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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

1/26-7

STATION.

KikoriREPORT OF A PATROL made by **A Liston Blyth** to

for the purpose of

MORIGIO**arresting murderers.**Left Station on **8/7/26** Returned to Station on **11/7/26**Number of Carriers employed **nil** Number of Police taken **3**Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **VAROS Capt Mackenzie**Villages visited **AI IDIA. DADABI. GIBADIA. DOPIMA and sage places.**

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9287/11.23.—1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date **12/7/26***A. Liston Blyth*

Officer in charge of Station.

R M

D D

MEMORANDUM

The A.R.M.

In the event of my leaving before the "Varoe" arrives would you please ask Capt Mackenzie to sign the attached as "Claimant" and give it to him to take to P.M.

Also he requires from us 3 lbs tobacco.
15 tins benzine.

I will also be pleased if you ask him to deliver parcel that is with these papers.



RM

REM 14/7/26

R.M.

*15 tins benzine
3 lbs tobacco*

handed Mr Mackenzie. 23/7/26.

JHE

A.R.M.

Thank you for Favor Report No 1 of this year.

RM

PATROL REPORT NUMBER ONE FOR L(1926/7

Kikori Station Done by A Liston Blyth.

8th July 1926. On the 14th ult I received a report that UMADAI were said to have been fighting and killed two men named AIKI and TAHERA at NEABO in the TURAMA river, I was unable to proceed owing to lack of any vessel, every effort was made to get the Kikori launch in running order without avail, on the 21st V C KOVBA reported to me that the above was untrue and that though two men had been killed and the names were correct they were killed by the MORIGIO people headed by V C MAOPI and ex Local Constable SAMAI, I decided that another visit must be paid to this turbulent spot and the trouble investigated before any retaliation was indulged in, I therefore left this morning with Cpl KUMARI, A Cs EBANI and BORUA on the A K VAROE which had arrived the day before. Proceeding down river we anchored for the night off AI IDIA, V C ERI reported to me and his village was in good order.

9th July. Getting away from AI I DIA we crossed to MORIGIO, very rough and rolling heavily, arriving off DADEBI creek we landed in the dinghy and proceeding to the village found it deserted, after attempting to get the people in one SISEWA ex convict arrived and also SENI another ex convict, we then proceeded to search koomabatias etc, and had a dreadful time as it never stopped raining and the place was a quagmire every step one sank to the thighs in mud. By five pm we had arrested SAMAI, AKIAI and GAI IA who were all accused of murder this left us with two men to get, but as the anchorage was considered unsafe for the vessel we left and anchored at GIBADIA the new village of the clan of V C INU which was allowed owing to the constant feud between the two clans I spent most of the rest of the evening enquiring in

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9th July the troubles and collecting evidence etc. In the night we raided a koomabati further up and arrested VAUMU also wanted for assisting to kill AKI.

10th July Searched further for MAIMARI also wanted and eventually got him then steamed down to DADEBI again and went ashore this time got all the people in pretty well and with Chief HAVOKA and KEKKEE again gave them a long dissertation on their folly in these perpetual murders. Heard that NAOPI had left for Kikori being quite convinced that I thought the UMADAI had committed the murder and he was safe.

Eventually got away to Coarbari at 5 pm and anchored DOPIMA 8 pm the Master of the ship saying he could give no more time /

11th July. Left after interviewing V C E ERI and also KIMORI of MUBUGOA and arrived KIKORI at 11 am, having with me the wanted men and witnesses including the two chiefs, found NAOPI here.

General

I shall be extremely glad when we have a vessel that can do this trip and allow us to take our own time over it, this district need much more frequent visits in order to stop these feuds.

This was a most wretched trip rain all the time and ashore the mud awful.

My police behaved well.

Ch. Lison Blyth

RRM. 12/7/26

Read with Log

3 to 9

[G.P. 67.]

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

2. 26-7

KIKORI STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **A Liston Blyth and Cadet Realy** to
PURANI, KORIKI and BAROI for the purpose of
Labour Ins ections. Paying V.Cs and general.

Left Station on **20/7/26** Returned to Station on **31/7/26**

Number of Carriers employed **nil** Number of Police taken **4**

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **Kismet. A Liston-Blyth.**

Villages visited **see Body of report**

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2987/11.23.—1,500.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date **2/8/26**

A. Liston Blyth

Officer in charge of Station.

Reference to Divisional Map new tracing.

R M

Patrol 2/26/26 No. 1

D D

MEMORANDUM.

The R.R.M. On Patrol.

Purari/

I am sending down to you past/haste Interpreter

OMAI-BIAI.

I do not require him here and I think that he will possibly catch you up in time to be of use.

also send 1/2 U.C.

I attach three complaints re the behaviour of L.C. NAKKA and A.C. MODOI.

If all the parties are there for you to deal with it well & good, but, if they miss you, I have told them it is their business and they are to return here with the papers at a time when N. and M. are present.

Everything else on the Station O.K.

*Recd.
26/7/26*

Sydney H. Chance

A.R.M.D.D.

*Investigation made & attended
1/2 persons taken
Do not know where
ACS are. A.B.*



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Sydney H. Chance

A.R.M.D.D.

207-1/26.



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IVIRA.

The Resident Magistrate,
KIKORI D.D.

DEFECT "ALELE" ENGINE.

I very much regret that the engine pump is out of commission and will have to be sent in to Port Moresby for repairs. This will delay our trip some considerable time, as you will understand there are usually delays in Port Moresby.



T. G. M. O.

sent AKB
File Pakor N° 2.

T.G.M.O., D.D.

REPORT OF SECOND PATROL FOR 1926-7

by

A Liston- Blyth RRM and Cadet Healy

To the Purari Delta, and Koriki District, to buy land, to inspect labour, to pay V.Cs and to act generally.

This patrol was to have been undertaken in conjunction with the G M O West, who was due here on the 16th, but as he had not arrived and I had no word from him, and the "Kismet" having arrived on the 18th I decided to go without him, I therefore left Kikori at 1 am on the morning of the 20th on the Kismet accompanied by Mr Cadet Healy, A Cs DE RA, UNEMA, DEKA DUA and MAINU, and the launch crew including those boys to be ret'd to Port Moresby, running down the river till clear of all banks we anchored at 2 30 am fro balance of night.

20th July.

Started again at 7 am and reached KAIMARI at 5 pm which I considered a very slow run but as we do not yet know the boat we took many passages etc at slow speed and tested here steering capabilities etc etc.

21st July. Inspected KAIMARI village , KOI section V C OMARA MAMA was in fair

order some minor matters needed attention, the KAURAVI section V C AKU KAIFU and the APIRAVI section V C E I I BAI were quite good the new rest house ordered last trip is finished as is quite a good house I paid all V.Cs and left soon after 9 am , and after encountering a heavy sea in the Varoe river arrived at KANIBO plantation at 10 20 am, Mr Treloar is in charge here, and I inspected the place and labour (separate report to C.M.A.) I then signed on 26 Native labour for Dopima Plantation for whom the " Varoe" is calling on her way to P.M.

Left at 2.10. pm and in the " Wakefield passage" lost the dinghy and took some time getting her, we notice that this large boat needs very careful attention in the narrower waterways. Going on arrived at IKINU V.C. EVOI about 3 30 pm, inspected this village and walked through the plantation to KIMIRI ., I was not so well satisfied with this village as usual and the plantation required weeding, informed V C and people that they had won prise last year but as they had chosen to neglect the place a bit since then it would go elsewhere this year, they promised never to neglect it again (for what that is worth). Investigated a charge agts the V C it was dismissed but he was warned that he was being watched.

2nd July.

Left at 6.30 am but to avoid losing tide left AKOMA for return run and steamed direct for URIKA Mission, and nearing the wharf an accident was narrowly averted, and had I not installed the Kikori's steering wheel foward before we left, would have been unavoidable, the Mission have lately purchased a new launch and this was lying right in the fair way round a sharp bend and moored to both banks effectually blocking the creek, had we attempted to steer by the after tiller we would have been

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right into the launch and probably done some damage, knowing the creek I had luckily slowed down on approaching the bend to the wharf, the VAILALA is in the habit of going thro here full speed nad had it been her I think the Mission would have been deploring the loss of their boat.

Sent mails etc up to Mission, Mr Moir Smith came down he prom to move his launch from the fairway. Left Mission 7 30 am and r straight to BARE EKI where we anchored and I arranged for transpo for the three Port Moresby men returning to OROKOLA with letters to Mr Headon and also Mr Coghill and an open order to any vessel to take them to Port Moresby.

On crossing the ALELE I noticed the ketch KEREMA wrecked on the bar, enquiries when we anchored I gahtered she had been there a month, no one seemed to know, but I presume as she i on the G.D. side, that the R.M. G.D. held the usual enquiry as Receiver of Wrecks for that division.

Leaving at 10 20 am ran across to the new village of AIVE PARI, this was the village which was formed of part of the KURIPI village after that latter was washed away in the high tide.

Very nearly complete and quite nice there are ten houses and a ravi, and I should guess the population at about 50.

From here ran down to the new KURIPI, the V C was away a lot of work has been done in building this and the far from finished it is now beginning to look like a village. The rest house has however been washed away by the sea, chose a site not quite so exposed for a new one. 22 houses and 2 ravis are complet leaving here ran over to APIOPI V C DUBUKU and anchored in the small creek, inspected the village they have amade a fine new rest house on big piles, the village is as usual spotless and the coconuts are doing wonderfully their butts are among the biggest I ever seen, paid V.C. later assembled people and told them that as they had consist ently carried out orders etc and their place was so good the Government was going to pay them 25 prise, after a bit of palaver the prise was paid.

The engine was cleaned and recoiled and greased. The cadet went sick today with a combination of mumps and fever . At 6 pm V C KIRI of KURIPI reported he had been to Kikori I told him all I had noticed re his village and settled a civil cla: Paid relatives deceased V Cs etc .

Patrol Two cont

July 23rd. Left at 6 15 am with one extra passenger (prisoner) and anchored at RAVIKHVAU at 7 am, V C KAIRI AUA reported himself paid him and also ex V C PEARA, it is to be remembered that the launch can only come here at high tide as the there is water there is no room to turn her round, all orders given last trip have been carried out by the new V C and there is quite a nice new rest house, this is a pretty little village and is now in good order. No cases. Left at 7 20 am and arrived at IARI at 8 40 am and had breakfast, N.C.S AUKIRI reported with mails from the G.M.O. West to which I replied stating I was going KAIRI and would be back here tomorrow in case he wished to see me.

V.Cs KAIRI , AKIA AUWA, and BAIA KAIRI reported themselves and received their pay and I also paid the relatives of certain deceased natives, and the dead V.C. RAPI , I selected a man to take the latter's place an ex A.C and recommendation will be duly forwarded, I then held C.N.M. and three men were convicted the villages all sections were in good order and as I have said the rest house here is one of the best in the division. I left Iari at 10 50 am and proceeded to the daughter villages of OKAIKHAIFU arriving at 11 30 am, the V C was away taking patient to the G.M.O at IVIRI, the vilage w s in good order and the rest house was good also this creek also it must be remebered leaves little room to turn but with a rope on aft it can be done.

Going on arrived at ORU at 1 45 pm V C KERIHA reported and was paid, the village was in good order and the rest house quite good all orders given last trip have been carried out, and I had no cases and complaints, a small village. The V C was however warned to report more frequently to the station. Left at 2 15 pm and anchored at KAI A RAVI at 3 15 pm this is to my mind one of our prettiest villages on the affluence of three creeks, the mani Ravi is in course of repair, V C KOIVI IPAI reported was paid the village was excellent and there were no cases , the cadet by this time was getting worse and more feverish and I decided to al my programme and run down to the sawmill to leave him there where he will be sheltered and looked after till I return, we therefore turned into the BAROI and at 4 20 pm went on the sand this is always an awkward creek to negotiate owing to banks and the tide was very low, lay there till 5 10 pm getting a cup of te whilst waiting then proceeded and reached the saw mill at 5 30 where I interviewed Mr Bethune and arranged for Mr Healy to remain till I could call for him , Mr Healy's orderly UNEMA and A C MAINU (also sick) were landed here also. Self ret'd to launch for night.

Patrol 11 cont

July 24th. Got away at 6 45 am and proceeded direct to IARI where I found AUKIRI with further message from G.M.O. paid some further dead natives accounts and left at 10 40 am taking AUKIRI for IVIRI anchored at IVIRI at 12 20 pm and had lunch with G.M.O. he was apologetic about not coming as arranged to take me but informed me that he had sent L/Cpl NAKKA and A C MODOI, whom he had on loan away from here nearly a fortnight ago with letters to tell em so I have no idea where these police are now. I here found five Time expired native labourers from POPO, who had been put at ARIHAVA in the G.D. to make their own way home to MUMURIA which is only two miles from KIKORI station, so that these natives were landed in a strange district to make their own way by canoe etc and they were unable to get these as the local natives demanded about half their trade to carry them home, took them on board and proceedings will be instituted under the N L O for the breach of the law. Left at 4 pm for KANIBO and anchored at the URIKA Mission at 6 25 pm, the Missionary has moved the launch and the fairway is now clear. Went up and had dinner with the Mission returning aboard to sleep. Took on mails for Aird Hill etc.

V C LORO KONO reported having handed over the Port Moresby crew boys at Orokel.

July 25th. Mr and Mrs Moir Smith aboard at breakfast time to see new vessel Left at 8 15 am at 8 30 am had to anchor as forward cylinders were running very hot the pump failing to work took it off and adjusted same and got away again at 10 30 am and anchored AKOMA at 10 50 am V C MAIKAI reported and was paid, village good and clean had one native matters case the rest house has been improved. left at 11 30 am and anchored at KANIBO at 12 40 pm having missed the "Varoe" bound P.M. by an hour or so. Signed on two native labour received application for further tradin site, Mr Treloar came aboard and tendered for launch "Kikori", he had dinner aboard.

July 26th. A C MARIKOPI repeted from G M O at 6 am with a case. Int OMAI reported from A R M at Kikori with several complaints against L/Cpl NAKKA for me to investigate so apparently he is not there yet, I fear this N C O is no use to this division as he is by nature a bully. Proceeding anchored at KAIMARI at 10 20 am picked up the V Cs and went on to the IAMI Creek to the land applied for with the V Cs and owners, anchored off site, put in datum posts and marked out land and paid owners, (Transfer will be sent in) in doing this was as usual unfortunate as I staked my foot and as usual the one on the bad leg. Returned to KAIMARI for night investigated several charges against L/Cpl NAKKA and also found a tin of cyanide, this has been suspected as being here since an enquiry lately held by me into deaths of six natives after all eating together, cannot get at facts, mean to keep quiet a bit as these matters have a habit of coming to light.

Working till 10 pm.

Patrol 11 cont

July 27th. Nasty morning delayed by tide till 7 15 am when left for VAIMURU. Rain and squalls very rough crossing and very slow not arriving at VAIMURU till 10 am, this is my first experience of the Kismet in a sea and I was not impressed, she can hardly push against it and she leaks thro cabins roofs and decks. On arrival V C AIWA AUA, EKAI, and KAIRI reptd and received pay, the village was very good and this village has improved out of sight since my first visit to it on taking over here in 1924. There were two cases reported but the people concerned were away in the koomabati and I detached V CS to go and bring them to meet me. Left at 11 30 am and proceeded to wards Saw mill had more trouble with pumps and had to put in new packing at 1 5 Arrived EVARA at 3 40 pm V C KOIVI reptd and was paid village good, the plantation attached to this village had been lately cleaned up I suppose they saw me at saw mill the other day.

Arrived at the saw Mill at 4 pm, and commenced inspection my left ankle is so inflamed that I can hardly bear a shoe on it. Worked on various native labour matters till 8 pm when went aboard, Mr Healy is much better and ready to come on with me.

July 28th. Completing labour inspection buildings etc Saw mill, of which the usual report is being furnished to the Hon The C N A, left at 3 45 pm with my invalids aboard again and had to get my shoe off at once the swelling is going up the leg to the old place.

Anchored in UKIARAVI creek at 5 pm and waited for tide left at 10 30 pm and anchored UKIARAVI rest house 11 5 pm.

July 29th. V Cs MAIARE, BAIKAURI, AKO IPAI, and KIMILI reported and were paid sent the cadet to inspect the villages as I can hardly bear my foot on the floor, self held C N M, the rest house has been renewed and is quite nice three buildings, the cadet reptd and informed me that he had found all 10 sections in good order. The plantation is still under cover crops only waiting advice from C N P. Left at 10 45 am anchored at 11 5 am waiting water left 11 40 am and anchored at KAIRU at 1 25 pm V C KAURI MAMA reported and was paid, the cadet again did the inspection for me and was satisfied tho the portion formerly looked after by OMARO (dismissed) was not too good, selected a man for this position there were no cases whatsoever there is a deal of flu here. Left at 2 25 pm anchored EVARA at 4 45 pm.

