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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

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D A R U. W.D.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by C. Champion A.R.M. to
Morehead - Bensbach District for the purpose of
General inspection of villages, paying V.C's and general.

Left Station on 18th July 1935 Returned to Station on 12th August 1935.

Number of Carriers employed 20 Number of Police taken 5 & 2 N.M.A's.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Vailala"

Villages visited TAWJI. JARO. TAHARA. SOGOROMBO. PENJARA. PUSARI. BONDABONDA.

AS INGABARA. IABENJAM. MUNDOVO. WANDO. KOROMBO. KUNDARISA. MENGEDI. SANDUARI.

WEMENEVRE. PAPA. DEMEN. ROKU. WUFARUA. SETAVI. RERMA. ANGARATA. KIRIWO.

DORRO. INAPOROK. NAUSAKU. GUMAKA.

(1) Unless the patrol is a regular routine patrol in a long-settled district a sketch map of the district patrolled should accompany the report, showing, as nearly as possible, the positions of the places visited and a copy is to be made for filing on the station.

(2) In the body of the report the name of the village should be followed by the name of the V.C. The number of houses and the population, as nearly as possible, should also be stated. The customs of the natives should as much as possible be noted and reported.

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

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

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

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 21st August, 1935.

H. Woodward
Officer in Charge of Station.

INAPORON

R. No. W.D.

I arrived here yesterday morning and had an attack of fever having had to stay here all to-day - very much against my wish.

A.C. MANA with some of my gear goes to TORONA to-morrow morning to await the VATHANA.

I have a NAUSAKU man ACUTI under arrest as he is alleged to have speared and killed VITHWAI of NAUSAKU (T/E prisoner 3 yrs). We leave to-morrow also for NAUSAKU by road and it will take us two days to get there and possibly a day there so cannot leave NAUSAKU until Friday night or Saturday morning. It is my intention to get canoes at NAUSAKU or GUMAKA and go down GUMAKA creek to the Fly and thence down to TORONA.

The patrol was delayed four days at TARAAA trying to get carriers otherwise I would in all probability ~~have~~ be in the GUMAKA district by now.

B. Champion
 Tuesday 6/8/35

R.M's Office. DARU

Memo.

Mr C. Champion A.R.M.

Please make arrangements to leave on patrol to the Morchead District in the Vailala on Thursday next the 18th instant. A medical patrol will accompany you but need not necessarily stick to the same itinerary but arrangements should be made for the medical patrol to return with you.

It is desired that on this occasion you endeavour to visit villages which you omitted during last year's patrol, and, instead of returning to the Wassi Kussa River it is desired that you make your way overland to the Fly to Inaprok on Bure Creek where the Vailala will await you to transport your patrol back to Daru. The actual date on which the launch will be at Bure Ck. will be arranged with you before you leave.

During the course of the patrol please pay all V-Cs in the District and generally inspect villages and whilst so doing I should be glad if careful note is taken of the number of minors seen or known to belong to each place.

The following police will accompany you. D / C VERI, A.C. KOIMI, OIWO, NAMBAI, GESI & GIDAU. Local A.C. GESI is time expired on the 31st August and he may be discharged at the termination of this patrol. His pay will be handed to you before you depart. If you can recruit a suitable man from the Nausaku-Gamak area to fill the vacancy you may do so.

Re carriers - please make special note if compulsion actual or threatened is used to obtain them.

In the event of your finding that there has been some serious disturbance in the District, you should endeavour to deal with the matter even if it entails the abandonment of the major part of the patrol, and in the latter event, if you find it impossible to reach Inaprok or Bure Ck in time to meet the Vailala a messenger

should be despatched there advising me as to the proposed route by which you intend to return to the Station in order that arrangements can be made to pick you up on the coast. It is not anticipated that you will find any serious disturbance in the Morehead District; I merely mention this ~~in~~ to avoid confusion in case there is.

The following amounts are handed to you for distribution:

Pay V.C. KOMUNDI of TORJI.....	1. 0. 0
PARADEMA of TARARA. C.S.Bk balance.	1. 9. 11
Local A.C. GESI pay 1/7-31/8	<u>1. 0. 0</u>
	£ 3. 9. 11



R.M.
16/7/35

REPORT OF PATROL BY C.CHAMPION A.R.M. TO
MOREHEAD-BENSBACH DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE
OF A GENERAL INSPECTION OF ALL VILLAGES
AND THE PAYMENT OF V.C'S ETC.

Patrol Report No.I of 35/36.

Police: L/Cpl.VERI, A.C's KOIMI, OIWO, MANA, GESI & GIDAU, N.M.A'S
KERAI and WODARI.

Thursday 18/7/35.

Acting upon instructions received from the R.M.W.D.
I left Daru in the VAILALA at 5.55 a.m. for the purpose of
carrying out the above patrol. Entered the MAI KUSSA river 3.50 p.m.
after a good run and anchored off TAWJI village (V.C.KUMUNDI)
4.10 p.m. Went ashore and found everything in order. Paid the V.C.
his wages. Continued 5.35 p.m. and anchored at the mouth of JARO
creek 9.25 p.m. Ex A.C.GAINDE and most of his people away.

Friday 19/7/35.

