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PATROL REPORT

[G.P. 67]

STATION NUMBER
No. 1-38/39

SAMARAI. E.D.

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by M.C.W. Rich, A.R.M.

to

Milne Bay, Eastern Division.

for the purpose of

carrying out Native Labour Inspections, inspecting scene of

mine accident at UROURO, etc.

Left Station on 19/7/38

Returned to Station on 23/7/38

Number of Carriers employed N51

Number of Police taken Interpreter & 3 A.S.s.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Elevala", Mr Engineer Mears.

Villages visited Giligili, Hagita, Waigani and Ahiora Plantations,

MAIWARA Village, and UROURO Mine, and GOMADOUDOU Plantation.

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

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 26/7/38, 1938

R.M.E.D.

[Signature]
Officer in charge of Station

REPORT OF PATROL MADE TO MILNE RAY, E.D. by M.C.W. RICH, A.R.M.

For purpose of carrying out H.L. Inspections etc.

19th July, 1938, Tuesday. In accordance with instructions left Samarai at 8.30.am. in A.E. "Elevala" (Mr Engineer Mears in charge) accompanied by Interpreter MERRICK and A.C. DRUM and EKAI. In fine weather passed through China Straits and headed down the Bay. At 9.30.am. engine trouble was experienced and the engine stopped, repairs were carried out and we got under power again at 11.am. [Proceeded to KASULI and anchored at 11.45.am, went ashore to inquire into alleged maiming of a cow belonging to Mr Turner by one of his labourers, found Mr Turner was absent so sailed again] at 12.10 noon and ran down the Bay to GILIGILI anchoring at 2.45.pm.

Went up to Giligili Estate and from there on to HAGITA Plantation and called on the Manager, Mr McDonald and then carried out H.L. Inspection finishing up at dusk. Left by motor-truck for Giligili at 6.pm., heavy rain commenced to fall soon after we left and owing to engine trouble did not reach the beach at Giligili till 8.pm.

Camped aboard the "Elevala", Mr Engineer Mears not too well having ricked his side a day or so before sailing. Heavy rain fell during the night.

20th, Wednesday. Up to Giligili Plantation at 7.am, after heavy rain has eased off and inspected labourers before they went out to their day's work. After breakfast started on inspection of buildings etc during which a letter was delivered from the R.M instructing us to proceed to Ahima immediately to inquire into alleged stealing and assault cases. Returning to the beach boarded the "Elevala" and left at 10.am, pushing into a fresh S.E ran down to KADAI, close to ANIOMA, and anchored in the sheltered anchorage at 11.15.am.

Walked along the foreshore road to ANIOMA and spent the rest of the day inquiring into the alleged stealing and assault cases, held C.P.S, and carried out H.L. Inspection finishing up at 6.pm.

A V.C from the N.E. Coast reported with H.M. case, instructed him to bring his case along to the "Elevala" in the morning when it would be inquired into and heard. Spent the evening as a guest of the Manager and returned to the "Elevala" at 10.pm. Mr Mears feeling somewhat better. Heavy rain fell during the night.

21st Thursday.

H.E. Coast 7.0 reported with his case which was inquired into and heard in C.M.C. Leaving at 8.30.am, ran down the Bay and anchored at GILIGILI at 9.45.am. Went up to Giligili Estate and finalized inspection of buildings etc and then by Giligili truck to Sugita Plantation, where after a short wait the Waigani truck arrived and I proceeded on to that Estate and called on the Manager, Mr May. During the afternoon carried out M.L inspection and returned to Giligili beach by Waigani truck, arriving there at 6.pm.

Camped aboard the "Elevala", Mr Meares feeling somewhat worse than he had been feeling as a result of a bad bout of coughing which caused considerable pain.

22nd Friday.

Left at 6.20.am, and ran round to GABUGABUNA and tied up alongside the wharf at 6.45.am. Accompanied by the Interpreter and A.C inspected MAIWARA Village, inspected the store being erected in this village which was the cause of a complaint and returned to the "Elevala" and took statements from VTC and various natives as to ownership of store etc separate report furnished to R.M.

Leaving at 10.am, crossed the Bay in fine weather and anchored at GIRARA at 11.40.am. After a light lunch left at noon and accompanied by Interpreter and A.C, followed a well cleared but extremely muddy road to the foothills and then followed a well graded track around the hills and reached Mr Kruger's mine in the hills at 2.pm. Called on Mr Kruger and after a short spell proceeded along the track for another 10 to 15 minutes to Mr Tardy's mine at UROURO. Called on Mr Tardy and inspected the site of the recent mine accident, in accordance with instructions from the R.M.

Arranged with Mr Tardy for several of his labourers who were witnesses to the accident to come back to Samarai with me and left about 4.pm. Returning along the track called on Mr Kruger and left his camp at 5.pm., and reached the beach by lamp-light at 7.pm.

23rd Saturday.

Left at 6.am, and ran down to GOMADOUDOU, Mr Kruger's plantation, anchoring at 6.30.am. Went ashore with Interpreter and A.C and sent boy in charge out to round up the 2 cows which Mr Kruger has on this Estate, as Mr Kruger had reported that one of them had been speared. Eventually the cows were brought down to the beach and it was found that one of the cows had a broken off spear sticking out of its rump. The boy-in-charge advised that it had been speared on the Monday and as the boat appeared it had been speared.

23rd Saturday: Cont'd. decided to give it what attention I could, especially as the boy in charge was frightened of the beasts and unable to do anything for it. With the aid of the Interpreter, A.G. and a couple of member of the "Elevala" crew the cow was eventually roped and thrown. The spear point, a barbed one, was extracted and after washing the wound it was dressed with tar. Another wound was found on the opposite side of the cow, apparently caused by a spear which had fallen out, this also was dressed. As a result of the inquiry which were then made found that the spearing had been done by two village men of ANIGONA which is close to the plantation. One of these men was present in the village and was taken into custody and V.C. EUBUI and GIBARA who was present was instructed to arrest the other man who was absent and bring him in to Samarai. These village people informed me that they had put away their pigs and as a result were not fencing their gardens and the cows had got into the gardens and eaten some of their crop. The V.C. reported in Samarai with the other native ^{on the 27th} and in the C.P.S. held on that date the two natives concerned were sentenced to 2 mos I.H.L.

Leaving GADADOU at 10.am, made a good run in to Samarai which was reached at 2.pm. Other than the minor breakdown on the 19th, the engine ran perfectly through-out the trip.

[Handwritten Signature]

A.R.M. E.D.

30/7/38.

PATROL REPORT

G.P. 67

STATION NUMBER

2-7-1938-39

SAMARAI

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by R.C.M. Turner P.O. to

Sagami Valley, Orange-Rio Day, Inland Mambas District. for the purpose of

(1) Paying cash advances to N.L.s at Gili Gili Plantation. (2) Recruiting carriers for Lake Kutubu Police Camp. (3) Recruiting a local A.C. from inland (4) Distributing W.M.L.S.D.F. Moneys. (5) General purposes.

Left Station on 6th August 1938 Returned to Station on 1st September 1938

Number of Carriers employed 20 Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge

Villages visited: BARUGABUNA, MATWARA, POMAPOMA, IPOURI, STASIADA, TAKI, TILI, FOROWAI, DABAU, DOROWOH, SUALABINA, GATASU, OLEHADA, EUPONI, UNIONI, BURALA, TADOBADA, UDAB, MABARA, MABA, PE, SAN, VELDI, MORA, GODE, SABIRIEC, DORER, UNYI, DABO SO, TIAL, LILAPPA, BOMBOMITE, WATUBU, ATA-ATA, GIBARA.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 16. 9. 38, 193

Officer in charge of Station

RE. **MINUTE PAPER**

R.M.E.D.,
Samarai.



No. 2008/171/38.

Patrol Report No. 2 of 38/39.

Your Patrol Report No. 2 was submitted to His Excellency
the Lieutenant-Governor, who writes :-

" Pages 9 to 11. - Surely it is not true
that KWATO has told these natives not
to sign on. "

[Handwritten signature]

G.S.
20.10.1938.

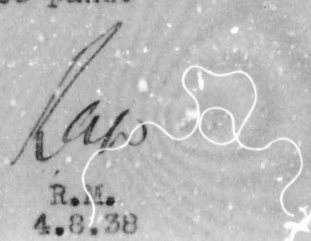
Mr P.O. Turner.

Please be prepared to leave per "Giligili" on Saturday next the 6th instant for the purpose of -

1. Having advances to native labourers at Giligili plantation. Special care should be taken to pay advances only in accordance with the terms of the contracts of the labourers concerned.
2. Thence proceed to the inland districts behind Gadaisu etc for the purpose of obtaining carriers for the Maku Kutubu Police Camp. Any natives offering their services may be told that they will be engaged for a period of 12 months at 12/6 per month. Only physically fit natives for mountain carrying are to be recruited. The number required is 80 all told but as the O/C Mapamaiva has been similarly instructed, you had better not exceed, say, half that number (40). Any natives recruited may be used as carriers for your patrol and you should return Milne Bay unless circumstances otherwise indicate.
3. Whilst in the inland districts you may recruit one suitable man as Local Constable of A.C. for 1 year at 10/- per month. Knowledge of English preferred and/or Motuan.
4. You will be handed certain moneys for distribution. Endeavour to dispose of as much as possible of these amounts and obtain blue receipts in each instance.
5. Deal with any C.M.M. cases brought under notice and generally attend to matters in villages in the normal manner.

The Police to accompany you will be detailed in due course.

With regard to carriers - if you cannot engage them at 12/6 per month you may offer up to 15/- per month, but, of course it is preferable that the lesser wage be paid.


R.M.
4.8.38

Report on patrol by B.C.M. Turner P.O. to SAGARAI Valley, Orangeri. Bay
and Inland MAMAI districts for the purposes of (1) Paying cash advances
to Native Labourers at Gili Gili Plantation. (2) Recruiting carriers for
Lake Kutubu Police Camp. (3) Recruiting a Local A.C. from inland districts
(4) Distributing W.R.L. & D.N. moneys. (5) General Purposes.

Saturday 6th August 1938

Acting under instructions from the R.M.E.D. I left Samarai at 2 p.m.
per A.V. Gili Gili, taking with me Lance- Corporal KOKOMO, A.C.s EKAI and
DEANWARI. Arrived at Gili Gili plantation at 7.15 p.m. and accepted Mr.
Irvine's invitation to stay the night.

Sunday 7th August 1938

Rain all day. At 7 a.m. one of the night shift boys reported to Mr. Irv
that the lock on the plantation store had been broken. Went to the store
and Mr. Fay estimated that about 7 lbs of tobacco had been taken. A large
number of the labourers were absent from the plantation so was unable to
question all of them. Made inquiries among those on the plantation but was
unable to find out anything. Made cash advances to plantation labourers
up to £104. Afternoon went by a.v. GiliGili to GABUGABUNA and made camp
in the R.H. at 3 p.m. Sent for V.C. BANABA of MAIWARA village and instruct
him to have carriers at the R.H. early on the following morning.

Monday 8th August. 1938

Left the R.H. at 5.15 a.m. in light rain, and went to Gili Gili, where
the plantation labourers were all lined up. Questioned them all about abs-
-ees from the quarters on Saturday night but was unable to find out anything.
Left at 7 a.m. and returned to the R.H. Only 8 carriers turned up and V.C.
BANABA reported that 15 boys had run away during the night. A.C. EKAI sent
out with the V.C. to apprehend them. Self went to MAIWARA village but found
all the village people absent. The village is in a much better condition
than on previous visits. Most of the people are working on their houses
and extensive gardens have been planted up, near the village. Went by motor
lorry to HAGITA plantation, arriving at 1 p.m. Loc. Cpl. KOKOMO sent out to
IANEIANEE village for carriers. Accepted Mr. McDonald's invitation to
the night.

Tuesday 9th August 1938

Left HAGITA at 7 a.m. in light rain. Went along the Sagarai road which was in a very sloppy condition. Forged the MAIWARA river which was about four feet deep. Marks on the bank indicated that it had been about 12 feet deep on the previous day. From here the road was under water to the GUMINI river which was a little deeper and flowing much more strongly than the MAIWARA river. Rain now became very heavy and after crossing the ridge and dropping down into the Sagarai Valley it intensified into a solid downpour. The road from here to the Sagarai River was about 2 feet under water. Owing to slippery tree roots hidden under the water going became very slow and the carriers were unable to reach POMAPOMA village until about 5 p.m. The Sagarai River at POMAPOMA was in flood with a rise of about 6 feet. Heavy rain continued to fall and the river rose. Tent pitched on the highest spot in the village. The river was going past very fast, taking large quantities of debris and numbers of large trees and logs with it. River rose fast and at 9 p.m. six inches of water in the tent forced me to move into one of the village houses. River had risen 5 feet since my arrival. Heavy rain all night.

Wednesday 10th August 1938

Rain all day. Village people state that all tracks out of POMAPOMA are impassable so all hands at work building a raft. Raft completed at 11 a.m. and all the gear loaded on board. Loading was just completed when the combined efforts of the carriers and police failed to hold it and the current pulled the raft away from them. Those of us who were on board were pulled off into the river by the carriers in their efforts to hold the raft. When the full force of the current struck it the raft lurched badly and half of the gear submerged. Three of the carriers jumped in, reached the raft and by hanging onto the highest side of the raft managed to prevent it from capsizing. A.C. DEAFARE and self reached the shore, ran along the bank until we caught up with the raft and then swam out to it. Our combined efforts succeeded in getting the raft at a safer angle and we eventually managed to swim it into the side of the river about two miles down from POMAPOMA, where we made it fast to trees. Left the rest of the party to look after the raft and went to Sagarai Plantation to enlist aid from Mr. Graham. The bush here gave evidence of extraordinarily heavy rain as most of it was under water to a depth of six or seven feet, and I had to do several rather long swims before

reaching the road. Arrived at Sagarai Plantation at 1 p.m. and arranged with Mr. Graham to have a number of the plantation labourers ready to help us land the raft when we came down. Returned to the raft and cast off. Swam the raft down to the plantation and with the help of the plantation boys effected a rather difficult landing. Afternoon spent drying gear. Mr. Graham very kindly exchanged some of his good rice for ours, which was all wet and which he issued to the plantation cooks immediately. Sent out for carriers. Mr. Graham told me that 10 inches of rain had fallen during the preceding 24 hours.

Thursday 11th August 1938

Rain all day. Carriers did not arrive so sent Lee. Cpl. KOKOMO to IPOURI village at 8 a.m. During the morning a number of labourers lined up and stated that they wished to sign off as they were frightened of the flood. Pointed out to them that this flood was most unusual and in any case it was most unlikely that a flood would reach to the floor of the boy's houses which are some feet above the ground. These boys were all Baxiara boys and subsequent events have shown that it was not so much the floods which had then frightened as the other labourers who are all Rigo boys and who appear to have been giving them a very rough time of it. Carriers arrived at midday. Left at 1.15 p.m. in light rain. What I saw of the plantation was still under water and quantities of debris were hanging from branches of the rubber trees. Went along a village track to the main SIASIADA road joining it at IPOURI. Road from here to TAUTILI all under water and carriers found the going very heavy. Passed through SIASIADA and went on to TAUTILI, arriving at 4.30 p.m. Tent pitched in the village. The road near the villages, with large gardens which are all doing well. Mainly sweet potatoes, bananas, sugar cane and pawpaw. Light rain all night.

Friday 12th August 1938

Rain all day. Left TAUTILI at 6.15 a.m. and went to the waterway at the head of Mullo Harbour. From here went by canoe to the Eastern side of the harbour landing about three miles from BOROWAI. Country covered in debris and signs of a big flood within the last few days. Went on to BOROWAI arriving about 11 a.m. and had lunch. The IGUZANI river was swollen - the people said that two days previously it had been higher than they had ever seen it. They said that there had been two feet of water in the village which was situated about 30 feet above the river when I

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village, which, when I was there was situated about 30 feet above the still-flooded river. There had been big landslides and a large area of high land had been washed away, the Govt. R.H. having a very narrow escape. None of the village house were lost. Left at 1 p.m. in light rain along the DAU-DAU road, which under water all the way. Arrived at DAUDAU at 4.30 p.m. Village mostly under water. Decided to push on to DOBUOPU in the hope of making a dry camp. This road was the worst so far varying from knee to waist deep. Arrived at 7.30 p.m. and was able to make a dry camp. Rain ceased about 8 p.m.

Saturday 13th August 1938

A fine morning. Decided to push on out of the swampy district before stopping to dry clothes. Left at 7.30 a.m. and went along the coast road for about four and a half. Road still under water. Reached the coast about a mile from SUAIABINA. Beach for miles completely covered with trees, logs and other debris. Crossed the NISONIGU river by canoe. The river has altered its course during the recent heavy rain and has broken out in two new places forming a three mouthed delta. Went on up the coast to GADAIKU, crossing the SAGAMODO and LAIMODO creeks, both of which have broken out into new mouths. Carriers held up for some time at the SAGAMODO waiting for the tide to recede. Went on to GADAIKU, arriving at 5.30 p.m. Mr. Voysey reported unusually heavy rain during the past week, one day registering 20 inches.

Sunday 14th August 1938

At GADAIKU. A fine day and once dried the camp gear and clothes. A Native Labour Inspection. (Separate report to the Hon. the C.R.A.) made cash advances to plantation labourers. A.C. FKAU reported with three MAIWANA men who had neglected to carry. All stated that they had not been told to carry by the V.C. Case adjourned till return to MAIWANA. Afternoon went to GADAIKU village. V.C. CHWISWA reported. He is bedridden and has been so for some months. He resigned and I recommended MINUSIKU of the same village to replace him. An ex-A.C. and the most promising of those available.

Monday 15th August 1938

A fine day. Left GADAIKU at 7 a.m. and went along the beach to BAIBARA, crossing the KAIWENA, LAKASINA and NURAGWINA rivers at their mouths. Crossings rendered difficult by flood waters meeting a high tide and a heavy

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surf. Called on Mr. & Mrs. Glanville at Orangerie Bay Plantation. Mr. Glanville reported the biggest flood he had yet seen on the plantation and the consequent loss of all his bridges. Most of the loose mats lying on the plantation were washed out to sea - later on most of them were washed back again. Mr. Glanville also reported that 21 of his labourers had deserted from the plantation and had gone up into the inland MAMAI district. Decided to go to MAMAI via the coast as the inland road was reported to be well under water. Went to the mouth of the OIABARA river.

This is a new one, about half a mile from the mouth, and formed during the past week. Here we were held up for over an hour while we ferried the gear across by canoe. This was rendered the more difficult by a heavy surf running for some way up the river. Went on to OIAZABA village and from there went along the coast towards Port Glasgow. The road across the headlands, always steep and very rough, was rendered almost impassable owing to landslides and fallen trees and the carriers found the going very hard. Passed HURIONE village and made camp on the next beach at sundown.

Tuesday 16th August 1938

Broke camp at 7.30 a.m. and went along the beach for about half a mile. Then left the beach and struck up over a high headland. Going very hard and track practically nil. Crossed the ridge and dropped down to HURMA and from there took canoes to ONIONI, arriving at midday. Went up to Round Hill Plantation and called on Dr. Vernon at 12.30 p.m. Dr. Vernon explained that ONIONI people had been visiting his property and taking sage, bananas etc. He was unwilling to take any action but asked me to have a word with the people and warn them not to do so again. Returned to ONIONI village where V.C. LOTOUA reported. Told him to have all the people in the village on the following morning. Returned to Dr. Vernon's house and made a number of cash advances to Indentured Labourers.

Wednesday 17th August 1938

A fine day. Went to ONIONI and warned the people about taking anything from Dr. Vernon's property. Mr. W. Blundell of MAMAI Plantation came down to ONIONI and drove the party back to MAMAI per motor truck. At present has a gang of a dozen boys engaged on repairing the road which was damaged by slides and fallen trees during the previous week. Mr. Blundell told

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before. Arrived at the plantation at midday. Inspected Native Labour during the afternoon. (Separate report to Hon. the C.M.A.)

Thursday 18th August 1938

Left the plantation at 3.30 a.m. in light rain. Went to PANOBADA. Road clean but very sloppy. Heavy rain accompanied by a cold wind now commenced and continued all day and night. Road mostly under water to the foot of UDAMA hill. The track up the hill, always difficult to negotiate, had been practically washed away, and the carriers made very slow progress till they reached the top. Reached UDAMA No. 1. at about 1.30 p.m. and spelled the carriers. Dropped down the other side of the hill and went to UDAMA No. 2. Track was in the creek bed which was coming down very fast and made the carriers' work very hard. Tent erected in UDAMA No. 2. village at 3.15 p.m. Found five of Mr. Glanville's deserters in this village. Unable to secure any volunteers to carry at Lake Kutuba.

Friday 19th August 1938

Paid out D.M.L. moneys and left UDAMA at 7.15 a.m. in light rain. Went down the IARUSI creek. The carriers performed remarkably well getting down to the IMUDARA river as the creek was thigh deep and seemed to have the power of a fire-hose. Reached the IMUDARA River at the old site of IARUSI village, now out of existence. Crossed a range of hills and dropped down to the IMUDARA again. Very heavy rain and cold winds now set in and lasted all day. Followed the IMUDARA down in a westerly direction, crossing and recrossing it for about three miles. The river was coming down fast, about chest high and the carriers did very well to get across. Eventually left the river behind and turned in a northerly direction towards MARAPIA. Road very boggy. Reached MARAPIA about 2 p.m. R.H. in good order. A new village has been built on the opposite side of the road to the old one - like the old one i. is situated on the top of a hill. Crossed the VELAUDI river and went on to MARA. V.C. KOTAI reported. Carriers in at 4 p.m. in a downpour of heavy rain. Made camp in the R.H. Again unsuccessful in getting volunteers for Lake Kutuba. Mr. Bruce Hamilton, who was on a recruiting trip, arrived at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday 20th August 1938

Rain all day. Self in bed with fever. A.C. EKAI and V.C. KOTAI went to DERIA to bring back some of the Grangerie Bay Plantation deserters.

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Sunday 21st August 1938

D.N.L. monkeys distributed. Left at 7.30 a.m. in light rain. Followed the YELAUOI creek up to MARA No.2. Village in excellent order. Very fine gardens on the other side of the river cover the hillsides. Stopped here for half an hour to rest the carriers and to buy a quantity of food. Went on up the creek to DEIGAM where a new village is being built across the creek from the old one. From here commenced a steep climb up to the watershed. Hearing the summit heavy rain, accompanied by cold winds set in and continued till nightfall. The surrounding country was blotted out by a heavy fog. Descended into the head of the LUABO valley and then up a steep climb to the new YELOI village. Made camp at 3.30 p.m. Unable to get any carriers for Lake Kutubu. A very cold night.

Monday 22nd August 1938

A fine day. Left YELOI at 7.30 a.m. and dropped down into the valley, and then up again to the old site of YELOI village, half of which has been abandoned. From here dropped down into the valley again and on to YELOI No.2. Here secured a magnificent view of Mt. Simpson (MANOUAN) as the mists were lifting from her slopes. Dropped down the long grass bed of the valley to the junction of the LUABO and NORA creeks. Turned up NORA creek to NORA and made camp in the R.F. at 1.30 p.m. V.C. KOIAN reported. Sent for the men of the village and tried to recruit carriers for Lake KUTUBU but again was unsuccessful.

Tuesday 23rd August 1938

Left NORA at 6 a.m. and followed NORA creek up to NORA NO.2. Village and roads excellent - a vast improvement on the last visit. Left NORA No.2. and headed up the valley through a number of excellent gardens, eventually crossing the watershed at about 10.30 a.m. Dropped steeply down to the junction of the KALIAU and ULAUA creeks, which, having joined form the OIABADA river. Followed the river down, track mostly in the bed of the river which was carrying more water than usual. Arrived at GUDI at about 2 p.m. Village clean and well kept. The gardens are not doing as well as on the last visit and food is somewhat scarce. Followed the river down to TABOBADA and from there went on to MAMAI plantation arriving at 5 p.m. Accepted Mr. Blundell's invitation to stay the night.

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Wednesday 24th August 1938

Left MAMAI at 9 a.m. and Mr. Blundell kindly drove me over to the heights above SABIRIBO. Passed through a property of Mr. Blundell's which he is clearing and planting up with rubber. Dropped down to Millport Harbour and went to SABIRIBO. Here took a canoe and went to Sarrille's Out and after passing through to Mayri Bay went along through BOREBO, UNAYI and DAGOBO. All these villages clean and in good order. The village policeman for the district had died a couple of weeks previously, so sent for all the men of the district to come to the R.H. at DAGOBO. Selected a new V.C. and returned by the same route to SABIRIBO. From here returned to the road and returned by lorry to Mamai, arriving at 5 p.m. W.H.L. moneys paid out.

Thursday 25th August 1938

A fine day. Left Mamai at 7.45 a.m. by the ILAI road. Track very sloppy. Went to ILAI and found that the old village had been pulled down and moved to a position on the banks of the CIABADA river. V.C. reported. Village clean and houses well built. Went from here to Orangerie plantation, arriving at 11.30 a.m. Returned the deserters to Mr. Slawville who did not wish to go any further with the matter. Left the plantation at 1 p.m. and went along the beach to GADAISU. Arrived at 5.30 p.m. V.C. MIMUSIMU of GADAISU reported. Sent him out for carriers for the following morning.

Friday 26th August 1938

A fine day. At 6 a.m. again made cash advances to Plantation Labourers, signed on 7 labourers and paid out W.H.L. & D.N. moneys. Seven carriers only turned up. V.C. MIMUSIMU reported that a number of boys had refused to carry as they said that they wished to make a Christmas instead. A.C.s sent out to bring in the offenders. Police arrived back at 4 p.m. with six defaulters. Carriers left for MARIWATTE with part of the gear; self and rest of the gear by canoe. Arrived at MARIWATTE at 9 p.m. Found that Mr. Greig had left on a trip to England, leaving a half-caste in charge.

Saturday 27th August 1938

C.N.M. during the morning. Six natives convicted for refusing to carry. Police sent to the point opposite DAHUNI to signal for a canoe. A.C. sent back to POWARI to get another native who, the V.C. said, had

Mr. Bruce Hamilton arrived in at 11 a.m. and hired the MARIWATTE launch to take him up Mullins Harbour. Held a Native Labour Inspection. (Separate report to the Hon. the C.N.A.) Accepted Mr. Hamilton's invitation to accompany him and at 2 p.m. left for LELEAPA. Went almost to the head of Mullins Harbour and then turned up LELEAPA creek. At 5 p.m. the low tide prevented us going any farther up the creek so landed the gear in a cleared space in the mangroves. There was no track out through the swamp so fired a number of shots to attract the attention of the LELEAPA people, whose village was within a mile or so of the creek. Eventually at sundown a man appeared and sent him back for a canoe, which arrived about 9 p.m. and took the party to within half a mile of LELEAPA village. Made camp in the R.H. at 10 p.m.

Sunday 28th August 1938

Assembled the people of the district at 6 a.m. and selected a new V.C. in place of V.C. LEIMALA who died about three weeks previously. Tried them out for volunteers to carry at Lake Kutubu but without result. One man said that they had been told by the Kwato Mission that they must not go away to work, but stay in their villages and look after their gardens. Told them that they were at liberty to do just as they pleased, whatever they were told by the Mission. Again asked them whether they wished to go but with the same result. Left at 7 a.m. and went on to BOMBONTITI, and from there to TAUTILI and on to SIASIADA. All these villages were in good order with excellent gardens lining the road. Turned off the main road and took a track to TOMANAU. The road from BOMBONTITI to TOMANAU was a quagmire. Reached TOMANAU about 11 a.m. and found that the plantation had been inspected the previous day by Mr. Larking of Dept. of Native Affairs. Went along the Sagarai Road which had dried out very well and was in good condition. Went to KAIORA and called on Mr. Warrant. Mr. Warrant has sixteen boys at work here clearing with a view to planting up with rubber and good progress has been made since my last visit. Left at 1.30 p.m. and went on to Sagarai Plantation arriving at 2.15 p.m. During the afternoon made cash advances to Labourers to the extent of £22. Did not inspect as Mr. Larking had inspected the previous day.

