. Whisky or black coffee

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he would not swallow and he indicated that his throat had contracted. His wife slashed his throat with a sharp shell and sucked a quantity of blood from it and then slashed him on each side of the neck behind the jaws. Two men vigorously sucked blood from the incisions but the stricken man showed no improvement. He could not speak coherently but indicated that he had difficulty in keeping his eyes open. His wife promptly slashed his eyebrows and two men set to work to suck more blood. Following this they slashed him under the arms and sucked the incisions and then his sister made small cuts all over his body. Finding that I could do no more for the unfortunate man, left at 3.15.p.m.

Proceeded along the road to APURARIA (V.C.EVARE) and ORA (V.C.HAHOA). Inspected roads, villages, coconut areas, smoke houses and copra being made. Talked to the assembled natives at each village for some time and arrived back at HILOI at 5.40.p.m.

On arrival at HILOI the man EVARE was breathing his last and died whilst I was standing beside him. Returned to the Rest House at 6.10.p.m. and the rest of the night was made hideous by the friends and relatives of the deceased who groaned, moaned and howled until day-break.

Tuesday 3/12/29.

At 8.a.m. attended the funeral of EVARE. Over 400 natives were present, including 3 A.C's. and 10.V.C's. Returned to the Rest House at 8.40.a.m. and then set out to visit BELEPA (V.C.HOHOA). Inspected road, village, smoke houses, copra being made and coconut areas. Returned to the Rest House and held C.N.M.

Packed up and left at 10.30.a.m. and proceeded along the road to the HARORA group of villages. Inspected the villages of POIVA (V.C.KOAKE), HARORA and DUI. (V.C.POKOWAI) and inspected roads, bridges, copra smoke houses and copra being made. Had lunch at the Rest House.

Left at 1.30.p.m. and proceeding by canoe to the Vailala River eventually arrived at the mouth of the

river and camped in the Vailala East Rest House at 3.p.m.

At 3.30.p.m. visited the village of VAILAI EAST (V.C.BIAI). Inspected village, smoke houses and copra being made. Returned to the Rest House at 5.p.m. There are 4 lakatois here from PARE.C.D. and a small native owned cutter which is going on to the Barari Delta.

Wednesday 4/12/29.

A.C.OREPA arrived from Koroma with mail ex/"Vaiviri" and I received instructions from the Public Curator to manage, care for, and maintain the estate of Donald MacDonald and to keep all assets under my complete control. The widow, to whom I have handed over the management of the estate, has been left without a penny.

These instructions mean that I shall have to take over the estate again, make my head-quarters at Vaiviri Plantation and for the time being, abandon this patrol. It is most inconvenient for I intended to start on a new census of the Western half of the Division next week and to commence collecting tax and paying family bonus in addition to giving considerable attention to the production of copra by natives.

Packed up and left at 9.30.a.m. and sending all my gear by canoes to Vaiviri Plantation, crossed the Vailala River and landed at VAILALA WEST. Inspected the villages of VAILALA WEST, HIROI, KIKUUPI and AHUHUKURARE. (V.C.IKO). Also inspected roads, Rest Houses, Court Houses, smoke houses, copra stores and copra being made and checked copra accounts.

Proceeded and inspected the villages of ARUAFA (2) and AUMA. (V.C.LAHO). Also inspected road, rest houses, court house, copra smoke houses and copra being made. Had lunch at AUMA. "Veimauri" passed on her way to load the balance of the copra awaiting shipment at Vailala East.

Left at 1.30.p.m. and proceeding along the beach called at BIAI. (V.C.AKABA). Inspected village, smoke house and copra being made. Proceeded along the beach and

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inspected PAKOWABU. (V.C.AKABA). Also inspected smoke houses and copra being made.

Left at 3.p.m. and proceeding along the road inland, inspected the village of HAI-ALI. (V.C.AKABA). Continuing along the road arrived at Vaiviri Plantation at 4.15.p.m. Mr.O'Malley, Inspector, Native Affairs Department, called at 4.30.p.m. and remained until 6.p.m.

Thursday 5/12/29.

From 6.30.a.m. until 9.30.a.m. on affair in connection with the estate. Left at 10.a.m. and proceeded to IHU where natives from all the Vailala River villages were awaiting me. Issued 265 copra sacks to 49 groups of natives who are making copra and returned to Vaiviri at 1.p.m.

All the afternoon on records and correspondence and writing report up to date. Finished for the day at 5.30.p.m.

Friday 6/12/29.

All day on affairs in connection with the estate. Took a complete inventory of household furniture, linen, crockery, cutlery, etc. Walked over the plantation and made a valuation. Finished up at 6.p.m.

Saturday 7/12/29.

All day on matters in connection with the estate. Paid off 27 indentured labourers and paid all casual labourers to date. Collected tax and receipted contract of service. All the afternoon on books in connection with the estate. At 4.p.m. visited IHU and found Mr. Johnston lying in bed looking very ill. He appears to be suffering from gastric malaria.

Sunday 8/12/29.

All day typing inventory and going through accounts outstanding in connection with the estate. "Vaiviri" arrived from Port at noon and discharged mails. Visited Mr. Johnston during the evening and found him still very ill.

Monday 9/12/29.

On correspondence and reports to the Public Curator all the morning. Visited IHU at noon and

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despatched mails and 2 cases of account books to the Curator. "Vaiviri" left for Port at 12.30.p.m. with Mesdames MacDonald and Strong and Messrs. Johnston and O'Malley as passengers.

Returned to Vaiviri and spent the afternoon engaging casual labourers and setting them to work. Mr. H. T. Coghill of OROKOLO called. I learn that Mr. A. Sinclair has gone to Port Moresby to interview H. E. the Lt. Governor in connection with the scheme for assisting natives to make copra and Messrs. Coghill and Sinclair will fight tooth and nail to stop me assisting natives to ship copra.

Tuesday 10/12/29.

All the morning on affairs in connection with the estate, supervising labourers, allotting tasks and checking stock in the store. Mrs. Puxley of Maira called and remained until after lunch.

During afternoon in C.N.M. V.C's. from AKOUDA, NEAVORA, AHIA, IORI and LEPORA reported.

Wednesday 11/12/29.

All the morning on matters in connection with the estate. Checking plant and equipment and supervising labourers.

From 1.p.m. until 4.p.m. in C.N.M. and issuing copra bags to natives of IORI, LEPOKERA and RAIVERA. V.C's. of RAIVERA, OROKOLO, PARIPOKO and ANOARO reported. Sent messengers to all villages in vicinity of Vailala River to tell natives that I will visit their copra stores on Friday and Saturday and will prepare for shipment all copra that they have ready. Sent messengers to OROKOLO and ARIHAVA to tell the people that I will issue copra bags at IHU on Monday and hope to visit OROKOLO on Tuesday next.

Thursday 12/12/29.

All the morning on affairs in connection with the estate, checking accounts and bringing books up to date.

During the afternoon paid off 5 native labourers from Maira Plantation. There is no officer at present at Kerema, so under the circumstances paid the boys off here.

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Walked around the plantation and inspected the work being done. At present I have 21 casual labourers employed. During the morning they are engaged cleaning the plantation and in the afternoon carrying in coconuts and making copra. Finished up at 6.p.m.

Friday 13/12/29.

Until 9.30.a.m. on affairs in connection with the estate. Leaving the boss boy in charge of the labourers and my wife to keep an eye on the store and household effects, obtained a canoe from IORI and proceeded down the Vailala River at 10.a.m.

Called at BOBAN, the copra store belonging to the AUMA people but found the place deserted and only 4 bags of copra stored. Proceeded down stream and landed at KAROKARO village (V.C.POKOWAI). Visited the store belonging to the HARORA group but here also, the people are not ready for me. Proceeded on downstream and landed at VAILALA EAST at 12.30.p.m.

At 1.30.p.m. visited the VAILALA EAST and the KOALALAHU copra stores. Found 26 bags had been brought in but am informed that AIYAU still have some more bags to bring along.

"Veimauri" called in here yesterday, enroute to KIKORI, and picked up 33 bags that were left here on the 28th.ult. There is a freight war on between the "Veimauri" and the "Vaiviri". The "Vaiviri" was to pick up these 33 bags on Sunday next but the "Veimauri" has again got in first.

Crossed the Vailala River and visited the copra store of the VAILALA WEST group of villages only to find that no one has yet started to bag their copra. Some days ago I advised all the Vailala River people that I would visit their copra stores today but none of the people are ready for me with the result that today has been a day wasted. Camped in the Rest House at 4.p.m.

Saturday 14/12/29.

At 8.30.a.m. visited the copra store at VAILALA WEST and prepared for shipment 24 bags of copra.

Packed up and left at 9.30.a.m. and crossing the Vailala River visited the store at VAILALA EAST. Prepared for shipment 29 bags of copra. Left by canoe at 11.a.m. and proceeding up the river landed at KAROKARA at noon. Visited the copra store of the HARORA group and prepared for shipment 9 bags of copra. Left at about 1.30.p.m. and proceeding up stream landed at BOBAU the copra store belonging to the AUMA group. Prepared for shipment 6 bags of copra.

Proceeded up stream at about 3.p.m. and arrived at Valviri at 3.30.p.m. Attended to a few matters in connection with the estate and left at 4.15.p.m. Proceeded up stream and landed at the copra store of the KIRI group. Prepared for shipment 52 bags of copra. Left at 5.40.p.m. and proceeding down stream arrived back at Valviri at 6.p.m.

Sunday 15/12/29.

All the morning writing up report, entering up copra accounts and working on account books in connection with the estate.

During the afternoon walked over the plantation to inspect the work being done by the casual labourers.

Monday 16/12/29.

From 8.30.a.m. until noon issuing copra bags to natives who came from OROKOLO, ARIHAVA, IOKU and NOMI. All the afternoon until 5.p.m. on matters in connection with the estate.

Tuesday 17/12/29.

Parcel mail arrived from Kerema at 8.30.a.m. and natives report that the "Lamarabada" arrived there yesterday morning. They also inform me that the cash for the copra shipped by them has arrived but owing to the absence of the R.M. from Kerema it has not yet reached me.

All the morning on correspondence and in C.N.M. V.C's. DARIKALA, AIAVA A and AKABA reported. All the afternoon on matters in connection with the estate.

Received a letter from Mrs. Sinclair

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of Orokolo asking me to go down there. It appears that the half-caste daughter of Mr. Sinclair, aged between 16 and 17 years has suddenly become sexually unbalanced and in the words of Mrs. Sinclair "has gone native". Mrs. Sinclair, is at the moment, alone, her husband having gone to Port Moresby Despatched A.C's. KEKESA and BMO with instructions to render Mrs. Sinclair every assistance in guarding the girl from harm. It is impossible for me to go to OROKOLO immediately.

Wednesday 18/12/29.

Letter portion of the mail ex/ "Laurabada" came to hand at 8.a.m. but the cash for the copra has not arrived. Natives are anxiously enquiring for it.

All the morning on matters in connection with the estate. During afternoon preparing to leave for OROKOLO. There is no sign yet of the "Vaiviri" which was expected here last Sunday. The "Vaimaura" is reported to be at Orokolo enroute to Port Moresby.

Thursday 19/12/29.

Until 10.a.m. in C.N.M. V.C's. from AROARO, PARIPOKO, PAIVERA, LEPOKERA and IORI reported. 24 carriers reported. "Vaiviri" arrived from Port Moresby just as I was on the point of leaving for Orokolo. Paid carriers $\frac{1}{2}$ stick tobacco each and instructed them to come for me in the morning.

Went down to IHU and interviewed Captain Burns re shipping native owned copra and copra belonging to the estate. Returned to the plantation aboard the "Vaiviri" at noon and loaded 46 bags of copra. "Vaiviri" left at 1.30. to load native copra at IORI and returned at 2.30.p.m. Loaded mails and "Vaiviri" departed to load native owned copra at BOBAU, KAROKARO, VAILALA EAST and VAILALA WEST. Spent the rest of the day on matters in connection with the estate.

Friday 20/12/29.

All the morning on matters in connection with the estate. Issuing rations, balancing books, setting labourers tasks, etc.

Packed up and left at noon with 24 carriers

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Called in at IHU. Mr. Johnston, the manager here is still in Port Moresby, before leaving he asked if I would see that his labourers were kept supplied with food. Issued the boss boy with a weeks rations for 20 boys.

Left at 2.p.m. and proceeding along the road inspected the village of HAI ALI.(V.C.AKABA). Continued along the road and reached the beach at about 2.40.p.m. Visited PAKOWABU.(V.C.KABA) and inspected village, copra smoke houses and copra being made.

Continued along the beach and enroute inspected the villages of HOHORO, HIDAI, HERAKERA and MORIAU. (V.C.BEAI A.). Also inspected smoke houses and copra being made. Arrived and camped at the Orokelo Rest Houses at 5.p.m. The "Royal Endeavour", which was anchored here departed for Port at 5.p.m.

Visited Mr.& Mrs.A.Sinclair at 7.p.m. and met Mr.H.T.Coghill. The half-caste girl Jessie is still of unsound mind and is confined to her room. A.C's.KEKESA and EMO whom I sent to guard her are on duty and as the girl has not slept for longer than 4 hours during the past week the task of the A.C's. is not a pleasant one. Mrs.Sinclair spoke very highly of their conduct.

Saturday 21/12/29.

Left at 8.30.a.m. Called upon Mr.& Mrs. Sinclair and met Mr.F.W.Burke. The half-caste girl Jessie, shows no sign of improvement. I am informed that she did not close her eyes all night and the police on guard had on several occasions to forcibly prevent her from leaving her room. In appearance the girl seems to be quite normal but she talks utter rot for hours on end and makes some really dreadful statements. Instructed the A.C's to continue their vigil. They are both more than fed up with their job and have good cause to be.

Proceeded at 9.a.m. and visited the OROKELI villages of BIDIBURUA, HURUHU, HARIHARUA and NAWARA controlled by V.C's.BAIA and KIKI. Inspected villages, smoke houses and copra being made and called upon Mr.Coghill and his

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daughter at 11.a.m. Left at 11.30.a.m. and arrived back at the Rest House at 12.15.p.m.

From 1.30.p.m. until 5.p.m. in C.N.M. and dealing with native disputes. Mr.A.Sinclair called to sign on a native and to swear complaints against two of his labourers. Mr.Sinclair informs me that he has been to Port Moresby and interviewed The Hon.G.S. concerning the making of copra by village natives and on matters in connection with native labourers employed by him. Mention of these matters is made on pages

From 5.p.m. until 5.45 p.m. talking with OROKOLO natives who came to interview me concerning the making of copra. Their chief anxiety is, they want to know when they are going to be paid for the copra that they shipped a month ago. Informed them that the money was at Koroma and I expected to receive it at any day.

Sunday 22/12/29.

Mr.Sinclair sent for me at 9.30.a.m. Left police to pack up and called upon Mr.Sinclair. I am informed that the girl Jessie did not close her eyes again all last night and this morning she became violent. She assaulted both Mr.& Mrs.Sinclair and attacked their small boy aged 4 years. On my arrival she calmed down and greeted me most affectingly and submitted to being handcuffed to the bed. It is hoped that she will rest and sleep, she has only slept for 4 hours during the past 10 days.

Left at 10.a.m. and proceeded along the beach. Met Mr.& Miss Coghill and Messrs.Burke and Wintham at the residence of Mr.Coghill. Left at 12.noon.and continuing along the beach visited IOKU village. (V.C.HABUAKE). Inspected village. copra smoke houses and copra being made and also inspected the area of coconuts planted last December. Proceeded along the beach and camped at the ARIHAVA Rest House at 1.p.m.

From 2.p.m. until 6.p.m.inspecting the 3 villages of ARIHAVA controlled by V.C's.MEAHRA and NAIEPO

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Inspected copra smoke houses and copra being made and prepared for shipment copra made by natives during the past two months. (50 bags). Finished up at 6.p.m.

Monday 23/12/29.

Until 10.30.a.m. dealing with native matters. Packed up and proceeded along the beach to IOKW. Weighed and prepared for shipment 15 bags of copra. Left at 12 noon and proceeding along the beach eventually passed through the OROKOLO villages and camped at the Orokolo Rest Houses at 1.p.m.

From 1.30.p.m. until 6.p.m. in C.F.S. Mr.A.Sinclair prosecuting natives.

At 7.p.m. received an urgent message from Mr.Sinclair asking me to render him assistance. On arrival at Mr.Sinclair's residence I learnt that the half-caste girl Jessie, had assaulted Mrs.Sinclair and had severely bitten her finger. After threatening and eventually quietening the girl had to render assistance to Mrs.Sinclair who became hysterical and threw two fits within half an hour. Leaving A.C's.KEKESA and EMO to guard the mad girl, returned to the Rest House at 11.p.m.

Tuesday 24/12/29.

Left at 8.30.a.m. and visiting the Orokolo copra store weighed and prepared for shipment 59 bags of copra. Visited Mr.&Mrs.Sinclair and learn that the mad girl Jessie is much quieter but is still decidedly mad. Instructed A.C's.KEKESA and EMO to accompany Mrs.Sinclair to Port Moresby and to guard the girl Jessie enroute. Mr. Sinclair has agreed to pay all expenses in connection with the escort.

Returned to the Rest House at 12 noon and packed up. Obtained carriers and left at 1.30.p.m. Proceeded along the beach calling at NORIAU, HIDAI, HERAKERA, HOHORO and PAKOWABU. Reached the IHU-BEACH Road at 4.p.m. Met the Rev.R.Rankin (L.M.S.) here and he accompanied me along the road to Vaiviri. Arrived at Vaiviri at 5.p.m.

A.C.MAINIWANI arrived from Kemma

with stores and mail and letter from the R.M. that he would like to see me at Kerema before the amounts due for copra are distributed. Mr. Rankin departed for AUMA at 10 p.m. where he hopes to board the "Papuan Chief" tomorrow.

Wednesday 25/12/29. Christmas Day. On copra accounts.

Thursday 26/12/29. Boxing Day. On copra accounts and matters in connection with the estate.

Friday 27/12/29. In C.N.M. from 8.30. until 10 a.m.
Despatched A.C. NAINIWANI to Kerema with mail and 4 prisoners. Despatched Court Interpreter KIMAI to KEURU to tell the people that I will be there tomorrow to prepare their copra for shipment. Despatched A.C. AIAVA A. to KOAIJAHU with all my surplus gear.

All the afternoon on matters in connection with the estate.

Saturday 28/12/29. Packed up and left for Kerema at 9 a.m. leaving the boss boy in charge of the estate. Proceeded down stream by canoe and landed on the beach at KOAIJAHU at 11.30 a.m. Met A.C. ISAKARI here with mail from Port Moresby ex/ "Vaiviri" and learn that Mr. Johnston has been appointed to manage the estate of Donald MacDonald and that he is aboard the "Vaiviri".

Sighted "Vaiviri" steaming towards Vailala. Sent for Court Interpreter KIMAI to return from KEURU. Leaving all my gear stored in the Rest House for KIMAI to bring on to me, proceeded along the beach and arrived at the mouth of the Vailala River at the same time as the "Vaiviri". Boarded the "Vaiviri" and travelled up the river on her. Mr. Johnston and Mrs. MacDonald are passengers from Port.

Landed at IHU at 2.30 p.m. feeling very limp. Have been suffering from a bad cold for some days and now have fever. Walked back to Vaiviri Plantation and met Mr. & Mrs. Puxley who were waiting to see me. Mr. Puxley has

some native labourers whom he wished to prosecute. I have no time to spare to visit Haira now. Mr. Duxley agrees to let the matter wait until I return from Kerama in about 10 days time.

Sent a message to Mr. Burke at Orokolo asking him to come and see me. The Central Court requires an affidavit from him concerning the will of Donald MacDonald. Mrs. MacDonald departed on horse-back for OROKOLO at 4.p.m. I believe that she has gone for the purpose of interviewing Mr. Burke. I really should have gone to OROKOLO myself to obtain an affidavit from Burke before he has any conversation with Mrs. MacDonald but it is impossible for me to do so.

Received a note from Mr. Burke at 9.p.m. stating that he will visit me here tomorrow.

Sunday 29/12/29.

All the morning handing over the estate to Mr. Johnston and checking stock and cash.

At noon ^{by Johnston} Mrs. MacDonald received a note from Mrs. MacDonald asking him to visit her at IHU. He left at 12.30.p.m. and returned with Mrs. MacDonald and Mr. Burke at about 3.p.m. Had an interview with Mr. Burke and he declines to make any statement or swear any affidavit in connection with the will of Donald MacDonald. Mr. Burke tells me that he is going to Port Moresby and will there make an affidavit after he has obtained legal advice and viewed the original will. I have a chinese copy with me but Mr. Burke insists that he must see the original will before making any statement. I believe that Mr. Burke's dis-inclination to make a statement now is mainly due to his interview with Mrs. MacDonald for when I was at Orokolo on the 22nd inst. he talked of the will freely enough.

Messrs. Burke and Johnston remained for dinner and departed for IHU at 9.p.m. Mrs. MacDonald spent the night here.

Monday 30/12/29.

Mrs. MacDonald visited IHU at 8.a.m. and returned at about 10.a.m. All the morning packing up and dealing with matters in connection with the estate.

All the labourers went on strike and wished to be paid off. Their grievance was that they thought that Mr. Johnston would not give them the same rations that I have been issuing them with. Assured them that they would get the same rations and they eventually agreed to continue working.

"Vaiviri" passed at 2.30.p.m. going up the river to load copra at Malma. Packed up in readiness to proceed to Kerema aboard the "Vaiviri". "Vaiviri" returned at about 4.p.m. Loaded 18 bags of copra the property of the estate and consigned to Public Curator. Captain Burns says that he cannot land me at Kerema for he has to go direct to Port Moresby. "Vaiviri" sailed for IHU at 4.30.p.m. Messrs. Johnston & Burke and Mrs. MacDonald left for IHU and remained there.

Tuesday 31/12/29.

"Vaiviri" sailed for Port Moresby at 7.a.m. Mrs. MacDonald and Mr. Burke passengers for Port. Obtained canoes and proceeded down stream at 8.30.a.m. Landed at KOLIALAHU at 11.a.m. and had to wait for carriers.

Set off along the beach at 1.30.p.m. and met Mr. Currie. Mr. Currie informs me that he is doing fairly well and is buying for tobacco, sufficient coconuts to make 8 bags of copra per week,--between 30 and 40 bags per month. Passed through the HELAU villages and arrived at KEAKEA at about 2.30.p.m. The people here are building a lakatoi and express their intention of going to Port Moresby next month with a cargo of sago, taro and betel-nut.

Left at 3.p.m. and proceeding along the beach arrived and camped at the Keuru Rest Houses at 4.15.p.m. Visited the 3 copra stores and counted 32 bags of copra ready for shipment. Advised the people that I would weigh it and prepare the papers for shipment on my return next week. Returned to the Rest House at 5.p.m.

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Wednesday 1/1/30.

New Year's Day. The Councillors suggested that I should travel to Kerema by canoe for the carriers were not

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keen on the 15 mile walk in the blazing sun. The sea being calm 2 of the canoes built for loading copra were requisitioned and we set off at 9.a.m. The journey was hot and uneventful. Crossed Kerema Bar at 12.30.p.m. and at 1.15.p.m. landed at PETOI and called upon Mr. & Mrs. G.H. Messy Baker.

Left at 3.15.p.m. and crossing Kerema Bay arrived back on the station at 4.p.m. Issued copra sacks to Keuru natives and paid off carriers.

Thursday 2/1/30.

At Kerema on copra accounts. Allotting amounts due to individuals and groups of natives for copra shipped and sold.

Friday 3/1/30.

At Kerema, as yesterday, and attending to sundry other matters arising out of the patrol.

Saturday 4/1/30.

At Kerema. In C.P.S. all the morning. Mr. J.F. Puxley arrived from Haina to prosecute 11 of his indentured labourers.

"Vaivi" arrived from Port. Interviewed Captain Burns and arranged for him to load native owned copra at KEURU and Kerema Bay. Despatched Native Clerk LOHIA TOUA and Court Interpreter KIMAI to KEURU to weigh all copra there that is ready for shipment.

Left the station at 3.p.m. and visiting copra stores at KARAITA and IPISI prepared for shipment 17 bags of copra. Returned to the station at 5.p.m.

Sunday 5/1/30.

Accompanied by A.C. SENA and Court Interpreter HAROVIRA left the station in the whaleboat with 10 prisoners at 9.30.a.m. Crossed Kerema Bay and landed at MEI at 10.40.a.m. Visited the copra store and weighed and prepared for shipment 38 bags of copra.

Left at 12.15.p.m. and proceeded to UARIPI. Visited the copra store and weighed and prepared for shipment 34 bags of copra. Left at 2.p.m. and proceeding along the beach called upon Mr. & Mrs. G.H. Messy Baker.

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Left at 3.30.p.m. and visited the copra store belonging to the OPAU people at PEROI. These people have only brought down 3 bags of copra. They should have at least 20 bags here, sent a message to them to have all their copra stored here before Saturday next.

Left in the whaleboat at 3.40.p.m. and crossing Kerema Bay arrived back on the station at 4.30.p.m.

Monday 6/1/30.

All the morning in office checking cash received for copra (£522.11.6) and splitting same up into 12 lots ready for paying out at the 12 different depots. During the afternoon paying amounts due to KARAITA and IPISI natives.

"Viviri" arrived and Captain Burns advised that he loaded 71 bags at KEURU and 72 bags in Kerema Bay. The 17 bags at KARAITA and IPISI he is unable to load until his next trip.

Tuesday 7/1/30.

Accompanied by A.C.SENA, Court Interpreter KIMBI and 10 IPISI natives left Kerema in the whaleboat at 9.30.a.m. Crossed Kerema Bay and landed at UARIPI at 10.10. a.m. to find all the male natives of MBI, UARIPI and OPAU awaiting me. There was great excitement and much speculation as to how much each group was going to get for the copra shipped by them.

Paid out to the leaders or boss-boys of each group the amounts due to them and they in turn split up the amount amongst the individual members of the group. Everybody was perfectly satisfied and those who made bets that the pay would be the same as that which they received for the rice, lost their money. Advised all natives that their tax was due and they would be asked for it before the end of the month and impressed upon them the necessity for keeping some of their copra money for their tax.

Left at 1.30.p.m. and passing along the beach called upon Mr. & Mrs. G.H. Massey Baker. Mr. Baker informs me that the copra making scheme is a much greater success than he ever dreamt it would be, he did not think it was

possible to get these people to make copra in any quantity and never for a moment thought that the people would continue making copra after they had been kept waiting a month for copra that they had previously shipped. He informs me that although the scheme is seriously effecting his profits he is glad to see the natives becoming industrious. He learns from the conversation of natives who are today spending their copra money in his store, that they intend to continue with the scheme and to increase their production.

Left at 2.45.p.m. and crossing Keema Bay arrived back on the station at 3.30.p.m.

GENERAL.

The patrol was seriously handicapped by having to attend to the affairs of Donald MacDonald, deceased, which occupied, in all, three weeks of my time. It was intended to commence taking a new census and to make a start on collecting tax and paying the family bonus for the current year but these matters had to be left for the next patrol.

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Patrol Report No.10/29/30.REPORT ON VILLAGES.MEI GROUP.Villages, BUBIRI, PIRU and IRAVAPARE.Population. 645.Controlled by V.C.BUKA.Councillors.:- OPAU, OPAHARI, IKO, IKUPU,
EUA, KARIKE, KOREA and TOMASE.

These villages were in a disgraceful state, no attempt had been made to clear rubbish away from village fences and the enclosure was filthy, betel-nut husks, coconut husks and rubbish was littered all over the village. Only 5 men had the surroundings of their houses in any way clean. In the C.N.M. 91 men were convicted and sentenced to 14 days imprisonment. It is said that the filthy state of the village is due to a row between the V.C., the Councillors and the people. The people defied the V.C. and Councillors saying that they talked too much and in future they would not hear their talk.

Informed the people that I will visit the village again in a few weeks and if the place is not clean they will be proceeded against and will be sent to gaol for a period longer than 14 days. On my return visit the village was clean but the surroundings are not yet clean enough. Instructed that the surroundings must be thoroughly cleaned up within 14 days.

In Patrol Report No.6/29/30 I mentioned that the sea was encroaching and was washing away the village of PIRU. The erosion seems to have ceased now but when the next big tides occur the destruction will probably continue.

UARIPI GROUP.Population. 509.Controlled by V.C.MALOBO.Councillors.:- EBU, MOVIAMI, AUBU, BIRASAIKA, HIRAKE,
HATE and one to be appointed at V.C's. Dubu.

The small village of PEROI is much cleaner, the surroundings have been cleaned up but the place is still unfenced and houses are in need of repair.

The main village of HAMARAPIRU is cleaner and all houses and fences are in a reasonable state of repair. An effort has been made to clear rubbish away from village fences but it is hardly noticeable. Ordered that the instruction to clear a space of 50 yards all around the village fences must be obeyed.

Ordered that the Eastern section of the small village called PARAVAPIRU be abandoned, there are 3 houses here in a very bad state of repair and the surroundings are filthy.

KEREA GROUP.

Villages:- KARAIKA, OVOVIRI, IVARIAFIRU and IRAVAPAIRE.

Population 507.

Controlled by V.C's. IRAKAIRI & MAILO.

Councillors. NEVAU, KAKARE, TETO, MEAKAU, INUE,
IRAVE, LAHO and MAIRAVERI.

The enclosures of all villages are very clean and the surroundings have received a little attention since my last visit. Instructed that villages should be cleaned every Saturday morning and that grass surrounding the villages should be kept cut short.

The erosion continues at IPISI and during the past month many more full bearing coconuts have been washed away together with 3 houses.

OPAU GROUP.

Population. 670.

Controlled by V.C's. BAIBA, HARIVA, LOWOI

Councillors. POMARA, NERAI, IVIA, HIA, IAVA, IKAPE, KERA,
HAI O, HAKE, HAI-ARU, BIBIARI, AMU, & AUWAI.

Villages:- IRAVAPAIRE, HAMIHUHU, HAUPOI, PURARI,
BERAKERA, HEVAVILI and HAMAHEROI.

The village enclosures are all very clean and houses and fences are in a reasonable state of repair. The owners of 3 houses were dealt with in the C.N.M. The surroundings of their houses were in a filthy condition.

Instructions have been given to the people of PURARI that they must not deposit rubbish in the

or on the banks of the creek that flows through the village. Rubbish that has been dumped on the banks of the creek is to be cleared away immediately.

No attempt has yet been made to clean up the section of BIRAKERA which is situated behind the Rest House. (P.R.No.6/29/30 page 11.) Now that the boys who were away working at RORO have returned, the houses are to be shifted.

KUHIRI GROUP.

Villages:- HERIHERE, KARANHOHO, HEIKOLO, ANIRU-U, PEIOI, HIRI, KEAKAKOA, DOBEHOHO, OVDYANA, HAKOBO, KEAKEA.

Population 930.

Controlled by V.C's HDA, HEIRA, HEHEARUA.

Councillors:- HEAURA, HOVE, KIARI, PO O, KUA, U-U, HARIHA, PAUWA, HEVONE, OVAIPI, KIROBO, IAKU, ERGAI-A.

The enclosure of all villages is very clean and houses and fences are in a reasonable state of repair. Nothing has been done towards cleaning up the rubbish from around the village fences. As usual, the people are full of excuses. On my last visit the wet weather was blamed and on this visit the people tell me that they have been too busy clearing land for new gardens and in making canoes for loading copra. The excuses are reasonable ones. Informed the people that no further excuses will be accepted, reasonable or otherwise, every man must do his share to clear the rubbish away for a distance of 50 yards from his house or his section of the village fence, and if he does not do so before my next visit, he will probably be sent to gaol.

The people residing at OVAHURU have not fenced or planted a hedge or defined in any way the boundaries of their new village. (P.R.No.6/29/30 page 12.) nor have they cleared the long grass and undergrowth away from their houses. Ordered that this work must be started immediately.

KOAIALAHU GROUP.Population. 313.Controlled by V.C. IHANE.Councillors.:- NARAIA, HAIRI, DERESI, and KOBONAI.Villages.:- KOAIALAHU, AIVAU, and BAIDADUYA.

The village enclosures are spotlessly clean and houses and fences are in a reasonable state of repair. An effort has been made to clean up the surroundings of the villages but still more can be done in this respect. Marked a line around each of the villages 50 yards away from the fence and set the people to work clearing all rubbish away from between the line and the fences. Advised the people to plant a hedge of crotons along this line and to keep the grass cut short between the line and the village fences. Every Saturday morning is to be devoted to cleaning up the village and the surroundings.

The Councillors ask that a patch of scrub along the foreshore between the village and the beach, be allowed to stand. Agreed to this for the scrub acts as a break-wind but instructed that the place must not be used as a latrine.

HARORA GROUP.Population. 515.Controlled by V.C's. POKOWAI & KOAKECouncillors.:- BEAKORO, DAHI, HARA, OVIAIRAPU, OAKE, HAIRI, HAIVAI, and KOUAIA.Villages.:- BERARE, HARORA, EPEVEAVO, HELAU, DAVARA, POIVA, DUI and KAROKARO.

The small village of EPEVEAVO was in a disgraceful state. On my last patrol (P.R. 6/29/30 page 13 & 14) I ordered that the place be cleaned up but nothing has been done. In the G.N.M. all able bodied male natives were dealt with and fined 5/- in default 14 days imprisonment. The settlement at DAVARA (2 houses) is to be abandoned and the people are to erect houses in the main village of HELAU.

The villages of HARORA, DUI, POIVA, and KAROKARO are clean and in good order but here again little attention has been paid to the village surroundings.

Again ordered that rubbish must not be deposited within 50 yards of the village fences and that ~~as~~ existing rubbish heaps be cleared away.

KIRI GROUP.

Villages:- IORI, LEPOKERA, HILOI, BELEPA, APURARIA, & OPA.

Population. 870.

Controlled by V.C's. BARIKAIA,
HAIHOA, ALAVA-A and KWARE.

Councillors:- AIBABANA, KEBAN, HANA, KEO, MORIARE, MEABO, APU,
ARE E, HEKAHU, KURUA, HAIRAVE E, IRAHO, HAREA.

IORI and LEPOKERA are both very clean, fences have been repaired, old buildings destroyed and an effort has been made to clear the rubbish away from the village fences.

The villages of HILOI, BELEPA, OPA and APURARIA were thoroughly cleaned the day before my arrival but sufficient attention has not been given to the village surroundings. Again ordered that all growth and rubbish must be cleared for a distance of at least 50 yards from the village fences or nearest house. A new fence is being erected around APURARIA. The Southern section of HILOI has been thoroughly cleaned and is now fenced.

VAILALA EAST GROUP.

Villages:- VAILALA EAST.(2).

Population. 763.

Controlled by V.C. BIAI.

Councillors:- ORI, HARA, HAIVARA, KAIWA, KARAVA and IAVI.

Both villages are are reasonable clean and houses and fences are in good repair. I intended to prosecute these people for neglecting to obey my instructions given on my last patrol to clear all rubbish away from the village fences but after listening to their many and varied excuses told them I would give them another chance.

Ordered that all rubbish and undergrowth be cleared from between the creek at the back of the village and the village fences and on the beach frontage rubbish and long grass be cleared for a distance of 50 yards from the village fences.

My advise to allow short grass to grow in the village has been ignored and the small patch of grass that was growing there on my last visit has been dug out.

VAILALA WEST GROUP.

Villages:- VAILALA WEST, HIROI, KUKUINI and AHUUKURANE.

Population. 402.

Controlled by V.C. IKO.

Councillors:- HAREHO, KAUKA, KERERE, RARI-U,
~~KEKOROKO~~ KERERE (2) and AVEA.

All villages are very clean and houses are in a reasonable state of repair. The fences at VAILALA WEST are falling down. Ordered that they either be destroyed or repaired. Very little has been done towards cleaning up the village surroundings and many excuses are offered for completing the task. Again instructed that all rubbish must be cleared away from the village fences for a distance of at least 50 yards. No attempt has been made to permit grass to grow in the villages, the people do not seem keen on the idea.

AUMA GROUP.

Villages:- ARUARE (2), AUMA, BIAI, PAKOWABU and HAI-ALI.

Population:- 323.

Controlled by V.C's. LAHO & AKABA.

Councillors:- IRAVI, ABURAIRARE, MAKOURA, HANOVERE, IRE,
KEKEAU, IHARA and HERRAVA.

All villages are very clean and houses are in a reasonable state of repair. The surroundings of the two ARUARE villages are fairly clean but little has been done to improve the surroundings of the other villages. Again ordered that all rubbish be cleared away for a distance of 50 yards from the village fences.

At PAKOWABU and at BIAI new fences are being erected around the villages and the places show a decided improvement since my last visit. None of the people have attempted to encourage grass to grow in their villages they still persist in ~~the~~ scraping the ground bare.

OROKOLO GROUP.

Villages:- HONORO, HIDAI, HIRAKERA, NORIAU, BIDIBURUA,
 HUHURU, HAHAREVA and HAUANA.

Population:- 1308.

Controlled by V.C's. BEAIA & KIKI.

Councillors:- HOREBUHU, HAHUPI, ABEARA, IRA, KAVE, AURI,
 KAIVUPI, HAU, KAVAKULE, HARE, HOAKA, PAKO, AHA

All villages are reasonable clean but again little has been done towards cleaning up the village surroundings. Ordered that this instruction must be obeyed, if it is not, the able bodied men in the villages will find themselves in Kerema gaol.

HONORO still remains unfenced and without any marks to define the boundaries of the village. NORIAU has been fenced and the place now resembled a village instead of a clump of houses. Advised the people here to plant coconuts and ornamental shrubs in and around the village.

My advise to allow grass to grow in all villages has been ignored and all the villages have been scraped bare. Again pointed out the foolishness of doing this but am afraid that the people will still insist on doing it for as they say "it is fashion belong we people".

ARIHAVA GROUP.

Villages, IOKU, ARIHAVA (3), and NOMI.

Population, 1586.

V.C's. HAHUAKE, HAIPO, MEHEA, KORI.

Councillors:- AVAROA, BIRAVAI, AVIA, BIRAUWE, NAVU, MEAKAU,
 KVARAHU, ARUKAIVA, ISORI, BEAPO, KAIROVE,
 MAREPO, IRAHAROA, HARUFA.

All villages are very clean inside the enclosures and houses and fences are in a fair state of repair. Instructions were given on my last patrol that all rubbish and undergrowth between the village fences and the bank creek at the back of the villages should be cleared away. This has not been done, the excuse offered is that the people have been busy making sago for the visiting Iakatoi people, making copra and in preparing land for gardens. Advised that if the work is not done before I again visit the villages, the people will be prosecuted.

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GENERAL.

Villages visited number 69 the total population of which is 9341. I regret to say that all villages are not as clean and as picturesque as I would like to see them and during the past 6 months little/^{noticeable} improvement has been made at most of them.

Little fault can be found with the style of houses or their state of repair. It is the surroundings of the villages that needs most attention. The people seem to think that as long as the village enclosure is clean and the rubbish has been cleared for a distance of about 6 feet from the fences the Government officer inspecting the village will be perfectly satisfied.

I have been endeavouring to get all rubbish bush and long grass cleared away from the village fences for a distance of at least 50 yards but have not made much headway. It seems that to get this done without imprisoning the people on a wholesale scale, I shall have to spend some days at each village, mark off the area to be cleared and allot a task to each native. With so many other matters to attend to I have not the time to do this.

I have explained to all councillors that the reason for clearing rubbish and undergrowth so far away from the village is to prevent flies and other vermin from breeding in the rubbish heaps and spreading sickness and to stop the people from using the bush so close to the village as a lavatory.

Councillors have been urged to assist their V.C's. in getting this most necessary work done and I still hope to see it done without resorting to the C.H.M.

Fences around villages are not insisted on but the people are asked to define the boundaries of their respective villages either by fences, ornamental hedges or posts. Most of the people prefer to erect a fence.

Patrol Report No. 10/29/30.REPORT ON REST HOUSES AND COURT HOUSES.MEI. GROUP.

A small Rest House for Europeans has been completed. It is situated in the centre of the village instead of being on the sand beach and the roof, which has been put on very badly, leaks in many places. Ordered that the place be re-roofed.

Another small Rest House for Europeans has been erected at The Bluff, the rocky point on the coast about 5 miles West of the Mei villages. The people built this house on their own initiative, apparently because I had to pitch a tent there on my way down the coast.

No Rest House for travelling natives exists, they are expected to sleep in one of the pubu's. As police or other natives rarely camp here, have not insisted upon the erection of a building for their use.

A Court House has been erected in the centre of the village near the Rest House. Advised that the ^{erected} bench/for the magistrate to sit on, is unnecessary, takes up too much room, and should be removed.

VARUPI GROUP.

A new Rest House for the convenience of travelling Europeans has been erected on the sand beach. It is very small, the verandah being only 3' wide, and is without steps, bathroom or kitchen. Ordered that these additions be built.

The Rest House for police or travelling natives has not been repaired and is now in a state of collapse. Ordered that repairs be carried out immediately.

A very fine Court House is being erected in the centre of the village but as it is erected on piles it is not on the lines that I advised the people to build it.

KELELA GROUP.

A very fine 2 roomed house is being

erected under the supervision of the R.H., at KARAIKA. It is being built mainly for the use of Europeans visiting the station. A Court House is not needed here for all cases are dealt with on the station.

ORAU GROUP.

The European Rest House is in fair condition but the roof is leaking badly. Ordered that it be repaired and that new steps be made.