Inspected JARO village (V.C.TAKUAMP) - in excellent
order. A new Rest House just completed, not a very imposing
structure. Bought a quantity of native food to be sent back to
Daru. Only able to get four carriers here but am told we will most
likely meet GAINDE and his carriers on our way down to TARARA.
Five injections given for yaws here. Left 8.50 a.m. and anchored
TARARA 11.40 a.m. Got all our gear ashore and found TARARA absolutely
deserted. VAILALA left soon afterwards. Sent A.C's MANA and GESI
for carriers accompanied by some of the JARO carriers.

Saturday 20/7/35.

A.C.GESI arrived during the morning with one carrier
and reported that all the people had gone to the coast to a place
called MARINGE for a big dance and that A.C.MANA had gone there with
a guide. MANA returned during the afternoon and said the guide
did not know the road to MARINGE - I doubt this. V.C.YOUKUL reported.

Sunday 21/7/35.

Sent L/Cpl.VERI and A.C.OIWO to ROKU via PENJARA for
carriers while A.C's MANA, GESI and GIDAU were sent to SETAVI via
MATA and RERMA for the same purpose. Sent the Jaro V.C. out for
ex Sgt.PARADEBA. The latter reported late in the afternoon and
told me MARINGE was a very long way from TARARA and the village people

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had gone there to trade with the BOIGU people. The V.C. of MIBENI reported during the night. He had two carriers with him and they had come from MARINGE and said a small boy, who was with A.C.MAMA, had told him the Government was at TARARA. V.C.BOBORA told all the people to come but they would not. Water here is bad.

Monday 22/7/35.

At TARARA awaiting return of A.C's. This waiting with absolutely nothing to do is rather exasperating. L/Cpl. VERI and A.C.OIWO returned at 7 p.m. with 23 carriers and A.C.MANA returned at midnight with 6 more carriers and reported that A.C's GESI and GIDAU had gone on to SETAVI.

Tuesday 23/7/35.

Left 7.45 a.m. and arrived SOGOROMBO (V.C. of MIBENI) 12.20 p.m. Most of these people are now living at PENJARA and the V.C.BOBORA of MIBENI is also living at PENJARA. Waited for the women to cook some food for the carriers and continued at 2.20 p.m. arriving PENJARA 3.15 p.m. Practically everyone away at MARINGE. Instructed the V.C. to build a rest house here and barracks also. A.C's GIDAU and GESI reported during the afternoon with V.C.KURAUWA of SETAVI and a number of SETAVI and RERMA carriers. Arranged for carriers to take tucker boxes containing V.C.'s pay (in trade) and uniforms direct to ROKU where the V.C's will receive their pay on my return from the Bensbach River. ROKU and SETAVI carriers wished to engage for the round trip to Roku and I willingly accepted them. Native food plentiful and water excellent. Paid off several carriers and they clamoured for fish lines and hooks.

Wednesday 24/7/35.

Sent gear on to Roku in charge of the MATA V.C. while the remainder of the patrol left at 7.55 a.m. The track does not seem to be a main road but goes from one garden place to another and consequently we are wandering all over the countryside. Arrived at a ~~small~~ small settlement called PUSARI (old AGERAMOORO) at 11.30 a.m. The village consists of five houses and about 14 people and is in charge of Councillor MAITI. There has not been any rain in the district for many months and the roads are as hard as cement. Carriers feet very sore and mine were very painful also.

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Sent A.C's ahead to the Morehead river to make camp in the event of the canoe not being there. Left 1.15 p.m. and about an hour later reached the Morehead river where we halted for 20 minutes. Continued down stream and arrived at the canoe crossing 3.10 p.m. and began getting our gear across which was completed by 3.40 p.m. Continued and camped at 4.15 p.m. at old site of MELI village. The Fly had already been erected by the A.C's. Shot two wallabies.

Thursday 25/7/35.

Broke camp in a heavy mist and there was a decided "rip" in the air. Left 7 a.m. and 25 minutes later arrived at a small but very neat village called BONDABONDA. Only 4 adults and 3 children in the village - the remainder are at MARINGE. Continued 7.55 a.m. and soon entered a large swamp which was knee deep and eventually arrived ASINGABARA (V.C. ORETA) 10.20 a.m. The V.C. and most of his people away at MARINGE, only three men and some women and children in the village. The village contains 10 houses and was very untidy. No R.H. or barracks. Bought some food and then had lunch. Continued 12.10 p.m. and passed through ti-tree flats, swamp and scrub country. All this country is under water during the wet season and we noticed the high water mark about five feet up the trunks of the trees. After several halts camped in a coconut patch called BABIRI at 4.15 p.m. The carriers have not got into their stride yet and travelling has been on the slow side. However most of the day we had to cut our own road. Shot two wallabies. Mosquitoes in millions.

Friday 26/7/35.