July 30th. Left at 7 5 am 26 passengers all told anchored GAURI 1 10 pm V C APA away, lunched my foot and leg so painful cannot wear even a sock. Left 2 5 pm and anchored SAMOA 4 20 pm. delivered Mission mails.

July 31st Left at 7 15 am and anchored Kikori 9 15 am. A R M reported all correct on station and that NAKKA had returned via URAMA

Patrol 11 cont

GENERAL.

There is no doubt whatsoever that the PURARI and KORIKI Districts are rapidly improving as a comparison with the number of prisoners who used to be brought in from these districts and this or other late patrols will shew, only 8 out of a population of thousands.

They seem to like us better and work for us more readily.

Mr Healy' sickness was a pity as it was for him to learn the district I took him and he missed much of it.

A large amount of outstanding work of all kinds was got through . One thing has struck me very forcibly and that is to take police hap hazard for crew is no use those with me were as much use on a boat as my own dog, and since we lost our three Eastern men we have no one in the detachment that can be called a boatman. This vessel wants at least three , certainly a coxswain and one onther permanently attached to her, most of the time I had to be at the wheel myself as she is more trisky than the old boat in the narrow creeks.

I regret also that I am fully convinced, as is Mr Meir Smith that the Kelvin sleeve is not adapted to our work, the latter gentleman gives us three months running unless I am always on board which is impossible and most certainly I would hesitate to let her do the independant work the old boat did.

Our own comfort of course is immeasurably increased and for that the thanks of the staff are due to the government, but even now she is not adapted to our work, there is no shelter for passengers at all I had been at the wheel for two hours raining heavily, I went below to get a cigareete and found a native asleep on my bed, when I expostulated he said he did not see why he should stop out in the rain.

The trip has given me an idea of the vessel and her require,ents and I am writing a letter on this to the Hon The G.S.

I am sorry to say that I still cannot wear a shoe tho my leg is decreasing in size but it looks as if I am condemned to boats always.

C. J. Johnston & Blyth

Relieving Resident Magistrate.

2/8/26

PATROL REPORT.STATION NUMBER.
7/26-7**Kikori**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **All Officers D.D.** to
The VERO RIVER for the purpose of
finding the disputed point where the river ends.

Left Station on **29/8/26** Returned to Station on **29/8/26**
 Number of Carriers employed **nil** Number of Police taken **nil**
 Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **Kismet A Liston Blyth**
 Villages visited **WAIMAKI**

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2087/11.22.—1,500.

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Date **30/8/26**

A. Liston Blyth
 Officer in charge of Station.

Report of Patrol Number Seven Delta Division, 1926-7

by all officers.

August 29th. This trip can hardly be dignified as a patrol, for some time past we have been interested to know where the VERO river rises, and how it ends, and I had decided to utilise a day to try to find out when I could and settle the debated point on the map as to whether Kikeri is an island.

We therefore left at 9 35 am on the launch and proceeded to the VERO river proceeding up which we passed the WAIMAKI branch at 10 50 am and then went up at half speed thro' the new or right hand branch, sounding and at no time tho' low tide did we find less than three fathoms till 11 50, when the branch again bifurcated, both being too narrow for the launch, we anchored herefore and the P.O. went up the right branch in the dinghy finding that it petered out very shortly after the bifurcation, returning the left hand branch was attempted and 150 yards from the bifurcation this also ran away into two smaller branches losing themselves in the limestone hills

Returning at full speed we estimated by speed of boat that the total further distance from WAIMAKI branch that launch can travel or any other vessel or boat is abt 2½ miles.

Going up that branch we visited WAIMAKI, where a great improvement is taking place, and then passing the new village of BABIA where building is agoing on apace and is a much better site than DIMARI, I am asking MR Chance to sketch the route so that this fixed point can be placed on the Divisional map at last.

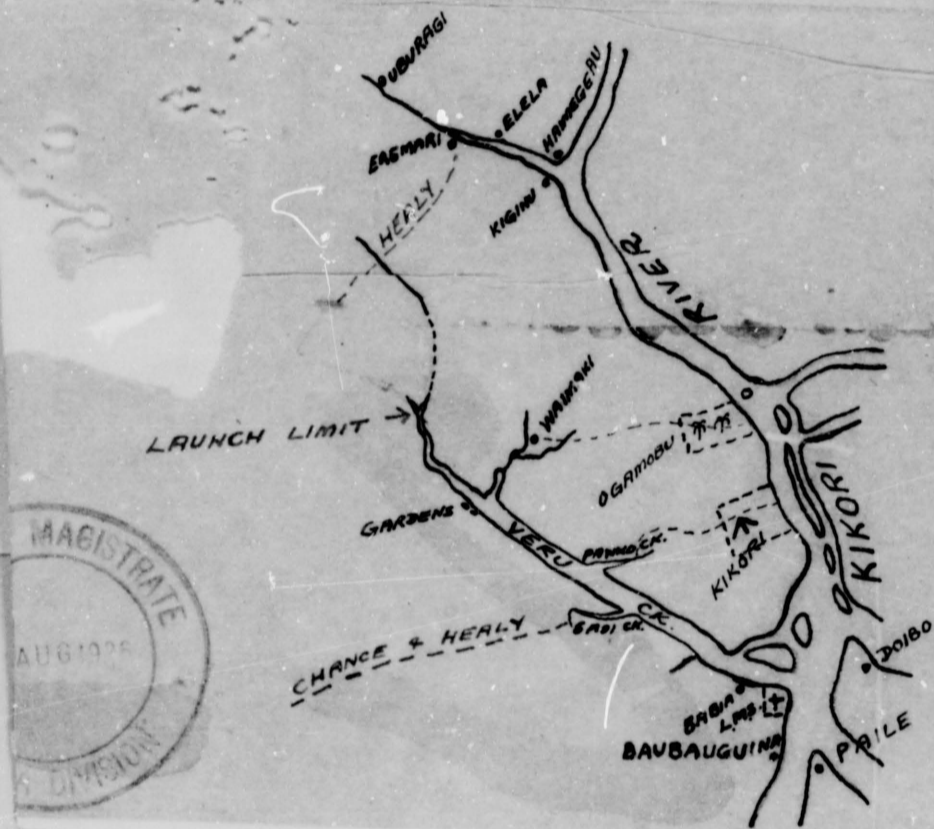
C. J. Lister & Blyth.

RRM

20/8/26

Sketch to accompany D. D. P. R. No 7/26-7.
Shewing Upper VERU CK.

Launch Limit $2\frac{1}{2}$ m. above junction with WALIMAKI CK.
1" = 4 m.



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9/26-7**Kikori**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **A Liston Blyth** to**URIKA and IARI**

for the purpose of

Land Buying and general.Left Station on **26/9/26** Returned to Station on **4/10/26**Number of Carriers employed **nil** Number of Police taken **2**Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **Kismet A.L.B.**Villages visited **KAIMARI. Sawmill, URIKA Mission, KANIBO Plantation****IARI. AKOMA.**

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2087/1120—1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date **9/10/26***A. Liston Blyth*

Officer in charge of Station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.		Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.				
Rice	30	16		16	32	7	4 48	others crew	
Biscuits	5	2		3	5	2	1		
Meat	12	4		4	8	5	4		
Sugar	4	2		2	4	1	1		
Tea									
Soap									
Tobacco	1	6 stks		7 stks	1	2	1/2		
Matches									
Kerosene	2	1/2		1 1/2	2	3	1/2	includes Nav lights	
Tents									
Flies									
Lamps									
Buckets									
Kerosene Cans									
Knives & Sheaths									
Knives, 18in.									
Knives, other									
Belts									
Pouches									
Print									
Twill									
Handkerchiefs									
Beads									
Mirrors									
Axes									
Half Axes									
Tomahawks									
Benzine					48	6	0 0		
Kerosine					48	4	16 0		
oil					4		16		
					TOTAL £		12 13 11		

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

PATROL REPORT NUMBER NINE of 1926-7 by A Liston Blyth.

To URIKA and KANIBO

Land Matters and general.

There being a number of minor matters which were outstanding on my trip to Port Moresby I decided to get them cleared up and leaving Kikeri at midnight on the 26th September, for the sake of the tide on the Kismet, I proceeded down till clear of sandbanks and anchored. Getting away again at 7 am on the 27th, we arrived after a good run at the Saw Mill at 1 5pm, here I found that Mr Lett had himself assumed charge the remainder of the white staff having left. I made a thorough inspection of the mill premises and the labour, separate report to the Hon. the Commissioner, and found no complaints at all.

Leaving on the morning of the 28th at 7 am we anchored at KAIMARI at 11 am V.C. OMARA KAIMU reported and V C AUA the other V C being away at KANIBO they tell me.

I have seldom had anything to complain of here lately and as on my 1 visit the other day the village was in good order, I noticed one house requiring repair, owner notified, left at 1 45 pm and anchored at KANIBO at 2 45pm spent the rest of afternoon in signing on labour etc, Mr Trelo has applied for a trading site at I IARI and I am anxious to get this fixed up retd aboard and moved launch to safe anchorage for night, bad night rolling badly.

Left at 6 5 am with Mr Treloar to see the site asked for, and arrived at URIKA Mission at 7 30 am on the 29th, saw Revd MOIR SMITH, he too has land matters for me and several other minor matters to go into, told him I would be back after settling Treloar's land and went on at 9 45 am, arriving at IARI at 1 15 pm when V Cs KAIRI, BAI I KAIRI, KIROVAIA and KAIOPA of Ravikevau reported themselves, the village was very good and there was only one case reported, left in canoe for site, which was marked out and purchased from the owners, the site being about 1/3 of an acre about a quarter mile from the main Ravi. returning to the launch evening I went ashore and dealt with the only case here.

Leaving early on the 30th we proceeded direct to IVIRA as I was anxious to see the G.M.O. about several matters, anchored at 8 10 am and went up to house, found that further gear had here been salvaged from the " Sir Arthur", took list of same, discussed matters with GMO generally and left at 9 50 am for APIOPI to pick up Launch Boy OMAI who has had seven days leave there on re engagement, arrived 10 30 am V C DUBUKUNU reported no case, the village good did not wait long on a/c of tide but taking OMAI left at 2pm and anchored at URIKA Mission at 3 15 pm/ Dined with the Mission and had bad night aboard on a/c of mosquitoes.

At 8 30 am the 1st inst left with Mr Moir Smith aboard to see his land calling at AKOMA V C MAIKAI, to pick up a large canoe for the Missionary the village good no cases, arrived at KANIBO at 10 15 am and landed Mr Treloar found he had more labour work for me again signed on boys, and left 11 40 am anchored KAIMARI at 1 20 pm. After lunch went down the KAIMARI creek to see the land the Mission want taking owners with us but after some argument could not come to any arrangement re the land so returned to KAIMARI, Mr Moir Smith said he would try for another site and let me know later, he would not remain the night but left per canoe for home pleading excessive work awaiting him.

Patrol Number 9

Leaving at 7 am on the 2d inst we proceeded towards the saw mill the BAROI is a tricky river and at this season the tides are very low, at about 9 am when I thought we were all clear I placed OMAI in charge of the deck whilst I went down for breakfast, I had just started when he put us very comfortably on the worst sand bank in the river for size I mean, and why he did not see it I cannot imagine, however as the tide went down rapidly there was nothing to do but philosophically wait the next tide, it was exceptionla bad luck as from the start of the trip I have never left the deck while the boat was running till this time, the next tide took place at 8 pm and we got off after 11 hours of more or less torture to me tho the boys as usual slept thro it. We arrived at the saw mill at 9 30 pm and tied up, personally feeling very tired.

Practically the whole of Sunday morning the 3rd I was engaged in labour work with Mr Lett, the afternoon I confess I slept being very weary. Issued renewals of Timber licenses etc etc.

Leaving at 5 40 am on the 4th 1st I reached Kikori at 4 pm, in the afternoon. Mr Healy reported all correct, I found the MINNITONKA here with the R.M. W.D. broken down.

General

This trip was to clear up all the outstanding matters on the PURARI side, as with the TURAMA and DIKIMA patrols it may be some time before an officer can get there again. The launch behaved well with one thing and another there was more to do than I had expected but all labour advances etc have been adjusted and matters are now up to date.

C. J. Tison & Blythe

HEM

PATROL REPORT.STATION NUMBER.
10/26-7**Kikori**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **A Liston-Blyth** to
Sawmill and Kaimarifor the purpose of
Taking R.M.W.D. to steamer. Picking up A R M Chance and Wife.**To meet G.M.O. and select site for new Base.**

Left Station on **13/10/26** Returned to Station on **17/10/26**
 Number of Carriers employed **nil** Number of Police taken **nil**
 Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **Kismet. A.L.B.**
 Villages visited **EVARA. KAIMARI (3). The Saw Mill.**

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9087/11.23.—1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date **18/10/26***A. Liston-Blyth*
Officer in charge of Station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice								
Biscuits								
Meat								
Sugar								
Tea								
Soap								
Tobacco		Crew's rations only used						
Matches								
Kerosene								
Tents								
Flies								
Lamps								
Buckets								
Kerosene Cans								
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.								
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks								
Benzine						3 15 0		
Kerosine						3 0 0		
Oil						8 0 0		
					TOTAL £	7 3 0		

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PATROL REPORT NUMBER TEN of 1926-7. KIKORI. D.D.

by

A Liston-Blyth R.R.M.

Object:- to meet the G.M.O. and select site for new hospital buildings, to take Mr Oldham R.M. to meet the " Papuan Chief" for passage to Daru.
To meet and bring back to station Mr Chance A.R.M. and his bride.

October 13th. I left on the " Kismet, accompanied by the R.M.W.D. who, owing to the total breakdown of his launch the " Minnitonka" wishes to get a passage to Daru by the " Papuan Chief".

Proceeded down river to BABAGUINA, V C GIGOVI, where I found the " Alele" at anchor according to arrangement, the G.M.O. coming aboard, we went ashore and selected a good site on nice high ground for his new base hospital, the natives being willing to sell this land, about 8 acres to the Government for the purpose. I roughly marked the corners, and told them that I would get the A.R.M. to survey the area properly on his return and pay them for it. The village was in good order and the deep pit latrine put in at the suggestion of the G.M.O. really seems to be used.

From here we left for the Saw Mill, the tides being at very unfavorable times these days, and we did not reach there till 8 40 p.m., when we tied up for the night. The R.M. W.D. complained of the mosquitoes though he seemed to get them all.

On the morning of the 14th, I went up to the mill, and found that Mr Lett had one or two small matters he wished to see me about, I made arrangements for the 100 feet of timber that Mr O'Regan wants for his factory to be shipped on the launch.

Visited EVARA village, V C KOIVI EVOO reported, village in good order, one small dispute settled, the native plantation further up the WAME has been weeded. During the afternoon Engine boy DEBATAUNA developed mumps, and another boy acting as crew one of my own named SAI I also went down with fever, there seems a doubt as to whether the P.C. is really calling this trip. so on the morning of the 15th we left and proceeded to the sea anchorage, at PIE inlet to see if there were any signs of her, not arriving, we went to KAIMARI, V.Cs AUAKAIPU, E.EVIA, and OMARA NAMARI all reported aboard, I went ashore and made a thorough inspection of the villages, in APIRAVI, V C AUAKAIPU, they have a fine new Ravi in course of erection, one man had to be warned regarding the maintenance of the platform before his house.

In KAURAVI, V C E EVIA the Ravi roof required mending and one man was ordered to rebuild his house.

In KOI I RAVI V C OMARA they are also erecting a new ravi and here there was a certain amount of rubbish to be cleaned up on the whole all three sections were good.

Patrol Number ten cont

Returning to the Rest House, went into one or two small native matters and also held a C.N.M.

At 6 30 pm the Mission launch arrived towing a large canoe with South Teachers on board to go home, she also is waiting for the P.C. Mr Moir Smith and his wife were on board.

Seeing him we went into the matter of his attempting to get the Minnionka going again, and he tells me he will be coming up almost immediately after the steamer, in any case he is due at Kikori on the 21st for the case against the Master of the "Mystic".

On the morning of the 16th we went out to the PIE anchorage again followed by the Mission launch, and when our patience was nearly exhausted, and we had come to the conclusion the steamer had gone direct to DARU, there was a welcome sail on and she came in.

Enquiring if she was going sawmill and receiving an affirmative answer, we arranged to meet her there and tranship cargo etc there we therefore ran up to the mill and on arrival I embarked the timber for the factory, and the two sickmen we had left behind.

The steamer arrived about 6 pm, and we went alongside and I transhipped Mr Oldham's cargo and took on Mr Chance's, who had arrived with his bride.