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Monday 29th August 1938

Left the plantation at 7.15 a.m. and went to POMAPOMA. Crossed the Sagara River, which was back to its normal depth of about three feet. Went on to WATUBU - road still very boggy. Land being cleared for gardens beside the river at WATUBU and trees being felled into the river. Warned the people making the gardens not to cut down any more timber within twenty yards of the river. Went on to ATA-ATA and from there up to KAIHADEBADA. Called on Messrs. Coleman and Jansen who have again started sluicing. Left at 11.30 a.m. and dropped down KAIHADEBADA creek. Saw four boys who are doing ground sluicing in the creek and who have done quite a lot of opening up work since my last visit. They told me that they have not been getting much gold so far. As, they said to only working spasmodically. Heavy rain started and lasted till 2.30 p.m. Went on to URO-URO, arriving at 1 p.m. Called on Mr. Jansen who reported all going smoothly. Went on to KAMBA and called on Mr. Kruger. Left at 3 p.m. and went down to GIBARA. Road in good order. From here went by canoe to GABUGABUNA and made camp in the R.H. at 7 p.m.

Tuesday 30th August 1938

C.N.M. cases all the morning. During the afternoon went to Gili Gili and called on Mr. Irvine. Inquired about the theft of tobacco from the store and found that nothing fresh had eventuated. The m.v. Elavala arrived at GABUGABUNA wharf at 2 p.m.

Wednesday 31st August 1938

C.N.M. cases again all day. Seven MAIWARA natives convicted for running away whentold that the Govt. wanted carriers. All blamed a village councillor who, they said, had told them all to go bush. Held a meeting of the village people who were unanimous that they wanted a new councillor. A new councillor elected and explained to him what the Govt. wanted of him. He is an intelligent man who, I think, will have a lot of influence on the people. These people are badly in need of good councillors as invariably number so of them go bush when a patrol is in the vicinity. I was told that Mr. Larkin was also unable to procure carriers and was consequently held up for a day.

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If the fault in the past has lain with the old councillor then we may look for a change in the attitude of the people in the future.

Thursday 1st September 1938

A.C. EKAI reported at 8 a.m. with one prisoner from GABAISU district. Left at 8 a.m. per M.V. Klevale. Went to NIHELA where we picked up Mr. A.R.M. Watkins and from there went to Samarai, calling at SIBEIA on the way. Arrived at Samarai at 3.15 p.m. and reported to the R.M.

GENERAL.

Carriers for Lake Kutubu. I tried to recruit carriers from both the Inland Memai district and the Sagarai valley both in both cases was unsuccessful. The reason given by some was that they had been told to stay in their villages by the Mission but I think that they, themselves, were very far from keen to go. Also the very bad weather conditions prevailing for most of the patrol added to their reluctance to leave.

Local A.C. In this regard I was also unsuccessful, none of the people being at all interested.

Roads. These were for the most part well looked after but most of the roads traversed were either under water or deep in mud.

Villages. These were mainly in very good repair and I very seldom had to order repairs to be carried out.

Gardens. As usual in this district the only parts where it was possible to buy native food was in the inland where the gardens were fairly good. In the inland I found that food was not as plentiful as on my previous visit six months ago.

Rest Houses. These throughout the patrol were in excellent repair.

Herby Lewis

P.O.E.D.
14th Sept 1938

PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

2/39-40**SAMARAI**

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **S. Elliott-Smith A.R.M.** to
the South Coast, Mubutu Valley and Milne Bay for the purpose of

General inspection and collection of Outstanding taxes

Left Station on **24. 7. 39** Returned to Station on **15. 8. 39**
 Number of Carriers employed **20** Number of Police taken **3**
 Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **"Elevala" Cox. Sigimatu**
 Villages visited **SUAV, SAMOTHA, DAGO DAGO ISU, IPULAI, WAIDANA DAU, IILIBUTA,**
PAVABU, NUMASOI SOI, WAISINA, MOINURI, ISUAI, GADDA, CIMAMAMANIA, SAVAIA,
AI AUTA, POA POA, SAGAHU, UWANI, GOSIWAR Group, GUBALLAI, ISU ISU, ISU, ISUD,
AWARRORO, SEA SEA, ENARA, DOBU RABA, GOGCHI, VAPAT VAUTO, ETARA, ARO ARO and

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others

(1) Unless the patrol is a regular routine patrol in a long-settled district 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.

(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.

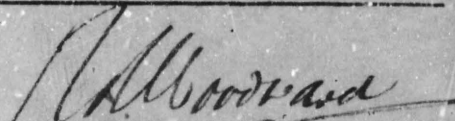
(3) The Patrol Report is to be enclosed in this jacket, which, properly filled in, is to be sent to the Government Secretary immediately after each patrol.

(4) The space below is not to be written in.

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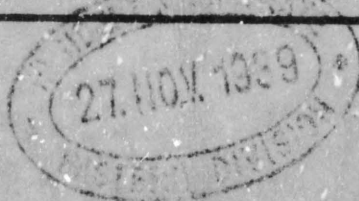
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Date **23rd August**, 19 **39**


Officer in charge of Station.

R.M.E.D.



No. 2829/150/39.

R.M., E.D. Samarai.

In reply to your letter of the 24th October No. 513/25/39 inclosing Mr. S. Elliott Smith's explanation of his use of the term 'Political Offences' His Excellency writes that he thinks Mr. Smith should give up using the term as it is misleading.

H. W. Champion
G.S.
10.11.1939.

SLB/25/39

Hon' G.S.

Your letter No. 2475/160/39 of the 26th ultimo
has been passed over to Mr S. Elliott Smith A.R.M. and a copy
of that Officer's reply is attached.

Ran
D.M.F.S.
24.10.39

MINUTE PAPER

[G.P. 3]

No.

R.M., F.D.

With reference to Minute No. 2475/150/39 of the 26th September last from Hon., The G.S. -

The political offences mentioned referred to offences against policy viz; Neglect to clean roads, villages etc., etc; offences under the N.R. dealing with carriers and other matters of a similar nature. I have frequently used the term in my patrol reports.

Collett-Frank

Asst. Resident Magistrate *A.R.M.*

24. 10. 39.

Memo in
Duplicate.

MINUTE PAPER

[G.P. 8]



No. 2475/150/39.

R.M., E.D.

On page 9 of E.D. Patrol Report No.2/39-40 under the heading of 'Native Matters' the A.R.M. refers to 'political offences'.

H.E. asks what they are.

H. Hamilton
26. 9. 1939.

A.M.

For attention please

*Rev. Mr.
16.10.39*

Report of Patrol No.2/39-40 made by S.Elliott-Smith A.R.M. to the South Coast, Sagarai Valley and Milne Bay for the purpose of a general inspection, collections of outstanding taxes etc. etc.

Police: A.Cs. EKAI, UWAIA and IAE - Interpreter MERRICK.

Monday 24th July 1939. On board "Elevala" left Samarai at 1.35 p.m. Made a direct run to Suau passage and anchored off the Rest House at 5.30 p.m. V.Cs KOKAI of Sipalai, TIMA of HARIKOIA and LEUBENI of SUAU reported. Some minor troubles were reported. Heavy rain fell at night.

Tuesday 25th July 1939. Raining heavily during the early morning. Ran across the passage to a point near the village of SAMOTEA. I here instructed SIGIMUTU to proceed in "Elevala" to Fara Bay and await me there. Went ashore and "Elevala" departed immediately. Inspected SAMOTEA village and walked to DACC DAGO ISU, thence by canoe across to IPULAI (V.C. LOFA) where I arrived at 8.30 a.m. V.C. BADAGUGU of Modewa reported. Held an election of Councillors for this group and listened to a number of Petty complaints. The villages were not impressive and I pressed for improvement. The approach to IPULAI at low tide is a bad one, thru many yards of mud. I was able to collect some outstanding taxes here.

On at 11 a.m. Passed thru WALDAUA DAV and ILIBUTA villages and reached NAVABU (IALIWADI) in Fara Bay at 1 p.m. Road very bad indeed. We walked thru driving rain the whole way. "Elevala" at anchor and I sent instructions to Coxswain Sigimutu to proceed to Fife Bay and await me there. She departed about 1.30 p.m.

Busy all the afternoon dealing with the election of Councillors and attending their meeting, in C.N.M. etc. I was also able to take some outstanding taxes. It rained all day. Camped in a very poor Rest House.

Wednesday 26th, July 1939. Raining heavily with no sign of a break. Left NAVABU at 7.30 a.m. Passed thru NUMA SOI SOI, WALISINA and MOINURI and arrived at USUAI at 8.45 a.m. Some of this road would be difficult at high water. Dealt with a case of Adultery in the C.N.M. A matter of man seducing his mother-in-law. Continued on thru heavy rain at 10 a.m. Struck inland and climbed steadily for three quarters of an hour and continued thru GADOA village, along a spur, to OIAM/MANIA Bay, clean, house where we arrived at 11.25 a.m. I was wet and cold, with the SUWENI River below us, in heavy flood. The height at this point a.m. went then crossed

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Wednesday 26th. July 1939 (Continued) SHOULD say would be in excess of a 1000 ft.

The death of V.C. PORONAI of this group was reported. I was able to replace him with a very suitable man, brother of an old time V.C. here who bore an excellent name. Rained all day. Camped in an indifferent Rest House.

Thursday 27th July 1939. Still raining. Left OIAMAMANIA at 7.30 a.m. Walked for 15 minutes along the main road, then left it on our right hand. (The floods made this road impossible) Continued on over a native pad, well-defined; descended for 40 minutes to the Fedelili creek, crossed and climbed for 15 minutes, thence a steep drop to Savaia Village (V.C. (DAIWALINA) reached at 8.45 a.m. The V.C. absent at SAGAAHO, where, I understand, he now resides. The wind at this point was very fierce and rain fell heavily. Even in the unpleasant conditions the village presented a very tidy appearance - the Rest House however, was entirely unsatisfactory.

Dealt with Council matters and held C.N.M. but there were no complaints of a serious nature brought forth. It is interesting to note that 15 new houses have been built in this village since my last visit to Fann Bay.

Left at 10.45 a.m. Over a good road, thru AU AUTA and POA POA villages, to the Suwari River crossing at its mouth, where we arrived at 11.50 a.m. Crossed over by canoe and went on to SAGAAHO Rest House (V.C. SAKAU UI) reached at 12.5 p.m. Halted for the day. V.C. DAIWALINA of Savai is reported - he resigned, he being now longer a resident in the village he was appointed for. Camped in a most uncomfortable Rest House. It rained all day. Collected some outstanding tax at this point and dealt with a number of Council matters.

Friday 28th July 1939. Still raining. Left SAGAAHO Rest House at 7.30 a.m. Crossed the Sagsaho or Sigel creek and passing thru SAGAAHO, UWARU, OROSIWARA group and GUBAILAI, arrived at ISU ISU village at 9.10 a.m. There is no V.C. for this group of Lawe's Bay villages and I propose recommending a native named DANIERA for the post. ISU ISU is a very clean, tidy village and a credit to the people. There were no complaints, but I remained awhile seeing the new Council elected and at 10 a.m. went on to ISU village. Walked round the coast a short distance, then crossed

3. P/B. No. 2/39-40 Samarai.

Friday 28th. July 1939 (Continued) to ISUDAU (V.C. HALIGOANA) reached 10.45 a.m. "Elevala" at anchor here. This village most unsatisfactory and I issued a final warning to those concerned. Attended to the matter of some outstanding taxes and dealt with a number of items in council. Had lunch and later in the afternoon went across to Isuleilei Mission Station and saw Mr. and Mrs. Rich and spent the night there. The Rev. Searle saw me during the afternoon and mentioned a case of what seemed indecent assault upon the wife of Student at Lawe's College by another of the students. The matter will be dealt with tomorrow. Rain fell heavily most of the day. The weather is most unpleasant.

The vessel "Windsong" entered Pife Bay and anchored off Isudau about 1.30 p.m.

Saturday 29th. July 1939. Went across to Lawe's College shortly after 9 a.m. and was occupied in the Court for Native Matters until 1 p.m. after which I had Lunch with the Rev and Mrs. Searle. There was a terrific rainstorm during the afternoon and I did not return to Isuleilei until 5.30 p.m. where I spent the night.

Sunday 30th. July 1939. "Elevala" went to ARO ARO Bay direct. Left ISULEI LEI at 9 a.m. Walked thru AWARORO (V.C. PILIPO) and IBO and arrived at SEA SEA at 9.30 a.m. where I remained until 10.30 a.m. dealing with District Council matters. Continued on and climbing over a headland, reached ENARA (V.C. TANGENAJE) at 10.55 a.m. I was able to collect a couple of old tax defaulters at this point. ENARA village anything but satisfactory and I urged the Council to see that improvements were effected without delay. There were no native Complaints.

Continued on at 11.30 a.m. Crossed a waterway by canoe, then walked thru DOHUBADA and GOGOHI to VAUTO reached at 12.50 p.m. On at 1 p.m. and climbed over a low ridge and dropped to ETARA village reached at 1.25 p.m. Crossed to ARO ARO (V.C. OLIVER) and camped in a poor Rest House at 1.45 p.m. "Elevala" at anchor. V.C. OLIVER reported all well. It is interesting to note that since my last visit here, four months ago, this community have planted up an area of Coconuts numbering some 400 odd nuts. Quite a worthy effort and well worth encouraging.

There were no complaints.

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Monday 31st July 1939. "Elevala" left for AUNIERI at 7.30 a.m. Left ARO ARO at 7.10 a.m. Walked thru SILA SILA and SUWAIARU to GEDI GEDI reached at 8.15 a.m. The latter half of the pad is bad and there is a steep climb. Left at 8.35 a.m. and for the most part travelling over nothing better than a native pad, reached KAU KAU at 10 a.m. Went on at 10.20 a.m. and reached AUNIERI (V.C.KWAGA) at 10.40 a.m. "Elevala" at anchor. Held C.E.M. and dealt with a number of relevant matters in Council and had lunch. Went on board "Elevala" and left at 2.40 p.m. Sailed direct to ISUKOKOULO anchorage on BONA BONA Island and anchored at 3.35 p.m. V.C.WAKUPU reported. Rain fell most of the day and night.

Tuesday 1st August 1939. Left Bona Pina in "Elevala" at 5.45 a.m. Went direct to MAYRI Bay, at the end of the District, where we arrived at 9.20 a.m. and dropped anchor off the DAGOBO Rest House. Instructed "Elevala" to proceed at once to Delebai, in the Abau District, and there endeavour to pick up some number of tax evaders known to be there and then to return direct to Port Glasgow where I would be waiting.

Landed and inspected DAGOBO village. I was able to trace some outstanding tax here.

Left DAGOBO at 12.40 p.m. Inspected UNEVE and BOKBO (V.C.ILASA), then crossed to Millport Harbour (Losoa). Proceeded round the harbour inspecting MAIWA, TAPARIBO and LOSOA villages and over a rough track, crossed into Port Glasgow and arrived at ONI ONI (V.C.LASOA) at 3.30 p.m. Rained heavily during the latter half of the journey. "Elevala" returned from Delebai at 10 p.m.

Wednesday 2nd August 1939. The first fine day for nine days past. "Elevala" left for LOPOM, Abau District, to search for farther tax defaulters at 7 a.m. Busy all the morning in the C.N.M. and C.P.S. Mr. W. Blundell, the manager at Mamai plantation, arrived at noon and I went back to Mamai plantation with him. Spent the night at Mamai.

"Elevala" returned at 6 p.m.

Thursday 3rd August 1939. Paid some advances to Native Labourers and held C.P.S. at Mamai. Left at 10.30 a.m. and reached ONI ONI at 11.30 a.m. Coxn. SIGIMUPU told me that he had seen the Inspector of Schools, Mr. Ingli at Mogubo, who informed him that he would not require the "Elevala" as he was travelling thru by "DIAURI" the S.D.A. vessel.

5. P/R. No.2/39-40 Samarai.

Thursday 3rd AUGUST 1939 (Continued) I was busy with some further complaints during the afternoon and later inspected GEA GEA village. Very clean and tidy, but houses indifferent.

Received a note from Mr. Glanville, manager at Orangerie Bay Government Plantation, asking me to call in. Camped on "Elevala".

Friday 4th. August 1939. Left in "Elevala" at 5.20 a.m. Made direct for Baibara I island and anchored there at 6.20 a.m. Instructed "Elevala" to proceed to Dahuni and there await my signal to cross over to MARAJAWATTE. Landed thru heavy surf and went on to Orangerie Bay Government Plantation. Rained in torrents all day. Transacted some business for the Manager and remained the night as guest of he and Mrs. Glanville. Four inches of rain fell during the day - the weather is impossible.

Saturday 5th. August 1939. Left BAIBARA residence at 9 a.m. Inspecting NARAI, ORI, GOGA SIBA, BARA BARA and KAIPONA. I arrived at GADAISU (V.C. NEMESIMA) at 12.30 p.m. This is all beach walking and would be difficult at high water - I ordered a road made inside the scrub and above high water mark. There are also three rivers that necessitate the use of a canoe to cross them. Mr. Voysey, manager for the B.N.G. Dev. Co., Ltd. at GADAISU plantation met at the Rest House with a motor truck and I went along and had lunch with he and Mrs. Voysey. Returned to the Gadaisu Rest House at 2 p.m. and was busy with the populace until 5 p.m. Held C.N.M. and C.P.S. Returned to Gadaisu plantation and dealt with some Labour matters and spent the night as guest of the manager and Mrs. Voysey. There were no serious complaints. Experienced a fine day for a change.

Sunday 6th. August 1939. Left GADAISU at 7.10 a.m. Travelled along the beach of Orangerie Bay, thru LAIMODO and SUWAIBINA villages and arrived at MARAJAWATTE Plantation, (Mr. Wm. Greig) at 11.45 a.m. Rained heavily from 11 a.m. onwards. Had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Greig. "Elevala" crossed from Dahuni at 1.50 p.m. and I visited DAHUNI and KONIMAIAUA (T.G. LIUAI). Returned to MARAJAWATTE at 6 p.m. and spent the night as guest of Mr. and Mrs. GREIG. Instructed "Elevala" to proceed to Samarai via Fife Bay and Suva in the morning.

Monday 7th. August 1939. In launch "Thistle" left MARAJAWATTE at

6. P/H. No. 2/39-40 Samarai.

Monday 7th. August 1939. (Continued) In launch "Thistle" left MARAIWATTE at 7.30 a.m. Four hours run up Mullen's Harbour to Tamanau landing, during which time it rained continually. Landed and plowed thru mud, knee deep, to TAMANAU Plantation (Mr. A. J. Palmer, Manager). Had lunch and left at 2 p.m. to inspect the timber jam on the Sagarai river below Karolo. Inspected the blockage and left on return at 3.50 p.m. Heavy rain falling and the river commenced to flood. Before we reached Karolo crossing we were waist deep in water with the current rising. Arrived back at Tamanau plantation at 5.20 p.m. Changed into dry things and then paid some advances to Native Labourers. Spent the night as guest of the Manager and Mrs. Palmer. Mosquito very bad here.

Tuesday 8th. August 1939. During the early morning I inspected the native Labour on Tamanau plantation. There were no complaints. Left at 7.30 a.m. A fine day. Arrived at KAIORA plantation (Mr. Warrant) at 8 a.m. Paid advances to Native Labourers and held an inspection. There were no complaints. Left at 11 a.m. and arrived at Sagarai Plantation (Mr. W. Gray, Manager) at 12 noon. Had lunch and later inspected the Native Labour and endorsed some advances. There were no complaints. Spent the night as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gray.

Wednesday 9th. August 1939. Left Sagarai plantation at 8.30 a.m. Went to MOHOA LAHI Rest House at the junction of the Sea Seada road where many people were assembled. Arrived here at 9.15 a.m. V. C. SALAU of Germanale reported. Held C.E.M. and gave a brief lecture to the Council and the people. We received a large offering of Native Food at this point.

On at 11 a.m. Thru POPO ARUA RUA, GADOA LAHI, POMA POMA, DAMAIA GAREVA to the Upper Sagarai River, which we crossed at 1.25 p.m. Went on to MIRA village, a matter of five minutes away, where I spelled for lunch. There were no complaints. The people treated my prisoner carriers handsomely with gifts of cooked food.

Continued on at 2.30 p.m. thru BOSELILLA to LELIBADA, reached at 3.30 p.m. I remained for 10 minutes with these people, then went on thru WEILA village to IWAME Rest House, just below OURO OURO, reached at 5.15 p.m. V. C. TAU ALALA reported. I covered the whole of the populated area in the Upper Sagarai today. There were no complaints.

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Wednesday 9th. August 1939. (Continued) complaints whatever. Villages were clean and tidy and the people hospitable. Roads, although wet and rooty, were reasonably kept. These people also pay a great deal of attention to their gardens and I noticed some very fine crops of taro.

Camped in a small Rest House.

Thursday 10th. August 1939. Left IWAME Rest House at 6.30 a.m. Called on Mr. ORR, metallurgist, and had breakfast with him. Later climbed 600 feet to Mr. Tardy's residence - inspected Native Labour and remained for lunch. Rain commenced to fall heavily at about noon. Went on to Mr. Kruger's mine and spent a few moments with the Owner. Left at 1.30 p.m. and after a very wet brisk walk, reached GIBARA at 3 p.m. "Elevala" at anchor. Comm. SIGIMUTU reported with advice from the R.M.E.D. asking that the vessel be returned to Samarai today. Embarked in "Elevala" and she carried me to Gabagabuna where I landed with my gear. "Elevala" left for SAMARAI at 5 p.m. carrying 23 prisoners as passengers. I went on to HAGITA plantation (Mr. Ian McDonald, Manager) where I arrived at 6 p.m. and there spent the night as guest of the manager.

Friday 11th. August 1939. Early morning I inspected Hagita Labour. Had breakfast and went across to WAIGANI Plantation (Mr. C. Day, Manager) where I endorsed advances and inspected labour. Returned to Hagita at 5 p.m.

Saturday 12th. August 1939. Crossed to GILI GILI Plantation (Mr. Fay, acting Manager). Endorsed advances to 170 native labourers and held an inspection. Finished up at 5.30 p.m. Spent the night at Gili Gili.

Sunday 13th August 1939. Left GILI GILI in the vessel "Gili Gili" at 2.15 p.m. Went on to AHICMA (Mr. W.H. Wright, Manager) and HAWALEA (Mr. J. Driver, Owner) and transacted urgent business, then continued on to Samarai, arrived about 10.15 p.m.

General

Remarks.

PATROL.

The patrol occupied 3 weeks and the whole of the South Coast, that is, the occupied area, was covered on foot. In addition, all the villages in the Upper Sagarai or Buhutu valley were inspected, the return being made thru OIRO OIRO (Milne Bay S.F.) and all Milne Bay Plantations.

Outstanding
TAXES.

I was able to collect in outstanding taxes from the South Coast, some £63. This is very satisfactory and will considerably ease the pressure in the coming year. In addition to this, all defaulters of long standing were sought out and charged with failure to pay tax on demand and sentenced to terms of imprisonment. I will go as far as to say that there are now not more than a dozen defaulters left on the South Coast.

VILLAGES,
Sth. Coast.

The only villages that could be classed as satisfactory were SAMOTEA, near Suva, SAVAIA and ISUAI in Fara Bay, ISU ISU in Lawe's Bay, SEA SEA in Fife Bay and BOREBO in MAYRI Bay at the end of the District, although a number of others are rapidly approaching that stage. With stronger and better organised Councils, I hope for great improvements in the very near future.

VILLAGES,
Buhutu
Valley.

With the exception of WELKI village, near IWAME, these were satisfactory and call for no adverse comment.

ROADS,
Sth. Coast.

A crying necessity. Most unsatisfactory and in some parts, non-existent. I have urged the people to make an early attempt to rectify this matter. Tools, just received, will be issued to these people for the purpose.

ROADS,
Buhutu
Valley.

Roads in this area, although unfortunately for the most part subject to flood and consequently very muddy and wet, were found to be well kept and clean.

General

Remarks (Continued)

BEST HOUSES,
Sth. Coast.

I did not find a single satisfactory building. For the most part it was necessary to occupy a room not more than 12 ft. square and conveniences were non-existence. I have every reason to believe that this matter for dissatisfaction will be removed ere my next visit to the South Coast.

NATIVE
MATTERS.

Reasonably quiet. I dealt with one serious case of common assault and one of indecent assault. I refrained on this occasion, from instituting proceedings in re political offences under the Native Regulations, leaving it to the common sense of these intelligent people to take my warnings seriously.

NATIVE
LABOUR.

Matters were found to be most satisfactory from all points of view and I have no complaints.

VILLAGE
CONSTABLES.

One of the number died withing the last month and two resigned. I hope to be able to report more favourably upon these South Coast men at some future date.

VILLAGE
COUNCILLORS.

The South Coast now have a full quota of District Councils organised as well as it is possible to do and, no doubt, with more education in their phase of work, good results may be expected.

Edw. H. Smith
A.R.M.

A.R.M., E.D. 22/8/39.
Samarai

PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER
of 1938/39

Samarai

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by R.C.M. Turner P.O. toKATHADERADEBA and SAGARAI Valley.

for the purpose of

inquiring into an alleged assault on Mr. Hans Jensen by a mine labourerLeft Station on 6th September Returned to Station on 9th SeptemberNumber of Carriers employed 12 Number of Police taken 2

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge

Villages visited: GABUGABUNA. GIBARA. ATA-ATA. WATUPU. POMAPOMA.

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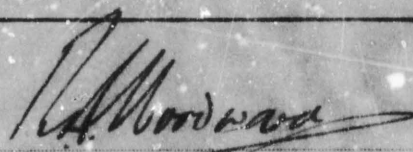
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Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 16. 9. 38, 193

 Officer in charge of Station

Report on patrol by R.C.M. Turner P.O. to KAIHADEBADEBA for purposes of inquiring into an alleged assault on Mr. Hans Jansen by a mine labourer.

Tuesday 6th September 1938

Acting under instructions from the R.M.E.D. I left Samarai at 2 p.m. per a.v. Gili Gili, taking with me A.C.s KEREPUA and UAE-A. Arrived at Gili Gili at 7 p.m. and went to GABUGABUNA, making camp in the R.H.

Wednesday 7th September 1938

Paid the MAIWARA and GABUGABUNA V.C.s in tobacco for the work done on the HAGITA-GABUGABUNA road by the people of those villages. Left GABUGABUNA at 7.30 a.m. by canoe in light rain. Arrived at GISARA at 9 a.m. and to the DUABO road. As we reached the bottom of the climb up to DUABO very heavy rain commenced and continued almost without cessation all day. Dropped down to KAIHADEBADEBA and arrived at 11 a.m. A.C.UAE-A sent down into the Sagarai Valley to bring in a number of people to whom W.N.L. moneys were due. Both Mr. Coleman and Mr. Jansen were there. Mr. Jansen had a 3 inch scalp wound which he said had been inflicted by one of the mining boys signed on to him. Afternoon spent making enquiries and taking statements from witnesses.