Left 7 a.m. and soon crossed a narrow swamp extending as far as the eye could see to the north and reached a place called IARENJAM containing 7 yam houses and are supposed to belong to V.C. TONJERIA of BABIRI. Our guide does not seem too sure of the road from here so sent out for the people. Some men came in later and took us to a small settlement called MUNDUVO containing only 2 houses. Continued 9.5 a.m. and began to cross a tremendous swamp - very little water in the swamp but the walking was very tiresome. While crossing the swamp V.C. TONJERIA was reported. He informed me

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that we had passed his village (SAVISAVIMANGA) some distance back. As all his people are away at MARINGE no useful purpose would be served by returning to his village. Reached the Bensbach river at 11.10 a.m. and had lunch. The river at this point is not very wide - I had anticipated seeing quite a large river. On at 12/15 p.m. and soon after lost the track. After searching for some time found a garden and a well used track leading from it, followed this track and arrived at the village of WANDO (V.C. GARONK) 1.15 p.m. on the left bank of the Bensbach. The village was deserted and we did not see any signs of anyone. Our guides tell me they do not know the road on from here. Sent our guides out during the afternoon to look for the people but they were unsuccessful. At about 5 p.m. we noticed a lone figure in the swamp on the right bank of the river but after a good deal of waving and shouting ^{by us,} the figure disappeared. Sent the guides to try and get in touch with the man but in vain. It seems rather curious that they should run away; however he may have gone to tell the village people the Government was at WANDO. Will stay here to-morrow and endeavour to get in touch with the village natives. Caught a great quantity of fish during the afternoon.

Saturday 27/7/35.

Sent the L/Cpl. and A.C. MANA and two carriers to find the TORO road. Soon after they left we saw some people crossing the swamp on the right bank of the Bensbach. Six men eventually arrived in camp and they proved to be WANDO people. Sent out and recalled the L/Cpl. The person we saw in the swamp yesterday proved to be a woman - she had seen the flies and had run to tell the people the Government were at WANDO. Was informed that V.C. GARONK had died several months ago and all the people were living at their garden places. Told them they must return to their village. Even with a V.C. they all appear to live at their gardens. Most of these people are away at MARINGE too. Later the women came in and I was able to buy a quantity of food. Endeavoured to select a man for recommendation to fill the vacancy caused by the death of GARONK. There was only one man present that I would consider to fill

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the vacancy but he was not at all keen and he suggested that GARONK's brother should be given the position. The deceased' brother (SAIKI) is at MARINGE so left word with the people to send him on and catch me up. Collected the V.C's clothes from the widow and told her she would have to come to ROKU to get her husband's wages. By late afternoon 27 people were assembled, mostly old men and a few women. There were only 4 children and three belonged to one woman. Spoke to all the people about the advisability of returning to WANDO, they said they would but I very much doubt it. Another great haul of fish to-day. Arranged for guides for the morning.

Sunday 28/7/35.

Left 6.55 a.m. on a good track, crossed two swamps and arrived at a deserted village called MARIMBIEA 7.45 a.m. Continued and entered more swamp country and arrived KOROMBO (V.C.DAU-0) 10.40 a.m. a garden settlement of about five houses. Not a soul in the place. Decided to make camp. The village people came in during the afternoon. Sent a KOROMBO man on ahead to tell all the people to return to their villages and await my arrival. The V.C. states the people remain at their village but at the present time they go out hunting etc. I notice the remarks made by previous officers re garden settlements and there appears to be no change whatever. Instructed the V.C. to build a rest house and barracks.

Monday 29/7/35.

Left 7.30 a.m. on a good track through ti-tree country and passed through a patch of sago called KENDARA at 10 a.m. and crossed ROKUROKU creek. Halted 10.55 a.m. for lunch as I am informed there is no more water on the road till KUNDARISA is reached. On at 12.10 p.m. and walking fast we arrived KUNDARISA (V.C.NAROKO) 1 p.m. - a deserted looking place of three houses. The fly poles had already been out by the village natives as the rest house would only have room for about one bag of rice. Everything in order. The V.C. of GANDAM reported with all his people. A few injections given. There is no doubt there has been a drought this year. There is practically no water about and everything looks parched.

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Tuesday 30/7/35.

Left 7.15 a.m. crossed WARU creek 8.5 a.m. arriving MENGEDI 9.10 a.m. (no V.C.). A beautifully clean village and the first permanent looking one I have yet seen on this patrol - plenty of coconuts. There is a population of 39 at this village and they have asked for a Village Constable. If one is to be made at this village I suggest WAKORO be recommended for the appointment. V.C.KARATI of IENDORODOA reported with all his people at this village. Continued at 10.30 a.m. and found some good water at 1 p.m. so halted for lunch. On at 2.15 p.m. and passed through a garden settlement called SENDUARI 2.50 p.m. but lost the track here, found it later and continued on to WEMENEVRE (V.C.WAWAIU) 4.20 p.m. These people have left their village of SEKARI and have settled at this place. As usual no rest house or barracks - V.C. instructed to build them. Water very good. V.C.TABU of SOKUOR reported with his people which totalled about 4, so under the circumstances I do not think his services are now required.

Wednesday 31/7/35.