The captain kindly asked us to dinner on the ship, and whilst there he informed us to our surprise that he was going to KIKORI had we know this there would have been no need for my trip as Mr Oldham could have embarked there, and Mr and Mrs Chance come ashore.

I left at 5 am, with Mr and Mrs Chance, they being anxious to get home and the steamer possibly not being due at Kikori for two more days, on the morning of the 17th, and ran direct to Kikori, having also taken the mails. We arrived at Kikori at 4 pm, after a long battle against the tide.

Ediston Blyth
RRM

INTERIM REPORT

[G.P. 67.]

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

13/ 26-7

Kikori

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by S.H. Onance A R M and P.O. Healy to
DIKIMA and SAMBIOI for the purpose of
Exploration.

INTERIM by A Liston Blyth

Left Station on 30/11/26 Returned to Station on 2/12/26

Number of Carriers employed _____ Number of Police taken _____

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge KISMET A Liston Blyth

Villages visited PAI AI A and IBA

To be read with Patrol Report 13 when furnished.

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226711-23-1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 3/12/26

A. Liston Blyth

Officer in charge of Station.

PATROL REPORT 13/ 1926-7

INTERIM REPORT ONLY.

On the 23rd November the Cadet Patrol Officer Mr C Healy left the station with the police for the DIKIMA exploration patrol with orders to collect 100 carriers and have them at PAI AI A by the 30th to meet the A.R.M. Mr S H Chance, who will lead the patrol, on the morning of the 30th, owing to the fact that we have no reliable coxswain to bring the launch back, I left in the "Kismat" with the A.R.M. at least 3 1/2 tons of gear and the balance of his party, running down to PAI AI A POIKO, V C OGIMAU we arrived at about lunch time, where the P.O. reported and the fact that he had 130 carriers to choose from. after lunch the A.R.M. sorted out the men best fitted for the job, and sent home those he rejected, a very fine lot of carriers they were, and as the P.O. reported he had no trouble getting them, I am very pleased as another sign of improved conditions in Gearabari.

On the morning of the 1st we left PAI AI A, with nine large canoes in tow, the total of the party being the A.R.M., The P.O. 12 police and 120 others towed in the canoes, the tow was quite impressive and stretched about 150 yards, winding round the bends of the upper Omati it looked like a snake. We arrived off the mouth of the HAHATI creek at 12 35 pm or thereabouts, and at once arrangements were made to tranship all the cargo by canoe to IEA village the starting point of the patrol about two miles up the HAHATI, all were landed and settled by 3 pm, and I then went up to the village, V C BESE is in charge and it reflects credit on him being clean and neat in appearance, I went on to see the bridge, mentioned in P.R. 13 of 1925-6, this is a useful structure and L/Cpl NAKKA who built it deserves a word of praise.

P R 13 cont.

1st Dec. We then adjourned to the rest house where we had a farewell supper and I left for the launch at 7 pm, and slept aboard after saying goodbye to the party for a possible two or three months.

2nd Dec. Left for Kikeri at 6 am with four canoes returning further rejected carriers and seven V.Cs in tow, had a good deal of engine trouble, see log, and after leaving canoes at Gearabari arrived at Kikeri at 5 30 pm about.

The rest of the report of this patrol will be furnished by S H Chance Esqre A R M on his return.

C. J. Tison & Blyth

~~RM~~

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE DELTA DIVISION

No 81/25/27

The Hon: The G.S.

DIKIMA PATROL

Adverting to mine No 73 of the 18th inst I have to inform you that, the natives referred to, were murderers and arrested, quite properly, as such by Mr Chance.

He tried to arrange for witnesses etc to come in, but being new country, you are as well aware as I am, that one almost has to arrest the witnesses as well.

They are therefore being returned to their homes under escort, in the hope that the time they have spent here, seen us and our ways . will mean that next time a patrol goes to their country. these men at least will recognise and greet the party in a friendly spirit. You will agree , as happened in the Ambo country 10 years ago. this is the only thing to do, we cannot keep them indefinitely waiting for problematical evidence.

RRM

26/2/27

*Reported on 11/5/27
by KUMA that they
got home safely.
SHE*

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE DELTA DIVISION

73/25/27

The Hon. The G.S.

DIKIMA Patrol.

I have to inform you that the A.R.M. when he returned from the above, brought with him four men from that district, so far as I know they were raiders or something, during his and my absence they have been retained on the station, pending the A.R.M.'s return that he might complete his business with them.

As you know I have not got his report yet so am really ignorant exactly why they are here.

It was my intention, if the A.R.M. ^{did} had not come back this boat to return them under escort to the boundary of their country, we have no interpreter for them, today one of them ran away. We have been looking for him without success so far. I mention this as he might die or get killed or something going home and you would have no record of his being here.

Name is

FOGUBA

C. A. Tielon & Blyth

RM 18/2/27

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE. DELTA DIVISION.

KIKORI,

6th January 1926.

S.H.CHANCE, Esq.

On Patrol.

I have your Minute, No.5 of the 13th ultimo, and am today despatching 6 bags of rice to you, as requested. I am also forwarding you your private mail, excluding papers and parcels.

I very much regret to inform you that it became ~~unavoidable~~ necessary for me to take Mrs Chance to the Doctor, who ordered her to Port Moresby Hospital, and from which trip I returned last night. Mrs Blyth has accompanied her to Port to look after her. I am glad to be able to inform you that the Doctor does not consider anything very serious but that Mrs Chance requires careful nursing and dieting etc etc.

Trust you and your party are in good health.

Yours truly,

C. J. Blyth

R.R.M.D.D.

5/13/26/27



Sosogo (Dikima) Monday 13/12/26

The RRMB. The party is now at Sosogo, three days (12-
"as the crow flies") from NAWAGERA having found MATAKORA & people
here + 4 new IKORI villages on the way.

We now go across the Kikon R. two days to KUSOGO, which the
Hon. Administrator must have seen or been near - Today we have heard
of his expedition (quoted accounts) for the first time.

Return herewith for pay to 19-12-26 (6 days travelling time; ample)

TAI-IA	of SAMOA	26 days to	19/12	@ 4	= 8/8
ANAU	of BABAI	25 days to	19/12	@ 4	= 8/4
DAVI	of BABAI	"	"	@ 4	= 8/4
GIRIMAU	of BABAI	"	"	@ 4	= 8/4
DIMURI	of IOWA	23	" 19/12	@ 4	= 7/8
DANORO	of PAI-IA-A	22	" 19/12	@ 4	= 7/4
HEDE	of PAI-IA-A	22 days to	19/12	@ 4	= 7/4
KUBARU	of PAI-IA-A	"	"	@ 4	= 7/4
BRIMU	of PAI-IA-A	"	"	@ 4	= 7/4
VIKAWESA	of NAGORO	"	"	@ 4	= 7/4
BU-E	of MUBAGOA	19 days to	19/12	@ 4	= 6/4
NA-OI	of IOWA	22 days to	19/12	@ 4	= 7/4
X EMI	of SIMARE	34 days to	19/12	@ 4	= 8/-

Continued
(Revised)
ALB

Return herewith 5 empty pack bags. ✓ Rec

As escort I am sending back RE WAGEBA, as arranged, & also
L/Const MAINU as he is not much good & knows the talk on the
road back.

WAGEBA has 18 ctgs. } Ditto
MAINU has 15 ctgs. } they Red ALB keep a record of h a
their Red ALB for my accounting?

We have a good bag of food left & have every hope of
doing considerable ~~work~~ exploration & getting through.

N.B.) Will you please reduce my Bara rice requisition by
bags & have 6 bags at BARA by 7-1-27?

X Has V.D. Please confine.

P.S.) MAINU has a new shirt for collection.
I have taken WAGEBA's old shirt for
another boy.

S.N.C.

Mydney H. Clancey
RRMB

N^o 4/13/26/27



NWAGERA (IKOBI) 10/12/26

R.R.M.D.D./

Re the new flannel shirts: Interpreter
OWAMU took 1 of them back & Soat EMI how
take another one back.

As these will be required for other patrols might I
suggest that OWAMU & EMI hand them in,
washed & dried, for future patrols - The McGregor
Peaks Patrol for instance?

The remaining 10 are here with me - the
only A.C. who has not a new one is WAGEBA.

Sydney H. Chance.

A.R.M.

Noted.
17 women & 11 men
took his on leave
he had no warning
to 9 am 9.
EMI handed in
15/12/26
A.B.

Nº 3/13/26/27.



NRWGERA (IKOBI) 10/12/26

R.P.M.B.W.

I am returning to you my cook BIAI who has got V.D. Contracted at PAI-IA-A from a woman called GRWPI - Husband WRI-IRI

I have no warrants. Will you please confine him, as Mrs Chance doesn't understand such matters, I would concl. consider it a great favour if you would please see he doesn't go near the house till he is cured

Thereby, appoint my wife my agent to pay off BIAI if she wants to - As you know he finishes in January via due for £4.10.0 pay.

Please help me all you can in the matter. Personally, if he cleans up OK, I wouldn't pay him off as it doesn't do to set too high a standard - All N's either have had, are having or will have V.D. Am writing the wife about him.

Might I ask you to inspect KOTVI for V.D. Saddy Weekly from time to time to help out Mrs C?

I think he is OK + I don't think he would conceal it but one never knows!

Sydney A. Chance
R.M. on Patrol

Attixed

Confined.
10/12/26
V.D. warrant 74. II.

ALB
Sept 21st night at
PAI-IA-A.



2/13/26/27

NAWAGERA (IKOBI) 10/12/26

R.P.M.O.D.) The patrol is safe at IKOBI tomorrow starts for DIKIMA - Rumoured we will be there on the way. Jan returning 30 carriers: 13 are for pay to 15.12.26 when they should reach KIKORI. 5 days travelling time allowed which is ample. Some of the carriers have been paid off by me & some have not advised.

- For pay -

TAMANI	of	BABAI	21 days to 15/12	=	7/-	Ar. 3/-	Due for	4/-
KARORI	of	BABAI	"	=	7/-	Ar. 4/-	Due for	6/-
KOWAWRI	of	BABAI	"	=	7/-	Ar. 1/-	Due for	6/-
NAUDA	of	BABAI	"	=	7/-	Ar. 3/-	Due for	4/-
KOVERI	of	BABAI	"	=	7/-	Ar. 3/-	Due for	4/-
MADAVU	of	BABAI	"	=	7/-	Ar. 4/-	Due for	6/-
EMEGEA	of	BABAI	"	=	7/-	Ar. 3/-	Due for	4/-
NAURI	of	BABAI	"	=	7/-	Ar. 1/-	Due for	6/-
HEWARO	of	BABAI	"	=	7/-	NIL	Due for	7/-
SISIPAW	of	LOWA	19 days to 15/12	=	6/4	NIL	Due for	6/4
BURAI	of	LOWA	"	=	6/4	NIL	Due for	6/4
BAIVI	of	LOWA	18 " 15/12	=	6/4	NIL	Due for	6/-
* GO-U	of	LOWA	19 " 15/12	=	6/4	Adv. 3/-	Due for	3/4

Paid 46/12/26

N.B. * GO-U, Ifancy, has V.D. I have no warrants. Will you please confine him?

The above told to return in 2 canoes 1 DOPIMA + 1 GEBABARI.

I have paid for the hire of both of these. Noted
 ✓ 1 Large fly Hedley's issue for drying & drying in his house
 Please receive se 14/12/26. If they find it load on way up.

- ✓ 2/ Empty pack bags Number 20
- ✓ 3/ One Inked Box (Green) for C.P.O. House.
- 7/ 6 Car Blankets ✓ 4/ One HomeMade Box for A.R.M. House.

16001 Overboard

✓ 5/ One bundle of arrows + a bow.
 The bow is MODOI's property + the arrows are presents to Healy + self from V.C. KUMA. If the N.A. Dept do not require any of them I would like them to decorate my house. 28 arrows in bundle.
 ✓ 6/ One transport ticket. Departed from the start.
 goes back as escort for this lot: Hope to return

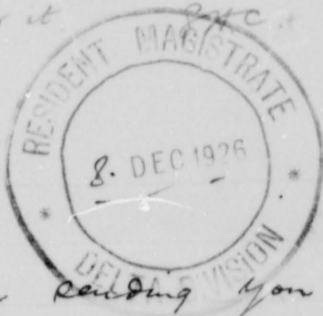
some more carriers from DIKIMA with another A.C. as escort - I do not think there will be the slightest risk.

Arrived 15/12/26.

P.S./ EMI has 20 rounds ball
 S.H.C. Jaken
 or
 O.B.B.

Sydney. H. Chance
 A.R.M.

PPS. Please ^{do not} pay for hire of the ONE canoe belonging to VC. I have already paid for it.



No 1/13/26/27.

Suri. 5/12/26.

The R.M. S.D. / Jan sending you 18 carriers to pay off
 please, as under: — 16 only arrived
 (113)

1	✓ WAPO	of	KEO	24/11	to	8/12 (3 days travel time)	=	5/-
2	✓ WOTBO	of	KERWA	28/11	to	8/12	=	3/8
3	✓ MATAI	of	AUAPOROE	24/11	to	8/12	=	5/-
4	✓ NABAI	of	KEO	24/11	to	8/12	=	5/-
5	✓ NANAMI	of	IOWA	27/11	to	8/12	=	4/-
6	✓ DERI	of	KERWA	26/11	to	8/12	=	4/4
7	✓ SOREA	of	IOWA	28/11	to	8/12	=	3/8
8	✓ A-ERO	of	PAI-IA-A	28/11	to	8/12	=	3/8
9	✓ RI-I-O	of	GORO	26/11	to	8/12	=	4/4
10	✓ WARIWE	of	GEBABARI	25/11	to	8/12	=	4/8
11	✓ UPAI	of	KEO	24/11	to	8/12	=	5/-
12	✓ AUADUBU	of	GORRI	28/11	to	8/12	=	3/8
13	✓ BURE	of	GEBABARI	25/11	to	8/12	=	4/8
14	✓ IOBO	of	GEBABARI	25/11	to	8/12	=	4/8
15	✓ BRUA	of	AUAPOROE	24/11	to	8/12	=	5/-
16	✓ TRIHANI	of	APERWA	26/11	to	8/12	=	4/4

Total No to pay off = 18 16 only (113)

Above @ rate of 4/- per day + 3 days travelling time allowed for (unp)

Jan also sending in C.I. ONAMU who, in this, what Mr
 Cusley described as 'some of the roughest country' he had seen,
 has crooked up! Jan do without him: One less to feed

All is going well: We hope to be at IKOBI on the 9th and
 carriers will be sent back later under escort.

Healy's toe is getting better: Rester today (Sunday) to give
 it a chance to heal a bit. KEID, is, at present, sick &
 possibly will return later as escort!!

Some mail enclosed.

P.S. Please receive

- { 8 canvas pack bags. ✓
- { 1 Transp. Billycan ✓
- { Empty rice bags. 4. ✓

i. J. J. J.

Behave
 S.D.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE

DELTA DIVISION

MEMORANDUM PATROL

The A.R.M.

Unless anything unforeseen happens by the next mail I will be pleased if you will be ready to commence the DIKIMA patrol by the 30th inst at latest.

I would suggest that you despatch the C.P.O. on the 23rd to collect your carriers, and the canoes needed to transport them and have them at PAI AI A. to meet you.

I will be very pleased if you will select the police you want, I suggest 1 M.C.O. and 9 men, and let me know their names.

The whole reason and probable route and duration of the patrol you are fully conversant with.

I attach papers which may be of use to you, please see to the matter of MATOKORA's complaint. This may alter the original plans of course.

Copy Memo to P.O. attached. I trust you will have no difficulty with these raw people. It is my present intention to come with the launch as far as IESBA, unless we obtain a thoroughly reliable coxswain beforehand.

ALB
RHM 4/11/26



The R.M.

Notes. Will memo. the P.O. re the carrier collecting etc. etc.
Yes, I know the proposal will do my best, you may be sure, to return via the Samberigi but if it cannot be done well. However we should do considerable exploration & find the DIKIMA & the KESOGOS.
Hope MATOKORA's complaint has nothing much in it.

Noted
ALB
13/11/26

J.H.C.
A.R.M.
13/11/26

358/3/26

DELTA

Kikori 7/9/26

The Hon. The G.S.

Police DIXIMA Patrol

A matter which I wished to discuss had I been able to get to P.M. in time for the dentist which I find now is almost impossible, is the above, I would esteem it if we could have Corporal KIMARI replaced by a Northern man, whilst the former is a good lad, he is not brilliant, and is very slow, further the Kiwais formerly sent up here creaked up on the lime stone, last patrol, Mr Restoul's, KEIDE was carried nearly all the way home. Mr Chance will want a good live man with him and I venture to suggest MAINU at present at DARU SONASONA now at Iona as second choice, among those I would not like are SEVESI, TOJEMBO and KWAGO, all of whom I have had and found "duds".