The Rest House used by police and visiting natives is in a reasonable state of repair. The latrine is in good order but the track to it is very muddy and needs to be built up. Instructed accordingly.

The erection of a Court House has not yet been commenced. Pegged out a site adjoining the Rest House and am assured that the building will be ready for use within a fortnight.

KUWU GROUP.

The European Rest House is now nearing a state of collapse. On my last visit I ordered that as soon as the Court House was erected a new Rest House was to be built. Nothing has yet been done to it. Pegged out the site and instructed that work on the new house be commenced immediately.

A new Court House has been erected. It is a fairly large building and has the ground for a floor. Benches have been erected around the walls for natives to sit on.

The Rest House used by police and travelling natives is in good order and condition. Ordered that a new latrine be erected in rear of the Court House.

KOAKALAHU GROUP.

The European Rest House has been repaired temporarily. The ridge pole has been eaten through by white ants and is now propped up with lengths of bamboo. Ordered

that when all other work is finished, a new Rest House be erected.

The house used by police and travelling natives is in fair condition and the fences are in good order. Ordered that the existing latrine be destroyed and that a new one be erected at the rear of the Court House.

A Court House has been erected at the back of the Rest Houses. The roof is tremendously high but it makes the place beautifully cool.

KIRI GROUP.

1. HILOI.

The European Rest House is in reasonable good order but as the roof is sage leaf and the walls are made from the biri leaf it always has the appearance of being a dirty, neglected place.

The police quarters are in reasonable condition. The latrine, which was repaired recently, is again in a state of collapse. Ordered that a new one be erected.

A Court House has been built but is far too small. Instructed that it be extended for another 20 feet and that crotons and other coloured shrubs be planted around it.

2. IREI.

I did not visit this place but natives report that the houses are in good order and that they have erected a Court House.

HARORA GROUP.

Both the European and the native Rest Houses are in good order and condition. There is no Court House here, the people have assisted in erecting one at KOAIALANI.

VALEA BAY GROUP.

The European Rest House has been

repaired but the life of the building is nearing its end. A new latrine has been erected. The building used by police and travelling natives is in reasonable condition.

A Court House has been erected in rear of the Rest House and inside of it a raised platform has been built upon which the Magistrate and the Village Councillors are expected to sit. The idea is a native one and quite good.

VALLALA WEST GROUP.

Both the European and the native Rest Houses are in good order and condition. The latter has been repaired. I informed these people that a Court House was unnecessary here but I find that they are building one. It is a large room on piles. The roof extends well over the verandah and the walls are not more than 3 feet high. It will be an excellent place to work in.

ALMA GROUP.

The European Rest House is getting very dilapidated. The people have erected a Court House, ~~also~~ on piles, the same size as the Rest House. This new building will be converted into a Rest House and the old Rest House will be turned into a Court House. The police quarters are in fairly good condition.

OROKOLO GROUP.

The European Rest House is in good order but the instruction to erect a bath-room has not been carried out. The building used by police and travelling natives is in fair condition. Instructions were given for the kitchen to be repaired but this has not yet been done.

A large airy Court House, 66' x 30' has been erected. It is rather too open for use in the S.E. season but it is an ideal place in which to deal with Court cases and other native matters during the ~~xxx~~ N.W. season.

ARUAVA GROUP.

The police quarters have been pulled

down and the frame work of a new building has been erected. It was ordered that this place be made a ~~XXXXXX~~ European Rest House and the present European Rest House be converted into quarters for the police but the building being erected is far too small for a European Rest House.

The European Rest House which is situated in the centre of the village, is in good order but minus a bath room.

The erection of a Court House is progressing slowly. The frame work is up and the place should be ready for use within a few days.

GENERAL.

The Court Houses, although of various styles and dimensions, are a great success. One can now deal with Court Cases, native disputes, taxation, family bonus, and other native matters in comparative comfort. The buildings are also to be used as a meeting place for the village Councils but to date, I have not heard of any such meetings taking place.

Rest Houses, on the whole, are very good and the travelling public have little to complain about. The next step is to beautify the surroundings of these buildings by planting around them coloured shrubs, flowers, oranges, mangos, seporas, etc.

REPORT ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

OPAU DISTRICT.

1. Creek Landing to Villages.-- 3 miles.

This road is now perfectly dry and it is the first time that it has been in this state for 6 months. Only about 1 mile of the road has been cleaned, the remaining 2 miles is overgrown with long grass. Ordered that the road be cleaned immediately for a width of 12' and if it is not thoroughly cleaned within a fortnight the V.C. is to prosecute all natives who neglect to do their share of the work.

2. Village to Village. --3 miles.

All tracks are dry but the track from HAMAHEROI to RIRARI (1 mile) is the only one that has been cleaned. Ordered that the remaining tracks be cleaned for a width of 12' without delay.

The Opa people now have no excuse for dirty roads or villages for over 40 time expired labourers are now back home.

KEIRU DISTRICT.

1. The Bluff.

There is no road here although money for the making of one has been asked for. (See correspondence and previous reports.) Messrs. Ashton and Moody again spoke to me concerning the building of a road here but I had to inform them that I could not do anything in the matter.

2. Village to Village.-- 3 miles.

All tracks are in good order but need cleaning in many places. Ordered that all tracks be cleared of long grass for a width of 12'. Ordered that several foot-bridges be repaired and that the bridge over Kouru Creek be repaired, it is, at present, in a dangerous condition.

KIRI DISTRICT.

1. Vailala River to IORI and LEAKERA. --2 miles.

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This road is in excellent condition, it is very clean and the foot-bridge near LEPOKERA has been repaired. Instructed that it be kept clean.

2. HILOI to MAIRA Plantation & Vailala River. 1½ miles.

The road has been cleaned of all grass for an average width of 12' and is at present in fairly good order. Ordered that drains be dug in several places and that logs which serve as foot-bridges over two small creeks, be renewed.

3. HILOI to APURARIA and OPA. 3 miles.

The first section of the road has been thoroughly cleaned and is now very dry and in good order.

Along the section from APURARIA to OPA about ¼ mile of the road has been built up and the whole of it has been thoroughly cleaned. The draining of one bad patch is not yet complete.

4. HILOI-MAIRA Road to IORI village. 3 miles.

As it is impossible to make this track into anything like a road and as it is so rarely used, work on it has been abandoned.

5. HILOI to BELEPA. ½ mile.

This road is in good order but only half of it has been cleaned of long grass. Ordered that the whole length of the road be cleaned without further delay.

6. HILOI to KOAIALAHU. 5 miles.

A. HARORA to KOAIALAHU Section. 1½ miles.

This section is at present very dry and has been thoroughly cleaned. Several rotting logs that served as foot-bridges have been renewed.

B. POIVA to HARORA Section. ½ mile.

This portion of the road is in good order and has been thoroughly cleaned for an average width of 12'.

C. HILOI to POIVA Section. 3 miles.

This road at present is fairly dry there is no water lying on it but in places the mud is knee

deep. Only about a mile of the road has been cleared, the remaining 2 miles is overgrown with long grass. Ordered that the cleaning of the road be proceeded with immediately.

VAILALA DISTRICT.

1. VAILALA WEST to AUMA. 2 miles.

This road is most picturesque and is in excellent condition. It has been thoroughly cleaned for an average width of 12' and the bridge over the creek near AHUHUKURAPE has been repaired.

2. IHU-BEACH Road. 2 miles.

The road has been thoroughly cleaned for an average width of 9' and all the foot-bridges have been repaired. The bridge over the creek near PAKOWABU requires strengthening. Instructed accordingly.

OROKOLO DISTRICT.

IOKU to ARIHAVA-MURU Road. 3 miles.

This is the deviation mentioned in previous reports and correspondence. It has been constructed by Mr. H. T. Coghill to connect IOKU with the MURU-ARIHAVA Road to enable him to get his tractor and motor-truck from Orokolo to his plantation at Muru.

Mr. Coghill informs me that he has Mr. Burke employed with 20 indentured labourers clearing the road for an average width of 15' and he is now waiting for iron casing ordered for the erection of a bridge over a creek near IOKU.

Inspected that portion of the road which passes through an area of coconuts planted by the IOKU people last year and instructed the people to make gates where the road passed through the fences surrounding the planted area. No natives, other than Mr. Coghill's labourers, have yet been employed on this road.

GENERAL.

The roads inspected have a total

length of 31 miles and V.C.'s. reported on a further 18 miles of roads as under.

1. ARHAVA- MURU. 5 miles.
2. MURU. Village to Village. 5 miles.
3. MURU-ARHAVA Road to NAIPA. 2 miles.
4. NAIPA to PAIVERA. 2 miles.
5. PAIVERA to PARIPOKO. 2 miles.
6. PAIVERA to OROKOLO. 2½ miles.

It is stated that all of these roads are in good order and condition and have recently been cleaned.

All of the roads mentioned are little better than decent mule tracks but they serve their purpose. They are gradually being built up and improved in many ways but at the present rate of progress it will be many months before one can walk along most of them without getting ones boots wet.

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Patrol Report No. 10/29/30. G.D.NATIVE CUSTOMS.Canoes.

At Keuru the people built 5 large double canoes for loading their crops through the surf. On Sunday 24th. November, 4 of these canoes were ready for launching. I was requested to attend the ceremony and start them on a race along the coast from the mouth of Keuru Creek to Herahore village, a distance of about 1 1/2 miles.

The canoes were lavishly decorated, each had 12 oarsmen, a coxswain and a Captain. The crews were gaudily painted and decorated and prior to their departure through the surf they were an imposing sight. The beach was black with people for the spectators numbered about 800. The excitement was considerable, quite equal to the enthusiasm one finds in a crowd at a Public Schools head of the river race. I learnt that there were many bets on the outcome of the race and on behalf of the Government I offered 14 sticks of tobacco to the winners and 7 sticks to the canoe gaining second place.

Amidst the blowing of conch shells, the shouts of the people and the monkey like antics of the Captain of each canoe, the 4 vessels left the calm waters of the creek to brave the elements of the surf. The two leading canoes got through successfully but the other two canoes soon swamped and had to be brought back to be bailed out. Repeated attempts were made to get out but they all ended in failure. After about 6 attempts the third canoe safely negotiated the breakers but owing to faulty steering swamped outside and had to return.

Whilst these two canoes were trying to get out through the surf, the crews of the two canoes who did succeed in getting through, gave a splendid display of rowing. The oarsmen shouted defiance at the crews who could not get through the surf, the coxswains showed considerable skill in steering their unwieldy crafts here there and everywhere and the actions of the Captain on each of the vessels was most

amusing. These men danced wildly from one end of their craft to the other shouting defiance at the waves and pretended to beat them down with brushes made from cassowary plumes. It was the most amusing sight I have seen for many years.

After two hours of fruitless striving the crews of the two canoes who could not get through the surf gave up the attempt. The race had to be declared abandoned and bets were declared off. A challenge to a race was sent to natives of all villages between Kerema and the Western Boundary of the Division but no one accepted it. Kerema people now consider themselves "cock o' the walk" as far as canoe racing is concerned.

Festivals and Dances.

At OPAU the "Kaiva Kuku" (sometimes called "Harisu" or "Kovave") ceremony was in progress. The masks used are somewhat different to those used by the people along the coast. I did my best to purchase two of them but the people declined to sell. They have promised to preserve the two I selected and sell them to the Government when they have finished with them.

The Kaiva Kuku ceremony was also in full swing at KOALALAHU and I saw no less than 28 of the "demons" dancing along the beach. The people promised to sell 6 of the masks and it was explained to them that they would be exhibited at the Museum in Port Moresby together with other masks made by natives from all over the Territory and any native who happened to be in Port Moresby and wanted to see the handiwork of his own people or natives from other parts of the Territory, could do so.

I arranged to purchase the masks selected for 10/- each and arranged with IPI of Vailala to make a covering for them out of copra bags and to deliver them at Vaiviri where they could be shipped to Port. The day before they were to be delivered IPI came to me at Vailala and reported that the people had held a meeting and decided that if they sold the masks a big sickness would visit the people. Acting on the advise

of one or two families, the people burned all the masks at the conclusion of the ceremony. IPI says that had I offered them all each for them I might have got them. I very much regret that these masks were burned for the 6 selected were of different designs and were excellent examples of the masks used in this ceremony.

The Vailala East people, for the first time in 10 years, took part in the performance at Koniakahu and 12 of the masks used belonged to them. The Counsellors informed me that the reason why they joined the Koniakahu people instead of having the ceremony in their own village was that they did not have enough pigs. The next time that the ceremony is celebrated, it is said that Koniakahu will join with Vailala East.

Two curies were purchased from the Uaripi people for the sum of 4/- each and will be forwarded to Port by the "Laurabada". These are said to be birds and a replica of those who guided KIKIPI (the Adm of the Uaripi people) from DABU (Mt. Namo) their place of origin, to their first village. The birds are called MAURE (male hornbill) and MAIVA (female hornbill). There are other birds who assisted in guiding KIKIPI from DABU, they are named BIRO, KERARA, OVOTU, TERETERE, BEREA, KAVARI, TORUA, HARIHARIRA, ORISURU, BERARE, KAUKARE, etc. I have not had time to go into the full story of origin but will do so as soon as possible.

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VILLAGE COUNCILLORS.

Now that Court Houses have been erected at every group of villages, a start has been made to have all Councillors of the group present at the hearing of all native matters cases and disputes. I cannot say that on this, the first occasion on which the experiment has been tried, that they were a great success or rendered no such assistance. They appeared to be bewildered and made no attempt to venture an opinion of their own, and when asked for one, it seemed that they tried to give one that they thought would please me, and did not for a moment consider the question asked. No doubt they will eventually gain confidence in themselves.

Have been to some of the villages since 9/1/30

Some natives of PEAVORA and URAVOI (Upper Vaiala) came to me at Vaiviri and complained that Councillors ATHIARO, KORAHARIKE, HARGA and HOUVA of Peavora and Paripoko (Inland Orokelo) had assaulted them. There are no Councillors at PEAVORA or URAVOI and it appears that the people would not obey the instructions of their V.C. (MAROPOI) to clean the village. The V.C. sent to PAIVERA and PARIPOKO for assistance. The Councillors named went to PEAVORA and lining up all the men who refused to obey the V.C. gave them each 2 strokes with a cane. The men assaulted stated that they did not wish to prosecute the Councillors but they did not wish the performance repeated. Instructed the Councillors that they must not, on any account "make Court", nor are they to interfere with matters outside their own village.

The majority of the Councillors approached me and want to know when they are going to get their badges. These were requisitioned for last August but have not yet come to hand. The Councillors tell me that visiting Councillors from the G.D. who are here with the Lakatois, laugh at them for saying they are Councillors when they have no badge to prove that they are. I trust that badges can be forwarded at an early date.

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VILLAGE CONSTABLES.

Practically all of the Village Constables West of Kerema were seen and they appear to be carrying out their duties in a satisfactory manner. On the last 3 occasions that I have visited UARIPA V.C.MALOBO has been absent. The Councillors inform me that he is rarely in his village and spends most of his time at OPAU. If this is so, his dismissal will be recommended. At present, MALOBO is said to be very ill.

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ARMED CONSTABLES.

A.C's. KUCHEHA, WMO and SENA who accompanied me on this patrol are all new arrivals at Kerema and have carried out their duties satisfactorily. SENA has been acting as my orderly and the other two have spent most of their time in guarding the mad half-caste girl, Jessie Sinclair.

Mr. & Mrs. Sinclair speak very highly of the conduct of these two A.C's. and regard their patience and self restraint as something to be marveled at. The girl, on several occasions, stripped off all her clothing and invited the A.C's. to seduce her but the only response that she got was the remark "You dirty cow."

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Patrol Report No.16/29/30.G.D.JUDICIAL.

Court work again occupied considerable time. 116 cases were dealt with in the C.N.M. and 7 cases in the C.P.S. apart from numerous disputes that were eventually settled out of Court. There were 21 sittings of the C.N.M. and 3 sittings of the C.P.S. held at the places and on the dates shown hereunder. In addition, an inquisition was held concerning the death of Donald MacDonald.

C.N.M.

NEI.	19/11/29.	VAIVIRI.	12/12/29.
KEREMA.	20/11/29.	VAILALA.	13/12/29.
Opou.	22/11/29.	IORI.	14/12/29.
KURU.	23/11/29.	VAIVIRI.	17/12/29.
KOALALAHU.	26/11/29.	VAIVIRI.	19/12/29.
VAILALA.	28/11/29.	OROKOLO.	21/12/29.
HILOI.	3/12/29.	ARIHAVA.	23/12/29.
AUMA.	4/12/29.	OROKOLO.	24/12/29.
VAIVIRI.	5/12/29.	VAIVIRI.	27/12/29.
VAIVIRI.	10/12/29.	KURU.	31/12/29.
VAIVIRI.	11/12/29.		

C.P.S.

OROKOLO. 23/12/29.
OROKOLO. 24/12/29.
KEREMA. 4/1/30.

The charges dealt with were:-

C.N.M.

Wilfully neglecting to clean village.	107.
Indecent Assault.	3.
Adultery.	1.
Stealing.	1.
Assault.	1.
Threatening Behaviour.	3.
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C.P.S.

Causing damage to property of employer.(N.L.O.)	2.
Neglect to perform work. (N.L.O.)	2.
Desertion. (N.L.O.)	2.
Stealing.	1.
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FINANCIAL.

A summary of collections during the patrol is as under.

Native Taxation.		
1. Vill. @ 10/-	2.	10.0
9. Vill. @ 20/-		9. 0.0
31. N/L. @ 10/-		<u>15.10.0</u>
		25. 0. 0
Arms Permits.		5. 0
Native Labour Fees.		6. 0
Judicial Fines & Fees		1.12. 6
W.N.L. & D.N.A/G.		<u>21.10. 0</u>
	<u>Total.</u>	<u>£ 47.13. 6</u>

Seven amounts totalling £10.17.10. were taken out of W.N.L. & D.N.A/G for distribution but none of these were paid. The natives entitled to them were absent from their villages.

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NATIVE GARDENS.

At every village visited natives were busily preparing land for new gardens. The areas ranged from ½ acre to 10 acres. Advised all natives that a prize of £5 will be awarded for the best garden; that the decision as to who owns the best garden will be made known next June and that they should all strive to get it.

The IORI and LEROKERA people are making their new garden on an area of 16½ acres of Crown Land adjoining Vaivari Plantation. Reminded them that the land belongs to the Government and that they should not use it after this year.

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COCONUT PLANTING.

The majority of the areas planted under the provisions of the H.R.O last year (374½ acres) were inspected and found to be reasonably clean. To date, no planting has been done for this year.

In my report No. 4/29/30 page 23, I mentioned that every endeavour was being made to have all coconut areas cleaned up irrespective of whether they were planted under the provisions of the H.R.O. or not, but expressed my doubts as to whether the natives could be compelled to care for areas of palms that were not planted under the provisions of the Regulations.

The Crown Law Officer has expressed an opinion and whilst agreeing with me says inter alia, :-

--- "For example, a native in a village has been left a considerable area planted with coconuts by his father - it is clearly better that he should keep that area clean (provided the area is suitably and reasonably well planted) than plant fresh areas under Regulation 100.
-----Of course if a native preferred to plant and cultivate a fresh area under the Regulations he could, and in that case he could, I suppose, please himself as to the condition of the privately owned area.

Very little progress has been made in cleaning the bush and undergrowth from amongst the many thousands of coconut palms owned by the people and I fear that they will never be properly cleaned until such time as we can compel them to do it.

On my next patrol I propose to tell the people that if they plant and cultivate fresh areas they will be absolved from cleaning their privately owned areas but if they clean and care for their privately owned areas, which I hope to see them do, they will be exempt from planting fresh areas. If they decide to clean the privately owned areas and also fail to plant and cultivate fresh areas, they will be prosecuted under Regulation 100.

NATIVE LABOUR.

No inspections were made for these were carried out by Mr.O'Malley, Inspector, Native Affairs Department. and I understand that he had no fault to find with the conditions under which native labourers were employed by Europeans.

In the C.P.S. 4 employees' of Mr.J.P. Puxley and 3 employees' of Mr.A.Sinclair were dealt with for breaches of the N.R.O. and Regulations.

Mr.Sinclair informed me that he had been to Port Moresby to complain to The Hon.G.S. regarding an opinion that I expressed that he could not prove "Absence from Work" or "Neglect to work" against some of his indentured labourers. Informed Mr.Sinclair that my opinion was unaltered and that an opinion by the Crown Law Officer supported my contention but, if he wished to try and prove the charges, he could do so. This matter is dealt with more fully in my memorandum addressed to the R.M.: G.D. and dated 13/9/29.

Owing to their being no qualified office at Kerema during portion of December it was found necessary to pay off some labourers on patrol instead of at Kerema. At Vainixi I paid off 34 labourers who had been employed by Mr.J.P.Puxley and by the late Mr.D.MacDonald. wages amounted to £179.8.11.

Patrol Report No. 10/29/30. G.D.EDUCATION.

The mission bodies who have undertaken the responsibility of educating the natives West of Koroia are at present, doing very little. Mr. Engelbrecht of the Seventh-Day Adventist Mission has gone to Port Moresby and informed me, that as far as he knows at present, his school will be closed for at least 6 months.

The L.H.S. have no one in the place of the Rev. Schlenker and their activities West of Koroia have been more or less at a standstill for some years. The Samoan Evangelists stationed at VAILALA, AUMA, OROKOLO and ARIHAVA do not appear to be making any headway and are loud in their condemnation of the people whom they call "the lazy Papuans."

On previous patrols I asked the Village Councillors to speak to the people and have schools erected in all villages where there is a teacher, but to date, nothing has been done. Those children who can find sitting room in the teachers house go to school, and those who cannot, stay at home. The Samoans do not appear to be making any effort to have schools built.

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NATIVE INDUSTRIES.

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During the patrol 16 Lakatois from the G.D. were seen between Kama and the Western Boundary of the Division and the crews were busily cutting and hauling new timber for the making of new Lakatois to take them back home with their cargo of sago and betelnut. It would be interesting to know what quantity of sago is shipped from this Division every year.

The people of Kama Bay, KEMRU, VAILALA, OROKOLE, and ARIHAVA are building vessels which they call Lakatois and hope to leave sometime in February loaded with sago, betelnut, garden produce and pigs which they intend to sell at the villages in the G.D. This trade is increasing rapidly. Last year most of the Gulf Lakatois did not leave until April and on the homeward trip in June, they were crushed up. It is hoped that they have better luck this year.

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Patrol Report No.10/29/30.G.D.NATIVE INDUSTRIES.Copra making by Village Natives EAST of Koro.

The Rev.R.Rankin (L.M.S.) of Koro who was visiting the L.M.S. station at ADUA, called upon me at Vaivai in regard to copra making by village natives. He informed me that the MOVIAMI and SAVAIVIRI people called upon him at Koro and wanted him to buy some copra. He learnt that they had 62 bags (bags supplied by the Government) and informed them that he could not buy such large quantities but, if they wished, he would ship it for them to the L.M.S. agents at Port Moresby. (Burns Philip & Co.) They informed him that the reason why they wished him to purchase it was that they could not get cash for it at KUKUPI and owing to bad weather they could not take it in canoes to Yale Island.

The natives duly branded their bags and shipped the copra and Mr.Rankin has now received on their behalf the sum of £64.4.9. The natives are very fortunate for they are not being charged any commission and the net proceeds averages more than £1 per bag.

The Reverend gentleman is now very much afraid that European traders will be annoyed with him; will accuse him of trading and depriving them of a living. Mr.Rankin wishes it to be known that he is not making any profit out of the transaction either for himself or his Society and he will not sell goods to the natives for whom he has shipped copra.

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NATIVE INDUSTRIES.COPRA MAKING, WEST OF KEREMA.

For the purpose of reference and to enable me to judge the amount of progress made at each of the groups of villages I have extracted notes from previous reports and append the summary under the heading of each group. The notes cover a period of 3 months,--from the time I first started to encourage the production of copra until the commencement of this patrol.

MRI GROUP.Villages- PIRU, BUBIRI and IRAVA PAIRE.

Notes.:- Natives estimated 85 bags per month.
 During the period 9/7/29-1/10/29
 12 smoke houses were erected.
 1. copra store erected.
 12 Boss Boys and 98 others promised to make copra.
 48. Copra sacks issued.
 31. Bags of copra produced averaging 166 lbs. per bag.
 Average monthly production 10 1/2 bags.
 Native AVAKA in charge of shipping.
 Visited the people on 9/7/29. 31/7/29.
 25/8/29. 9/9/29. 1/10/29.

19/11/29 . Visited all smoke houses and inspected copra being made. Since my last visit, 7 weeks ago, the people have only made 9 bags of copra. The reason for this is explained "some boy he make him, some boy he no make him". I learn from Mrs. Priddle that during the past 7 weeks she has bought from the MRI people for tobacco, sufficient coconuts to make 40 bags of copra. Urged the people to turn all their coconuts into copra.

Nothing has been done towards cutting the undergrowth and long grass away from the bearing palms. Urged the people to start on this work immediately.

21/11/29. Issued 10 copra sacks.

3/ 1/29. Issued 55 copra sacks.

5/ 1/30. Visited copra store and prepared for shipment copra as under.

No. 29.	SIAMU.	2 bags.	338 lbs.
30.	KAIPI.	2. "	390. "
33.	TAVARI.	3. "	484. "
36.	KADKA.	3. "	498. "
35.	SEVESE.	2. "	325. "
37.	KOKA.	2. "	372. "
38.	MOSA.	4. "	772. "
39.	NEVOVIRA.	3. "	559. "
40.	E-I.	5. "	945. "
41.	AVAKA.	8. "	1356. "
34.	SIRIGOBA.	4. "	627. "
		<u>Total.</u>	<u>58 bags. 6934 lbs.</u>

Gross Weight. 3. 1. 3. 16. Net Weight. 3. 0. 3. 16.
 Heaviest bag. 200. lbs. Lightest. 145. Average. 182. lbs.

Since my last visit on 19/11/29, 6 weeks ago, the people have made 29 bags which is a considerable improvement on their efforts for the first 7 weeks of this quarter when they only made 9 bags. During the last 3 months the production has increased by 7 bags.

6/1/30. 28 bags shipped by the Vaivixi. Consignment No. 23/29.

7/1/30. Visited the copra store and paid out the proceeds from the sale of the first shipment which realised £15⁵/₈ per ton. The net proceeds amounted to £24.17.10 and this worked out at from 13/3 to 19/5 per bag. The people are very pleased with the price and inform me that they will now make plenty of copra.

KEREM GROUP.

Villages:- KARAIKA, OVOVIRI, IVARIAPURU and IRAVAPAIRI.

Notes:- Natives estimated 30 bags per month.

During the period 10/7/29--4/10/29

5. Smoke houses were erected.

2. Copra stores erected.

6 Boss Boys and 60 others promised to make copra.

26. Copra sacks issued.

19. Bags of copra produced averaging 165 lbs.

Average monthly production 6¹/₂ bags.

Native MARAU in charge of shipping.

Visited the people on 10/7/29. 30/7/29.

24/8/29. 28/9/29. 4/10/29.

15/11/29. Issued 7 copra sacks.

20/11/29. Inspected smoke houses and copra being made. Since my last visit 7 weeks ago only 10 bags of copra have been made. The KARAIKA people complain that the bulk of their coconuts are growing on the banks of the Saaxi River and the "KUKU-KUKU" come down and steal them; strip the green nuts from the trees and drink the water and carry the matured nuts away with them into the mountains. The excuse offered by the IRISI people is that in the past they have stripped the green nuts from their palms and now there are no nuts maturing.

Mr. G. H. Massey Baker informs me that he is buying from the Kerem and Uaripi group of villages about 4000 nuts per week, sufficient to make about 6¹/₂ bags of copra.

1/1/30. Issued 8 copra sacks.

4/1/30. Visited copra store and weighed and prepared for shipment copra as under.

No. 17. MAIA.	2 bags.	359 lbs.
18. MAIAVERA.	2 "	366 "
20. MAISIRI.	2 "	267 "
148. MAAPURA.	1. "	194. "
19. HEVAIRI.	5. "	925. "
22. KAKAITO.	2. "	295. "
21. MARAKO.	3 "	485. "
Total.	17 bags.	2889 lbs.

Gross Weight. 1. 5. 3. 5. Net weight. 1. 5. 1.10.

Heaviest Bag. 194 lbs. Lightest. 130. Average 170. lbs.

During the past 3 months the production at IRISI has increased by 4 bags but at KARAIKA it has dropped 6 bags. The drop at KARAIKA is mainly due to the fact that Mr G.H. Hassy Baker has secured the services of the boss boy, HARA --has signed him on under the provisions of the N.L.O. and has him employed buying coconuts.

6/1/30. Visited the copra store and paid out proceeds from the sale of the first shipment which realised £15¹/₂ per ton. The net proceeds amounted to £16.1.3 which worked out at from 16/1 to 18/9 per bag. The people are very satisfied with the price received.

UARIPI GROUP.

Villages, HAHARAPIRU and PIRIPI.

Notes.:- Natives estimated 33 bags per month. During the period 9/7/29-1/10/29.

- 7. Smoke houses were erected.
- 1. Copra store erected.
- 7 Boss boys and 114 others promised to make copra.
- 38. Copra sacks issued.
- 38 bags of copra produced, averaging 178 lbs. per bag.
- Average monthly production 12¹/₂ bags.
- Councillor MOVIARI in charge of shipping.
- Visited the people on 9/7/29, 31/7/29, 23/8/29, 9/9/29 ~~2/10/29~~ and 1/10/29.

19/11/29. Visited all smoke houses and inspected copra being made. Since my last visit 7 weeks ago, the natives have only produced 17 bags of copra. The excuse offered is that most of the boys say that they will not make any more copra until they see what they receive for the 38 bags at present awaiting shipment. Assured them that they will receive the selling price at Port Moresby and they cannot get better than that anywhere else.

I learn that during the past 7 weeks the people have traded away for tobacco many thousands of coconuts to Mr. Baker. Advised them not to ~~trade~~ trade away their coconuts but to make copra and sell it for cash.

20/11/29. Issued 31 copra sacks.

5/1/30. Visited copra store and prepared for shipment copra as under:-

No. 27.	MAI E.	5 bags.	990 lbs.
25.	MEANAPI.	5. "	970. "
26.	HAIABERABA	5. "	1007. "
28.	TAIRA.	5. "	940. "
23.	NEI.	6. "	1100. "
29.	TUPURA.	4. "	693. "
24.	MEAPURU.	5. "	970. "
		<u>Total. 35 bags.</u>	<u>6870. lbs.</u>

Gross weight. 2. 19. 8. 6. Net weight. 2. 18. 2. 13.
Heaviest bag 205 lbs. Lightest 165 lbs. Average. 190 lbs.

Advised the people not to fill their bags so full, - that bags should not weigh more than 150 lbs, that the copra that they have jammed into 35 bags is sufficient for 44 bags. I am told that they run their bags so that they will get more than £1 per bag.

During the past 3 months the production here has decreased by 3 bags. The reason for this is stated to be that the people are trading their coconuts to Mr. Baker for tobacco.

6/1/30. 35 bags of copra shipped per "Vaiviri". Con. No. 24/29.

7/1/30. Visited the copra store and distributed the proceeds from the sale of the first lot of copra shipped. This realised £15 per ton the net proceeds being £34.19.0 which works out at from 17/6 to 19/8 per bag. The people were very satisfied with the price and say that they will make plenty of copra now for they are satisfied that copra making is not "all same rice planting".

8/1/29. Issued 55 copra sacks.

OPAI GROUP.

Villages:- IRAVAPAI, HAMIHUU, HAIPOI, PURARI, BIRAKERA, HEVAVILI and NAMAHEPOI.

Notes:- Natives estimated 54 bags per month.
During the period 8/7/29-2/10/29.
16. Smoke houses were erected.
1. Copra store erected.
25 Boss Boys and 68 others promised to make copra.
30 copra sacks issued.
27 bags of copra produced averaging 150 lbs.
Average monthly production, 9 bags.
Native KORN, in charge of shipping.
Visited the people on 8/7/29, 2/8/29, 27/8/29,
9/9/29 and 2/10/29.

21/11/29. Visited all smoke houses and inspected copra being made. Since my last visit 7 weeks ago, only 9 bags of copra have been made. The excuse offered is that cockatoos are playing havoc with the green nuts, pecking holes in them before they mature and more than half of the nuts are lost to the people. This statement is more or less correct for thousands of nuts are to be seen lying on the ground with large holes in them. Still, the people should be able to produce more than 9 bags in 7 weeks. I understand that a considerable number of nuts have been traded to Mrs. Priddle and Mr. Baker, for tobacco.

Very few natives have attempted to clean up around their bearing palms. Again urged them to do this without further delay. Interviewed 40 natives who have just been paid off by the A.R.O.Co.Ltd. and they all promise to make copra.

5/1/30. Visited copra store at PENOI but only 3 bags have been brought down from the Opaai villages. There should be at least 20 bags ready for shipment. Advised the people to have all their copra here by the 11th. inst. for I have arranged with the "Valviri" to load it on that date.

6/1/29. Issued 35 copra sacks.

7/1/30. Visited the copra store at PENOI and distributed the proceeds realised on the first shipment of copra. This brought £15 per ton, the net proceeds being £21.1.9, the natives receiving from 15/3 to 18/6 per bag. They are more than satisfied with the price.

KURU GROUP.

Villages:- KAROHIO, HEAKAKOA, OVOVAHA, NEELOLO, ARURU-U,
PEKOI, DOBEHIO, HIRU, HURUHURE, OVAHUU, KEAKEA.

Notes:- Natives estimated 76 bags per month.

During the period 12/7/29 - 26/10/29.

16. Smoke houses were erected.

3. Copra stores erected.

17 Boss boys and 95 others promised to make copra.

177. Copra sacks issued.

115. Bags of copra produced, averaging 165 lbs. per bag

Average monthly production, 31½ bags.

Native HOHORO in charge of shipping.

Visited the people on 12/7/29, 29/7/29, 30/8/29,

8/9/29, 9/10/29, 26/10/29.

23/11/29. Visited all smoke houses and inspected copra being made. I find that during the past 4 weeks the people have only made 6 bags of copra. The majority of the natives state that they have spent the whole of their time in making canoes for loading their copra. I advised them on 10/10/29 to build 3 canoes but they have built 5. I attended the ceremony of launching the canoes and a description is given under the heading "Native Customs", page 41 of this report.

Now that the erection of smoke houses and copra stores and the construction of canoes is finished, urged the people to concentrate on cleaning up all their coconut palms and increasing their production of copra. Considerable quantities of coconuts are being traded to Mr. R. S. Hoody for tobacco.

At KEAKEA not an ounce of copra has been produced during the past 4 weeks. The people there tell me that they do not intend to make any more copra until the 10 bags awaiting shipment is sold. They state that if they do not get a better price than they got for their rice they will never make any more copra. Informed them that they were foolish, they will receive the same price for their copra that the European traders get and they cannot do better than that.

Advised all taxable natives that I will start tax collecting in January and if any native cannot pay or cannot produce copra ready to ship, to the value of the tax owing by him, he will be sent to jail.

Very little has been done towards cleaning up the many areas of privately owned bearing palms but all the areas planted under the provisions of the N.R.O. are reasonably clean. Again pointed out to the people the necessity for keeping all of their areas of coconut palms clean.

Issued another 43 empty copra sacks and advised the people that they will be charged 1/6 each for them instead of 1/- as previously advised. European traders charge from 2/- to 2/6 each for copra sacks.

25/11/29. "Veimuri" loaded all copra awaiting shipment (115 bags). Captain Dean states that the natives worked well in loading their copra and that the canoes built for loading are excellent.

3/12/29. Visited copra stores and counted 32 bags of copra; 26 of which have been made during the past 5 weeks. Informed the people that they should have at least 90 bags ready and I will not prepare their copra for shipment until they have 50 bags.

5/1/30. Captain Burns of the "Vai-viri" asked for loading. Sent Native Clerk Lohia Teua and Court Interpreter Kimai to Keura and they prepared for shipment copra as under:-

No. 45.	NOHORO.	8 bags	1285. lbs.
49.	HAI A.E.	8. "	1417. "
42.	KAZI.	8. "	1364. "
55.	DERAHUA.	6. "	870. "
37.	KAHURIA.	1. "	141. "
51.	BARA.	6. "	1050. "
48.	AIRA.	2. "	304. "
44.	ARDAI.	2. "	357. "
56A.	MAKI.	5. "	696. "
52.	ARIAYO.	7. "	1293. "
50.	HAYURU.	5. "	686. "
50.	MOBA.	3. "	535. "
53.	AREHO.	4. "	520. "
56.	KIVAVIA.	6. "	1045. "
		<u>Total.</u>	<u>71 bags. 11563. lbs.</u>

Gross Weight. 5. 3. 0. 37. Net weight. 5. 1. 1. 10.
 Heaviest Bag 191. lbs. Lightest bag 116. lbs. Average 162 1/2 lb

It was a decided shock to learn that the people had 71 bags ready. 5 days ago they swore that they only had 32 bags. It appears that they were holding back 39 bags until they discovered what they would get for their first shipment. Court Interpreter KIMAI informed them that the net proceeds amounted to £96.0.4 which worked out at from 15/5 to 19/4 per bag and being quite satisfied with this price they let the 39 bags go and say that they will double their output.

The output for this group during the past 3 months has decreased by 44 bags. Mr. R.S. Moody has indentured labourers from KEJRU employed buying with tobacco, coconuts and green copra and this accounts for the bulk of the decrease.

6/1/29. 71 bags shipped per "Vaiviri". Con. No. 21/29.

HARORA GROUP.

Villages.:- HELAU, REVEAYO, DAVARA, BERARE, HARORA, DUI, POIVA, and KAROKARO.

Notes.:- Natives estimated 72 bags per month.

During the period 12/7/29-12/10/29

8. Smoke houses were erected.

1. Copra store built.

8. Boss Boys and 84 others promised to make copra.

57. Copra sacks issued.

45. Bags of copra produced, averaging 160 lbs. per bag.

Average monthly production, 15 bags.

Native HAVA of KAROKARO in charge of shipping.

Visited the people on 12/7/29, 28/7/29, 31/8/29,

5/9/29, and 12/10/29.

25/11/29. Visited all smoke houses and inspected copra being made at HELAU, REVEAYO, DAVARA and BERARE but copra made at these places during the past 6 weeks does not amount to more than 1/2 bag and none of the natives have made any attempt to clean up around their bearing coconut palms. The areas of palms planted under the provisions of the N.R.O. are clean and well fenced.

The reason given by these people for not making any copra is that they are waiting to be paid for their first shipment which is at present stored at KAROKARO. Advised them not to be foolish but to continue making copra.

27/11/29. Natives report that copra stored for shipment at KAROKARO (45 bags) was shipped to Port by the "Veimuri".

3/12/29. Visited smoke houses and inspected copra being made at HARORA, DUI, POIVA and KAROKARO. During the past 7 weeks these people

have only made 5 bags of copra and no one has attempted to clean the undergrowth and rubbish away from under their bearing palms

Talked to the people for over an hour concerning copra making and the cleaning of coconut areas. Informed them that I would collect tax next month and all natives who fail to pay when asked to do so, will be prosecuted immediately for they have had ample time in which to make copra and sell in order to get their tax money. The people promise to make 40 bags within the next 3 weeks.

5/12/29. Issued 57 copra sacks at LHU.

13/12/29. Visited all copra stores but the people were not ready for me.

14/12/29. Visited all copra stores and received and prepared for shipment copra as under, :-

No. 75. HAVA.	1. bag.	149 lbs.
76. OURA.	1. "	151. "
74. HARAKU.	1. "	158. "
72. DAIVERA.	2. "	298. "
73. KAIRU.	4. "	648. "
Total.	9. bags.	1404. lbs.

Gross weight. 0. 15. 1. 20. Net weight. 0. 12. 1. 5.
Heaviest bag 168 lbs. Lightest. 147 lbs. Average 156 lbs.

During the past 10 days the people have only made 4 bags of copra. During the past two months their production has fallen from an average of 15 bags to an average of 4 bags. Instead of having 9 bags ready for shipment now they should have at least 30. The reason given is that they want to wait and see what they will get for their first shipment.

19/12/29. 9 bags shipped to Port by the "Vaiviri". Con.No.15/29.

KOAIALAHU GROUP.

Villages, :- KOAIALAHU, BAIDADUVA and AIVAH.

Notes, :- Natives estimated 30 bags per month.

During the period 13/7/29-12/10/29

12 smoke houses were erected.

1. copra store built.

12 boss-boys and 40 others promise to make copra.

48 copra sacks issued.

33 bags of copra produced averaging 168 lbs per bag.

Average monthly production 11 bags.

IPI. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ of Vailala in charge of shipping.

Visited the people on 15/7/29, 28/7/29, 31/8/29,

5/9/29 and 12/10/29.

25/11/29. Visited all smoke houses and inspected copra being made.

During the 6 weeks that have elapsed since my last inspection the natives have only produced 12 bags of copra. The owners of 3 smoke houses have not produced an ounce of copra, had they done so the people would have exceeded their previous average of 11 bags per month.

The natives who have not made any copra informed me that they were waiting until the copra ready for shipment is sold. Advised them not to wait but to keep on making copra and if they are not satisfied with the price that they get through the Government they can sell the balance of their copra when, where and how they like.

Many natives have made a start to clean up around their bearing coconut palms and the areas planted under the provisions of

The N.R.O. are clean. Urged the people to clean up around every coconut palm that they own.