Thursday 8th September 1938

Held Native Labour inspection, (separate report to the Hon. the C.N.A.) Was about to leave at 10 a.m. when a messenger arrived from Mr. Graham of Sagarai Plantation asking me to go there. He said that there had been a fight on the plantation, as the result of which a Banlara boy was in a critical condition and the rest of the Banlars had been driven off the plantation by a number of Rigo labourers. Left KAIHADEBADEBA at 10.45 a.m., followed KAIHADEBADEBA creek down, passed through ATA-ATA and went to WATUBU. Heavy rain falling and the road in a very bad condition. Joined the GiliGili-Sagarai road and went on to POMA-POMA. Crossed the Sagarai River and reached the plantation at 1.15 p.m. Saw the injured native who was suffering from a speared heel and, apparently, one rib, at least, broken. There was a very large swelling over the back of his ribs and he was bleeding at the mouth. Afternoon and night spent on G.N.M. and enquiring into the trouble for which one boy appeared to be mainly responsible. As a result of inquiries eight natives convicted for threaten-

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-ing behaviour and one native arrested on a charge of assault occasioning grievous bodily harm. Finished C.N.M. at 11 p.m. Injured natives condition appeared critical so decided to make an effort to get him into Samarai on the Gili Gili, which was due to leave Gili Gili on the following morning. Left the plantation at 11.45 p.m. in light rain.

Friday the 9th September 1938

Light and heavy showers of rain continued all night. The road being under water made the work of the boys carrying the stretchers extremely difficult. These boys, countrymen of the injured man, performed very well. Although they were continually losing their footing on the slip-covered tree roots and falling, their strenuous efforts managed to keep the stretchers sufficiently level to prevent the patient from falling out. Especially creditable was their crossing of DUABO hill (1,100 feet) both sides of which are hard work for carriers even in the daylight. Dawn broke soon after leaving the bottom of DUABO hill. Went on to GIBARA arriving at 6.30 a.m. Mr. Tardy was at GIBARA and very kindly offered to take the party across to Gili Gili. Arrived at Gili Gili at 10 a.m. and called on Mr. Irvine who told me that the Gili Gili would be leaving for Samarai at 1 p.m. Went to GABUGABUNA R.H. and paid out W.M.L. and D.M. moneys. Returned to Gili Gili and left per a.v. Gili Gili at 2 p.m. Arrived at Samarai at 7.45 p.m. and reported to the R.M.

P. O. Samaras

P.O. Samarai E.D.
15/9/38

PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

4/36-39

SAMARAI, E.D.

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by A.E. Watkins, A.R.M. to
HIHILA & BUBULETA, Milne Bay District, for the purpose of
Inquiring into theft of fencing wire at HIHILA, an alleged Breaki
and Entering of a store at BUBULETA, and for general purposes.

Left Station on 30/8/38 Returned to Station on 1/9/38.

Number of Carriers employed nil Number of Police taken Two.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Alavala" - E.J.W. Mears.

Villages visited BUBULETA and HIHILA.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 19th September, 1938

E.J.W. Mears

E.J.W. Mears

Officer in charge of Station

REPORT of Patrol made by A.E. Watkins, A.R.M. to Milne Bay District for the purpose of making inquiries into theft of wire from a cattle fence at HIHILA Plantation, an alleged breaking into the trade store at BUBULETA Plantation, and for general purposes.

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Report No. /38-39.

Personnel:- A.E. Watkins, A.R.M., Court Interpreter MERRICK, and A.C's KEREPUA and DAUMI.
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August, 30th, 1938: Tuesday: Acting under instructions received from the R.M.E.D. I left Samarai on the "Elevala" at 8.30 a.m. and proceeded to HIHILA, Milne Bay, arriving there at mid-day. Called on Mr F. Leetch, manager of HIHILA Plantation. During the afternoon sent Interpreter MERRICK and A.C's KEREPUA and DAUMI to BARABARA Village to bring in certain natives suspected of having taken wire from a fence around the HIHILA cattle paddock and others for being mixed up in an alleged assault, said to be the outcome of the wire incident. The A.C's were also instructed to inform the village people that if they had any matters for me to inquire into etc., that they could bring same tomorrow morning. The A.C's and Interpreter returned to HIHILA at 5.30 p.m. and I then proceeded with inquiries re the wire fence. Learned that the alleged parties to the theft were at present prisoners at Samarai.

August, 31st, 1938, Wednesday:

All morning was spent on Native Matters and in C.N.M. with the BARABARA, and on inspecting the broken fence. HIHILA and BUBULETA people/ During the afternoon the patrol visited BUBULETA Plantation and called on Mr W.A. Simpson, Manager. Made an inspection of the store and surroundings and on inquiry it would point to 4 certain natives of the BUBULETA village, one of whom is working for Mr Simpson as a cook. However, as the available evidence amounts to little more than suspicion and nothing concrete could be found, the matter was left in abeyance to await developments. Held C.P.S. - 1 case of coconut stealing. Returned to HIHILA at 5 p.m.

September, 1st, 1938, Thursday: At HIHILA on Native Matters until 10.30 a.m. and at 11 a.m. left on the "Elevala" for Samarai. Arrived Samarai at 3.30 p.m. and reported to the R.M.E.D.


A.R.M.

PATROL REPORT

[G.P. 67]

STATION NUMBER
3 of 1933/39

Sagarai STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by R.C.M. Turner P.O. to

N.E. Coast, Milne Bay, & Sagarai Valley. for the purpose of

(1) Inquiries NAIMAI, (2) Inquiries LAUIAM, (3) N.L. In-sections.

(4) Collecting outstanding taxes, (5) Cash advances to N.L.

Left Station on 26th September Returned to Station on 8th October

Number of Carriers employed 15 Number of Police taken 4

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge

Villages visited MAIWARA. GABUGABUNA. LAUIAM. WAIMAYA. DILASTAPOTA. CARUANI.
ANAJAMA. ZAFSA. WAMUWANNA. POMAPOMA. WATUBU. ATA-ATA. GIBARA. GUMINI.

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Officer in charge of Station

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From	To	Office in Origin and Station Indication	Words	Class	Time	Date	Received from	Time Received	By
							VEZS	4x15pm	GD
GILGILI						15			
SABARA RADIO						4pm 7			

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE MUMBAI...VIJ.

PLEASE ADVISE HOW MANY PRISONERS

PASSENGERS TRAVELLED ON GILGILI TODAY

GILGILI

Travellers
2 AC
1 Clerk

Resident Magistrates Office

Samarai.

October 8th, 1958.

Memo for :-

The Manager -
Giligili Plantation.
Milne Bay.

Dear Sir,

This morning I received your radio message reading
as follows :-

"Please advise how many prisoners passengers
travelled on Giligili today."

I now have to advise that no prisoners were brought
in on that vessel, the only passengers on Government account
being Mr Patrol Officer Turner, two A.O. and one personal attendant.

Yrs faithfully.



Resident Magistrate.

Patrol by R.C.M. Turner, P.O. to the North East Coast, SARARAI Valley and Milne Bay Districts for the purposes of (1) Investigating the burning down of a copra drier at MAIMAI plantation, Leased by Tom Tenaka, half-caste. (2) Making inquiries re request for payment by Milne Bay natives, claiming to have helped to build the LAUJAM Bridge and road. (3) Collecting outstanding taxes. (4) Making further inquiries at Sagarai Plantation re assault case (P.R.3 of 39/9.) (5) Carrying out N.L. inspections at URO-URO and KOBERA Gold Mines. (6) Making cash advances to N.L.s at Waigani Plantation. (7) General purposes.

Monday 26th September 1938

Acting under instructions from the R.M.E.D. I left Samarai at 2 p.m. per a.v. Gili Gili, taking with me A.C.s KEREPUKA, UA-12, APAI and NAHO. Arrived at Gili Gili at 7 p.m. and accepted Mr. Irvine's invitation to stay the night.

Tuesday 27th September 1938

Left Gili Gili at 9 a.m. and went to GABUGABUNA R.H. Day spent in making inquiries re tax defaulters of last year, getting touch with and interviewing claimants for payment for work done on the GABUGABUNA-LAUJAM road and investigating land disputes. V.C.s SIULAGUTA of GABUGABUNA and BANABA of MAIMARA reported. Both instructed to have carriers at the R.H. early on the following morning. Light rain all day.

Wednesday 28th September 1938

Left the R.H. at 6.30 a.m. and went along the LAUJAM road to LADANA and called on Mr. Bryson. Stopped to listen to the news of the European situation on the wireless. Kept A.C. KEREPUKA with me and sent the carriers on with the rest of the police with instructions to cross the range to TAUPORA via the WAIEMA track. Left the Mission at 7.45 a.m. and went to WAIEMA. Light rain and track very sloppy. WAIEMA village clean and well kept. Left WAIEMA and climbed up to BADILA a small village situated on a grassy plateau between the spurs of the Stirling Range. Crossed the plateau and climbed one of the steep spurs. After about three quarters of an hour reached a large taro garden belonging to the BADILA people. After leaving here a thick fog closed in and it was impossible to see more than a hundred yards in any direction. The going from here

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became steep and rough. Nearing the water-shed the rain became very heavy and a cold wind sprang up. As we had by this time seen nothing of the police and carriers it soon became apparent that they had taken the wrong track to TAUPOTA. Crossed the range at midday and followed a grassy spur down to a house situated in a large garden. Halted here at 1 p.m. to let the A.C. have a meal of taro. The men who were working the garden told me that it was the property of the TAUPOTA people, half a day's walk away. The barren nature of the coastal country renders it necessary for the people to go inland and up into the mountains to make their gardens. Dropped down into a creek and followed it down to its mouth at TAUPOTA. Called on the Misses Inman and Gibbon at the Anglican Mission at 4.30 p.m. Made inquiries as to the carriers and found that they had not appeared as yet. Left the Mission at 5 p.m. and went along the coast road to Puni Puni. Called on Mr. Talbot at 6.15 p.m. and found that the carriers had not arrived via the Puni Puni road. Accepted Mr. Talbot's invitation to stay the night.

Thursday 29th September 1935

Light rain all day. Morning waiting for carriers. V.C. DINITU of TAUPOTA reported. Carriers arrived in at 2.30 p.m., having taken a seldom-used track which winds about the mountains, eventually coming out onto the WAMAWAMANA track within a few miles of the coast. A.C. APAI reported that A.C. LAHO was still in the mountains looking for one of the carriers who had deserted. Afternoon spent making inquiries about and sending out for Tax Defaulters of the TAUPOTA and WAMAWAMANA districts.

Friday 30th September 1935

A fine day. Left Puni Puni at 7.30 a.m. and went along the coast road through GARUAHI and on to AWAIAMA. The village coconut plantations had not been cleaned since my last visit; this in spite of instructions given to have them cleaned immediately. V.C. LEGITE reported at AWAIAMA. This district is in better condition than formerly. Orders re building of latrines over the salt water have been carried out. Went on from AWAIAMA to IAFOA district. Road under water. Houses and plantations all in very good order. V.C. ADJWAILO reported. Appears to be a good man and has his district in very good order. Arrived at IAFOA R.H. at 12 noon and made camp. Afternoon spent collecting outstanding taxes.

Saturday 1st October 1938

A fine day. Held C.M.M. and left at 6.30 a.m. Returned along the coast road through AWAIAMA to MAIMAI plantation. Stopped and made inquiries into the burning down of Tom Tenaka's copra drier. Was unable to find anything indicating that it had been done deliberately. From here went to GARUARI and on to Puni Puni, arriving at 11.30 a.m. Held C.M.M. 15 GARUARI convicted for neglecting to clean plantations. Assessors used. A.C. NAHO reported very sick with fever. Went on from Puni Puni to TAUPOTA and from there to WAMAWAMANA. Made camp in the R.H. at 6.15 p.m. Collecting outstanding taxes at night.

Sunday 2nd October 1938

A fine day. A.C. APAI left at WAMAWAMANA to look after A.C. NAHO, who too sick to travel. Left WAMAWAMANA at 6.15 a.m. and struck inland on the Gili Gili track. Climbed steadily and reached watershed at 10 p.m. This track is a much easier one to travel than the WAIKAMA track. Spelled the carriers on the top of the watershed. A fine view was obtained from here of the flat country at the head of Milne Bay, including HAGITA and WAIGANI plantation and into the Sagarai Valley. Dropped down to the headwaters of the KALOU creek and from there crossed the foothills in a general easterly direction to Gili Gili plantation, reaching the western boundary at 1 p.m. Went through the plantation and arrived at the stockman's house at 2 p.m. Went to GABUABUM at 6 p.m. and made camp in the R.H. at 6 p.m. V.C. BANABA and V.C. OULAGUTA instructed to have carriers at the R.H. early next morning.

Monday 3rd October 1938

Carriers did not arrive. At 7 a.m. sent A.C. KEREKUPUNA to MAIWARA village to see where the carriers had got to. Went to WAIGANI plantation per motor lorry. Made cash advances up to £34. Went to HAGITA plantation and made cash advances up to £11.15/- Returned to the R.H. at 12.30 p.m. Afternoon spent collecting outstanding taxes and C.M.M. 7 MAIWARA natives convicted for neglecting to carry. MAIWARA village councillor used assessor. A.C. APAI and NAHO reported. The latter still sick.

Tuesday 4th October 1938

A fine morning. A.C. NAHO left at the Catholic Mission Hospital. Left R.H. at 6.15 p.m. per Hagita plantation motor lorry, lent by Mr. McPhee. Went by lorry to the western end of Hagita plantation and

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then left the plantation by the Sagarai road. Road deep in mud. Crossed the MAIWARA River and the OUMINI, and on to the ridge dividing Milne Bay from the Sagarai Valley. Crossed at about 10.30 a.m. Dropped down into the Sagarai Valley. Heavy rain set in and lasted all the rest of the day. Road a quagmire. Reached Sagarai plantation at 7 p.m. Carriers arrived at 6.30 p.m. Afternoon spent in an unsuccessful attempt to get another witness to the affray on the plantation on the 7th September. (I.R.No.3. of 1933/39.

Wednesday 5th October 1938

Morning on tax matters. Left the plantation at 11 a.m. Went through POMA-POMA and WATUBU to ATA-ATA. Crossed the Sagarai River at POMA-POMA. Road very sloppy. Was able to buy a quantity of food at ATA-ATA, where the gardens are doing well. Mainly taro and pumpkins. Went on to KAIHADEBADEBA arriving at 2.15 p.m. Called on Mr. Jansen. Light rain all the afternoon.

Thursday 6th October 1938

Left KAIHADEBADEBA at 8 a.m. and dropped down the creek. Saw Mr. Jansen's mining gang at work. They are opening up new ground here as the lode on which they were working at the head of the creek has cut out. From here went up the valley to URO-URO arriving at midday. Held Native Labour Inspection (separate report to Hon. the C.N.A.) Left URO-URO at 3 p.m. and went to KOBERA. Called on Mr. F. Kruger and held Native Labour Inspection. (Separate report to Hon. the C.N.A.) Left KOBERA at 4.30 p.m. and went to GIBARA. The upper part of the road, usually in excellent condition, appears to have suffered lately from landslides. The lower half is mostly under water. Reached GIBARA at 6.30 p.m. and left by canoe for GABUGABUNA. Calm sea and a clear moon. After about half a mile a heavy squall sprang up and the canoe swamped. Landed and walked round the mud-flats to the mouth of the MAIWARA River. Went by canoe up the river to MAIWARA village and from there to GABUGABUNA, arriving shortly after 10 p.m. From what I could see of MAIWARA village in the moonlight, the work of rebuilding the village is going ahead well.

Friday 7th October 1938

Morning collecting outstanding taxes. Left for Gili Gili at 11 a.m. Left Gili Gili per a.v. Gili Gili at 3 p.m. Arrived at Samarai 8.45 p.m.

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Saturday 8th October 1938

Reported to the R.M. at 9 a.m.

Alan Lunn

P.O. Samarai. E.D.
11/10/38

PATROL REPORT

[G.P. 37]

STATION NUMBER

7 of 11938/39

JAMARAI

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by R. C. M. Turner

The D'Entrecasteaux Group for the purpose of

Escort to V.D. and Leprosy Survey Party under Dr. Ford.

Left Station on 15th November Returned to Station on 16th December

Number of Carriers employed _____ Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge a.k. Elavala E. W. J. Moore

Villages visited FAIYA, PELESELY, MARAUNA, PATALUMA, KWAIBWA, IAWLA, MORATAU,

LAUELA.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 19.12.38, 19

H. W. Moore
Officer in charge of Station

Report of Patrol by R.C.M. Turner P.O. to the D'Entrecasteaux Group for the purpose of acting as escort to the V.D. and Leprosy Survey Party under Dr.E.Ford.

Tuesday 15th November 1938.

Acting under instructions from the R.M.E.D. left Samarai per a.k. Elevala at 12 noon, in company with Dr.E.Ford and Mr.K.J.Clinton, to act as escort to Dr.Ford's party. A.C.s BWANAKI, IGANI and UNUNAMAPOTANA accompanied the patrol. Reached East Cape at 4.15 p.m. and anchored.

Wednesday 16th November 1938

Left East Cape at 5.45 a.m. A fine day, S.E. breeze. Reached SALAMO at 11 a.m. and anchored. Mapamoiva P.O. launch "ULAU" arrived at 11.15 a.m. with P.O.Champion and E.M.A.s Adams and Stewart on board. Afternoon spent at SALAMO. Dr.Ford in consultation with Mr.Adams as to the best place at which to commence operations. Dr.Ford decided to begin at MORIMA if a landing was possible.

Thursday 17th November 1938.

A fine day. Left SALAMO at 8.15 a.m. After getting out of the DOBU passage struck a stiff S.E. breeze which made it impossible to effect a landing at MORIMA. Continued on to MAPAMOIVA and tied up at the wharf at midday. Dr.Ford decided to make a start on Goodenough Island.

Friday 18th November 1938.

A fine day. Left MAPAMOIVA at 9 a.m. Arrived at PAIAVA at 11 a.m. and anchored. Afternoon spent landing gear and making camp. V.C. reported. R.H. in very poor condition. V.C. instructed to have all the people from the neighbouring villages at the R.H. on the following morning.

Saturday 19th November 1938.

A fine day. Left the R.H. at 5 a.m. and taking A.C.s made a tour of all the villages in the PAIAVA District. Brought all the population down to the R.H. for examination. Roads in excellent condition, Houses all well built and the villages generally well kept. Many new gardens are being made. The villages nearer to the hills are making their villages on the slopes of the foothills. Returned to the R.H. at 10 a.m. and spent the rest of the day in assisting Dr.Ford. Elevala left for Samarai at 4 p.m.

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Sunday 20th November 1938.

A fine day. In camp sorting and repacking stores and medical gear.

Monday 21st November 1938.

A fine day. Left the R.H. at 5 a.m. and went to the MATAWAULU district situated in the hills behind Mud Bay. V.C. TOMOBWAINA reported. The district consists of a number of villages clustered together on top of the spurs leading to the main mountain range. Above the villages the hills are lined with a large number of gardens in the making. Roads and villages excellent. A.C.s collected the people and we returned to the R.H. arriving at 10 a.m. Rest of the day spent in assisting Dr. Ford. During the afternoon A.C. UNUNAMAPOTANA sent to EWAIDOGA to bring the people to FAIAVA on the following day.

Tuesday 22nd November 1938.

A fine day. In camp. A.C. UNUNAMAPOTANA returned with the people from EWAIDOGA district. Morning spent assisting Dr. Ford. Afternoon C.H.M.

Wednesday 23rd November 1938.

A fine day. Broke camp at 6 a.m. and left for the BELIBILLI district with part of the gear, leaving A.C. BWANAKI in camp with the remainder. Went along the coast road to the MATAWAULU district R.H. Passed through several villages - all clean and well kept. After leaving the R.H. went through grassy country to the MALADOMEA R.H., passing through NUATUTU Plantation en route. No villages were encountered between the two R.H.s. Arrived at MALADOMEA at 11 a.m. and made camp. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton, who had stopped at NUATUTU for lunch arrived at 4 p.m. Found several hundred people assembled at the R.H. waiting for the Dr. R.H. in poor condition.

Thursday 24th November 1938.

A fine day. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton in camp examining natives. Self with A.C. IGANI went out to the MALADOMEA gardens to see if any natives had gone there instead of to the R.H. Found none. Gardens good - mainly taro, yams and bananas. Returned to the R.H. at midday. Afternoon C.H.M. Native food plentiful and I was able to buy a large quantity for the police. Heavy rain during the afternoon.

Friday 25th November 1938.

A fine day. Left the R.H. Left the R.H. at 5 a.m. and went through the

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Friday 25th November 1938. (cont.)

the MALADOMEA district to the foothills. Climbed up to the KALADUA villages. Here there was a heavy fog and light rain was falling. Spoke to the village councillors and found that a large number of the people had not yet been examined by the doctor. Sent them down to the R.H. with a V.C. Went up to the yam gardens on the slopes above the village - these are extensive and be bearing very well. From there climbed up and over the shoulder of the range reaching the top behind the MATAWAULU villages. On reaching the top the fog cleared away and the view looking over Mud Bay and the Moraby Strait was magnificent. Dropped down to the MATAWAULU villages, passing through a number of good taro gardens situated on high grassy hills. From here dropped down to FALAVA. Found numbers of the local village people working on the R.H. effecting repairs of which it was badly in need. After lunch returned by the coast road to MALADOMEA arriving at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday 26th November 1938.

A fine day. Broke camp at 8 a.m. and left for FALAVA. Very hot crossing the undulating grass country between MALADOMEA and the MATAWAULU R.H. Arrived at FALAVA at 11 a.m. Found that the a.v. Enua had arrived an hour previously with stores from Samarai. Afternoon in camp.

Sunday 27th November 1938.

A fine day. In camp.

Monday 28th November 1938.

A fine day. In camp assisting Dr. Ford in taking blood tests from local school children.

Tuesday 29th November 1938

As yesterday.

Wednesday 30th November 1938

Morning assisting Dr. Ford. Elevala arrived 11 a.m. Afternoon spent breaking camp and transferring gear to the Elevala.

Thursday 1st December 1938

A fine day. a.m. Elevala left FALAVA for WATALUMA at 8 a.m. Arrived at WATALUMA at 10 a.m. A.C.s sent to all local villages to bring in natives for examination. R.H. in good order. Dr. Ford commenced examination at 2 p.m. Self assisting.

Friday 2nd December 1938.

A fine day. Police sent to all the WATALUMA district villages. Self left WATALUMA at 7 a.m. for the MARAUNA district. Traversed a grassy plain for about two miles and then crossed a wooded line of hills which lie between the WATALUMA and MALAUNA districts. Passed through the villages of ULOGIA and SAWATAWAIGU, situated in these hills. Dropped down to the MARAUNA grassy plain and passed through the villages of BUHO BUHO and GUAKWAIAKWAIAK. Went on to KALIMUHITABUTABU. This village was the first one seen in which many of the people had not gone to WATALUMA. Here I found a large number of women and children and old people who had, very reasonably, considered the walk to WATALUMA too much for them. I was also told that there was a large number of people living back in the hills who had not gone either to WATALUMA or BELI BELI. Went on to BWETUBWETUTUNA village. V.C. ILOILO reported him in to the foothills to the villages near WAKONAI to tell the people to come to the KALIMUHITABUTABU R.H. on the following day. Returned by the same route to WATALUMA arriving at 5 p.m. All villages seen during the day were large, clean and in good repair. The gardens are situated away from the roads in the foothills of the mountains.

Saturday 3rd December 1938

A fine day. Elevala left WATALUMA at 9 a.m. and went back to the MARAUNA anchorage, arriving 10.30 a.m. Left at 1.30 p.m. for KALIMUHITABUTABU village. Joined the main track at BUHIBUHO village. Went on through GUAKWAIAKWAIAK to KALIMUHITABUTABU where Dr. Ford examined a large number of natives, mostly women and children, who had not been able to get to WATALUMA or BELI BELI. V.C. TOVEDAGALA reported R.H. in good order. Returned to ELEVALA at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 4th December 1938.

A fine day. Elevala left MARAUNA at 8 a.m. for WATALUMA. Called at WATALUMA and then went on to the KWAIBOGA district anchorage arriving at midday. Found a large crowd of natives assembled waiting for the doctor. Police and self out to the neighbouring villages to see if there were any stragglers. Unable to find any. All villages large, clean and in good order. Good water supply from mountain creeks. Gardens good with large supplies of yams, sweet potatoes, pumpkin and bananas. Excellent R.H. at UFAUPA.

Monday 5th December 1938

At UFAUFA. Assisting Dr. Ford. Left at 3.30 p.m. for IAWIAULA anchorage. Arrived at 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday 6th December 1938

Self and A.C.s to neighbouring villages to bring people ^{to R.H.} All roads and villages in good condition. No gardens seen - all villages with a good water supply. Returned to the R.H. at 12.30 p.m. and found that Dr. Ford had finished examination. Elevala left at 1 p.m. Arrived at LAUELA anchorage at 4 p.m.

A.C. GIVO of M.P.C. at R.H. A.C. GIVO said that Mr. P.O. Champion would arrive that evening on tax patrol. Made camp. R.H. in good condition and situated on a sand beach, surrounded by low-lying swampy ground. Mr. Champion arrived at 5 p.m. and camped in the R.H.

Wednesday 7th December 1938

At LAUELA. Sorting out gear and stores and waiting for Mr. Champion to finish tax work. Intermittent rain all day.

Thursday 8th December 1938

Elevala left for Samarai at 9 a.m. Local villages all came in for examination and Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton kept busy from daylight until 7.30 p.m. Self in camp during the morning and during the afternoon went out to the local villages and gardens. Villages in good order. Gardens are mainly yam, sweet potatoes and sugar cane. These gardens appear to be sufficient for the peoples needs but while camped here we were unable to purchase any native food whatever. A.C. UNUNAMAPOTANA sent to GALOAIWAIU to bring in natives from that district.

Friday 9th December 1938.

A fine day. Self and A.C.s left R.H. at 7 a.m. and went along the beach to MORATAU district. Left the coast at BULUMATAFULU R.H., which was in good condition and went to BULUMATAFULU village about half a mile in from the coast. Went on through TUAVIA, UAUWU and on to DIUDIU. V.C. TADOBUA reported. A.C. IGANI sent with the V.C. to the foothill villages of WANIKABAGIWAU and KALIWAUTA to tell the natives to come to LAUELA on the following day. All the villages are large and well kept, situated in undulating grass country with excellent roads. Small taro, sweet potato and banana gardens are scattered in the timbered country. Good water supply. Returned by same route to R.H. arriving at the R.H. at 4 p.m.

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Saturday 10th December 1938.

A fine day. In camp assisting Dr. Ford. Natives from MORATAU district in camp being examined.

Sunday 11th December 1938.

A fine day. Self and A.C.s to MORATAU to bring in natives who had not come in to see the doctor. Left LAUELA at 8 a.m. Followed the same route as previous previously to DIUDIU where V.C. TADOBUI had gathered the people together. Returned with a large number of foothills and DIUDIU people, arriving at the R.E. at 8.30 p.m.

Monday 12th December 1938.

In camp. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton taking tests of slides.

Tuesday 13th December 1938.

Self with A.C. IGANI along the coast to GALQAIWA. Found that all people from this district had seen the doctor, thus leaving only WAGIPA to be examined. While returning along the beach sighted the Laurabada some miles out to sea and heading towards LAUELA. Arrived at the R.M. at midday. H.E. the Lieut. Governor came ashore at 2 p.m. and returned to the Laurabada at 2.30 p.m. The Laurabada left immediately.

Wednesday 14th December 1938

Morning in camp. Afternoon inspecting gardens situated back in the hills, behind the camp. The gardens which consist mainly of yams and sweet potatoes are extensive but the natives state they have been adversely affected by the dry spell which is being experienced. Elerala arrived at 5 p.m. Mr. Mears ill. Attended by Dr. Ford.

Thursday 15th December 1938

Dr. Ford decided that Mr. Mears should go to Samarai Hospital for treatment. Broke camp and left at 11 a.m. Stiff S.E. breeze made the going very slow. Arrived at East Cape at 10.45 p.m. and anchored.