My Lance Corporal is too impulsive and hasty for work in raw country tho' otherwise a good enough boy.

C. J. Tison & Blyth
R.M.

MEMORANDUM.

RR MM

DD



Patrol Notes:-

The R.R.M./

This day I have received a request from my old guide IDOMAI of KEMERUA that he and some others stay at KEMERUA. The V.C.(KAWTI) recently stated that he wanted to leave K. and take all his people to SURI where he proposed to build his R.H. I have told IDOMAI and his friends to stay at K.as I am presuming that,with these recently brought under control people, it would be not much use forbidding it! The next patrol will no doubt adjust the whole matter to your satisfaction.

Ridney H. Chance A.R.M. 27/7/26

P.S. 10 people wish to remain at K. Do you not agree with me that it is a good sign when these people come in to discuss these matters with us?

Yes

V.C.S. A/B
GINTERI 10/26
A/B 25/8/26

P.P.S.

Have told (SEWARI) IDOMAI to bring a KUMA of IKOB, (possible V.C. - son of chief KAI-10). Have promised (IDOMAI) + KUMA an axe apiece. (SEWARI) ^{help}

Noted & approved
A/B
P.C.

P.P.S.

His stated KUMA knows road to DIKIMA so it is worth some trade to get it with him.

Yes

People aimed & were
discussed & satisfied
A/B

271/25/26

ALB/SHC

The Hon. The G.S.

Port Moresby

Patrolling D.D.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your 1212/A.192 and have to thank you for considering favourably my request for an additional officer to relieve Messrs Chance and Healy during their two to three months absence at DIKIMA.

I note your remarks re no Police Camp Vote and have to advise you that I have already put in my requisitions for the stores necessary for this important patrol.



Print & approved.
[Signature]

[Handwritten signature]

for R.R.M.D.D.

27/7/26

GOVERNMENT SECRETARY.

IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

No. 1212/A.192/26.

25-
19.7.26

R.M. D.D. Kikori.

Patrolling - D.D.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 226/25 of the 7th instant, and to inform you that there will be no "Police Camp Vote" on the estimates for 1926-27. In any case, it would not be possible to charge what would simply be an ordinary patrol against such a vote, which was intended to cover the cost of the establishment of an actual fixed camp. The expense of this patrol, therefore, will be borne from ordinary current votes.

That you want an extra officer has been noted, and attention will be given to it when the time comes. It should, however, be understood that this should not be taken as a promise to send one, as when the time comes it might happen that there is no one available.

H. M. Champion

3576/26.

AR m
Please reply
say we note
& thank we have
cur-T S/PV already
to meet - the expense
& we can quite
to really do without
the officer if absolutely
774 m m

228/25/26

The Hon. The G.S.

Exploration D.D.

Further to my letter No 226 of the 7th inst, I am attaching hereto certain S/Ns for consideration in regard to the DIKIMA Patrol approved by H.E.

I have dated these the 1st of next month as they will belong to the next financial year, but I am anxious to have matters connected with this patrol thoroughly in trim that it may leave the moment the weather allows, and the A R M returns from the leave he has asked for.

The patrol will require all these goods but I will make a corresponding decrease in my station requisition for transport when I send it in for next period of supply.

I fully expect a two months' absence but it may be nearer three and I therefore request that you bear in mind my request for temporary assistance here whilst it is away or otherwise the ordinary visiting patrols will suffer.

I would earnestly request that the item water bottles be granted they can be purchased very cheaply and in the lime stone country thro which the patrol will pass they are practically indispensable./

My ordinary requisitions are due in August but I am anxious to know that this supply will be sent here not later than the end of September and am therefore sending in now. Pack Bags possibly Kairuka could supply.

A. Tison & Blyth
RHM 17/6/26

3.25/26

to Hon. The G.S.

Exploration D.D.

I beg to inform you that in conversation with His Excellency the other day, it was agreed that Mr Chance A.R.M. should proceed to explore the country near the Sir Arthur Gordon range and endeavour to locate and get in touch with the DIKIMA peoples, see P.R. 13 of 1925/6, and that Mr Chance should be accompanied by Mr Cadet Healy, the patrol will leave here late November and will probably be away two months.

I would like to have this patrol charged to the Police Camp vote if possible and if allowed will send in a Supply Note for it.

As this patrol will return via the SAMBRIGI it will not be necessary to make any special patrol to that valley as done last year, but I would like if possible that a Patrol Officer or at any rate an officer with the qualifications of I.N.L. M.N.M. be lent to the division for the time the A R M and co are away, in order that the ordinary divisional work may go on without a check.

It is our wish to get these exploring patrols done by the division's own officers, but in order to do so we would to have assistance whilst they are away.

C. J. Tison Blyth

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7/6/26

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MATOKORA of SOSOGO (SIKIMA) says as follows:

About weeks ago the FOI¹¹ people raided us here at this village. I had to KIKORI to report. The name of their village is KUSOGO. They live on the other side of the Kikole. Plenty of them came & the fight started about 7 o'clock in the evening.

The chief of our village KIKANISO saw them coming thought they were coming to open about

They surrounded the village & started fighting some man ^(BOTHIRABU) shot KIKANISO in the stomach with an arrow ^{BUBUKAU} & a spear in his eye. B. & B. are the 2 chiefs.

The FOI's then closed the door ^{of the door} with a shield & pushed inside afterwards. I ran away at a head rate at the time.

KIKANISO (Chief)	FOIMUSA (Young man)
GINIBU (Man) (F)	KUKUSA (Man) SASENI (Boy)
BABESU (W. Man)	IRARAUU (Man)
SIGIBU (Woman)	SAKARERE (Man)
ANIKORU (Man)	SOFAU (Man)

They did not kill ~~the~~ small boys ^{SASENI} KIRUWE but took them away. They left shortly after the fight & left on the other side of the Kikole.

In the fight we did not kill any of the FOI's people. This is not a pay-back for a previous raid of ours. Before we were friends.

They are wild because KUMA has been made, a V.C. One of the KEVI boys told them that from of news.

The KUSOGO people came down to KEVI in canoes from West of the Kikole.

KUSOGO people after the fight burnt the door. They took the heads, arms, legs & skulls of their victims away & ate them. At the fight NIMEBU a youth got away by rushing at the KUSOGO's & getting through.

MATOKORA the informant

Reported on the 1st day of Dec 1976

By day at Chama



For Patrol

MATOKORA of DIKIMA (SOSOGO^{????} village) state:—

"I am a SOSOGO man, DIKIMA is my district. It is 2 days to DIKIMA from IKOBI. The first day you would sleep at KEIVI village on the ^{Navagera} River side of the K. River. Next day you would reach SOSOGO on the Navagera side of the Kikon. (See Pt. B ????)

The ^{KU}SOSOGO people have come down & killed plenty women plenty men.

They did not kill 5 small boys but took them away.

I do not know the OKANI people.

The people I am talking about live right up on top of the mountains have 4 drums & their chief name is BOHI-MABU.

I will show you the road to these people as they have killed 2 of my children SASANI & PAIMASA.

The DIKIMA people are friendly with the IKOBI & the ^{KU}SOSOGO people are wild because the Gov't clothes have been given to KUMA.

They said, 'You tell the Gov't we are not frightened.'

These ^{KU}SOSOGO people all the time walk about along OKANI.

It is approx time now to walk about up our way as there is no rain & the roads are not closed.

Somebody will show you the way to DIKIMA & I will await you there — We will make plenty of pigs for you.

FOTI of ^{KU}SOSOGO killed my children."

MATOKORA

His x mark

Before me this 4/11/28.

J.A. Chanu. A.R.M.

A.R.M./

For your inf. & for Patrol file

Place with papers for Dikima patrol. J.A.C.

495/ 25/26

DELTA

Kikori 29/11/26

The Hon The G.S.

DIKIMA Exploration

I have to advise that I am taking the party
for the above to Iessa base camp, tomorrow I
expect the party back at end of January

Ch. Johnston & Blythe

RRM

DIXIMA PATROL. MEMORANDUM.

R.M's Office,

Kikori, D.D. 22/11/26.

The C.P.O.D.D./

Please be prepared to leave tomorrow morning to collect carriers and canoes for towing them from PAI-IA-A to IEA. We will require as you know at least 100 carriers and if you have more than that at PAI-IA-A it will not matter as we can weed out there. I would suggest you get carriers from DARUO, AUA-POROME, KUMA-KUMA and SAMOA as these people are always being missed. Re private stores you know the position-You walk on to the launch at PAI-IA-A and the gear you take with you comes back. The launch will be at PAI-IA-A on Tuesday the 30th inst. Please initial and return 2 copies. I hope you meet with success.

Sydney H. Chance

A.E.M.D.D.

*Noted
L.A.
22-11-26*



*SEEN [unclear] approved
ALB*

QUARTERLY REPORT

[G.P. 67.]

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

14/26-7

KIKORI

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by A Liston Blyth to

WAME RIVER

for the purpose of

Quarterly inspection of Native Labour Port Remilly Saw Mills

Left Station on 3/12/26 Returned to Station on 5/12/26

Number of Carriers employed nil Number of Police taken 2

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge " Kismet " A Liston Blyth

Villages visited GAURI

- (1) A sketch map of the district patrolled should accompany the report, showing, as nearly as possible, the positions of the places visited and a copy is to be made for filing on the station. The map is to be furnished whether the patrol is in a well-known district or not. If the patrol is over a route for which a map has already been sent in, a second map is not necessary. A reference to the previous report will be sufficient. If the patrol is over a route of which part has already been included in a map, a suitable sketch should be sent to enable the other places to be added to the previous map. For uniformity the map must occupy one of two sizes of paper—either the size of a half-sheet of ruled foolscap or the size of a whole or double sheet.
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- (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.
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3067/11.23--1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 6/12/26

A. Liston Blyth

Officer in charge of Station.

Resident Magistrate

Delta Division

Patrol Number 14. 1926-7

by

A Liston-Blyth R.R.M.

Object:- To visit saw mill for quarterly inspection.

Friday 3rd December. Being single handed and being informed that the "Varee" would be here for labour work in a few days, and also expecting other station work, I decided that this was possibly the last chance that I might have of visiting the Saw Mill before Christmas. I therefore left after a busy morning in the office on labour for Ogamaba etc, on the "Kismet" at 2 pm, Mr Drummond who has been very ill since his wife died, asked if I minded his going with me for the trip, I had no objection and he came with me.

Running down the Kikori to the Aird Hill passage we reached GAURI, V C APA about 5 15 pm, and anchored, this village is always well kept. Number two cylinder on the engine played up a bit, the weather for a change was fine.

On the morning of the 4th we got away early about 5 30 am as soon as the tide allowed us to get out of the creek, and proceeded the saw mill a direct run through of some 47 miles with nothing interesting to say about it, arrived there at 12 15 pm, and went ashore, arranged for an inspection of the labour after lunch, returned to ship and finished and from 2 pm to 6 pm was kept busy on inspection and general labour matters. Mr Behrens is back from his prospecting trip, he tells me he got within sight of the Hather Gorge that the natives are very scattered, but those he met were quite friendly to him. He said he heard rumors of fighting to the north, this would be towards Macgregor Peaks where we have a patrol listed to explore after the DIKIMA patrol

Patrol 14. 2

He says there are some people in that direction, who come down and raid the scattered people living along the upper Purari quite regularly and that the latter are being slowly exterminated, of course traveler's yarns are always exaggerated. I hope the Macgregor Peaks exploration will get away about end February.

In the evening Mr Lett the general manager asked myself and Mr Drummond to play bridge and we had an enjoyable evening.

A full inspection report has been rendered to C.N.A.

On Sunday the 5th we left at 8 am for Kikori and in the mouth of the Wame met the "Alele" with the G.M.O. aboard, we stopped and he came aboard and told me he would be at Kikori in a few days time. Going on we had more trouble with No 2 cylinder, and did not get off Gauri till 3 pm, where we found the "Revel" hard up on the bank of the river near the village, from her appearance it would appear that she had tried to make the mouth of the creek and missed it, the her captain, native, denied this and said it was "his fashion" to run the ship on the beach instead of anchoring.

He said he wanted nothing, she appeared safe enough till next high tide.

Passin Aird Hill at Mr Drummond's request I stopped to allow him to visit his wife's grave. Leaving ther at 5 30 pm we anchored at Kikori at 8 15 pm.

C. D. Lister & Blyth

RRM 6/12/26

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

21 of 25/26**KIKORI** STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Sydney H. Chance, A.R.M. to
the KIBILI, Aird Hill and SIREBI River Districts for the purpose of
general inspection of villages, examination of males for V.D. and the
enforcement of the M. Regs. Special inspection of new village of DUDUGI.

Left Station on 19/5/26 (First) Returned to Station on 25/5/26 (Finally)

Number of ^{Crew} ~~Carriers~~ employed 10 Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Station canoe only.

Villages visited KIBILI villages of WAIMAKI, KEOBILI, BOIBO, BUA and DEMARI, the
latter now replaced by BABIA: AIRD HILL (Mission Station), SAMOA, KIMUKUMU,
AUA-POROMI, DARJO, MUMURIA; IRINUKU, UTUTI villages of HAIMAGEAU, MOIKIA,
MATI, KIGINU, BRESMARI, UBURAGI, ELELA; SIREBI villages of POLALAWIDI, KABARAU
and DUDUGI.

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

2087/11.23.—1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 11/6/26.*A. J. Stanton & Blyth.*A.R.M.
Officer in charge of Station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice	80	25	40	-	65	14 11	15	Lbs.
Biscuits								
Meat								
Sugar	3	3	-	-	3	1 5	NIL	Lbs.
Tea	1	1/4	-	-	1/4	3	3/4	Lb.
Soap								
Tobacco	4	1/2	3	-	3 1/2	8 6	1/2	Lbs.
Matches								
Kerosene	1/6	-	-	1/6	1/6	4	NIL	Gal.
Tents								
Flies	1						1	Protection goods.
Lamps	2						2	Camp use.
Buckets	2						2	do.
Kerosene Cans								
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.	4						4	Camp use etc.
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks	1						1	Camp use.
Clgs, Shot	12	6	-	-	6	1	6	In lieu of Police M...
TOTAL £						1 6 5		

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

J.P.C.

Mia Colby

RE MI
DUBUJA

The A.R.K.

D.D.

Patrol Number 21.

I will be pleased if you will arrange to leave on Wednesday next the 19th instant for a visit of general inspection of the KIBILI, AIRD HILL, SIREBI and UTUTI villages.

I regret that owing to the collapse of the manifold I am unable to supply you with a launch.

I consider you will require two only A C in addition to your own orderly and you may choose your own informing me of your choice.

Please see if Magistrate's Orders, to which I refer regarding the various Kibili villages are being obeyed.

I am interested in DUDUSI the new village on the SIREBI please see how they are getting on I promised them some seed coconuts when the work was finished.

Irimaka please see if the drain is now in existence if not why not ?

You will suit yourself as to the route you take and make your own arrangements accordingly. Deal with all native matters. V.C. matters being so close can be brought in if any

I should imagine you should be back on Friday evening in case LAURABADA arrives please return at once.

At SAMOA insist on road to Mission being reopened. Where possible inspect males for V.D. I would like to see the son of the V C of WAIMAKI I think he wishes to sign send him in. Young smart looking lad forgotten name.

Please correct map where needed .please initial and return duplicate.

REM 17/5/26

C. A. Tison (Blyth)

gve. Adam 19/5/26.

Report of a Patrol made by Sydney.H.Chance, A.R.M.D.D., to the KIBILI, Aird Hill, UTUTI and SIREBI River Districts for the purpose of village inspections & general.

Instructions received from the R.R.M., to whom this report is furnished for observations, if any, and onward transmission.

D I A R Y .

Wednesday 19/5/25.

Raining heavily early morning. Despatched the station canoe with L/C NAKBA in charge, assisted by A.C. KOROWIA, around to the KIBILI village of WAIMAKI there to wait my arrival, as I was desirous of proceeding overland to the VERU Ck. via OGOMOBU Plantation.

Self, with servant & orderly (A.C. MAINORI), left station at 8.50 and proceeded to OGOMOBU, where I was to pick up Mr A. MacAlpine who wished to look over the land at the back of the existing plantation.

However, the rain had a deterring effect on this gentleman & I went across on my own.

The country at the back of OGOMOBU appeared quite good to me - It takes 2½ hours to walk from OGOMOBU to WAIMAKI, where I arrived drenched and had to change before attempting canoe travel.

As the road across is used a great deal by the KIBILI I issued instructions for them to get it cleaned up & the necessary small bridges made.