- 5/12/29. Issued 21 cocopa sacks at IHU.
- 13/12/29. Visited copra stores but the people were not ready for me.
- 14/12/29. Visited copra stores and prepared and included in the shipment from VAILALA EAST, copra as under.

No. 68.	KAKE.	1 bag.	129 lbs.
70.	HAIKI.	2. "	309. "
66.	HI-IRI.	2. "	257. "
65.	DEVIRA.	2. "	290. "
64.	AHE.	2. "	311. "
63.	HARARE.	1. "	147. "
60.	HEHEAU.	1. "	182. "
61.	KEVAU.	1. "	160. "

Total 12 bags. 1754 lbs.

Gross weight. 0.15.2.18. Net weight. 0.15.1.10.
Heaviest bag. 166 lbs. Lightest bag. 122. Average 146 lbs.

During the past 19 days the people have not made an ounce of copra and during the past two months their average monthly production has dropped from 11 bags to 3 bags. The people inform me that they will not make any more copra until they get paid for their first shipment. Urged them not to be foolish but to continue making copra.

- 19/12/29. 12 bags shipped per "Vaiviri" part Con.No.14/29.

KIRI GROUP.

Villages:- IORI, LEPOKERA, HILOI, BELEPA, APURARIA and OPA.

Notes:- Natives estimate 81 bags per month.

During the period 15/7/29-15/10/29.

9 smoke houses were erected.

1 copra store built.

9 boss-boys and 23 others promised to make copra.

68 copra sacks issued.

51. bags of copra produced, averaging 149 lbs. per bag.

Average monthly production 17 bags.

Native KIVAVIA of IORI in charge of shipping

Visited the people on 15/7/29, 22/7/29, 4/8/29,

14/10/29, and 24/10/29.

- 26/12/29. 51 bags of copra shipped by "Veimauri". Con.No.11/29.

- 1/12/29. Inspected smoke houses, coconut areas and copra being made at IORI and LEPOKERA. These people are most dilatory for during the past 6 weeks they have only made 2 bags of copra. They should have at least 15 bags ready. Talked to them for over an hour concerning copra making and the clearing of coconut areas and they promise to reform.

- 3/12/29. Inspected smoke houses, copra being made and coconut areas at HILOI, BELEPA, APURARIA and OPA. The conversation that I had with these people 6 weeks ago seems to have had some result for they have made sufficient copra to fill about 24 bags. Many natives have cleaned up around their bearing palms and others promise to do so immediately.

- 5/12/29. At IHU, issued 39 copra sacks.

- 11/12/29. At Vaiviri, issued 13 copra sacks.

- 14/12/29. Visited the copra store and received and prepared for shipment copra as under:-

No. 82.	BRABO.	5 bags.	814. lbs.
79.	HIRAKE.	9. "	1260. "
78.	E-EVARE.	9 "	1347. "
77.	PAIDAI A.	6. "	829. "
143.	AVARIVAIA.	6. "	921. "
80 & 81.	AUA & HIKARI.	9. bags.	1472. "
145	KAUKAU.	2. "	316. "
143.	EVARA.	6. "	889. "
<u>Total.</u>			<u>52 bags. 7845. lbs.</u>

Gross weight. 3. 10. 0. 8. Net weight. 3. 8. 2. 20.
 Heaviest Bag 188 lbs. Lightest bag. 150. lbs. Average. 150.11

Above, is another example of how the weights vary. One man has 9 bags weighing 1472 lbs. and another has 9 bags that only scale 1260 lbs. -- a difference of 212. lbs.

These people are shaking themselves up a little. On the 2nd. inst they only had 26 bags of copra which took them 6 weeks to make. As they are now shipping 52 bags they have made another 26 bags in 12 days, which is, as it should be.

During the past 2 months the average monthly production has increased by 9 bags, from 17 bags per month to 26 bags. Urged the people to continue increasing their production.

19/12/29. 52 bags shipped per "Valviri". Con. No. 17/29.

VAILALA EAST GROUP.

Villages.:- VAILALA EAST. (2).

Notes.:- Natives estimated 69 bags per month.

During the period 19/7/29-16/10/29.

8 smoke houses were erected.

1. copra store built.

8 boss boys and 58 others promised to make copra.

75. copra sacks issued.

52 bags of copra produced averaging 165 lbs. per bag.

Average monthly production 14 bags.

Native IPI in charge of shipping.

Visited the people on 19/7/29, 26/7/29, 4/9/29
 and 16/10/29.

27/11/29. "Valviri" loaded 19 bags of copra and Captain Dean informed the natives that he would load the balance of 33 bags on his return from KIKORI.

3/12/29. Inspected copra smoke houses and copra being made. The people during the past 7 weeks have only made 11 bags of copra. They state that they are waiting to see how much they will get for their first shipment and in the meantime have been trading their coconuts to Messrs. MacDonald & Currie for tobacco, fishhooks, etc. Mr. Currie informs me that he is buying from the VAILALA, HARORA, and KODIALAHU groups, sufficient coconuts to make 8 bags of copra per week. Mr. MacDonald was buying a similar quantity.

Little has been done towards cleaning up around bearing coconut palms. Again urged that this be done and that the people turn all their coconuts into copra instead of trading them away as they have been doing.

4/12/29. "Valviri" passed on her way to Port Moresby but did not call for the 33 bags that she left here. This means that she has taken 52 bags of copra to Port (part Con. No. 7/29) without any consignment note.

5/12/29. At IHU, issued 26 copra sacks.

12/12/29. "Veianuri", enroute to Port Moresby via KIKOKI, loaded 33 bags short shipped on the 27th ult. but left the consignee's letter behind.

13/12/29. Issued 5 copra sacks.

14/12/29. Visited copra store was received and prepared for shipment, copra as under.

No. 84.	PARU.	3 bags.	327. lbs.
85.	NAIVI.	2. "	316. "
86.	BERRA.	2. "	315. "
90.	IPI.	4. "	632. "
86.	HEKARU.	3. "	508. "
88.	KAPU.	1. "	161. "
87.	HAU.	3. "	485. "
Total. 17 bags.			2739. lbs.

Gross weight. 1. 4. 1. 23. Net weight. 1. 4. 0. 0
Heaviest bag 170. lbs. Lightest bag 150. lbs. Average 161. lbs.

During the past 10 days the people have made 6 bags of copra, during the past two months the average monthly production has dropped by 5½ bags, from 14 to 8½ bags. Urged the people to continue making copra and to try and reach their estimate of 69 bags per month. They should be able to do it without any difficulty.

19/12/29. 17 bags shipped by the "Vaiviri", part of Con. No. 14/29. The Captain only signed for 16 bags. The natives say that the Captain has made a mistake in counting. If this is so, it will be rectified when unloaded at Port Moresby. If there is a bag missing no one knows where it has got to.

VAILALA WEST GROUP/

Villages.:- VAILALA WEST, HIRRI, KUKUPI and ANUNUKURAPP.

Notes.:- Natives estimated 63 bags per month.
During the period 20/7/29-17/10/29.
6 Smoke houses were erected.
1. Copra store built.
11. Some boys and 49 others promised to make copra.
73. Copra bags issued.
56. Bags of copra produced averaging 164. lbs.
Average monthly production, 18½ bags.
V.C.KO in charge of shipping.
Visited the people on 20/7/29, 26/7/29, 5/9/29 and 17/10/29.

27/11/29. 56 bags of copra shipped by "Veianuri". Con. No. 15/29.

4/12/29. Visited the smoke houses and inspected copra being made. During the past 7 weeks the people have only produced 19 bags of copra. This is better than most other villages but still, it is below the average for the past 3 months. I am informed that the reason why they have not made more is that they had no empty bags. Advised them to make copra every day and never to wait for bags, the bags will be there when the copra is ready for bagging.

Little has been done towards clearing up around all coconut palms. Again stressed the importance of caring for and keeping clean, all coconut areas.

5/12/29. Issued 55 copra sacks at THU.

13/12/29. Visited copra store but the people were not ready for me. They informed me that they do not want to ship until they have 70 bags filled. Pointed out that I have arranged for the "Vaiviri" to be here on Sunday next, that I will not be

back here again for about 6 weeks; if they keep their copra it will ~~rather~~ deteriorate and if they do not ship any copra on Sunday I cannot in future, arrange for vessels to load their copra. After considerable discussion the people decided to start bagging and to ship on Sunday next.

13/12/29.

Visited copra store and weighed and prepared for shipment, copra as under:-

No.93.	DAVURI.	5 bags.	798.lbs.
91A.	MEALAUAKORE.	2 "	292. "
91B.	APAPE.	2. "	319. "
91.	KAROA.	2. "	337. "
92A.	HURAI.	1. "	154. "
92B.	IKAROA.	2. "	344. "
92C.	HARITA.	3. "	510. "
92.	AIROE.	1. "	160. "
95.	KAIVA.	2. "	210. "
94.	BERERAJAIRA.	4. "	656. "
Total.		24. bags.	3810.lbs.

Gross weight. 1. 14. 0. 2. Net weight. 1. 13. 1. 14.
Heaviest bag. 184 lbs. Lightest 139 lbs. Average. 160.lbs.

During the past 10 days the people have only made 5 bags of copra, and during the past 2 months their average monthly output has fallen from 18½ bags to 12 bags, a decrease of 6½ bags per month. The people explain the decrease by saying that they are waiting to see what they will get for their first shipment of 55 bags.

19/12/29.

24 bags of copra shipped by "Valiviri". Con.No.12/29.

AIMA GROUP.

Villages:- AHUAKE.(2), AIMA, BIAI, HAI-ALI and PAKOYABU.

Notes:- Natives estimated 20 bags per month.

During the period 20/7/29-24/10/29

7. Smoke houses were erected.

1. Copra store built.

8. Boss-boys and 27 others promised to make copra.

50. Copra sacks issued.

43. Bags of copra produced, averaging 155 lbs.per bag. Average monthly production 14½ bags.

Native ORI in charge of shipping.

Visited the people on 20/7/29, 25/7/29, 5/9/29, 17/10/29 and 24/10/29.

27/11/29.

43 bags of copra shipped by the "Vaimauri". Con.No.12/29.

4/12/29.

Visited all smoke houses and inspected copra being made.

During the past 7 weeks the people have only made 6 bags of copra, -they should have made at least 25 bags. I am informed that they do not intend to make any more copra until they see what price they will get for the copra shipped on the 27th ult. Advised them not to be foolish and promised them that if they cannot pay their tax next month they will be prosecuted.

Little or nothing has been done towards cleaning up privately owned areas of coconuts. Advised natives to make a start immediately and clean around all their coconut palms for a radius of 15' from the trunk. Urged them to make copra every day and not to wait for empty bags or anything else.

5/12/29.

At IHU, issued 27 copra sacks.

13/12/29.

Visited the copra store but the people were not ready for me.

14/12/29. Visited the copra store and weighed and prepared for shipment copra as under:-

No.100. KAIRI.	1 bag.	182 lbs.
99. HAI E.	1. "	160. "
98. HERERE.	2. "	369. "
97. KRAUVA.	1. "	175. "
96. HAVORA.	1. "	157. "
<u>Total.</u>	<u>6 bags.</u>	<u>1016 lbs.</u>

Gross weight. 0. 9. 0. 5. Net weight. 0. 8. 3. 15.
Heaviest bag. 186 lbs. Lightest bag. 152 lbs. Average. 169 ,

These people are carrying out their threat not to make any more copra until they are paid for their first shipment. During the past 10 days they have not made an ounce of copra. Again urged them not to be childish. For the two months just ended the monthly production has dropped from 14½ bags to 3 bags. The people should have 29 bags ready for shipment now instead of only 6.

19/12/29. 6 bags of copra shipped by the "Vaiviri". Con.No.16/29.

OROKOLO GROUP.

Villages:- HERAKERA, HOBORO, HORIAU, BIDIBURUA, PAIVERA, HURURU, HARIHARWA, and HAWARA.

Notes:- Natives estimated 94 bags per month. During the period 25/7/29-20/10/29.

16 Smoke houses were erected.

1. Copra store erected.

19. Boss-boys and 192 others promised to make copra.

86. Copra sacks issued.

86. bags of copra produced averaging 165 lbs. per bag

Average monthly production 29 bags.

Native DIARA in charge of shipping.

Visited the people on 21/7/29, 6/9/29 and 18/10/29

11/12/29. At Vaiviri, issued 28 copra sacks, to the PAIVERA people.

15/12/29. At Vaiviri, issued 90 copra sacks to the Orokolo people.

20/12/29. Inspected smoke houses and copra being made at HOBORO, HORIAU, HERAKERA. The people have only made 4 bags during the past 2 months. The Councillors inform us that "All boy walk about along nothing". These people should have at least 12 bags ready. The presence of 3 Lakatois from the C.D. is one of the main reasons why so little copra has been made. Urged the people to make copra every day and to clean up around their coconut palms.

21/12/29. Visited all smoke houses at BIDIBURUA, HURURU, HARIHARWA and HAWARA and inspected copra being made. The people during the past two months have made 86 bags; including the 4 bags seen yesterday, there is 89 bags ready for shipment. The monthly average for the first 3 months was 29 bags, for the last 2 months it is 24½ bags.

The reason for the decrease is said to be because the people have not yet been paid for any of the copra shipped and some boys say the Government is going to humbug the people and keep the money. Informed them that I believe that the money is now at Kerema and should be sent on to us either today or tomorrow. Urged the people to make copra every day, told them that the Government is not going to humbug them; if they ship copra every month they will get paid every month and tried to explain that there will always be a little delay in distributing the proceeds from the sale of the copra, it is unavoidable, but they should ,

by now, be able to trust the Government and its officers.

The people inform me that they do not wish to ship their copra now, they wish to wait until next month when they hope to send 100 bags.

26/12/29.

The ARIHAVA group having decided to ship their copra these people want to do likewise. Visited the copra store and prepared for shipment copra as under:-

No.103.	KROPE.	2 bags.	302 lbs.
104.	KAPE.	2. "	294. "
106.	KHEBAU.	3. "	441. "
106.	KUOPE.	4. "	574. "
107.	KAVE.	6. "	906. "
108.	PIRAURE.	6. "	806. "
109.	MEORO.	4. "	538. "
111.	IRAVE.	2. "	272. "
110.	BOBOIA.	2. "	279. "
113.	HANUPA.	2. "	306. "
112.	KAI O.	2. "	316. "
114.	IHARA.	4. "	593. "
115.	KRAI.	2. "	309. "
116.	KAPAI.	2. "	303. "
117.	KABEA.	3. "	528. "
118.	IRAVE.	2. "	498. "
120.	BIRAHARE.	4. "	602. "
119.	MORRA.	4. "	624. "
121.	HAYRI.	2. "	325. "
Total.			59 bags. 6915 lbs.

Gross weight. 3. 19. 5. 9. Net weight. 3. 18. 0. 0
Heaviest bag 182 lbs. Lightest bag 121. Average. 153 lbs.

26/12/29.

59 bags of copra shipped per "Papuan Chief". Con.No.20/29.

ARIHAVA GROUP.

Villages. IOKU, ARIHAVA (8), and HOMI.

Notes.:- Natives estimated 60 bags per month.

During the period 24/7/29-22/10/29

14. Smoke houses were erected.

2. Copra stores built.

20. Boss boys and 135 others promised to make copra.

74. Copra sacks issued.

74. Bags of copra produced averaging 150 lbs. per bag.

Average monthly production 25 bags.

Native MAIVAI in charge of shipping.

Visited the people on 21/7/29, 6/9/29 and 21/10/29

14/12/29.

At Vaiviri issued 118 copra sacks.

22/12/29.

Visited all smoke houses and inspected copra being made.

Counted 65 bags of copra that has been produced during the past 2 months. The monthly production has increased from 25 to 32½ bags even though several groups have only made 1 bag. These people should have no difficulty at all in producing their estimated 60 bags per month.

The people inform me that if they get a good price for their copra they will double their present production. Informed them that I believe their money is at Kerema and if it does not reach me by tomorrow I shall bring it to them on my next trip.

Little has been done towards cleaning up around the many scattered areas of bearing palms. Again urged them to clean up around every coconut palm that they own and to concentrate on the production of copra.

Visited the copra stores and received, weighed and prepared for shipment, copra as under, :-

No. 128.	AHI.	1 bag.	155 lbs.
131.	HAIKAKOHE.	2 bags	346. "
127.	ARARA.	2. "	289. "
133.	AHARE.	1.	157. "
130.	KAIWAMORE.	5.	743. "
129.	IROKO.	2.	296. "
138.	KYWARE.	1.	147. "
126.	HAXVI.	3.	435. "
136.	DOAVIRA.	4.	655. "
135.	KAKA.	4.	615. "
134.	EVARE.	4.	652. "
137.	UVAIPI.	3.	448. "
139.	HURAVARI.	4.	582. "
132.	HARE.	3.	533. "
140.	KAPIPI.	4.	635. "
141.	IKUKAPE.	7.	1040. "
Total. 50.			7728.

Gross weight. 3. 9. 0. 0. Net weight. 3. 7. 8. 18.
Heaviest bag. 188 lbs. Lightest bag 126. Average. 154. 12

23/12/29.

Visited IOKUI and prepared for shipment copra as under, these people wished to have their copra separate from the above.

No. 122.	AUKA.	3 bags.	432 lbs.
123.	HAIVAI.	5. "	754. "
124.	HAVORI.	4. "	587. "
125.	KABU.	3. "	329. "
Total. 15 bags.			2102 lbs.

Gross weight. 0. 19. 3. 0. Net weight. 0. 19. 1. 11.
Heaviest bag. 159 lbs. Lightest bag. 129 lbs. Average. 147.

26/12/29.

Natives advise that "Papua Chief" picked up 65 bags as above from IOKUI and ARIHAVA. Con. Nos. 18/29 and 19/29.

GENERAL.

During the first 3 months that the scheme for encouraging the production of copra was in force the natives did remarkably well and in addition to erecting smoke houses and copra stores, produced 670 bags of copra. I regret to say that they are not keeping up to this standard for there is a decrease at the undermentioned groups. The figures are the difference between the quantity actually weighed at the time of my last visit and the quantity that should have been weighed, based on the production for the first 3 months.

Kerema.	2 bags.
Unripi.	3. "
Opau.	27. "
Kauru.	44. "
Harom.	21. "
Konialahu.	10. "
Vailala E.	11. "
Vailala W.	13. "
Ausa.	23. "

74
65
13

The underlisted groups have increased their production by the number of bags shown, :-

MELI.	7 bags.
KIRI.	18. "
OROKOLO.	1. "
ARIHAVA.	<u>15. "</u>

Total. 41 bags.

The decrease is to be expected for with the exception of the Keram Bay people, none of the others have yet received the proceeds from the sale of their first shipment. When this is distributed I expect to see the production substantially increased at every group.

To date, 1073 bags of copra weighing tons. cwt. gm. lbs. 78. 2 . 3. 2. have been shipped and proceeds are to hand respecting 790 bags. The 790 bags realized £855.12.10 and after deducting charges for freight, bags, insurance and commission there is a net balance of £640.3.8 for distribution to the natives. This works out at from 15/3 to 19/6 per bag. These natives who have received their pay appear to be perfectly satisfied. There is a further 285 bags at Port Moresby for which payment has not yet been received.

The bulk of this money will be used by the natives towards paying their tax which amounts to between £1500 and £1700 per annum. Last year there were 2249 taxable natives West of Koroia, 1770 of whom were taxed, and at the close of the year (30th. June 1929) there were 506 natives owing 929 taxes. The collection of the tax for the current year has not yet been commenced, the natives have been given a chance to get the money by making copra.

The European traders at OROKOLO, who regard the natives of the surrounding groups as their legitimate prey, still resent what they term "Government interference with their trading activities". Mr. Sinclair informed me that he had been to Port Moresby and interviewed The Hon. The G.S. and a few days later, without mentioning the matter to me at all Mr. Coghill went to Port on the same errand to back Mr. Sinclair up.

From correspondence from The Hon. G.S. I learn that Messrs. Coghill and Sinclair complain that prior to my interest in the production of copra, they were obtaining 200 bags per month but since last April they have been getting practically no copra and the natives have only shipped 20 bags per month.

This statement is a gross exaggeration. In the first place, I did not start on this copra scheme until at OROKOLO until 20/7/29 and from that date until the 22/12/29 --- a period of 5 months, --- the natives actually shipped 333 bags weighing ^{tons. cwt. qrs. lbs.} 22. 7. 0. 22. , an average of 66½ bags per month. It must be remembered that Messrs. Coghill and Sinclair have stated in the past that the average weight of their bags is 135 lbs. so the 333 bags shipped, which averaged 150 lbs., is equivalent to 371 of Messrs. Sinclair's and Coghill's bags.

I have not had access to either Mr. Coghill's or Mr. Sinclair's books so cannot say if their output has ever reached 200 bags per month (12 tons if bags averaged 135 lbs.), or what quantity they have made during the past 5 months. If the previous average has been 200 bags per month during the past 5 months they should have each averaged 65 bags. Mr. Sinclair has 20 indentured labourers employed buying coconuts and, as he is not the type of man who would feed and pay natives for nothing, I think he is getting up to 60 bags per month. Mr. Coghill was absent from the Division for 2 of the 5 months under review and as he has no natives employed in the villages buying coconuts he probably has not averaged 60 bags per month.

Although Mr. Sinclair alleges a startling decrease he cannot tell me its cause nor can he show me the coconuts "rotting in the bush". At both OROKOLO and ARIHAVA there are piles of coconuts lying in the village belonging to Messrs. Sinclair & Coghill, they have been lying there for some months and I had to ask that they be removed. It appears to me that as Messrs. Sinclair & Coghill rarely visit the

villages and can afford to leave large quantities of coconuts lying there for months on end, they are not making much personal effort to increase the output of copra.

Mr. Coghill is loud in his condemnation of my action in assisting natives to sell their produce for cash. I am told that Mr. Humphries, R.M. was stopped from interfering in his, Coghill's, trading activities and that I also, shall be stopped. The only reference that I can find at Kerema relating to Mr. Humphries interest in Mr. Coghill's trading activities, is a mention made in P.R.No.1/26/27 page 2. This refers to commission paid by traders to natives. I have made mention of this commission in P.R.No.1/29/30 page 27. The method of trading employed by Messrs. Sinclair and Coghill is given in P.R.No.8/28/29 page 32.

Messrs. Sinclair and Coghill again complain about the amounts owing to them by natives. Mention of this is made in P.R.No.1/29/30 pages 22, 29, 40 para 24, 43 para 6, and 44 para.6. They still continue to give credit to natives and this being so I have informed them that we cannot do much to help them. They give credit at their own risk and Government officials cannot act as their bad debt collectors. I have asked them to pay cash for their copra or coconuts but they decline to do so saying that if they did they would not be able to make a living.

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C. Sinclair
 AR4: G.D.
 16/1/30

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

11/29-30.

KEREMA, G.D.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by E. R. Oldham, Resident Magistrate, to
the VAINALA and OROKOLO Districts for the purpose of

general inspection, and inquiring into a report that the production
of copra by the OROKOLO Bay natives had decreased under Govt. management

Left Station on 21/1/30 Returned to Station on 27/1/30

Number of Carriers employed 8 Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whaleboat. E. R. Oldham.

Villages visited NAUREPI, VAILALA WEST, KUKUPI, HIROI, ABUHUKURAPE,
ARUAPE (2), AUMA, BIAI, PAKOWABU, NORIAU, KAVAVA (Orokolo East).

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9587/11.23.—1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 7. 2. 1930.

E. R. Oldham

Officer in charge of Station.

REPORT OF A PATROL MADE BY E. R. OLDHAM, RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, TO THE
VAILALA & OROKOLO DISTRICTS.

Object of Patrol.

1. General Inspection Etc.
2. Inquiring into a report that the production of copra by the OROKOLO Bay natives had decreased under Government management.

21. 1. 1930.

Left Kerema in whaleboat at 9.15 a.m. with 8 MEI natives as crew, 3 A.C., and Court Interpreter ARUA, intending to go right through to VAILALA, but owing to a strong head wind all day only got as far as KEURU. After seeing the whaleboat in a safe position for the night, inside KEURU Creek, went on to the Rest House at NAUREPI, and found that as extensive repairs were being carried out to the building that it was necessary to camp in the Court House. Inspected the road to KAROHOG, which Mr. Lambden ordered to be cleaned on his last patrol, and found that no attempt whatever had been made to carry out instructions.

Village Constable HEURA, who controls the villages of KAROHOG, NEILCIC and ARURU-U, and V.C. HOA, who is responsible for HEAYAKOA, OVOVAHA, KAKOBO, PEKOI-I, OVAHUU, DOBHOHO and HIRU, reported in the evening with several Councillors. The V.C.'s and the Councillors stated that instructions issued re the cleaning of roads, coconuts, and village surroundings, had not been carried out, and gave as their reason that during the past few weeks the people had been engaged in making sago for sale to the C.D. Lakatois, gathering coconuts and turning some into copra, and in building large canoes in which several men will shortly leave with supplies of sago, betelnut, and pigs etc. for sale to the people in the C.D. I agreed with them that the people had apparently been very busy lately, but pointed out that villages, coconuts, and roads must be kept clean, and that if the people did not obey instructions in this respect they would be prosecuted. Gave them a week in which to carry out instructions, and left a memo for Mr. A.R.M. Lambden who will be along here in four or five days time for the purpose of distributing the proceeds of sale of the first copra shipment.

22. 1. 1930.

Left KEURU 8 a.m. and arrived VAILALA WEST 11 a.m. V.C. IKO and four Councillors reported. Inspected Rest House, A.C. Quarters, village and surroundings, and found the Rest House and A.C. Quarters in good order, but the village and surroundings in a filthy state. Assembled all the people, and asked them why they had not carried out instructions re keeping village and surroundings clean. Their excuses were many. Some said that lately the whole of their time had been occupied in making sago for sale to the Lakatois (there are two here at present); others that they were busy preparing to leave for Port Moresby in large canoes, and were making sago and gathering betelnut and coconuts for sale in the C.D.; and some that the whole of their time was now occupied in collecting coconuts and making copra etc. Told them that from to-day's date not more excuses would be accepted for not carrying out instructions, and set all the able bodied ^{men} to work cleaning up under the supervision of the V.C. and Councillors.

23. 1. 1930.

Leaving the whaleboat in charge of Corporal MAGA I left ~~for~~ VAILALA at 6.30 a.m. for OROKOLO. On the way inspected the villages of KUKIPI, HIROI & AHUKURAPE (V.C.IKO); AHUAPE (2) and AUMA (V.C.LAHO); BIAI and PAKOWABU (V.C.AKABA) and HORIAU (V.C. BEAIA). All these villages were found to be clean with the exception of the surroundings, which I ordered the V.C.'s to have attended to immediately. The road between VAILALA and AUMA was overgrown in parts, and I told the people responsible to have same cleaned before my return. Arrived at OROKOLO East (V.C.BEAIA) at noon. Inspected Rest House, Court House, and A.C. Quarters, and found same in very good order.

Called on Mr. Sinclair, and spent the afternoon inquiring into the alleged decrease in copra production by the OROKOLO Bay natives under Government management. See separate report.

Mr. Sinclair has 19 natives employed under Contract of Service whose wages were guaranteed by the late Mr. D. MacDonald.

Gave him notice in writing to provide a fresh guarantee for £300 within one month from date. C.N.A. advised.

24. 1. 1930.

V.C's AKABA of EAIALI, BEAIA of KAVAVA, HEKI of PAIVERA, KIKI of OVOLOBO and MAIEPO of ARIHAVA reported with Councillors and a great many people. Held C.N.M. V.C.BEAIA and four others sentenced to three months imprisonment each for Assault. Settled several domestic troubles of a trivial nature, and had a long talk to the people on the subject of copra making and their trading relations with Messrs. Sinclair and Coghill. Informed them that Mr. Lambden was now on his way to distribute the proceeds of sale of their first copra shipment, and advised each group the amount they would receive.

In the afternoon called on Mr. Coghill in connection with the alleged decrease in copra production. On the way inspected OROKIO EAST (KAVAVA), and found same fairly clean, but like all other villages seen very little attention has been paid to the surroundings. Selected one KOPEA to replace V.C. BEAIA whose dismissal is being recommended.

Returned to the Rest House at 6 p.m.

25. 1. 1930.

Paid out from W.N.L. & D.N.A/c the sum of £18. 9. 0 to three natives, and after settling several disputes over women, pigs and armshells, left for VAILALA West. On the way inspected the AUMA-VAILALA road and villages seen on the 23rd. The road is now in very good order, but no attempt has yet been made to clear a sufficient space round each village. Spoke to the V.C's and Councillors again about this matter, and told the people that if they did not obey instructions they would be prosecuted.

Arrived at VAILALA West 3.30 p.m.

26. 1. 1930.

Left for VALVIRI Plantation in whaleboat and called on Mr. D. Mc.C. Johnston. This gentleman has nine natives employed under C/s. whose wages etc. were guaranteed by a Mr. A. Moore who has long since left the Territory. Gave him notice in writing to provide a fresh guarantee for £126 within one month from the 27th. C.N.A. advised.

Returned to VAILALA at 3.30 p.m., and paid one OPA, lately in the employ of the Medical Department, the sum of £2.0.2.

27. 1. 30.

Dealt with an assault case in C.N.M. and left for Kerema
at 9 a.m. On the way called at KOIALAHU and met Mr. A.R.M. Lambden
who was busy distributing the proceeds of sale of copra. After
discussing various matters with him continued on my way and arrived
at Kerema 5 p.m.

R.D.
R.M., G.D.

7.2.30.

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

13/29/30.

Kerema. G.D.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Wm. J. Lambden. A.R.M.: G.D. toWestern Boundary of the Gulf Division. for the purpose ofInspection of villages, taking census of Orokelo District, collecting tax, paying family bonus, Court matters, encouraging production of copra. etc. etc.Left Station on 25/1/30. Returned to Station on 1/3/30.Number of Carriers employed 25. Number of Police taken 4Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge -----Villages visited All coastal villages from Kerema to Nami. (Western Boundary)

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2087/11.23.—1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date:

22. 4. 30W. J. Lambden

Officer in charge of Station.

GOVERNMENT SECRETARY.

834/30.

R.M.: G.D.: Koram.

Sago Export.

Upon reading Patrol Report No.13/29-30
His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor says, :-

"This is a very interesting report
Please ask the A.R.M. to let me
have an account of the sago
export for the Annual Report.

Agd. H.W.Champion.

G.S. 15.5.30.

GOVERNMENT SECRETARY.

839/30.

R.M.: G.D/ Kerama.

Copra Making-- Kerama.

Upon reading Mr.Lambden's latest report on copra making West of Kerama, which was included in Patrol Report No.13/29-30, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor says that he would like to have a detailed account of copra making (1) West and (2) East of Kerama for the Annual Report.

Sgd. H.W.Champion.

G.S. 15.5.30.

Report of Patrol No.13/29/30. G.D.
by Wm.J.Lambden A.R.M. from Kerema
to the Western Boundary of the
Division, undertaken for the
following purposes.

1. Inspection of all villages.
2. Inspection of roads and bridges.
3. Encouraging the production of copra.
4. Distributing the proceeds of sale of copra.
5. Shipping copra for natives.
6. Collecting tax. Oroko District.
7. Paying Family Bonus. Oroko District.
8. Taking of a new census. Oroko District.
9. Court Matters.
10. Miscellaneous native matters.

Time occupied, 36 days.

January 1930.

Saturday 25/1/30.

Accompanied by Armed Constables SENA,

KEKESA and BMO, left Kerema in the station canoe at 9 a.m.
Crossed Kerema Bay and landed at MEI at 10.30 a.m.

Called upon Mrs. E.V. Priddle and Mr. S.J. Ashton and met Mr. R. Shaw Moody and Mrs. C. MacDonald. Mrs. Priddle wishes to transfer all her indentured labourers to Arainiri Estate but is not prepared to go to Arainiri today and asks that the matter of the transfer be dealt with on my return from Oroko.

Obtained a suitable canoe from the MEI people and with 12 carmen left at 12 noon. The sea was exceptionally calm and there was not even a ripple on Kerema Bar. Passed The Bluff at 1.15 p.m. and landed at the KEURU Rest Houses at 3.30 p.m. V.C's. HOA, HEURA and HEHEABEA of the Keuru group of villages, reported.

Sunday. 26/1/30.

All the morning paying to the Keuru natives the sum of £91.19.0 being the net proceeds from the sale of 115 bags of copra shipped on 26/11/29. Individuals received amounts ranging from 14/9 to £3.4.3. Proceeds have not yet been received for 71 bags shipped on 6/1/30.

Obtained a canoe and left at 2 p.m. Soon after leaving the sea became very choppy and very little progress was made. It took 2 hours to travel the 3 miles

between KEURU and KEAKEA. Went ashore at KEAKEA and inspected the village. (V.C. HEAHEABEA.) Proceeding along the beach passed through and inspected the villages of KEVEAVO, HELAU, DAVARA. (V.C. KOAKE), BERARE (V.C. POKOWAI), and BAIDADUVA (V.C. IHAHE.). Inspected copra being made at all of the villages visited and urged the people to increase their production.

Met Mr. W.W. Currie who has a trading site near BAIBADUVA and learn that he is averaging 16 bags of copra per week from coconuts purchased with tobacco from natives of KEAKEA, HELAU, KOALALAHU, AIVAU, HARORA and VAILALA. Arrived and camped at the KOALALAHU Rest Houses at 6.p.m.

Monday 27/1/30.

H.M. arrived in the whaleboat from Vailala at 8.30.a.m. and left again for Kerema at about 9.30.

V.C's. IHAHE, POKOWAI and KOAKE and all Councillors from the villages of KOALALAHU, AIVAU, HEBAU, DUI, HARORA, POIVA and KAROKARO, reported with all natives of the villages named who have shipped copra. Until 1.p.m. distributing the amount of £77.13.1. being proceeds from the sale of 99 bags of copra shipped during November and December. Individuals received amounts ranging from 12/9 to 18/9.

Packed up and left at 2.p.m. Inspected the villages of KOALALAHU and AIVAU. (V.C. IAH?) and inspected smoke houses and copra being made. Proceeded along the beach and inspected the villages of VAILALA EAST. (V.C. BIAI). also inspected smoke houses and copra being made. Camped in the Vailala East Rest Houses at 3.30.p.m.

All natives of Vailala East, with the exception of a few old men and women, were absent when I arrived but they returned at 5.p.m. They had been busily making sago and collecting betel-nut for the people of 4 Lakatois from PARE.C.D. who are departing on Wednesday next.

Until 7.p.m. distributing the amount of £54.10.4 being net proceeds from the sale of 68 bags of

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copra shipped by the natives of Vailala East during November and December. Finished up at 7.30.p.m.

Tuesday 28/1/30.

Packed up and left at 8.30.a.m. Crossed the Vailala River and reaching the Rest House found all the natives of the VAILALA WEST and the AUMA group awaiting me. Distributed the amount of £100.12.6 being net proceeds from the sale of 129 bags of copra shipped by these people during November and December.

"Vaiviri" arrived from Port at noon. Boarded the vessel and arranged with the Captain (a native) to load copra here tomorrow. "Vaiviri" departed up the river.

Proceeded to the copra store of the Vailala West group and prepared for shipment 35 bags of copra. Left at 4.p.m. and crossing the Vailala River visited the copra store of the Vailala East group and prepared for shipment 30 bags of copra. Finished up at 6.p.m. and camped at the Vailala East Rest House. "Vaiviri" returned from up the river and anchored at Vailala West at 6.30.p.m.

Wednesday 29/1/30.

At 8.a.m. visited the copra store and prepared for shipment 24 bags of copra, the property of KOAIALAHU and AIVAN natives. "Vaiviri" loaded all copra here (89 bags) and left for Port at 9.30.a.m.

Packed up, and obtaining canoes, proceeded up the river at 10.a.m. Landed at KAROKARO. (V.C. POKOWAI) at 11.15 and inspected village. Visited the copra store of the HARORA group and found a crowd of natives waiting for me. Prepared for shipment 40 bags of copra.

Proceeded up stream at 2.p.m. and landed at BOBAU at about 3.p.m. Visited the copra store and prepared for shipment 22 bags of copra the property of natives of the Auma Group.

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Proceeded up stream and landed at Vaiviri Plantation (Estate of Donald MacDonald deceased,) at 6.p.m. Met Mrs.MacDonald, who arrived here yesterday, and Mr.D.McC.Johnston. This estate is in the hands of the Public Curator and during my absence from this part of the Division, Mr.Johnston manages the place.

Thursday 30/1/30.

All the morning with Mr.Johnston on matters in connection with the Estate and paid off 7 casual labourers who are unfit for the work that they are employed on.

Left by canoe at 12.noon and proceeding upstream landed at the copra store of the IORI and KIRI groups. A crowd of natives were waiting for me here.

Distributed the sum of 275.7.6 being net proceeds from the sale of 103 bags of copra shipped during November and December. Prepared for shipment 36 bags of copra.

There is now 98 bags of copra, owned by natives, stored along the banks of the Vaiala River awaiting shipment. The people have produced a total of 187 bags during the past 7 weeks.

Proceeded down stream at 5.30.p.m. and arrived back at Vaiviri at 6.p.m. to find that Mr.Johnston and Mrs.MacDonald have gone to CROKOLO.

Friday 31/1/30.

Obtained a canoe from IORI and proceeded upstream at 8.30.a.m. Landed at Maira Plantation at 9.30. and visited Mr.& Mrs.J.P.Puxley. Was delayed here for 2 hours waiting for witnesses who are required in the C.P.S.

At 1.p.m. opened the C.P.S. and dealt with 10 charges against natives for being absent from their work. Packed up and left at 3.p.m. arriving back at Vaiviri at 4.30.p.m. Mr.Johnston and Mrs.MacDonald returned from Orokololo at 6.p.m.

Saturday 1/2/30.

All the morning with Mr. Johnston on matters in connection with the estate of Donald MacDonald deceased. Mrs. MacDonald left for Kerema at noon.

Obtained carriers and left at 12.30 p.m. Proceeding along the road to the beach inspected the village of HAIALI (V.C. AKABA), enroute and arrived on the beach at 1.10 p.m. Inspected the village of FAKOWABU (V.C. AKABA) and inspected smoke houses and copra being made.

Proceeded along the beach at 1.30 p.m. and enroute inspected the villages of HOKORO, HERAKERA and NORIAU. (V.C. KOPRA.). Also inspected copra houses and copra being made. Arrived at camp at the Orokole Rest Houses at KAVAVA at 3.15 p.m. Called upon Mr. & Mrs. A. Sinclair and met Mr. H. T. Coghill.

Sunday 2/3/30.

Commenced at 8.30 a.m. and distributed amongst the copra producers of Orokole the sum of 270.16.2 being net proceeds from the sale of 86 bags of copra shipped during November. The price per bag varied from 14/9 to 18/11 according to weight. These people shipped 59 bags in December but although several mails have arrived from Port since then, the cash is not yet to hand.

Mr. Sinclair called at 9 a.m. re native labour matters and remained to see the natives receiving the proceeds from the sale of their copra. He is of the opinion that it is most unjust that natives should receive the same price for their copra as Europeans.

Packed up and left at 12.30 p.m. and visiting the Orokole villages inspected KAVAVA, BIDIBURUA and HURURU (V.C. BEAIA dismissed.) and HOPAIEN, HARIRAREVA and HAVARA. (V.C. KIKI.). Also inspected smoke houses and copra being made.

Visited the copra store and prepared for shipment, 29 bags of copra. Left at 3 p.m. and

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called upon Mr. & Miss. Coghill and met Mr. P.W. Bucke. Left at 4.p.m. and proceeded along the beach. Visited IOKU (V.C.HABUAKE) and inspected village, smoke houses and copra being made. Prepared for shipment 18 bags of copra.

Left at 5.p.m. and proceeding along the beach arrived and camped at the Arihava Rest Houses at 5.30.p.m. V.C.'s. KORI, NAIZRO and MEHEA reported.

Monday 3/2/30.

Commenced at 8.30.a.m. and distributed the sum of £59.19.3 being net proceeds from the sale of 74 bags of copra shipped during November. This worked out at from 14/6 to 19/- per bag. Proceeds are not yet to hand for 65 bags shipped in December.

Visited the copra store and prepared for shipment 42 bags of copra. The people have more copra ready for bagging but there are no empty bags on hand. 600 bags that were requisitioned for to be landed at IHU have been landed at Korana, 40 odd miles away.

At 1.p.m. commenced taking a new census and finished up for the day at 5.30.p.m. In the old census, taken in 1920 by Mr. C.A. Leonard, the villages of Arihava were grouped as one village and called ARIHAVA WEST. In the new census that I am taking I am splitting up ARIHAVA WEST into the proper villages, there are ~~thirteen~~ 5 of them, namely, NORIHAIKU, KAIBUKABU, ARIFI, MARE and HARIVAVU. ARIHAVA is not the name of any village, it is the name of a trading site that was occupied by a Mr. Buchanan many years ago. Similarly, OROKOLO is not a village, it is the name of the land where the first L.M.S. missionary first settled. ORO is the name of a tree and KOLO is the shade thrown by a tree or a palm. I take it that OROKOLO means a place that is shaded by trees.

Tuesday 4/2/30.

From 8.30.a.m. until 5.30.p.m. on the new census of HARIYAVU. Mr.A.Sinclair visited the village twice during the day with his motor truck and carted away 2 loads of coconuts. In C.N.M. until 7.p.m.

Wednesday 5/2/30.