Left 7 a.m. and reached ROKUROKU river 7.20 a.m. - quite a large stream. Went down the stream in canoes for about 20 minutes and then sent the canoes back for the remainder of the gear etc. Continued 8 a.m. with most of the carriers, the track going through scrub country. Arrived PAPA 8.35 a.m. A clean little village with coconut trees and mango trees. On at 9.5 a.m. passing through the old village of YETAKUMA 11.20 a.m. and then through a couple of sago patches and reached a garden settlement called DEMENDRE at 12.30 p.m. I was informed ROKU was some distance yet so decided to have lunch. Continued 1.30 p.m. and arrived ROKU (V.C.SAMBUI) 2 p.m. This village is the largest I have seen so far on this patrol and contains about 73 people. Twelve injections given. Spent the afternoon and evening paying V.C.'s, explaining the policy of the Government to them, the necessity of rest houses, and the objection to scattered hamlets all over the district. Paid off all my carriers and selected others for to-morrow. Water good.

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Thursday 1/8/35.

Sent some natives ahead to get the canoes ready for the crossing of the Morehead river. The patrol left at 7.15 a.m. and two hours later reached a small settlement called WUPARUA containing 24 people and a few houses. Continued 9.50 a.m. through very dry ti-tree country. The natives sent ahead to get the canoes had set the grass on fire and on several occasions we had to get into the scrub to escape the intense heat. Arrived at the canoe crossing at 12.45 p.m. and started to get the gear across in one canoe. Had lunch. All across by 2.5 p.m. arriving SETAVI(V.C.KURAUWA) 2.45 p.m. This village contains a rest house and barracks - the first I have seen since leaving TARARA. Village clean. Billy of KIRIWO village here and he informed me that he had heard the TENGIDA and GWIKATA natives who had just returned from gaol, were going to make a raid on KIRIWO village and wipe them out. He was unable to tell me the person who had told him but went in the usual bush way he "heard" this talk. I do not believe it for a moment and I really think Billy wants to create a mild sensation - knowing as I do.

Friday 2/8/35.

Left 7.35 a.m. and soon after crossed KOSIRIKARATA creek and arrived RERMA(V.C.KURAUWA of SETAVI) 9.50 a.m. where I found everything in order. A rest house and barracks here. On at 10.30 a.m. crossing AUWAN&I creek at 11.10 a.m. and again at 12.50 p.m. arriving ANGARATA(V.C.NARUBA of KIRIWO) 1.10 p.m. and had lunch. The village consists of a few yam houses and one large house built up off the ground - the latter house is used by the single men and it is the first I have seen during the patrol. The people usually sleep on the ground under the overhanging roof of their yam houses. They seem to cultivate tobacco here on rather a large scale. They have small blocks throughout the village and each block is exceptionally well lined. A fine little garden of manioca and potatoes adjoins the village also. Interpretation on the Bensbach and district has been rather difficult but here some of the natives have been to gaol for murder and speak motu quite well so my difficulties seem to be over. Selected a man to accompany the patrol as interpreter. Continued 2.35 p.m. and arrived KIRIWO(V.C.NARUBA)

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3.35 p.m. - quite a fair sized village but their houses dotted all over the place. Unlike the Bensbach these people seem to have more or less permanent villages. Paid off all the carriers.

Saturday 3/8/35.

At KIRIWO resting and having a general washing day. V.C. IARUNGA of SERKI (now KUDU) reported and he had a NAUSAKU man AGUTI, under arrest and it is alleged that AGUTI had speared and killed another NAUSAKU man named WAIWAI. WAIWAI had just returned to his village after serving a term of three years in gaol for murder and found his wife living with AGUTI. As soon as he got to his village he took back his wife and AGUTI was rather annoyed so when WAIWAI and his wife went out into the bush AGUTI is supposed to have waylaid WAIWAI and speared him in the neck. AGUTI then ran away to KUDU village and was there arrested by the V.C. This was told to me by another NAUSAKU man who had gone to KUDU looking for AGUTI. How true all this is I do not know, but will go to NAUSAKU and investigate the matter. The patrol party, including myself, had very little sleep last night as it was so bitterly cold.

Sunday 4/8/35.

Another very cold night. Left 7.10 a.m. crossing WERIU creek 7.30 a.m. and GAIARISABAB creek 8.30 a.m. and rested at an old village at 8.40 a.m. Continued 8.55 a.m. our general direction being N.E. Came to some water in a practically dry creek at 12.10 p.m. and decided to have lunch - the first water we have seen since 9.30 a.m. Continuing 1.30 p.m. passing old village of DANGARA 2.45 p.m. and another deserted village, KAGANARO, with a few coconuts at 3.50 p.m. and arrived DORRO (V.C. GIDO) 4.5 p.m. Very few people in the village. The village contains two men's houses built up off the ground and a few yam houses. Counted only twelve people at the fall in and the V.C. said there were no more. V.C. KETOI of INAPAROK reported with all his carriers and I was able to make a complete change.

Monday 5/8/35.

Self with fever so am not looking forward to the day's walk. Left 7.45 a.m. and made a very slow walk arriving INAPAROK II a.m. These people have left their old village and have built the ~~old~~ ^{new} one on the right bank of Bure Creek on a desolate and

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windswept point. According to the number of houses here I would estimate the population at not more than 20 but at the fall in was surprised to find 55. No doubt they live at their gardens and only come in when the Government is about. Spent the rest of the day in bed with fever.

Tuesday 6/8/35.