WAIMAKE village (V.C. GIBO, H.4, D.1, Pop. 30) very clean & well kept and no cause for complaint.

Leaving WAIMAKI proceeded down the KUTUMI & the VERU to the village of DEMARI. Owing to the flooded nature of the site the residents have moved a little nearer the L.M.S. Station on the point - They call the new place BABIA and, when completed, will be a nice village, being, as it is, on solid ground.

The dam frame is complete: I told them where to put the womens' houses & also selected the site for the R.H.

Arrived at BAUBAUGUINA village on the KIKORI R. at 5.45 p.m. & camped.

Thursday 20/5/26.

Inspected BAUBAUGUINA (V.C. GIGOVI) & found everything very clean & orderly.

Left at 8.0 a.m. (in the rain) for the KIBILI village of KEOBILI.

This used to be a "kombati" but now it has been cleared & the man AUBURU who lives there has erected a nice 100 foot long house and appears to be causing no trouble so I recommend he be allowed to remain there always.

Thursday 20/5/26. Contd.

There were several women in the house & I should say that about 10 or 12 people reside there-AUBURU is the head man.

Left KEOBILI at 10.45 & at 12.45 reached BUA(KIBILI V.C.) on the GARA Ck., a branch of the DOUGLAS River.

The village is on good solid ground & is well kept.

Ordered a kitchen to be built onto the Rest House. Lunched at BUA.

Left at 2.0 p.m. & at 4.30 arrived at the last KIBILI village of DOIBO (R.H., H.10, D.1, under construction, Pop. 50) where camped for the day.

The village on good ground, clean & orderly.

Friday 21/5/26.

Left DOIBO at 8.0 a.m. (Raining) & at 10.10 arrived at AIRD HILL Mission, where I filled up my water tin with tank water.

At 10.40 left for SAMOA(V.C. BIOMA) at which place I went into the question of the road to the Mission being reopened and gave them a week to get the work done. A new s.m. daimo, also a new R.H., are under construction here.

Leaving SAMOA went on to KUMUKUMU(V.C. MARURU) where arrived at 12.30 and lunched. Wonderful work has been done here since my last visit (early '24) and the V.C. deserves great credit. *C/A. P.R. 5. 1925/76.*

Ordered him to put in some new steps on the track going up the hill.

Arrested 3 natives here for unlawfully wearing body clothing: Filthy singlets that only tend to spread skin & other diseases.

Left at 2.30 and at 4.30 arrived at AUA-POROME(V.C. KEWAI). Village very nice and clean & the new R.H. complete. C.N.M. in the evening.

Saturday 22/5/26.

At 9.0 a.m., with the tide, proceeded to KUMUKUMU & on to DARUO(V.C. KAIFI) which village can only be described as "wonderful", that is, for the D.D. The standard of the village is that of the N.E.D. and the people deserve great praise for their efforts.

I quite agree with the R.R.M. that this village should be considered for the award of the prize this year. See P.R. 5/25/26.

Proceeding on, as per sketch map, at 2.0 p.m. halted at a kombati for some lunch & before reaching Kikori inspected MUMURIA(V.C. WAUTI) where I found the village practically deserted, most of the residents having returned to their parent village of DUBUMUBU.

Arrived at Kikori Station at 5.0 p.m.

Copy letter on D.D. advised P.R. 1/19/26

Monday 24/5/26.

Left Kikori at 6.25 a.m. and, with the tide, proceeded straight up to the UTUTI village of HAIMAGEAU where all hands breakfasted.

Then inspected the UTUTI group who have one V.C., by name GIHARI.

All the villages, HAIMAGEAU, KIGINU, ELKLA, UBURAGI & EREMARI were found to be in quite good order. Issued orders re the cleaning out of the drains around the houses, otherwise there was no cause for complaint.

The 5 villages are all prettily situated & surrounded as they are with crotoms & hibiscus plants, look very picturesque.

Left HAIMAGEAU at 12.30 & proceeded up river to the small village of POIALAWIDI - Greatly improved since my last visit & no cause for complaint.

Thence to the new village of DUDUGI (V.C. HOHOTI, H.3, D.1, Pop. about 40).

The V.C. has done good work & his village is as good as any in the District.

Issued him with 30 seed cocoons for planting out - The R.R.M. had already instructed him as to where to put the seedlings.

Leaving DUDUGI reached KABARAU (V.C. KOWOI) at 3.15 and, after I had seen the village, considering the tide and the heavy canoe I had, decided to remain for the night. KABARAU village in very good order.

Tuesday 25/5/26.

Left KABARAU at about 7.0 a.m. & went downstream to the villages of MATE and MOIKIA (V.C. KOHOMERE) both of which were found to be in the usual excellent order. Then inspected IRIMUKU (V.C. DUBAI) & found that the drains had been recently cleaned out as per R.R.M.'s orders and that, otherwise, the village was in its usual very clean state.

Arrived at the Station at 1.0 p.m. & reported to the R.R.M. the results of my trip.

It rained practically the whole time I was on the move and I used more clothing in the 6 days than I have, at other times, used on trips taking three times as long and covering much more ground.

A. R. M. D. D.

A.R.M.D.D.

See over for General Remarks.

Patrol 16 cont.

January 24th. Leaving at 5 am we had a very good run to Kikeri which we reached at 3 15 pm, and I found a recruiter here waiting with boys to sign, Mr Healy reported all correct.

The engine ran very fairly throughout.

So far as I am aware everything on the Purari side is now satisfactory till my return from patrol next month.

C. J. Tolson & B. L. ...

~~RM 25/1/27~~

PATROL REPORT.STATION NUMBER.
17/26-7**KIKORI**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **A. Liston Blyth** to
TURAMA, GAMA. and PAIBUNA Rivers for the purpose of
Enquire into disturbances etc.

Left Station on **29/1/27** Returned to Station on **16/2/27**Number of Carriers employed **16** Number of Police taken **7**Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **Kismet A.L.B. and 3 crew.**

Villages visited **AI DIA. DADEBI. HARAGO. GAMEIA. POIMEA. KESUMUBU.**
IOSIKO. and many Koomabaties etc. NABIO. PEPEHA. DUBUMUBU.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date **17/2/27***A. Liston Blyth*

Officer in charge of Station.

*Copied by
Quarto Dr.*

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.					Returned.			Remarks.
		Crew Police.	& Carriers.	Pris Others. Witns	Total Used.	Government Cost.				
Rice	320	146	50	84	280	3	4	2	40	Charged to A.Cs. & B.Crew
Biscuits	100	35	10	5	50	1	7	1	50	meals travelling launch
Meat	72	42	8	7	66	1	15	9	6	
Fish	24		9	9	18		11	7 1/2	6	
Sugar	50	20	3	7	30				20	
Tea	2	1	---	---	1 lb		1	1	1 lb	
Soap	16	6	---	---	6 lb		1	9	10	
Tobacco	15	3 1/2	12	7 1/2	23	2	15	7		includes Payment canoes men sent in.
Matches	6 doz	28	12	26	5 dz		2	0	1 dz	includes lamps S.P.
Kerosene	8 gals	1	---	2	3		5	0	5 gal	includes navigation lights
Tents	1				1				1	primus stove. etc
Flies	1				1				1	
Lamps	2				2				2	
Buckets	nil				---				---	Launch gear used
Kerosene Cans	nil				---				---	ditto
Knives & Sheaths	nil				---				---	
Knives, 18in.	nil				---				---	
Knives, other	12			6	6		5	3	6	1 knife payment to Chief Pay V.C and presents
Belts	nil				---				---	
Pouches	nil				---				---	
Print	24x				24x		12			1 rami present chief rewards Pay V.C.
Twill	nil				---				---	
Handkerchiefs	nil				---				---	
Beads	nil				---				---	
Mirrors	12			6	6		3		---	1 Mirror present to Chief rewards Pay V.C.
Axes	3				3				3	camp use
Half Axes	nil				---				---	
Tomahawks	6				6		16		---	rewards Pay V.C.
Fuel Launch						14	13	5	---	Launch carried 107 passengers and 60 pris during trip at various times total meals provided 618. notes have been charged
TOTAL £						26	7	8		

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

R.M.

143/25/29

DELTA

Kikori 27/9/29

The Hon. The G.S.

Patrol Reports

In reference to yours No 1289 of the 24th ult I
now return your copy of the report No 17. 26-7 for the
loan of which I thank you.

Ch. Weston Blyth

R.M.

GOVERNMENT SECRETARY.

IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

No. 1289/29.



R.M.D.D., Kikori.

As requested in your letter No.59/25 of the 8th instant, I forward herewith Patrol Report No.17/26 - 7,D.D., so that a copy may be made. Please return when finished with.

H. W. Champion
G.S. 24/8/29.

59/25/29

The Hon. The G.S.

Patrol Reports

The Office copy of my report No 17 of 1926-7
(Turama and Gama) appears to have got lost, apparently
on the close of the police camp, to whom it was lent.

It is too much to ask you to let us have a copy
but if you could return your copy, till we could retype
it I would be much obliged.

William Blyth

R.M. 8/8/29

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RESIDENT MAGISTRATE DELTA DIVISION.

Patrol Report, Patrol Number 17.1926-7.

By A.Liston Blyth R.R.M.

Object;- To meet the R.M. W.D. and do combined patrol of TURAMA river.

2/To enquire into alleged raid on the OBERA or DUGEME people.

January 31st. Left Kikeri per "Kismet" with crew and seven A.C..and Ct

Intpr OWAMU for GOARIBARI, to recruit labour for P.W.D. had some difficulty starting engine, ran down DUBUMUBU passage and anchored at AI I DIA (V.C. ERI) for the night at 4 30 pm. The V.C was away, but V.C. KIMORI was here from Mubagoa, he is the man that reported that escapee KIBAU-U was murdered, a matter for an investigation this patrol.Gave OWAMU his instructions and landed him here, The village was. as is usual here, good no Cases.

On the morning of the first we left early to avoid sea and crossed to MORIGIO, there was however,quite a strong S W wind,and some sea.Anchoring off DADEBI I sent for the V.C. I wish to take him as guide, told these people I would visit them coming bank as I was due to meet R.M. W.D. today at DORIOMO. Continued in achoppy sea to western bank of TURAMA and anchored off deserted village, which I take to be the old GAIMBI see P.R. 17/22-23 (Rentoul) After a meal we went on to the GIBU creek, see above report, but how the "Nivani" got six miles up it/I cannot say after half an hour we could not turn round, and had a lot of trouble with shore lines etc to do it. No sign of any people, as the Morigio man does not seem to know anything of them steamed over to HARAGO, D.D. to get V.C. INAI-I who is well known here, and accompanied Rentoul No sign of the Daru Launch, anchored at HARAGO at 4 pm.

*Nonsense
3 miles up the old Kikeri
could go as far as
6 miles - Nivani
- Rot.*

Patrol 17 cont .

Feb 1st cont. INAI-I reported, village in good order. INAI-I informed me that a recent affray was a combination of BARU or Bell point people against the UMAIDAI and WARIADAI, and several were killed on both sides, further that UMADAI and WARIADAI with some KAIRI were the people who raided my OBERA or DUGEME people and that six were killed and their heads taken, I took complaints against certain men of DORICOMO, UMADAI, WARIADAI and KAIRI and issued warrants.

On the morning of the 2nd start was delayed as we found Y'day water was getting into No 2 cylinder, and we had to repack it, and as the spare packings, sent down, did not fit I had to make one out of rubber insertion, which it is lucky I brought, got away at 7 30 am with V.C. INAI-I and a large canoe and ten paddlers for exploring small creeks, quite a heavy sea on, at 9 am just near the GIBU creek we encountered, or rather saw approaching, for large canoes full of men, in feathers and paint, making up stream, INAI-I said it was another raiding party, made for them to cut them off, they immediately started off down stream and we pursued but could gain nothing on them, they eventually got into the bush on the banks, when we arrived opposite where they disappeared saw it was a small creek, took large canoe and tried to get in touch, whilst doing so those on launch saw them break cover lower down and off again, regained launch and again pursued, at 10 am spotted some shelters hidden by fringe on bank the canoes had gone in again, saw some men there, I went ashore in the Dinghy with 2 A.C. they stood till I was 15 yards away, just glaring and refusing to answer our hails. then they bolted, we landed and went after them found six small shelters, and remains of fire and food, and eight large canoes concealed in a back water, judge it where party we met slept last night, found a well marked pad and followed it track got worse with mud, INAI-I said it led over to the GAMA, and doubtless the men we were after had made for there where their tribal realtions live. Returning to launch we steamed round to the GAMA and after passing the deserted villages of KODAPA and TUDARI, if such places can be called villages, they comparte.

Patrol 17 cont.

Feb 2nd cont. unfavorably with the D.D. komabaties. we anchored at what I was told was POIMEA. also deserted with remains of a rest house showing. the place was dreadful but there have been people here today from marks etc, police ashore to sleep in so called rest house at 6 pm four canoes were seen to come to a higher point watch the launch a time and then retire again.

On the morning of the 3rd we left at 6 30 am but, owing to the negligence of the engineer to go over his engine last night after anchoring, we had to anchor in midstream at 7 15 am, while he cleaned out his pumps. got away at 8 15 am proceeded up GAMA passed a lot of cocomabaties all deserted and anchored at another POIMEA at 8 40 am, here the people remained, and a man named KIOMAI came aboard and said he was the V.C. and that where we slept was called GURUGURURABU, with him was one SOGOMI who said he was V.C. of NEMEDI higher up the river, these men are unclothed, and whilst they have ragged books there is nothing in them they are not DORICOMO'S discussed the recent fighting and my first information appears to be fairly correct, a DORICOMO man and woman, AGEHAU and ADABI went to WARIADAI to buy tobacco, they were killed by DARAVI of WARIADAI and ANAWAI, reported now dead and others, then the Wariadai went to Neabo and made a koomabati, and the Doriomo paid back, V.C. KAIHA with SARARI, DOBADA and BAUWI, and probably others, killed WAREGI E EMU and BIGAI, SOGOMI informed us he was at Doriomo last night and all were then there took V.C. with us and proceeded to NEMEDI, at mouth of WAIWI creek, into which we turned and proceeded up passed numerous deserted garden houses etc and groups that these V.C. dignify as villages at last we reached a collection of huts which SOGOMI dignified as KAIHA'S village the change from the last D.D. village HARAGO, is very great, I have not seen a decent house or dubu yet, and why HARAGO should be so good with these neighbours is strange. Nobody about, despatched A.C. and local V.C.S. to search for people, and summon V.C. KAIHA, at 2 30 pm the cooks ashore on west bank cooking a meal for police called that they could see several canoes up stream. round a point apparently watching us, sent large canoe to creep up under bank out of sight and a flank of police ashore to get round them

General Remarks.

As has been reported many times before the standard of these villages surrounding Kikori Station is very high & reflects great credit on the V.C's and the people.

The inspection of the males for V.D. resulted in 4 men being confined under V.D.warrants.

The only other Native Matter that led to prosecution was the unlawful wearing of clothing & in this regard 3 men were sentenced to 14 days imprisonment in the Kikori Prison.

The inclusion of KEOBILI will,if approved,mean that the KIBILI Tribe will be found in 5 places instead of 4 as pviously.

Since returning to the Station I have been informed that the SAMOA villagers have completed the work on the Mission track.

Sydney H. Chance

A.R.M.D.D. 1/6/26.

R.R.M.D.D./

Herewith my P.R. for your perusal, notes (if any) and onward transmission please.

J.H.C.



Observations

KEOBILI this was at one time considered as being a cause for being declared a forbidden settlement but the matter was left in abeyance and I am now acting on the A.R.M's recommendation and allowing AUBURU to remain.

Mr Chance thoroughly bears out my remarks in P.R. 5 re KUMUKUMU and DARUA and I think that probably the village prise will be divided between these two unless I can use the " garden prise" for one as the latter is almost useless in this division.

I am pleased to see my DUDUGI friends are settling down.

In the present state of the weather it is really rather cruel to ask officers and police to travel per canoe, unfortunately the P.O has also had to do so leaving today in pouring rain.

C. A. Histon Blyth R.R.M. 1/6/26.

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

16/ 1926-7**K I K O R I**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by A Liston Blyth to
Orokola for the purpose of
Conveying Mr Chance to catch the Papuan Chief.