From 8.30.am until 5.p.m. on the new census of NORIHAIRU. Mr.Sinclair visited the village on 4 occasions during the day and carted away 4 loads of coconuts. Mr.Coghill made 2 visits and carted away 2 loads.

As soon as I have finished taking particulars of a native I have told them to get to work and clean up the surroundings of the village. At 5.p.m.inspected the work being done and found that it is satisfactory. Returned to the Rest House at 6.15p.m. and was in the C.N.M. until 7.p.m.

Thursday 6/2/30.

From 8.30.a.m. until 5.30.p.m. on the new census of KAIBUKABU and from 5.30.p.m. until 6.30.p.m. inspecting the surroundings of the villages. There is a vast improvement.

Messrs.Coghill and Sinclair again visited the village today and between them carted away 7 loads of coconuts. A.C.MO arrived from Keram with mail and stores at 6.30.p.m. L/Cpl.PAIEKI-MAINU, who has been on the inland patrol with Mr.Middleton, reported for duty.

Friday. 7/2/30.

From 8.30.a.m. until 4.30.p.m. on the new census of KAIBUKABU and MAREA. At 5.p.m. inspected the work of cleaning up that is being done at all villages and returned to the Rest House at 6.p.m.

Mr.Coghill called during the day to take out complaints and carted away a load of coconuts.

Saturday 8/2/30.

All the morning completing the census of MAREA and finished up at 12.noon. All the afternoon reconciling the old census with the new one.

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In August 1920, the population of ARIHAVA WEST was 1212. Today it is 1357 so that there is an increase of 145. Births, during the 9½ years, number 336 and deaths total 244 which gives us a natural increase of 92. There were 111 immigrants and 58 natives have left the village to take up their residence elsewhere so that the gain here is 53.

A.C.SAKERADE arrived from Kerema with mail. I am informed by the R.M. that £243.8.9 has been received by him for copra shipped by natives West of Kerema but the duplicate consignment notes are not yet to hand and it is not known to whom the money actually belongs. This embarrasses me somewhat, for some of the money belongs to the Arihava people and I told them that I would pay them either tomorrow or the next day and would then collect their tax.

Sunday 9/2/30.

Despatched A.C.SAKERADE to Kerema at 9 a.m. Packed up and left at 9.30. Proceeding along the beach arrived at NOMI. (V.C.KORI) at 11.50 a.m. and inspected village. This is the most Western village in the Division.

Completed a new census of the population. In August 1920 the population was 95. Today it is 89, so there is a decrease during the 9½ years, of 6. Births number 20 and deaths 23, a natural decrease of 3. Immigrants numbered 29 and emigrants 31 which also makes a decrease of 3. The site of this village, in my opinion, is most unhealthy, for it is usually under water. Spoke to the Councillors and suggested that they should look around for a better site.

Paid 6 claims for the family bonus amounting to £1.1.0 and attempted to collect tax. There are 16 taxable natives here, 5 of them are away working under C/S, 5 paid their tax but the other 6 cannot pay. They each have amounts varying from 6/- to 15/- from the amount of £5.1.0 that I paid them on Monday last for copra and they

have the proceeds from the sale of another 14 bags, lying in the safe at Kerema. Under the circumstances I can not prosecute them for failing to pay tax.

Packed up and returned to the Rest House at ARIHAVA, arriving there at 5.15.p.m.

Monday 10/2/30.

Rained heavily all day. Spent the whole morning on copra accounts and census statistics. From 1.p.m. until 6.p.m. collecting tax.

The taxable natives of NORIHARU, KAIBURABU, ARIPI, MAREA and HARIVAVU total 283. 81 paid, 9 are unfit, 13 are exempt on account of having 4 or more children, 1 is a mission student, 95 are away from the village and 84 cannot pay. These 84 are in possession of amounts ranging from 8/- to 16/-, and to make up the balance are waiting for their copra money which is at Kerema.

Tuesday 11/2/30.

From 8.30.a.m. until 1.30.p.m. on taxation matters. Paid 91 claims for the family bonus amounting to £18.18.0 and collected a further 22 taxes.

Mr. Coghill and Mr. Burke called at 1.45.p.m. Left at 2.30.p.m. and proceeded along the beach to IOKU. Commenced on the new census of this village. Returned to Arihava at 5.30.p.m.

Wednesday 12/2/30.

Packed up and left at 8.a.m. and visited IOKU. Finished the new census at 1.p.m.

In August 1920 the population was 261. Today it is 266, an increase of 5 in 9½ years. Births number 52 and deaths 43; a natural increase of 8. Immigrants numbered 34 and emigrants 37 so that the loss by emigration is 3.

At 1.30.p.m. started to collect tax and 26 natives managed to pay. Many natives cannot pay at present, they each have 10/ to 15/- and are waiting for their

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copra money which is at Kerema, to make up the balance.

Paid out £3.10.0 in settlement of 16 claims for the family bonus and proceeded along the beach to ARIHAVA. Enroute, met Mr. Coghill with a lorry load of coconuts.

On arrival at ARIHAVA found a crowd of from 800 to 1000 people waiting for me. I learnt that V.O. KORI of NOMI, a very well known character in this Division, died last night, and that I and the police with me, were expected to attend the funeral. KORI has been a faithful friend and servant of the Government and it was with regret, that I followed him to his last resting place.

Thursday 13/2/30.

From 8.a.m. until 11.a.m. collecting a few outstanding taxes and tracing natives who are absent from their village and said to be working under contract of service with Europeans. From 11.a.m. until 12 noon in C.N.M. and talking to the Councillors. The 3 V.O's. of the Arihava group were each fined 5/- for failing to take action or report that a crowd of natives were conducting a gambling school.

The "Royal Endeavour" arrived from West enroute to Port Moresby. Arranged with Captain Clay to load native owned copra. The OROKOLO, IOKU and ARIHAVA groups shipped between them 95 bags, Mr. Coghill shipped 40 and Mr. Sinclair 160.

Packed up and left ARIHAVA at 1.p.m. Proceeding along the beach, passed through the OROKOLO villages and arrived and camped at the Rest House at 3.p.m. Visited KAVAVA at 3.30. for the purpose of commencing the new census but found that most of the people were absent. Returned to the Rest House at 4.30.p.m. Visited Mr. & Mrs. Sinclair during the evening.

Friday 14/2/30.

Visited KAVAVA at 8.a.m. and started on the new census. Returned to the Rest House at 5.30.p.m. Mr. Coghill visited me in the village at 10.a.m. stating that he wished to sign on some labourers tomorrow afternoon.

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Saturday 15/2/30.

Visited HURURU at 9.a.m. and completed a new census there and visiting HOPAIKU started there on the new census. Returned to the Rest House at 4.p.m.

Mr. Coghill arranged yesterday to be here at 4.p.m. to sign on natives but he has failed to put in an appearance.

Sunday 16/2/30.

At 8.30.a.m. visited HOPAIKU and finished the census there during the morning. Visited HARIRAREVA and started on the new census. Returned to the Rest House at 5.p.m.

A.O's. SAKERADE and GORDON arrived from Keroma with mail ex/"Vaiiviri" and brought with them the missing consignment notes and the cash for the OROKOLO and ARIHAVA copra shipped last December.

Monday. 17/2/30.

Despatched A.O's. SAKERADE, JEO, ISIKARI and GORDON to Keroma at 8.30.a.m.

Spent the whole morning dealing with native matters and wasted fully 2 hours investigating a charge of murder from KWAIPEA. Despatched L/Cpl. PAIKI MAINU to KWAIPEA to make further enquiries. V.C. HEHEBETA of KEAKEA came along and paid the tax for 10 of his village boys who are going to Port Moresby with a load of sago.

At 1.p.m. visited the village of HARIRAREVA and until 4.30.p.m. was engaged on the new census. Returned to the Rest House at 5.p.m.

Tuesday 18/2/30.

Left at 8.30.a.m. and visiting the village of HARIRAREVA completed the census at 12.20.p.m. Visited HAVARA and finished the census there. Returned to the Rest House at 5.15.p.m.

In August 1920 the population of OROKOLO was 1150. Today it is 1097 so there is a decrease of 53. Births number 309 and deaths 305, a natural increase of 4 which is not at all satisfactory. Emigrants numbered 155

and immigrants 98 so the loss from emigration is 57. Most of these have gone to HOHORO and HERAKERA, other villages within the group.

Wednesday 19/2/30.

All the morning from 7.15.a.m. until 12.30.p.m. working on copra accounts. All the afternoon until 6.30.p.m. engaged with the Orokele natives who are producing copra. Issued 227 copra sacks and distributed the amount of £43.17.8 being the net proceeds from the sale of 59 bags of copra shipped during December. This works out at from 13/- to 17/6 per bag.

Thursday 20/2/30.

All the morning from 8.30.a.m. until noon engaged with the natives of the Arihava group who are producing copra. Issued 215 copra sacks and distributed the sum of £ 48.18.0 being net proceeds from the sale of 65 bags shipped last December. This worked out at from 14/6 to 17/6 per bag and the people appear to be very satisfied.

At 1.p.m. visited NORIAU and took a new census there. In August 1920 the population was 83. Today it is 100. During the past 9½ years there were 26 births and 21 deaths so the natural increase is 5. Immigrants numbered 27 and emigrants 15 so from this ~~immigration~~ source the village gained 12. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Visited HIDEI and ORO and found that these places have been abandoned, the people are now living at KAVAVA, HERAKERA, HOHORO and HERAKERA. Returned to the Rest House arriving there at 6.15.p.m.

Friday 21/2/30.

Mr. Sinclair called at 8.30. to sign on two natives and to attend the C.P.S. In the C.P.S. a charge of Desertion against a native was withdrawn.

At 9.30. commenced to collect tax., and finished for the day at 6.p.m. Today's tax collections amount to £117.

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Mr. Coghill called during the afternoon to sign on 25 natives. I learnt that the natives were to be employed in their villages to make copra from their own coconuts which they would give to Mr. Coghill for trade goods and the sum of 10/- p.m. I declined to sanction the engagement. Mr. Coghill departed and duly conferred with Mr. Sinclair and that gentleman came along and gave me his heated views on the subject. A separate report on the matter has been rendered to the C.N.A.

Saturday 22/2/30.

All the morning collecting tax and rounding up defaulters. Collected 269.

From 1.p.m. until 6.p.m. in Court matters. In the C.P.S. Mr. Coghill proceeded against a native on a charge of stealing and another on a charge of desertion. Coghill also signed on a native under the M.L.O. Being unable to deal with all native cases today several have been remanded until tomorrow.

A.C. SACERAKE arrived from Kerema with mail ex/"Vaiviri" and the sum of £ 139.2.10. being net proceeds from the sale of 187 bags of copra shipped by the people in the Vaiala River district.

Sunday. 23/2/30.

Despatched A.C. SACERAKE to Kerema at 9.30.a.m. with mail and 5 prisoners.

Until 2.p.m. paying family bonus. Paid 80 claims amounting to 216.8.0. Collected a few more outstanding taxes and spent the rest of the day entering up tax receipts and reconciling the new census with the tax register.

"Papuan Chief" passed enroute to Daru but did not call here and the "Vaiviri" passed enroute to the Vaiala River.

Monday 24/2/30.

From 8.30.a.m. until 5.45.p.m. on Court matters. 32 cases dealt with in the C.M.M. and 4 in C.P.S?

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Tuesday 25/2/30.

Packed up and left at 8.30.a.m. and proceeding along the beach visited the villages of HERAKERA. Took a new census of this place. In 1920 the population was 33. Today it is 64 so there is an increase of 31. During the period (9½ years) there were 12 births and 10 deaths; a natural increase of 2. Immigrants numbered 39 and emigrants 10 so from this source the village gained 29. The immigrants are mostly from the main villages of OROKOLO.

Proceeding along the beach called at HOHORO and took a new census. This is a new village consisting of people from the old villages of HIDAI and ORU and some from the main villages of OROKOLO. The village has been in existence for about 3 years. The population at present is 47.

Proceeded along the beach and calling at PAKOWABU took a new census of the place. In 1920 the population was 47. Today it is 44, a decrease of 3 during the 9½ years. Births numbered 10 and deaths 13. a natural decrease of 3. Immigrants numbered 30 and migrants 20.

Proceeded along the beach and visited BIAI the last of the villages in the Orokolo District. Took a new census here. In 1920 the population was 30. Today it is 21, a decrease of 9. Births numbered 8 and deaths 7, a natural increase of 1 for 9½ years. Immigrants numbered 4 and emigrants 14.

Returned to PAKOWABU reaching there at 6.p.m. Proceeded along the road inland and passing the village of HAIALI (V.C.AKABA) reached Vaiviri (Estate of Donald Macdonald) at 6.45.p.m.

Despatched L/Cpl. PAIEKI MAINU to the KIRI villages with instructions to tell all natives who have shipped copra to report to me here in the morning. During the day collected tax from several natives and paid 12 claims for the family bonus amounting to £1.19.0.

Wednesday 26/2/30.

Despatched A.C.'s. MO and KEKESA to

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Koroma at 7.a.m. with mail and 18 prisoners.

The natives from the AUMA and KIRI groups having assembled, distributed amongst them the sum of £41.11.5 being net proceeds from the sale of 58 bags of copra shipped on the 10th.inst. Issued 140 copra snaks. Several natives apparently afraid that they might be tempted to spend their money, asked that they be allowed to pay their tax now. I did not intend to collect tax from them until my next trip. Collected £40 in tax. Held C.N.M.

Packed up and left at 5.p.m. and proceeding down stream arrived and camped at the Vailala East Rest Houses at 6.50.p.m.

Thursday 27/2/30.

Started off at 7.a.m. on copra accounts. During the morning distributed amongst the natives of the HARORA, VAILALA EAST and VAILALA WEST groups, the sum of £97. 0. 5. being net proceeds from the sale of 129 bags of copra shipped on the 9th inst.

Many of these people wished to pay their tax now. During the afternoon collected £81. Discussed with the Councillors and the assembled natives, the importance of native industries, and finished up at 7.p.m.

Friday 28/2/30.

Packed up and left at 6.30.a.m. and passing through the villages of VAILALA EAST. (V.C.BIAI), AIVAU, KOAIALAHU and BAIDADUVA (V.C.IHAKI), inspected them. Met Mr.W.W.Currie on the bench at 7.45.a.m and he informs me that he is doing well. Managing to buy sufficient coconuts with tobacco to turn out 5 tons of copra per month and in addition is doing a fair cash trade.

Proceeded along the bench and passing through the HELAU group of villages (V.C.KOAKI) inspected them. Arrived at KEAKA at 8.30.a.m. (V.C.HEHEABEA) and inspected the village. All the men from here are away. They went to HULA C.D. last week with a lakatoi loaded with sago.

Proceeded at 9.45.a.m. and reached

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OVAHUUU, one of the KEURU villages at the mouth of Keuru Ck. at 10.15.a.m. Crossed Keuru Creek and camped at the Keuru Rest Houses at 11.45.a.m. Working on copra accounts until 1.p.m.

The Keuru people assembled at 1.20.p.m. Distributed amongst them the sum of £54.19.3 being net proceed from the sale of 71 bags of copra shipped during January. During this patrol I have distributed £146.18.3 amongst these people of Keuru.

Re-organised the copra makers into new groups. Mr.R.S.Moody recruited 30 odd boys from here recently and completely disorganised the groups. I gather that he has been attempting to sow the seed of discontent with a view to stopping the natives from making copra for sale to buyers other than himself. The people have done absolutely nothing during the past 5 weeks. They should have about 150 bags of copra ready for shipment.

Last year, many of these natives could not pay their tax. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (P.R.No.8/28/29 page 2 under date 1/3/29.) and I gave them an opportunity to make copra. This afternoon I collected all outstanding taxes for last year also that for this year. Collections amounted to £91.

The "Vaiviri" called at 2.p.m. and the Captain came ashore asking for a load of copra. Promised him that if he called at Keruan on Monday I would have the native owned copra there, ready for shipment. Messames Priddle and MacDonald passed through on horses at 4.p.m. Finished for the day at 7.15.p.m.

Saturday 1/3/30.

At 7.a.m. visited the copra store and prepared for shipment 18 bags of copra. Held C.M.M. and settled several native disputes.

Packed up and left at 8.a.m. and proceeding along the beach arrived at Huiva Plantation

(R.S.Moody) at 9.a.m. Visited Mr.W.W.Field and received a complaint that some native had thrown an arrow with intent to injure BIAI, the native wife of Mr.Field. Instructed V.C's. HOA and HEURU to investigate. Held C.N.M. and dealt with 3 cases.

Left at 10.30.a.m. and proceeding along the beach arrived at Araimiri Plantation (Priddle and Ashton) at 11.40.a.m. Met Mr.S.L.A.Ashton here. Mrs.E.Y.Priddle has registered her trading business and her plantation as Araimiri Estate and desires all her indentured labourers transferred to Araimiri Estate. Interviewed 30 labourers and explained the circumstances to them. They eventually agreed to the transfer.

Left at 1.p.m. and proceeding along the beach arrived at The Bluff at 2.p.m. Continuing, reached the residence of Mrs.Priddle at 3.20.p.m. Interviewed 5 labourers here and they agreed to be transferred to Araimiri Estate.

Left at 4.p.m. and visiting the Mei copra store found that Court Interpreters KIMAI and HAROVIRA had weighed and taken particulars of 64 bags of copra awaiting shipment. Proceeded along the beach and visited the UARIPI copra store. With the assistance of KIMAI and HAROVIRA weighed and took particulars of 43 bags of copra that is ready for shipment.

Left at 5.15.p.m. and arrived at the residence of Mr.G.H.Massy Baker at 5.30.p.m. Met Messdames Baker and Oldham and the R.M. here. At about 6.p.m. crossed Kerema Bay on the whaleboat with the R.M. and arrived back on the station at about 6.45.p.m.

Sunday. 2/3/30.

Court Interpreters KIMAI and HAROVIRA visited the copra store at KARAITA and weighed and took particulars of 28 bags of copra. Visiting the ORAU at PETOI, KIMAI weighed and took particulars of 36 bags

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During the day I prepared consignment notes, shipping receipts, etc. for the 171 bags weighed at the 4 Kerema Bay depots yesterday and today, and handed the papers to the natives in charge of the shipping.

GENERAL.

The patrol occupied a little over 5 weeks and during the whole of that time I did not seem to have a moment to myself. The census, the tax, the family bonus, native disputes and court matters, and matters in connection with the production of copra by village natives occupied every second of the hours of daylight, and during the evenings records kept me busy until midnight.

I was unable to give any time to the cleaning of coconut areas or the planting of coconuts nor was I able to visit any of the native gardens. It was not possible to visit any of the villages of the MURU, KIRI, KWURU or MURU groups, consequently I have nothing to report under the heading of "Roads and Bridges".

I append hereto a short report under the following headings.

1. Population. Orokelo District.
2. Taxation.
3. Family Bonus.
4. Villages.
5. Village Constables.
6. Councillors.
7. Armed Constables.
8. Judicial.
9. Financial.
10. ~~Native Customs.~~
11. Native Labour.
12. Native Industries. Sage making.
13. Native Industries. Copra production. W. of Kerema

Patrol Report No. 13/29/30. G.D.POPULATION.Orokolo District G.D.

I spent considerable time in the Orokolo District taking a new census and reconciling it with the old one. The original census was taken in 1920 by Mr. C.A. Leonard and the villages of the OROKOLO and ARIHAVA group were taken as one village and called OROKOLO and ARIHAVA WEST respectively.

In the new census I have named the villages by their correct name. I learn that OROKOLO is the name of the land where the first L.M.S. missionary settled. ORO is the name of a tree and KOLO is the name of the shade thrown by a tree. I conclude that OROKOLO means a place that is shaded by trees. The whole district is called by Europeans, OROKOLO so I am continuing to use the same name when referring to the district.

ARIHAVA is not the name of any village and I am unable to get its correct meaning. I am informed that it is the name of a piece of ground that was occupied by a Mr. Buchanan, as a trading site many years ago and that Europeans gave the same name to the group of villages near the trading site.

I append hereto, (pages ^{to} 24 ~~and~~ 28) tables giving statistics over a period of 9½ years, August 1920 to February 1930. All figures have been carefully checked with notes taken when compiling the census and with both the original and new census.

Table 3.

It will be seen from this table that the population has increased from 2935 to 3085. The natural increase being 103 and the gain from immigration 47. The natural increase is not very satisfactory. I think that it should be greater than it is. The births for the period are 778 and the deaths 675. On the deaths 75 were of children born during the period which I think, is a very good percentage and explodes the oft repeated remarks that the rate of infantile mortality in this district is very high. Many children

were born during the period and having died before an officer visited the villages, their birth and death were not recorded. Had a complete record been kept, the births and death rate would have been higher than is shown here.

There is now a total of 1362 children under the age of 16 years and of these no less than 628 belong to the parents of 4 or more children. There are 719 married women and widows and 182 of them have 4 or more children. There are also, 24 men drawing the family bonus for their children by a wife deceased who has had 4 or more children.

I found at the ARIHAVA group of villages that some parents were hiding their children so that they would not be included in the census. Investigating the cause, I learn that by doing this, they hoped that the children would escape taxation in the distant future. It was only by using threats and rewarding informers with a smoke, that I eventually recorded the names of all children. I think that it is time that a penalty was provided to punish natives for wilfully concealing, and in the case of parents, wilfully neglecting to register the births of their children.

In one case the parents had ~~was~~ 4 children and the husband was taxable. They concealed 2 of their children and of course did not claim the family bonus to which they were entitled. I pointed out to the man that his wife was losing 5/- per annum in bonus and that he was paying 21 tax although he was entitled to an exemption. He did not seem to be able to reason it out at all and apparently thought, if he thought at all, that 25/- per annum was a cheap price to pay for the possibility of his sons escaping taxation in 10 or 12 years time.

The people of this district inter-marry so the immigration and the emigration shown in Table 3 is principally from village to village. The gain by immigration is made up of natives who were absent from their villages when the original census was taken and were subsequently recorded,

and a few women who have come from outside the district. Care was taken to have included in the new census, all natives who were absent from their villages. Of the ~~most~~ emigrants, 50 have left the district for good and are now residing in other districts. They are not shown anywhere in the new census but a list of them is attached.

Tables 1 and 2.

I have noticed in a publication by H.E. the Lt. Governor ("Native Administration in Papua") that The Hon. G.M.O. published a table giving the population in certain Districts. I am unable to reconcile the figures relating to the Gulf Division with any data at Kerema. The population for the district OROKOLO-KEREMA is given as 1530 but it is in the vicinity of 9477. In the Orokolo District alone the population is 3085.

I conclude that the published figures were obtained from the records of the travelling medical staff, who make a house to house count of the population. This count seems unnecessary when the particulars of the population can be obtained from the records in the office of the R.M. of the Division in which the staff are working. Not only is it unnecessary but the figures obtained from such a source cannot be regarded in any way as accurate and are likely to cause confusion. I have typed a spare copy of the new census of the Orokolo District and will hand it to the Travelling Medical Assistant.

In Table 1 attached, I give particulars for 1930 of adults and children and their percentages in relation to the population and in Table 2 the same particulars are given for 1930. A comparison is interesting. If, as some authorities say, that a marked excess of males suggests that the population is diminishing, the deductions from these tables does not appear to be at all satisfactory for it will be seen that there is a decided increase in the percentage of males and the percentage of children is now lower than it was in 1930.

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On the other hand, the percentage of male and female children is more evenly balanced than it was in 1920. There are 938 adult males and 623 of these are aged between 16 and 36 years. the balance, 315, are aged between 36 and 60.

Tables 4 and 5.

In table 4 I give the status of adults in 1920 and table 5 ~~gives~~ gives the same particulars for 1930. It will be seen that there is an increase everywhere here. At the moment there are 318 unmarried males and 112 unmarried females, which means that 176 men have no hope of ever getting married unless they take a wife from another district. From observations I should say that they will have the utmost difficulty in getting wives from other districts in this Division for every district appears to have an excess of males.

In 1920 there were 23 men with more than one wife and in 1930 there were still 23 men with 2 wives. Holmes tells us ("In Primitive New Guinea".p.47) that the people are monogamous and that during a residence of 15 years amongst them, he only remembers ^{two} ³ ~~one~~ case/of bigamy. In one case (p.48) the unfortunate offender was so relentlessly ostracised for committing the unpardonable sin, that he became a broken hearted man and sick with despair that brought about his end. He is said to have been buried an outcast because he violated the sacred law of monogamy.

Things are not so at present. Men with more than one wife appear to be looked upon as people of some importance and are the reverse of being shunned or boycotted by their fellows. One of them is one of the leading Councillors and another, whose two wives both draw the family bonus, is looked upon as a hero. The ages of the men with more than one wife fall into the following groups.

Aged.16 to 20.	2.
" 21 to 30.	2.
" 31. to 40.	13.
" 41. to 50.	4.
" 51 to 60.	2.

	<u>Total. 23.</u>

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I think, that if there were enough women to go around, many more men would have a plurality of wives.

GENERAL.

In taking this census I have noted that during the past 9½ years, no illegitimate births have been recorded. According to statements made by European traders living in the district, immorality is rife between the young unmarried people, but there is absolutely no evidence that this is so. I have never heard of an unmarried girl in this district giving birth to a child. My own observations lead me to believe that the standard of morality is very high. Holmes also has this opinion and Court records tend to prove it. The sexual offences dealt with are as under.

	Adultery.	Indecent Assault.	Incest.
Year ending 30/6/27.	1.	1.	--
" " 30/6/28.	1.	3.	1
" " 30/6/29.	2.	--	--
1/7/29 to 30/3/30.	1.	4.	--

I am told that abortion and infanticide is practiced but I cannot get any evidence of this. My inquiries lead me to believe that abortion is not practiced but natives admit, that in the past, if a woman died soon after giving birth to a child, the child was buried with the mother.

I have noted that the average age for girls to be married, is 17, and that for boys, 18, (after they have been through the Bravo. It is usual for a widower to marry a widow but rarely does a bachelor marry a widow. It is most unusual for a widower to marry a spinster but if it happens, the couple are of about the same age. There is no record of any spinster under 20 marrying a widower. In marriage it seems that the people believe that a bachelor, when taking unto himself a wife, should marry a spinster of his own age but a widower may marry a widow of any age.

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POPULATION STATISTICS.OROKOLO DISTRICT.1920-1930.Table 1.

Particulars of male and female Adults and male and female children, at each village in AUGUST 1920.

Note.:- Adults, :- 16 years and upwards,
Children, :- under 16 years.

Census Number.	Village.	ADULTS.		CHILDREN.		Total Population. AUGUST 1920.
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
2.	PAKOTABU.	9.	11.	17.	10.	47.
3.	HERAKEM.	6.	6.	10.	11.	33.
4.	HIDAI.	2.	2.	3.	3.	10.
5.	ORU.	5.	4.	3.	2.	14.
6.	NORIAU.	18.	16.	30.	19.	83.
7.	OROKOLO.	296.	285.	300.	269.	1150.
8.	ARHAVA EAST.	73.	61.	67.	60.	261.
9.	ARHAVA WEST.	345.	305.	306.	256.	1212.
10.	NOMI.	23.	29.	19.	24.	95.
11.	BIAI.	10.	5.	8.	7.	30.
Totals.:-		787.	724.	763.	661.	2935.

SUMMARY.

	Number.	Percentage of Population.		Number.	Percentage of Population.
Male Adults.	787.	26.82.	Total Adults.	1511.	51.49.
Female Adults.	724.	24.67.	Total Children.	1424.	48.51.
Male Children.	763.	25.99.	Total Population.	2935.	100.
Female Children.	661.	22.52.	Total Males.	1550.	52.81.
			Total Females.	1385.	47.19.
Totals.:-	2935.	100.	Totals.:-	2935.	100.

Table. 2.

Particulars of male and female Adults and male and female Children, at each village in FEBRUARY 1930.

Census Number.	Village.	ADULTS.		CHILDREN.		Total Population FEBRUARY 1930.
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
2.	PAKOWABU.	15.	9.	13.	9.	44.
3.	HERAKERA.	18.	17.	12.	17.	64.
4.	Abandoned.					
5.	HOHORO.	16.	12.	7.	12.	47.
6.	HORIAU.	30.	18.	32.	20.	100.
7.	KAVAVA.	97.	81.	83.	83.	344.
7A.	HURURU.	32.	38.	23.	26.	109.
7B.	HCPAIKU.	68.	59.	63.	47.	237.
7C.	HABIRAREVA.	110.	95.	91.	70.	366.
7D.	HAVARA.	8.	12.	11.	10.	42.
8.	IOKU.	85.	70.	59.	52.	266.
9.	HORIMAIRU.	90.	82.	71.	65.	308.
9A.	KALBUKABU.	111.	98.	69.	81.	359.
9B.	MAREA.	69.	62.	50.	43.	244.
9C.	HARIVAVU.	138.	114.	88.	106.	446.
10.	HOMI.	27.	23.	21.	18.	89.
11.	BIAI.	6.	5.	7.	3.	21.
Totals. :-		938.	785.	700.	662.	3085.

S U M M A R Y.

	Number.	Percentage of Population.		Number.	Percentage of Population.
Male Adults.	938.	30.41.	Total Adults.	1723.	55.86.
Female Adults.	785.	25.45.	Total Children.	1362.	44.14
Male Children.	700.	22.69.	Total Population.	3083.	100.
Female Children.	662.	21.45.	Total Males.	1638.	53.10.
			Total Females.	1447.	46.90.
Totals. :-	3085.	100.	Totals. :-	3085.	100.

Table 3.

Distribution of Births, Deaths, Immigrants,
and Emigrants for the period
AUGUST 1920--FEBRUARY 1930.

Census Number.	Village.	Pop. 1920.	Births.	Deaths.	Immigrants.	Emigrants.	Pop. 1930.
1.	PAKOWABU.	47.	10.	13.	20.	20.	44.
3.	HERAKERA.	33.	12.	10.	39.	10.	64.
4.	HIDAI.	10.	2.	5.	--	7.	--
5.	ORU.	14.	1.	4.	--	11.	--
5.	HOHORO.	--	3.	--	44.	--	47.
6.	NORIAU.	83.	26.	21.	27.	15.	100.
7.	KAVAVA.	)					344.
7A.	HURUPU.	)					109.
7B.	HOPAIKU.	) 1150.	309.	305.	98.	155.	237.
7C.	HARIRAREVA.	)					366.
7D.	HAVARA.	)					41.
8.	IOKU.	261.	51.	43.	34.	37.	266.
9.	NORIMAIRU.)						308.
9A.	KAIBUKABU.)						359.
9B.	MAREBA.)	1212.	336.	244.	111.	58.	244.
9C.	HARIVAVU.)						446.
10.	BONI.	95.	20.	23.	29.	31.	89.
11.	BIAI.	30.	8.	7.	4.	14.	21.
Totals.:-		2935.	778.	675.	406.	359.	3085.

S U M M A R Y.

Births. 1920-1930.	778.	Immigrants. 1920-1930.	406.
Deaths. 1920-1930.	675.	Emigrants. 1920-1930.	359.
Natural Increase.	103.	Gained by Immigration.	47.
Population 1930.	3085.	Natural Increase.	103.
Population 1920.	2935.	Gained by Immigration.	47.
Total Increase.	150.	Total Increase.	150.

Birth rate equals per thousand. Death rate equals per thousand.

Table 4.

Particulars of Married and Un-married Adults.
(aged 16 years and upwards)
AUGUST 1930.

Village.	ADULT MALES			TOTAL	ADULT FEMALES			TOTAL
	Married.	Widowers.	Batchlors.		Married.	Widows.	Spinsters.		Females.
PAKOWABU.	9.	--	--	9.	9.	2.	--	11.
HERAKERA.	6.	--	--	6.	6.	--	--	6.
HIDAI.	2.	--	--	2.	2.	--	--	2.
ORU.	4.	--	1.	5.	4.	--	--	4.
NORIAU.	15.	2.	2.	19.	14.	2.	--	16.
OROKOLO.	229.	37.	30.	296.	239.	30.	16.	285.
ARIHAVA EAST.	47.	14.	12.	73.	48.	5.	8.	61.
ARIHAVA WEST.	241.	52.	52.	345.	251.	28.	26.	305.
NOMI.	20.	--	3.	23.	24.	3.	2.	29.
BIAI.	5.	2.	2.	10.	5.	--	--	5.
Totals. :-	573.	108.	102.	783.	602.	70.	52.	724.

Notes. :-
 re. NORIAU. 1 man's husband lives at OROKOLO.
 " OROKOLO. 1 man's wife lives at NORIAU.
 " " 9 men have 2 wives.
 " ARIHAVA. E. 1 man has 2 wives.
 " ARIHAVA. W. 10 men have 2 wives.
 " NOMI. 1 man has 3 wives.
 " " 2 men have 2 wives.

SUMMARY.

Widowers.	108.	Batchlors.	102.
Widows.	70.	Spinsters.	52.
Surplus Widowers.	38.	Surplus Batchlors.	50.
Batchlors.	102.	Spinsters.	52.
Widowers.	108.	Widows.	70.
Unmarried Males.	210.	Unmarried Females.	122.

Total Unmarried Males. 210.

Total Unmarried Females. 122.

Surplus Adult Males. 38.

Table 5.

Particulars of Married and Unmarried Adults.
(aged 16 years and upwards)
FEBRUARY 1950.

Village.	ADULT MALES			Total	ADULT FEMALES			Total
	Married.	Widowers.	Batchlors.		Married.	Widowers.	Spinsters.	
PAKOWABU.	9.	3.	1.	13.	9.	--	--	9.
HERAKERA.	13.	5.	--	18.	15.	--	2.	17.
HOHORO.	10.	2.	4.	16.	10.	--	2.	12.
NORIAU.	15.	3.	12.	30.	15.	3.	--	18.
KAVAVA.	68.	11.	18.	97.	70.	3.	8.	81.
HURURU.	25.	4.	3.	32.	26.	1.	1.	28.
HOPAIKU.	45.	9.	14.	68.	45.	9.	5.	59.
HARIRAREVA.	79.	19.	12.	110.	82.	10.	3.	95.
HAVARA.	8.	--	--	8.	9.	2.	1.	12.
IOKU.	58.	12.	15.	85.	58.	6.	6.	70.
NORIHAIKU.	59.	15.	16.	90.	59.	13.	10.	82.
KAIBUKABU.	70.	15.	26.	111.	76.	12.	10.	98.
MAREA.	49.	27.	20.	96.	51.	7.	4.	62.
HARIVAVU.	93.	19.	26.	138.	95.	9.	10.	114.
NOMI.	17.	1.	9.	27.	18.	3.	2.	23.
BIAI.	5.	1.	--	6.	5.	--	--	5.
Totals.:-	620.	139.	179.	938.	643.	78.	64.	785.

Notes.:- re.HERAKERA. 1.man has 2 wives.
" " 1.woman's husband lives at KAVAVA.
" KAVAVA. 1.man's wife lives at HERAKERA.
" " 3.man have 2 wives.
" HURURU. 1.man has 2 wives.
" HARIRAREVA. 3.man have 2 wives.
" HAVARA. 1.man has 2 wives.
" IOKU. 3.man have 2 wives.
" KAIBUKABU. 6.man have 2 wives.
" MAREA. 2.man have 2 wives.
" HARIVAVU. 2.man have 2 wives.
" NOMI. 1.man has 2 wives.

SUMMARY.

Widowers.	139.	Batchlors.	179.
Widows.	78.	Spinsters.	64.
Surplus Widowers.	61.	Surplus Batchlors.	155.
Batchlors.	179.	Spinsters.	64.
Widowers.	139.	Widows.	78.
Unmarried Males.	318.	Unmarried Females.	142.

Total Unmarried Males. 318.
Total Unmarried Females. 142.

Patrol Report No.13/29/30.G.D.NATIVE TAXATION.

The collection of the tax in the Orokolo District for the current year is now complete but there are still 164 outstanding. Particulars of collections, exemptions and defaulters are as under:-

Taxable.	623.
Taxes Paid.	414.
	<u>209.</u>
Exemptions:-	
Unfit.	20.
Mission Students.	3.
4 or more chn.	20.
In Dubu.	1.
V.C.	1.
	<u>45.</u>
Outstanding.	<u>164.</u>

Particulars of Natives owing Taxes.

Under C/S. with Europeans.	104.
Residing in other Divisions.	9.
Visiting NEI. G.D.	6.
Visiting MOZU-MOTU. G.D.	1.
Visiting MAIPUA. D.D.	1.
In gaol.	8.
Seeking employment with Europeans.	25.
Visiting villages in G.D.	6.
In village & unable to pay.	4.
Total.	<u>164.</u>

Natives Residing in Other Divisions.

<u>Register.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Fathers Name.</u>	
8887.	KARIHA.	MAHIPO. ✓	From OROKOLO. Living at KALO. owing for 1929/30.
14299.	HEROKO.	MARUPI. ✓	From OROKOLO. Living at ABAU. owing for 1926/27, 1927/28, 1928/29 and 1929/30.
8097.	HEVAI.	MARAI. ✓	From IOKU. Living DEKHA. C.D. owing 1928/29, 1929/30.
9255.	MORITAI.	MARAVA. ✓	From ARIHAVA. Living KAPAKAPA. owing 1925/26, 1926/27, 1927/28, 1928/29. O/A for 1929/30.
9288.	AI I.	PUMARU.	From ARIHANA. Living TAGOTA. (said to be inland from SAMARAI. E.D.). owing 1929/30.
9317.	HAKAIA.	HAKAIA.	From ARIHAVA. Living SIVITOI. owing 1925/26, 1926/27, 1927/28, 1928/29 and 1929/30.
31504.	MITAU.	IDA.	From ARIHAVA. Living KAITU. E.D. owing 1929/30.
36946.	ORI. (HERORI).	MAITAVA.	From ARIHAVA. Living ABAU. owing 1928/29, 1929/30.
9A/352.	HEKI.	PIRIKA. ✓	From ARIHAVA. Living HULA. C.D. owing 1929/30.

The R.M. in the Divisions where the above named natives are now said to be residing, will be communicated with

and will be asked to try and trace these natives and collect their tax. The 104 natives away working under C/S. will pay when their contracts expire and the balance (47) will pay when they return to their villages. Of the 4 men who cannot pay 2 were proceeded against in the C.P.S. and each sentenced to two months imprisonment. The other two, who each had 15/-, were allowed an extension of time.

A few days prior to collecting the tax in the Oroko District, I paid to the people the sum of £223.11.1 being the net proceeds from the sale of copra shipped by them during November and December. In addition I paid out the sum of £41.14.0. in family bonus. A total of £265.5.1. Actual tax collections at the respective villages amounted to £348 so the people only had to find £22.14.11 over and above the amount that I paid them. The bulk of this came from the wages of time expired native labourers, 66 of whom paid their tax before I visited the villages.

Had the people not made copra and sold it for cash they would have had great difficulty in trying to find the money for their tax. Last year they were rushing all over the place selling pigs, armshells, and other prized possessions in order to get the money. The practice was for the native to take his possessions to one of the European traders. If he wanted £1. the trader gave it to him for articles worth £2. The trader marked the goods with the natives name and to redeem his possessions, often sacred family heirlooms, the native had to deliver to the trader 4 bags of copra. This practice was not in vogue in the Oroko District this year, much to the disappointment of the European traders.

KEFUI DISTRICT.

Last year, 53 natives of this district could not pay their tax (P.R.8/28/29.p.2 under date 1/3/29.) and I gave them an opportunity to make copra in order to get the necessary £1. During this patrol all tax matters in the district were cleared up. The position at present is as under:-

31.

Taxable.	195.
Paid.	<u>128.</u>
	67.
Exemptions, :-	
Unfit.	8.
4. children.	11.
V.O's.	2.
A.O's.	<u>1.</u>
	22.
Outstanding.	<u>45.</u>

Particulars of KEURU natives owing Tax.

Working under O/S.	38
Visiting VAILALA.O.D.	1.
Visiting P.M.	<u>6.</u>
Total.	<u>45.</u>

Prior to collecting tax in this district (KEURU), I paid to the people the sum of £146.18.3 being net proceeds from the sale of copra shipped during December and January. Even though many natives had to pay for both last year and this year they had more than sufficient cash to pay all their taxes. £27 was paid at Koroma by time expired native labourers and I collected £21 at the villages. After they had paid all their outstanding taxes, the people had a balance of £55.18.3 from the copra money that I paid them.

VAILALA DISTRICT.

I intended to confine tax collecting on this patrol to the OROKOLO and KEURU Districts but when at Vailala many natives asked us to collect their tax. It is the first time that I have been asked by a body of natives to collect their tax. On this occasion, the people had the money from the sale of their copra, and being afraid that they might spend too much before the tax was asked for, wished to make certain of their tax. I collected £143 at Vailala.

GENERAL.

Usually, after the tax collector has visited a village, the people cannot raise up more than a few shillings between the lot of them and having "passed" or sold many of their "somethings" it takes them many months to regain their former state of affluence. This year, thanks to their industry in the production of copra, the tax is not having the

same effect. Although I cleaned out the OROKOLO District by collecting £348; a week later I had £71.10.10 to pay them for copra sold, and as they say they will be shipping about 400 bags before the end of April, they will be far wealthier at the end of the financial year than they were at its commencement.

The KEURU people are already in a much better position than they were at the commencement of the year. Then, they owed £55 for outstanding taxes but they have paid this off, paid their tax for the current year and have £56 in hand, plus the wages of time expired indentured labourers. In the past the tax from this district has been paid by labourers who have returned to their homes.