Self in bed with fever. Police tying canoes together and making ~~just~~ decking on same for to-morrow's crossing of BURE creek. These people do not possess large canoes. Arranged for canoe to take A.C.MANA with a good deal of gear down Bure creek to meet the Vailala there on the 10th. Wrote to the R.M. advising him I was proceeding to NAUSAKU and from there would make my way down GUMAKA creek and then on to TOTOMA near Bure creek. Food very scarce here and they live mostly on sago.

Wednesday 7/8/35.

At 7 a.m. began to pull the canoes through the long grass and then crossed the creek. Arranged the loads and left at 8 a.m. with 14 carriers. The track went in a general ~~with~~ northerly direction through ti-tree and scrub country. Halted at 11.40 a.m. for lunch - the first water we have encountered since leaving Bure creek. Continued 1 p.m. and crossed a small creek and then had to cut our way through bamboo and camped at an old village site with coconuts at 4.10 p.m. Water excellent.

Thursday 8/8/35.

Sent A.C.GIDAU, a local from NAUSAKU, to arrange for canoes for us to cross to NAUSAKU. The remainder of the ~~patrol~~ patrol left at 7 a.m. and halted at 8.40 a.m. on the edge of a swamp. Since leaving INAPAROK we have encountered undulating scrub country with patches of ti-tree country here and there. On at 9 a.m. through a deep and filthy ~~in~~ swamp and later crossed another swamp which was much easier. Arrived at the ~~camp~~ place 11.5 a.m. and found several canoes waiting for us. Crossed to NAUSAKU (no V.C.) arriving 11.40 a.m. NAUSAKU is situated on a small island covered with coconuts and was beautifully clean. Apart from the coconuts there is not another tree on the island but the village people had the presence of mind to cut our fly poles over

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on the mainland before we arrived. Several of the men here have just returned after completing 3 years' gaol for murder. Only a few old women in the village and I was informed the rest of the women were sago making but someone had been sent out for them. In C.P.S. during the afternoon. AGUTI of NAUSAKU Committed for Trial on a charge of murdering WAIWAI of NAUSAKU. Sent to GUMAKA for large canoes for to-morrow. Found out later that all the women were in one of the houses so got them to fall in for the medical inspection. Evidently they were too frightened to make an appearance before. Told them I had not come to make arrests but to make friends with them. Whether everyone was in the village or not it was hard to ascertain; however there were 59 at the fall in and only four injections given. INAPAROK carriers and NAUSAKU people danced till late.

Friday 9/8/35.

Crossed in canoe to a point opposite NAUSAKU and walked a short distance to where the GUMAKA canoes were and crossed over to that village. The village seemed to be teeming with people but found that most of the TENGIDA and GWIKATA natives had come over to see me. I asked the TENGIDA and GWIKATA natives re the alleged raid reported by Billy of KIRIWO at SETAVI on the 1st. instant. (see page 7). They laughed and told me there was no truth in it whatever. However I warned them not to be so foolish. Purchased a large quantity of taitu, yam, bananas and potatoes as well as taitu and sugar cane. The last time I was in the GWIKATA district I could obtain nothing but sago and I purchased a lot of taitu and yam (seed) from TENGIDA for the GWIKATA natives and they told me that this was some of the produce obtained from them. It appears that these people have at last settled down in their villages and seem a contented crowd. A good deal of yaws in the village of GUMAKA. Out of a total of 89, 18 injections were given. Perhaps a V.C. could be appointed at GUMAKA on the next patrol there. Selected MASIKA of NAUSAKU to be a local constable at Daru. There are no large canoes at NAUSAKU or GUMAKA but luckily a large one was brought from GWIKATA so I hired this one and two smaller ones from GUMAKA for the trip down to the Fly River. All the people gave

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us a great sendoff as we left at 11 a.m. down GUMAKA creek. Saw some natives while going down the creek and they told us they had come from somewhere on the Fly. Camped 3.45 p.m. on GUMAKA creek. It was my idea to cook a lot of food and leave at about midnight and save long hours in the sun and delay at stopping to cook food. It started to rain so gave up the idea of a night trip. ~~Existed~~

Saturday 10/8/35.

N.M.A. KERAI told me that he had heard the VAILALA's engine at about 10.30 p.m. last night. I hope ~~z~~ he did as it will save us a long and weary canoe trip down the Fly to TOTOMA. Got away at 5.30 a.m. and on entering the Fly at 7.30 a.m. was delighted to see the VAILALA at anchor. L/Opl. VERI shot a cuscus coming down GUMAKA creek and the skull was handed over to Mr. Chance A.R.M. - the skin was of little use as it had too many holes in it. Messrs. Chance A.R.M. and SQR Burt R.A.A.F. on board the VAILALA. I paid off all the paddlers and paid for the canoes. Gave them a good deal of rice and native food to see them home. Left in VAILALA down stream and anchored at PISARAMI for the night.

Sunday 11/8/35.

On Vailala. Anchored Tero pass for the night.

Monday 12/8/35

Left 6.30 a.m. and arrived Daru 8.30 a.m. where I reported to the R.M. W.D.

All carriers used on this patrol were entirely voluntary. I only took 4 doz. fish lines with me but could have done with at least a gross as nearly all the carriers want lines and hooks for payment. Also very useful for purchase of native food.

B. Champion

A.R.M. 19/8/35.

Summary.