Left Station on 19/1/27 Returned to Station on 24/1/27
 Number of Carriers employed nil Number of Police taken nil
Kismet A Liston Blyth
 Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge
 Villages visited Kaimari. IVIRA. OROKOLA. URIKA. SAW MILL. EVARA

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2087/11.23—1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 25/1/27*A. Liston Blyth*

Officer in charge of Station

Patrol 17 cont

Feb 3rd. cont. At 2 45 followed up in launch, our canoe failed to surprise the party, who off up stream, when they saw it, 5 canoes full of men only, pushed after them with launch, this is one of the occasion where the Govt could do with a little speed, the canoes, with about 20 paddlers each, beat us easily against the tide, however about 4 30 we began to were them down and one canoe made into the bank, the men landed and scattered and we got one called KAMAU, he says he is a Village councillor, asked why he and his ran away when SOGOMI's and KIAMO's did not he dried up. However not before he admitted the DORICOMO- WARIADAI fight was all true, one after another the canoes gave in, and their occupants took to the bush, I was alone on the launch save for two crew boys, all police having been sent to outflank, but they were a long way outdistanced, my admiration goes out to those paddlers, to outpace a 30 hp launch for two hours and then get away takes some muscle. at 4 45 pm we had picked up all the abandoned canoes and I decided to return and pick up police. Returned to KAIHA's Place and anchored, police ashore to sleep with orders to have guard.

Self interviewing the V.Cs, and KAMAU, and learn that SARARI and DOBADA both wanted were in one of the canoes we chased, Spent a very disturbed night as all the abandoned dogs in the universe seem to have arrived here to howl.

Bore passed at 8 40 pm.

On the morning of the 4th decided to proceed higher up as I am told there is a village up there and these people may have made for it. Divided A.C. into two bodies and placed half in each of two canoes with half paddlers each, by so doing we can if needed drop a canoe to pursue much quicker then stopping launch getting one alongside etc Left 7 am on rounding a bend saw three canoes full of men making up stream, KAMAU told me two of the wanted men were in one pursued, at 7 30 am they took to bush dropped one canoe with police to chase took the other higher up and dropped that, to attempt to cut them off, anchored 7 45 am to await result, heard kipples blowing ahead of us. Large bore six waves passed 8 45 am and I went up after it to the village,

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice								
Biscuits								
Meat								
Sugar								Only ordinary Crew rations
Tea								
Soap								
Tobacco								
Matches								
Kerosene								
Tents								
Flies								
Lamps								
Buckets								
Kerosene Cans								
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.								
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks								
Launch as per Log.								9 10 5
								9 10 5
					TOTAL £			9 10 5

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Patrol 17 cont.

Feb 4th cont. arrived at GEMEI, V.C. BANAKI, or so he says, he has nothing to show he is a V.C. every one had cleared save him and an ex local A.C. from Daru, named AGIMO, village not a village, a collection of garden houses, asked where their village proper was, denied they had one, asked where their dubu was, and where they performed MUGURU and kept their AGIBIS etc denied that they did the first, or had the latter, of course a lie, Asked re DORIOMO denied all knowledge. these are BARU, kin to those at Bell point, asked where the DORIOMO village was, said they did not know, asked where all the people, who had run away up stream, were making for it not here, said they did not know.

Later admitted they knew of late fighting and all Doriomo were hiding to take them and pick up police again. left 10 am, all the way down picking up abandoned canoes, we have seven in tow now, all big all full of arrows, with detachable heads, and bows, one arrow has a six inch knife for a head at 11 30 hailed by A.C. EBANI, he had one man GAIBO, they had arrested another SAISO, but he got away, the D.D. seems so controlled now these men have had no experience of this work, their prisoners had both cuffs on one wrist at 12 noon picked up the other party, also had one man MAIKI, interrogating these men they said their people were making for the GIBU, their old home TURAMA side, and that a passage thro did exist as Mr Rentoul thought, but only for canoes, ran down to entrance of this, and decided to send the police through with canoes and take the launch round. Despatched two canoes with police, Village police, and carriers, to meet me at GIBU, Self went on and up the main GAMS to another place where the local V.C. now said KAIHA was, drew another blank deserted, turned about and went down GAMA to mouth to little water to go round to TURAMA in dark so anchored inside point.

What beats me is that I can find no trace of the main Doriomo village mentioned in P.R. 17.22/23 Kikori as MOMOKI and the men I have deny it exists. I cannot find a dubu let alone a village. On the morning of the 5th proceeded to sea, was glad I had sent canoes thro small passage, in this sea I could not have towed them, stern gland leaking badly anchored at GIBU 11 am and worked all the afternoon on the stern gland. Police got thro evening

R E S I D E N T M A G I S T R A T E D E L T A D I V I S I O N

Patrol Report Number 16 1926-7

January 19th. Mr S H Chance having returned from patrol and there being a chance that he could get the Papuan Chief and so accompany his sick wife to Port Moresby, I decided to try to get him to Orokola in time to meet her, we left at 9 30 pm this evening and ran direct towards Kaimari, which we reached by the outside passage in time for early breakfast.

Leaving here we ran on to IVIRA the doctor's base, having some difficulty in the Kanibo and Urika creeks with logs etc, we reached IVIRA in time for lunch, and Mr Chance was able to see the doctor regarding the condition of his wife.

From here we went on to Orokola, and anchored there to await the Chief.

January 21st. At anchor at Orokola, I myself spent most of the morning with Mr Headon attempting to get his tractor to go, it seems mainly the mixture that has been hanging her up and we did get her to "kick". I returned aboard to sleep Mr Chance preferring the shore, but I do not like Orokola as an anchorage and prefer to be aboard.

On the morning of the 22nd the ship came in about 8 30 am and I was able to put Mr Chance aboard and to retrieve my own wife, as the necessity for her to go to P.M. had now ceased. We left for home at 11 30 am and calling again at IVIRA had lunch, and then went to URIKA and stayed the night at the Mission.

January 23rd. Leaving URIKA at 8 30 am we went direct to the saw mill where I knew there were cases etc waiting, arriving at abt 2 pm, I did some labour work, and other small matters that might not get attention for some time if I go TURAMA.

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Patrol 17. cont.

SUNDAY the sixth at anchor launch washed down police searching Koomabaties, self very heavy fever bed most of day.

On the 17th left for HARAGO to send mails to Kikori, both pumps gave way and 8 am till 12 noon working on them, got away 12 noon and anchored HARAGO at 1 30 pm, I am sending the Local V.Cs and the Doriomo warrants to Daru, to allow the R.M. to question them himself they have done nothing but tell me a different yarn ever time, and I have not any more time to waste at DORICOMO if I am to get thro my own programme, it is a pity the Daru launch did not come as promised as I am sure with the combined lot we might get these men. V.C. INU of GABADIA Morigio reported, despatched him with A.C. KMI, and the people for Daru, and mails to Kikori, and letter re spares for launch Fever very bad again night after getting rid of business went to bed.

On the 8th. waited for tide and left for UMADAI at 7 45 am, weather cold and blustery self very seedy aching all over. from 9 45 till 11 30 we were at half speed looking all over the river for a passage at last stopped engine to prevent fouling pumps, dinghy out sounding for passage, got away at 12 15 pm, on a totally different course to that emphatically pointed out by INA-I, and anchored at KESUMUBU, or as they call it now EREHEMUDA, Umaidai, V.C. SOGI-I at least he says he is the V.C., but he has neither uniform nor register, (it should be noted that UMADAI Island or Island are not round a sharp bend as shewn on the map, but are in full view of Morigio.) Discussed the DORICOMO, Wariadai with SOGI-I and he says there was no general fight, Wariadai killed a man and a woman, and DORICOMO killed a man and a woman, and that is all, my information is correct as to names BIGAI was not killed and is at home. Examined re raid on the OBERA people D.D. he gives me the names of SO-ONA, WAGEBA, EAVI, M. IPAU, all of this village, and SERIAU MALALI, GAIGAI, and KINU of V.C. BASAKI's village Umaidai and BAMA, NADCI and BOREGI of Wariadai as being in it.

By this time half the population were along side offering bits of big to the police etc etc. SO-ONA was arrested and confirmed the story.

Patrol 17 cont.

Feb 8th cont. I addressed the people in the canoes and told them they had better go and bring me the other men concerned, as they did not want another came like Rentoul's down here surely, they went ashore, and I followed with 2 A.Cs. collected all people, save the other three wanted men, who had cleared when they saw me come ashore, harangued the mob for an hour on the folly of their ways, and they went off ostensibly to look for the there men, SOGI-I noticed did not go. Sent off to launch for police and fly and supervised erection of it so that it can only be approached one side, warned them to keep a good guard, by this time I was so ill I could hardly stand and got aboard and for the second time in my life took my own temperature. I was 104.5 Gave an old chief AMAI a six inch knife and mirror and a jam smeared biscuit, which he looked at then licked then gave away.

Morning of 9th dozed a little towards morning, sent for SOGI-I told them I would remain till they gave the men I wanted, SOGI-I asked for handcuffs and said he would go and get them. Sent up for BASAKI, police washing clothes etc, self ill.

BASAKI arrived, he announced he was a V.C., as usual there was nothing whatever to shew it, I am afraid I do not agree with the idea of not clothing the bush V.C. I think the continued presence of the uniform has a salutary, effect, here unless one knew, one would not know a V.C. from any one else, and INAI-I my D.D. V.C. keeps tripping, as he interprets me, by saying "you get Govt clothes (tapping his own) you get Govt pay waiden you do Govt work proper" to which they naively answer we dont " which flattens my elowuence.

Talking to BASAKI for two hours, and sent him to bring the men from his place implicated he said he would and gave me one KINU who had come with him as a paddler. Fever mounting again, I would request another wather tank for the launch, ours is now empty, and we are drinking liquid mud.

Had to give in at 5 pm temp 103.8 At about 6 pm. SOGI-I reptd back and said he had found no one,

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Patrol cont 17.

I was lying down in the cabin I questioned his very carefully and found two of the men had been in canoes alongside all the time , I warned SOGI-I that he must be careful, that as V.C. he was liable to gaol for thus misleading us, reading the named again he agreed, I forgot the open port, suddenly there was a swirl of wather alongside and a canoe off for the shore. SOGI-I immediately dived for the door and jumped overboard, he was carried away by the tide, I ran out called A.C.on shore to send two men in a canoe to get SOGI and self made for shore in the dinghy, as fast as I could, as the canoes, full of men were making straight for the police fly and I feared trouble from excitable police when I got ashore the canoes swerved off and made off up the SIDI-KEROMO creek, meantime the whole village emptied like magic.

Police picked SOGI up, and he was now quite defiant, I believe he was in the raid himself really, I asked his why he bolted, and he said his fighting men were in the canoe and heard some of my talk and made sigme to him thro the port to clear out. This swirl of excitement did not improve my head and malaise, and I collapsed after having SOGI taken aboard and impressing on shore police need for guard At 9 15 pm was again disturbed this time more welcome BASAKI had returned and handed over his remaining three men SERIAU. MALAI. and GAIGAI. Rewarded him with some articles of trade.

On the morning of the 10th left at 5 25 am with BASAKI and SOGI to search SEDIKEROMO creek, on Mr Rentoul's report.13/11-17.11.23. I expected to get up a fair distance, but in a quarter of an hour was unable to proceed owing to width of creek, BASAKI and SOGI wanted to go on and get the men, as I prefer these people to bring their own evil doers, I agreed, and they left in a canoe, launch rtd to acnhorage and police searched further gardens, Fever bad again temo 103.5

11th Drums beating all round last night. police searching small creeks all round. another heartbreaking disappointing day, no sign of SOGI and BASAKI, think they have cleared. SOGI arrived evening empty handed told him I was going WARIADAI tomorrow and to get his people in by the time I came back, BASAKI did not return.

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Patrol 17 cont.

12th. waited for bore left 6 am with all personnel and proceeded up stream passed MOGODIO, V.C. BASAKI best village I have seen this side yet. Later passed KOA, a new village of V.C. SOGI's of which I had heard at Kikori. deserted. at 8 45 passed IOSIKU, WARIADAI, and anchored TUKAKOI, V.C. NAINI at 8 55 am. C.V. NAINO alone remained in village he came off to boat, he actually had a very old A.C. sulu and a ragged red sash and what had been a V.C. book, no information in it however.

he has been been paid for two years he says. He says he does not want to be V.C., no clothes, no pay. to satisfy him I gave him two years pay in trade at 10/- a year and a second hand rami.

Left 9 30 am and, taking him went up stream, passed BANATO also deserted, passed SARAGI, scene of murder of Morigio carriers during Rentoul's 1922/23 patrol, deserted and fallen down. Passed KOMOI creek, I cannot reconcile the creek, which NAINI swears to with Mr Rentoul's 75 yrd mouth (same report) It is only abt 20. went on to WARIADAI boundary, to get clear water and fill tanks stopped at 12 10 to do so left on return at 12 30., NAINI says all the villages up KOKMI, and its two arms, the SESEMU and the IOGORIWO where he was himself arrested, are now deserted. During run had long talk with him he admits the whole of the OBERA raid, gave me more names also, and says he was there but killed no one. anchored SARAGI 3 30 pm and searched two small creeks to find house where skulls taken at OBERA were hidden, it appears WARIADAI got two, UMADAI two and KAIRI two. Found house and found skull therein. That was my party the other found two houses with men in them who ran away but no skulls.

Went on at 5 45 pm and anchored at IOSIKU went ashore to see all corre

Patrol 17 cont.

12th cont. some people about very nervous told NAINI to tell them police were coming ashore to sleep and not to be frightened. Police came erected fly, talked to people re fighting etc. NAINI and INAI-I who is Wariadai by birth said they would get me there, I have, if I left it to them, agreed. Went aboard to eat, at 9 pm the V.Cs returned with three canoes full of men, they pointed out to me NADOI, BORIGI and GAMAI, their arrest was quietly effected, tho at first I thought they would make a break by swimming, they smoothed down. of the unarrested WARIADAI there are SIPAI-A, WAROMI MIRIAI and ABI, both V.Cs. assure me that I have the main men concerned, my object is to bring in representatives of all villages, that were concerned in the raid, to prove to our own OBERA'S we are looking after them, and to prevent them rataliating and upsetting that part of the D.D.

On morning of 13th left for UMADAI, after a final talk with NAINI, and warning him DARU might yet ask for more men concerned, if I am to do the KIBAU business I must move, as my fuel and food will not last out, not kerosene, but benzine, and there is no more on station. Bore 8 30 am went after it passed and found MOGCDIO and KESUMUBU still deserted I must send these warrants to Daru, at 1 30 pm paid off and dropped INAI-I. anchoring NABIO, V.C.KOVEA at 2 40 pm, glad to see a D.D. village again, ashore and examined KOVEA re KIBAU murder in which two of his men, DUMAU and MAUWI, are said to be implicated. All flatly denied it, Police ashore here to keep these people ran over to GABADIA, V.C.INU to anchor, NABIO is no good. Inspected village, good, INU has done good work. Told men I wanted, said to be KIMORI's witnesses, are at DADEBI,

On the 14th left for DADEBI, went up to village in dinghy, good order, heard one sorcery case, obtained witnesses, re KIBAU, and went over to NABIO, continuad enquiry witnesses say KIMORI told them what to say and they know nothing. Despatched 4 A.C. with KOVEA overland to PEPEHA to arrest there men there under suspicion

Patrol 17 cont.

14th cont. The stern tube will not hold with the brass screws I had, this morning the water was over the floor boards, and we had to pump continuously all day yesterday, while running. left NABIO and ran down to AI-IDIA to get KIMORI, anchored AI-IDIA spent two hours trying all ways to fix stern tube, frightened launch will sink on us, then ashore and interviewed KIMORI, he now admits that the broken bones he brought me at Kikori, and swore were KIBAU's, were alligator's bones, which in places are very like human. I believe the whole thing is a yarn to prevent the Govt looking any more for his brother in law.

Arranged with V.C.ERI to take Prisoners to Kikori tomorrow the further mails I do not know yet if I will be back for steamer.

15th. Left early and proceeded up Paibuna to PEPEHA creek, up to village in dinghy, V.C. AUKA reported, and Police, they had the there men, continued KIBAU enquiry all swear he is not dead there men Concerned are KEMANI, WAIKI, ERAMI. I told them, and the two V.C.s Nabio and Pepeha, that their village were under suspicion of murder, that the best way they could prove it false was to find KIBAU, who is on the Paibuna somewhere, and bring him to me, I told them I gave them a month and after that I would have to believe they killed him

They agreed to get him. Left Papeha and ran to DUBUMUBU, V.C. KALO, and anchored for night. Village in good order.

16th Left 5 50 am and arrived at Kikori 8 10 am.

Launch was promptly put on slip with water up to floor again Mr O.Regan reported nats in absence etc.

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Patrol 17 continued.

General Remarks.

To begin with I regret that no map accompanies this report I would refer to Mr Rentoul's last report of TURAMA river. and to Divisional map for where it affects D.D. I thinking Daru would meet me had no instruments with me. I regret that R.M. W.D. did not turn up, we might have made a better showing.