Friday 16th December 1938

Left East Cape at 5 a.m. Arrived at Samarai 9 a.m. and reported to the R.M.

Allen Lumsden

P.O. Samarai N.D.
17/12/38

[G.P. 67]

PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

8/38-39**SAMARAI, Eastern Division STATION**REPORT OF A PATROL made by **S. Elliott-Smith A.R.M., E.D.** to**MILNE BAY**

for the purpose of

Tax Collections etc. and certain other matters as laid in a Minute of the 9th. inst. from the R.M.E.D.Left Station on **11. 1. 39** Returned to Station on **24. 1. 1939**Number of Carriers employed **at 20** Number of Police taken **3**

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge

Villages visited **East Cape Group, GADUDU group, ILLIUDU and BOU groups,****BUBULETA and WATANOU groups, AHIONA and BALAGOMA groups, KOABULE****and RARI groups, GILI GILI and LAULAM groups, GABAGAHUA, MAIWARA****North and South, GIBAR, WAGAWAGA, GWAWILI, IAW HAGA, SUWAGAH**

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Date **31/1/39**, 19*S. Elliott-Smith*Officer in charge of Station
R.M.E.D.

MINUTE PAPER

[G. P. 3]

No.

R.M., E.D.

Patrol No. 8/38-39 - Re instructions of the 9th inst.

1. I made full inquiry regarding this, but got nowhere. Mr. Chance denied any knowledge of the matter. With reference to the native A.C. EKAI is alleged to have been cutting grass as punishment for not attending church; this man was not in the district, but I have every reason to believe that EKAI spoke the truth. However, this sort of thing has now ceased and I do not expect an early revival of what seems to be a very questionable practice.
2. This store, on the advice of Mr. Cecil Abel, has been abandoned. Mr. Abel has told me that he will take no further part in activities of this kind and I have no reason to believe that he does not mean what he says.
3. Instructions were given to those responsible to have the bridge rebuilt in the proper place and the work is now in progress.
4. There is a store in the middle of Dauwa Dauwa village kept on behalf of the Kwato Mission by a native named ANDREW. I personally inspected the store and found it to be a fully equipped establishment. The native in charge informed me that he was trading for "Cecil" (Mr. Abel). I know no Trading or Business Licence having been issued.
5. The statements were, upon investigation, found to be correct and the Councillors deprived of their office. I had reason for complaint in a number of other cases, but I am of the opinion that no further trouble will be experienced with regard to these matters.
6. The G.Cs. were paid from Tax Collections and a Voucher submitted.
7. ANDREW has been found guilty of a breach of the A.L. & O.P. Ord. and convicted, as was Sid Sarijo. I expect no further trouble in this respect. MAKURA is not now with the Kwato Mission, but working at GILI GILI. He has no gun. OSINI-ERO has returned to the Head Station at KWATA. During the time he was at WAGA WAGA he had a shot gun in his possession - an Employer's Arms permit had been issued in his name. Although I have every good reason for believing that guns have been issued by the Kwato Assoc. indiscriminately in the past, such is not the case at present. I might add that grave warning have been issued to all concerned regarding contravention of the A.L. & O.P. Ord.

Edmund H. Smith

R.M., E.D.
30/1/39.

MINUTE PAPER

[G.P. 8]

No.

A.R.M.

In the course of your forthcoming patrol to Milne Bay it is desired that you give attention to the following matters -

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3. At DAGO near Maiwara, there is a bridge across the creek; this bridge is out of alignment with the road so it is difficult to get a car or truck across it. Please get the natives to make a new bridge in line with the existing road. They may be paid in tobacco when the bridge is completed.
4. At the mouth of Dawa dawa Creek there is a small village and it is alleged that there is a village native there trading on behalf of Kwato - purchasing green meat and selling goods. This is on the M.B. Goldfield. Please inspect and report. Vide clause 7 of H.E.'s minute.
5. Please see attached statement made by one PEKA, Councillor of WATUMOU Village. It is alleged that two Councillors GAUDI and LUKA are Mission adherents and are anti-Government. Please investigate and if the allegations are correct, the two Councillors should be dismissed and other elected in their stead.
6. Pay all V.Cs if not already paid for the period ending 30/6/38.
7. At Dauadawa (vide 4 above) it is alleged the native running the store is named ANDREW (ANIDIRIA) and it is reported that he has a shot gun in his possession which belongs to Sid Sarijo of MUTU-UIA near KOMBULE (Kwato plantation). Please inquire as to whether this man has a gun and permit to use it. It is also reported that MAKURA of HIGABAI (near the Catholic Mission) also has a gun. He has a G.A.P. only. Likewise OSINI-KRO, boss bot at Wagawaga - said to have a gun. As you proceed around the Bay it would be advisable to ascertain what natives have guns and permits. It is suggested that many natives are using shot guns without permits, also that Sid Sarijo has several guns in his possession.

R.M.E.D.
9.1.39

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R.M.E.D.
9.1.39

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Report of Patrol No. 8/38-39 to Milne Bay, E.D. made by S. Elliott-Smith A.M.S., E.D. for the purpose of tax collections and the payment of Family bonus and certain other matters as set out in the instructions issued by the Resident Magistrate and which are reported upon separately.

A.C. UA IE, EKAI and BANA. Interpreter MERRICK

Wednesday 11th. Jan. 1939. Left Samarai by a.v. WHITKIRK at 7 p.m. and arrived at AHIOMA, Milne Bay, at 10.30 p.m. and spent the night as guest of Mr. W.H. Wright, manager of the Densicated Coconut company.

Thursday 12th. Jan. 1939. Left by the launch "Ahioma" at 8.30 a.m. and calling in at Hihila plantation to drop empty copra sacks, continued on and arrived at East Cape at 1.15 p.m. V.C. WALLISI reported and I inquired about the trading site required by Mr. Hamilton, but the natives refused to part with their land. Took tax and paid bonus to all the East Cape villages and camped in the small Rest House near the Mission Station.

Friday 13th. Jan. 1939. Left at 6 a.m. Inspected all villages and walked to GADUDU (V.C. MALOUNA) reached at 9 a.m. The roads were indifferent and the villages in very bad condition. I issued a final warning to those concerned. Took tax and paid bonus to the GADUDU group. Left at 11.30 a.m. and inspecting all villages, reached BOU Rest House (V.C. EIA) at 1 p.m. The afternoon was spent taking tax etc. from the Bou and MELKEHUDI group. Camped in a very neat rest House. Native matters in these groups very unsatisfactory and I gave the people some well timed advice as to how to keep out of trouble.

Saturday 14th. January 1939. Left BOU at 6 a.m. and arrived at HIHILA plantation at 7 a.m. where I had breakfast with the manager, Mr. F. Leech. There were no complaints here. It commenced to rain heavily about 8.30 a.m.. At 9 a.m. I walked to BUBULETA Rest house (V.C. LABAIA) and took tax etc. from the surrounding group. Mr. Cecil Abel called on me about 3.30 p.m. but did not remain long. I asked him to meet me lower down the bay if it was convenient some days hence. Left at 4 p.m. and arrived at Ahioma at 6.30 p.m. and was the guest of Mr. Wright for the night.

Sunday 15th. Jan. 1939 Paid an unofficial visit to Gili Gili by the launch "Whitkirk" and returned to Ahioma late in the afternoon.

Monday 16th. Jan. 1939. Left Ahima D.C. residence at 6.15 a.m. and reached the Rest House some 50 minutes later. (V.C. NAMBAI ERA) Took tax etc from the AHIMA and BALAGOMA groups and left at 12 noon for Rabi where I arrived at 3 p.m. (V.C. IMIA) Completed tax collections from the RABI and KOAEBULI people and camped for the night in a very indifferent rest house. Will pay the bonus in the morning. Roads indifferent and villages unsatisfactory.

Tuesday 17th. January 1939. Completed Family Bonus payments to the RABI and KOAEBULI people. Mr. Abel arrived in the Kwato at about 9 a.m. and we had a long conference from which I hope some good will come. He promised solemnly that he would confine his activities to Mission ~~work~~ work and avoid as far as was humanly possible, anything that may be interpreted as interference with other interests. At the time of writing he has at least put some of his promises into effective working order.

At 11.30 I left on the KWATO for Gili Gili where I arrived at noon. Met by the Manager, Mr. Irvine, at the wharf who informed me that he had a considerable amount of business to transact.

Wednesday 18th. January 1939. At GILI GILI. Paid some 150 advances to native labourers and held C.P.S. An all day job.

Thursday 19th. January 1939. Completed business at GILI GILI and went on to Hagita plantation and paid a number of advances to the native labour. Spent the night with Mr. McDonald, the Manager.

Friday 20th. January 1939. Held C.P.S. and completed business at HAGITA and went to GABAGABUNA (V.C. LIWAUS) a little after noon and commenced taxation work. Called on the Sisters (Father Bryson was absent) at the Catholic Mission during the afternoon.

Saturday 21st. January 1939. Completed tax work at GABAGABUNA and went on to GIBARA in the afternoon, inspecting Maiwara group en route. Completed tax work at GIBARA (V.C. BISARI) and left for Waga Waga at about 5 p.m. and reached the Rest House there at a little after 7 p.m. V.C. WUHAU reported. Camped in a very small Rest House.

SUNDAY 22nd. January 1939. Completed tax work at Waga Waga and left for GWAWILI in the late afternoon, where I arrived at 5.30 p.m. Camped in a small rest house. V.C. PADI reported.

Monday 23rd. January 1939. Completed tax at GWAWILI and left for LAM HAGA at noon. Called upon Mr. Coleman and arrived at LAM HAGA rest House about 4 p.m. V.C. WILL reported. Completed tax collections for the group before nightfall. Will pay the Bonus in the morning.

Tuesday 24th. January 1939. Paid the Family Bonus and left LAM HAGA at 8 a.m. I collected tax at SUMABAH then walked on to LEA LEA (Mr. A. Evannett) where Mr. Hamilton put the "Mascot" at my disposal and we proceeded to Samarai, arriving there at something after 6 p.m. It was necessary for the launch to make a second trip to bring the party over.

General Remarks.

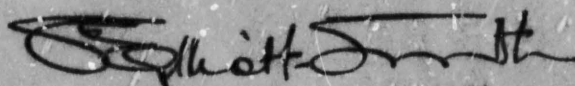
Tax. There were only 17 defaulters for the Milne Bay District, which may be classed as satisfactory.

Villagers: Far from satisfactory and the state of affairs found on this patrol will not be tolerated in future.

Roads:- On the North side found to be very disappointing, but those on the South are worthy of the highest praise. In fact, the portion from Waga Waga to some distance beyond GWAWILI is without exception, the finest piece of native built roadway I have yet seen and the continuation of it should be encouraged. I think that probably another two dozen tools would be of great benefit. It may be of interest to point out that the construction is based on that of the Samarai road and I am not certain that it does not equal it. Altogether a highly creditable piece of work and, for my part, I hope those responsible maintain their interest.

The patrol was carried out almost entirely on foot and a thorough inspection made of all native matters and obligations under the N.R. Plantations could have a little more attention in future. It is perhaps unfortunate that so much time has been spent, in the past, attempting to build communal stores, meeting houses and the like. There is no doubt in my mind that these activities have been to the detriment of other more urgent obligations.

At Gwawili, owing to the agitation of certain members of the community, a cricket pitch is about to be laid down. Unfortunately the site chosen necessitated the destruction of perhaps half an acre of useful trees, including coconuts, bearing orange trees, mangoes and breadfruit. The instigators were prosecuted and punished and the balance of the community warned that this must never happen again - of course, I was careful to point out that there was nothing against the laying down of a pitch, but it must not be at the expense of so many useful bearing trees.



A.R.M. E.D. 30/1/39.

R.M., R.D.

Patrol No. 8/30-39 - Re instructions of the 9th. inst.

1. I made full inquiry regarding this, but got nowhere. Mr. Chance denied any knowledge of the matter. With reference to the native A.C. EKAI is alleged to have been cutting grass as punishment for not attending church; this man was not in the district, but I have every reason to believe that EKAI spoke the truth. However, this sort of thing has now ceased and I do not expect an early revival of what seems to be a very questionable practice.
2. This store, on the advice of Mr. Cecil Abel, has been abandoned. Mr. Abel has told me that he will take no further part in activities of this kind and I have no reason to believe that he does not mean what he says.
3. Instructions were given to those responsible to have the bridge rebuilt in the proper place and the work is now in progress.
4. There is a store in the middle of Deren Dama village kept on behalf of the Kwato Mission by a native named ANDREW. I personally inspected the store and found it to be a fully equipped establishment. The native in charge informed me that he was trading for "Cecil" (Mr. Abel). I know of no Trading or Business Licence having been issued.
5. The statements were, upon investigation, found to be correct and the Councillors deprived of their office. I had reason for complaint in a number of other cases, but I am of the opinion that no further trouble will be experienced with regard to these matters.
6. The W.Cs. were paid from Tax Collections and a Voucher submitted.
7. ANDREW has been found guilty of a breach of the A.L. & O.P. Ord. and convicted, as was Sid Sarijo. I expect no further trouble in this respect. MAKURA is not now with the Kwato Mission, but working at GILI GILI. He has no gun. OSINI-KRO has returned to the Head Station at KWATO. During the time he was at WAGA WAGA he had a shot gun in his possession - an Employer's Arms Permit had been issued in his name. Although I have every good reason for believing that guns have been issued by the Kwato Assoc. indiscriminately in the past, such is not the case at present. I might add that grave warnings have been issued to all concerned regarding contravention of the A.L. & O.P. Ord.

Beil. S.
A.R.M., R.D.
30/1/39.


R.M.E.D.

Re the anonymous communication addressed to H.E.

I was not able to get in touch with the writer but from my inquiries I am able to advise as follows:-

1. It has been the practice by the native teachers and Mission Leaders throughout the Milne Bay to restrict dancing and feasts amongst the people. This was done, not merely by advice, but intimidation. The practice has now ceased and there should be no further cause for complaint.
2. I could find no evidence of this being so.
3. This is correct, but the practice has now ceased to exist.
4. This, also, has been the practice in the past, but there will be no further cause for complaint.
5. This is best answered by recent Native matter Cases. See Nos. 188 to 189. This practice has also ceased.
6. I could get no evidence of this being done by the European staff, but it has definitely been the practice of the native teachers and Leaders to oppose the acceptance of medical treatment from the members of the Catholic Mission in Milne Bay. I preached very sternly about this to those interested and venture the opinion that they will mind their own business in future.
7. This is so. I had a long conference with Mr. Abel and the outcome was that he has agreed to hold aloof from any further activities of this sort. Store building has been completely abandoned throughout the Bay.
8. This is correct. In all villages I questioned natives with regard to outstanding payments due them from Kwabo, but they told me in each instance that the matter had been squared up recently. Apparently there are now no outstanding payments due. I told Mr. Abel that it would probably be wise to pay on receipt in future and so save the possibility of further reports of this nature.
9. I don't think the work forced would apply in this case, although probably the advice given was of such a nature that it may have been interpreted as rather compelling. As a matter of fact, road making was, in the beginning, started by the Gwawili people under the supervision of their V.C. and Councillors and they made such an excellent job of it that the Mission Native chiefs thought they ought to have a hand in something of the sort as well. Their trouble was, that instead of keeping within the Regulations, they attempted to build 30 ft. motor road.

May I add that in a series of long talks with Mr. Abel he agreed to discourage anything that may be interpreted as interference with matters of Government policy or administration and he expressed sincere regret that any misunderstanding had arisen. I think probably, that in future, there will be little cause for complaint. Mr. Abel appears to be definitely alarmed and as he told me, "I do not know which way the cat is going to jump next."


A.S.M.E.D.
30.1.38.

Article	Quantity taken on Payrol	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE					Returned	Remarks
		Polic	Carriers	Others	Total Used	Government Cost		
Rice ...	300				300	1 - -		
Biscuits ...								
Meat ...	Patients only							
Sugar ...								
Tea ...								
Soap ...	2				2	6		
Tobacco ...	51				51	3 17 6		
Machines ...								
Kerosene...	2				2	4		
Tents ...								
Flies ...								
Lamps ...								
Buckets ...								
Kerosene Cans ...								
Knives and Sheaths								
Knives, 46 in. ...								
Knives, others ...								
Belts ...								
Pouches ...								
Print ...								
Twill ...								
Handkerchiefs ...								
Bands ...								
Mirrors ...								
Axes ...								
Half Axes ...								
Tomahawks ...								
Cash hire canoe and crew						14 -		
Launch "Harriet" Transport prisoners						4 10 -		
					Total £	10 2 4		

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

PATROL REPORT

[G.P. 67]

STATION NUMBER

9 of 1933/3

Kazara

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by R.C.M. Turner to
The D'Entrecasteaux Group for the purpose of

Left Station on 22/1/39 Returned to Station on 24/1/39

Number of Carriers employed - Number of Police taken -

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge a.k. Elevala

Villages visited Mapamoiva:Kobaleveve:Kalo Kalo:Gwabi Gwabi:Walelet:
Salekahadi: Rhadidi: Basima:Jwaga: Papawai:HumuNumu:Bogani:Dobu:Kukua:
Morima:Sawaran:Siisima:Kladeba:Darabia:Sawataitai:Mvatebu:Kelolega:
Sipupu:Ravada:Kwameura:Kamkwasia: Guleguleu: KaciKaci:

(1) Unless the patrol is a regular routine patrol in a long-settled district 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.

(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 noted. 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 on the back, in the space provided.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 27.1.39, 19

R.C.M. Turner

Officer in charge of Station

report to a patrol to the D'Entrecasteaux Islands by R.C.M. Turner P.O. for the purpose of acting as escort to V.D. and Leprosy Survey Party under Dr. H. Ford.

Thursday 22nd December 1938.

Acting under instructions from the R.M.E.D. left Samarai at 4 a.m. per a.k. Elevala. A.C.s KAVE, IGANI and UNUNAMPOTANA accompanied the party. Spl. SIGIMUTU in charge of the Elevala. Weather excellent. Passed East Cape at 7.30 a.m. and arrived at WAKAIUNA Plantation near SETA Bay at 10.10 a.m. Anchored and landed quantity of rations for warder and prisoners working on the plantation. Left at 10.45 a.m. for SEBULAGUMWA. Arrived at 2.30 p.m. Found that Mr. T.M.A. Adams, whom we had expected to find ill at SEBULAGUMWA was still on Goodenough Island.

Friday 23rd December 1938.

Rain during the morning. Left SEBULAGUMWA at 6.30 a.m. for SALIMO. Arrived at 7 a.m. Left at 8 a.m. for MAPAMOINA Police Camp. Arrived at M.P.C. at 12.15 p.m. Unloaded cargo for M.P.C. and Messrs. Adams and Stewart and left for FAGULULU anchorage at 4.20 p.m. Arrived at FAGULULU at 5.5 p.m. A.C. UNUNAMPOTANA sent to KEBALAVEVE village to get carriers for the morning to take the gear in to KEBALAVEVE R.H. situated about half a mile in from the anchorage.

Saturday 24th December 1938.

Heavy rain. Left Elevala at 7 a.m. Road to R.H. good but very muddy. Found a large number of natives in camp waiting for Dr. Ford. Day spent transferring gear to R.H. from Elevala and making camp. Afternoon A.C. UNUNAMPOTANA reported with a number of people from the IMALELE district.

Sunday 25th December 1938.

Rain all day. Elevala left for Goodenough Island with stores for Medical Patrol at 8 a.m. Self with A.C.s left the R.H. at 6.30 a.m., A.C. KAVE to the inland district to the north of Lake LAWU, A.C. UNUNAMPOTANA to the WAKAMA district and self and A.C. IGANI to the district to the south of Lake LAWU. Light showers continued all day. Country flat, wooded and sparsely populated. In three hours walking to the Lake saw only ten houses, all scattered. Sent all the people encountered in to KEBALAVEVE. Several taro and yam gardens seen, most of them in the making. At about 10 a.m. climbed a steep hill which gives a good view of the Lake District and over

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the coastal hills to Seymour Bay. The lake district which stretches for some miles to the north and the north east, is flat, wooded and appears to be without population. Returned to R.H. arriving at 1 p.m. A.C. URUHAMPORE reported at 4 p.m. with people from the hilly WAKAMA district. Reported district as having a very sparse and widely scattered population making the work of gathering the people very hard. Cpl. SIGIMUTU arrived in camp at 4 p.m. and reported that Mr. Adams was at MATAITAI and appeared to be quite recovered from his illness. A.C. KAVE reported at 5.30 p.m. with only ten people from the North Lake LAU District. Reported that the flat country to the north of the lake was uninhabited and he had turned back into the hills where he had found these people. V.C.s and Village Councillors said that many of their people had run away owing to stories which they had heard about Dr. Ford and which were said to have been originated by the V.C. at MAPAKOIWA village.

Monday 26th December 1938

Rain all morning. Dr. Ford examining natives until 8 a.m. Broke camp and transferred gear to ELEVALA at FACULULU. Left FACULULU at 10.30 a.m. for KALO KALO and arrived at 11.30 a.m. Landed Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton with part of the gear. A.C.s sent to all villages in the district. Self returned to MAPAKOIWA per Elevala leaving at 1.10 p.m. Arrived at M.P.C. at 3.30 p.m. Took V.C. AWANABOGA on board and left for KALO KALO at 4.25 p.m. and arrived at 6.5 p.m. Found that only 160 people had come in out of an approximate total of 350.

Tuesday 27th December 1938.

Rain all morning. C.N.M. held. V.C. AWANABOGA convicted and sent to M.P.C. At 1.30 p.m. left with A.C.s for the hill villages to collect natives who had not come down for examination. These hill villages with an approximate population of 200, are scattered about the sides of a large valley which extends from behind the anchorage to the top of the range. Brought down about 50 people for examination, leaving about the same number in the villages, physically unfit to travel. All villages in good order, varying from two houses to ten. Dropped down to coast and returned to the anchorage by launch arriving at 6 p.m.

Wednesday 28th December 1961

Elevala left KALO KALO at 4.25 a.m. for GWABI GWABI going through the passage between NUATUTU and ILAMU Is. A fine day. Arrived at GWABI GWABI anchorage at 7.10 a.m. Self and A.C.s to neighbouring villages to bring -ives in for examination. Population very sparse and scattered; about 5 people living on the coast and about the same number living high up on steep grassy hillsides. Left at 4.40 p.m. for WADALEI. Arrived at WADALEI at 5.50 p.m. Tent and flies erected beside the R.F.

Thursday 29th December 1961.

A fine day. Completed making camp and left for EBADIDI and SALAKAHABI inland districts at 8.30 a.m. These inland districts are situated to the east and south east of Lake LAWUL. Skirted grassy hills in a general S.W. direction and then turned south. Passed through several small villages before turning south; these are situated in grassy, well-drained country with numerous creeks and small rivers. Shortly after turning south crossed a range of hills which separate the USALEWA district from the inland lake district and dropped down into entirely different country. Heavily timbered and poorly drained, the country became wetter and wetter until the road passed through a large swamp. Evidences of heavy rains recently. Turned S.E. from the swamp and struck the BUINAL River. Country better drained with grass patches. From the BUINAL River left the main road and took a village track up into the foothills. Heavy rain commenced and lasted all day. On this village track saw several very good gardens - mainly taro, yams, bananas and sweet potatoes. Owners live in the gardens. The entire inland is populated in this manner with many one or two house villages. Struck the main road again and dropped down to SALAKAHABI R.H. situated on the BUINAL River. Made camp at 5.30 p.m. V.C. ATUKONELEU reported. V.C. and councillors sent to collect the people living in scattered hamlets.

Friday 30th December 1961.

Heavy rain all morning. During the early morning numbers of people from neighbouring hamlets arrived at the R.H. Left at 7.30 a.m. for WADALEI returned via the main track which is for the most part excellent. Dropped down to GELACELACI where a crowd from that district and the EBADIDI district had gathered. Village councillor reported that a large number of people

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from EBADIDI had not come down. Sent A.C. UNUNAMPOTANA to bring them. Continued on to the BUINA River and then back to WADALEI by the previous route. Arrived at WADALEI at 3.30 p.m. Numbers of the SALAKAHADI people arrived during the evening.

Saturday 31st December 1939.

A fine day. Early morning Dr. Ford examining people from the inland. Elevala left WADALEI at 10.20 a.m. for BASIMA. Stopped at the URUA anchorage long enough to land A.C. IGANI and the URUA V.O. to bring the people to BASIMA. Landing difficult owing to heavy surf. Went on to BASIMA where a heavy surf prevented us from landing. Went on to MEBULIBULI anchorage and anchored. A.C. IGANI reported at 5 p.m. with 60 people from the URUA district. Camp made in MEBULIBULI village during afternoon.

Sunday 1st January 1939

A fine day. Left Elevala at 7 a.m. taking A.C. IGANI with me. Followed the coast road round to URUA, passing through several small villages on the road. Road excellent and villages in good order. A.C. UNUNAMPOTANA arrived in with a number of people from the EBADIDI district, at 7.30 a.m. Large numbers of BASIMA people seen on the road. R.H. at BASIMA large and well built. Turned inland and went by hill tracks to all villages in the district. All these are in good condition. All villages deserted with inhabitants down at MEBULIBULI seeing the doctor. Most of these villages are perched up high on hills which command an excellent view of the BASIMA coastline. All villages contain well-filled yam houses. New gardens are being planted. Returned to MEBULIBULI at 2 p.m. and found that Dr. Ford had just completed work. Transferred gear to the Elevala which left at 3 p.m. for BEGASI anchorage. Arrived at BEGASI at 7.30 p.m. Immediately after arriving Mr. Harrison's launch arrived from SEBULAGUMWA with a request for Dr. Ford to go to SEBULAGUMWA at once as Mr. Harrison was very ill. Dr. Ford left immediately.

Monday 2nd January 1939.

A fine day. Dr. Ford arrived back at 6 a.m. said that Mr. Harrison was probably suffering from cerebral malaria. Both Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton to Salamo Mission station. Cpl. SIGIMUTU reported lubricating oil almost exhausted. Decided to return to Samarai for more oil immediately. Left

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BEGASI at 1.25 p.m. for DOBU. Arrived at 2.5 p.m. and made camp for Dr. Ford. Left at 4.5 p.m. for Samarai. Strong S.E. breeze against the Elevala. Arrived Samarai 2 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Tuesday 3rd January 1939.

Reported R.M. at 9 a.m. Day spent replenishing stores, and clearing out Elevala, transferring gear belonging to Mr. Meares to the Office. Prevented from fuelling as Mr. Lakatol occupying the wharf.

Wednesday 4th January 1939.

Took fuel oil on board and left at 1.15 p.m. Passed East Cape at 5.15 p.m. and went on to KERAHERA, anchoring at 8.30 p.m.

Thursday 5th January 1939.

Left KERAHERA at 12.30 a.m. for Mapamoiva, arriving at 6.35 a.m. Unloaded cargo and mail for M.P.C. and left at 10.45 a.m. for DOBU, arriving at 2.45 p.m. Found Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton absent, visiting villages on the opposite side of the island. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton arrived back at 6 p.m.

Friday 6th January 1939.

Dr. Ford engaged on several Mission cases early. Broke camp and left at 9.30 a.m. for SEBULAGUMWA. Arrived at 9.45 a.m. Dr. Ford ashore to see Mr. Harrison. Dr. Ford returned to Elevala at 12.30 p.m. Elevala left immediately, for BWAIOA R.H. arriving at 12.45 p.m. Camp made. Dr. Ford, who was unwell, remained on the Elevala. Self and A.C.s to neighbouring villages to tell people to come to R.H. on the following morning.

Saturday 7th January 1939.