Villages. As is usual in the Morehead District the villages are swept clean but unfortunately very few people live in the villages; they live mostly at their garden settlements. There is no great harm in this in my opinion, but from an administrative point of view it is very hard to get in to contact with all the people if they stay at their gardens. To visit every garden settlement in the Bensbach-Morehead District in my opinion it would take at least two months. I have endeavoured to encourage the people to live at one centre and to stay at their gardens for only a short time. I see according to the V.C. registers other officers have been endeavouring to do the same. I quite understand that in the dry season they are mostly on the move.

Rest Houses. Practically none seen. All V.C's instructed to build them, also barracks.

Health and Population. Attached hereto is a list of villages visited where a count of the people was made. I do not say it is very accurate but I did the best I could. I have noticed in the V.C. registers such remarks "people dying out fast" and "no doubt population dwindling". I do not for one moment want to contradict these statements but how they arrive at their conclusions I do not know. I have found that when counting the people in a certain village others come in from some small hamlet and are included in the count, the next year they do not come in and the V.C. omits to tell you that they have not come in and when asked where all the other people are he simply says "they all die". I do not know about the villages on the Bensback but this certainly happened to me on this patrol, ^{in the Morehead district.} In my opinion the only way to get the population anything like accurate is to take the names of each person in every village; but of course this would take a very long time. In most villages there were very few children but the adults on the whole seem a very healthy looking lot. Practically all the people in these villages sleep out in the open beside a fire and as there is often a very heavy dew it would be very simple to catch a chill.

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Approximate Population of Villages visited.

<u>Villages.</u>	<u>M.A.</u>	<u>M.C.</u>	<u>F.A.</u>	<u>F.C.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
JARO	20	13	28	5	76
TARARA					Not counted.
SOGOROMBO	4	3	6	-	13 All away.
PENJARA	8	8	11	2	30
PUSARI	8	5	9	2	24
BONDABONDA	9	9	10	3	31
ASINGABARA	11	10	14	1	36
WANDO	12	3	11	1	27
KOROMBO	13	1	10	2 4	28
KUEDARISA	12	2	12	2	28
GANDAM	14	1	13	2	30
MENGEDI	17	6	12	3	39
IBENDOROGA	14	5	10	1	30
WEMENEVRE	15	7	10	2	34
FARA	14	2	9	2	27
ROKU	29	15	17	12	73
WUFARUA	7	9	7	1	24
SETAVI	18	3	10	2	33
RERMA	11	-	10	4	25
ANGARATA	8	8	6	1	23
KIRIWO	17	7	14	1	39
KUDU	5				5 others not seen.
DORRO	7	-	5	-	12
INAPAROK	21	11	21	2	55
NAUSAKU	28	7	18	6	59
GUMAKA	44	4	30	11	89
GWIKATA and TENGIDA					not counted.

Totals

375. 139. 304. 70. 888.

B. Champion
Adm. 19/8/35.

Articles.	Quantity taken on patro.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.					Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.	Government Cost.		
Rice 1d.	300				300	1 5 -	nil	
Biscuits ...								
Meat 5d.	32	32			32	10 4	nil	
& fish								
Sugar 1d.	20	20			20	2 6	"	
Tea ...								
Soap 6d. bar	6				6	3 -	"	
Tobacco 2/3d.	25				25	2 17 10	"	
Matches 3d	12dz	2dz	4dz.	4dz	11 dz	2 9	1 dz.	
Kerosene 2/3d.	3 gl.				3 gl	6 9	nil	
Tents ...	1						1	
Flies ...	2						2	
Lamps ...	3						3	
Buckets ...	1						1	
Kerosene Cans ...	2						2	
Fish Hooks	4 pkt		2 pkt	2pkt	4pkt	2 -	nil	
Knives, 18 in.	2						2	
Knives, others	24		24		24	1 4 -	nil	
Belts ...	24		18		18	18 -	3	
Cartridges 5/gun	25				25	4 -	nil	
Prins 4d.	16 yd		16yds		16 yds	5 4	nil	
Twill ...								
Handkerchiefs ...								
Beads ...	4lbs		2lb	2 lb	4 lb	9 -	nil	
Mirror 4d.	24		20	4	24	8 -	"	
Axes ...								
Half Axes ...	2						2	
Tomahawks ...	2						2	
Fuel as per Vailala log No. 1 of 35/36						3 6	1	
Fish Lines 4dz			3dz	1dz	4dz	8 -	nil	
					Total £	12	15 7	

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

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

2 of 35/36

D A R U STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Sydney H. Chance, A.R.M. to
KIWAI Island, WARADA, BIBIRI Mouth, North Bank of Fly for the purpose of
Inspecting villages, adjusting taxation defaults, distributing
various moneys and (later) picking up Mr Champion at SUKI Ok.

Left Station on 2/6/35 Returned to Station on 12/6/35

Number of Carriers employed 5 CARBO CREW Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "VAILAIA" - S.H. Chance, A.R.M.

Villages visited IASA, SAMARA, SAGUANE, IPTSYA and AGGARA (KIWAI), DAMARATAM
(WABUDA), DAMERAKOROMO (BIBIRI Mouth), SAGERA, GOWABURA, WAGUMI, TARAT,
DAMERA, WARIABODORO, TAIPINA, KENAMI, BERAGERINA, GAIMA, PAGONA, SOUMORI,
SAPANA, FISARAMI, KERFISA, Settlement of ABI people named NUGUMUGU on Fly.