The western bank of the TURAMA cannot be called under control the V.Cs, so called, have no authority, and I think taht absence of all signes, vestiges, or insignia of rank, things which greatly appeal to the native mind, has something to do with this.

Lack of registers meant I gleaned no real information locally, save thro dual interpretation, and that is bad, after some hours of talk interpreters will tell one anything to shut one up.

The Deriomo seem to have left the TURAMA, I venture to suggest a police camp. of two to there months, on this river, Daru to supply the O C , and most police, and I will if necessary supply P.O. I would strongly recommend the provision of either a WATERMOTA admiralty tested, 4½ hp outboard motor, for use on canoes or if unprocurable, being English, then a Safix Miller, but the former are good and used in the Navy, It would be invaluable and great use could be found for it here afterwards, also the next patrol must have a good and useful size filter the water is dreadful and several of my boys have broken out in small boils.

I am sorry we effected no more, I was not prepared for an indefinite stay, my main object was the OBERA raid as affecting my own division and in this we did something, a copy of the Kibau enquiry will be forwarded when I get a chance,

My own attack of fever did not improve matters much. Warrants where needed have been sent to Daru.

RRM 16/2/27.

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

18/26.27.

KIKORI STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **O? Healy** to
Upper Paibuna River for the purpose of

**visiting villages and bringing in witnesses concerned
in alleged raids.**

Left Station on **1/3/27** Returned to Station on **10/3/27**

Number of Carriers employed **10** Number of Police taken **2**

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **Station Dinghy returned**

Villages visited **PAI-IA-A, MUBUGOA, KEME, KIBEEI, KAUMAP HOMAVA, SOROBO,
IOWA, NAGORO,**

Refer to map ^{PR} No 13 25/26

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2087/11.23.—1,800

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date **14/3/27***C. J. Tison Blyth*

Officer in charge of Station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice	40 lbs	10	30		40	9 2 --		
Biscuits								
Meat	4'	4				2 10 --		
Sugar								
Tea								
Soap								
Tobacco	6 lbs	1 lb	4 lbs	1 1/2 lbs	6	14 6 ---	1 1/2 lbs P.H.F.	
Matches								
Kerosene	1 gall			1/2 gall	1/2 gall	10 1/2 gall		
Tents								
Flies								
Lamps	2						2	
Buckets								
Kerosene Cans	2						1	
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.								
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print	12/11/11				1 1/2			
Twill								
Handkerchiefs	1				1	1 0 --		
Beads								
Mirrors	1				1	5 1/2		
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks	1				1	5 0		
Benzine						2 4		
TOTAL £						1 16 9 1/2		

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

RESIDENT MAGISTRATES'S OFFICE, n DELTA DIVISION.

Kikeri, D/D.

N/O/. 1P.18/85/26.

G.Healy, Esq.

I shall be very pleased if you will be prepared to leave on Tuesday Morning, the 1st Prox. for the Upper Paibuna.

The object of your trip is to discover and bring in any witnesses that you can find, either in the Dugma, or Obera Districts as to the recent raid by the Gariada and Umaidai people.

I understand that on this raid, at the very least 7 persons were killed. From the information the police have, we have issued warrants and have arrested, eight persons, accused of the murder of one GAMAU and other (names not known), it will therefore, your business to find out who the others were, and if possible discover what happened to the skulls.

You may (if she runs) take the big dinghy with the new Outboard. It would be necessary for you if you do so, to call at Aird Hill to borrow one case of benzine, as we have none on the Station at present/.

Your party will consist of, Engine Boy OMAI, (if you take the outboard) A.G.'s UHUMA, and MAINU. and the PAIBUNA natives at present on the Station.

I wish you a good trip, which I think will only be of about 10 days duration. Please return duplicate to me.

C. Healy
C. J. Tison Blyth

REPORT OF PATROL No. 18 of 1926/27

DELTA DIVISION

by

G. Healy

Acting under the instructions of R.R.M. D.D. I left Kikeri in the big station dinghy and outboard motor at 7.30am accompanied by A.C. UMBIA and MAINU for the purpose of visiting Upper Paibusa villages and bringing in witnesses concerned in raid by WARIDAI and UMIDAI on OMBRA people.

1/3/27 Left Kikeri at 7.30 am. After going a few miles the water pump of small engine stopped. Having no tools to take it off I called into BABIA village and sent the dinghy and motor back to Kikeri. Some KAHAMOI people were returning to their village so I hired them to take me as far as PAI-IA-A. Arrived at PAI-IA-A 10pm. Most of people away at HAGORO dance. Paid KAHAMOI people.

2/3/27 PAI-IA-A village in good condition. Left PAI-IA-A with 3 paddlers and a big canoe and went on to MUBUGOA where I got a few more paddlers. MUBUGOA village in good order. Went on to KEME (V.C. GIROBAI) where we arrived at 3.30 pm. Inquired for a big canoe and was told that there was one available. Paid PAI-IA-A and MUBUGOA men.

3/3/27 Left KEME 7.0am and went on up Paibusa. Lunched at komabati. Raining heavily. Left komabati at 2.30pm. At 6.30pm pulled canoe into small creek and waited for bore to pass. Bore very small. Left creek at 7.30pm and went on to KIBENI where we arrived at 2.30 am

4/3/27 Resting. No people in Village except 2 old women. The rest of people are away preparing feast for BUGURO. Village in very good order.

5/3/27 Left KIBENI at 7.30am proceeded up stream. Left canoes and went on to KAUMA where we arrived at 3.0pm.

G. Healy
C.P.O.

14/3/27

Plenty of people in village making a new dubu - a bigger building than the old one. A Rest house has been erected. These people asked for a Village policeman and brought forward the son of chief SAIBI. I decided to take him to Kikori and see if the R.M. would recommend him. Spent evening inquiring into alleged raid by WARIDAI and UMIDAI. Could find out nothing. The people say that the WARIDAI and UMIDAI do not come over this side to fight. That they are their friends and they come over to buy tobacco. They say that only lately some WARIDAI people went down and raided the DORIONO people and some went up the Turana to tributary called MINUMU on the DARU side and fought some people there. Name of tribe not known. Villages named SIPOI, MUBAMI and KARIKANI.

Waridai
say Koro
to MINUMU
(2 names)
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Here was told that there were no people at SOROBO and that they had all gone bush because Mr. Blyth had taken 2 Sorebe men to Kikori and they thought he might come back and take some more.

6/3/27 Left KAUMA at 7.30am and went on to HOMAVA where we arrived at noon. Here also was told that there were no people at Sorebe. Left carriers at HOMAVA and went on to SOROBO. Here I found that what the people had told me was true as the dubu looked as if it had not been lived in for at least 2 weeks. Went back to HOMAVA and spent the evening trying to find out about raids. Here got the same story as at KAUMA

7/3/27 LEFT HOMAVA at 7.0am and went back through KAUMA to KIBENI where we arrived at 4.30 pm. Raining heavily. All people have returned to village.

8.3.27 Left KIBENI 7.30am and went down stream to komabati where we arrived at 12.30pm. Waited till 3.30pm for tide to turn and then went on to IOWA. Arrived at IOWA 12.45pm. Village good.

9/3/27 Left IOWA and went on to NAGORO. Arrived Nagoro at 4.30 Village in fair order.

10/3/27 Left NAGORO and proceeded to KIKORI where we arrived at

C. Healy

6.0 pm

OBSERVATIONS

5/3/27

The absence of the SOROBO people is explainable in that I arrested two men from there, NADOI and BORIGE, on the TURAMA as being concerned with the WARIADAIS and UMADAIS in the late raids.

Great difficulty is being experienced in finding out for certain whether the raid was on the OBERA people D D or the OBERI people W.D. My information on Turama patrol was that it was the former. I am not sure that the patrol actually went far enough as OBERA would appear further than HOMAVA on the map. The C P O was limited to time however.

It is known that an AVISIHOMI man named ISONI X assisted in this raid, and it would hardly seem likely that a single man would cross the TURAMA and assist in a raid on the Daru side, my information was that he led the raiders to OBERA, this may of course be all wrong and OBERI be the place raided but interpretation was very difficult.

V.C. SOGIO of UMADAI has just arrived on station.

C. A. Tison & Blyth

~~REM DD 14/3/27~~

X Avisonemi 28/3/27.

All Avisonemi people say they have no man here by this name & all deny that the OBERA (D.D.) (really OBE) people have been raided. They say that the WARIADAIS do not go to the "Daru side"!

JHC

A. B. M.

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

22/26-7

K I K O R I STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by A Liston Blyth and S.H. Chance. to
GOPI. ANU+GIPi and IRA Districts (KIPALA people) for the purpose of
General inspection

Left Station on 30.5.27 Returned to Station on 5.6.27
 Number of Carriers employed abt 10 Number of Police taken 4
 Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Kismet A. Liston Blyth.
 Villages visited As per body of report total 27.

FOR MAP SEE PATROL NUMBER 3 of 1926-7

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2087/11.21.—1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 6/6/27*A. Liston Blyth*

Officer in charge of Station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice	32							
Biscuits								
Meat								
Sugar								
Tea								
Soap								
Tobacco			2 lbs	1 lbs	3	7	3	
Matches								
Kerosene								
Stoves								
Flies								
Lamps								
Buckets								
Kerosene Cans								
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.								
Knives, other								
Belts								
Ponches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks								
Fuel						7	11 10	
TOTAL						7	19 1	

With the exception of the above there was nothing used except ordinary rations for police and crew which have been charged to their respective votes.

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

RESIDENT

MAGISTRATE

DELTA

DIVISION.

Patrol Report Number of 1926/27.

Monday 30th May.

Left Kikeri in Launch "Kismet" at 8.0 a.m., accompanied by Mr S.H. Chance, A.R.M., for the purpose of inspecting the GOPI and ERA River Districts which portion of the Division I have up to date never seemed to have had an opportunity of seeing, and I took the opportunity of things being fairly easy on the station for the A.R.M. to accompany me as he has an extensive knowledge of these districts.

Had a good run down to AIRD HILL where we stopped and saw Mr Butcher who wished to point out to me some small matters connected with the repairs to the "Kismet" lately done by the Technical School.

Leaving there we went on to GAURI (V.C. APA) where we lunched - The office did not go ashore but left the inspection till the return trip.

Going on from there great excitement was caused on the boat by a sudden jar on the propeller which nearly stopped the engine: Investigation proved that we had nearly beheaded a very fine kingfish, which was brought aboard and later enjoyed by all hands.

Going up the MOREDI River we had another check - This time the engine stopped and we found that the shaft had seized in the after bearing as it did on the trial run (See Log May 25th) : There is no doubt, as Mr Butcher said, the stern bearings are too tight a fit for the shaft. Fifty minutes work entailing the removal of the inner packing gland saw us again on our way but the jar had apparently disorganised the gears as the boat refused to go astern.

We arrived at O-UBO Village (V.C. KAIMURU) not long before dark and the officers immediately proceeded ashore, being met by the V.C., and inspected the village - It was in quite fair order and these rather distant people have done quite well as regards rest houses.

Later, after dinner, the evening was spent in interviewing the V.C.

Tuesday 31st May.

Left O-UBO at 6.30 a.m. & proceeded to GOIRAVI (V.C. AIGAU) - On arrival examined the gearbox and found that it was too big a job to undertake on patrol.

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Tuesday 31st May, Contd.

Inspected the village - as usual in a very poor state & the V.C. is being recommended for dismissal as he is utterly useless and incompetent: He will be replaced as soon as possible by a younger man.

Ordered the destruction of two tumble-down houses, the owners of which were dead. Various repairs ordered.

From here we went on to BAWI (V.C. AMAI) & sent the launch back to I-ARI there to anchor and await the officers.

Inspected BAWI Village - The R.H. was in a bad state and the m.m. dubu had partially fallen down.

Steps have been taken to replace the dubu by a new building, and the V.C. who has formerly had good reports was warned not to slack off in his work.

From here we proceeded in canoes to HOMOBAWI Village - this small village was in good order - thence to MEAGOMA (V.C. NAIPAKAI).

The m.m. dubu here had also fallen down and it was noted that they were rebuilding it in sections on the same site, which is an unusual practice: Here also the V.C. had to be spoken to regarding the state of the two rest houses, but the rest of the village in fair order & the present V.C. has made some improvements.

From MEAGOMA, still in canoes, we went across to UBUA Village (V.C. WAIPAKAI) I)
There was nothing in this village to call for remark.

Thence we proceeded on to GOPI Village (V.C. *FINIE*) - Here the platform to the g.m. dubu in a bad state of repair and eight young men were given 2 weeks to get a new platform made: Their names were entered in the V.C.'s Register for next visiting officer.

Returning to the launch we had lunch and then inspected I-ARI (V.C. AIBARU). This village has the best R.H. seen this trip: It is built practically in the form of a small dubu and is quite comfortable.

The rest of the village appeared in quite fair order: The A.R.M. investigating a case of alleged sorcery which was remanded.

Leaving I-ARI we started for TETEHUI, in the launch, but about 4.0 p.m. we grounded on a sandbank owing to the low state of the tide.

Getting off before dusk we started again, but having again grounded we decided to anchor for the night as it was dark. The police were sent on to the village to sleep.

Wednesday 1st June.

Waited for the tide till 9.0 a.m. when we proceeded upstream to EBEGAU Village (V.C. POGA). The R.H. here was quite good: One dubu had fallen down but a new one, on dryer ground—a better site—, had been built to replace it.

Generally the village was quite fair: There were no cases—Made enquiries from the V.C. if he had heard anything of V.C. TONAI of GORAU but he said he had not heard anything of him for some time.

From EBEGAU we went to TETERUVI (Same V.C.) - The village was in quite fair order—Some necessary cleaning was ordered.

Proceeding downstream we anchored at last night's anchorage and the officers proceeded by canoe up the WAITARI Creek to the village of the same name (V.C. POGA) and here found a new dubu & a new R.H. in course of construction.

The late V.C. of this village (WAIDU-U) who resigned has not yet been replaced - A couple of applications for the position were received: It has not yet been decided whether this place requires a man.

V.C. POGA should be able to look after the three ANU-GIPI villages.

Rejoining the launch and proceeding downstream till 12.30 the officers left her again in canoes for the purpose of inspecting ANI-ODI and FURI villages: After leaving the launch we found that ANI-ODI has been abandoned since the last visit, the people having gone to reside at GOR GOIRAVE, so we went direct to FURI (V.C. KAI-I-I).

We found FURI Village to be the best so far inspected as well as being the largest: Some minor repairs required to the R.H. were ordered to be done.

Rejoining the launch we had not gone very far when we had to stop to attend to a seized pump—This and the fact that the tide was against us prevented us from reaching our objective which was HAROMERE and we decided instead to visit VAI-ANU.

Anchoring in the BARO Creek off the approach to this village we found we couldn't possibly get ashore from the dinghy, in which we sank to the top (and over) of our gum-beets and any attempt to walk meant one left his beets behind so, it being in any case 5.0 p.m. we returned to the launch for the night: The police were able, however, to get ashore to village to sleep.

Thursday 2nd June.

Left launch at anchor and proceeded by road to VAIAMU Village: It is not advisable for anybody to use this road without gum boots.

At the Village we were met by U.C. OMAMU of the group and went at once to IODIO Village - A nice little place where apparently only 4 men and their families now live, the rest having gone to AIME on the ERA.

A Civil Claim to be heard in this village was settled out of court.

We proceeded downstream to TAUNAMUTUA - The village quite in fair order but here the V.C. was found to be suffering from venereal disease, for concealing which disease he was dealt with and, as it was found that he has failed badly in the discharge of routine duties his dismissal will be recommended in due course.

Inspected VAIAMU where orders were given for the building of a bridge over a creek on the road and the provision of a small jetty at the landing on the BARO Creek.

Returning to the launch we proceeded upstream to KAWRI (IOWA-MAIPUA) (V.C. KAITA) - A good R.H. here, also a new dubu and the village generally showing signs of gradual improvement.

Very few people were in the village, the bulk being away at their gardens up the IOWA Creek.

From here we went overland - a very muddy track about a mile long - to ARU-U or ERA-MAIPUA (V.C. WOI-I): Only one man was in the village the V.C. and the others away up the ERA R. getting building material.

Signs of this being the case were bundles of geru palm etc. anchored near the village - From all appearances they have been engaged on this work for some time.

The V.C. had left his beek and what orders were necessary were entered and explained to his representative left behind, the ex V.C. by the way.

Returning to the launch we went to KOIRAVI Village (V.C. OWE) - The A.R.M. inspected this village as owing to the difficulties of the creek and the fact that the engine would not reverse ~~the~~ preferred to remain aboard and look after the vessel, which had to be taken down to the main river and there await the arrival of the A.R.M. in the dinghy.

The A.R.M. reported on returning that two men who were ordered a year ago to erect new houses had failed to do so.