The people of the KIRI, KEREMA, OPAU and VAILALA Districts are for once, anxious to pay their tax, and this will be collected during the next patrol. It is anticipated that at the end of the year, the only outstanding taxes will be those of indentured labourers and natives who have taken up their residence in other Divisions.

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Patrol Report No.15/29/30.G.D.FAMILY BONUS.

Only the family bonus due to the people of the Orokolo District was paid during this patrol. The bonus in other districts will be paid during the next patrol. There were 206 claims amounting to 241.14.0. I append a comparative statement of family bonus claims paid to the people of the Orokolo District during the past 6 years. It will be seen that the claims this year, have increased.

Year.	Claims.	Children under 16 years.	Amount Paid.		
			£	s	d
1924/25.	198.	713.	45.	11.	0.
1925/26.	185.	646.	41.	11.	0
1926/27.	193.	690.	41.	13.	0
1927/28.	193.	621.	40.	14.	0
1928/29.	197.	621.	40.	13.	0
1929/30.	206.	628.	41.	14.	0

The number of married women in the District is 643 and the number of widows, 76. Of the total, (719) there are 182 with 4 or more children and 24 men, who have had 4 or more children by a wife who is now deceased, also draw the bonus.

All claims were carefully checked and only one was refused. This woman had 5 children of her own and one that she had adopted. She had drawn 52s bonus for some years and was very upset when I refused it; more so when she was threatened with proceedings for fraudently obtaining the bonus. The woman in question, NEMAHARA of HARIRAREVA. Gen.70/42, Card No.3228, is to refund the sum of 13/-.

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Patrol Report No.13/29/30.G.D.FINANCIAL.

A summary of financial matters dealt with
by this patrol is as under:-

Received from Treasurer. A/C. sales Native Copra.	1002. 17. 7	
Paid to natives re Native Copra. A/C. Receipts to Treasurer.		1002. 17. 7
Tax Collections.	882. 0. 0.	
Family Bonus Payments. Vouchers to Treasurer.		41. 11. 0
Revenue Collections:-		
Native Labour Fees.	4. 16. 0	
Trading Sites.	1. 0. 0	
Jud. Fines & Fees.	8. 0. 0	
Arms Permits.	5. 0	
Refund by A. Sinclair. A/C. passage money re. A.C.'s. on escort duty. GROMOLO to Port Moresby.	2. 0. 0	
W.H.L.A/C. Collections.		
Deposit of wages. M/L's.	3. 0. 0	
Deposit for safe keeping	4. 19. 6	
Cash Deposited W.H.L. & D.H.A/C.		9. 9. 6
Cash Remittance to Treasurer.		556. 0. 0
Total.	£ 1608. 28. 1.	1608. 28. 1

The bulk of this money was in silver
and was a constant worry. Not having any suitable box to carry
it in, I had to keep it in calico bags and distribute it over
my several tucker boxes the locks of which were not all that
could be desired.

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*Tax. Collections shown
have paid £5.83.0.0
L. Deposition Possession
Murray's Cash Book
20/07/30
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Patrol Report No.13/29/30.G.D.VILLAGES.

During my stay in the Orokele District the people, under police supervision, concentrated on cleaning up their villages. The surroundings of all these villages were thoroughly cleaned up and all undergrowth, grass and rubbish within 50 yards of the villages fences was cleared away and destroyed.

This task was more difficult than I expected it to be, the rubbish heaps were the accumulation of years and it took several days to dispose of most of them. Everything that would not burn was buried and the people have been instructed that they must spend at least half a day per week in cleaning up the outskirts of their village.

Villages in the Vailala District were all clean but very little attention has been given to the surroundings. I shall get this done, as I did in the Orokele District, when taking the new census.

The villages of the MURU, KIRI, KIRU and OPAU Districts, I did not visit but the V.O's and Councillors report that although the villages are clean nothing has been done towards cleaning up the surroundings. My inspection of the villages in the KEREMA District was a hasty one and I found that little had been done to improve them since my last visit. (P.R.10/29/30, pp.24 and 25.).

Patrol Report No.13/29/30.G.D.VILLAGE CONSTABLES.

All V.O's. West of Keruan were seen during the patrol, including those from the Upper Vailala. The strength of the force is 31.

V.O's. MEHEA, MAHIPO and HANUAKE who control the villages of the ARIHAVA group were dealt with in the C.M.M. for neglect of duty and each fined 5/-. A gambling school was being conducted and although the V.O's knew about it they failed to report its existence and failed to prosecute the offenders.

The dismissal of V.O. BIAIA of KAVAVA (Orokole) was recommended some time ago and the appointment of one, KOPFA, was recommended to fill the vacancy. I find that KOPFA belongs to BIAI (near AUMA) but now lives at NORIAU and that he has no influence with or control over the people of KAVAVA. I beg to suggest that he should control the villages of NORIAU, HERAKERA and HONORO., which have a total population of 311 and that a new appointment be made for KAVAVA, BIDIBURUA and HURURU which have a population of 453. KIMI, the other V.O. at Orokole controls the villages of HOPAIKU, HAKIRAREVA and HAVARA which have a population of 644.

V.O. KORI of HOKI, one of the originators of the "Vailala Madness" (see Anthropological Report No.4) died at his village on the 12/2/30. KORI, who for many years was a member of the A.C. was one of the most popular and influential men in the Orokole District and he also had considerable influence with the people of the Purari Delta. Mr. F. B. Williams, in the report above mentioned, styled KORI as the Paul of Papua. The cause of his death was pneumonia.

Patrol Report No.13/29/30.G.D.ARMED CONSTABLES.

I had with me, at one time or another during the patrol, L/OPL. PAIEKI MAINU, and A.C's. KEKESA, EAO, SREA, BAKERADE, ISIKARI and GORDON, and KOSIPI. They had little to do beyond running messages, escorting prisoners to Koroma and guarding the cash.

I find that it is more satisfactory to make the V.C's. responsible for the selection of carriers and caucos. The people have not the same objection to one of their own ordering them about, that they have to an A.C. , who is usually a foreigner to them.

L/Opl. PAIEKI MAINU was of great assistance to me. He is a nervous man but is keen on his work and shows promise of becoming a very efficient H.C.O. At OROKOLO, a native maliciously wounded a valuable bear the property of Mr. A. Sinclair. V.C's., A.C's, and Councillors could not find the offender but the L/Opl. did not have the case on his hands for more than a day when he brought the culprit before the Court. In other serious cases that he has handled recently he has been equally efficient.

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Patrol Report No.13/29/30.G.D.

COUNCILLORS.

All Councillors West of Korema are now in possession of the badge of office and mighty pleased they are with themselves. The appointment is regarded as one of great honour and the recipient usually conducts himself and his actions with dignity. It is amusing to see an elderly man, wearing nothing but a loincloth and a dirty singlet, trying to appear dignified. All Councillors have been instructed that they must not wear clothing on the upper part of the body and if they continue to do so, they will be punished.

Councillors attended at the Court House in their district and listened to the cases being dealt with but they did no more than listen. It will be many months, possibly years, before they are of any real assistance to a magistrate visiting their village. I have nothing further to add to my last report. (No.10/29/30.p.44.)

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Patrol Report No. 15/23/30.G.D.JUDICIAL.

Considerable time was spent on Court work. During the patrol 12 cases were dealt with in the C.P.S. and 42 cases were dealt with in the C.H.M. In addition, at least 100 native disputes were settled out of Court to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. There were 5 sittings of the C.P.S. and 22 of the C.H.M. held at the places and on the dates shown hereunder.

C.P.S.

31/1/30.	MAIRA.
21/2/30.	OROKOLO.
22/2/30.	OROKOLO.
23/2/30.	OROKOLO.
24/2/30.	OROKOLO.

C.H.M.

26/1/30.	KEUMU.	17/2/30.	OROKOLO.
27/1/30.	KOAIALAMU.	20/2/30.	MOHIAU.
29/1/30.	VAILALA.	22/2/30.	OROKOLO.
30/1/30.	VAIVIRI.	23/2/30.	OROKOLO.
31/1/30.	MAIRA.	24/2/30.	OROKOLO.
3/2/30.	ARIHAVA.	25/2/30.	HOMORO.
4/2/30.	ARIHAVA.	26/2/30.	VAIVIRI.
5/2/30.	ARIHAVA.	27/2/30.	VAILALA.
9/2/30.	HOMI.	28/2/30.	KHAKHA.
11/2/30.	IOKU.	1/3/30.	KEUMU.
13/2/30.	ARIHAVA.	1/3/30.	HUIVA.

The charges dealt with were, :-

C.P.S.

Unlawfully wounding an animal. (C.C.)	1.
Absent from Work. (H.L.O.)	6.
Desertion. (H.L.O.)	2.
Stealing. (C.C.)	1.
Failing to Pay Tax. (H.L.O.)	2.
<u>Total.</u>	<u>12.</u>

C.H.M.

Neglect of Duty. V.C.'s.	3.
Indecent Assault.	2.
Assault.	20.
Stealing.	5.
Escaping Custody.	1.
Gambling.	10.
Spreading Lying Reports.	1.
<u>Total.</u>	<u>42.</u>

Patrol Report No. 13/29/30.G.D.NATIVE LABOUR.

No inspections were made but during the patrol I came in contact with all employers of indentured labour and met the majority of the labourers. None of the latter had any complaints but 3 employers took proceedings in the C.P.S. against some of their labourers. Mr. Puxley of Maira Plantation took proceedings against 6 of his labourers for being absent from their work and Messrs. Sinclair and Coghill of Orokolo, each proceeded against one of their employees' on charges of Desertion. Several indentured labourers were dealt with in the C.M.M. on charges of Assault, Stealing and Gambling respectively.

At Araimiri Plantation 34 indentured labourers expressed their willingness to be transferred from Mrs. E.V. Priddle to Araimiri Estate and they were accordingly transferred. Mrs. Priddle is one of the principalis of Araimiri Estate. During the patrol 16 natives were signed on to European employers.

At Orokolo, Mr. H. T. Coghill brought before me a number of natives whom he wished to sign on as copra makers. Learning of the terms of the employment I declined to sanction the engagement unless the natives were given to understand that they need not make copra from their own coconuts and that they would have to work at Mr. Coghill's plantation, trading sites or place of residence. Mr. Coghill refused to agree to my stipulations and I declined to sanction the engagement of the natives. This action forms the subject of a separate report to The Hon. C.H.A. and has also been dealt with in correspondence with The Hon. C.S.

Patrol Report No. 13/29/30.G.D.

NATIVE INDUSTRIES.

SAGO.

During the patrol many lakatois from the Central Division, between Cape Possession and Rigo, were seen, and towards the end of February they began to depart, fully laden with sago, betel-nut and other produce. The largest lakatois was seen at Orokolo and it came from MAIVA-KAIRUKU District. The "hull" of this vessel consisted of 16 high legs. I should not care to travel aboard it in a rough sea for I should imagine that it would be very difficult to handle. The natives assured me that it was alright and that it could carry an enormous quantity of sago.

In addition to the Lakatois from the C.D. all owned by the natives of ARIHAVA, OROKOLO, VAILALA, KAIRUKU and KAREMA Districts, left fully laden with sago for villages in the C.D. It is estimated that during December, January, February and March, that 60 lakatois left the villages between Karema and the Western boundary of the Gulf Division and that they took with them 5000 bundles (approx. 140 tons) of sago and 600 bags of betel-nut, in addition to garden produce and a few pigs.

This industry is growing very rapidly and it is being encouraged.

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Patrol Report No. 13/29/30. G.D.

NATIVE INDUSTRIES.

COPRA MAKING.-- WEST OF KENEA.

This industry is gradually developing and competition between the different groups and districts is becoming keener. Shipping the copra for the natives and encouraging them to produce means considerable extra work but the results are worth it.

During the past 3 months,--since December,--although the people have made enormous quantities of sago for sale in the Central Division, and spent a great deal of their time in building lakatois, attending to their gardens, roads, villages and other every day matters, they have increased their monthly copra output for shipment to Port Moresby, from 203 to 229 bags per month. (16 tons.). This is a little more than half the quantity that I originally estimated that they could produce.

The table on page 18 gives particulars for each group of the estimated production, the average monthly production to 1/3/30 and the average weight of the bags of copra produced. I am endeavouring to get the weights down to the vicinity of 150 lbs. At present they vary from 120 to 210 lbs. the average weight for 1297 bags being 161.70 lbs.

No reliable information is available of the quantity of copra or coconuts traded to European traders but a conservative ^{estimate} that traders are getting between them, at least 19 tons per month, as follows, :-

Coghill.	4 tons.
Simlar.	4. "
Currie.	4. "
Priddie.	2. "
Baker.	2. "
Moody.	3. "

19 tons.

This brings the production from native

owned coconuts West of Kema, to 35 tons per month. Messrs. Johnston, MacDonald and Puxley have ceased trading with natives for coconuts.

The hostility of the European traders towards what they term "Government interference" is gradually diminishing. They have no legitimate cause for complaint and they are beginning to realise this. Messrs. Coghill and Sinclair are at present the only traders who freely express their "grievance" and when in the Orokelo district I cannot look sideways without being accused of trying to take their living out of their mouths.

These two gentlemen complained to the Hon. G. S. that since I became interested in the production of copra, there was a serious decrease in the output from the Orokelo district. The R.M. G. D. investigated the complaint and rendered a report which shows a decrease for the year ending 31st. December 1929 of 264 bags. Mr. Coghill did not do any trading at all for 4 months during the year as he was absent from the Territory and for 6 months of the year Mr. Sinclair hardly left his house. It is significant that for several months both Coghill and Sinclair stored large quantities of coconuts at ARIMAVA and did not attempt to turn them into copra. It appears that they were trying to make a good case and prove a decrease in production for as soon as the R.M. completed his investigation both Coghill and Sinclair wasted no time in getting the nuts carted to OROKALO where they were turned into copra. Even though a decrease was proved, the natives with whom Sinclair and Coghill trade nuts, had never in all their lives received the sum of 2275.11.8 for copra produced during a period of 4 months. I paid them this sum for 355 bags, during this patrol and now have on hand 271.10.10 for 95 bags shipped during February. If, on the 30th. June next, Messrs. Coghill and Sinclair will produce their books, we will find that for this year, there will be a considerable increase in production.

Messrs. Coghill and Sinclair both informed the R.M. that they had no objection to paying cash for copra and that they had ceased to give out trade goods on credit. The natives inform me that they are offered from 7/- to 10/- per bag and this they will not accept. For the copra they shipped to Port Moresby they received an average of £15 per ton and after paying all charges they received from 13/- to 19/9 per bag.

Why these two traders should inform the R.M. that they had ceased to give out trade on credit is beyond my powers of comprehension for they apparently had no intention of doing so. A few days after the R.M. visited Orokolo they were carrying on as usual. Mr. Coghill was very open about it for he brought along 25 natives to be signed on under the provisions of the H.L.O. and explained bitterly when I declined to sanction the engagement. (see pages 15 and 40). Had I agreed to the engagement of these natives they would have been given trade goods on credit to buy coconuts which they would make into copra and if they could not buy the coconuts they were expected to keep the trade goods and supply their own coconuts. Had they failed to return either the trade goods or the equivalent in copra Mr. Coghill would have had additional outstanding debts which he would have expected Government officials to collect for him. In this case it is argued that he would have no bad debts for a threat to prosecute the native for failing to work or for stealing. (The trade goods advanced would have the desired effect.

Messrs. Sinclair and Coghill have complained that since the scheme for assisting the natives started, they cannot collect their bad debts from natives. The matter has been dealt with in previous reports and correspondence. I venture to suggest that their inability to collect their debts some of which are over 5 years old, has nothing whatever to do with the fact that natives are shipping their copra to Port Moresby.

Messrs. Sinclair & Coghill trade on the same lines and with the same natives as the late J.J. Adrien and the late J.J. Doyle. Mr. Sinclair occupies the same residence and trading sites. I had the experience of winding up the estates of the deceased gentlemen named and did my utmost to collect outstanding accounts. In the former estate there were 609 bags out representing, in trade goods, over £500. After threatening and arguing with the natives for over a month I managed to collect 134 bags of indifferent copra, 202 empty bags and the balance of 249 bags having been lost or destroyed they were charged to accounts. The outstanding accounts were written down from over £500 to a shade below cost, £243.2.6. Of this I collected £155.7.6 and the balance, £107.1.0 had to be written off. (see P.R.No.2/23/24).

In the estate of J.J. Doyle (P.R.5/24/25) I spent two months trying to collect bad debts. In this case some of the debts had been outstanding for longer than 12 months but I did not do any better than in the estate of Adrien

Until Messrs. Coghill and Sinclair cease giving out trade goods on credit I do not feel justified in bringing any pressure to bear on the natives to pay their debts. Once an official starts assisting a trader to collect his debts and that trader continues to incur similar debts, other traders will follow suite, the natives will be in the power of the trader and the official nothing more nor less than a bad debt collector. Messrs. Coghill and Sinclair are the only traders in the Division with debts worth mentioning and neither of them are prepared to write off any of them.

Mr. R.S. Moody who trades in the Kouru District has never expressed to me any opinions regarding the production of copra by village natives but prior to his departure to Australia he completely disorganised the groups of copra makers that I had established in the Kouru district and I am told that he informed European residents that the Kouru people would not make any more copra.

On arrival at KOURU I found that

I found that nobody was making copra and that all the enthusiasts had signed on to Mr. Moody to work on his plantation. I could not get to the bottom of the dissatisfaction that apparently existed. The V.C.'s. and Councillors informed me that Mr. Moody was giving his labourers a holiday if they went to their villages and kept him supplied with coconuts. They also informed me that they had heard that the Government was going to increase the tax to 22 p.a. and for that reason wanted ~~tax~~ the people to have plenty of money.

I informed the people that the Government had no intention of increasing the tax and if they did not want to make copra there was no law to compel them to do so. They themselves asked for assistance in disposing of their produce but as they now decide not to make any more copra they must return all the empty copra sacks that they have been issued with. After a few hours practically all the male natives in the district returned and said that they wanted to make copra and wanted assistance in disposing of it. After they promised that there would be no further disputes or arguments I organised them into new groups and I do not think there will be any more trouble. They have been given to understand that if there is further assistance will be refused them.

During the patrol, I prepared for shipment 18 consignments giving a total of 467 bags. A summary of the copra produced and the copra shipped from the inception of the scheme to 1/3/30 will be found on page 47. The total quantity produced amounts to 1543 bags the gross weight being over 111 tons.

It is utterly impossible for me to inspect all of the copra before it is bagged but during this patrol I managed to see most of it. I found it to be of good quality and in most cases quite equal to any produced on European owned plantations. I am continually impressing upon the natives, that if their copra is not of good quality, they will not be able to sell it and even if one bag is improperly

cured, it might be selected as a sample, and if it was it might be the cause of the whole consignment being condemned.

The manager of the Steamships Trading Co. at Port Moresby had cause to complain of some of the copra purchased by his firm and forwarded a sample of it to the Hon. G.S. This was identified as belonging to one, TABARU of MEI, and he admitted that it was portion of some copra that I condemned and told him not to ship. This man has been told that if he ever attempts to ship bad copra again, his produce will be boycotted.

During the patrol the sum of £1002.17.7 was distributed to natives for copra shipped during the period 24/11/29--8/2/30. The price ranged from £15 to £16 per ton and after deducting charges, worked out at from 12/9 to 19/10 per bag, the average being 15/9 per bag. All natives appeared to be perfectly satisfied and assured me that they are going to double their output. Particulars of the quantities shipped from each depot and the amount paid to the owners is given on page 50

The distribution of the shrinkage on the copra sold is given on page 51 and works out at 7.085 lbs. per bag. This is not all shrinkage for the weight of the bag and the sling is included. It is easier for me and saves considerable time, to credit natives with the gross weight shipped and to lump the difference between the gross weight and the net weight, with the shrinkage. Shrinkage alone, works out at about 3 lbs. per bag which is remarkable good considering that some of the copra was lying in the sheds for two months before shipping.

I had a good deal of trouble in reconciling the landed weights given by the Government Storekeeper, with the weights shipped for in several cases the net landed weight was greater than the gross weight shipped. This no doubt occurred through the men who weighed the copra ignoring the various brands. The matter has been dealt with in correspondence.

Table showing estimated maximum production per month and the actual average production to date 1st. March 1930.

Depot No.	Group/	Natives Employed.	Shacks Houses.	ESTIMATE of Maximum Production per Month. (Bags)	Average Production per Month. (Bags).	Average Weight of Bags/ (lbs)
1.	OPAU.	95.	16.	18.	8.	151.34
2.	KEREMA.	66.	5.	12.	6.	166.67
3.	UARUPI.	121.	7.	30.	14½.	193.08
4.	MHI.	110.	12.	30.	16½.	172.04
5.	KEURU.	112.	16.	62.	27.	160.49
6.	IBRI.	41.	2.	16.	6½.	147.50.
7.	AUMA.	45.	7.	20.	12.	156.95
8.	HANGRA.	62.	8.	24.	15½.	156.92
9.	VAIALA EAST.	66.	8.	32.	16.	162.90.
10.	VAIALA WEST.	60.	7.	32.	15.	163.20
11.	OROKOLO.	211.	16.	60.	30.	157.11
12.	ARIMAVA.	93.	12.	30.	24.	156.71
13.	IOKU.	60.	2.	14.	8½.	157.15
14.	KOAIALAMU.	32.	12.	20.	10½.	157.32
15.	KIRI.	103.	7.	30.	14.	149.99
Totals.		1297.	137.	450. (30 tons.)	229. AV. (16. tons)	161.70.

S U M M A R Y.Copra Produced and Copra Shipped to 1/3/30.

Depot. No.	Period.	Copra Produced				Copra Shipped.					
		Bags.	Tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	Bags.	Tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
1.	8/ 7/29.- 1/ 3/30.	63.	4.	5.	0.	15.	27.	1.	15.	3.	14.
2.	10/ 7/29.- 1/ 3/30.	64.	4.	15.	0.	27.	36.	2.	15.	3.	9.
3.	9/ 7/29.- 1/ 3/30.	116.	9.	9.	2.	15.	75.	6.	0.	1.	27.
4.	9/ 7/29.- 1/ 3/30.	131.	10.	1.	1.	0	57.	5.	5.	1.	12.
5.	12/ 7/29.-28/ 2/30.	204.	15.	0.	1.	21.	184.	15.	13.	3.	5
6.	15/ 7/29.-30/ 1/30.	42.	2.	15.	1.	7.	42.	2.	15.	1.	7
7.	20/ 7/29.-29/ 1/30.	71.	4.	19.	2.	0.	71.	4.	19.	2.	0
8.	27/ 7/29.-29/ 1/30.	94.	6.	10.	3.	7.	94.	6.	10.	3.	7
9.	19/ 7/29.-28/ 1/30.	99.	7.	3.	3.	4.	99.	7.	3.	3.	4
10.	20/ 7/29.-28/ 1/30.	115.	8.	7.	2.	8.	115.	8.	7.	2.	8
11.	25/ 7/29.- 2/ 2/30.	184.	12.	16.	0.	23.	145.	10.	4.	0.	25.
12.	21/ 7/29.- 3/ 2/30.	144.	10.	4.	0.	7	106.	7.	3.	2.	20.
13.	24/ 7/29.- 2/ 2/30.	61.	3.	11.	2.	6.	35.	2.	5.	1.	21.
14.	13/ 7/29.-29/ 1/30.	68.	4.	15.	2.	2.	68.	4.	15.	2.	2
15.	16/ 7/29.-30/ 1/30.	97.	6.	10.	2.	24.	97.	6.	10.	2.	24
Totals, :-		1843.	111.	7.	2.	26.	1359.	90.	10.	3.	16.

	Bags.	Tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Copra Produced.	1843.	111.	7.	2.	26
Copra Shipped	1359.	90.	10.	3.	16
Awaiting Shipment.	294.	20.	16.	3.	10

Particulars of Copra Awaiting Shipment.

Depot. No.	Group.	Bags.	Tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
11.	OROKOLO.	39.	2.	13.	2.	26.
13.	IOKU.	18.	1.	6.	0.	13
16.	ARILAVA.	36.	2.	15.	1.	15
5.	KEURU.	16.	1.	6.	2.	16
2.	KELIMA.	20.	2.	1.	1.	19.
3.	VARUPI.	43.	3.	9.	0.	16
4.	LEI.	64.	4.	15.	3.	16.
1.	OPAU.	36.	2.	8.	1.	1
Total.		294.	20.	16.	3.	10.

Statement of Copra Shipped during the period 12/11/29-2/2/30.Consignment Nos. 1. to 31. incl. and 40.

	Tons. cwt. qrs. lbs.
Gross weight Shipped.	90. 10. 3. 16.
Net Weight Landed.	86. 11. 0. 19.
<u>Shrinkage:-</u>	<u>3. 19. 2. 25.</u>

Gross Proceeds. 1259 bags.	Tons. cwt. qrs. lbs.	2 1346. 16. 6
Less Charges:-		
Freight.	2 193. 14. 1	
Insurance.	13. 3. 7	
Bags.	78. 13. 9	
Sewing.	12. 0	
Commission.	82. 15. 6	345. 18. 11
	<u>Net Proceeds</u>	<u>2 1002. 17. 7</u>

Distribution.

Depot No.	Group/	Copra Shipped & Sold.			Amount Paid.
		Bags.	Net weight.		
			Tons. cwt. qrs. lbs.		
1.	ORAU.	27.	1. 14. 2. 27.	21. 1. 9	
2.	KAREMA.	36.	2. 11. 1. 1	29. 17. 5	
3.	UAKIPI.	73.	5. 16. 2. 26.	67. 12. 8	
4.	MRI.	67.	4. 15. 1. 22	54. 14. 0	
5.	KURU.	196.	13. 1. 0. 26	146. 16. 3	
6.	IOBI.	43.	2. 12. 1. 26.	39. 18. 2	
7.	AUMI.	71.	4. 14. 0. 9	53. 0. 7	
8.	HARORA.	94.	6. 5. 2. 18	71. 2. 10	
9.	VAIDALA EAST.	99.	6. 17. 0. 24.	77. 19. 6	
10.	VAIDALA WEST.	115.	8. 0. 3. 18.	91. 11. 8	
11.	OROKOLO.	145.	9. 17. 0. 6	114. 13. 10	
12.	ARINAVA.	106.	7. 3. 3. 14	83. 7. 3	
13.	IOKI.	38.	2. 3. 3. 7	25. 10. 2	
14.	KOAIALAHU.	68.	4. 11. 1. 27.	51. 14. 10	
15.	ZIRI.	97.	6. 3. 1. 20.	71. 6. 8	
	Refunded to Purchaser.			12. 6. 0	
Totals:-		1259.	86. 11. 0. 19.	2 1002. 17. 7	

Shrinkage on Copra Shipped.

Depot. No.	Group/	Bags.	Tons.cwt.gro.lbs.
1.	OPAU.	227	2. 0. 15
2.	KEREMA.	35.	2. 2. 7
3.	UARIFI.	73.	3. 3. 1
4.	MEI.	67.	9. 3. 18
5.	KURU.	196.	11. 2. 7
6.	IORI.	42.	2. 3. 9
7.	AUMA.	71.	5. 1. 19
8.	HARORA.	94.	5. 0. 17
9.	VAILALA EAST.	99.	6. 2. 8
10.	VAILALA WEST.	115	6. 2. 18
11.	OROKOLO.	145.	7. 0. 19
12.	ARIHAVA.	106.	5. 0. 6
13.	IOMU.	33.	1. 2. 14
14.	KOAIALAHU.	61.	4. 0. 8
15.	KIRI.	97.	5. 1. 4
Total:-		1259.	3. 19. 2. 25.

Shrinkage averages 7.085 lbs. per bag, being the difference between the gross weight shipped and the net landed weight.

Statement of Copra Bales Issued.

Depos. No.	Group	Issued.	Filled.	On Hand.
1.	OPAU.	75.	63.	12.
2.	KEREA.	73.	64.	9
3.	UARIPI.	187.	116.	71.
4.	HEI.	232.	131.	101.
5.	MEHU.	257.	204.	53.
6.	IORI.	79.	42.	37.
7.	AUMA.	112.	71.	41.
8.	HANORA.	161.	94.	67.
9.	VAILALA EAST.	140.	99.	41.
10.	VAILALA WEST.	133.	115.	17.
11.	OROKOLO.	411.	184.	227.
12.	ARINAVA.	303.	142.	161.
13.	IOKU.	107.	51.	56.
14.	KOAIALAMU	116.	68.	48.
15.	KIRI.	163.	97.	66.
Totals:-		2826.	1543.	993.

Received from Government Stores.		3000.
Issued to Natives.	2826.	
On loan to R.M.: G.D.	12.	
On hand.	482.	
	<u>Total.</u>	<u>3000. 3000.</u>

600 bags have been requisitioned for to be delivered at
 IHU.G.D. on the 1st. April and further requisitions are being
 prepared for 900 bags to be delivered on or about the 1/6/30.

A. R. M. G. D.
 A.R.M.: G.D.

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

144/35-30.

K E R E M A STATION.

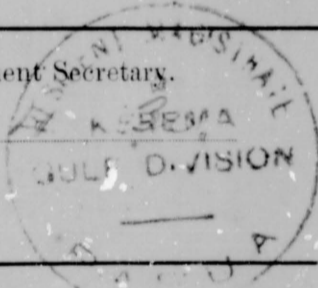
REPORT OF A PATROL made by S.G. Middleton, P.O. toCape Possession for the purpose ofTaking census of all villages from (and including) MOTU-MOTU to
CIAPULeft Station on March 1st. 1930 Returned to Station on Proceeded on leaveNumber of Carriers employed av. 5 Number of Police taken 4Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge CanoeVillages visited KUKIPI, MOTU-MOTU (ULITAI & MIRIHEA), MIRIVISI, KAPURI,AVIALA (Lese No. 1) KAVORA (Lese No. 2), BIARU, MOSIRAI, IOKE,SAROTA, LAU ILAVA, LAULOVO, UAKURU, MORIO and LOVE.

- (1) A sketch map of the district patrolled should accompany the report, showing, as nearly as possible, the positions of the places visited and a copy is to be made for filing on the station. The map is to be furnished whether the patrol is in a well-known district or not. If the patrol is over a route for which a map has already been sent in, a second map is not necessary. A reference to the previous report will be sufficient. If the patrol is over a route of which part has already been included in a map, a suitable sketch should be sent to enable the other places to be added to the previous map. For uniformity the map must occupy one of two sizes of paper—either the size of a half-sheet of ruled foolscap or the size of a whole or double sheet.
- (2) In the body of the report the name of the village should be followed by the name of the V.O. The number of houses and the population, as nearly as possible, should also be stated. The customs of the natives should as much as possible be noted and reported.
- (3) The Patrol Report is to be enclosed in this jacket, which, properly filled in, is to be sent to the Government Secretary immediately after each patrol.
- (4) The space below is not to be written in.
- (5) The cost of the patrol must be shown within, in the space provided.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date



M. Blau
Officer in charge of Station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.		Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.				
Rice	200 lbs	100	20	—	200	2	19	—	
Biscuits									
Meat	16 lbs	16 lbs			16 lbs	10	8	—	
Sugar									
Tea									
Soap									
Tobacco	12 lbs	2 lbs	8 lbs	2 lbs	12 lbs	1	11	—	Others include V.C. Comptrols & P.M.F.
Matches	1 1/2 doz	1 1/2 doz			1 1/2 doz		6	—	
Kerosene	2 gal	1 1/2	1/2		2 gal		16	—	
Tents									
Flies	1					—	—	1	
Lamps	2					—	—	2	
Buckets	1					—	—	1	
Kerosene Cans	2					—	—	1	1 property issued to office.
Knives & Sheaths									
Knives, 18in.									
Knives, other									
Belts									
Pouches									
Print									
Twill									
Handkerchiefs									
Beads									
Mirrors									
Axes									
Half Axes									
Tomahawks	2					—	—		
TOTAL						£	45	5	

NOTE.—When an article such as a tent is issued, but is returned for future use, the value should not be entered.

REPORT of a Patrol made by S.G. Middleton P.O.
from KEREMA to Cape Possession for the purpose
of taking a census of all villages from
MOTUMOTU to OIAPU (both inclusive).

Accompanied by Corporal MAGA and A.Cs GORDON, ISIKARI and DIDIBU I left KEREMA, in the big Government canoe, at 11-30 a.m. on Saturday March 1st. and crossed the Bay to MEI. A strong Southerly wind made the Bar too rough and dangerous for a crossing so decided to wait till the morrow. Mrs. Priddle kindly invited me to spend the night in her house, which was gratefully accepted.

On Sunday 2nd. similar weather conditions to those of yesterday prevailed. At 4-30 p.m. the wind had eased a little and I decided to make an immediate start. Crossed Bar safely and, as wind unfavourable, were obliged to resort to the oars. Paddled for three hours when wind veered round to the North then, setting sails, we headed for KUKIPI. Daylight found us opposite ^{MARCH 3.} KOARU/village and at 7-30 a.m. we crossed the KUKIPI Bar. Proceeded to the Steamships Trading Coy's store where I made a few purchases, then crossed over to Captain McLean's camp on KUKIPI Point. Lunched with Cpt. McLean and Mr. Robinson and left again at 1-30p.m. for MOTU-MOTU, arriving at about 4 p.m.

Tuesday 4th,
Spent all day of ~~Monday~~, March 3rd. taking census of ULITAI (MOTU-MOTU No.1) (V.C.ISARUA). A long, tedious job owing to the fact that I am doing a house-to-house census and am reconciling the names with the old census as I proceed.

Commencing at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5th. the census of ULITAI was still uncompleted at 5 p.m. when I stopped work for the day.

Completed census of ULITAI at 2-30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6th. Spent remainder of day going through new census and filling in any particulars missed during the taking of it.

Friday, March 7th. and Saturday, March 8th. Taking census of MIRIHEA (Motu-Motu No.2) V.C.NAHO. This completed at noon on Saturday and, after lunch, proceeded to the new village of MIRIVISI situated on each side of the mouth of the LAKEKAMU River, where it broke through a few years ago. Census completed at 7 p.m. Returned to MOTU-MOTU Rest House and camped.

ten minutes crossing the Bar at the mouth of the LAKEKAMU but fortunately only shipped one "sea". Arrived at KAPURI at 11-30 a.m. Much to my surprise, I found all the people of POPO waiting for me at KAPURI. Yesterday I sent a MIRIVISI Councillor to POPO with a message telling the POPO people not to leave their village until I arrived and had got all their names. This man, thinking he was doing me a great favour, had taken it upon himself to instruct the POPO V.C. and Councillors to bring all the people down to the mouth of the KAPURI River to meet me. I was very annoyed but had not the heart to punish him as he, no doubt, thought he was acting in my best interests by saving me a long wearying trip up the KAPURI River. V.C.FEAVIRI and the Councillors of POPO were emphatic that the only people not present were a Councillor and two men left behind to take care of the village and their statement was borne out by a comparison of the new census with the old. The censuses (censii?) of both villages were completed at 5 p.m. and we camped in the KAPURI Rest House. V.C.SIMI had the village in very good order.

It is worthy of note here that the KAPURI River, like the LAKEKAMU, has broken through and formed a new outlet to the sea, though it has not, as yet, wholly diverted the stream from its old course. The break-through is about 150 to 200 yards East of KAPURI village and, though only about 20 feet in width, is said to be very deep. It is only a recent happening and it will remain to be seen whether the old mouth will be eventually closed or not. In the event of its closing, it will also be problematical whether the present situation of KAPURI village will "make" or whether it will be washed away altogether. The next equinoxial tides should decide the question.

Left at 7 a.m. on Monday 10th. and arrived at AVIALA (Lese No. 1) (V.C.Naho) at 11 a.m. Commenced on AVIALA census immediately, which was completed at 5-30 p.m. Mr. E. Jones, who is at present working for Mr. J. Walker of KUKIPI, arrived from APAILAI IPI (Biaru River) during the afternoon with a load of sandalwood. This is being stacked near the village fence and I would not be surprised to hear of some of it being stolen as the natives are well aware of its value in mosquito-infested areas such as LESE.

At 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11th., I commenced the census of KAVORA (Lese No. 2) V.C. . Completed at 4-30 p.m. and

returned to AVIALA. Mr. Jones, who was about to leave for BIARU kindly offered to tow our canoe to that village, which was gratefully accepted. We arrived at BIARU (V.C.KARAHURE) at 6 p.m. and camped in the Rest House. Village and Rest House in good order.

Commencing early on the census of BIARU, ^{MARCH 12} it was completed at 3-30 p.m. The canoe and gear were sent on to IOKEA during the morning, so I left immediately for that village, taking a census of the small hamlet of MOSIRAI en route. Arrived at IOKEA at 5-30 p.m. and camped in the Rest House. The Rev. Robert Rankin called at 7 p.m. for a chat.

Thursday, March 13th. Commenced early on census of IOKEA but, owing to fever, was forced to knock off at 2-30 p.m. and retire to bed.

Though still suffering from the effects of fever, I continued with the IOKEA census on Friday, March 14th. and completed same at 5-10 p.m. In this work I was greatly assisted by two local Native clerks, one MIRO FAE (ex-VATARATA Mission) and another named MIRISA who, I think, was educated at LAWES College. I did the entering of the names whilst they traced them in the old census and gave me particulars as to age, tax register number etc.

As I was feeling not at all well, I gratefully accepted the Rev. Robt. Rankin's pressing invitation to spend the weekend with him at the MORU Mission Station.

Saturday 15th. and Sunday 16th. At MORU Mission, as guest of Rev. Robt. Rankin.

Monday, March 17th. Bade farewell to Mr. Rankin and embarked on canoe at 8 a.m. for OIAPU, arriving at 10-30 a.m. Spent remainder of day taking census of LOVE, SAROTA and LAULOVA villages until 3-30 p.m. when I again went down with fever.

Tuesday, March 18th. Rain prevented an earlier start on census than 9-30 a.m. Commenced at that hour and, with the assistance of native MIRO FAE completed census of all OIAPU villages at 1 p.m. A strong North West wind was blowing and, as the prevailing winds latterly have been South Easterly, I decided to take advantage of the present fair wind and make an immediate start for KAIRUKU. After a hasty lunch, we left OIAPU at 1-30 p.m. Experienced a little trouble getting through the surf, but eventually succeeded in reaching the calmer waters outside without mishap and set off for KAIRUKU. The North West wind held throughout the afternoon and we made excellent time. At 6-30 p.m.

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we entered Hall Sound and, at about 7-15 p.m. the canoe was pulled up on the Beach opposite the Rest House, which I found occupied by a strange married couple who were obviously foreigners. They informed me that Mr. Thompson A.R.M. was away at KANOSIA and that Mr. P.O.Hides had gone to Port Moresby. With the advice of Corporal KADI, I moved my gear into the house recently occupied by Mr. Hides and settled down to await the arrival of Mr. Thompson.

S. Middleton

Patrol Officer, G.D.

20th/3/1930.

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

15/29-30.**KEREMA, GULF DIVISION.** STATION.REPORT OF A PATROL made by **E.R. Oldham, Resident Magistrate**Villages **East of Kerema as far as MOTUMOTU** for the purpose of**Inquiring the whereabouts of Mr. H. J. Swanson, collecting tax and paying family boms for the year 1929/1930, inspecting villages, and encouraging the production of copra.**Left Station on **15. 3. 30** Returned to Station on **4.4.30.**Number of Carriers employed **Av. 15.** Number of Police taken **7**Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **Whaleboat. E.R. Oldham.**Villages visited **KARAMA, LILIFIRU, SAVAIVIRI, HEAVALA, HEATUALI, KUKIPI, ULITAI, MIRIHEA, TAVAFIRU, HABUHABU, KUARU, ERAVA, URUK, ARU, KAIVIPI, MOROI, MORA A, MA-ARU, NOKUOVO, PARAKAU, POMARA, LALABU, IROPI, IVEFIRU, IVAU-U, AIKAVARUKA, SILO.**

- (1) A sketch map of the district patrolled should accompany the report, showing, as nearly as possible, the positions of the places visited and a copy is to be made for filing on the station. The map is to be furnished whether the patrol is in a well-known district or not. If the patrol is over a route for which a map has already been sent in, a second map is not necessary. A reference to the previous report will be sufficient. If the patrol is over a route of which part has already been included in a map, a suitable sketch should be sent to enable the other places to be added to the previous map. For uniformity the map must occupy one of two sizes of paper—either the size of a half-sheet of ruled foolscap or the size of a whole or double sheet.
- (2) In the body of the report the name of the village should be followed by the name of the V.C. The number of houses and the population, as nearly as possible, should also be stated. The customs of the natives should as much as possible be noted and reported.
- (3) The Patrol Report is to be enclosed in this jacket, which, properly filled in, is to be sent to the Government Secretary immediately after each patrol.
- (4) The space below is not to be written in.
- (5) The cost of the patrol must be shown within, in the space provided.

2987/11.23.—1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date **20 4 30.***E.R. Oldham*

Officer in charge of Station.

REPORT OF A PATROL MADE BY E. R. OLDHAM, RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, TO
VILLAGES EAST OF KEREMA AS FAR AS MOTUMOTU.

19. 3. 30 to 4. 4. 30.

Object of Patrol.

1. Inquiring the whereabouts of Mr. H. J. Swanson who has been missing since about the 10th of January, 1930.
2. Collecting Tax for 1929-1930 - SILO to MOVIAMI.
3. Paying Family Bonus for 1929-1930.
4. Inspection of villages.
5. Encouraging the production of copra. (Separate Report.)