(1) Unless the patrol is a regular routine patrol in a long-settled district a sketch map of the district patrolled should accompany the report, showing, as nearly as possible, the positions of the places visited and a copy is to be made for filing on the station.

(2) In the body of the report the name of the village should be followed by the name of the V.C. The number of houses and the population, as nearly as possible, should also be stated. The customs of the natives should as much as possible be noted and reported.

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

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

Known Area-No map necessary.

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

6733/E.33.-750.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date August 23rd, 1935.

R. H. Woodward
 R. H. Woodward Officer in Charge of Station.

MINUTE PAPER

No.

MEMO

Mr S.H.Chance A.R.M.

As already verbally arranged, will you please be prepared to leave here in the Vailala on Friday next the 2nd August for the purpose of carrying out a patrol in the Fly Estuary.

In addition to the usual routine work in villages visited will you kindly attend to the following.

1. Proceed to IASA, Kiwai Island and hand over to the villagers the prize of £5 awarded to them for the best kept village.
2. Thence proceed to Damerakoromo at the mouth of the Bamu River for the purpose of landing certain passengers - discharged prisoners and hospital patients.
3. Returning to the North bank of Fly your next call will be Sagera. Information has been received that Beguba, Oge & Gorobe of that village have recently been concerned in a fight. Please investigate this.
4. Thence proceed along the North bank of Fly visiting all villages en route, and at Wagumi, Uric and Wariabodoro endeavour to get information re alleged murder of a Tapapi man by the Haragi people who live in the bush a few miles behind Wariabodoro. Vide attached memo.
5. At BORA (Taipina) wages due to Decd n/1 Bavei-Kavo £4.1.3 should be distributed. Also endeavour to induce the Bora people to come together in one or (at most) two villages. I have been informed that they are living in scattered communities along that bank of the Fly.
6. After visiting Pagona and Doumori please proceed to the North bank opposite Doumori and attend to the purchase of land applied for by the U.F.Mission. The owners of the land are believed to be at Akaring village. Should you desire any help in this matter I have no doubt that Mr Berger of the U.F.Mission at Madiri will be pleased to accompany you. The land, if purchased may be paid for in trade goods, or, should the owners demand cash, I will supply you with some before you leave.
7. It is also desired that you so arrange your itinerary to be at the mouth of Bure Creek near Alligator Island on the 9th prox for the purpose of picking up Mr A.R.M.Champion's patrol.

Whilst in the Akarina District (or at Gaima) please try and obtain samples of native guns asked for by Director of Agriculture (vide attached letter) Please also see attached letters re D'Albertis creeper seed and Cuscus skins. If you can do anything in either of these matters it would be appreciated.

Office records show that at PAGONA Village there are 6 Govt. copra sacks which were given out 12/3/35 to be filled for payment of tax in kind. If filled please transport - if not collect and deal with any defaulters (vide attached list)

At Doumori copra may be offered in payment of taxes - this may be taken on board ~~ifxxxxxxx~~ and a supply of bags should be taken for the purpose. Tax receipts may be issued if old receipts are available - otherwise names should be taken and receipts issued on your return.

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Children
SAGERA
C. W. V.
Wife KOBBA
(Sh dead)
Wife KOROPU
Pd.
6/18/35*

Please purchase any sago offering and see that same is transferred into sacks to avoid as much as possible introducing vermin onto the launch.

The following A.C. will accompany you. Cpl DE-EA. A.C. URUBI (Kiwai) and Local A.C. MARIKI (Gogodara). Rations for 4 crew and 3 A.C. should be taken allowing for two Saturday issues.

R.H. Woodward

R.M.W.D.
31.7.35

Received from R.M.W.D. to be accounted for later.

Prize for IASA Village	5. 0. 0	38 2 215 out
Wages B.n/1	4. 1. 8	3 2 10 1/2 out
Land purchase	2. 0. 0	Vouchers 10/6 8-14 1/4
	<u>11. 1. 8</u>	

£1 to R.M.W.D.
13/8/35
SAC.

J.H. Chance
A.R.M.
1.8.35

Stores: — ~~200 Rice~~
~~14 Sugar~~
~~10 Meat~~
~~18 Pot~~
~~19 Beans~~
~~14 Matches~~
~~14 Tobacco~~
~~200 Sago~~

Trade: —
~~1000 lbs~~ ✓
~~2 1/2" Knives~~ ✓
~~2 1/2" Knives~~ ✓
~~3 1/2" Knives~~ ✓
~~3 1/2" Knives~~ ✓
~~2 Knives~~ ✓
~~22 Balls~~ ✓
~~2000 lbs~~ ✓
2 v.c. Jumper ✓
3 v.c. Baskets ✓
2 v.c. Sals ✓

Field to Store

R.M., W.D./ Herewith Notes of my Patrol Report No. 2 of 35/36 for perusal and onward transmission, with remarks, if any.

Sydney H. Lane A.R.M.

DIARY.

Aug. 2nd 1935.