Thursday 2nd June. Contd.

Two A.C's were left behind & ordered to arrest these two defaulters and bring them and the V.C. to NAROMERE later.

The V.C. of this village is also very unsatisfactory and frightened of alleged sorcerers and will probably be replaced as soon as possible.

From KOIRAVE we proceeded across the ERA and up the BIE-I Creek to BARAVI Village (V.C.KA-AI) - This man has made considerable improvements and only a few minor details needed pointing out.

We remained at BARAVI for the night.

Friday 3rd June.

Leaving BARAVI at 6.15 a.m. we proceeded to NAROMERE Village (V.C.IELAI) on the GIEI Creek: Quite a number of people here which it is pleasing to note as they have hitherto been very shy and inclined to run away. Eight large and brand new canoes were drawn up on the creek bank in readiness for the launching ceremony for which they seem to be preparing for the largest bundles of sage seen yet (some being man height and weighing probably several hundredweights each) were stacked on the dubu platform - The sage itself was in a species of cradle made of strips of cane.

The people were quite friendly and cheerful and the village not at all bad.

Here we picked up the A.C's despatched last night with the two men wanted.

Going upstream with a canoe and carriers in tow we anchored at the mouth of the AUMANI Creek from where the officers went in canoe to MAILAWANA Village (V.C.KOIVI). This village showed a marked improvement from previous reports and though our arrival caused some excitement and some women took their children and started to run the interpreters soon persuaded them to come back and they were quite friendly and pleasant in the course of our visit.

Returning to the launch we ran down to AIME (V.C.BEO) - The village was in quite good order and a new dubu finished: Here also they were getting ready for a bugura ceremony.

A few minor repairs to the R.H. were ordered.

Friday 3rd June, Contd.

From AIME we went on downstream to GIGORI (V.C. WAHE) - A new dubu is in course of erection and the village is in quite good order.

The V.C. who also looks after RAVIWANA has rebuilt the two rest houses at the latter place, the only addition required being a kitchen the construction of which was ordered.

As it was understood that this village had had some trouble with IMEIA village the V.C. was taken across with us to IMEIA (V.C. AUBA) where it was found that the dispute between the two villages had been amicably settled.

Here the A.R.M. held court on the two men arrested at KOIRAVI who were convicted of not rebuilding their houses.

IMEIA itself was in good order and AUBA appears to be trying to please. His attention was drawn to a few minor matters.

After lunch we proceeded to KIPI (GOPI District) (V.C. ONIA) where the village was really quite good and ONIA seems quite a capable V.C. One complaint was received which on investigation by the R.R.M. was dismissed: We remained at anchor here for the night.

On the run down the engine appeared to be vibrating more than usual and an examination on anchoring disclosed the fact that the outer stuffing-box of the stern tube had again come adrift this time breaking 5" coach screws: Although the Technical School at AIRD HILL to which the launch had been sent prior to this trip said in their report that they did not think the alignment was bad - I personally can see no other reason for this continuous carrying away of bearings and wear on the shaft.

This naturally made us rather uneasy as with both stuffing boxes gone there is a considerable leak and further it will mean that after this trip we will probably be once again without the services of the launch ~~Sattisaghotarival~~ of the boatbuilder who is expected at AIRD HILL.

With an early morning start we ran down to GAURI and inspected the village. V.C. APA does his work well and we had nothing to complain of. Leaving here we went on to AIRD HILL where we lunched with the Revd Butcher, discussed the shaft troubles and arranged for "Kismet" to come here and go on the slip to be properly fixed by the boat builder expected next boat. From here we ran on to KIKORI arriving at 6 pm and finding all correct.

GENERAL REMARKS

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I was very pleased at getting an opportunity of seeing the GOPI and ERA districts in company with the A.R.M. as that officer has practically "run" these districts since 1924. After reading Mr Bastard's report No 19.23/4 one cannot help but be struck by the improvement in these districts, instead of the running away the people remained and greeted us in a very friendly fashion, the villages are also improving, and whilst most of them are on rather hopeless sites, for beautifying, yet they seem to be learning to try to keep them tidy. Infinite patience is required still with these people, and things cannot be rushed, the older generation still object to us, and show it, but the younger are coming into line. It is not the easiest thing to get V.C in these districts though this will probably change when work boys come back.

A noticeable feature is the absence of courts, adultery charges, so conspicuous in the Burari, amount to practically nil, though I suppose it occurs, I can only imagine they settle by payment.

A new type of fish trap was noticed as per sketch, this is of basket work cone shaped and lined with thorns, then a shell fish is placed at the end and the fish trying to get the bait is impaled on the thorns, Mr Chance tells me he had just lately read in the Australian Museum Magazine a description of these as used in China and elsewhere, we

were told they were also used in Gouarabari tho we have never seen them. An effort will be made to obtain samples.

On the whole it was a most interesting trip and the present state of these villages and people speaks well for the patience and tact of the officers who have been visiting them in the last year or so.



RRM

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

23/26-7**KIKORI**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **A Liston-Blyth** to**Koriki, Purari and Maipua** for the purpose of**settling outstanding matters paying W H L & D H A/C**Left Station on **9/6/27** Returned to Station on **16/6/27**Number of Carriers employed **10** Number of Police ^{taken} ~~two~~ **two**Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **NEURI A Liston-Blyth**Villages visited **see body report****Divisional Map**

- (1) A sketch map of the district patrolled should accompany the report, showing, as nearly as possible, the positions of the places visited and a copy is to be made for filing on the station. The map is to be furnished whether the patrol is in a well-known district or not. If the patrol is over a route for which a map has already been sent in, a second map is not necessary. A reference to the previous report will be sufficient. If the patrol is over a route of which part has already been included in a map, a suitable sketch should be sent to enable the other places to be added to the previous map. For uniformity the map must occupy one of two sizes of paper—either the size of a half-sheet of ruled foolscap or the size of a whole or double sheet.
- (2) In the body of the report the name of the village should be followed by the name of the V.C. The number of houses and the population, as nearly as possible, should also be stated. The customs of the natives should as much as possible be noted and reported.
- (3) The patrol Report is to be enclosed in this jacket, which, properly filled in, is to be sent to the Government Secretary immediately after each patrol.
- (4) The space below is not to be written in.
- (5) The cost of the patrol must be shown within, in the space provided.

2087/11.23.—1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date **17/6/27***A. Liston-Blyth*

Officer in charge of Station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice		Crew						
Biscuits	20	15			15	7 9 5		
Meat								
Sugar								
Tea								
Soap								
Tobacco	10		1	2	3	7 9 7		
Matches								
Kerosene	2	/ 1		1	1	2 8		includes launch 1
Tents								
Flies								
Lamps								
Buckets		Above are only articles						
Kerosene Cans		used beyond ordinary rations						
Knives & Sheaths		charged to proper votes.						
Knives, 18in.								
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks								
Fuel						5 0 0		
						5 27 2		
TOTAL £								

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

GOVERNMENT SECRETARY.

IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

No. _____

1322/A.209/27.



R.R.M., D.D., Kikori.

Native Customs.

With reference to the entry in your Patrol Report No.23/26-7 suggesting that ERAVO life has been given up in Orokolo, will you please note that you are mistaken. The Actg. R.M.C.D. says -

" No, the ERAVOS have not been abandoned at OROKOLO; nor is there any sign of such abandonment. As I have said before, more than once, new ERAVOS are going up in OROKOLO, KEURU and elsewhere, and as far as I can see, and I have been looking at the position for three years, there is no lack of interest visible in the attitude of the natives who have passed through the ERAVO or in that of those who are preparing to do so. I think we may reserve our regrets for many years yet".

G.S. 20/7/27.

Slip. PR 17/16/27

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. Champion".

Patrol Number 23 of 1926-7 by A Liston-Blyth RRM

To PURARI District.

Object. To settle all outstanding matters and pay W.N.L.&.D.N. A/C
before the end of financial year.

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June the 15th. Left Kikori in the launch "Neuri" accompanied by Mrs Liston-Blyth as far as Urika, to pay farewell visit to Missionaries. Proceeding to Aird Hill we picked up a mail to go via URIKA and then went on to GAURI, V.C.APA, where we lunched, this village was inspected by the A.P.M. on the 4th inst and required nothing doing. From here we ran on down to KAIMARI arriving at 7 pm and sleeping in rest house, all V.Cs reported to me, and I told them I would be back after leaving passengers at URIKA. Rest ^{house} needed repair to walk and I drew attention of V Cs to this.

13th. Left for URIKA about 7 am, but about 8 15 am found ourselves hopelessly blocked in the KANIBO creek by a large fallen tree. Our boys tried to cut it but we had no tools, so we ran back to KANIBO where Mr Treloar lent me a gang of boys with axes and cross cut saws and we removed the obstruction. I paid the boys in tobacco for this work.

Going on near IKINU we met the Mission launch, HOMU going to Kanibo, we warned them of the obstruction in the creek which was likely to be floating. In the URIKA creek I met A.C. WAGEBA returning from escort duty to POPO.

We arrived at URIKA wharf at about lunch time. Remained the night here, saw the new house being built for the Missionary a beautiful place on concrete piles with concrete steps two bath rooms etc etc.

12th. Left at about 8 am Mrs Liston-Blyth remaining at Mission went into IKINU. V.C. EVOI, I have never seen this village so bad as it was, and the rest house was a disgrace, the V C has been warned for neglect more than once and he has not reported himself for ten months I stripped him and will recommend his dismissal, I selected a man for the vacancy. This village got a prize last year. I ordered the rest house etc to be done before my return in a few days.

Patrol No 23 cont

June 13th. Went on to Kanibo and saw Mr Treloar, he has 42 recruits to sign on, I had no C/S with me and he arranged to bring them to Kikori by VAIVIRI due abt the 15th. This gentleman has had to move all his buildings from the old site and they are now right on the end of the plantation the sea having washed away all the old site, he is therefore very busy building, I inspected his labour and the work in progress (report to C.N.A.). I here heard a funny story re recruiting which was vouched for by several of the labour, Mr Treloar went to VAIMURU to get 18 boys, he was mobbed by boys wishing to sign, when he had his 18 he told them he wanted no more, they however said that they all wanted to go, and when he told them he had no orders for more, they made him promise that if he got an order that he would go there, to make this binding they insisted that he carve his " mark" on the dubu main post, and even then he had difficulty in getting away. They also told him that now he had made his mark, if he did not come to them for boys when he got his next order they would report him to Mr Blyth for breaking his promise.

Does not sound as if there were any forced labour in the DD. Leaving KANIBO I went on to KAIMARI and inspected the various sections, APIRAVI, V.C. AUA-KAIFU has a new ravi just completed and in good condition. KAURAVI, V.C. E EVIA one house ordered to be repaired, and here I found the ravi abandoned and in a dreadful state of neglect, everything out of it, I fell in all available persons of this ravi some sixty men, and asked what it meant, they said they were not going to have ravis any more but live in the womens' houses like white men, I talked at some length that what was good for whites was not for New Guinea, that we did not want them to give up all their own customs and have none to take their place, etc etc, they said at last they would rebuild their ravi. (see general remarks). KAI V.C. OMARA was in good order and I had no remarks to make. V.Cs AUA and OMARA were ordered respectively to

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June 12th. were ordered respectively to repair the roof of the police barracks and the wall of the European R.H. Spent evening hearing disputes and cases.

13th. Left early AUWAO, the engine boy of the NEURI reckoned he knew a shorter route to the sawmill but he completely lost us in a maze of small creeks, eventually we got out into the PIE and proceeded by the ordinary route arriving at the saw mill at noon. Found a Mr. Schafre alone here and anxiously awaiting a boat as he was out of stores (persons I lent him all I could spare, no inspection was made this visit but I spent the afternoon going into the question of deposits and Contracts etc etc.

The inspection is timed for next month by the A.R.M.

14th. Waited for tide and left abt 7 30 am went to ORU. V.C. KERR A he was away having taken boys to Kikori for Court his village was in good order, received one complaint against a KAIRU man took Complainant with me and went on to KAIRU, V.CsKAUIRI of APIRAVI and MAMA of NAVARA. Inspected village, APIRAVI section has a new ravi in place of that burnt down last year and was good. AIPO RAVI was in fair order, URIKARAVI were ordered to repair their platforms at once. NAVARA RAVI was good.

Returning to Rest house heard several complaints both V.Cs were away having gone to Kikori with cases.

Raid put W N L & D N A/c

Went on to IARI, inspected village, AIKAWARAVI, V C KAIRI, good a new ravi approaching completion. KAIRAFU a small off shoot 6 houses same V C also good. RAVI KOPORO V.C. BA-I not quite so good, some minor repairs to platforms ordered. RAVI here empty as at KAURAVI-KAIMARI same reasons given. (see general remarks).

MAIPENAIRU, V.C. KIRO away, section fair bridge requires repairs ordered.

ONOPURAVI, V.C. AUKIA. good.

Patrol 23 cont.

June 14th cont. Returned to Rest house and was busy on cases till 10 pm

Medical Assistant AUKIRI, is here, he is a native of this village and I greatly doubt that he spends much of his time at IVIRA, while the G M O is away tho he is nominally in charge.

Paid W H L & D N A/C

15th. Left in pouring rain and proceeded to MAIFUA, arrived KAPAI. V C LOROKONA abt 9 30 am, village good, arrested BIAI UA ex A C, a noted bad hat, on warrant issued on complaint by R L Treloar. LOROKONA who is completely under this man's thumb and who has not reported at Kikori for nine months, in defiance of standing orders was divested of his uniform and his dismissal will be recommended. KEREWANA his other village opposite was not good the people were warned I would be back shortly and to get it in order.

Left for URIKA where I picked up Mrs Liston Blyth and went on to KANIBO, here held C.P.S. re BIAI UA who was committed. Going on went to Kaimari, found that the VC had taken no notice of orders re rest house given 13th.

Turned defaulting ravis out ^{and} had wall repaired and roof to barracks done before dark. V C AUA has been repeatedly warned he is quite useless, divested him of his clothes and selected another man, AUA will be recommended for dismissal.

Engaged again in Court gambling etc till 10 pm.

16th Prisoners sent by canoe left early lunched at GAURI and arrived at Kikori at 7 10 pm, the sergeant did not report when sent for and asked if he heard the launch and knew I was back said "yes", when asked why he disobeyed standing order to report to me directly I returned he said "I sent you two A c to get your thing up to the house I no want to come he rain". A nice man is sergeant BEOTO.

Patrol 23. Continued.

GENERAL REMARKS

The villages I visited, I am pleased to say do not show any signs of "slipping back" altho the time between visits, has, owing to one cause or another, been much longer than usual.

Several of the older V.Cs however require replacing, in these days younger blood is required, to get the manifold duties laid upon them actively carried out, we have for instance a standing order that the men in this district must report to the station at least once every three months, this is absolutely necessary until we have a sub station in the MURARI, and is no hardship as the usual order is monthly. The older men are prone to evince a spirit of passive resistance to this order, and it is not unusual to find cases kept in the village for three months and more awaiting the arrival of a Magistrate to deal with them.

V C EVOI I of IKINU has been repeatedly warned re this for instance and he has been known to keep a manslaughter case, the man in handcuffs, in his village three months, accounts from the mission lately about this man are also unsatisfactory, the others who were stripped this trip are much the same, we are now getting the MURARI peoples to take an interest in the villages and obey the regulations, and the time has come when these reactionary old V.Cs must be replaced.

LOROKONA has for the last two years been completely dominated by BLAI WA an ex A C and noted bad hat, whom he the VC fears.

The tendency to give up Ravi life derives I think from two sources, i/ the proximity of OROKOLA, where I understand it is already given up, and ii/ the effect of going to work and seeing how natives elsewhere live, it is a pity from my point of view if these people give up the ravi and all it meant to them in their lives, as the centre of their world, for dances and everything else in fact all they hold sacred, if they hold anything so, and we have nothing to offer them in its place, it would appear to me that they are in for a very unhappy and miserable life. That it will come in time there is no doubt

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but I sincerely hope that it will not come till we are in a position to give them something else to occupy their minds and to take the place of the Ravi ceremonies and regulations for thier lives.

An instance of this being that adultery is increasing the natives say so, questioned they will tell you, in the old days in the ravis at night there was always a man on guard on the door he saw every one who went in and came out, then if there was trouble in the village they knew who was out, nowadays there is no check on the young men by the old and all respect for the Ravi chiefs has gone and we are getting worse.

All oustanding matters in this district so far as we know are now settled up, I hope to do the rest of KORIKI and FURARI as soon as the Kismet is running again but it is not possible to do any more now..

The weath r was dreadful and except for the matter of time which I could not afford so near the end of the year the use of the NEURI was little improvement on a canoe as she is entirely open and one lived wet.

Ch. Johnston Blyth.

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