A fine day. A.C. IGANI sent along the coast to KEDIDIA plantation to bring natives from villages situated in that district. Self and A.C.s KAVE and UHUNAMPOTANA south to SEBULAGUMWA, then crossed to the eastern side of the peninsula and followed the coast along to the PAPAWAI R.H. Population in this district very thick - an almost continuous chain of villages for several miles extending to the hills which separate PAPAWAI district from NUMANUMA. Roads excellent and several good yam gardens seen. Villages in good order. Found numbers of people, mostly women, inside closed houses. Sent them back to BWAIOA. Crossed a series of low grassy hills on which were situated unusually large taro and yam gardens, and then dropped down to NUMANUMA.

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villages. Again found numbers of people hiding in the villages. Continued end of the to the populated district and crossed the peninsular to the border of KEBIDIA plantation. All the inland district covered with good gardens. Water supply entirely from wells. Returned to BWAICA along the coast, picking up a number of people who had not been to see the doctor. This district like that on the other side of the peninsular is densely populated. These villages are not up to the standard of the NUNANUA and PAPAI villages, being dirty and with numbers of houses falling into disrepair. Returned to the R.H. at 3.30 p.m. Found several hundred people assembled at the R.H. Dr. Ford forced to send large numbers away with instructions to return on the following Monday.

Sunday 8th January 1939.

In camp. Dr. Ford to SEBULAGOUWA to see Mr. Harrison. Returned at night and reported Mr. Harrison's condition very much improved.

Monday 9th January 1939.

At BWAICA. Dr. Ford examining people from PAPAI. Finished at 3 p.m. Broke camp and went to SEBULAGOUWA arriving at 3.10 p.m. Dr. Ford ashore. Returned to the Elevala at 3.30 p.m. Elevala left immediately for BUCASI. Arrived at BUCASI at 4.30 p.m. Camp made. A.C.s IGANI and KAVE to the neighbouring villages to tell the people to come to GOUNA R.H. on the following day for examination. Both returned during the early evening. Mr. Clarke of Salamo Mission Station arrived at 7.30 p.m. with word that Mr. Champion was ill at Mapamoiva and requested that Dr. Ford speak to Mrs. Champion on the following morning on the radio.

Tuesday 10th January 1939.

A fine day. Dr. Ford to Salamo Mission Station. After speaking to Mrs. Champion Dr. Ford decided to go to Mapamoiva and see Mr. Champion for himself. Left at 11.40 a.m. Arrived at M.P.C. at 3.25 p.m. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton ashore to see Mr. Champion. Self erecting examination tent and flies. A.C.s IGANI and KAVE to neighbouring villages to bring in people for examination on the following morning. A.C. UNUNAMPOTANA sick with a very heavy cold.

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Wednesday 11th January 1939.

A fine day. Self left at 6.30 a.m. for KUKULA villages. These villages extend in a scattered group from about a quarter of a mile from the police camp to about four miles past KUKULA point. Behind these villages large yam gardens are situated on the slopes of the hills. Road good. Most of the house in good condition, but quantities of refuse was noticeable lying in the villages. All villages empty when seen - occupants on the road to Mapaniwa. About half way to the end of these villages A.C. IGANI reported with a long stream of people. Went on to the end of the District and collected a number of stragglers. Sent A.C. IGANI on to MORIMA to warn the people to be ready for the doctor on the following day. Returned to M.P.C. arriving at 10.30 a.m. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton busy with about 300 natives. Self left at 1.20 p.m. per Elevala for Morima District to make camp and gather natives together. Arrived at FAIAIANA at 3.20 p.m. and made camp. Tent and flies arranged for examination. Elevala returned to M.P.C. at 4.15 p.m. A.C. IGANI arrived at 7 p.m. and reported large numbers of people assembled along the coast.

Thursday 12th January 1939.

A fine day. Left R.H. at 6 a.m. with A.C. IGANI and KANE. Went along the coast towards KUKULA passing through numbers of scattered villages en route. Large numbers of the people on the road travelling to FAIAIANA. All villages in good condition and clean. Behind these villages are large numbers of gardens - yam and taro. Garden houses are scattered through them but all permanent habitations are on the coast below. A.C.s and V.C.s sent up to these gardens to collect any stragglers who may not have come down. Fast running creeks enter the sea every few hundred yards. Passed three R.H.s - two very dilapidated - before reaching the river which separates the Morima from the Kukula Districts, at 10 a.m. Left at 10.30 a.m. by the same road. Elevala appeared round Kukula Point at 11 a.m. and arrived at FAIAIANA at 12.30 p.m. Self returned to the R.H. arriving at 7 p.m. Dr. Ford examining a crowd of about 300 natives. Afternoon C.M.M.

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Friday 13th January 1939.

A fine day. Early morning Dr. Ford examining PAIAIANI and NABI people. Self left by Elevala at 8 a.m. for BEGASI. Arrived at 5.30 a.m. Made camp in GOUNWA village. Elevala left at 12 noon for PAIAIAHA. Self and A.C. IGANI out to villages to round up people for the doctor. A.C. IGANI sent out to SIULUGU and GAIABARA districts. Self round the bay to BEGASI, gathered the people there and then went on into the DAGUIARA district. After leaving BEGASI the road was very bad passing through a sage swamp for about a mile and then commenced to rise into the undulating DAGUIARA district. Passed through village after village which I found deserted and which did not appear to have been lived in for some time. Made enquiries and found that these people are now living in their gardens. Took a local native as a guide and made a tour of all the garden villages in the district. These people appeared extremely shy and it was very difficult to get in touch with them, many of them taking to the bush at the first sound of the kibi being blown on the coast. In all managed to get in touch with only about forty of these people. The road throughout this district is good and the gardens, mostly yam, are excellent. Returned by the same route to GOUNWA village, where Dr. Ford, who had arrived about 3.30 p.m. was just finishing examination for the day.

Saturday 14th January 1939.

A dull day with intermittent showers. At GOUNWA. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton at Salamo Mission Hospital, examining mission natives and hospital patients. A.C. UNUNAMPOTANA sent to NIGIPOLO, on Normanby Is. to assemble natives at SAWARAU R.H.

Sunday 15th January 1939.

Mr. Clinton examining slides at GOUNWA and Dr. Ford to Salamo Mission Hospital at 11.30 a.m. Left GOUNWA per Elevala at 11.35 a.m. and anchored at SEPULAGOUNWA at 12.15 p.m. Called on Mr. Harrison for information re anchorage and populated districts of Normanby Island. Mr. Harrison per Salamo Hospital. Left at 2.45 p.m. for SAWARAU. Arrived at 3.15 p.m. and made camp at SAWARAU R.H. Elevala returned to GOUNWA at 4 p.m. A.C. KAVE sent to SIURAU to collect the

people and have them ready to see the doctor. A. J. UZUNAMPOTANA reported 6 p.m.

Monday 16th January 1939.

During the morning about 150 people assembled at R.H. and waited for the doctor. During the morning went along the coast towards DOBU for about three miles. Elevala seen to leave SIEBULAGOUNWA during the morning and go to DOBU. On this section of the coast there are a number of villages peopled by natives from BEAIOA who have there gardens on Motuanby and spend half their time there. Returned to the R.H. at 1.30 p.m. Elevala arrived at 4.45 p.m. Dr. Ford commenced work immediately and finished at dusk. Broke camp

Tuesday 17th January 1939.

A fine day. Elevala left SAWARAU at 6.15 a.m. for NIURAU, situated between SIBIANA and SAWARAU. Arrived at 7.15 a.m. and erected tent in the village. Dr. Ford ashore about 8.15 a.m., about 150 people assembled at the R.H. Messrs Rundle and Jarman of the Methodist Mission arrived at 9.30 a.m. with a native patient from DOBU. Dr. Ford finished examination at 1.30 p.m. Broke camp and Elevala left at 1.50 p.m. for MIADIBA. Arrived 2.30 p.m. About 200 people assembled at R.H. which was one of the best seen in the islands. Examination tent and fly erected against the R.H. in heavy rain. Rain stopped about 3.15 p.m. Dr. Ford commenced examination at 3.30 p.m. and finished at dusk. Several cases which might turn out to leprosy reported. A. C. IGANI sent on to DARUWIL.

Wednesday 18th January 1939.

A fine day. 8 a.m. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton ashore to examine two cases of reported leprosy. Returned to Elevala at 12.30 p.m. Dr. Ford said that he had been told of six cases which were rumoured to be leprosy in the SIBIANA district. These people were said to have remained in their houses when the rest of the people were examined at NIURAU. Left MIADIBA at 12.45 p.m. and returned to SIBIANA arriving at 1.25 p.m. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton ashore examining leprosy. Self went along coast back to NIURAU. Passed through several hamlets on the way. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton returned to Elevala at 7 p.m. Elevala left at 7.40 p.m. and arrived at MIADIBA at 8.25 p.m. and anchored.

Thursday 19th January 1939.

A fine day. Left MIADEBA at 6.15 p.m. and arrived at DABURIA at 7.20 a.m. Self and A.C.s ashore and examination tent and flies erected in the village. About 140 people assembled for examination. A.C. IGNEY reported. A.C.s KAVE and UNUNAMPOTANA sent on to SAWATAITAI. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton ashore and examined people. All finished at 11 a.m. Broke camp and left at 11.30 a.m. for SAWATAITAI. Arrived at SAWATAITAI at 2.5 p.m. and erected tent and fly beside the R.H. A.C. KAVE reported. About a hundred people assembled. Tent erected beside the R.H. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton ashore examining people. Mr. R. Fletcher and Mr. A. Crozier called at the R.H. Mr. Fletcher sent his plantation labourers down for Dr. Ford to see. Dr. Ford finished at 5.30 p.m.

Friday 20th January 1939.

A fine day. Left SAWATAITAI at 6.40 a.m. and arrived at MWATEBU anchorage at 7.30 a.m. Self and police ashore and tent erected in the village. About 120 people assembled. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton ashore at 8.45 a.m. and examined natives. Examination finished 11 a.m. Kave left at 11.30 a.m. for SAWATUPWA. Arrived at SAWATUPWA and found R.H. and village deserted. Went on to KHALOGELA anchorage arriving at 12.25 a.m. Self ashore with police erecting examination tent. A.C. UNUNAMPOTANA reported. About 200 people assembled. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton ashore in tent until late afternoon. Broke camp and left KHALOGELA at 6.30 p.m. Arrived at the anchorage opposite SIPUPU R.H. at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 21st January 1939.

A fine day. Self and police ashore 6 a.m. and made camp. A.C. IGNEY reported. V.C.s and councillors reported that large numbers of the people had gone bush when told to go to SIPUPU for examination. A.C.s sent out to bring in delinquents to SIPUPU. A.C. IGNEY towards KHALOGELA and UNUNAMPOTANA towards DAVARA. A.C. KAVE sent on to DAVARA to gather the people together. Self and V.C. left for the hill village at 7 a.m. Shortly after leaving the coast commenced a stiff climb up to the top of the range of hills which rise up straight from the beach. These villages are scattered in a chain along the top of the hills. Dropped down the other side of the range and went through several yam gardens. Managed to locate a number of women working in the gardens and a number of men in the

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to the R.H. with about sixty people, arriving at midday. Dr. Ford finished work at 2 p.m. Put gear on board and left at 2.15 p.m. Arrived at DAVADA at 3.15 p.m. and made camp in the village. A.C. UNUMAMPOTANA went on to KWANA. V.C. reported that the people from the hill villages had not as yet come down. Took V.C. with me and went along the coast through Mr. E. Harrison's plantation. A.C. Kave reported in the plantation with about eighty people gathered from along the coast. Turned inland and climbed to the top of the hills behind DAVADA. Followed these along the top passing through a number of excellently kept villages. In almost all of these the people were assembled ready to go down to the R.H. Sent them all down - in all about a hundred. The population of this district is situated in the coastal villages and those on the top of these hills running along about a mile in from the beach - there are no houses on the flat country between the coast and the hills. Reached the last village at sunset and returned to the Elevala by the more direct route of a garden track. Arrived at 9.30 p.m.

Sunday 2nd January 1939.

A fine day. Dr. Ford and Mr. Clinton finishing examination. Left at 9.15 a.m. Arrived at KWANAUBA at 10 a.m. Self and A.C. ashore and made camp. About 250 people assembled at R.H. V.C. reported 6 people at MARUKWASIA showing symptoms of what might be leprosy. Dr. Ford finished work at 2.30 p.m. Elevala left at 2.50 p.m. Went to MARUKWASIA arriving at 3.30 p.m. Landed and found that of the six people described by the V.C. five had run away and one was a case of tropical ulcers. Dr. Ford questioned people and was satisfied that the absentees could not have been suffering from leprosy. Left for SOBURATA at 4.25 p.m. Arrived at 5.38 p.m. Pitched tent and flies. About sixty people examined by Dr. Ford.

Monday 3rd January 1939.

Heavy rain morning. Left at 7 a.m. and arrived at GULE GULEU at 9.5 a.m. About 300 people assembled. Landed tent and flies. Dr. Ford decided against taking the gear ashore as the landing was not good. Dr. Ford decided to go on to FABI KASI. Accordingly left at 10.45 a.m. and arrived at KASI KASI at 11.40 a.m. Self and A.C. ashore. Camp made. All medical gear transferred to R.H. Left at 1.25 p.m. for Samarai with mail which Dr. Ford urgently

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waited to catch the Bulele. A very strong head wind and rain encountered all the afternoon and the speed of the Elavala was considerably reduced. Got out of the wind at 8 a.m. and went on to SARIBA anchoring at LABULABU and left at 10.30 p.m.

Tuesday 24th January 1939.

Left LABULABU at 6.30 a.m. and arrived at Samarai at 7.45 a.m. Reported to the R.M. at 8 a.m.

R. L. Lewis

P.O. Samarai N.D.
25/1/39

[G.P. 67]

PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER
10 of 1938/9

General

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by I.C.M. Turner D.O. to
North East Coast.

for the purpose of

(1) Collecting Taxes? (2) Distributing V.N.I. & G.N. A/c Monies? (3) General

Purposes?

Left Station on 10th February Returned to Station on 25th February

Number of Carriers employed 20 Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge

Villages visited East Cape, Riwa, Mokuku, Wapake, Hilirua, Guga, Mahana, Infor, Palotona,
Awaiama, Pahi, Taupota, Awaiia, Topura, Manira, Mainana, Ropua, Baraga, Gabugabuna
Sibara, Ata-Ata, Watubu, Pomapona.

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

8236/10.12-1,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 10 MAR 1939, 19

I.C.M. Turner
Officer in charge of Station

21 APR 1939
EASTERN DIVISION

No. 865/543/39.

R.M.E.D., General

Sunday Work.

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 167/25/39 of the 13th instant re above.

You are mistaken I think, in supposing that Circular Instruction No. 101 has no bearing on the matter. I think it was designed to prevent routine duties from being performed on Sundays.

L.D. Smith

Apr 23. 24. 4.39.

Copy Mr. F.O. Turner, Garu.

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Hon' G.S.

Sunday work

I acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 620/342/39 of the 29th ultimo on the above subject and in reply have to state that in my view there should have been no necessity for the intervention of the Missionary, in fact, I consider his action to be an unwarranted interference.

The matter has been submitted to Mr P.O. Turner for further report and I attach hereto, for your information, the Patrol Officer's memo on the subject. In this memo you will observe that the Missionary raised no direct opposition to the examination by Dr Ford of natives within the Methodist Mission sphere although it seems as if such examinations if conducted on Sundays would interfere to a much greater extent with the native's day of worship than would have been the case had the Patrol Officer carried out his intention of tax collecting.

In the peraltimate paragraph of the attached memo, we see how the Missionary so far forgot his religious scruples of the going, as to ask the P.O. to register a child on the census during the afternoon, regardless of the fact that by so doing the Missionary might be interfering with his own day of worship to say nothing of that of the woman, and, perhaps, that of the Officer concerned.

As MR Turner says in his report, he had but five taxes to collect but through the intervention of the Missionary he postponed this work until Monday, thus suffering the unpleasant experience of having to remain all day Sunday in a dilapidated Rest House. I venture to think that had the positions been reversed the Missionary would not have been so particular as to the observance of the Sabbath if he had had the alternative

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of spending the whole day in the same Rest House.

I note your reference to Circular Instruction No.101, but I am afraid I am unable to appreciate the bearing this has on the subject matter of this correspondence.

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12th April 1934

R.A.E.D.

SAMARAI.

As instructed I herewith submit a full report on the circumstances surrounding the incident referred to in G.S. letter No. 630/34

On Saturday the 10th February I arrived at East Cape on p.m. and called on the Rev. Mr. Williams of the Methodist Mission. During the conversation I mentioned to Mr. Williams that I would be going to the western boundary of the Division and taking probably about 10 days. No reference was made by Mr. Williams to tax being collected on Sundays. Took leave of Mr. Williams and left East Cape R.H. at 6 a.m. on the following day. That afternoon I was collecting tax at IAUARATA R.H. when Mr. Williams passed per launch. He sent a note ashore in which he mentioned that he would be holding a church service at GUGA next day and would be returning to IAUARATA to hold another later in the day. I assumed that the first would be an early morning service and the second at IAUARATA about 11 a.m.

I completed tax work that evening and walked to GUGA next morning arriving about 9.30 a.m. I found the district R.H. in poor condition and constructed so that the rain drove through the front portion and wet fully half of the particularly small floor space. It was also without a kitchen. It was obvious that if I was to remain at GUGA, considerable repairs would have to be done. The alternative was to take the taxes and push on to HUHUNA, where I knew the R.H. to be good. As the number of taxable natives in the GUGA district is particularly small I chose the second alternative. The total number of taxes collected at this centre was five, Rec. Nos. 3237/20-24. On making this decision I sent a village councillor to where the natives were attending church to tell them that when the service was finished the taxable natives were to come to the R.H. As soon as my despatch box arrived I sent a note to Mr. Williams in which I mentioned that I wanted the taxable natives when he had finished with them.

Shortly afterwards Mr. Williams appeared and, as far as I can recollect, his opening words were, "I wish to say that I strongly object to tax being collected on the Sabbath and I have to tell you that I have

no alternative other than to report the matter. I had no idea you were such a hurry; you did not tell me you were leaving East Cape in the morning, probably because I did not ask you; and you said you had to in which to get to Bogura, a distance of forty miles, which is more ample time." I might point out that per water the western boundary sixty miles from East Cape and per road is probably nearer a hundred. Mr. Williams went on to say that it would be quite impossible for him to discipline the natives if the Govt. took tax on the day on which the taught to worship, and he repeated that he would have to report the matter. When Mr. Williams paused for breath I took the opportunity to tell him that I had no wish to offend the religious susceptibilities of either himself or the natives and would be quite prepared to postpone the tax-collection on the following day. Mr. Williams then said, "Oh, you can't do that; you can't countermand an order." In spite of several protests from Mr. Williams I postponed the tax-collection.

Mr. Williams' attitude was excited and distinctly hostile and as there was a number of natives present I invited him into the R.H. being anxious to learn what Mr. Williams did or did not object to. He told me that his mission was opposed to carriers being used on a Sunday but when asked if he objected to wholesale examination of natives for C.D. on a Sunday, (as done on a recent patrol by Dr. Ford) he parabolically said, "When the ass falls into the well it is our duty to get him out." Mr. Williams went on to say that his mission never hesitated to report officers that one officer had narrowly escaped being reported, which fact Mr. Williams now regretted. He then returned to the church.

During the afternoon Mr. Williams returned to the R.H. with a woman and an infant whom he wished to take to Samarai. At Mr. Williams' request I registered the child's name in the census.

In conclusion I would like to point out that to save five natives from the sacrilege of paying their taxes on the Sabbath about fifteen natives had to violate the same Sunday by building another wall and a kitchen on the R.H. in order to render it habitable.

Rec. L...

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P.O. Jones

Please let me have (2. duplicate)
a full report of the circumstances surrounding
the incident referred to in the attached
letter from Cpl.

R. Jones
12/4/59

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MINUTE PAPER

R.M.N.D.,
Samarai.



No. 630/3420

Sunday Work.

In Patrol Report No.10, under date 12th February, Mr. P.C. Turner says that in deference to the Rev. Mr. Williams he refrained from collecting tax on Sunday, but should there have been any necessity for the intervention of Mr. Williams?

See Circular Instruction No.101.

L.B.D. Amint

for C.S.
28.5.1939.

Report of patrol by R.C.M. Turner P.O. to the North East Coast for the year
(1) Collecting Taxes, (2) Distributing W.N.L. & D.N. Moneys, (3) General

Friday 11th February 1939.

Left Samarai at 12.45 p.m. per a.v. Guitana, taking with me A.C.s TEA and KOGEA, and C.I. Merrick. Weather good. Arrived at East Cape at 6.15 p.m. and made camp in the R.H. Called on Rev. Mr. Williams of the East Cape Mission during the evening.

Saturday 11th February 1939.

Left the R.H. in heavy rain at 8 a.m. and passed through the East Cape to KWAME. These villages are all in better condition than when last visited and efforts are being made by the natives to put a really good road along to KWAME. Plantations dirty - people warned. Left the coast at KWAME and at the QIDAGIDABANAI R.H. and took tax for the IBURAI and ETWA Districts. Rain. Left at 9 a.m. and dropped down to the Milne Bay side of the Cape. Went along coast road towards WARABAI for about twenty minutes and turned inland. Reached the Cape and dropped down to the coast near MOKUKU. Followed the coast road to IAUARATA and made camp in the R.H. at midday. Afternoon spent on Tax, Bonus and Census work. V.C. LABALULU resigned and new V.C. selected.

Sunday 12th February 1939.

Left the R.H. at 7 a.m. Passed through WAGANO and HIRIWAI. Roads along coast in excellent order - those on the headlands are very bad owing to formation. At 9.30 a.m. dropped down to GUGA where the Rev. Mr. Williams was at a church service. Shortly afterwards had a visit from Mr. Williams who said objected to Tax being collected on the Sabbath as it interfered with the native day of worship. In deference to Mr. Williams postponed the tax work till the following morning. Made camp.

Monday 13th February 1939.

At GUGA. On tax work until 8 a.m. Selected a new V.C. for the GUGA District. This district has been without a V.C. for some time and is badly in need of one. It is at present supposed to be in the HUHUNA District but it is too far away for the V.C. to attend to it properly and it is seldom visited by him. Left at 8.45 a.m. for HUHUNA. Roads good, plantations did not appear to have been cleaned for some time - people warned. Plantations near HUHUNA showed indications of having been cleaned recently. Arrived at HUHUNA R.H. at 10.20 a.m. V.C. BULLDOG reported.

Commenced tax work at midday and finished at 4.30 p.m. Left for IAUOA. Went along the main road through POLOTONA; road good and district much improved since last visit. A large number of people have left their isolated dwellings in the swamp and have built excellent houses on the road. Most of them have good taro and sweet potato gardens on either side of the road. Plantations clean. Arrived at BINUM at 5.30 p.m. and made camp. V.C. ABIWAILO reported. R.H. fair.

Tuesday 14th February 1939.

At BINUM. On tax work until 11.30 a.m. Left for AKAIANA at 11.45 a.m. Road excellent and plantations quite good. Arrived at AKAIANA R.H. at 1 p.m. V.C. LINGITE reported. Had lunch and commenced tax work at 2 p.m. Finished at 4 p.m. Left for PUNI PUNI. Road in good order and plantations fair. Arrived at PUNI PUNI at 6.15 p.m. Mr. Talbot absent in Samarai.

Wednesday 15th February 1939.

Held labour inspection (Separate report to Hon.C.E.A.) and left the plantation at 10 a.m. Went to TAUPOTA arriving at 10.45 a.m. V.C.DINITU reported. Road, villages and R.H. in excellent order. On tax work until 3.45 p.m. Left at 4 p.m. and went to DIDIWAGA and called on Miss Inman of the Anglican Mission. Left at 5.30 p.m. and went to WAMUWAMANA, arriving at 6.45 p.m. Made camp in R.H.

Thursday 16th February 1939.

At WAMUWAMANA. On tax work until 11 a.m. and then left for TOPURA. Road in fair order. Passed through HICCE native mission station, crossed TAMEO creek and arrived at TOPURA R.H. at 1.15 p.m. Made camp. V.C.s WARGAHAI and MODAMODATAI reported. Afternoon spent making R.H. and D.N. a/c payments. Heavy rain during most of the afternoon.

Friday 17th February 1939.

At TOPURA. On Tax work and distributing W.H.I. & D.N. a/c moneys until 11.45 a.m. Left the R.H. at 12 midday in heavy rain which continued all day. Passed through PARIETA, AIGUSA and IAYORA districts. Roads and villages in good order. Rounded Cape Frere and went through the DIVARI District; villages here good and road much improved since last visit. Called on Rev. Jennings and Mr. Buckland at St. Aidan's College, TACOPAI, at 4.15 p.m. Left at 4.45 p.m. and went on around the bay to WAMIRA. Arrived at DAMALADONA R.H. at 6 p.m. and made camp. V.C. Gregory reported.

Saturday 18th February 1939.

At WAMIRA. Pay. Mr. Bodger called at WAMIRA during the morning. Made enquiries about suspected leprosy case reported at Dogura. Mr. Bodger said that the native had been returned to his village after having been treated for yaws. Afternoon spent tracing taxable natives said to be at Dogura Mission Station.

Sunday 19th February 1939.

At WAMIRA.

Monday 20th February 1939.

Left WAMIRA at 6.15 a.m. and followed the main coast road as far as the WAMIRA river. Here turned inland and followed a track over grass hills to GELARIA, crossing and recrossing the WAMIRA river several times. Reached GELARIA at 8 a.m. Village in good order. V.C. Kenneth reported. Followed the course of the river up to HOBURERE. Spelled carriers. Went on to MAINAUA, arriving at 1 p.m. Had lunch. A good R.H. has been created in the village during the last few months. This district throughout was really good and showed a marked improvement on previous visits. Left MAINAUA at 2.15 p.m. in heavy rain which continued all the afternoon, and proceeded up the valley to the head of the MAINAUA creek. Crossed the range and dropped down to MADIGULA, arriving at 4.30 p.m. Made camp in the village.

Tuesday 21st February 1939.

Left MADIGULA at 7 a.m. in light rain for BOBOUA. Track very bad and carriers found the going very heavy. Crossed the GUMINI creek and reached SAGABADA creek at 1.30 p.m. After leaving SAGABADA creek struck a new road - the work of the BONGUA and BARAGA people. This road has long been necessary and should with use develop into a good track. At present the new surface has not settled down but should improve greatly with use. Continued along this road and eventually dropped down to BOBOUA at 4.45 p.m. and made camp.

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Wednesday 22nd February 1939.

Left BOBOUA at 6.30 a.m. Crossed the river back to the south of BOBOUA and dropped down along an excellent road to BARAGA creek. Passed through extensive gardens and arrived at BARAGA at 9.30 a.m. Went on to NAGANI plantation and called on Mr. Hailley. Mr. A.R.M. Elliott-Smith arrived at 11 a.m. Made cash advances up to £35. Left at 2 p.m. per motor-lorry and went to HAGITA Plantation and called on Mr. Mc.Donald. During the afternoon Mr. S. Warrant of Kaiora Plantation, Sagarai Valley arrived. Mr. Warrant reported a disturbance amongst his labourers. Decided to go to KAIORA the following day to enquire into the disturbance. Left Hagita at 9 p.m. per motor lorry. Transferred gear to Elevala which was at CABUGABUNA wharf. Camped on the Elevala.

Thursday 23rd February 1939.