19. 3. 30.

Accompanied by Sergeant GEGERA, 6 A.C., Interpreter HAROVEARA, and 3 KORAITA natives, left in whaleboat at 6.30 a.m. Arrived KARAMA (V.C. MEATORO) 10 a.m. Inspected Rest House, A.C. quarters, village and surroundings, and found same satisfactory.

Inquired the whereabouts of Mr. H. J. Swanson, but could gather no information other than that he camped here for three or four days at the beginning of January, and then left for KUKUPI.

Collected 111 taxes, and the sum of £1.13.0 owing for copra sacks.

20. 3. 30.

Rained heavily all the morning. Left at 1 p.m. and arrived LILIFIRU (V.C. FOROMA) 5 p.m. Inspected Rest House, A.C. quarters, village and surroundings, and found same in good order. A very fine Court House has been erected.

The V.C. informed me that several 'KUKUKUKU' men and women visited KUARU and LILIFIRU about three weeks ago and traded bows, arrows, and bags for knives and tomahawks. They remained three nights at LILIFIRU, and then returned to their village by a track midway between this village and KUARU. I could not get any information as to where they came from, but as there is said to be a small settlement in the vicinity of Dark Hill they probably came from there. This is the second time the 'KUKUKUKU's' have been to the coast, I am told, during the past eighteen months, and I issued instructions that all such visits in future must be reported.

21. 3. 30.

Left LILIFIRU at 10 a.m., and arrived SAVAIVIRI (V.C.SOMA) at noon. Inspected village and found same clean and houses in reasonable repair. Village Constable SOMA asked to be allowed to resign as he intends in future to live at HEATUALI. Selected one APU, a leading Councillor, to take his place.

Collected 16 taxes, and left for MOVIAMI which was reached at 4.30 p.m. V.C's KIRI-EKO and TOARIPI reported, and I arranged with them to have all men ready to pay tax by 8 o'clock in the morning.

22. 3. 30.

At MOVIAMI. Collected 173 taxes, and the sum of £18. 3. 0 owing by the SAVAIVIRI, TAPALA and MOVIAMI people for copra sacks.

23. 3. 30.

SUNDAY. Spent the morning entering up Tax Register and checking cash etc. In afternoon inspected the villages of HEATUALI and HEAVALA and found same satisfactory, with the exception of the surroundings which still need a little more attention. Instructed accordingly.

24. 3. 30.

During the morning paid Family Bonus Claims as follows :-

MOVIAMI	86	Persons.	£20.	11.	0.
TAPALA	7	"	1.	13.	0.
SAVAIVIRI	9	"	1.	12.	0.
Totals:-	<u>102.</u>	"	<u>£23.</u>	<u>16.</u>	<u>0.</u>

In afternoon dealt with the following matters in C. N. M. :-

Offence.	No. of cases.	Convictions.	Acquitted.
Assault.	2	2	-
Wilfully destroying a cultivated tree.	1	1	-
Gambling.	7	7	-
Pretending to practise sorcery.	1	1	-
Totals:-	11	11	-

Messrs. Lampo and Mann called on their way to the Lakekamu Goldfield.

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25. 3. 30.

Left MOVIAMI 8 a.m. for KUKIPI. On the way called at SAVAIVIRI and collected tax from two LESE men who arrived early this morning. Also called on Messrs. Walker and Solomon, and inquired if they could give me any information as to the whereabouts of Mr. H. J. Swanson. Mr. Walker could give me no information at all, but Solomon, who is the Manager of the Steamships Trading Coy's store at KUKIPI, informed me that the missing gentleman arrived from KUARU by the "Veimauri" late during the evening on or about the 9th of January and slept the night at his place, and that next morning he left in a single dugout canoe of his own manufacture, saying that he was going to the Lakekamu Goldfield to see Mr. TheBon. After proceeding up river for a short distance, however, he apparently changed his mind as Solomon says he next saw him travelling past the store in a westerly direction, and that since then he has neither seen nor heard of him.

Took possession of all Mr. Swanson's effects which he left with Solomon for safe keeping, namely four cases of worthless curios.

The Steamships Trading Coy. are closing down here at the end of the month, and Mr. Walker, whose store and residence at SAVAPOLU was burnt to the ground during the early hours of the morning on the 9th instant, informed me that he had made arrangements to lease the property as from the 1st of April, until such time as his own place is rebuilt.

Inquired into the cause and origin of the fire which occurred at the dwelling-house and store of Mr. Walker, and found that same was apparently caused by the accidental overturning of a Miller Lamp which Mr. Walker said it was his habit to leave burning all night. An inquest is unnecessary.

Continued on to KUKIPI village and arrived there at 3 p.m. Three Councillors reported and informed me that V. C. LOUSI had gone to Port Moresby. Inspected village and found same clean and houses in reasonable repair. New Rest Houses have been built, also a very fine Court House.

Collected tax from two men, also the sum of 13/6 - balance owing for copra bags supplied.

26. 3. 30.

Held Court for Native Matters. Twenty two MOVIAMI natives convicted and sentenced to Four months imprisonment each for "Behaving in a Threatening Manner" towards the KUKIPI people.

As no one at KUKIPI village could give me any information re Mr. Swanson despatched police to Cape Possession and SILO to make inquiries, and to instruct V.C's, Councillors and others to search the coast for his canoe, and to let me know immediately if it was found.

Also sent word to the A.R.M. instructing him to make enquiries West of Kerema, and to advise the R.M., Kikori.

Left for MOTUMOTU (ULITAI & MIRIHEA) at 10 a.m., and arrived there at noon. Inspected the villages, which are controlled by V.C's SAROA and LAHO, and found same satisfactory. A very fine Court House has been erected.

Collected five taxes, and the sum of £12. 3. 0 owing for copra sacks.

Corporal MAGA who took Mr. Middleton to Yule Island reported on his way back to Kerema.

27. 3. 30.

Left MOTUMOTU at 7.15 a.m., and arrived LILIFIRU (V.C.FOROMA) at noon.

Collected tax from four men, and paid two claims for the family bonus.

Spent the remainder of the day entering up Tax Register and checking cash etc.

28. 3. 30.

Left at 6 a.m. for KUARU. On the way called on Mr. and Mrs. F.W.Clark of KUARU Plantation. Mr. Clark had no business to transact, and no complaints were received from any of the native labourers.

Arrived KUARU village (V.C.AIPI) 10 a.m. Inspected village and found same very satisfactory. A new Rest House has been built.

V.C.FEREHI of KAIVIPI, who also controls the small villages of MOROI, IVAFIRU, ARU and URU, reported with a number of men to pay tax.

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28. 3. 30.

Collected 42 taxes, the sum of 23. 5. 0 owing for copra sacks, and paid Family Bonus claims as follows :-

URU.	10	Persons.	22. 4. 0.
ARU.	6	"	1. 5. 0.
ERAVA.	2	"	11. 0.
KAI VIPI.	2	"	11. 0.
KUARU.	11	"	2. 7. 0.
Totals:-	<u>31</u>	"	<u>26. 16. 0.</u>

Issued the KUARU, MOROI, IVAFIRU, KAI VIPI, ARU, URU and ERAVA-Councillors with badges, and returned to LILIFIRU at 8 a.m.

29. 3. 30.

Accompanied by the LILIFIRU and KUARU V.C's and Councillors left for the MEPORO River at 8 a.m. to inquire into a dispute over a small piece of land which the LILIFIRU and KUARU people both claim. After listening to arguments on both sides decided that I could do nothing, and informed all parties that if there was any more fighting over this land the people of both villages would be punished.

Returned to LILIFIRU at noon, and in the afternoon visited HABUHABU and TAVAFIRU, which are controlled by V.C. KAHORENA. Both villages are clean and houses in reasonable repair. Also visited KUKIPI again and made a few purchases at the Steamships store. Arrived back at LILIFIRU 7 a.m.

30. 3. 30.

SUNDAY. At LILIFIRU in bed with fever.

31. 3. 30.

After instructing Sergeant GEGERA to meet me with the whaleboat at SILO on the 3rd prox., weather permitting, left for KARAMA. On the way inspected the following villages :-

ERAVA.	V.C. KAIPI.
URU.	V.C. FERREHI.
ARU.	"
KAI VIPI.	"
MOROI.	"

All villages are clean and houses in reasonable repair, but little or nothing has been done to improve the surroundings. Assembled all the people at each village, and informed them that I would be along again about the middle of May, and that if the work of clearing away the undergrowth and rubbish heaps for a distance of fifty yards from the nearest house was not finished by then, proceedings would be

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31. 3. 30.

taken against them in C.N.M.

Arrived KARAMA (V.C.MEATORO) at noon.

Collected five taxes, and paid Family Bonus Claims as follows :-

MOROI.	6	Persons.	£1.	10.	0.
IYAFIRU.	7	"	1.	9.	0.
KAIVIPI.	"	"		15.	0.
KARAMA.	46	"	10.	1.	0.
Totals:-	<u>62.</u>	"	<u>£15.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>0.</u>

1. 4. 30.

Dealt with two tax defaulters in C.P.S. and an Adultery case in C.N.M.

Issued the KARAMA Councillors with badges, and at 10 a.m. left for WAMAI.

On the way inspected the following villages which are controlled by V. C. KAIPU: - MORA A., MA-ARU, NOKUOVO and PARAKAU. All are clean and houses are in fair repair, but a sufficient space has not yet been cleared round each village. Instructed accordingly.

Arrived at WAMAI (POMARA), V.C.KAIPU, at noon, and found that the Rest House had been washed away by the sea. Camped in an old Mission house.

Collected 82 taxes, and the sum of 7/0 owing for copra sacks.

In the C.P.S. 18 men proceeded against for failing to pay tax, each convicted and sentenced to two months imprisonment with hard labour.

2. 4. 30.

In bed with a severe attack of fever. A.C.'s GORDON and ISIKARI despatched to Karama with 24 prisoners.

3. 4. 30.

Paid Family Bonus claims as follows :-

MOROI.	1	Persons.	5.	0.
LALARU.	4	"	17.	0.
IROPE.	3	"	14.	0.
PARAKAU.	1	"	4.	0.
MA ARU.	2	"	6.	0.
MORA A.	4	"	17.	0.
NOKUOVO.	2	"	9.	0.
POMARA.	<u>22</u>	"	<u>2.</u>	<u>14.</u>
Totals:-	<u>29</u>	"	<u>£26.</u>	<u>6.</u>

Inspected POMARA village and found same and the surroundings in reasonably good order. A new Rest House is under construction.

Issued Councillors with badges.

3. 4. 30.

Left WAMAI at 10 a.m., and arrived SILO (V.C. LESE) at 12.30 p.m. On the way inspected the following villages :-

LALABU.	V. C. ARUA.
IROPI.	"
IVEFIRU.	"
IYAU U.	V. C. FOFO.
AIKAVARUKA.	"

All villages are clean and houses in reasonable repair, but a sufficient space has not yet been cleared round each village. Instructed accordingly.

Collected 60 taxes, and the sum of 3/- owing for copra sacks.

In the C.P.S. 15 men proceeded against for failing to pay tax, each convicted and sentenced to two months imprisonment each with hard labour.

Issued Councillors with badges.

Whaleboat arrived at SILO.

4. 4. 30.

Paid Family Bonus claims as follows :-

IVEFIRU.	3	Persons.	12. 0.
IYAU-U.	1	"	4. 0.
AIKAVARUKA.	5	"	1. 3. 0.
SILO.	10	"	1. 19. 0.
Totals:-	<u>19</u>	"	<u>23. 18. 0.</u>

Inspected SILO village, and found same very satisfactory.

A.C's BEKERADE and NAINEWANE arrived back from Cape Possession, and reported that no one East of MOPUMOTU has seen or heard of Mr. Swanson.

Detailed 8 prisoners as crew of whaleboat, and despatched Corporal MAGA and 4 A.C. overland to Kerema with the remainder (28).

Left SILO in whaleboat at 10 a.m., and arrived KEREMA 1 p.m.

J.R. Blahaw.
R.M., G.D.
14.4.30.

NATIVE TAXATION.

EAST OF KEREMA - GULF DIVISION.

1929-1930.

The collection of the tax and the paying of family bonus East of Kerema is now complete.

There are 1772 taxable natives on the Register for this half of the Division, and I attach hereto a statement showing the number of taxes paid, defaulters, exemptions, and the number away from each village who owe tax for 1929-1930.

The 60 shown as being in village and unable to pay are natives of the under-mentioned Districts :-

<u>KARAMA.</u>	<u>WAMAI.</u>	<u>SILU.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
3	42	15	60

35 who had no money were dealt with in C.P.S., 22 being sentenced to two months imprisonment each, and 2 who owe tax for previous years to three months each.

The remainder (25) were away endeavouring to get their tax by selling pigs, armshells, and dogs teeth etc.

The men convicted have no excuse whatever for being unable to pay, and there was no need for any of the others to rush round trying to sell their most cherished possessions, as all own a great many coconuts, and could have made without any difficulty at least six bags of copra each during the past nine months and sold same for cash.

The men who paid their tax made copra and sago. The copra was sold to Mr. Clark of KUARU Plantation and to the Steamships Trading Coy. Ltd. at SIVITOI, and the sago to the C.D. "Iakatois", and to the MOTUMOTU, LEBE, BIARU, and IOKEA people who pay them from 1/- to 2/6 per bundle for same in cash.

With regard to the 33 men shown as living in other Divisions, as they are all, with the exception of 4 whose whereabouts are unknown, said to be in the KAIRUKU and NIGO Districts, I have written the A.R.M's giving them particulars of where they are supposed to be etc.

The following are particulars of the above-mentioned four men:-

Reg. No.	Name.	Father.	Village.	Tax Owing.	Remarks.
11097	EMAVI.	EMAVE.	LILIFIRU.	25/26, 26/27 27/28, 28/29 29/30.	A Kiwai. Left Lilibiru 24/25 for P.M. Said to be an old man, and that he will not be returning to the G.D.
31020	COBI.	EMAVE.	"	29/30.	Son of 11097. Left last year for P.M. and will not be returning.
31018	MORAKAKEVA.	BIAIA.	"	25/26, 26/27 27/28, 28/29 29/30.	Left 24/25 for P.M.
34857	KURUA.	OBORAME.	MIRIHEA (MOTUMOTU No.2)	-do-	A Kiwai. Said to be an old man, and that he will not be returning to the G.D.

FAMILY BONUS.

Six hundred and forty claimants for the family bonus received between them the sum of £148. 4. 0.

The following are particulars of claims paid at each village:-

Village.	No. of Claims Paid.	Amount Paid.
LOVE	6.	£1. 14. 0.
OIAPU	11.	2. 15. 0.
SEPOE (VAKURU)	1.	3. 0.
LAU ILAVA	5.	1. 4. 0.
LAUVOVO	5.	1. 1. 0.
SAROTA	8.	1. 17. 0.
IOKEA & MOSIRAI.	66.	16. 11. 0.
BIARU	48.	11. 18. 0.
KAVORA	51.	11. 11. 0.
AVIALA	31.	7. 1. 0.
KAPURI	2.	11. 0.
POPO	7.	1. 18. 0.
MIRIHEA	61.	13. 0. 0.
ULITAI	43.	9. 17. 0.
KAIRAPI	--	- - -
KUKIPI	14.	3. 6. 0.
TAVAFIRU	5.	1. 6. 0.
HABUHABU	7.	1. 15. 0.
LILIFIRU	26.	6. 5. 0.
MOVIIVI	86.	20. 11. 0.
TAPALA	7.	1. 13. 0.
SAVAIVIRI	9.	1. 12. 0.
KUARU	11.	2. 7. 0.
URU	10.	2. 4. 0.
ARU	6.	1. 3. 0.
ERAVA	2.	11. 0.
KAIVIPI	5.	1. 6. 0.
MOROI	7.	1. 15. 0.
IVAFIRU	7.	1. 9. 0.
Forward:-	547.	£128. 4. 0.

FAMILY BONUS.

Village.	No. of Chains Paid.	Amount Paid.		
		£.	s.	d.
<u>Brought Forward:-</u>	547.	128.	4.	0.
KARAMA	46.	10.	1.	0.
LALABU	4.		17.	0.
IROPE	3.		14.	0.
PARAKAU	1.		4.	0.
MA ARU	2.		6.	0.
MORA A	4.		17.	0.
NOKUOVO	2.		9.	0.
POMARA	12.	2.	14.	0.
IVEFIRU	3.		12.	0.
IVAU U	1.	1.	4.	0.
AIKAVARUKA	5.	1.	3.	0.
SILO	10.	1.	19.	0.
<u>Total:-</u>	<u>640</u>	<u>£148.</u>	<u>4.</u>	<u>0.</u>

ER Blahaw

R.M., G.D.
14. 4. 30.

NATIVE TAXATION.
EAST OF KERMIA - GULF DIVISION.
1929-1930.

Table showing the number of Taxable Natives of each village, number of taxes paid, exemptions, defaulters, and the number away from village who owe tax for 1929-1930.

Village.	Natives Taxable.	Taxes Paid.	Defaulters.	Under 16/s.& Casuals.	In Other Divs.	Gaal.	EXEMPTIONS					Total.	
							Unfit.	Mission students.	4 or more Children.	In Dubu.	V.C's.		A.C's.
LOVE	22	14	-	2	1	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	22
OIAPU	20	11	-	3	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	20
SEPOE	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
LAU ILAVA	23	16	-	3	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	23
LAUVOVO	25	23	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	25
SAROTA	21	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	21
IOKEA	120	88	-	7	3	1	1	4	14	-	1	1	120
MOSIRAI	7	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	7
BIARU	70	46	-	13	1	-	2	-	8	-	-	-	70
KAVORA (Lese 2)	94	43	-	31	-	-	5	-	15	-	-	-	94
AVIATA (Lese 1)	49	31	-	7	1	-	1	-	8	-	1	-	49
KAPURI	8	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	8
POPO	31	22	-	4	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	31
MIRIHEA	185	138	-	9	8	-	8	3	18	-	1	-	185
ULITAI	180	144	-	14	1	1	4	2	14	-	-	-	180
KAIRAPI	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
TAPALA	17	7	-	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	17
KUKIPI	51	40	-	3	-	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	51
MOVIAMI	269	175	-	30	14	1	22	2	21	-	2	2	269
SAVAIVIRI	24	19	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	24
TAVAFIRU	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
HABUHABU	17	12	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	17
LILIFIRU	37	29	-	-	3	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	37
KUARU	49	39	-	3	-	-	3	-	3	-	1	-	49
ERAVA	9	6	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	9
URU	17	10	-	3	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	17
ARU	9	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Forward:-	1366	959	-	144	32	3	66	14	135	-	9	4	1366

Village.	Natives Taxable.	Taxes Paid.	Defaulters.	Under C/s. & Casuals.	In Other Divs.	Gaal.	EXEMPTIONS					Total.	
							Unfit.	Students.	Children.	of more than 15 yrs.	V.C's.		A.C's.
Brought Forward:	1366	959	-	144	32	3	66	14	135	-	9	4	1366
KAI VIPI	8	4	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	8
IVAFIRU	28	19	1	3	-	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	28
MOROI	19	12	1	4	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	19
KARAMA (2)	104	61	1	32	1	-	3	-	6	-	-	-	104
KARAMA (1)	18	14	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	18
MORA A	17	10	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
MA ARU	4	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
NOKUOVO	21	9	9	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	21
POMARA	46	32	7	-	-	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	46
PARAKAU	9	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
IROPE	20	16	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	20
LALABU	21	8	12	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	21
IVEFIRU	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
AIKAVARUKA (2)	15	9	3	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	15
AIKAVARUKA (1)	18	12	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	18
SILO	48	31	8	1	-	-	5	-	1	2	-	-	48
Totals:-	1772	1212	60	190	33	4	90	15	152	2	10	4	1772

Note:- The above to 31/3/30.

R. M., G.D.
14.4.30.

Territory of Papua.

Copra Making Dist of Koroma, G. D.P.R.No.15/29-30.Report No. 5.

On various dates between the 19th of March and the 4th of April, I visited the MOVIAMI, MOTUMOTU, KUARU, KARAMA, WAMAI and SILO Districts, and collected all amounts owing for copra sacks distributed during September and November. In September 300 bags were issued, and in November 600, making a total of 900, now accounted for as follows :-

Village.	District.	No. of Bags Issued.	Rate.	Amount Collected.		
				£.	s.	d.
ULIRAI	MOTUMOTU	220	1/6	16.	10.	0.
MIRIHEA	"	162	1/6	12.	3.	0.
KUKUPI	"	72	1/6	5.	8.	0.
LILIFIRU	"	105	1/6	7.	17.	6.
HEATUALI	MOVIAMI	92	1/6	6.	18.	0.
HEAVALA	"	37	1/6	5.	0.	6.
SAVAIVIRI	"	32	1/6	2.	8.	0.
TAPAJA	"	51	1/6	3.	16.	6.
KUARU	KUARU	25	1/6	1.	17.	6.
ERAVA	"	6	1/6		9.	0.
URU	KARAMA	3	1/6		4.	6.
ARU	"	9	1/6		13.	6.
MOROI	"	1	1/6		1.	6.
KARAMA	"	22	1/6	1.	13.	0.
IROBE	WAMAI	2	1/6		3.	0.
MORA A	"	1	1/6		1.	6.
MA ARU	"	1	1/6		1.	6.
NOKUOVO	"	1	1/6		1.	6.
IVEFIRU	SILO	1	1/6		1.	6.
IVAU	"	1	1/6		1.	6.
AIKAVARUKA	"	1	1/3 x		1.	3.
SILO	"	25	1/3 x	1.	11.	3.
TOTALS:-				900.	£67.	3. 6.

Summary.

MOTUMOTU District	559 Bags.	£41. 18. 6.
MOVIAMI	242 "	18. 3. 0.
KUARU	31 "	2. 6. 6.
KARAMA	35 "	2. 12. 6.
WAMAI	5 "	7. 6.
SILO	28 "	1. 15. 6.
Total:-	900 Bags.	£67. 3. 6.

874 Bags @ 1/6.	£65. 11. 0.
26 " @ 1/3.	1. 12. 6.
	£67. 3. 6.

x Copra shipped to Government Storekeeper, Port Moresby.

£65. 11. 0 is accounted for in Revenue Cash Book on the following dates :-

Feb'y. 18th.	---	£29. 2. 0.
Mch. 29th (Apl. Transcript)		35. 18. 6.
Apl. 3rd.		10. 6. 0.
		<u>£65. 11. 0.</u>

The £1. 12. 6 was deducted by the Government Storekeeper from the proceeds of sale of Consignment No. 1/29.E. - 26 bags of copra shipped and sold on behalf of the SIKO people.

During the period January to March I expected a big falling off in the production of copra in all Districts, as in December a great many people were preparing to leave in "Lakatois" with supplies of food for sale to the people in the C.D. In the MOTUMOTU District, however, there was very little, if any, falling off, and I am informed by the LESE, BIARU, IOKKA and OIAPU V.C's. and Councilors that although many men were absent from the villages under their control in January, February and March, a fair amount of copra was made.

The LILIFIRU people have asked for another 100 bags, and for Government assistance in shipping their copra to Port Moresby during the South East season, if they cannot sell same locally at a satisfactory price. I promised to get them the bags, and if they were not satisfied with local prices, to make arrangements for boats to call and pick up the produce, but pointed out the ~~the~~ difficulty of getting cargo on board vessels at KUKUPI during the South East, owing to the dangerous state of the bar at this time of the year, and that they may have to store the copra for a month or more before they would be able to get it away. They realise this and said they were quite prepared to store same and to wait for a favourable opportunity to ship.

The MOVIAMI people, with the exception of one or two, when they had sufficient money to pay tax ceased copra making, and commenced trading away their nuts again for tobacco. One MITAIEVERAVE is the only man in this District who is at all really keen on copra making, and I hope through him to get the remainder of the people to make better use of their nuts. MITAIEVERAVE expects to have

25 bags ready to send to Port Moresby by the middle of May, and I have promised him assistance in the matter of shipping same.

The KUANI and KARAWA people also ceased making copra when they had sufficient money to pay tax, and said they did not intend to make any more until the next tax was due.

The WAMAI people, although they asked for and received five bags, only filled two, and gave as their reason for not filling the other three that the work was too hard.

In the SILO District matters are more satisfactory. Twenty-eight bags were issued to these people in November, 26 of which they filled with copra of fair quality and shipped to Port Moresby in January. A month ago they received 12 more bags, and recently asked for 37.

A statement is attached showing the estimated quantity of copra produced during the period 1.7.29 to 31.3.30.

J.R. Hagan
R.M., G.D.
28/4/30.

STATEMENT OF COPRA PRODUCED BY NATIVES EAST OF KURUPA, & BY WHOM
PURCHASED, DURING THE PERIOD 1. 7. 29 to 31. 1. 30.

<u>DISTRICT IN WHICH PRODUCED.</u>	<u>QUANTITY.</u>				<u>BY WHOM PURCHASED.</u>
	Tons.	Cwt.	Qrs.	lbs.	
OIAPU	14.	4.	2.	10.	S.S.Trading Coy. SIVITOI.
IOKEA	8.	14.	0.	15.	" "
POPO	6.	1.	0.	3.	" "
MOTUMOTU	23.	14.	1.	27.	" "
MOVIAMI		3.	0.	17.	" "
KARAMA	1.	5.	1.	7.	" "
MOVIAMI	5.	1.	0.	19.	B.D. & Coy., Port Moresby.
KUARU	2.	4.	1.	4.	Mr.Clark, Kuaru Plantation.
SILU	1.	14.	3.	20.	S.S.Trading Coy. P.M.
MOTUMOTU & MOVIAMI	20.	17.	3.	12.	J. Walker, KUKUPI.
" "	6.	7.	3.	14.	S.S.Trading Coy., Kukipi.
Total:-	90.	8.	3.	8.	

The Manager of the Steamships Trading Coy. Ltd. at SIVITOI very kindly forwarded a statement showing his transactions each month, which are as follows :-

<u>MONTH.</u>	<u>QUANTITY PURCHASED.</u>			
	TONS.	CWT.	QRS.	lbs.
JULY	0.	5.	1.	7.
AUGUST	0.	0.	0.	0.
SEPTEMBER	1.	13.	2.	24.
OCTOBER	16.	9.	3.	10.
NOVEMBER	10.	4.	2.	1.
DECEMBER	20.	7.	1.	23.
JANUARY	5.	1.	3.	14.
Total purchased for the 7 Months ending 31/1/30	54.	2.	4.	23.

In addition to the above about 10 Tons of copra was taken to Port Moresby in canoes by the MOTUMOTU, LEBE, BIARU, IOKEA and OIAPU people in January, and sold to different firms.

The following is an approximate estimate of the quantity produced and sold during the period 1/2/30 to 31/3/30 :-

<u>DISTRICT.</u>	<u>NO. OF BGS.</u>	<u>AV. WEIGHT of BAGS.</u>	<u>Tons. Cwt. Qrs. lbs.</u>			
OIAPU	100	162 lbs.	7.	4.	3.	8.
IOKEA	135	150 "	9.	0.	3.	6.
POPO	20	170 "	1.	10.	1.	12.
MOTUMOTU	200	180 "	16.	1.	1.	20.
MOVIAMI	15	170 "	1.	2.	3.	2.
LEBE	25	160 "	1.	15.	2.	24.
BIARU	20	160 "	1.	8.	2.	8.
Total:-	515	Total:-	38.	4.	0.	2.

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SUMMARY.

	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwt.</u>	<u>Crs.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>
Sold to S.S. Trading Coy. Ltd. SIVITOI - 1/7/29 to 31/1/30	54.	2.	2.	23.
" " " " KUKIPI - " "	6.	7.	3.	4.
" Messrs. Burns Philp & Co. - " "	5.	1.	0.	19.
" Mr. Clark of KUARU Plantation - " "	2.	4.	1.	4.
" Mr. J. Walker, KUKIPI. " "	20.	17.	3.	12.
" Port Moresby - January - Estimated.	10.	0.	0.	0.
" SIVITOI, KUKIPI & PORT MORESBY 1/2/30 to 31/3/30. Estimated.	38.	4.	0.	2.
<u>Total.</u>	<u>138.</u>	<u>12.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>10.</u>

Estimated production for the nine months
ending 31/3/30 - 138 Tons. 12 Cwt. 3 Crs. 10 lbs.

COCONUTS TRADED TO EUROPEANS FOR
TOBACCO ETC. 1.7.29 to 31.1.30.

During the period 1.7.29 to 31.1.30 Messrs. Walker & Solomon of KUKIPI informed me that they purchased between them coconuts from the MOVIAMI people, sufficient to make 35 tons of copra, and from the MOTUMOTU people sufficient to make 3 Tons.

Mr. Clark of KUARU also I understand purchased coconuts from the KUARU, RAMA, and WAMAI people, sufficient to make 13 Tons.

The Steamships Trading Coy. Ltd., SIVITOI, and traders at KUKIPI will be asked to supply details of their purchases from 1.2.30 to 30. 6. 30.

R. M. G. D.

R.M., G.D.
28.4.30.

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

16/29/30

Kerema. G.D.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Wm. J. Lavabden. A.R.M. toWestern Boundary of the Gulf Division. for the purpose ofCollecting Tax, paying family bonus, encouraging production of copra,winding up Estate of D. MacDonald deceased, Inspection of villages, Courtmatters, paying amounts from W.N.L. & D.N.A/C. etc. etc.Left Station on 25/4/30 Returned to Station on 27/5/30.Number of Carriers employed 25. Number of Police taken 4.

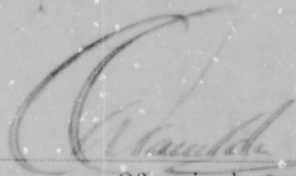
Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge _____

Villages visited All coastal villages West of Kerema.

- (1) A sketch map of the district patrolled should accompany the report, showing, as nearly as possible, the positions of the places visited and a copy is to be made for filing on the station. The map is to be furnished whether the patrol is in a well-known district or not. If the patrol is over a route for which a map has already been sent in, a second map is not necessary. A reference to the previous report will be sufficient. If the patrol is over a route of which part has already been included in a map, a suitable sketch should be sent to enable the other places to be added to the previous map. For uniformity the map must occupy one of two sizes of paper—either the size of a half-sheet of ruled foolscap or the size of a whole or double sheet.
- (2) In the body of the report the name of the village should be followed by the name of the V.C. The number of houses and the population, as nearly as possible, should also be stated. The customs of the natives should as much as possible be noted and reported.
- (3) The Patrol Report is to be enclosed in this jacket, which, properly filled in, is to be sent to the Government Secretary immediately after each patrol.
- (4) The space below is not to be written in.
- (5) The cost of the patrol must be shown within, in the space provided.

2087/11.25—1,300

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 4/7/30.

 Officer in charge of Station.

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Patrol Report No. 16/22/30.C.D.

JUDICIAL.

Court work was lighter on this patrol than it has been for many months. The cause, I think, is due to the fact that this part of the Division has received more patrol during the past 12 months than it has ever received in any year.

A total of 24 cases were dealt with but civil claims and trivial matters settled out of court, of which no record was kept, must have reached a total of near 100. There were 16 sittings of the C.N.M. and 5 of the C.P.S. held at the places and on the dates shown hereunder:-

<u>C.N.M.</u>	<u>C.N.M.</u>	<u>C.P.S.</u>
KURU. 26/4/30.	ARIHAVA. 13/5/30.	OROKOLO. 14/5/30.
VAILALA E. 27/4/30.	OROKOLO. 16/5/30.	MAIRA. 19/5/30.
VAILALA W. 28/4/30.	OROKOLO. 15/5/30.	KOALALAHU. 20/5/30.
KAROKARO. 29/4/30.	ARIHAVA. 16/5/30.	HUIVA. 23/5/30.
ICHI. 30/4/30.	AUMA. 15/5/30.	IPISI. 26/5/30.
VAIVIRI. 4/5/30.	VAILALA E. 17/5/30.	
HAIALI. 6/5/30.	KOALALAHU. 20/5/30.	
OROKOLO. 12/5/30.	KURU. 22/5/30.	
	HUIVA. 23/5/30.	

The charges dealt with were as under:-

<u>C.N.M.</u>	
Obstructing use of Road.	2.
Assault.	2.
Indecent Assault.	1.
Adultery.	1.
<u>Total.</u>	<u>9.</u>

<u>C.P.S.</u>	
Damage property of Employer. (M.L.O.)	1.
Failing to show ordinary diligence. (M.L.O.)	1.
Desertion. (M.L.O.)	2.
Absent from work. (M.L.O.)	1.
Stealing. (C.C.)	3.
Failing to pay Tax. (M.T.O.)	7.
<u>Total.</u>	<u>15.</u>

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W. H. H. H.
17/6/30

Patrol Report No. 13/29/30.C.D.JUDICIAL.

Considerable time was spent on Court work. During the patrol 12 cases were dealt with in the C.P.S. and 42 cases were dealt with in the C.M.M. In addition, at least 100 native disputes were settled out of Court to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. There were 5 sittings of C.P.S. and 22 of the C.M.M. held at the places and on the dates shown hereunder.

C.P.S.

31/1/30.	MAIRA.
21/2/30.	OROKOLO.
22/2/30.	OROKOLO.
23/2/30.	OROKOLO.
24/3/30.	OROKOLO.

C.M.M.

26/1/30.	KEURU.	17/2/30.	OROKOLO.
27/1/30.	KOIALAKU.	20/2/30.	KORIAU.
29/1/30.	VAILALA.	22/2/30.	OROKOLO.
30/1/30.	VAIVIRI.	23/2/30.	OROKOLO.
31/1/30.	MAIRA.	24/2/30.	OROKOLO.
7/2/30.	ARIHAVA.	25/2/30.	HOMORO.
4/2/30.	ARIHAVA.	26/2/30.	VAIVIRI.
5/2/30.	ARIHAVA.	27/2/30.	VAILALA.
9/2/30.	NOMI.	28/2/30.	KRAKEA.
11/2/30.	IOKU.	1/3/30.	KURU.
13/2/30.	ARIHAVA.	1/3/30.	HUIVA.

The charges dealt with were:-

C.P.S.

Unlawfully wounding an animal. (C.C.)	1.
Absent from Work. (N.L.O.)	6.
Desertion. (N.L.O.)	2.
Stealing. (C.C.)	1.
Failing to Pay Tax. (N.T.O.)	2.
Total.	12.

C.M.M.

Neglect of Duty. V.C's.	3.
Indecent Assault.	2.
Assault.	20.
Stealing.	5.
Escaping Custody.	1.
Gambling.	10.
Spreading Lying Reports.	1.
Total.	42.

Patrol Report No.10/29/30.G.D.JUDICIAL.

Court work again occupied considerable time. 116 cases were dealt with in the C.N.M. and 7 cases in the C.P.S. apart from numerous disputes that were eventually settled out of Court. There were 21 sittings of the C.N.M. and 3 sittings of the C.P.S. held at the places and on the dates shown hereunder. In addition, an inquisition was held concerning the death of Donald Macdonald.

C.N.M.

MEI.	19/11/29.	VAIVIRI.	12/12/29.
KEREMA.	20/11/29.	VAILALA.	13/12/29.
Open.	22/11/29.	IORI.	14/12/29.
KEURU.	25/11/29.	VAIVIRI.	17/12/29.
KOATAIAHU.	26/11/29.	VAIVIRI.	19/12/29.
VAILALA.	28/11/29.	OROKOLO.	21/12/29.
HILOI.	3/12/29.	ARIHAVA.	23/12/29.
AUBA.	4/12/29.	OROKOLO.	24/12/29.
VAIVIRI.	5/12/29.	VAIVIRI.	27/12/29.
VAIVIRI.	10/12/29.	KEURU.	31/12/29.
VAIVIRI.	11/12/29.		

C.P.S.

OROKOLO. 23/12/29.
OROKOLO. 24/12/29.
KEREMA. 4/1/30.

The charges dealt with were, :-

C.N.M.

Wilfully neglecting to clean village.	107.
Indecent Assault.	3.
Adultery.	1.
Stealing.	1.
Assault.	1.
Threatening Behaviour.	3.
	<u>116.</u>

C.P.S.

Causing damage to property of employer.(N.L.O.)	2.
Neglect to perform work. (N.L.O.)	2.
Desertion. (N.L.O.)	2.
Stealing.	1.
	<u>7.</u>

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Donald
20/1/30
16/1/30

GOVERNMENT SECRETARY.

IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

No. 1671/30



A/R.M.G.D., Kerema.

P.R.16/29-30, G.D.

Upon reading the above report of Mr. Lambden's visit to the Western boundary of the Gulf Division, His Excellency writes:-

"This is an interesting report".

G.S. 24.9.30.

Report of Patrol No. /29/30. G.D.
by Wm. J. Lambden. A.R.M. from Kerema
to the Western Boundary of the
Gulf Division undertaken for the
following purposes.:-

1. Completing tax collection for 1929/30.
2. Completing Family Bonus payments 1929/30.
3. Distributing amounts received for copra sold.
4. Weighing and preparing for shipment, native copra.
5. Issuing copra sacks.
6. Distributing amounts from W.N.L. & D.N.A/C.
7. Matters in connection with Estate of D. MacDonald.
8. Inspection of villages.
9. Court Matters.
10. Miscellaneous native matters.

Time occupied.:- 33 days.

APRIL 1930.
Friday 25/4/30.
ANZAC DAY.

Accompanied by Corporal MAGA, A.C's.

KEKESA, HMO, SNEA and HOSIPI. Court Interpreter KIMAI and 9
prisoners, left Kerema in the whaleboat at 9.10.a.m. Crossed
Kerema Bay and landed at PEROI at 9.40.a.m. Walked along the
beach and called upon Mr. & Mrs. G.H. Messy Baker and met Mr. J.
Ashton. Left at 10.a.m. and proceeding along the beach visited
HAMARAPIRU. (V.C. MALOBO).

Met Mr. H.O.C. Littlechild at UARIPI.
Left at 11.20.a.m. and proceeding along the beach called upon
Mrs. E.V. Priddle and Mr. S.L.A. Ashton at 11.30.a.m. Left at
12.15.p.m. and visited the MEI villages (V.C. BUKA). Found
carriers awaiting me at 12.30. and proceeded along the beach.

Arrived at The Bluff at 2.p.m. and
had lunch. Proceeded along the beach at 3.p.m. and at about
4.p.m. arrived at Araimiri Plantation (Priddle & Ashton).
Continuing along the beach arrived at Huiva Plantation
(R.S. Moody) at 5.p.m. and met the manager Mr. W.W. Field.

Proceeded along the beach at 5.30.p.m.
and in passing, inspected the village of HEMEMERE (V.C. HEURA)
Arrived at the KEURU Rest Houses at 6.30.p.m. Days journey
18 miles.

Saturday 26/4/30.

At 8.30.a.m. the Keuru people
having assembled, started issuing copra cards and copra sacks.
Finished matters in connection with copra at 10.a.m. Until

12.15.p.m. in G.N.M. At 12.30.p.m. despatched A.C.IMO to Kerema with prisoners.

Packed up and left at 1.30.p.m.

Crossing Keuru Creek inspected the small village of OVAHURU. (V.C.HEURA) also inspected smoke houses and copra being made. Proceeded along the beach and arrived at KEAKRA (V.C.HHEHABE) at 3.p.m. Inspected village, smoke house and copra being made.

Proceeded at 3.15.p.m. and enroute ~~visited~~ visited the villages of REVEBAVO and HHELAU (V.C.KOAKE), BERARE (V.C.POXUAIA) BAIDADUVA, KOALALAHU and AIVAU (V.C. IHAHE). Inspected all villages, copra houses and copra being made. Met Mr.W.W.Currie.

Proceeding along the beach at 5.20.p.m. arrived at VAILALA EAST (V.C.BIAI). Inspected villages, smoke houses and copra being made. Arrived and camped in the VAILALA EAST Rest House at 6.10.p.m. Despatched Court Interpreter KIMAI to IHU to bring me 250 of the copra sacks that are stored there. He returned at midnight.

Sunday 27/4/30.

Started off at 7.30.a.m. and spent the whole morning issuing copra cards and copra sacks to the natives of KOALALAHU, VAILALA EAST, VAILALA WEST and the HHELAU section of the HARORA group.

"Vaiviri" arrived from Port at 1.p.m. but I did not see her, she went straight up the river. Visited the VAILALA EAST and the KOALALAHU copra stores and weighed and prepared for shipment 136 bags of copra. VAILALA EAST group shipping 75 bags and KOALALAHU group 61 bags. These people are now about producing their maximum and are all very enthusiastic.

Despatched A.C.KHEDESA to IHU to obtain another 100 copra sacks and to await my arrival at KAROKARO. Raining heavily all the afternoon and the river is in flood. Packed up and left at 5.p.m. and crossing the Vailala River camped in the VAILALA WEST rest house at 6.5.p.m. Until 10.

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Monday 28/4/30.

From 8.30.a.m. until 10.a.m. in C.N.M.

Visited copra store at 10.10.a.m. and weighed and prepared for shipment 21 bags of copra for the VAILALA WEST group. I expected that they would have had at least 60 bags ready. The majority of the people are most depressed, they spent January, February and March in building "lakatois" and making sago; neglected their gardens and copra making, expecting to be wealthy when the "lakatois" returned. Unfortunately 3 of the 5 vessels that left were smashed up near Kerema and the other 2 did not get further than Yule Island. The people have now 5 months of wasted labour to look back upon and have to suffer the jeers of the people from VAILALA EAST who have some excellent gardens and 75 bags of copra awaiting shipment.