Elevala left CABUGABUNA at 5.45 a.m. Arrived at GIBARA at 6.30 a.m. Left GIBARA at 7.15 a.m. for DUABO. Road good, villages and gardens in good order. Crossed DUABO hill and dropped down through ATA-ATA to NATUBU on the SAGARAI river. Both villages in very good order. Extensive tree felling going on for new gardens. Passed through IOMACOMA and went on to Sagarai Plantation, arriving at 11.30 a.m. Called on Mr. Gray. Left Sagarai Plantation and went on to Kaiora. Found Mr. Warrant's labourers on the plantation. Returned to Sagarai plantation taking them with me. Spent night at Sagarai as guest of Mr. Gray.

Friday 24th February 1939.

Left Sagarai at 8 a.m. for KAIHADEBADEBA. Retraced steps through POMA-POMA, NATUBU and ATA-ATA. Went on to Kaihadebedeba and called on Mr. Jansen at midday. Left at 2.30 p.m. and dropped down to GIBARA. Elevala arrived at 6.45 p.m. with Mr. A.R.M. Elliott-Smith on board. Transferred gear to Elevala which left at 8 p.m. and went to LADANA, thence to Samarai.

Saturday 25th February 1939.

Arrived Samarai 4 a.m. and reported to R.M. at 9 a.m.

General Remarks.

Tax. 265 taxes were collected, natives owing for 1938/39 were warned that another patrol will be made in two months time when the tax must be paid and six natives owing taxes for two years or more were taken to Samarai and charged with failing to pay tax.

Roads. These in the main were very satisfactory.

Villages. These, with the exception of the East Cape district, were good.

Plant Houses. These throughout the patrol were good.

Plantations. These were very patchy. All natives concerned have been warned and a big improvement will have to be shown by the next patrol.

V.C.s These could be more assertive. The work done by these men has improved since last visit but there is still room for improvement.

John Lunn

P.O. Samarai E.D.
6/3/39

PATROL REPORT

[G.P. 67]

STATION NUMBER

34/40
1-20/39

Samarai E.D.

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Clem. H. Rich P.O. to
Inland Districts of the Eastern Division. for the purpose of
General Patrol

Left Station on 4.7.39 Returned to Station on 27.7.39

Number of Carriers employed AV 20 Number of Police taken 1 Lt/col 3 A.C.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge

Villages visited WEDAU. KOBURERE. GEMARIA. GARAGARADI. TUTUROBORORO. FAIDATA.
GADOWISH. SUNIGUNI. KIWARAI. IRI-URI. KALAGAITU. AUWETA. LOBOLONG. FAIGANLA.
ORONHA. BAITAKUHA. MODAWALAKU. KWALOA. PEUDEULA. TITIKUNA. TAUPALOPALO. PAUCHI.
VELAYALA. DULHE. SUWAIABINA. LAIODO. GADAIKU. BARABARA. YAFUNA. JOGORDI.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 2/8/39, 19

Rich H. Rich
Officer in charge of Station

PATROL REPORT

[G.P. 67]

STATION NUMBER

3/39-40

SAMARAI

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by S. Elliott-Smith A.R.M. to
The South Coast, Sagara Valley and Local Islands. for the purpose of
picking up Mr. R. Nolan, Postal Asst. at Port Glasgow, taking prisoners to
Sagara River for work on timber job and a general inspection of dist. vis.
Left Station on 9th October Returned to Station on 22nd October 1939
Number of Carriers employed Nil Number of Police taken 2
Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Elevala" Comm. SIGIMUTU
Villages visited ONI ONI, SEA GRA, BARBARA, GADAIKU, TAMANAU, KIA ORA, SAGARAI,
ISULMI LRI, SUAU, WARI Island, CONJICTS, TEWA TEWA, KARI Island, NANAGUSA,
KORAIWA, KOLARIA, TUNE TUNE, KATAKATU, IS KU.

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Date 27th October, 1939

[Signature]

P.M.E.D.
Officer in charge of Station

Report of Patrol No. 3/1939-40, SAMARAI, made by S.Elliott-Smith, A.R.M., E.D. to the South Coast, Sagarai Valley and the Local Islands District for the purpose of taking prisoners to the Sagarai river for work on the timber jam near Karolo and a general inspection of the Districts visited.

Police etc.- A.Cs.UWAIA and EKAI with Court Interpreter MERRICK.

Monday 9th October 1939. Left Samarai in "Elevala" at 1.15 p.m. I had last minute instructions to pursue "Lakatoi" and bring Mr. Nolan, Postal Asst., back to Samarai. Clapped on all sail and making full use of the motor, we were abreast Fife Bay shortly before 6 p.m. Here the wind dropped and we proceeded under power alone to Port Glasgow where we tied up alongside "Lakatoi" at 10.15 p.m. Boarded that vessel and informed Mr. Nolan that he was to return with me to Samarai. Nolan slept in "Lakatoi".

Tuesday 10th. October 1939. Left Port Glasgow at 5 a.m. Called in at Daibara Island and despatched Official message re M.V."Nusa" to the Manager, Orangerie Bay Govt. plantation, then continued on to Gadaisu and anchored off the point at 8.30 a.m. Went ashore and saw the manager of the B.M.S.Dev.Co's. plantation. Transacted quite a lot of business during the morning and was busy in Native Matters during the afternoon. V.C.LIKI of this group reported. We were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Voysey for the night.

Wednesday 11th. October 1939. Left Gadaisu at 7 a.m. Arrived at MARAIWATTE Plantation at 8.15 a.m. I made arrangements with Mr. Grey for the use of the Launch "Thistle" to take the Warder, 10 prisoners and myself to Sagarai at once. We left at 10.20 a.m. and after being stuck on the Tamanau river bed for some time and clearing a couple of trees from our path, we reached Tamanau Landing at 4 p.m. Left "Thistle" and continued overland to Sagarai plantation, calling upon Mr. Palmer at Tamanau and Mr. Warrant at Kia Ora en route. I arrived at Sagarai in the vicinity of 7.30 p.m. where I spent the night.

Thursday 12th. October 1939. Left Sagarai at 6.30 a.m. with Mr. Gray, Manager of the Sagarai Plantation. Went back to Kia Ora plantation where the Warder and prisoners had camped for the night and there handed them over for work on the Sagarai river timber jam. Went on to Tamanau Plantation and had breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Palmer. Left at 10.30 a.m. and after an uneventful passage,

2. Patrol Report No.3/1939-40 Samarai.

Thursday 13th. October 1939 (Continued) PASSAGE, reached Maraiawatte at 1.30 p.m. "Elevala" at anchor. Had lunch and left for Bona Bona island at 3 p.m. Arrived there and anchored at 4 p.m. Heavy weather blowing up. Dealt with some native Matters during the afternoon.

Friday 13th. October 1939. Left Bona Bona at 5 a.m. Crossed to Kowai maiawa on the mainland where I attended to some matters requiring adjustment, then continued on to Fife Bay and anchored off Isulei lei at 10 a.m. Called on the Rev. C.F.Rich and later was busily engaged attending to a number of outstanding native matters. Weather very foul. Heavy rain all the afternoon. V.Cs. PILIPO and HARAGOANA reported.

Saturday 14th October 1939. Left Fife Bay at 5 a.m. Running into foul weather, we put into Suan passage at 10 a.m. and had some breakfast. On again at 10.45 a.m. and arrived at Samarai at 3.30 p.m. A most unpleasant passage.

Sunday 15th/16th. October 1939. In Samarai.

Tuesday 17th. October 1939. Left Samarai in "Elevala" at 1 p.m. Passed thru Fortescue Strait and dropped an urgent letter for Mr. T.Vesper then continued on to KataKatui and anchored at 6 p.m. V.C.GAGANAMORI reported. Weather anything but pleasant. There were no complaints.

Wednesday 18th. October 1939. Left KATA KATUI at 5 a.m. Sailed direct to Wari Island and anchored there at 7.30 a.m. after a smart passage. V.C. SAKOA and Councillors met me and I had a very pleasing reception. Spent the day among these very charming Wari people. The hospitality extended was magnificent. There were no complaints.

Thursday 19th October 1939. Left Wari Island at 6.15 a.m. (It is unwise to attempt the passage before daylight) Made direct for the Conflicts and anchored there at 12.15 p.m. Went ashore and met the Manager, Mr. Hutchinson, and we left at once on a tour of inspection, returning to Panaseisa at 6 p.m. where I camped for the night.

Friday 20th. October 1939. Completed inspections -- there were no complaint -- and left at 9.10 a.m. for Tewa Tewa where I anchored shortly before 1 p.m. and remained for the day. The V.C. was absent and is now said to be living in the South-Eastern Division. There were no complaints. Weather boisterous.

3. Patrol No. 3/39-40 Samarai.

Saturday 21st. October 1939. Left Tewa Tewa at 5.30 a.m. Went direct to NARI Island and saw Warden AREWA. He reported all O.K. Paid him wages due for the last Quarter and left for IAWAUSA (V.C. AUBUI) reached shortly after 8 a.m. Paid the V.C. and picked up some Koraiwa people who are required at that point to answer charges. I also picked up V.C. DOMIGA of KORAIWA. Crossed to KORAIWA Island (Engineer Group) and dropped anchor at IANU AISI village at 10. a.m. Paid the V.C. and inquired into certain allegations made by KORAIWA natives against V.C. DOBU. Later held C.N.M. Left at 11.30 a.m. and anchored off Tutube village, Kofaria Island (V.C. DOBU) at noon. Landed. Paid the wages due to the V.C. and held C.N.M. Inspected villages and spent some little time with the village Council. On at 12.30 p.m. and continued thru to PAI village (V.C. GEA GEA). Tube Tube Island, where we dropped anchor at 1.15 p.m. V.C. reported and I paid him his wages for 1938/39. There were no complaints whatever. Left at 2 p.m. and crossed to Katakatui on Basilaki Island and anchored there at 3.15 p.m. V.Cs TAJNAMARI, DAULOIANI and GAGANAMORI reported and I paid them their wages due to 30th June last. There were no complaints. Continued on at 4 p.m. and after a call at BULALI Island (V.C. BOGAHUNA) week anchored off SEKUKU Island in Portescus Strait shortly after 6 p.m. V.Cs DENILO and DEENDILO-TOILA reported. There were no complaints.

Sunday 22nd. October 1939. A number of Native Matters were brought forward in the early morning and I was engaged on this work until 10 a.m. Left at 10.15 a.m. and sailed direct to Samarai and tied up shortly after noon.

General Remarks.

The patrol covered the whole of the Local Island group, including WARI Island and the Conflict group. Matters were found to be satisfactory and there were no complaints. I paid particular attention to the health of the Native Labour on the Anglo-Papuan Co's. plantations in the Conflicts. The men appeared to be particularly fit and well. They had no complaints whatever.

A WARI Island Welcome.

4. Patrol No. 3/39-40 Samarai.

General Remarks (Continued)

A WARI Island Welcome.

The welcome given and the hospitality extended by these very charming people was a feature of the patrol. I left "Elevala" and landed on the beach at 9 a.m. and was met by the Chairman of the Island Council, KENI, and his Councillors, together with the V.C. and representatives of the Methodist Mission. I was invited to the meeting house and as I entered the building, a well dressed choir of men and women sang the National Anthem with much feeling. It was really a splendid rendering. We then entered into discussions dealing with various matters pertaining to the islands welfare after which, accompanied by a large number of people, I made a thorough inspection of the inhabited section of the island. It might be interesting to note that these industrious people have to bring all building timber from the top end of Basilaki - a matter of some 20 miles by sea. This they do in their native owned whaleboats or cutters and canoes.

The inspection completed, I returned to the foreshore. While seated there waiting for the dinghy to take me to "Elevala" practically the whole population, men and women, approached me singing what was described as a Song of giving, peculiar to them. Some carried taro, some yams, coconuts and other native vegetables. Others brought native mats. The whole they placed at my feet, and then sat down. At this point a young man entered the ring which the people had formed and thereupon made an excellent speech in English in which he offered me the fruits of their labour in a spirit of goodwill to me and the, as he put it, Papua. Gavamani. He said the Wari people had always been a friend of the Government and were always glad to have the Government among them. He ended by saying that he hoped that they would continue to see plenty of the Government in future because it made the people better. (I did not press for an explanation) I thanked the people for their kind welcome and the hospitality they had shown and assured them that they would not, in future, be forgotten. The ceremony was ended with a loud burst of cheering.

Robert Smith
R.M.



[G.P. 67]

PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

8/52-10

SAMARAI, Eastern Division. STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by S. Elliott-Smith A.R.M. to

South Coast, Samarai, Bululu and Milne Bay for the purpose of

Attending to Estate Matters and a general inspection Districts

visited

Left Station on 6. 12. 39 Returned to Station on 19. 12. 39

Number of Carriers employed 13 Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Elevala" Comm. Sigamtu

Villages visited SUAN, ISUDAN, IRI, IMILFEL, MOGEBO, DABONO, POKERO, OHI OHI,
GEA GEA, RAIBARA, HARAI, OIRADA, GADAI, M. RAIAWATE, TAMANAU, TAI GEA,
BAIMATA, SAMARAI, GUNOA IANI, POPO AWA, POKA POKA, GADAI LAHI, DANATA
GARENA, MIRA, LILERABA, WELLA, IWANE, OIRO OIRO, HUI HUI, GABAGAWA and

30 others (1) Unless the patrol is a regular routine patrol in a long-settled district 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.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 27th. December, 19 39

R.M. B. B.

Office in charge of Station

R.M.B.B.

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Hon. C. E. P. M.

Patrol Report No. 6/30-40

I acknowledge the receipt of your Minute No. 99/304/40
of the 15th Inst. and have to advise that His Excellency saw the
depositions mentioned at this Office on the 3rd. Inst.

His Excellency said they would stand.

Spencer Smith
A.R.M.

A/R.M., E.D. General

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MINUTE PAPER

No. 99/804/30

A/S.M.E.D. Samsrai.

Upon reading your Patrol Report No. 6/30-40

I am writing:

"I should like to see the depositions in the cases referred to under Dec 17."

Please let me have these in due course.

[Signature]
15.1.1940

Your Excellency,

Will you please see attached.

[Signature]
A/S.M.E.D.
3/2/40



Patrol Report No. 6/39-40.

Report of Patrol Made by S. Elliott-Smith, A.R.N. E.D. to the South Coast, Sagara Valley, Upper Bulatu (inland), Milne Bay Goldfield and the South Coast of Milne Bay for the purpose attending to outstanding Estate matters and a general inspection of Districts visited.

Police: A.Os.UWAIA, KXAI and KAYF.

Wednesday 6th. December 1939. Left Samarai in "Elevala" at 8 a.m. Calling in at Suan, Fife Bay and Marafawa's. we continued on and arrived off Gadsism at 5 p.m. Dropped anchor, landed and spent the night as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Voyuny. I will deal with any outstanding matters on Gadsism Estate on my return from Mayri Bay.

Thursday 7th December 1939. Left GADALISU at 6 a.m. Called in and dropped mail at Baibara, Port Glasgow and Moguba and then returned to Mayri Bay (the end of the Samarai District) and anchored off Busebo Rest House (V.C. ILASA) in 7 feet of calm water at 12 noon. Landed and spent until 4.30 p.m. with the Mayri Bay people. There were no complaints whatever. This is my third visit to the extreme end of the District inside 12 months and the improvement is evident. Left at 4.45 p.m. and returned to OHI OHI (V.C. BABILA), Port Glasgow and dropped anchor at 6 p.m. Mr. Willis the Plantation Inspector for the Steamships Trading Co. Ltd. was on the beach. I did not land.

Friday 8th December 1939. I landed at 6 a.m. Mr. Willis left for Moguba to catch the Port Moresby bound "Oairi" at the same hour. Until 8.30 a.m. I was dealing with matters brought forward by the Port Glasgow people. The difference in the appearance of the surroundings at this landing is astounding.

The Mamai lorry made a special trip for me and arrived at 8.30 a.m. We returned at once to Mamai plantation where we arrived at 9.30 a.m. and I at once inspected the labour conditions prevailing and endorsed advances. There were no complaints whatever. Messrs. W and T Mundell have now left the Country and the Estate is being managed by Mr. S.J. Warrant assisted by Mr. Fred K. Wyborn. Left Mamai at noon by motor truck and returned to OHI OHI at 1 p.m. Boarded "Elevala" and went round to Baibara Island where I landed and went on to the Government Plantation, arriving there at 3 p.m. I had some cases in the C.N.M. to deal with here after which I spent the night as guest of Mr. & Mrs. Glenville. V.C. KARARA of HABA reported.

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Patrol Report 6/32-40 Samarai.

Saturday December 9th. 1939. Embarked from the front beach at BAIHARA in perfectly calm weather at 9 a.m. and reached Gadaima at 10 a.m. and landed. Enforced advances and inspected labour and left again at 3.30 p.m. Arrived at Maraiswatta at 5 p.m. landed and instructed "Klavala" to return to Samarai immediately. Spent the night with Mr. & Mrs. Kreig and arranged for the use of the launch "Thistle" in the morning.

Sunday 10th. December 1939. In the launch "Thistle" left Maraiswatta at 7 a.m. but did not arrive at Tannian landing until 3 p.m. owing to the coxswain missing the passage. Landed all gear and walked 20 minutes to Tannian Plantation, but the manager was absent. He returned home at 5.30 p.m. and I remained the night. I saw Warden OLOTOLUA. He and the prisoners are working on the Tannian reach clearing a number of recently fallen mangroves, so I did not disturb them.

Monday 11th. December 1939. During the morning I enforced advances and inspected the Native Labour at Tannian plantation and then walked on to Kai ora and did like wise. From this point I walked direct to Sagami where I arrived at 6 p.m. and was the guest of Mr. & Mrs. Gray for the night.

Tuesday 12th. December 1939. At 5.30 a.m. I went across to the Catholic Mission's plantation at Baukata where I arrived at 6.10 a.m. Messrs. A. Coleman and H. Jansen are opening this area. I inspected the Native Labour and conditions on this place and was particularly struck by the care these two men are taking to make their labour comfortable. I left at 11 a.m. and returned to Sagami at 11.40 a.m. After lunch I enforced advances and inspected labour at this point. Spent the night at Sagami.

Wednesday 13th. December 1939. Left Sagami at 9.45 a.m. and passing thru HOGOA LAFI, arrived at POPO ANUA RUA at 9.40 a.m./ V. G. SALAU of GEREMARAI, IALIMAI of LELEHAPU and TAU ALALA of IWAME reported. Until noon I was occupied with the full District Council and then went on to NERA, the last village in the upper HUNUTU valley, where I arrived at 1.45 p.m. and camped in a neat new Rest House. The villages of GADOLANI, POMA KONA and LAMALA GAFEMA were inspected en route. Spent an interesting afternoon with the Bahutu people. There were no complaints.

Thursday 14th December 1939. Left MIRA at 6.15 a.m. Went on to LEKEBASA (V.C. LAGA OIA) where we arrived at 7 a.m. Remained here until 8 a.m. then went on thru WEKIA village to IWAME (V.C. KAU ALALA) reached at 9.35 a.m. There were no complaints whatever and roads and villages were very clean and tidy. Received an Official communication from R.M.E.D. at this point. At 10 a.m. I continued on up to the OIRO OIRO workings where I inspected the Native Labour and attended to some outstanding business. Mr. Tardy, the owner/manager was absent in Samarai, but returned at 6.30 p.m. I spent the night with Mr. P.S. Orr, the mine Metallurgist. V.C. HISARI of Gibara reported.

Friday 15th December 1939. Had breakfast with Mr. Orr and then climbed 600 ft. to the top of the range and saw Mr. Tardy who had some further business to transact. Left OIRO OIRO at 3.15 p.m. and went direct to the coast at HUI HUI (V.C. HISARI), Milne Bay, reached at 5.15 p.m. Camped in a very comfortable Rest House. V.C. WAHAI of Waga Waga and FORIA of GURUHU reported. There was one case of serious assault reported. The road travelled was in excellent condition.

Saturday 16th December 1939. Left HUI HUI at 9.30 a.m. Went direct to LADAVA Catholic Mission Station where I saw Brother Vogt on business, then continued on to Gili Gili plantation where I saw Mr. L.P. Fay, the manager, and arranged to attend to any business on Monday morning next. Continued on to Hagita where I remained the night. Despatched word for the principals of what appears to be a rather bad assault case to be at Waigani tomorrow and there await us.

Sunday 17th December 1939. In the early morning I went to Waigani and there settled an assault case which arose out of a piece of vicious lying. The culprit in the latter case was also dealt with. In the afternoon I went to Gabagabuna Rest House and there settled a number of village Complaints after which I went on to Gili Gili and remained the night.

Monday 18th December 1939. I was at Gili Gili dealing with matters brought forward in the C.N.M. and C.P.S. until 11.30 a.m. when I left for Hui Hui Rest House arriving there at 12.30 p.m. Had lunch and spent the balance of the day hearing native complaints and dealing with Council matters. Camped. "Elevala" arrived from Samarai at 9.30 p.m.

4. Patrol Report No. 5/29-40 Samarai.

Thursday 29th December 1939. Left HUI HUI in "Elevala" at 6.15 a.m.
Called in at WAGA WAGA (V.C. WAHAI), GWANIAI (V.C. PAIA), HAM HAGA (V.C. WILK) and SUMAGALI (V.C. KWANILL) and arrived at Samarai at 4 p.m.

General

Remarks

The patrol was made principally to deal with outstanding matters on the various Estates in the Districts visited. All were attended to.

The area visited included the whole of the South Coast to Nagutu, SAGARAI and upper EHEWU Valley and the whole of the South Coast of Milne Bay. Native Matters were found to be in excellent condition and there were no complaints of a very serious nature.

The South Coast area continues to show improvement and my next visit to that area should bring forth a very satisfactory report. The natives show a very fine display of hospitality and offer every evidence that a visit from the Government is not unwelcome.

Milne Bay is still improving and the gardens now under construction on the South side are worthy of high praise.

After twelve months of earnest endeavor I count the effort well rewarded.

Ernest Smith
A.M.

A.P.M., E.D.

27.12.39.

PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

8/29.40.

SAMARAI

STATION

L. James O'Malley A.R.M.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Milre D. and Sagavai Valley to
Inspections under the N.L.O and General inspection. for the purpose of

8-2-40

19-2-40

Left Station on 2 & 11 prisoners Returned to Station onNumber of Carriers employed "Hula" Number of Police takenName of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Sagavai Valley villages.

Villages visited

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 29/3/1940, 19

 Officer in charge of Station

REPORT OF PATROL MADE BY L. James O'Malley,
A.R.M. to Milne Bay and Sagara Valley,
for the purpose of carrying out W.L.O
inspections and general inspection.

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Acting upon the instructions of the Resident Magistrate to proceed to Milne Bay and Sagara Valley for the purpose of W.L.O inspections and general inspection, I left Samarai at 2.30 p.m. on the "Lakatoi" and after four and a half hours, arrived at Gili Gili plantation landing.. Mr Fay, Manager of the plantation came and met me and I later went to his house where I remained for the night. Informed the manager that I would carry out an inspection under the W.L.O the following morning.

6 - 2 - 40 Tuesday.

As natives were required to load Lakatoi, no inspection was carried out this morning. During the afternoon made advances to the W.L. signed on a number of boys and knocked off work at 7.30 p.m.

7 - 2 - 40 Wednesday.

Carried out inspection under the W.L.O.

Held Court of Petty Sessions.

8 - 2 - 40 Thursday

signed on native labourers, and held C.P.S. also held inquiry into the conduct of Mr P.G. Moore towards certain native labourers. (separate report)

Left Gili Gili plantation and proceeded to NAGITA plantation. During the evening, I inspected the W.L. Records.

9 - 2 - 40 Friday.

Held inspection under the W.L.O.

Proceeded to Waigani Plantation and held inspection under the W.L.O.

Returned to Gili Gili landing where the "Ylanla" was waiting for me.

Leaving Gili Gili plantation went on to AHIOMA plantation, but before reaching there encountered heavy rain and strong winds.

The "Ulaula" made very little headway and I did not arrive at ANIOMA till nine o'clock at night. Went ashore and informed the manager that I would hold an inspection in the morning.

10-2-40 Saturday.

Carried out inspection under the W.L.O.
Later proceeded to Mr. J. Drivers place where I held C.P.S.
Made an attempt to leave in the "Ulaula" but the strong winds kept me back and I had to remain at Mr Drivers place until the next day.

11-2-40 Sunday

Got away early this morning, but after a few hours the wind sprang up and I had to take shelter, where I remained till nearly five o'clock. Got away again and passed Gili Gili plantation at 7.30 p.m. Went on to the end of the bay and anchored for the night.

12-2-40 Monday

Got away early and went on to BUI BUI village. Here instructed the crew of the "Ulaula" to return to Samarai. At this village collected two carriers. 11 prisoners were also used for carriers.
Proceeded along the road to Mr Tardy's mine at the head of Samarai Valley.

REPORT ON ROAD

The only work that has been done on this road from B'IBUI village to within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of Tardy's mine, is that the ~~some~~ trees have been cut down on both sides of the track, this is of course quite a job, and I understand that Mr Tardy paid the local natives to cut these down. Near the mine I came upon a number of boys working on the road. The road is about twelve feet wide, and the boys are cutting into the side of the hill.
From what I understand it is Mr Tardy's idea to work from the top of the hills and work down to the sea. Within a few yards of the mine, a lot of the road has been washed away by the heavy rain. I understand that it is Mr Tardy's idea to run a motor track over the road, but this will be impossible for some time. Most of the road is clay, and tons of shale or stones will have to be carted and worked into the clay. Drains will also have to be dug into the sides of the hills to prevent the wash of rain water coming down the side of the hill from washing away the clay. The road will also have to be made very wide. The road will certainly be a big undertaking.

. I did not see Mr Tardy at the mine as he was in Samarai. A great deal of work will have to be done as there are many small creeks and these will have to have strong bridges over them. A road, long will have to be kept continually on the road to clear it of landslides. (After my return to Samarai, I met Mr Tardy and discussed the road with him. He informed me that it was his intention to take the motor lorry to the mine, assemble the lorry and engine at the mine, and carry shale and stone which will be dumped on to the clay, making a good foundation. Also that he was going to make large gutters to carry away the water from the roads. Mr Tardy informed me that he would have the road completed in nine months. When the road is completed all transport will be done by lorry, thus saving native carriers.

Heavy rain fell during the afternoon, and continued until we got down to the HWAMI village. Made camp in the small rest house which is situated near the HWAMI creek.

12-8-40 Tuesday.

Broke camp early. Obtained two carriers to replace those from HUI HUI village. Proceeded through the forest. A good road has been built through the forest. Pass through MALGI village. This village consists of one house but has a large garden around it. On entering ATARA village, V.C KUBU-KARA reported. Rested in the village and had breakfast. This village is clean and tidy. Continuing on entered WATUBO village which is built on the banks of the Sagarni River. All these villages were clean and all the roads in good condition. Leaving WATUBO continued on to FORAPOMA. All the people were away from the village. Oranges plentiful here. Crossed the Sagarni River and arrived at Sagarni plantation at 11.15 a.m. The Manager was away and did not return till 3 p.m. On his return carried out an inspection under the W.L.O. Remained at Sagarni for the night.

13-8-40 Wednesday.

Left the plantation early, and went down to the Sagarni landing. I expected canoes here to take me to Mullins Harbour. The road from Sagarni to the landing is in good order, but the grass

has grown up very high. Mr Gray of Sagurai Plantation informed me that he often had boys on the road, but lately found it impossible to spare his labor for the road, and asked if it would be possible to have a few prisoners from Samarai to work on the road. I informed Mr Gray that on my return to Samarai I would bring the matter up with the Resident Magistrate.

After waiting for nearly two hours for canoes, natives from the village reported and informed me that it was impossible to get canoes up to the river on account of the rough seas.

Continued down along the valley, and came to SELASHIADA village. There is a mission station here. All the village was clean and tidy, and a new rest house has been built, and the grounds surrounding the rest house were clean and tidy.