Packed up and left at 1.30.p.m. Proceeded up the Vailala River against a swift current and landed at KAROKARO at 2.15.p.m. Found the people from HETLAU, EPHEVAVO BERARE, POIVA, HARORA, DUI and KAROKARO awaiting me.

Visited the copra store belonging to the HARORA group and weighed and prepared for shipment 62 bags of copra. Distributed copra cards and issued 95 copra sacks. Finished up at 6.p.m. and camped in the copra store. From 7.30.p.m. until 9.20.p.m. on copra accounts and records, and writing up report.

Tuesday 29/4/30.

In C.N.M. from 8/30.a.m. until 9.20.a.m.

Packed up and left at 9.30. and proceeding up stream landed at BOBAU (Copra store--AUMA Group) at 10.45.a.m. Found crowds of natives from ARUAPS, AUMA, BIAI and PAKOWABU awaiting me here.

Prepared for shipment 41 bags of copra and issued cards to the groups of copra makers. Packed up and left at 2.p.m. and proceeding upstream landed at IHU at 2.45.p.m. Issued 95 copra sacks to the natives of the VAILALA WEST and AUMA groups. Left at 3.30.p.m. and arrived at Vaiviri (Estate of Donald Macdonald deceased) at 4.p.m.

Met Mr. D. MacG. Johnston who manages the estate during my absence from the District. Mr. Johnston informs me that the Public Curator has terminated his appointment by paying him a weeks wages in lieu of notice and letters of Administration have been granted by the Central Court to Mrs. G. MacDonald. I have not been advised by the Public Curator.

Tuesday 30/4/30.

Packed up and left at 9.a.m. and proceeding upstream landed at the copra store for the IORI and KIRI groups. Found crowds of excited natives waiting for me.

Weighed and prepared for shipment 34 bags for the IORI group and 83 bags for the KIRI group. The copra scheme is now very popular and every man, woman and child seems to be taking a keen interest in producing copra. Here, many women who own areas of coconuts, insisted on having their names recorded on their husband's copra card.

Left at 2.15.p.m. and proceeding down stream arrived back at Vaiviri at 2.40.p.m. Until 4.p.m. issuing copra cards and copra sacks to the natives of the KIRI and IORI groups. I had 600 copra sacks here, 300 of which were intended for the OROKOLO District. The Vailala River people have asked for and have been issued with the lot so I have none for distribution in the Orokolo district. There are now 376 bags of copra awaiting shipment along the banks of the Vailala River. Until 10.15.p.m. on copra books records, report and correspondence.

MAY 1930.
Friday 1/5/30.

Despatched A.C. KIKESA to Kereva at 9.a.m. All the morning taking stock in the store in the estate of Donald MacDonald. All afternoon taking over books and cash from Mr. Johnston.

Court Interpreter KIMAI proceeded to KIRI and IORI copra stores and weighed 11 more bags of copra. In the afternoon he went to ANMA copra store and weighed a further 5 bags. During the evening altered the consignment notes and shipping receipts made out yesterday, to include the

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copra weighed today. There are now 392 bags awaiting shipment along the banks of the Vallala River.

Friday 2/5/30.

All day engaged on matters in connection with the Estate of Donald MacDonald. Taking inventories, paying off labourers who ceased work some time ago, engaging other labourers and supervising the cleaning up of the surroundings of all buildings which have been allowed to get into a most disgraceful state.

A deputation from the villages of OROKOLA and ARIHAVA came along to ask if I would go and weigh their copra immediately as they have filled up all the bags that they have and want to ship it. They also ask for copra sacks. Informed them that I would be along within a few days and that I would send an urgent message to Port for 600 bags.

Saturday 3/5/30.

Completed new inventory during the morning and in the afternoon paying off time expired labourers. Also getting the stores in the house and the surroundings of all buildings cleaned up. The 'Vaiviri' with Mrs. MacDonald aboard was expected to arrive this afternoon. Mr. Johnston left the estate during the afternoon and took up his residence at IHU.

Sunday 4/5/30.

From 9 a.m. until 10.30 a.m. in C.N.M. V.C. LAHO of ANMA and Councillors from AUMA and ARUAPS reported with court cases. Spent the rest of the morning going through the books of the Estate.

During the afternoon walked over the plantation and note that owing to the small number of labourers employed during the Public Curator's administration, the place is now in need of a thorough cleaning. An extra 30 labourers, the cost of which would work out at about 9d per day each, would put the plantation in first class condition again, therefore I would say that the depreciation on the property would be about £240. The depreciation on the buildings is about 20% of the value shown on my inventory taken in November last.

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Monday 5/5/30.

Waiting for the "Vaiviri" which was expected to be here for certain today. Whilst waiting, supervised the work of the 15 casual labourers and succeeded in getting the surroundings of all buildings looking much cleaner. Mr. Johnston came up from IRI at 11 a.m. and remained until 2 p.m. At 11.30 a.m. despatched A.C. BMO to Kerawa for personal and police stores.

Tuesday 6/5/30.

Heavy rain fell until after 10 a.m. Left at 10.20 a.m. and proceeded upstream to the IORI copra store. The people from IORI, LEPOKERA, HILAI, ORA, BELEPA and APURARIA began to arrive at 11.30 a.m.

Collected £42 in tax and paid 46 claims for the family bonus amounting to £10. 3.0. There are 183 taxable natives in this group of villages and to date 65 have paid their tax. 39 have been exempt, 39 are away working for Europeans and 40 have not yet been able to obtain the required £1. There is absolutely no excuse for the defaulters for during the past 4 months I have paid out £101.4.10 for copra and £10.3.0 in family bonus. In addition time expired labourers have taken well over £100 into the respective villages. Defaulters ask me to wait for their tax until the proceeds from the 130 bags of copra awaiting shipment is received. This I decline to do for they have had 21 months in which to get their tax ready and I have threatened them with proceeding if their tax is not paid before the end of the week.

Finished up at 6.10 p.m. and proceeding down stream arrived back at Vaiviri at 6.25 p.m.

Wednesday 7/5/30.

Natives from KIRI group arrived at 9 a.m. Paid 2 more claims for the family bonus, amounting to 10/-, and collected 8 outstanding taxes. This reduces the defaulters to 32.

Mr. J. F. Puxley arrived from Moira at 11 a.m. signed on 8 native labourers and swore two complaints. 5 of the tax defaulters signed on to Mr. Puxley so their number is now reduced to 27.

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Mr. Puxley left at 3.p.m. and Mr. Johnston arrived from IHU to go through some accounts with me in connection with this Estate. Mr. Johnston left for IHU at 4.30.p.m. The non arrival of the "Vaiviri" is delaying me very considerably.

Thursday 8/5/30.

During the morning supervised the work of the labourers on the Estate who now number 26.

At 1.p.m. left for HAI-ALI (V.C.KABA) and took a new census of that village. These people belong to the PAREMAMU group, inland from OROKOLO, and bought the land on which they have built HAI-ALI, from the OROKOLO people. HAI ALI is the only village of the PAREMAMU group that is taxable. Collected 24 in tax which clears up all the outstanding taxes here and paid 3 claims for the family bonus, amounting to 12/-

Returned to Vaiviri at 4.30.p.m. and found IORI natives waiting for me. Collected 24 in tax and reduced the number outstanding in the KIRI district, to 23. A.C. BHO arrived from Kaxama with personal and police stores.

Friday 9/5/30.

Decided last night that I could not wait here any longer for the "Vaiviri". Cleared up all matters in connection with the Estate and rationed the labourers for a week. Instructed the boss boy what work to have done during my absence and prepared to leave for OROKOLO. Packed up and just as I was on the point of leaving received a letter to the effect that the "Vaiviri" is at Kaxama and will be here sometime today. Unpacked, paid carriers 1/2 stick of tobacco each for coming over and waited for the boat.

"Vaiviri" arrived at 5.15.p.m. with mails, and cargo and Mrs. C. MacDonald and Miss. Thompson as passengers.

Saturday 10/5/30.

All day handing over stock and other assets in the estate of Donald MacDonald deceased, to the widow, Mrs. C. MacDonald.

"Vaiviri" loaded 90 bags of copra at Haim (J.F. Puxley) and 130 bags of native owned copra from IORI store and left for Post fully laden at 1.p.m. MR. McKinnon

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manager of Port Romilly Sawills, is a passenger.

Sunday 11/5/30.

All morning handing over books and cash to M.S. MacDonald and paying off all labourers. Finished up at noon very glad to be rid of the responsibility of this estate which I have had on my hands for 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ months.

Obtained carriers from IORI and LEROKERA and packed up and left at 1.30.p.m. Proceeding along the road to the beach, which has been thoroughly cleaned, passed HAI ALI (V.C.KABA) and arrived at PAKOWANU (V.C.KABA) at 2.5.p.m. Inspected village and copra being made.

Proceeded along the beach, enroute called in and inspected the villages of HONORO, HERAKERA and HONIAI, (V.C.KOPEA), also inspected smoke houses and copra being made. Arrived and camped at the OROKOLO rest houses at 4.30.p.m. In coming along the beach passed Mr. & Miss Ooghill who were on their way to Vaiviri in a motor truck.

Monday 12/5/30.

The Oroko natives having assembled at 8.30.a.m. paid to them the sum of £28.10.2. being net proceeds from the sale of 39 bags of copra shipped during February. Packed up and left at 11.30.a.m.

Called upon Mr. & Mrs. A. Sinclair and received a very hostile reception. Some weeks ago the R.M. sent for all V.C's. and Councillors in the OROKOLO District and at Kerem told them that they should tell the people that they should pay all their debts to Europeans and that in future they should not accept goods on credit. Mr. Sinclair, heatedly, accuses me of sending for the V.C's. and Councillors and says that I told them to stop the people trading with him. Assured Mr. Sinclair that he had been mis-informed, that I have not spoken to the V.C's or Councillors and told him exactly what the R.M. informed me that he had told them. Offered to allow Mr. Sinclair to cross examine the V.C's and Councillors in my presence when I return from ARIHAVA. In regard to the debts that he has been complaining about, offered to speak to the individual debtors if he will supply

me with the necessary particulars. Mrs. Sinclair asks me to gaol all the natives who owe them copra or money, on the pretext of having a dirty village, but to give the natives to understand that they are being gaolled for not paying their debts.

Proceeded at 12 noon and inspected the Orokolo villages of KAVAVA, KOPAIKU, HURURU, HARIRAREVA and HURURU controlled by V.C.XIKI. Visited the copra store and weighed and prepared for shipment 168 bags of copra.

Proceeded at 4.p.m. and called at the residence of Mr. Coghill. Met Miss. Coghill but her father, whom I wished to see on official matters, was absent. Left at 4.30.p.m. and continuing along the beach arrived and camped at the ARIHAVA rest houses at 5.30.p.m. A.C.XOSIPI arrived from Kerema at 7.30.p.m.

Tuesday 13/5/30.

During the morning, from 7.30.a.m. until 12 noon, distributed the sum of £45. 0.8 being net proceeds from the sale of 22 56 bags of copra shipped during February and visiting the copra store weighed and prepared for shipment 176 bags of copra.

From 1.p.m. until 5.45.p.m. dealt with several cases in the C.N.M. and collected some outstanding taxes. From 7.p.m. until 11.10.p.m. on copra accounts and records. A.C.ISIKARI arrived from Kerema at 9.20.p.m.

Wednesday 14/5/30.

Started off at 7.30.a.m. in the C.N.M. At 9.30.a.m. despatched A.C.'s. MIO and ISIKARI to Kerema with prisoners. Inspected the ARIHAVA villages of NORIHAIKU and KAIBUKABU (V.C.MEHRA) and MARBA and HARIVAVU (V.C.HAIHEPO) and found all villages clean. Packed up and left at 11.15. a.m.

Proceeding along the beach called at IOKU (V.C.HABUAKH) and inspected the village which was clean and in good order. Weighed and prepared for shipment 47 bags of copra. There are now 391 bags of copra awaiting shipment in this district (OROKOLO) but as the S.E. season is

now setting in it will probably be weeks -- possibly months before it will be possible to ship it. Messrs. Coghill and Sinclair also have between them about 450 bags so during the past 3 months nearly 900 bags of copra has been produced from coconuts owned by the natives in the CROKOLO district.

Proceeding along the beach at 1.30 p.m. and called at the residence of Mr. H. T. Coghill. Met Miss Coghill and learn that her father is again absent. Left at about 2 p.m.

Passed through the CROKOLO villages and instructed V.C.'s, Councillors and all male natives to assemble at the Rest House. Called upon Mr. & Mrs. Sinclair and invited them to attend at the rest house. Proceeded at 3 p.m. with Mr. Sinclair and joined the assembled natives at the rest house.

I asked the Councillors to repeat to Mr. Sinclair what the R.M. had told them at Kerema. They repeated it practically word for word, namely, that they were to tell the people to pay their debts and they were not to ask for or accept ABATORI. (credit). They denied that I had spoken to them and denied saying that they were told to stop the people trading with Europeans. Mr. Sinclair appears to be satisfied that there was no truth in the yarns that the natives told him.

In Mr. Sinclair's presence told the Councillors and the people that they were free to trade with whom they liked and if they wished they could sell the whole of their copra and/or coconuts to European traders. That the Councillors were not to interfere in any way with the trading activities of the natives. Again advised Mr. Sinclair that if he would supply me with a list of his debtors, giving particulars of the amounts owing, I would speak to them individually and advise them to liquidate their liabilities.

In the C.P.S. Mr. Sinclair proceeded against an indentured labourer. In the C.M.M. dealt with several cases and...

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Thursday 15/5/30.

From 8.30.a.m. until 11.30.a.m. in C.N.M. and collecting outstanding taxes. Packed up and left at 12.30.p.m.

Proceeding along the beach called at NORIAU, HERAKERA, and HOHORO and arrived at PAKOWABU at 2.p.m. Proceeding, called at BIAI and arrived at AUMA at 2.45.p.m. Met 2 MEI natives here with stores for me. Continuing, inspected the villages of AUMA and ARUAPE (V.C.LAHO) and proceeded and inspected the villages of AHUHUKURAPE, KUKUIPI, HILOI and VAILALA WEST.(V.C.IKO). Arrived and camped in the VAILALA WEST rest house at 4.15.p.m.

Friday 16/5/30.

Started off at 8.a.m. collecting tax and paying family bonus with the natives of AUMA, ARUAPE, HILOI, AHUHUKURAPE, and VAILALA WEST villages. Finished up at 1.p.m.

Crossed Vailala River at 2.15.p.m. and camped in the VAILALA EAST rest house which I found to be surrounded by water. I had not been in the place 15 min before it started to crack ominously and on investigating I found that it would collapse at any moment. Transferred all my gear and took up my residence in the house owned by Mrs. MacDonald which adjoins the rest house.

The people of VAILALA EAST had assembled by 3.30.p.m. when I collected tax and paid family bonus. Collections during the day amounted to £32, most of the taxable natives paid their tax during my last patrol. Claims for the family bonus, amounting to £17.15.0 were settled during the day. Finished up at 6.40.p.m.

Saturday 17/5/30.

In the C.N.M. until 11.a.m. Despatched A.C.KEKESA to Kerema with prisoners at 11.5.a.m.

Packed up and left at 11.15.a.m. Proceeded up the Vailala River but made very slow progress for the river is in flood. Arrived at Vaivi plantation at 2.30.p.m. and met Mrs. C. MacDonald, Miss. Thompson and Mr. Johnston.

KEREMA, GD.
21/11/1928.

Mr. P. O. Middleton.

To confirm our numerous conversations, please arrange for a two months patrol to Upper Vailala, NAIHIKAI-A and MAIHARI tribes. Visit all villages on Upper Vailala, taking a Census of these, also the NAIHIKAI-A people. Enforce Native Regulations amongst these people, viz. Roads, Improvement of villages etc. Take some seed beans for planting at River villages, explain to them they are good kai kai. V.C's can have a supply of TOMATO seed when they visit Station. See that all Rest Houses are in a decent state of repair. After this please return to LOHIKI and from this point come slowly through the MAIHARI people, and if possible make a point of visiting the KOVOMORI tribe behind KARAMA-KOARU, from which point you will possibly find it easier to return to Station via KARAMA-KOARU instead of OPAU or MURUA River.

The patrol amongst the MAIHARI is purely for the purpose of extending Government influence, do not attempt to enforce Native Regulations, but of course any serious crime reported an endeavour must be made to effect necessary arrests.

re alleged murder of HAHU of OPAU.

Please see note attached left by Mr. A.R.M. Thompson, make enquiries and take any action necessary.

Sergt. GEGERA will be with you, he has obtained a knowledge of the MAIHARI language, made a "friend" of the old man EDU-A of MAGANI when the latter was in gaol. EDU-A promised me he would use his influence to get all his people to stay and meet patrol.

Report of alleged murder of two NAIHIKAI-A natives by PURARI KUKUKUKUS ?

Please see statement attached and endeavour to get full particulars relative to same, taking statements from witnesses and making any necessary arrests if possible.

Water Power. Please see attached correspondence and make a separate report on any water falls seen by you, in accordance with the instructions.

Geological specimens. Please see attached correspondence relative to rock and fossil collections, and if possible bring in specimens.

Re 38 bags Rice and 34 canvas Rice swags at IHU.

1500 lbs Rice should be waiting for you at IHU.

After checking please sign the attached receipts and return to me per VC before proceeding up the River.

Village Constables. I attach a list of these. No. 15 V.C. KORI of WAIHEK is due for 21 pay - 1/7/27 to 30/6/28. This amount is in WNL&DNA/cNo.1127. Please pay him, his village is a long way in from River. Enter up payment in his book and upon your return on his Record of Service.

Stores. I attach a list of suggested stores. I think it will be best to advantage to purchase native food for your party until the time you leave LOHIKI, keeping the 1500 lbs Rice intact for the trip across.

Carriers. I would suggest you get the VAILALA people, with say 2 AC in charge, to take the bulk of your supplies to LOHIKI whilst you are visiting villages en route. Return all coastal carriers from LOHIKI and rely upon local villages LOHIKI etc for to take you to NAIHIKAI-A and across through MAIHARI to Kerema. The LOHIKI are in touch with MAIHARI you should be able to get Interpreters of a kind at LOHIKI. I would not bring more than 20 carriers across, double-bank, you have plenty of time. In my opinion what is essential is an extended visit to MAIHARI tribes, not a rushed one. You will have sufficient Rice for 20 carriers and 9 police after leaving LOHIKI for about 34 days, even if you are unable to purchase any native food. You are taking £15 in cash for payment of carriers. 6d. per day is the rate. You must furnish a voucher on your return giving full particulars of payments.

See me re deposits of wages for natives in his employ.

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"Vaiviri" arrived from Port at 3.30.p.m. and unloaded mails, stores and 600 copra sacks. Arranged with the Captain for him to go to OROKOLO and try and load some of the 400 bags of native owned copra there, but if the sea is too rough, to come back and load native owned copra at VAILALA.

Witnessed payment of 64 casual labourers paid off by Mrs. MacDonald. Despatched A.C. KOSIPI to OROKOLO to tell the OROKOLO people that if they wanted copra sacks they would have to come here for them tomorrow.

Sunday 18/5/30.

During the morning signed on 26 indentured labourers to Mrs. MacDonald and 1 to Mr. Coghill through his agent Mr. Johnston.

OROKOLO and ARIHAVA people arrived at mid-day. During the afternoon issued to them 551 copra sacks. Finished up at 6.30.p.m. A.C.'s ISIKARI and BHO arrived from Kerema at mid-day with mail and stores.

Monday 19/5/30.

Obtained carriers from IORI and LEPOKERA and at 9.a.m. proceeded up the Vailala River which is still in flood. Landed at Maira Plantation at 10.45.a.m. and called upon Mrs. J.F. Paxley.

Mr. Paxley arrived at noon and in the C.P.S. proceeded against one of his labourers for wilfully destroying property and another on a charge of desertion.

Natives report that the road from the KIRI villages, passing through HARORA to the coast, is impassable owing to the recent heavy rains. Returned to the river and proceeded downstream at 3.p.m.

The "Vaiviri" being anchored at Vaiviri went aboard and learnt from the Captain that the sea was too rough for him to go to OROKOLO for loading. Arranged with him to load 250 bags of native owned copra stored at BOBAU, KAROKARO and VAILALA EAST. Mr. H.T. Coghill who arrived from OROKOLO this morning, came down to the river bank to see me re deposits of wages for natives in his employ.

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Left at 4.30.p.m. and proceeding down stream against a stiff S.E. wind, passed KAROKARE and branching off up the creek to KOAIALAHU eventually arrived and camped in the rest house there at 6.45.p.m. There is a howling S.E. blowing and a terrific surf roaring.

Tuesday 20/5/30.

Heavy rain fell until 10.15.a.m. At 10.30. started off collecting tax and paying the family bonus with the people of AIVAU, KOAIALAHU, DUU, KAROKARE, POIVA, HARORA and HETAU. At 5.p.m. had collected 268 in tax and paid 57 claims for the family bonus amounting to £11.19.0. There are 20 tax defaulters who have been advised that if they do not pay before tomorrow they will be proceeded against.

In the C.M.N. and issuing copra sacks until 6.45.p.m. A.C.KEKISA arrived from Kereka at mid-day and A.C.IHIKARI left for Kereka with 6 prisoners at 2.p.m.

Wednesday 21/5/30.

Very heavy rain fell all night and all day, so heavy that I could not leave the rest house. I learnt later, that 14" was registered at Kereka. Spent the morning working on copra accounts.

The wind dropped at midday and the rain cleared off a little at 5.p.m. Packed up and obtained carriers, proceeded along the beach. Arrived at KAKA (V.C.KHEIBABA) at dusk and found that the roof of the rest house had been blown off. Proceeded along the beach and arrived at OVANU at 7.30.p.m. Kuru Creek was in flood and the waters were racing so rapidly that great difficulty was experienced in crossing it. Arrived and camped in the KURU Rest Houses at 8.p.m.

Thursday 22/5/30.

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All the morning paying family bonus and issuing copra sacks to the people of the KURU villages. The Rev.E.Rankin and the Rev.R.A.Owen enroute from MOHU to AUMA called at mid-day and left at 2.15.p.m.

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At 2.30.p.m. visited the 3 copra stores and prepared for shipment 109 bags of copra. Finished up at 5.15. p.m.

Obtained carriers and packed up and left at 5.30.p.m. Proceeding along the beach passed through HERRHERR village and eventually arrived at Huiva Plantation (R.S.Moody) at dusk. Camped for the night.

Friday 23/5/30.

Despatched A.R.MO to Kerema at 7.a.m. In the C.P.S. until 10.45.a.m. Mr.W.W.Field prosecuting indentured labourers on behalf of R.S.Moody.

Packed up and left at 10.55.a.m. and proceeding along the beach arrived at Araimiri Plantation (Priddle & Ashton) at 12.noon. Met Mr.S.T.A.Ashton here. The heavy rain that fell on Tuesday and Wednesday has caused considerable damage all along the coast. Mr.Ashton tells me that 30 of his bearing palms were washed out of the ground.

Proceeded at 1.p.m. Passed The Bluff at 2.p.m. and arrived at MHI at 3.15.p.m. Called upon Mrs.R.V. Priddle. Proceeded at 4.p.m. and arrived at PETOI at 4.30.p.m. Called upon Mr.&Mrs.G.H.Massy Baker and met Mr.J. Ashton. Left at 5.15.p.m. and crossing Kerema Bay in the whaleboat arrived back on the station at 6.p.m.

Saturday 24/5/30.

At Kerema. Spent the whole morning paying off and signing on indentured labourers for J.F.Fuxley and Araimiri Estate.

All the afternoon checking collections during the patrol and balancing cash

Sunday 25/5/30.

At Kerema. Checking copra accounts and preparing to pay out cash received for copra shipped by Kerema Bay natives during April.

Monday 26/5/30.

Left at 9.a.m. and visited the villages of KARAITA and IPISI. Paid the family bonus and distributed the sum of £35.13.11 being net proceeds from the sale of 19 bags of copra shipped during April.

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Issued Copra Cards and Copra sacks. During the afternoon collected tax and checked the census. Returned to the station at 5.p.m.

Tuesday 27/5/30.

Left the station at 8.a.m. Crossed Kerema Bay in the whaleboat and landed at UARIPI at 8.40.a.m. Paid out the sum of £62. 0. 3 being net proceeds from the sale of 78 bags of copra shipped during March/April. Paid family bonus and collected outstanding taxes.

Proceeded along the beach to MEI and there distributed the sum of £116. 15. 9 being net proceeds from the sale of 159 bags of copra shipped during March/April. The people were very pleased with themselves.

Paid family bonus at MEI and collected all outstanding taxes. Finished up at 5.40.p.m. Crossed Kerema Bay in the whaleboat and arrived back on the station at 6.45.p.m.

GENERAL.

On the morning of the 28th., just as I was starting off in the whaleboat for the Opau District, the "Valviri" arrived from Port. Mr. R.R. Oldham. R.M.: C.D. desired to leave by her to take over as A/R.M.: C.D. so I had to abandon the patrol, return to the station and take over from Mr. Oldham.

I had intended to take a new census of the Vailala District during this patrol but affairs needing attention in the Estate of Donald MacDonald, deceased, which occupied a week of my time, prevented this being done. The taking of the new census will have to stand over for some time now.

I attach hereto, separate reports on matters connected with this patrol.

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A.R.M.: G.D?

NATIVE TAXATION.

The collecting of the tax for the current year is now complete for the West of Kerema, with the exception of the OPAU group of villages.

Particulars of the number who have paid, the exemptions and the defaulters at each village is given on pages 20, 21, 22, and 23 and on page 23 is a summary for each District. The summary for the whole of the taxable villages West of Kerema is as under, :-

	Taxable.	1958.
	<u>Paid.</u>	<u>1321.</u>
	Balance	637.
Less Exemptions.:-		
Unfit.	78.	
4 or more ohn.	106.	
V.O's.	15.	
A.O's.	3.	
Warders.	1.	
Long Sentence prisoners.	9.	
Mission Students.	19.	
In Eravo. (Initiation)	25.	255.
	<u>Unpaid.</u>	<u>382.</u>

Particulars of Natives owing Tax.

Working for Europeans.	263.	
Living in other Divisions.	14.	
Absent from Village (Visiting)	17.	
Unable to pay.	88.	
	<u>382.</u>	
Total.	<u>382.</u>	taxes. 535

For the same period last year there were 596 natives owing 929 taxes so this year the position is much better. It is hoped, that by the end of the year, the only outstanding taxes will be those owed by indentured labourers.

Attached, is a list of natives from villages visited by this patrol, who are said to be residing in other Divisions, a list of those serving long sentences and a list of those who are in the Eravo's undergoing initiation. Similar lists will be prepared to cover the whole of the Division, that for the natives said to be working or residing in other Divisions will be sent to the magistrate concerned.

and those for natives serving long sentences or undergoing initiation in the Eravo's will be forwarded to The Director of Native Taxation and the exemption from tax, for the natives named therein, will be asked for.

Of the 88 natives who are shown as being unable to pay, 40 belong to the villages of Opsu which has not yet been visited. Of the 48 who were seen 10 had absolutely no excuse to offer, they were proceeded against in the C.P.S. and each sentenced to two months imprisonment. The remaining 38 each had several shillings and have copra awaiting shipment, the proceeds from which, will more than pay their tax.

The total exemptions West of Kerema last year were 323, for this year, to the conclusion of this patrol they number 255,--a decrease of 67.-- A comparison is shown hereunder.

	<u>1929/30.</u>	<u>1930/31.</u>
Unfit.	106.	78.
4 or more chr.	137.	106.
V.C's.	24.	15.
A.C's.	2.	2.
Warders.	1.	1.
Long Sentence Prisoners.	8.	9.
Mission Students.	11.	19.
In Eravo. (Initiation).	25.	23.
	<u>323.</u>	<u>255.</u>

As already mentioned (P.R.13/29/30.p. 30.), had the natives not produced copra and sold it for cash they would have been in difficulty over the payment of their tax. To the conclusion of this patrol I paid out £110.16.8 for copra and £104.18.0 in family bonus so from these two sources the natives received £115.14.8. The actual tax collections at the villages amounted to about £190, the balance of £21 being paid by native labourers and others at the station. After the people had paid their tax, they had ready, awaiting shipment 1081 bags of copra which should net them about £220 so they are quite financial. I have not taken note of the wages of time expired labourers nor the cash received by the natives from European traders for copra, sago and other produce

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TAXABLE NATIVES FROM WEST OF KENEMA
SAID TO BE RESIDING IN OTHER DIVISIONS.

Register No.	Name.	Fathers name.	Village.	Tax owing.	Whoreabouts.
8887.	KANIHA.	NAHIPO.	OROKOLO.	29/30.	KIEM. KALO. C.D.
14399.	HEROKO.	MARUPI.	OROKOLO.	26/27, 27/28, 28/29, 29/30.	ABAU E.D. or BOILO. C.D.
9097.	HEVAI.	MARAI.	YOKU.	28/29, 29/30.	DELENA. C.D.
9258.	AI I.	PUMARU.	ARIHAVA.	29/30.	TIGOTA, inland from SAMARAI.
9317.	HAKAI A.	HAKAI A.	ARIHAVA.	25/26, 26/27, 27/28, 28/29, 29/30.	SIVITOI. C.D. (Yule Island)
9363.	HAUHAIA.	PAKOIARE.	AUMA.	28/29, 29/30.	HISIU. C.D.
9822.	WARAIHEIE.	KAI . .	AIVAU.	26/27, 27/28 28/29, 29/30.	KALO. C.D.
10040.	PARUA	BARA.	PIRU. (Moi)	29/30.	HISIU. C.D.
10063.	AUTU.	HETAI.	PIRU.	29/30.	KALO. C.D.
10245.	SEVESVIAI.	UI.	HAMARAPIRU.	29/30.	KALO. C.D.
10247.	MAI REKE.	MAORE.	HAMARAPIRU.	29/30.	OBU. C.D.
37036.	BIRI.	BERARE.	HAMARAPIRU.	29/30.	DELENA. C.D.
10449.	MAISIRI.	MAURA.	IPISI.	26/27, 28/29, 29/30.	KAREKADOBU. C.D. said to be NTV
31522.	HAIAVE.	KARI.	IPISI.	26/27, 27/28, 28/29, 29/30.	BOILO. C.D.

LONG SENTENCE PRISONERS.

32143.	PEDRA.	ORINHA.	OROKOLO.	29/30. <i>KILLED IN PRISON</i>	⁴ years. I.H.L. Breaking & Entering.
40116.	KOROVAI.	KOTE.	OROKOLO.	29/30.	2 years I.H.L. Breaking & Entering
10168.	BIRASVESE.	HAUA.	HAMARAPIRU.	28/29, 29/30.	5 years. I.H.L. Murder.
10170.	HASU.	MOVOA.	HAMARAPIRU.	29/30.	do. do.
10241.	MAORE.	OPU.	HAMARAPIRU.	27/28, 28/29, 29/30.	do. do.
10255.	KAVEKE.	LOA.	HAMARAPIRU.	27/28, 28/29, 29/30.	do. do.
30973.	TORALaura.	MEVEAPE.	HAMARAPIRU.	28/29, 29/30.	do. do.
31532.	FA A.	KAIKA.	HAMARAPIRU.	28/29, 29/30.	do. do.
24889.	KAI.	POI I.	IVARIAPERU.	29/30.	1. year. I.H.L. Rape.

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TAXABLE NATIVES WEST OF KEREMA

undergoing initiation in Bravo's

EXEMPT FROM TAX 1929/30.

Register Number.	Name.	Fathers name.	Village.
40097.	BKERE.	AUAHOPA.	HAI-ARI.
41562.	SAVE.	HAIRI.	HOHORO.
41649.	KAIWA.	HAUKA.	IORI.
41652.	HEREVAHAPE.	ERAKAIA.	IORI.
41654.	KAO.	KAPO.	IORI.
36980.	KAPAI.	KBO.	LEPAKERA.
40173.	EROLA.	MORIARI.	LEPAKERA.
40174.	PAUA.	KAI A.	LEPAKERA.
38778.	KARI.	HOI.	HAMARAPIRU.
40227.	HOPA KORA.	KBAKO.	HAMARAPIRU.
40228.	NAIRITAWA.	OROBU.	HAMARAPIRU.
41716.	AREBUSU.	HOI.	HAMARAPIRU.
41717.	APATORE.	TAUARU.	HAMARAPIRU.
41718.	TOPUARE.	NAHO.	HAMARAPIRU.
41720.	KARIKARA.	NAVATURE.	HAMARAPIRU.
41721.	FEAI.	MARASE.	HAMARAPIRU.
41722.	HAMS	MAURE.	HAMARAPIRU.
41723.	KOREA.	AROKUKU.	HAMARAPIRU.
41726.	AVAIAPA.	HARORI.	HAMARAPIRU.
40234.	HAIABERABA.	BARAI A.	KARAITA.
40235.	NAIA.	DEABETA.	KARAITA.
41730.	KARAWARA.	TUARE.	KARAITA.
41731.	NARAU.	NOMAIA.	KARAITA.
41733.	SEVESBAPO.	INUE.	OROVIRI.
38915.	DOIPIA.	MOU.	HAMIHUHU.

NATIVE TAXATION.

WEST OF KEREMA.--- GULF DIVISION.

Year ending 30th. June 1930.

Table giving particulars of number of Taxable natives at each village the number who have paid their tax in full, those Exempt and the Defaulters who owe tax for the year ending 30th. June 1930.

Village.	Total Taxable Natives.	Total Paid.	EXEMPTIONS.								DEFAULTERS.				
			Unfit.	4.ohn.	V.C's.	A.C's.	War-ders.	Govt long sent.	Mission Student.	In Dubu. init.	Total. Exempt.	Working for Europeans.	Living other Divisions.	Absent from Village.	Unable to pay.
<u>PAREMAMU Dist.</u>															
HAIALI.	8.	7.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	1.	-	-	-	-
<u>OROKOLO Dist.</u>															
PAKOWABU.	8.	7.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-	-	-
HERAKERA.	12.	11.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-	-
HOHORO.	11.	7.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	1.	1.	-	-	2.
NORIAU.	22.	12.	2.	1.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	4.	6.	-	-	-
OROKOLO.	218.	172.	8.	10.	-	-	-	2.	2.	-	22.	13.	2.	1.	6
IOKU.	50.	37.	4.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.	6.	1.	1.	-
ARIHAVA.	284.	194.	11.	14.	-	-	-	-	1.	-	26.	50.	2.	3.	3.
NOMI.	17.	12.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.	-	-	-
BIAI.	4.	4.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>VAILALA Dist.</u>															
AUMA.	20.	13.	-	1.	-	-	-	-	4.	-	5.	1.	1.	-	-
ARUPE.No.1.	3.	3.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARUPE.No.2.	30.	22.	2.	1.	2.	-	-	-	-	-	4.	2.	-	2.	-
	687	507	28	28	2	-	-	2	7	2	69	93	6	7	11

Village.	Total Taxable natives.	EXEMPTIONS.									DEFAULTERS.				
		Total Paid.	Unfit.	4.ohn.	V.C's.	A.C's.	War-ders.	Gnol long Sent.	Mission Student.	In Dubu. Init.	Total Exempt.	Working for Europeans.	Living other Divisions.	Absent from Village.	Unable to pay.
Brought Fwd.:	687.	501.	28.	28.	2.	-	-	2.	7.	2.	69.	93.	6.	7.	11.
<u>VAILALA Dist.</u>															
VAILALA WEST.	67.	42.	1.	4.	1.	-	-	-	3	-	9.	12.	-	4.	-
KUKIPI.	5.	5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VAILALA EAST.	160.	95.	9.	18.	1.	-	1.	-	-	-	29.	34.	-	2.	-
AIVAU.	31.	16.	2.	3.	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.	7.	1.	1.	-
KOAIALAHU.	30.	21.	-	1.	-	1.	-	-	1.	-	3.	2.	-	-	4.
<u>HARORA</u>															
KAROKA.	5.	4.	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-	-	-
HELAU No.2.	25.	14.	2.	1.	1.	-	-	-	1.	-	5.	3.	-	-	3.
HELAU.No.1.	12.	7.	-	2.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.	-	-	-	3.
HARORA.	34.	29.	1.	2.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.	2.	-	-	-
DUI.	20.	12.	1.	2.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	4.	2.	-	-	2.
<u>KIRI District.</u>															
BELKPA.	24.	7.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	9.	-	-	7.
HILAI.	34.	19.	-	4.	-	-	-	-	3.	-	7.	7.	-	-	1.
APURARIA.	22.	14.	3.	2.	1.	-	-	-	2.	-	8.	4.	-	-	-
OPA.	23.	5.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	7.	-	-	10.
IORI.	42.	23.	5.	4.	1.	-	-	-	1.	3.	14.	4.	-	1.	-
LEPAKERA.	38.	23.	1.	3.	-	-	-	-	-	3.	7.	7.	-	1.	-
<u>KURE Dist.</u>															
	1259	833	53	75	8	1	1	2	19	8	169	193	7	16	41

Village.	Total Taxable natives.	Total Paid.	EXEMPTIONS								DEFAULTERS.				
			Unfit.	4.ohn.	V.C's.	A.C's.	War-Sers.	Gaol long Sent.	Mission Student.	In Dabu Init.	Total Exempt.	Working for European.	Living other Division.	Absent from village.	Unable to Pay.
Brought fwd.:	1259.	833.	55.	75.	8.	1.	1.	2.	19.	8.	169.	193.	7.	16.	41.
<u>KEURU District.</u>															
KEA KEA.	20.	16.	-	1.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	2.	2.	-	-	-
KAROHONO.	14	13.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-	-
HEKAKOA.	16.	12.	1.	-	-	1.	-	-	-	-	2.	2.	-	-	-
OVOVAHA.	30.	25.	-	2.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	3.	2.	-	-	-
NEILOLO.	31.	23.	-	4.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.	4.	-	-	-
PEKOI.	27.	14.	4.	2.	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.	7.	-	-	-
ARURU U.	18.	15.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	2.	-	-	-
DOBEOHO.	19.	16.	-	3.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.	-	-	-	-
HIRU.	19.	10.	2.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.	5.	-	-	2.
<u>KEREMA BAY Dist.</u>															
PIRU.	85.	69.	2.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.	10.	2.	-	1.
BUBIRI.	15.	13.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	1.	-	-	-
IRAVAPAIRE.No.1.	25.	15.	-	2.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.	7.	-	1.	-
IRAVAPAIRE.No.2.	8.	5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.	-	-	-
HAMARAPIRU.	126.	98.	3.	3.	-	-	-	6.	-	11.	23.	12.	3.	-	-
PETOI.	3.	2.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-	-
KARAITA.	28.	16.	4.	-	1.	-	-	-	-	4.	9.	2.	-	-	1.
IRAVAPAIRI.	8.	6.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-	-	1.
OROVIRI.	13.	11.	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-	1.	2.	-	-	-	-
	1764	1202	74	94	11	2	1	8	19	24	233	254	12	17	46

Village.	Total Taxable natives.	Total Paid.	Unfit.	4.ohn.	V.C's.	A.C's.	War-ders.	Geol. long Sent.	Mission Student.	In Dubu Init.	Total Exempt.	Working for Europeans.	Living other Division.	Absent from Village.	Unable to Pay.
Brought Fwd.:	1764.	1202.	74.	94.	11.	2.	1.	8.	19.	24.	238.	254.	12.	17.	46.
<u>KEREMA BAY Dist.</u>															
IVARIA FERU.	45.	33.	2.	2.	1.	-	-	1.	-	-	6.	-	2.	-	4.
<u>OPAU District.</u>															
IRAVAPAIRI.	31.	22.	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	1.	-	-	7.
HAMIHUHU.	21.	6.	-	3.	1.	-	-	-	-	1.	5.	-	-	-	10.
R.UPOI.	20.	6.	1.	4.	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.	-	-	-	9.
BIRAKERA.	22.	13.	-	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-	1.	2.	-	-	6.
HEVAVILI.	11.	6.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.
HAMAHEROI.	20.	17.	-	1.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	2.	1.	-	-	-
PURARI.	24.	16.	1.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.	5.	-	-	1.
Totals.	1958.	1321.	78.	106.	15.	2.	1.	9.	19.	25.	255.	263.	14.	17.	88.

TOTALS FOR DISTRICTS.

PAREMAMU.	8.	7.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	1.	-	-	-	-
OROKOLO.	626.	456.	26.	26.	1.	-	-	2.	3.	1.	59.	90.	5.	5.	11.
VAILALA.	346.	217.	14.	28.	3.	1.	1.	-	9.	-	56.	58.	2.	9.	4.
HARORA.	96.	66.	4.	8.	2.	-	-	-	1.	-	15.	7.	-	-	8.
KIRI.	163.	87.	11.	13.	2.	-	-	-	6.	6.	38.	38.	-	2.	18.
KEURU.	194.	144.	8.	12.	2.	1.	-	-	-	-	23.	25.	-	-	2.
KEREMA BAY.	356.	258.	13.	9.	2.	-	-	7.	-	16.	47.	36.	7.	1.	7.
OPAU.	149.	86.	2.	10.	3.	-	-	-	-	1.	16.	9.	-	-	88.
Totals.	1958.	1321.	78.	106.	15.	2.	1.	9.	19.	25.	255.	263.	14.	17.	88.

Handwritten signature and date: 19/1/30

Patrol Report No.16/29/30.G.D.FAMILY BONUS.