Passed through WESAWISA, TAUTERI villages. Here there are many large gardens, and the villages were clean. Entered a forest and began to climb up and down short hills, crossed many creeks, and then entered a large area of planted vegetables. Entered BOMBOMTIE village. Rested here for a while and then went on towards LEHXYARA village, before arriving there however, we were caught in a rain storm and were wet through when we got to the village. V.O. IALIMAI reported at 4 p.m. Many large gardens seen in this district. Pineapples plentiful. I bought a number of these to take them back to Samarai for the gaol. Heavy rain continued till 6.30 p.m. We remained in the village for the night. Strong winds all night. The roads throughout this district are in good order, especially when nearing the villages. They are kept clean by the village people and it is quite pleasant to walk along them.

15-2-40 Thursday.

Got away from village at 7.00 a.m. and continued along a good road. Passed through many small villages surrounded by large gardens. These small villages consist of only one or two houses and are I think, garden houses. Leaving the valley, began to climb up and down small hills, and then climbed over the range and came out of the coast at 11.30 a.m. Walked along the beach for a time, and then out inland, climbed a few more hills and came out at DAHUNI village. Rest house in poor condition. Instructed the councillor and village people to fix the rest house up as I was going to stay in the village for a few days. V.O. LIWULAI is laid up in his house with a bad leg and cannot walk.

Strong winds blew all the afternoon, and rough seas beat upon the beach in front of the rest house. The councillor informed us that they had started a new rest house and that the old one in which I was in, was to be pulled down. Spent a sleepless night watching the ridge poles of the rest house bending backwards and forwards all night long.

16th, 17th Friday and Saturday.

Remained at Dahuni village waiting for the boat.

Short of food. Sent prisoners to catch fish and make rage.

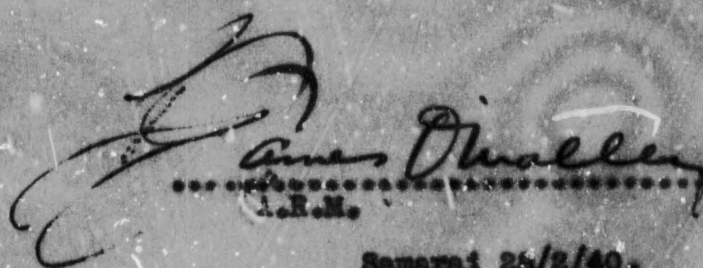
18-2-40 Sunday.

Boat from Samarai arrived at 9.30 a.m. and anchored at village. Crew boys informed me that they had left Samarai last Tuesday but owing to the rough seas could not make any headway. Crew also informed me that they had to go to Sagarai and that they would pick me up on the way back.

At 4.30 the boat returned. Got gear on board and put out to sea. After one hour and a half, owing to the rough sea, I had to put in behind one of the small islands and remained there for the night.

19-2-40 Monday.

Put out to sea early. Sea still very rough. Heavy rain fell as we entered Samarai. Arrived at the wharf at 1 p.m.


.....
J. O'Halley
I.R.M.

Samarai 25/2/40.

76/23/40

L. James O'Malley, Esq.,

A.R.M., E.D.

Patrol No. 8/32-40.

The launch "Mascot" departs this p.m. for Samarra
landing to enable you to return to Samarra. As this vessel is under
a daily charter rate I would be glad if you would come back with as
little delay as possible.

A.R.M., E.D.

Samarra. 15/2/40.

55/25/40

Mr. L. James O'Malley.
A.R.M., E.D.

Patrol No. 8/32-40.

I subjoin some notes that maybe useful to you on your forthcoming patrol to the Milne Bay Estates and Sagarai Valley:

HAWALEA Estate (J.Driver): You have notes in re this place.

ABIOMA: The housing of the labour here could be improved and new quarters were mooted some time ago - I don't think any progress has been made as yet.

GILL GILL: I hear strange stories of the conduct of the present Overseer, one Frank Cornwall Moore, late of the Solomons. This should be thoroughly investigated and reported upon.

HAGITA and WAIGANI: These two places have always run normally.

SAGARAI Plantation: The housing and general health of the labour should be fully investigated. On my last visit I noticed numerous New Guinea sores and recently some of these were sent to the Native Hospital, Samarai. You have the S.M.O's report in re this.

The conduct of the Boss Boys also should be looked into, as I have recently received quite a few complaints.

OURO OURO Road. Will you please also report on the progress being made with this work.

Interpreter Merrick knows the district very well and can act as your guide.

The Launch "Ulaula" will be sent in good time to await you at Tamanau Landing for your return to the Station.

Robert Smith
A/R.M., E.D.

Samarai. 5/2/40.

MINUTE PAPER



No. 7/16.

A/R.M.E.D.

PATIENTS ADMITTED FROM SAGARI PLANTATION.

I wish to draw your attention to the condition of four patients admitted from Sagari Plantation on 24/1/40 to the Native Hospital. All four patients arrived in a deplorable condition, with large ulcers of the legs, which were obviously neglected as far as any treatment in the past; none of the boys were fit for work, and in my opinion, this state of affairs had existed for some time. I append below details of the patients' names, with information gathered through my chief N.C.S. David, as to the length of time this condition had existed; they have also told him that for some time they had been carried to their work, as they were unable to walk, and then carried back again at night.

Name.	Nature of disease.	Date since first occurrence
INTERI	Large ulcer of leg.	April 1939.
KAGARI PATUERI	Large ulcers both legs; Several boils on back. Advanced scabies.	March & April 1939. One week. Two months.
KAGARA	Large ulcer of leg Beriberi.	October 1939. Early December
INOME	Large ulcer of leg	December 1938.

Yesterday I received a letter from E.M.A. Bitmead, on patrol, and he tells me that at Sagari he was only shown ~~XXXX~~ 50 boys; of these, he treated 36, amongst them 14 with ulcers and 22 with scabies.

G.M.C.

G.M.C. Samarai 31/1/40

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No. 8.

PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

10/39-40

SAGARAI

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **S. Elliott-Smith** **A.R.M.F.D.** to**The South Coast, inland Muller's Harbour & Sagarai** for the purpose of**Tax collections etc. and a general inspections**Left Station on **11. 3. 1940** Returned to Station on **5. 6. 1940**Number of Carriers employed **22 av.** Number of Police taken **2**

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge

Villages visited **Maitri Bay Group, Millport Harbour Group, Port Glasgow group,****ILAI, BAIBARA group, GADAIKU, LALMOD, SUWAIBINA group, EONA LONA, AUNTIERI,****DAHUNI group, TAMARO, HUNUTU, SEASEADA, BOLOWAI, VERI VERI, WADIM, ASO AND****BEARA, VAURO, COGOHI, DOEBADA, EKARA, SEA SEA, AJA ORORO, ISUDU, ISU ISU and 15**

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(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.

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(4) The space below is not to be written in.

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8936/10.33.—1,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date **12th. June**, 1940**Officer in charge of Station**

Patrol No. 10/39-40 Samarai.

Report of Patrol Made by S. Elliott-Smith, A.R.M.E.D. to the South Coast, Ilai Valley, Sagarai, Buhutu, Inland Mullen's Harbour and Bonarua Island for the purpose of Collection of taxes and Census revision together with a general inspection of the areas visited.

Police etc.- A.Cs. KANE, WATUNA and UNUNA AMUPOTANA with Interpreter MERRICK.

Saturday 11th. May 1940. In M.V. "OSIRI" left Samarai at 8 a.m. Anchored off Bona Bona at 5 p.m. after calling in at Fife Bay en route. Camped for the night.

Sunday 12th. ^{May} June 1940. Left Bona Bona at 5.40 a.m. and calling in at Port Glasgow, arrived at MOGUBU at 12.30 p.m. where I and my party went ashore. Spent the night as guest of Miss and Mr. R. Irwin.

Monday 13th. ^{May} June 1940. In canoes, left at 6.30 a.m. for Mayri Bay which is the limit of the Samarai District of the E.D. and arrived at BOREBO Rest House (V.C. ILASA) at 10.30 a.m. Commenced taxation work at once and was busy until nightfall. Camped in quite a good Rest House. V.C. ILASA reported and was paid to 30.6.40.

Tuesday 14th. ^{May} June 1940. At BOREBO until 8.50 a.m. attending to Native matters. Left at 9 a.m. Crossed the narrow isthmus to Millport Harbour where two large canoes, nicely decorated with garlands of flowers, were waiting. Crossed the harbour, thence over the low divided to Port Glasgow and after a short journey by canoe, reached ONI ONI Rest House (V.C. BADILA) at 10.45 a.m. Busy all day with tax matters and in the C.N.M. Finished up at nightfall. V.C. BADILA paid to 30.6.40. Sent word to the inland V.Cs. to attend me at Mamai.

Wednesday 15th. ^{May} June 1940. At ONI ONI until 10.30 a.m. when I left by motor truck for Mamai Estate in the Ilai Valley. Arrived at 11.30 a.m. and spent the rest of the day dealing with labour matters on the Estate and in the C.N.M. V.Cs. GIDU of Nora, DARIA of Tanobada, SIRA of ILAIA and KOTAI of Mara reported and were paid to the 30.6.40. Spent the night with Mr. W.E. Bellingham, the manager of Mamai Plantation - conditions on this place are now back to normal and the labour contented. There were no complaints at all.

Thursday 16th. May 1940. After dealing with two cases in the C.N.M. effecting the Tanobada District, I left at 7 a.m. Checked the Census and made additions at the new ILAI Village (V.C.SIRA) then continued on to BAIBARA Government Plantation where I arrived at noon and spent the day with the manager, Mr. H. Glanville. It is a foul road from ILAI to Baibara. I held C.P.S. during the afternoon.

V.Cs. KARABA of NABAI and PAIONI of ABIESA reported and were paid to 30.6.40.

Friday 17th. May 1940. Left Baibara Plantation and walked a short distance to NABAI Rest House (V.C. KARABA) where I took tax and completed Census matters for the Baibara group. Had lunch and left at 2 p.m. Walked along the beach to GADAISU (V.C. MIMISINA) reached at 5 p.m. Heavy rain most of the way. V.C. MIMISINA reported and was informed that Census and tax would be dealt with in the morning. Went on to GADAISU Plantation and spent the night with Mr. W.D. Voysey, the manager.

Saturday 18th. May 1940. At 6 a.m. I went to the Rest House at GADAISU village and was busy until afternoon handling tax and census matters and in the C.N.M. V.C. MIMISINA of GADAISU and ASAWAI of LAIMODO reported and were paid to 30.6.40.

Returned to GADAISU plantation and endorsed advances, dealt with some other labour matters, then left at 3.30 p.m. Completed tax matters at LAIMODO (V.C. ASAWAI) and at 5 p.m. went on to SUWAIBINA (V.C. BINIORI) and camped in a small Rest House at 6.30 p.m. Heavy rain fell at night. V.C. BINIORI paid to 30.6.40.

SUNDAY 19th. May 1940. I was until noon dealing with tax, census matters and complaints, when I left and went on to MARAIWATE Plantation, reached at 1.30 p.m. Spent the night as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Greig, the owners. Very heavy rain from midday onwards.

Monday 20th. May 1940. In the early morning I adjusted some native labour matters for Mr. Greig then left in the launch "Thistle" for Argyle Bay, Bona Bona Island and Dahuni at 9 a.m. Took tax etc and heard complaints at the groups mentioned and camped at DAHUNI at 6.30 p.m. in quite a good Rest House. V.Cs.

Monday 20th. May 1940 (continued) V.Cs. LIWUAL of Dahuni, WARIUPA of BOLA BOLA and SULEKA of KAU KAU reported and were paid to the 30. 6. 40.

Tuesday 21st. May 1940. At DAHUNI until 10 p.m. on tax and census matters. I then dealt with a number of complaints and addressed the people at some length and very soundly. This is probably the most lazy, indolent crowd in the Division and all persuasive methods to make them better seem to have failed. I very solemnly warned them that unless considerable improvement was noted on my return visit, only one course was left open to me. The V.C. is well meaning enough, but lacks the character to handle these people. There were some defaulters from this point.

Left in "Thistle" at noon and went up Mullen's Harbour into the Lelehafa reach as far as it was navigable, where I landed and walked on to IELEHAPA Rest House (J.C. IALIMAI) reached at 4.30 p.m. This TAMARO District is non-taxable. Camped in a poor Rest House. This passage should not be attempted at low tide as the upper reach is dry.

V.C. IALIMAI reported and was paid to the 30.6.40. There were no complaints and the people treated us with great courtesy.

Wednesday 22nd. May 1940. Raining and blowing heavily in the early morning. Left IELEHAPA at 7 a.m. Pasted thru BOM BOM TITI, SINILILI and arrived at TAUTILI at 9 a.m. where I waited for the carriers. Still raining heavily. Crossing the flooded MONAILO Creek we were just able to cross on the large tree felled for the purpose, when it was carried away by a fresh surge of water. Continued on at 10 a.m. From this point the going was wet indeed and as I found it necessary to ford one flooded creek up to my armpits in water. Passing thru NISA NISA village, we arrived at SKE SEADA village at 11.5 a.m. and camped for the day - rain pelting down. This group is supposed to be controlled by V.C. IALIMAI of Lelehafa - fully 10 miles distant, which is absurd. I should say that IALIMAI be assigned to the TAMARO District and that GALEVANAKI and SEA SEAPA be assigned to a new appointment - I am making a recommendation to this effect. During the whole of the afternoon I was engaged with the District Council and I also dealt with some complaints of a minor nature.

Wednesday 22nd May 1940 (continued) V.C. SAULAU of GERAMARAIA, upper Sagarai and LAGA OIA of IELERADA reported and were paid to 30.6.40.

Thursday 23rd May 1940. Left SeaBeada at 6.40 a.m. Arrived at TAMANAU Plantation at 7.40 a.m. and had breakfast with the Manager, Mr. J. Palmer and his wife. Mr. A. Coleman, manager for the Catholic Mission at Bawmata arrived at 8 a.m. and asked if I would return with him and settle what he termed, some urgent labour matters. As I intended to go there anyway, I agreed with this suggestion. Left Tamanau at 9.15 a.m. and calling for a little time on Mr. Warrant at KAL ORA Plantation, arrived at Bawmata at 11 a.m. Attended at once to all native Labour matters requiring attention, had lunch and left at 2.40 p.m. for BOLOWAI. Over quite a good path, passed thru MARANIKANIKI, crossed the Sagarai river after half an hour, passed thru the new village of PADAULA, thence thru GABITEU and KAPA and arrived at the BOLOWAI Rest House (V.C. SALAWAIENO) at 5.40 p.m. It was necessary to raft the flooded WEGULANI Creek.

V.C. GIDIONE of DIDI reported as did SALAWAIENO of Bolowai. Both were paid to the 30.6.40.

It may be as well to point out that the path beyond the Sagarai river to this point is not quite so good as that on the Bawmata bank. Although the last mile or two could well be classed as a fair native track.

Friday 24th May 1940. I was with the BOLOWAI people until 10 a.m. when I left on return to DAHUNI and MARAIA. Walked for about three quarters of an hour to a small creek, thence down this by canoe to Mullen's Harbour, where the launch "Thistle" kindly sent by Mr. Greig picked up the whole party. Spending some little time at BAWELARA and DAHUNI en route, I went on to MARAIAWATTE where we arrived at 3 p.m. Camped.

Saturday 25th May 1940. During the morning at the request of Mr. Greig, I inspected his four year old rubber area. I was impressed with the condition of the trees growing in such a location and see no reason why the rubber should not be brought to the bearing stage.

Saturday 25th May 1940 (continued). Endorsed some advances and signed on Native Labour for Mr. Greig and after lunch left for VERI VERI where we landed and walked to WABUMARI. Here I checked the census and paid family bonus, then left for ARO ARO (V.C. OLIVA) where we arrived at 6.30 p.m. and camped in a very neat new Rest House. Rain as usual.

Sunday 26th. May 1940. At ARO ARO dealing with Census and taxation matters together with a number of native complaints. An absolutely foul day - rain and heavy wind all day. V.C. OLIVA paid to 30. 6. 40.

Monday 27th. May 1940. Left ARO ARO at 6.30 a.m. Crossed by canoe to ETARA, climbed a low saddle, reached VAUTO at 7 a.m. and went on thru GOGHI GOGHI to DONUBADA where we arrived at 8. a.m. Took tax etc. from DONUBADA and ENARA (V.C. TAUGANAU) groups and dealt with all outstanding complaints. The roads travelled were well cleared, but very wet and muddy. The weather is really impossible. There is a very good rest house at this point now. Continued on at 11.30 a.m. and went direct to SEA SEA (V.C. PELIBO) where we arrived at 12.15 p.m.. Had lunch and completed taxation matters for the Sea Sea and Auwororo groups during the afternoon and later dealt with all complaints in the C.N.M. Camped in quite a good Rest House recently completed. V.C. TAUGANAU paid to 30. 6. 40.

Tuesday 28th. May 1940. Left SEA SEA at 7 a.m. and walked thru the AUWORORO group to Isuleilei Mission Station where I arrived at 7.30 a.m. Mrs. Fisher gave me breakfast after which I checked the census, paid bonus and took tax from the Mission Village. I notice that in recent months quite a number of families have gone back into the villages. If they impart only a portion of what they have learned to their fellow men, the result should be highly satisfactory.

Had lunch and went across to ISUDAY (no V.C.) where I arrived at 2.30 p.m. Completed taxation and census matters before nightfall and left other matters until the morning. Camped in a neat new Rest House.

Wednesday 29th May 1940. Until 9.30 a.m. dealing with Council matters and complaints at ISUDAU. Crossed to ISU ISU (V.C. DANIKHA) by canoe and dealt with tax and Census matters for the group and then left at 1.30 p.m. for Sagasho where we arrived at 3 p.m. V.C. SANAUIO reported as did V.C. MAKI of SAVAIA. I had time only to check the census before nightfall. V.Cs. MAKI and SANAUIO paid to 30. 6. 40.

Thursday 30th. May 1940. Paid Bonus, took tax and dealt with all matters requiring attention at Sagasho during the morning. Had lunch and left at 2 p.m. Walked to Savaia (V.C. MAKI) thru POA POA and AU ANTA, where we arrived at 3.15 p.m. I had time to check the census and note additions before nightfall. Rain still continues.

Friday 31st. May 1940. Took tax, paid bonus and heard all complaints at Savaia and left at 11.30 a.m. Went inland to OIAMAMANIA (V.C. SEMIENA) where we arrived at 12.45 p.m. The route, though short, is not an easy one. I travelled the same track on my previous visit to this inland group. It was then only a path. Today it is cleared in accordance with the Regulations which makes a decided improvement. Some splendid gardens also in evidence here.

The afternoon spent taking tax, checking census and paying family bonus. There were no complaints.

Saturday 1st. June 1940. Left OIAMAMANIA at 7 a.m. Arrived at the coast in Fara Bay at ISUAI village at 8 a.m. and spent an hour with the people after which I crossed to Navabu Rest House where I arrived at 11 a.m. V.Cs. IAWALADI of Navabu and BEAUONO of Fawalea reported and were paid to 30. 6. 40. The balance of the day was spent busily engaged on Taxation work and settling one or two minor complaints. Camped in quite a good Rest House.

Sunday 2nd. June 1940. A further case for the C.N.M. reported late during last night and this I dealt with in the a.m. to avoid carrying it on to Suva.

Left at 9 a.m. and walked direct to Daga Daga Isu (V.C. IOTA) where we arrived at 10.40 a.m. V.Cs. IOTA, KOKOAI of Sibalai and TIMA of BaiBaisiga reported and were all paid to 30 6.40.

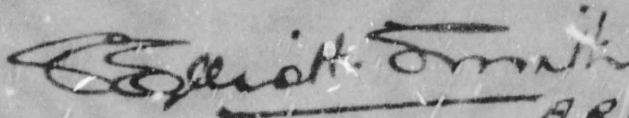
Sunday 2nd. June 1940. Balance of the day spent collecting tax, paying bonus, checking census and dealing with complaints brought forward. Camped in a comfortable Rest House.

Monday 3rd. June 1940. Crossed the passage to SUAU Island at 7 a.m. V.C. LEURENA reported and was paid to 30. 6. 40. At once got on to Census and tax work and completed this shortly after lunch when I left for BAI SAI SIGA Island (V.C. TIMA), arriving there after one and a half hours unpleasant journey in the village whaleboat. Took tax etc. and left on return to SUAU at 4 p.m. and arrived back at 5.15 p.m. and camped in an excellent Rest House. At this point I received an Official communication from the R.M.E.D. telling me of the position in Samarai with regard to staff. I at once despatched a note to Mr. Greig at MARAIWATTE asking him to place his small launch at my disposal.

Tuesday 4th. June 1940. Left SUAU Island by village whaleboat at 6 a.m. and went direct to MODEWA (V.C. BADAGUGU) reached at 9.15 a.m. Landed and went on to the Rest House and at once completed tax, Bonus and census matters for the Modewa group. There were no complaints. The launch "Thistle" arrived at noon. Had lunch and left at 12.40 p.m. and arrived at ILO ILO at 3 p.m. On Census matters until late in the evening. V.C. Badagugu and TABUBUNA were paid to 30.6.40. Camped in the Rest House.

Wednesday 5th. June 1940. Left in "Thistle" at 6 a.m. for BONARUA Island where we arrived at 7 a.m. Took tax etc. and left on return at 9.20 a.m. Arrived at ILO ILO at 10.20 a.m. where I dealt with a few more complaints brought forward, then continued on at noon and after dealing with the tax at GALAGADOA continued on to Samarai where we arrived at 5.30 p.m.

<u>General</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
<u>Tax and Bonus payments.</u>	Some £500 was collected in taxes and £41/17/- paid out in Family Bonus. Defaulters were negligible.
<u>V.Cs.</u>	These men are still not up to standard - although I must admit there has been improvement, particularly East of Bona Bona. One official resigned and I have since learned that V.C. KOTAL at Nora has died.
<u>Village Councils.</u>	Improvements in this direction is noticed throughout the South Coast. The Councils are now organised on the same basis as that of the Milne Bay District and we should see, very soon, the good results that must accompany this move - See P/R. 9/39-40.
<u>VILLAGES.</u>	A distinct improvement is noticed in this respect and the people are working to make their living quarters even better.
<u>ROADS.</u>	Poor. Final instruction in this matter was issued during this patrol and unless there is considerable improvement shown before the next patrol, prosecution should be instituted. I am afraid there is no other way.
<u>Rest Houses.</u>	A vast improvement. While the standard of Milne Bay is hardly maintained, the South Coast in this respect, does not drop far short of it. The same kind consideration is shown and Rest Houses are nicely kept and decorated.
<u>Explanation of Native Tax Expenditure.</u>	The remarks on page 12 of Report No. 9/39-40 apply. It is the most effective piece of education I have ever tried and it is the only convincing method of explanation because the native has a very trusting faith in the written word.
<u>General.</u>	The patrol occupied 26 days and, where practicable was carried out on foot. The area covered comprised the whole of the South Coast from MOGUEBU to GadaGada, ILAI Valley, inland Mullen's Harbour and the lower Sagarai Valley.. I cannot speak too highly of the conduct of the people and the way in which the patrol was received all along the coast and inland. Hospitality extended was extremely generous and tax defaulters next to nil.


A.R.M.

A.R.M.E.F.

Samarai. 12.6.40.

Article	Quantity taken on Patrol	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE					Returned	Remarks
		Police	Carriers	Others	Total Used	Government Cost		
Rice ...	300					2 5 -		
Biscuits ...								
Meat ...								
Sugar ...	Rations only							
Tea ...								
Soap ...								
Tobacco ...	31 lbs				31 lbs 5 -			
Matches ...								
Kerosene...	4 gals				4 gals 10 -			
Tents ...								
Flies ...								
Lamps ...								
Buckets ...								
Kerosene Cans ...								
Knives and Sheaths								
Knives, 18 in. ...								
Knives, others ...								
Belts ...								
Pouches ...								
Print ...								
Twill ...								
Handkerchiefs ...								
Bands ...								
Mirrors ...								
Axes ...								
Half Axes ...								
Tomahawks ...								
Cash						2 - -		
Fares to Mogulu; Fares Modewa to Samara						6 - -		
incl. 25 prisoners								
					Total £	15 15 -		

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

PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

10/40-41

SAMARAI, E.D. STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by S. Elliott-Smith A.R.M. to
South Coast, JARA, Inland MAIAI, BIAIRA, BUHUTU and Sagarai for the purpose of
Tax Collections etc. and general patrol.

Left Station on 29. 4. 41 Returned to Station on 28. 5. 1941

Number of Carriers employed 18 Number of Police taken 4

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge

Villages visited GADAGADOA: BONARUA? ILO ILO: MOLEWA GROUP: GEIESEWASEWA: VALAH
SIBALAI: GUAN GROUP: SAMOTEA: DAGODAGOLEU: NAVAHU GROUP: ISUAI: CIAMAMAI
SAVAIA: AN ANTA: POA POA: SAGAAHO GROUP: OROS WARA: ISU ISU: FIVE DAY GRO
ARO ARO GROUP: KAU KAU: AUNIERI: BONA BONA: DAVUNI: D. GOU: BONEBO: T. NOB. IN

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9907/6.40.-1,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 13. 6., 1941

Officer in Charge of Station

R.M.E.D.

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MINUTE PAPER

R.M. E.D.,
Samarai.

16 JUL 1941

No. 1382/315/41.

Samarai Patrol Report No. 10 of 40/41.

Upon reading Patrol Report No. 10 of 40/41 His Honour
the Administrator writes -

"This was a long patrol, and the report of it is well
presented. It is pleasing to learn that everything,
except some of the bus roads, was so satisfactory."

H. S. Champion
G.S. 3/7/41.

Noted.

16.7.41.

PATROL REPORT 22.10/40-41 SAMARAI

Report of a Patrol made by S. Elliott-Smith, A.R.N.E.D. to the South Coast, Inland KORA, LIMUGA Ranges, IIAI Valley, Inland Baihara, Mullin's Harbour, Bahutu, Sagami Valley and Milne Bay for the purpose of tax collections etc., etc., and general inspection of the Districts visited.

Police: Locals APU AGA, IOPUA, KARO. Constable INONI and Interpreter MERRICK.

Tuesday 29th. April 1941.

Left Samarai in the hired launch "Phoenix" at 6.15 a.m. and went to GADAGAL where I landed and took tax, checked census and paid the bonus. I then walked along to Matadoma Plantation and called on Mrs. Johns who lives alone there. A nice stretch of formed road has been made from Gagagafoa to Matadoma. Boarded "Phoenix" and left at 10 a.m. and went direct to BONARUA Island and anchored off Bonarra village (V.O. HAILIEA) at 11.30 a.m. Landed and dealt with tax and other matters affecting BONARUA and HARIKOLA Islands and had lunch. There is now a small neat Rest House at Bonarra and the villages have been very much improved. There were no complaints. Left at 4 p.m. and crossed to the mainland at ILO ILO (Delene Passage). V.O. ICEAGUA reached at 3.45 p.m. Landed all gear at once and as the patrol will now continue on foot, I sent the launch back to Samarai. The Village Constable reported and I told him that I would deal with all matters in the morning. Camped in the Rest House.

Wednesday 30th. April 1941.

Started early on tax and census affairs and was busy thereon until 9.45 a.m. There were no complaints. Left ILO ILO at 10 a.m. and passing thru VAIMARA village, arrived at TANOSINA at 11.15 a.m. Continued on at 11.30 a.m. and walked to MODEWA Rest House (V.O. BADAGUGU) where I arrived at 1.15 p.m. and camped in an excellent Rest House furnished with mats, tables and chairs. During the afternoon tax was taken, census checked and the family bonus paid. There were no complaints and the road travelled was quite good.

Thursday 1st. May 1941.