All claims for the family bonus West of Kerema have now been paid, with the exception of those due to the people of the OPAU group. To the conclusion of this patrol 502 claims amounting to £104.18.0 have been met. There was an increase in the number of claims in all districts.

I append hereunder, a comparative statement of claims dealt with in each district during the past 6 years

KIRI and HANOHA District.

Year.	Number Claims.	No. CHILDREN under 16.	AMOUNT.
1924/25.	75.	302.	18. 15. 0
1925/26.	75.	295.	18. 8. 0
1926/27.	80.	285.	18. 8. 0
1927/28.	78.	258.	16. 16. 0
1928/29.	81.	272.	17. 15. 0
1929/30.	82.	270.	17. 12. 0

KURU District.

1924/25.	35.	157.	8. 10. 0
1925/26.	30.	119.	7. 9. 0
1926/27.	35.	107.	7. 0. 0
1927/28.	30.	104.	6. 14. 0
1928/29.	35.	119.	7. 14. 0
1929/30.	35.	121.	7. 16. 0

VAILALA District.

1924/25.	105.	384.	24. 7. 0
1925/26.	104.	415.	26. 1. 0
1926/27.	104.	365.	23. 11. 0
1927/28.	107.	351.	22. 18. 0
1928/29.	108.	370.	23. 18. 0
1929/30.	115.	354.	23. 7. 0

KEREMA District.

1924/25.	55.	226.	14. 4. 0
1925/26.	55.	224.	14. 2. 0
1926/27.	58.	217.	13. 15. 0
1927/28.	57.	196.	12. 13. 0
1928/29.	65.	225.	14. 9. 0
1929/30.	66.	223.	14. 9. 0

SUMMARY.

1924/25.	455.	1762.	111. 7. 0
1925/26.	452.	1699.	107. 11. 0
1926/27.	470.	1614.	104. 4. 0
1927/28.	465.	1530.	99. 15. 0
1928/29.	484.	1608.	104. 12. 0
1929/30.	502.	1596.	104. 18. 0

Particulars for Oudhota District, which are included in the above Summary, will be found in PR N° 15/29/30 P. 33

Patrol Report No.16/29/30.G.D.FINANCIAL.

A summary of financial matters dealt with
by this patrol is as under:--

Received from Treasurer. A/C.sales native copra.	307. 19. 1	.
Paid to natives, A/C.sales native copra.		307. 19. 1
Tax Collections.	324. 10. 0	.
Family Bonus Payments.		61. 12. 0
Refund of Tax		1. 0. 0
Payments to carriers."KUKU-KUKU" patrol. " from R.M.: G.D.		14. 8. 0
Revenue Collections:--		.
Arms Permits.	1. 2. 5	.
Trading Stations.	4. 0. 0	.
Native Labour Dees.	15. 4. 0	.
Jud.Fines & Fees.	4. 15. 0	.
W.M.L.& D.N.A/C:--		.
Received from R.M. for payment.	39. 10. 8	
Payments to natives.		24. 5. 6
Collections.(Deposit of wages)	26. 0. 0	
Cash deposited W.M.L.& D.N.A/C. R.M.		21. 7. 2
Cash sent Remitted Treasurer.		270. 11. 6
Total.	2731. 1. 3.	2731. 1. 3

Al. K. S. S.
29/1/30.

Patrol Report No.16/29/30 G.D.V I L L A G E S .

With so many other matters of importance to attend to I had little time to devote to the improvement of villages and I was unable to visit the 28 villages of the inland districts of OPAU, KIBIRU, KIRI and MURU.

All of the 39 coastal villages were visited and were found to be in a more or less clean condition. None of them were bad enough to necessitate proceedings in the C.M.M. but in all of them I found it necessary to draw attention to the state of some of the houses, the fences or the village surroundings.

The villages of the OROKOLO and ARIHAVA groups, the surroundings of which were cleaned up during my last patrol (P.R.13/29/30 p.25) are in excellent condition. The best village in this half of the Division, and the one that has been the cleanest throughout the year, is HIRAKIRA, one of the villages of the OROKOLO group. The worst, are the villages around Kerema Bay.

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W. H. A. A. A.
8/16/30.

Patrol Report No.16/29/30/G.DREST HOUSES and COURT HOUSES.

At the MUK and UARIFI villages the Rest Houses were condemned and new houses are in course of erection. At the conclusion of the patrol they were finished with the exception of the walls and the floors. The Court Houses, although small, fulfill present requirements.

A new European Rest House, quite a good building, has been erected at KEURU and another new one is ready for occupation at KOAIALAHU. The Court Houses at both these places are decidedly airy, but are serviceable. At KEAKHA the Rest House has collapsed and as it is so rarely used, I have not ordered that it be rebuilt. There are rest houses 3 miles East and also 3 miles West of KEAKHA so one at this place is really not needed.

At VAILALA WEST both Rest Houses and Court Houses are in good order but at VAILALA EAST the large Rest House there almost collapsed on top of me. Its condition was due to the very heavy rains, the place became flooded, the piles sagged and as soon as my boys commenced moving about inside the house it commenced to creak and the back verandah tilted ominously. Ordered that the place be pulled down and re-erected.

The Rest Houses on the Vailala River, at IWALIA, opposite IRI, are in a state of collapse. The houses were erected here as the site was central for the rice plantations, New Guinea Oil Co.Ltd., Vairiri Plantation, Maira Plantation and IORI and LEPAKERA villages. As both the rice plantations and the New Guinea Oil Co.Ltd. have ceased to function I have ordered that the site be abandoned and have ordered that Rest Houses and a Court House be built on a site selected at the junction of the IORI road and the Vailala River. This site is central for Vairiri Plantation, Maira plantation, IORI and LEPAKERA villages and the villages

of the ~~SAME~~ KIRI District.

The Post Houses and Court Houses at OROKOME and ARIHAVA are in good order and condition as are those at AUMA. I did not visit the MURU, PARIBAMU, KIRI or OPAU Districts but the V.C's. from there report that all houses are in good order.

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W. H. ...
ARUP 8/10/30

Patrol Report No.15/28/29.C.D.R O A D S.

The only roads that I actually inspected were those from the mouth of the Vailala River to AUMA (2 miles) and from VAIVIRI to PAKOWABU (2 miles) and both of these were in excellent condition, having recently been cleaned.

V.C's. reported that 9 of the 15 miles of road throughout the KIRI District was impassable, the water in many places being 5 feet deep. In July last I loaned these people 18 long handled shovels and 18 mattocks, supplied from Native Taxation Benefits A/C for the use of the Mota-Mota people, and instructed them to set to work draining and building up their roads. The progress that they are making is very slow.

The road from ARIHAVA to MURU (5 miles) is reported to be dry and clean but the roads throughout the MURU District (5 miles) and those throughout the PAREMANU District (6½ miles) although dry, are said to be in need of cleaning. The V.C's. concerned were instructed to get the work done.

The roads from village to village throughout the KEURU District (3 miles) are said to be flooded and the bridge over Keuru Creek has been washed away by the flood waters. Instructed that as soon as the flood waters subside the bridge is to be re-erected and the roads repaired.

The V.C's. of the OPAU District report that the roads throughout their District (6 miles) are in good repair but they are in need of cleaning. Instructed that they set the people to work.

W. H. H. H.
7/1/30.

Patrol Report No.16/29/30.G.D.

VILLAGE CONSTABLES.

The whole of the Village Constables West of Kerema were seen and these include V.C's of the villages not visited. I had no fault to find with any of them, on the whole they are a fine body of men and do their duty to the best of their ability.

The appointment of one TAHITI is recommended to fill the vacancy caused by the death of V.C.KORI of NOMI. V.C.MEHRA of ARINAVA wished to resign on account of ill health. He was appointed in 1921. One, BIROPO is recommended to succeed him. A suitable man has not yet been found to control the OROKOLO villages of KAVAVA, BIDIBURUA and HURURU, an appointment that was recommended in P.R.13/29/30.p.36, but V.C's.KIKI and KOPEA continue to control these villages between them.

The vacancy created by V.C.HOURA of PAREPOKO and KWAIPRA who resigned in March after 17 years service, has not yet been filled. It has been difficult to select a suitable man from the type of men offering.

V.C.MALOBO of UARIFI also tendered his resignation on the grounds of ill health. He has had 5 years service but for the past 12 months has been ill. His trouble appears to be T.B. A native named MAI E has been recommended to fill the vacancy.

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R. Smith
2/8/30.

Patrol Report No.16/29/30.G.D.ARMED CONSTABLES.

The members of the A.C. who accompanied me on this patrol were Cpl.MAGA and Constables KEMBA, EMO, SENA and KOSIPI.

The Corporal is a new man to the Division recently promoted from L/Cpl. but during the patrol there was no opportunity for him to demonstrate any outstanding ability.

KEMBA is now in his sixth year of service. I find him a quiet, reliable man, but there is nothing smart about him.

KOSIPI who has just completed 2 years service is smart in his appearance but is rather inclined to bully the village people and treat them as dirt beneath his feet. He is nothing out of the ordinary as a policeman.

SENA VETARI is a little chap from the Rigo District, has only been in the force for 15 months but is the makings of a good all round A.C. He has been acting as my orderly for the past 9 months.

EMO is also in his second year of service. He is anything but brilliant, is inclined to be lazy and I find that he is untrustworthy. In this respect I had occasion to severely reprimand him. He was given 6 sticks of tobacco to pay 3 carriers 2 sticks each. He paid them one stick each and kept the other 3 sticks for himself.

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Chavith
17/6/30

VILLAGE COUNCILLORS.

All Councillors West of Kerema (155) were seen and spoken to. They are an excellent body of men and try hard to do their best but many of them, although they have been told repeatedly, have the faintest idea why they hold their appointment or what they are expected to do.

In all cases the Councillors are the head men or the next senior men of their ERAGO and should one die, the name of the man who takes his place as head of the ERAGO is submitted for the vacant Councillorship. This practice of course gives the impression that we desire the Councillors to be heads of ERAGOS instead of men elected and dismissed at the whim of the people.

The people of the Gulf, especially those West of Kerema, are notorious for their truculent spirit which has increased during the past few years and led them into all sorts of trouble. This, I think, is mainly due to the fact that we have not recognised sufficiently the importance of the head men of the ERAGOS. All of our instructions have been delivered through the V.C.'s and he, and he, although probably a man of no social standing or influence in the village, has been treated as the man of most importance to the ~~detrimant~~ detriment of the head men and the discipline that they exercised over the men of their ERAGO.

In order to try and restore the head men of the ERAGOS to the positions of authority that they are alleged to have held many years ago prior to the appointment of V.C.'s., I have encouraged their appointment as Councillors and have done all in my power to support any instructions, within reason, that they may have given their people.

It is most difficult to instil into their minds that they are not officials and I have spent many hours in trying to tell them the duties of a V.C., those of a

Councillor and those of a Magistrate and how each stands in relation to each other and the Government of the Territory. It is hoped that time and perseverance will achieve this end.

During the patrol all Councillors assembled at the Court Houses of their respective Districts and sat and listened to the cases being dealt with. They were not of any real assistance. In all cases, at the conclusion of the hearing, the Councillors were given a short explanation of the reason for the decision arrived at.

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12/16/30.

Patrol Report No.16/29/30.G.D.

JUDICIAL.

Court work was lighter on this patrol than it has been for many months. The cause, I think, is due to the fact that this part of the Division has received more patrolling during the past 12 months than it has ever received in any one year.

A total of 24 cases were dealt with but Civil Claims and trivial matters settled out of court, of which no record was kept, must have reached a total of nearly 100. There were 16 sittings of the C.M.M. and 5 of the C.P.S. held at the places and on the dates shown hereunder, :-

<u>C.M.M.</u>	<u>C.M.M.</u>	<u>C.P.S.</u>
KEURU. 26/4/30.	ARIHAVA. 13/5/30.	OROKOLO. 14/5/30.
VAILALA N. 27/4/30.	OROKOLO. 14/5/30.	MAIRA. 19/5/30.
VAILALA W. 28/4/30.	OROKOLO. 15/5/30.	KOAIALAHU. 20/5/30.
KAROKARO. 29/4/30.	29/5/30.	HUIVA. 23/5/30.
IORI. 30/4/30.	AUMA. 15/5/30.	IPINI. 26/5/30.
VAIVIRI. 4/5/30.	VAILALA E. 17/5/30.	
MAIALI. 8/5/30.	KOAIALAHU. 20/5/30.	
OROKOLO. 12/5/30.	KEURU. 22/5/30.	
	HUIVA. 23/5/30.	

The charges dealt with were as under, :-

<u>C.M.M.</u>	
Obstructing use of Road.	3.
Assault.	5.
Indecent Assault.	1.
Adultery.	1.
<u>Total.</u>	<u>9.</u>

<u>C.P.S.</u>	
Damaging property of Employer. (M.L.O.)	1.
Failing to show ordinary diligence, (M.L.O.)	1.
Desertion. (M.L.O.)	2.
Absent from Work. (M.L.O.)	1.
Stealing. (C.C.)	3.
Failing to pay Tax. (M.T.O.)	7.
<u>Total.</u>	<u>15.</u>

R. H. H. H.
10/5/30.

NATIVE CUSTOMS.

The "Kaiwa-Kaku" is occupying the attention of the Keuru group of villagers to the detriment of everything else. When I passed through the district the ceremony had not actually commenced but preparations were in full swing.

I was informed that a record number of fat pigs were to be slaughtered and the gardens, which have been excellent this year, were to be practically stripped. In addition, a considerable amount of money was to be spent in rice, tinned meat and fish and tobacco. It appears that the people desire to give a show that will outshine anything yet staged by the villagers in this Division. Representatives from as far West as the Purari Delta and as far East as Motu-Motu were to attend.

Court Interpreter KIMAI who comes from this District owns two of the masks that are to take part in the ceremony. He made them at Kerema in his spare time and had them transported to Keuru during a dark night. He has been granted a week's leave in order to take part in the ceremony and at the conclusion of the performance he has promised to have the masks brought back to Kerema and to sell them to the Government for the sum of 15/- each. Whether the elders at Keuru will prevail upon him to join with the others in burning the masks, remains to be seen.

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R. Paul
1/2/30

Patrol Report No. 16/29/30.G.D.

E D U C A T I O N .

Until the conclusion of this patrol nothing at all worth mentioning was being done West of Kerema by any of the Missions. Mr. Englebrecht's school (S.D.A. Mission) at HILOI has been closed since January and the L.M.S. Samoan teachers at ARIHAVA, OROKOLO, AUMA and VAILALA appeared to be merely ~~filling~~ filling in time.

I understand that the school at HILOI will not be re-opened. It appears that the lease which the S.D.A. Mission had from Mr. Puxley expired this year and Mr. Puxley will not allow them to renew it. I regret that this school is being closed for good for the natives of the KIRI District who are eager to learn to read and write, were making excellent progress under Mr. Englebrecht's tuition.

During the patrol I met the Rev. Rankin and the Rev. Owen (L.M.S.) enroute to AUMA where the latter gentleman was to take over the affairs of the L.M.S. in the districts between Kerema and the Western boundary of the Division.

In the course of conversation the Rev. Owen informed me that when he is settled he intends to push forward the work of educating the natives, have schools established at all the principal villages and register them. I have informed Mr. Owen that if he pursues a vigorous educational policy we will render him every assistance in getting schools erected and in encouraging and if necessary enforcing attendance. I have supplied him with lists (extracted from the census taken recently) of all children who reside in the Orokolo and Arihava districts.

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R. Rankin
17/6/30.

Patrol Report No.16/29/30.G.D.NATIVE LABOUR.

Owing to lack of time no inspections were made during the patrol but I came in contact with all employers of labour and met most of their indentured labourers.

None of the employers' had any complaints but three of the employers did. Mr.Sinclair charged one of his labourers with desertion. Mr.Ashton charged one with failing to show ordinary diligence in the performance of a task allotted and Mr.Puxley proceeded against 3 of his labourers on charges of desertion, absent from work and damaging property of his employer respectively.

At Vaiviri Plantation, prior to handing over the Estate of Donald MacDonald deceased, to the widow, Mrs.G.MacDonald, I paid off all labourers. A week later I witness the payment of 64 casual labourers paid off by Mrs. MacDonald.

During the patrol 44 natives were signed on under the provisions of the N.L.O. and fees amounting to £13.4.0. were collected. The sum of £36 representing wages deposited in advance, in lieu of guarantees, was collected.

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R. Macdonald
 17/6/30.

Patrol Report No.16/29/30.G.D.NATIVE GARDENS.

Many excellent gardens were seen but unfortunately, time did not permit of a visit to all native gardens.

The produce being grown is much the same as that grown in previous years namely, in the order of importance, bananas, taro, yams, sugar-cane, sweet potatoes, corn, manioc, shrubs of various sorts used as cabbage, pumpkins, water-melon, pineapples, beans, tomatoes. The latter two commodities are only grown in limited quantities. I find that very few natives will eat them although I am continually pointing out their value as an item of diet. No doubt a taste for them will eventually be acquired. The seeds supplied to the natives out of Natives Benefit A/C. last year are now exhausted and a further supply will be asked for later on.

The best gardens are to be found along the banks of the Vallala River, they are owned by the IORI and LEPAKERA people.

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Alfred H. H.
17/6/30.

Patrol Report No.16/29/30.G.D.NATIVE COCONUT AREAS.

It has not been possible to give ~~any~~ much attention to coconut areas, either those planted under the provisions of the N.R.O. or these many and scattered areas that are owned privately.

Many areas that were planted under the provisions of the N.R.O. last year were seen and were found to be clean and well fenced. Of the areas seen that owned by the IOKU people was the best, the area owned by the HERAKERA people running it a good second.

No planting has been undertaken this year but the importance of planting and cultivating has been stressed at every opportunity.

It was noticed that little has been done towards cleaning the privately owned areas. Now that natives are beginning to realise that coconuts are worth good money they are taking more interest in the care of their palms. At present they have not got beyond cleaning the scrub and rubbish away for a distance of about 6' from the base of the palms that were the most neglected but it is hoped that they will eventually clean up the surroundings of the whole of the palms owned by them and so have definitely defined areas of coconuts.

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R. H. ...
15/6/30.

Patrol Report No.16/29/30.G.D.NATIVE INDUSTRIES.COPRA MAKING WEST OF KEREMA.G.D.

At the conclusion of my last patrol the average monthly production of the copra shipped to Port Moresby by the natives was 16 tons. For the period dealt with by this patrol, it is 29½ tons. A substantial increase. A table giving the averages at each Depot is given on page 42

The quantity of copra prepared for shipment during this patrol amounted to 1081 bags the gross weight being ^{tons.cwt.qrs.lbs.} 75. 0. 1. 10. A statement showing the period during which it was produced and the quantity prepared for shipment at each Depot is given on page 43.

From the two tables above mentioned it will be seen that the KEREMA, MEI, ARIHAVA, IOKU, KOAIALAHU and KIRI groups have, during the period dealt with by this patrol, reached or exceeded my original estimate of their maximum average monthly production while OPAU, UARIPI, IORI,

AUMA, HARORA, VAILALA EAST and OROKOLO are not far behind. The KEURU and VAILALA WEST groups are making very poor progress

There has been some trouble at KEURU, mention was made of it was made in P.R.13/29/30, pp.55 & 56) but I think it has blown over now. The people here did absolutely nothing for nearly 3 months consequently their average is far behind the other groups but, during the past 2 months they have brought their monthly average up to 33 bags ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

At VAILALA WEST I found the people were very dispirited. For nearly 4 months they toiled building lakatois and making sago. They had great expectations of making a vast fortune out of sago which they intended to sell at HULA and other villages in the G.D. for from 4/- to 6/- per bundle. Whilst sympathising with their venture I tried to persuade them not to neglect the production of copra, point'

out that it was a sure and steady income but sago was not. They assured me that a few men would be left behind and they, with the wives and families of the men on the sago expedition, would attend to the copra. Five lakatoia left fully laden but 3 of them were lost at sea on the outward journey; 2 reached their destination but met with disaster on the homeward trip and as they lost everything they possessed the expedition was a total failure. To complete the tragedy the people at home did not produce one tenth of the copra they they were expected to. The people feel their position very keenly, they had boasted to everybody of the fortune they were going to make out of sago and now have to suffer being laughed at by neighbouring groups of villagers who have record outputs of copra and excellent gardens while they, the VAILALA WEST people, have nothing to show for their labour.

During the patrol 2307. 19. 1 was distributed being net proceeds from the sale of 415 bags of copra disposed of. A statement giving particulars of this copra is on page. 14

No less than 1834 copra sacks were issued during the patrol to 231 groups of copra makers. Copra cards were issued to each group and these materially assist the propaganda in encouraging production. On several occasions, while men were waiting to have their copra weighed and particulars entered on their cards I have observed groups comparing figures on their respective cards. On such occasions I do not miss the opportunity of explaining the information on the cards and to point out the difference in output and receipts between the respective groups and urge the group who are behind to go ahead and beat the figures on the other group's card. There is always a good response to such episodes.

Table showing Original Estimate of Maximum Production per month. Average monthly Production for period dealt with P.R. 15/29/30 p.49. Average monthly Production for period dealt with by this Patrol (p. 49) and Average monthly Production since commencement of the scheme.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
Depot. No.	Name.	No. of Groups.	No. natives employed.	No. Smoke Houses.	Estimated Maximum Production per month (Bags)	Monthly average for period dealt with P.R. No. 15 page 49. (Bags)	Monthly average for period dealt with by this Patrol. (Bags)	Average monthly production since commencement (Bags)
1.	OPAU.	11	19.	93.	16.	18.	7.	9
2.	KEREMA.	20	9.	66.	5.	12.	8.	9½
3.	UARIPI.	10	9.	121.	7.	30.	14½.	17.
4.	MEY.	50	11.	110.	12.	20.	16½.	25.
5.	KURU.	93	26.	112.	16.	62.	27.	29.
6.	IORI.	10	9.	41.	2.	16.	6½.	6½.
7.	AUMA.	20	9.	45.	7.	20.	12.	13.
8.	HARORA.	20	20.	62.	8.	24.	15½.	17.
9.	VAILALA EAST.	25	15.	66.	6.	32.	16.	19.
10.	VAILALA WEST.	25	12.	60.	7.	22.	13.	15.
11.	OROKOLO.	110	31.	211.	16.	60.	30.	38.
12.	ARIHAVA.	103	20.	95.	12.	50.	24.	32.
13.	IOKV.	20	4.	60.	2.	14.	8½.	10.
14.	KOATALAHU.	24	14.	52.	12.	20.	10½.	14.
15.	KIRI.	19	23.	103.	7.	30.	14.	12.
Totals.		590	221.	1297.	137.	450.	229.	279.
						(30 tons)	(16 tons)	(294 tons)

The exact period of production to which the figures in column 7 refer to are given in P.R. 15/29/30 p.49. that for column 8 ~~is~~ is given in this report on page 49 and that for column 9 is also given in this report on page 49.

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Table showing particulars of Copra prepared for
Shipment during this Patrol.

Depot No.	Name.	Period of Production.	Quantity.		
			Bags.	tons.	cwt. qrs. lbs.
1.	ORAU.	2/3/30.-- 11/6/30.	37.	2. 8.	2. 13.
2.	KEREMA.	3/3/30.-- 15/4/30.	19.	1. 9.	3. 3.
3.	UARIPI.	3/3/30.-- 16/4/30.	35.	2. 14.	0. 6.
4.	MEI.	2/3/30.-- 16/4/30.	95.	6. 14.	0. 21.
5.	KEURU.	7/1/30.-- 22/5/30.	100.	7. 18.	1. 7.
6.	IORI.	31/1/30. -- 5/5/30.	37.	2. 10.	0. 16.
7.	AUMA.	30/1/30.-- 5/5/30.	48.	3. 6.	2. 7.
8.	HARORA.	30/1/30.-- 5/5/30.	62.	3. 19.	3. 18.
9.	VAILALA EAST.	29/1/30.-- 28/4/30.	75.	5. 2.	3. 27.
10.	VAILALA WEST.	29/1/30.-- 28/4/30.	21.	1. 9.	1. 25.
11.	OROKOLO.	3/2/30.-- 12/5/30.	168.	11. 8.	3. 26.
12.	ARIHAVA.	4/2/30.-- 13/5/30.	176.	12. 10.	2. 7.
13.	IOKU.	3/2/30.-- 14/5/30.	47.	3. 4.	3. 23.
14.	KOAIALAHU.	29/1/30.-- 28/4/30.	61.	4. 7.	0. 14.
15.	KIRI.	31/1/30.-- 5/5/30.	91.	5. 14.	2. 19.
Prepared for Shipment this patrol:-			1081.	75. 0.	1. 10.
Previous Production (P.R.13.p.48,49):-			1543.	111. 7.	2. 26.
			2624.	186. 8.	0. 8.
Less Con.No.35 cancelled and included in Consignment No.54. :-			18.	1. 6.	2. 16.
Total Production to date as above :-			2606.	185. 1.	1. 20.

Statement of Amounts Distributed by this
Patrol for Copra sold during the period
9/2/30 -- 29/4/30.

Consignment Nos. 32/34, 36/39 and 41/43.

	toms.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Gross weight Shipped	30.	8.	0.	24
Net Landed weight.	29.	7.	3.	1

Shrinkage. 1. 0. 1. 23.

	toms.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	
Gross Proceeds 415 bags.	29.	7.	3.	1	£ 425. 6. 5
Less charges:-					
Freight.					£ 65.10.8
Insurance.					3.19.4
Bags.					32. 2. 6
Sewing.					10.10
Commission.					15. 4. 0
					<u>117. 7. 4</u>
					<u>Net Proceeds. £ 307. 19. 1</u>

DISTRIBUTION.

Depot. No.	Name.	No. Bags.	Net weight.				Amount Paid.
			toms.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	
1.	OPAU.	36.	2.	6.	3.	8.	21. 18. 4
2.	KEREMA.	47.	3.	7.	3.	27.	35. 13. 11
3.	UARIPI.	78.	5.	18.	3.	2	62. 0. 3
4.	MEI.	159.	11.	2.	3.	0.	116. 15. 9
11.	OROKOLO.	39.	2.	12.	1.	8.	28. 10. 2
12.	ARIHAVA.	38.	2.	12.	3.	1.	59. 4. 10
13.	IOKU.	18.	1.	5.	1.	11.	13. 15. 10
	Totals.	415.	29.	7.	3.	1.	£307. 19. 1

Distribution of shrinkage.

Depot.	toms. cwt. qrs. lbs.			
1.	1.	1.		21
2.	3.	0.		23
3.	4.	1.		20.
4.	6.	5.		9
11.	1.	2.		18
12.	1.	2.		14
13.			3.	2
Total.	1.	0.	1.	23

Gross shrinkage equals
5.52 lbs per bag.

Weight of bag & sling. 3 lb
Actual Shrinkage. 2.52 lbs
per bag.

It will be seen that this industry is going ahead by leaps and bounds and I trust that it will continue to do so. The extra work that is involved in encouraging the production of copra, the shipping of it and the distribution of the proceeds is reaching the point when I shall not be able to cope with it and at the same time carry on with my ordinary duties. For the past six months I have had to work night and day in order to keep up to date but if the present output increases by much the industry will get beyond my control.

I do not mean it to be understood that the natives can carry on on their own or that they are so ~~enthusiastic~~ enthusiastic that they do not need farther encouragement. In the first place none of them are sufficiently educated to make out shipping receipts, nor is there any native West of Kerema with the ability to keep anything like authentic records at any particular dept. Secondly, I find that if I slacken off the natives do likewise. I have to continually urge and encourage them to produce and spend considerable time in straightening out and glossing over little disputes that are continually cropping up between the boys working in the 330 odd groups. Fortunately the disputes are nothing serious and can always be overcome by advising the dissenting parties to start a group on their own.

Many natives have approached me, particularly Kerema Bay and Vallala River boys, stating that they wish to save up and buy a cutter and ask if the Government will procure one for them. I have advised them that if they have the money we will assist them. The idea is that they will ship their copra in their own vessels, also sage for sale at villages in the C.D. I have not yet gone into their suggestion to run their own vessels, very deeply, but will do so if I find that the production of copra continues to increase. I should like advise as to the approximate price of a 10 ton cutter and the possibility of obtaining two.

I have also been requested to remit money and order goods from Port for several groups of natives but this I have declined to do. The natives who made the requests stated that they wished to trade with other natives who were not making their coconuts into copra, and buy these nuts for tobacco. They informed me that the stores in Port sold 15 lb. cases of tobacco for 25.10.0 but the local traders here wanted 25 for the same sized case. I had to point out that the traders had to make a living and could not sell things at Port Moresby prices. I later approached Mrs. E.V. Priddle and Mr. G.H. Massey Baker in the matter and ~~that~~ they inform me that they had reduced their price for a 15 lb. caddy of tobacco to 24.10.0

No information is yet available as to the quantity of copra or coconuts sold to European traders West of Kerema but I have circularised them and in my report which will be submitted soon after the 30th. June I hope to be able to show a detailed statement of copra produced and shipped to Port Moresby by the natives and copra and coconuts sold by them to European traders in the Division.

The European traders have ceased to exhibit any open hostility towards our action in encouraging natives to make copra and in assisting them to dispose of it. They are still rather sore about it but in time even this soreness will disappear. All of the traders are getting copra and coconuts, a little less than last year but still, they are making a comfortable living. Mr. Sinclair, who was the leader of the opposition, now confines his complaints to the bad debts that he has outstanding. I have done everything in my power to assist him to recover his losses in this respect and hope that the cause for his complaint will soon disappear.

I attach hereto statements giving a summary covering copra produced by natives West of Kerema from the commencement of the copra scheme until the conclusion of this patrol.

SUMMARY -- COPRA SACKS ISSUED.Period 27/8/29 -- 10/6/30.

Depot No.	Name.	Bags Held. On		
		Issued.	Filled.	Hand.
1.	OPAU.	136.	100.	36.
2.	KEREMA.	98.	83.	15.
3.	UARIPI.	209.	151.	58.
4.	MEI.	262.	226.	36.
5.	KEURU.	397.	295.	102.
6.	IARI.	121.	79.	42.
7.	AUMA.	181.	119.	62.
8.	HARORA.	289.	186.	133.
9.	VAILALA EAST.	270.	174.	96.
10.	VAILALA WEST.	238.	136.	102.
11.	OROKOLO.	641.	352.	289.
12.	ARIHAVA.	573.	320.	253.
13.	IOKU.	160.	98.	62.
14.	KOAIALAHU.	197.	129.	68.
15.	KIRI.	298.	188.	110.
++	To be A/C for.	23.	--	23.
Totals.		4093.	2606.	1487.

++ These 23 bags have been entered in the Day Book but have not been posted to the Ledger. The books will have to be checked to locate the discrepancy.

Received from Government Stores.		4500.
Issued to natives.	4093.	
On Hand at Kerema.	407.	
Totals.		4500. 4500.

900 bags have been requisitioned for to be delivered at IHU, Vailala River on or about 14/8/30.

S U M M A R Y.

COPRA PRODUCED BY NATIVES WEST OF KIRIEMA
FOR SHIPMENT TO POKE MORESBY.

Dep't. No.	Name.	Period of Production.	Number Bags.	Gross weight.			
				tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
1.	OPAU.	2/7/29.-- 11/6/30.	100.	6.	13.	3.	0.
2.	KIRIEMA.	10/7/29.-- 15/4/30.	83.	6.	5.	0.	2.
3.	UARIPI.	9/7/29.-- 16/4/30.	151.	12.	3.	2.	21.
4.	MEI.	9/7/29.-- 16/4/30.	226.	16.	15.	1.	21.
5.	KEURU.	12/7/29.-- 22/5/30.	295.	21.	12.	0.	12.
6.	IORI.	16/7/29.-- 5/5/30.	79.	5.	5.	1.	25.
7.	AUMA.	20/7/29.-- 5/5/30.	119.	6.	6.	0.	7.
8.	HARORA.	27/7/29.-- 5/5/30.	156.	10.	10.	2.	25.
9.	VAILALA EAST.	19/7/29.-- 29/4/30.	174.	12.	6.	3.	3.
10.	VAILALA WEST.	20/7/29.-- 28/4/30.	136.	9.	17.	0.	5.
11.	GROKOLO.	25/7/29.-- 12/5/30.	352.	24.	7.	0.	21.
12.	ARIHAVA.	22/7/29.-- 13/5/30.	320.	22.	14.	2.	14.
13.	IOKU.	24/7/29.-- 14/3/30.	98.	6.	16.	2.	1.
14.	KOAIALAHU.	13/7/29.-- 28/4/30.	139.	9.	2.	2.	16.
15.	KIRI.	16/7/29.-- 5/5/30.	198.	12.	5.	1.	15.
Totals.:-			2606.	185.	1.	1.	20.

Average Gross Weight of Bags.-- 159.03 lbs.

	Bags.	tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Copra Produced.	2606.	185.	1.	1.	20.
Copra Shipped.	1674.	120.	19.	0.	12.
In transit & awaiting shipment.	932.	64.	2.	1.	8.

SUMMARY -- COPRA SALES -- WEST OF KEREMA.

Period 24/11/29 - 29/4/30.

Consignments Nos. 1 to 45.

	tons.cwt	qrs.	lbs.
Gross Weight Shipped.	120. 19.	0. 12.	
Net Landed weight.	115. 18.	3. 20.	
<u>Classed as Shrinkage.</u>	<u>5. 0.</u>	<u>0. 20.</u>	

	tons.cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	
Gross Proceeds. 1674 bags.	115. 18.	3. 20.		£ 1772. 2. 11
Less Charges:-				
Freight.	£ 259. 4. 9			
Insurance.	22. 2. 11			
Bags.	109. 16. 3			
Sewing.	1. 8. 20			
Commission.	68. 19. 0			461. 6. 3
<u>Net Proceeds:-</u>				<u>£ 1310. 16. 8</u>

DISTRIBUTION.

Depot No.	Name.	Number Bags.	Net Weight.				Amount.		
			tons.cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	£	s.	d.	
1.	OPAU.	63.	4.	1.	2.	7.	43.	0.	1.
2.	KEREMA.	83.	5.	19.	1.	0.	65.	11.	4
3.	UARIPI.	151.	11.	16.	2.	0.	129.	12.	11.
4.	MEI.	226.	15.	18.	0.	22.	172.	9.	9.
5.	KEURU.	136.	13.	1.	0.	26.	146.	13.	3
6.	IORI.	42.	2.	12.	1.	26.	29.	13.	2
7.	AUMA.	71.	4.	14.	0.	9.	53.	0.	7
8.	HARORA.	94.	6.	5.	2.	18.	73.	2.	10
9.	VAILALA EAST.	99.	6.	17.	0.	24.	77.	19.	6
10.	VAILALA WEST.	115.	8.	0.	3.	18.	91.	11.	8
11.	OROKOLO.	164.	12.	9.	1.	14.	143.	4.	0
12.	ARINAVA.	144.	9.	17.	1.	15.	122.	13.	1
13.	IOKU.	51.	3.	9.	0.	18.	39.	6.	0
14.	KOAIALAKU.	68.	4.	11.	1.	27.	52.	16.	10
15.	KERI.	97.	6.	5.	1.	20.	72.	6.	8
		1674.	115.	18.	3.	20.	1298.	10.	8
Refunded to Purchaser.							12.	6.	0.
		1674.	115.	18.	3.	20.	£1310.	16.	8

S U M M A R Y.DISTRIBUTION OF SHRINKAGE ON COPRA SOLD.

Period. 24/11/29 - 29/4/30.

Consignments Nos. 1 to 43.

	tons.cwt.qrs.lbs.
Gross Weight Shipped.	130. 19. 0. 12
Net Landed Weight.	115. 18. 3. 20.
Treated as Shrinkage.	5. 0. 0. 20.


D I S T R I B U T I O N.

Depot. No.	Name.	Number Bags.	Shrinkage.			
			tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
1.	ORAU.	63.	3.	2.	8.	
2.	KEREMA.	63.	5.	3.	2.	
3.	UARIPI.	151.	7.	4.	21.	
4.	MEI.	226.	16.	0.	27.	
5.	KEURU.	166.	11.	2.	7.	
6.	IORI.	42.	2.	3.	9.	
7.	AUMA.	71.	5.	1.	19.	
8.	HARORA.	94.	5.	0.	17.	
9.	VAILALA EAST.	99.	6.	2.	8.	
10.	VAILALA WEST.	115.	6.	2.	18.	
11.	OROKOLO.	184.	8.	3.	9.	
12.	ARILAVA.	144.	6.	2.	20.	
13.	IOXU.	51.	2.	1.	16.	
14.	KOAIALAHU.	68.	4.	0.	3.	
15.	KIRI.	97.	5.	1.	4.	
		1674.	5.	0.	0.	20.
Less 3 lb. per bag (weight of bag & sling)			2.	3.	3.	22.
Actual Shrinkage.:-			2.	16.	0.	26.

Shrinkage equals an average of 2.42 lbs per bag.

S U M M A R Y.COPRA IN TRANSIT AND AWAITING SHIPMENT.Consignment Nos. 44 to 55

Depot. No.	Name.	Number. Bags.	Gross Weight.			
			tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
1.	OPAU.	37.	2.	8.	2.	13
2.	KERAMA.	-	-	-	-	-
3.	UARIPI.	-	-	-	-	-
4.	HEI.	-	-	-	-	-
5.	KEURU.	109.	7.	18.	1.	7
6.	IOPI.	37.	2.	10.	0.	18.
7.	AUMA.	48.	3.	6.	2.	7
8.	HARORA.	62.	3.	19.	3.	28
9.	VAILALA EAST.	75.	5.	2.	3.	27.
10.	VAILALA WEST.	21.	1.	9.	1.	25.
11.	OROKOLO.	168.	11.	8.	3.	26.
12.	ARINAVA.	176.	12.	10.	2.	7
13.	IOKU.	47.	3.	4.	2.	23.
14.	KOAIALAHU.	61.	4.	7.	0.	14.
15.	XIRI.	91.	5.	14.	2.	19.
Total.		932.	64.	2.	1.	8



A.R.M.: G.D.

18/6/30.

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

~~77 of 29/30~~

STATION.

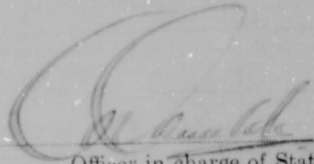
REPORT OF A PATROL made by Kerema, Gulf Division
Jack. G. Hides, P.O. for the purpose
villages in the Opau District
tax collection and general inspection

Left Station on _____ Returned to Station on _____
 Number of Carriers employed 26/6/30 Number of Police taken 27/6/30
 Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge _____ 3
 Villages visited _____
NAMAHEROI and BIRAKERA

- (1) A sketch map of the district patrolled should accompany the report, showing, as nearly as possible, the positions of the places visited and a copy is to be made for filing on the station. The map is to be furnished whether the patrol is in a well-known district or not. If the patrol is over a route for which a map has already been sent in, a second map is not necessary. A reference to the previous report will be sufficient. If the patrol is over a route of which part has already been included in a map, a suitable sketch should be sent to enable the other places to be added to the previous map. For uniformity the map must occupy one of two sizes of paper—either the size of a half-sheet of ruled foolscap or the size of a whole or double sheet.
- (2) In the body of the report the name of the village should be followed by the name of the V.C. The number of houses and the population, as nearly as possible, should also be stated. The customs of the natives should as much as possible be noted and reported.
- (3) The Patrol Report is to be enclosed in this jacket, which, properly filled in, is to be sent to the Government Secretary immediately after each patrol.
- (4) The space below is not to be written in.
- (5) The cost of the patrol must be shown within, in the space provided.

2987/11.22.—1.5.30.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 14/7/30

 Officer in charge of Station.

Report of Patrol No. 17 of 29/30 by
J.G.Hides, P.O. to the Opau District
for the purpose of tax collection.

Thursday, 26th June.

Accompanied by Cpl MAGA and A.C.KOSIPI left the Station in the whaleboat at 10.a.m. After crossing the Bay, proceeded up SIRIA creek to a landing where the whaler was securely fastened for the night. Walked along a muddy road to NAMAHEROI village; thence through a small adjoining village to BIRAKERA, where I met the V.Cs and people of Opau Group assembled by A.C.ISIKARI.

Lunched, then commenced collection of taxes and payment of Bonus claims, a task which, owing to the rain, occupied most of my time for the afternoon. Later in the afternoon assembled the Councillors at the Rest House and questioned them on Native Industries in the district. Very little copra is being made at present, owing to the rain, and no sago to speak of. I am, as yet, unacquainted with the district and the areas producing such commodities as copra and sago, so can speak but lightly on the matter.

Owing to the recent heavy rains the villages are in a rather disorderly state, dirty and muddy. Roads too, are in a similar condition. But it is not to be wondered at when the place is so lowlying and subject to inundation by flood from creeks on both sides. However I instructed the V.Cs to keep a more orderly and clean appearance in their respective villages.

Friday, 27th June.

Completed collection of taxes by 9.a.m. In all, ^{one} thirty taxes were collected, amounting to £15.10.0, and £7.0.0. representing twentynine claims for Family Bonus, was paid out to the various mothers. There were four tax defaulters who were given a week's grace in which to pay.

Owing to the rain, I did not visit the two villages, HAUAPOI and HAMIHURU, on the opposite bank of the river, or the three outlying villages of IRAUAPAIRI, HEVAVILI and PURARI.

After purchasing a small supply of native food, left for the Station at 10.a.m. Arrived at Kerema noon.

J. G. Skene
P.O. 13/7/30