Left MODEWA Rest House at 6.20 a.m. Walked to and crossed the Q LA River then continued on thru LEI LEI to BOLE BOLE Creek. From this point I took a canoe to BOHULU Point across the BOLE BOLE mouth. Landed and walked thru GELESEVASEVA and VALAHURU to SIPALAI (V.C.KOKAI) where I arrived at 9 a.m. Crossed to SUAU Island by canoe and arrived at the Rest House at 9.30 a.m. The gear travelled by hired whaleboat. V.C.BADAPIPI of SUAU reported. The roads travelled were quite good and I have no complaints. Villages show quite a lot of improvement. The balance of the day was spent on taxation matters, census, C.N.M. and attending the District Council. I was entertained by the Mission Children's choir during the evening. M.V."KWATO" passed, headed West, at noon.

Friday 2nd. MAY 1941. Left SUAU at 6.30 a.m. and crossed the passage to SAMOTEA by hired whaleboat (this vessel will be used to take my gear to Bona Bona in preference to carriers - from indication at present, prisoners are a remote possibility), then walked to DAGO DAGO ISU (V.C.TAUDIO) and dealt with tax and census matters there. There were no complaints. Left at 10 a.m. and walked thru to NAVABU (V.C.MASARI) where I arrived at 11.30 a.m. The road has been wonderfully improved. Had an early lunch and was dealing with taxation matters effecting the group until nightfall. There were no complaints and no defaulters. V.C.BEAUHONO of TAUWALEIA reported.

Saturday 3rd. May 1941. Left NAVABU Rest House at 6.10 a.m. and crossed Baxter Harbour to ISUAI reached at 6.45 a.m. V.C.MAKI of SAVAIA reported. Took tax etc. and at 8.45 a.m. continued on to OIAMAMANIA (V.C.SENIENA). Climbed for three quarters of an hour and dropped to the Rest House where I arrived at 10 a.m. V.C.SENIENA reported and I was able to complete all work by 1 p.m. Had lunch and left at 1.30 p.m. Went down to SAVAIA (V.C.MAKI) where I arrived at 2.30 p.m. I had completed tax collections etc. and all other matters ere nightfall. Camped in the Rest House.

Sunday 4th. May 1941. Left SAVAIA at 6.15 a.m. Passed thru AU AUTA and POA POA and arrived at SAGAHO Rest

Sunday 4th. May 1941. (Cont.) SAGAAHO Rest House (V.C. SANAUIO) at 7.30 a.m. Worked on tax and census matters until 10.30 a.m. and closed down until 1.30 p.m. Carried on from then and was able to complete all affairs by nightfall. There were no complaints whatever. Camped in the Rest House.

Monday 5th. May 1941. Left SAGAAHO at 6 a.m. Passed thru DILOGANI and GROSIVARA and arrived at ISU ISU (V.C. DANIERA) at 7.30 a.m. Took tax, paid bonus and checked Census, then continued on to ISUDAU (V.C. WESI WESI) where I arrived at 10 a.m. V.C. PILIPO of AUWORORO reported. Attending to native Taxation and other matters until 3.30 p.m. when I continued on to Lawe's College and called on the Reverend and Mrs. Searle and remained to dinner. Spent the night at ISU IEI IEI as guest of Mr. Cecil Fisher.

Tuesday 6th. May 1941. Left ISU IEI IEI Mission Station at 10.30 a.m. and taking tax etc. at SEA SEA, arrived at DOHUBADA (V.C. PILIPO) at 2 p.m. V.C. TAUNENAUKE of ENARA reported. Collected tax, paid bonus and checked census for the group and then attended a full meeting of the Mife Bay District Council. Camped in an excellent Rest House. There were no complaints.

Wednesday 7th. May 1941. Left DOHUBADA at 6.10 a.m. and arrived at ETARA at 7.25 a.m. Crossed the WABUMARI inlet by canoe to ARO ARO (V.C. OLIVA) and was engaged there on taxation work until 10.30 a.m., when I left via SILO SILO and KAU KAU for AUNIERI (V.C. KUAKA) where I arrived at 1 p.m. Collected taxes etc. at this point, then left in the hired whaleboat for BONA BONA at 3 p.m. Arrived at 4.30 p.m. and landed. V.C. KUKUTAUNA reported. Paid off the whaleboat and sent a request to Mr. Graig at MARAIWATTE for the use of his launch to get me to DAHUNI and thence on to the end of the District at MAYRE Bay.

Will deal with taxation and other matters requiring attention in the morning. Camped in a first class Rest House.

Thursday 8th. May 1941. Took tax, paid bonus and checked Census on Bona Bona Island, then left in the launch "Thistle" at 10 a.m. for DAHUNA (V.C. LIWUAI) where we arrived at 11 a.m. Dealt with taxation matters and settled all complaints, then went on to MARAIWATTE plantation where I arrived at 4.15 p.m.

Thursday 8th. May 1941 (continued) Spent the night as the guest of the owners, Mrs. and Mr. William Greig. Discussed advances to Native Labour and signed on some natives during the evening.

Friday 9th. May 1941. Left in the launch "Thistle" at 5.45 a.m. and went direct to Port Glasgow where I landed at 11 a.m. Returned the launch at once. V.C. BADILA of ONI ONI reported and I was able to deal with all matters effecting the group before nightfall. Marked out site for new Rest House at ONI ONI and left instructions for it to be built at once - the present one is in bad state of repair and is much used by travellers. Camped at ONI ONI.

Saturday 10th. May 1941. Left ONI ONI at 6 a.m. Crossed into Millport Harbour and thence into MAYRI Bay and arrived at BOREBO village (V.C. ILASA) at 8.30 a.m. I was all day dealing with taxatio matters in this large group and during the evening attended a re-election of the District Council. This is long overdue. The Village Constable also resigned and I have selected a bright educated lad named ORA to succeed him. These people need leadership and to date, I regret to say, they have not had it. Camped in a good Rest House.

Sunday 11th. May 1941. Left BOREBO at 6 a.m. Crossed back into M Millport and went by canoe to LOSOA landing where I landed and walked to MAMAI Plantation in the ILAI Valley, where I arrived at 9 a.m. From Losoa Landing to MAMAI Residence is only a matter of 1½ hours walk. Dealt with all Native Labour matters at MAMAI and spent the night as guest of the Manager and Mrs. Egglestaff. Decided to patrol the Nora and DIMUGA range District (Upper Ruabo), so sent for carriers from Tanobada and Udama. They came late in the evening and V.Cs. DABIA of Tanobada, GEDU of Nora and SIBA of ILAI reported.

Monday 12th. May 1941. Left MAMAI at 6 a.m. Walked thru MAMAI plantation and shortly after leaving it, I arrived at TANOBADA (V.C. DABIA) at 7 a.m. Did not stop, as I will camp here on my return. Continued on over a good track, crossing and recrossing the Tanobada creek, to KEBEL where I arrived at 8 a.m. Continued on at 8.30 a.m. mostly along the Tanobada creek bed

Monday 12th. May 1941 (continued) creek bed until I arrived at GUDI hamlet at 10 a.m. Was informed that NORA was many hours away and that it was usual to camp this side of the range. Made up improvised shelters and camped near the river bank about 300 yards from the village. Despatched word of my approach to the Nora by special messenger.

Tuesday 13th. May 1941. Left GUDI at 5.45 a.m. Followed the Tanobada river bed to its junction with the AIAI Creek, climbed over a fall and rested at the foot of a steep climb at 6.55 a.m. Continued on at 7.30 a.m. and I climbed fairly steadily to the top of the main range divide reached at 9.15 a.m. where I waited for the carriers. This stretch of the track is very bad for a considerable distance on the upper part. I will see to its improvement later.

Went off at 10.30 a.m. (the carriers have done very well) and dropped into the HUABO watershed at once. Passing the headwaters of the NORA Creek and following it the whole arrived at WARAWA (NORA) just above the HUABO junction at 1.15 p.m. and camped in a Rest House. V.C. GEDU reported. The walking time, point to point, is 5 1/2 hours. I was disappointed with the condition of the roads and believe that they can be considerably improved. Villages were clear but just primitive.

Wednesday 14th. May 1941. Left at 6 a.m. Crossed over to the HUABO River and walking along the course, passing thru IGUPA, and UM(VELOI No.2) villages. Then climbed a short steep hill to VELOI where I arrived at 10.10 a.m. The road for the first part of the journey was completely overgrown, but improved later on. The going thruout was reasonably easy.

Had an early lunch and a long talk with the people of the surrounding hamlets and left at 1 p.m. Dropped very steeply into the VELUAI'I Valley and climbed to BRIGAME village reached at 2.35 p.m. and camped in improvised shelters, there being no Rest House at this point. Had a long conference with the people and, as there appears to be no V.C. between NORA and TANOBADA,

Wednesday 14th. May 1941. (Continued)

Tanobada, a man has been selected and recommended for the post. The distance between the points mentioned would not be less than 35 miles. Next visit to these parts should show distinct improvement.

Thursday 15th. May 1941. Left at 5.30 a.m. Dropped steeply to the VELUAI'I river and followed its course to O'OLE village reached at 7.5 a.m. I found this hamlet of three house burnt out by the village Councillor, MATAULO, who was, so he said, grieved about the loss of his son. Continued on at 7.30 a.m. and still following the course of the VELUAI'I, arrived at MARA village at 9 a.m. There is a Rest House of sorts here. After a meal we continued on at 10.30 a.m. and after crossing the VELUAI'I river just below the MANORIA Rest House, camped there at 11.5 a.m. Spent the day with the MARA and-MAORIA MANORIA people who appear to require quite a lot of education in civic affairs. The roads were bad.

Friday 16th. May 1941. Left at 6 a.m. We crossed the IMUDALA River for the first time at 8 a.m. The road to this point was in a badly overgrown state. Continuing on and crossing the IMUDALA river a number of times, we arrived at the AHUSI Rest House at 9.5 a.m. Rested and had a meal, then at 10.30 a.m. carried on thru UDAMA No. 2 to UDAMA No. 1, where we arrived at 11.50 a.m. Road to this point was only fair and there is a little climbing. On at 12.30 p.m. and walked thru to TANOBADA (V.C. DARRIA) where we arrived at 2 p.m. I camped in a very poor Rest House. This completes what is known as the NORA patrol. The balance of the day was spent in dealing with the upper ILAI valley people in an endeavour to set them some sort of standard which they appear to lack.

Saturday 17th. May 1941. Left TANOBADA at 5.30 a.m. and walked to MAMAI plantation where I arrived at 6.30 a.m. Had breakfast with the Manager (Mr. Egglestaff), and dealt with some native labour matters that had arisen during my trip inland. Continued on at 10 a.m. and walked down valley to ILAI Village (V.C. SIBA) where I arrived at 10.45 a.m.

Saturday 17th. May 1941. (continued) Camped in the Rest House and spent the Rest of the day taking tax, paying bonus, checking census and dealing with a number of accumulated complaints in the C.P.S. and C.W.M. The first rain since I left Samarai, nearly three weeks ago, fell tonight.

Sunday 18th. May 1941. Left ILAI at 7 a.m. and walked to BAIJARA Government Plantation where I arrived at 9.40 a.m. and spent a quiet day with Mr. and Mrs. Glanville. Decided to visit the inland villages of BINA and ANIESA and KULU in the ORI and LAGASINA valleys and despatched word accordingly.

Monday 19th. May 1941. At 8 a.m. I went to NABAI Rest House and there dealt with Taxation and other matters effecting the BAIJARA group. V.C. KARARA of NABAI reported and lodged a number of complaints which were settled in the Court for Native Matters. I also spent some little time with the local Council who are doing some very good work among the people.

Left NABAI at 11.30 a.m. Struck inland up the ORI Creek and arrived at the new site of BINA Village at 12.40 p.m. Every male inhabitant of this hamlet is an ex employee of BAIJARA plantation. Continued on up the ORI creek and arrived at BINA MARI Village, Aniesa Dist. (V.C. PAIONA) at 2.15 p.m. and camped in a poor Rest House. The road to this point is not bad. V.C. PAIONA had a number of complaints, including an attack upon himself by one of his fellow villagers. All were dealt with and I lectured the populace sternly upon their heathen like conduct. There is much to be improved in all these South Coast inland groups and I hope to see this effected within the next year.

Tuesday 20th. May 1941. Left at 6.30 a.m. Walked back the BINA track for some distance, turned left and climbed steeply to the summit of a spur to a point known as IMAGADLA reached at 7.40 a.m. An excellent view of BAIJARA and the ILAI valley from this point. Continued on at 8.10 a.m. and dropped sharply to the LAGASINA river and KULU village reached at 9.40 a.m. The road was badly overgrown and neglected. Had breakfast and held C.N.M. then continued on at 10.30 a.m. Followed the course of the LAGASINA to within a short distance of the mouth

Tuesday 20th. May 1941. (cont.) Mouth, then out across to the Coast at GOGOSIRA village where we arrived at 1.5 p.m. Rested for 20 minutes, then continued on to GADAIKU (V.C. MINUSIMA) where we arrived at 3.35 p.m. The people had not expected me until tomorrow so I told the V.C. that I would hold over tax collections until then. Mr. Voysey, Manager for the B.F.C. Dev. Co. Ltd. at Gadaiku, came along in his truck and I returned with to the plantation and remained the night as his guest.

Wednesday 21st. May 1941. 6.30 a.m. endorsed advances to Native Labourers and signed on B/L at Gadaiku then went to the Rest House at Gadaiku Village and took taxes, paid bonus and checked the census and afterwards, settled all complaints. Had a long talk with the people and complimented them upon the great improvements in the Rest House, roads and villages. Left at 11.25 a.m. and collecting tax etc. at LAIMODO (V.C. ASAWARI) went on to SUWABITA (V.C. NINIORI) where I arrived at 2 p.m. and spent the balance of the day dealing with tax and census matters. There were no complaints. Camped in a small Rest House.

Thursday 22nd. May 1941. Left at 6 a.m. Walked to MARAIWATTE plantation where I arrived at 7.15 a.m. Attended to some native labour matters for Mr. Greig. had breakfast and left in the launch "Thistle" at 9 a.m. Went to VER VERI where we picked up a small canoe and then continued on to the mouth of the BOLOWAI river. Landed by canoe, continued on up a short reach and walked to BOLOWAI (V.C. SALANAWAIENO) where I arrived at 1.20 p.m. Camped in the Rest House and spent the rest of the day in Conference with the Council and the people. There is a new Rest House in the course of construction here. Sent word to LELEHAPA that I would be over there tomorrow.

Friday 23rd. May 1941. Left BOLOWAI at 6 a.m. Walked back to the landing and took canoes into Mullin's Harbour where the launch "Thistle" was waiting. It was necessary for the available canoes to return for the balance of the gear and carriers. Crossed the harbour to LELEHAPA reach and continued up this for a considerable distance when we landed and went on by canoes to the landing and then walked on to LELEHAPA (V.C. IALJWAI) where I

Friday 23rd. May 1941. (Cont.) where I arrived at 10.30 a.m. The road from the landing to the village was perfect and the Rest House excellent. We had a pleasing reception here and I camped for the day. There were few complaints and I spent a great deal of the day with the District Council. A very able body.

Saturday 24th. May 1941. Left at 6 a.m. and passing thru BOM BOM TITI and SINALILI arrived at PAUTILI at 7.45 a.m. Village in excellent condition and marvellously improved - the roads were splendid. Rested until 8.15 a.m. then continued on over ~~new~~ a new road to SEASTARA (V.C.ULIAM) where we arrived at 9.10 a.m. This new stretch of road is on higher ground and avoids the wet muddy terrain lower down - it is also a little shorter. There were no complaints of any kind at this point. Had breakfast and left at 11 a.m. Crossed to TAMAKAS Plantation where I arrived at noon. Lunched and later endorsed advances to native labour. Continued on at 2.30 p.m. Called on Mr. H.P. Jansen at BAUMATA Mission Plantation and then went on to SAGARAI Plantation where I arrived at 5.30 p.m. Spent the night there as guest of the Manager, Mr. W. Gray. There were no complaints. Rain fell heavily during the afternoon.

Sunday 25th. May 1941. Left Sagarai at 6 a.m. and walked to POPU ARUA HUA (V.C. DIALAI) where I arrived at 7 a.m. The road to this point has been vastly improved and a Rest House has been built to the standard plan. Had breakfast and spent a long time in conversation with the Council and people of the District. They are a very responsive crowd. Left at 10 a.m. and crossed the Sagarai river at WATUBO village and went on to ATAATA village at the foot of DUABO where I arrived at 11.45 a.m. Continued on at noon and arrived at DUABO Mission Station at 12.30 p.m. and had a cup of tea. On at 1 p.m. and I went down to the coast at BUI BUI (V.C. KELELOA) in Milne Bay, where I arrived at 2.20 p.m. and camped for the day. I found 9 native labourers belonging to Mr. Peter Pianta at this point. They told me they had run away from their employer because he did not feed them properly, but I doubt this. I think it is the lonely locality they do not like.

Sunday 25th May 1941 (Continued) V.Cs. WAHAI of Waga Waga, DEA DEA of Gwawili, MAIWALAINA of Rufa Rufa and BATI of Maiwara reported as also did WILLI of LAMHAGA and KHELEQA of Gibara and they were all paid to 30.6.41.

Monday 26th May 1941. Left BUI BUI at 6.55 a.m. Walked thru KILA KILANA and GIBARA, crossed the Gibara creek and then went on to EREWA Crk. and walked up the right bank and crossed at 8.5 a.m., to ELI BOLA BOLELE village where I remained until 8. a.m. Continued on and passing thru BOUTO and MAIWARA villages, I arrived at GABAGABUNA Rest House at 10 a.m. V.Cs. BATI of MAIWARA, GERASI of Gabagabuna, GABANUA of DAGAMA, LORIMIKO of WAEMA, TOMU of LANALNENE, KHEHISA of RABI and THEODORE of TOPURA reported and were paid to the end of the year. Went on to HAGITA and remained the night as guest of the manager, Mr. Ian McDonald.

Tuesday 27th May 1941. Attended to native labour matters at Hagita and Gili Gili and then went on to MUTUIUA by motor vehicle on road inspection returning to Hagita the same day. The road is in perfect condition.

Wednesday 28th May 1941. In the early morning I went to Gili Gili and held C.P.S. and left at 3 p.m. for Samarai via AHIMA in "Gili Gili". Spent an hour at Ahima where I dealt with some native labour matters and then continued on to Samarai where I arrived at 8.30 p.m.

General

Remarks.

General.

The patrol occupied 30 days and was, where practicable, carried out on foot. It covered the whole of the South Coast, Inland MORA, upper RUABO Valley, DIMUGA Ranges, Inland BAIBARA, ILAI Valley, ANISSA, Mullin's Harbour, Buhutu and the upper Sagarai valley. GIBARA, MAIWARA, GABAGABUNA, LAUIAM, WAEMA, RABI, MUTUIUA and AHIMA in Milne Bay were also visited.

Taxation.

An amount of £461 was collected in tax and some £43. 7. 6 paid out in family Bonus. The only defaulters were three men whose tax has been outstanding for some time. Practically the whole of the tax was gathered

General Remarks. (Continued)

Taxation.

gathered by the various Councillors allotted for that purpose - usually the Chairman of a District Council. A most satisfactory arrangement.

Roads.

South Coast roads have been vastly improved during the past year.

The section from SUAU (DagoDagoia) to NAVAHO in Baxter Harbour - about 5 miles or more - has been drained and formed and the walking is now quite pleasant.

Around Orangerie Bay, no road has previously existed, except the beach which, at high tides, was most difficult and at times, impossible. I am now glad to report that the whole stretch of more than 20 miles has now quite a good path cut thru sheltered glades well off the beach and can be used at all times of the day - the road is quite fit for horse traffic.

It will be a boon to the number of Europeans that live between Mamai and MARAIWATTE as well as the native population.

BURUTU/SAGARAI roads are improving at a great rate and we should soon see a formed and drained road from Mullin's Harbour to Milne Bay.

I was disappointed with the bush roads and left a lot of good advice behind me. While we, naturally, do not expect a great deal from bushmen, I think that much more can be done with the NORA/UDAMA roads. I think that improvements may be looked for in the future.

VILLAGES.

The South Coast villages are showing great improvement and in a number of cases, have been completely rebuilt. A future patrol should be able to express full satisfaction with the state of affairs existing on the South Coast.

The inland villages are just the usual bush type of village and call for no comment.

REST HOUSES.

These are really splendid and a credit to all concerned. From DELUNA to MAYRI Bay exist structures that will give years of service and comfort to both travelling Officers and the public. They are all built to a standard plan and in a number of cases they are partly furnished like the Milne Bay Rest Houses.

The inland Rest Houses were rather dreadful, but one cannot expect very much from the people concerned. However, I gave some good advice and instruction and now hope for the best.

Inland MULLIN's Harbour, BURUTU and inland SAGARAI have a full quota of Rest Houses and no further building will be needed for many years to come.

General Remarks (continued)

Village
Constabulary.

Doing splendid work thruout the areas visited. It is thru the medium of these men and the Councillors that the good government or otherwise of the people depend. The selection of the best material and the rejection of misfits cannot be too greatly stressed and should be the chief aim in handling this matter.

Village
Councils.

With the exception of the inland areas, these are now fully organised thruout the South Coast, Sulu and Sagarai Valley. They function in accordance with the rules laid down for the Milne Bay and North Coast Districts and results have proved the worth of the effort.

Taxes have been paid, prosecutions are few and the attitude of the people as a whole is excellent.

Native
Matters
Generally.

Very satisfactory. Thruout the many miles covered by the Patrol there were no prosecutions for offences under the Regulations dealing with roads, villages, carrying or the general welfare of the natives. There was an odd case or two of adultery and the inevitable assault charge, but there was nothing of a serious nature brought forward.

It may be interesting to note that out of the total tax paying males in the South Coast area, nearly 50% are absent from their villages under Contract of Service or serving as casuals.

Ernest Smith
A.R.M.

A.R.M., E.D.

15.6.41.

PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

3/41-42

SAMARAI

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by S. Elliott-Smith A.R.M. toThe South Coast District

for the purpose of

Attending to affairs on the various Estates and dealingwith some outstanding Native MattersLeft Station on 6. 10. 1941 Returned to Station on 10. 10. 1941.Number of Carriers employed — Number of Police taken 1Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge A.C. "PANAWINA" Com. MarieraVillages visited BONARUA, FIVE BAY, BONA BONA, MARAIA, GADAIKU, MOGUBO,
DAGOBO, UNLVI, BOREBO, ONI ONI, GEA GEA, ILAI, BAIBARA, OIBADA,

(1) Unless the patrol is a regular routine patrol in a long settled district 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.

(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 on the back, in the space provided.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 14th. October 1941

Officer in Charge of Station

Patrol Report No. 3/41-42 Samarai

Report of Patrol made by S. Elliott-Smith, M.R.M., L.D. to the South Coast Districts for the purposes of attending to any matter on the various Estates and to deal with some native matters at Port Glasgow and Bona Bona Island.

Police; Const. ABU AGA and Interpreter Merrick.

Monday 6th. October 1941. Left Samarai in the Aux. Cutter "Panawina" at 12.35 p.m. and arrived at BONARUA Island (V.C. NAIAKUNA) at 3 p.m. Landed and had a look at the village, which was very clean. There were no complaints whatever. Left at 3.15 p.m. and went direct to Fife Bay where we arrived at 6.20 p.m. V.C. PILIPO and WESI WESI reported and said that they had no complaints. Had dinner and left at 8.30 p.m. and went direct to BONA BONA and anchored off the Rest House at 10.30 p.m. V.C. KUKUTAUANA reported and I told him that I would deal with all matters and open the newly constructed Rest House on my return on Friday next. Camped for the night.

Tuesday 7th. October 1941. Left at 5.30 a.m. Crossed to MARAIWATTE Plantation (Mr. W. Greig) where I arrived at 6 a.m. Anchored and went ashore and dealt with one or two native labour matters for the owner. There were no serious complaints. Continued on at 7.30 a.m. and went to GADAIKU Plantation (The B.N.G. Dev. Co. Ltd. Mr. W.D. Voysey, manager, where I arrived at 8.30 a.m. Landed and signed on some native labour for Mr. Voysey and dealt with various other outstanding matters and then went on to the village of GADAIKU where V.C. MINISIMU reported. In the presence of Mr. Voysey I fully investigated the allegations made by the V.C. about the shooting of pigs. The complaints were found to be completely groundless.

Boarded "Panawina" at 11.00 p.m. and dropping a message at BAIBARA I went thru to MOGEBU where I arrived at 2.20 p.m. Called on the Rev. GILKINSON and left again at 4.30 p.m. Crossed Amazon Bay into Mayra Bay and anchored off the BOREBO Rest House (V.C. ORA) at 5.30 p.m. Landed and held session with the people until well after nightfall. There is a vast improvement to be noticed in this community. There were no complaints. Camped in "Panawina"

Wednesday 8th. October 1941. Left at 5.30 a.m. and went to Port Glasgow where I arrived at 7 a.m. Landed at ONI ONI village (V.C. RADIIA) and heard all complaints. Mr. Egglestaff, the manager at Mamai for the Steamships Trading Co. Ltd. arrived in his motor truck about 9.15 a.m. and I returned with him to the plantation after instructing "Panawina" to go on to Baibara Island and there await me. I intend to walk from Mamai to RAIBARA Plantation. Was arrived at Mamai at 10.30 a.m. and I was able to handle all matters before lunch. Lunched and left on foot at 1.30 p.m. Walked down the ILAI valley, thru a Village of the same name (V.C. SIBA) to ORANGERIE BAY Govt. Plantation and arrived at the Manager's House (Mr. H. Glanville) at 4.30 p.m. after a brisk walk. Spent the night at RAIBARA. There are one or two native complaints here that I will deal with during the morning. The road thru was quite good.

Thursday 9th. October 1941. During the early morning I dealt with a number of native complaints - nothing serious however. There was also a case of pilfering from the Overseers stores by members of the canoe crew which carries the goods from Baibara Island to the plantation - this must definitely be discouraged. I left the plantation at 9.30 a.m. and boarded "Panawina" at BAIBARA Island at 11.30 a.m. and left immediately for GADAIKU where I arrived at 1 p.m. Landed and had lunch and left again at 2.30 p.m. Arrived at MARAIWATTE at 3.35 p.m. and landed. Remained to dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Greig and left for Bona Bona Island at 9 p.m. and anchored off the Rest House there at 9.30 p.m.

Friday 10th. October 1941. V.Cs. KUKUTANA of Bona Bona, LIWAI of Dahuni, KWAGA of AUNIERI and WASI WESI of ISUDAY reported as did BINIORI of SUWAIBINA and ASAWAI of LAIMODO. Councillors from the various nearby Districts were also present. I dealt with complaints and with a great deal of ceremony I opened the new Bona Bona Rest House - a very fine structure built on the standard plan. Left at 10 a.m. and went direct to SUAU where I anchored at 2 p.m. V.C. KOKAI and BAIAPAPI reported. Left again at 2.50 p.m. and tied up at the Samarai wharf at 7.20 p.m.

Article	Quantity taken on Patrol	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE					Returned	Remarks
		Police	Carriers	Others	Total Used	Government Cost		
Rice ...	100				100	15		
Biscuits ...								
Meat...								
Sugar ...								
Tea ...								
Soap ...								
Tobacco ...	104				104	14		
Matches ...								
Kerosene...								
Tents ...								
Flies ...								
Lamps ...								
Buckets ...								
Kerosene Lamps ...								
Knives and Sheaths								
Knives, 18 in. ...								
Knives, others ...								
Belts ...								
Lonches ...								
Print ...								
Twill ...								
Handkerchiefs ...								
Beads ...								
Mirrors ...								
Axes ...								
Half Axes ...								
Tomahawks ...								
					Total \$	26		

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