Accompanied by Cpl DE-BA, A.C.'s URUBI and MARIKI and 5 discharged prisoners and hospital patients left DARU Anchorage at 8.30 a.m. - At 10.30 entered the TORO Pass, and, taking the route North of MIBU Island, anchored off IASA Village (KIWAI Island) at 2.45.

Went ashore - Found the village quite clean. Assembled all the people and told them that they had been selected as the recipients of the 25 Village Prize for Year 34/35. On going into the question of village divisions (clans?) of which I knew nothing being new to the Division I was informed that there were 3 GU, the NOWAI-DUO, the KO'ORO-MABU and the KAKA'A-MABU so it was agreed to split the shillings into three heaps (33, 33 and 34) and each village group to receive a heap - all agreed the division was equitable.

Inspected the village water-supply hole, a mouldy place in a small sage swamp and advised the V.C. that, if found unfenced & in such a state again they would hear more of it!

Bought some sage: No copra ready for bagging and no cases so weighed anchor and proceeded down to the point (Plantation House of ANTONIA POTHIER) near SAMARI Village and anchored at 6.5 p.m. Enquired for Tax-Defaulter INIGI and was told he was known as IOMI & lived at WABADA.

Aug. 3rd 1935.

Went ashore at KAROMASAPUA and found there 10 houses all in good order. Thence, per dinghy, up the SAMATURI Creek and to SAMARI Village (V.C. MENEKI) - Village very clean and orderly so different from the D.D. villages I was so well conversant with years ago at KIKORI that I was agreeably surprised, the standard is quite that of the cleaner Rigo District villages. In this regard I think every patrolling officer (and I include, very definitely, E.M.A.'s!) should have, to pass comments on cleanliness of villages, a standard of comparison which is only to be obtained by seeing all the Territory.

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to
Bambos*

Aug. 3rd 1935 Cont'd.

Left Anchorage at 9.10 and proceeded around the end of the Island to SAGUANE Village (V.C. AKERI). Anchored at 9.35. The new DARIMO (which was not there when Mr Woodward inspected the village on 14/5/35) is now well on the way and they seem to be making a good job of it. No Courts and no cases of sickness reported. Left at 10.10 for OROMASAPU but not deemed advisable to land, owing to surf, so signalled to the residents to go to IPISIA where we anchored at 11.10 a.m.

The village of IPISIA, though rather too scattered, was quite clean and the Officers' R.H. O.K. - Collected 4 bags of copra including two from 16/300 BAGAI for 36/35 and 35/36 which clears up another defaulter. While at IPISIA had a look at Dr Vernon's Trade Store in charge of VINCENTIC TRAVERTZ, and, as expected, found the goods on sale higher priced than similar goods at DARU.

Along the beach to small village of AGOBARA (V.C. SIMOI) Found the village quite clean - Walked in to the water supply point & found it more or less incapable of improvement, it is purely and simply a section of swamp the water of which I would not like to drink! After giving V.C. 10 empty copra sacks to fill returned to the ship and departed at 2.5 p.m. for DAMARATAM where anchored at 4.30 p.m. - Up to date have not seen more than two Village Councillors together so have had to give up my original idea of holding a Council Meeting, I can see that, with launch communication, it is a hard job to get together a sufficient number to make a Meeting worth while.

Purchased some sago for the gael and about 100 crabs which, ably assisted by us whites (self and my guest Pilot Officer BURT of the All-1 Flying Boat), the crew and others more or less disposed of at one sitting!

Aug. 4th 1935.

Inspected DAMARATAM (V.C. absent) - clean, DARIMO quite O.K. - Ordered one dilapidated house to be pulled down and the refuse burnt up. Left at 9.25 for DAMERAKOROMO where arrived 11.25 and landed the ex-prisoners etc. Found a dance in progress ashore and numerous natives congregated. Sago in plenty to be had and I speedily exhausted my supply of empty sacks and had, perforce, to load bundles.

Aug. 4th 1935 Cont'd.

At DAMERAKOROMO found the V.C. of DAMARATAM and was able to make the necessary entries in his Register re his village. The V.C. of DAMERAKOROMO a very sick man with some obscure chest complaint, & to my non medical eyes, it looks as if his recovery is doubtful. I gave him a little quinine which may do good and cannot do any harm.

Some time here awaiting an alleged assault case - When investigated found to be very trivial and no prosecution was desired.

At 4.15 left for SAGERA where anchored in the Creek at 5.30.

Aug. 5th 1935.

Went ashore and found the R.H. in good order and the vill. moderately clean - Told the V.C. it was my "fashion" to walk right around the darimo and that everywhere I wanted the scrub cleared back at the back and not at the front or shore side only as the bulk of them do.

As per instructions from R.M., W.D. enquired into the alleged assault case reported at DARU. It would appear that man OGE having in mind his first son-in-law's decease as the result of being taken by a croc. objected to his present son-in-law AGENA taking his wife ENE (the daughter of OGE) to MADIRI in a small canoe and held the girl back. He was in turn held by Cllr GOROB and a youth named BEGUBE. I was told that, in the scuffle which followed, that OGE fell and got a cut eye. To use his own words, "Suppose they hit my head I want to make case-no want now" that is the reason why the matter was not gone on with. I am not saying that, to use slang, OGE has not been "squared" but, at the time of my visit to SAGERA, all the parties seemed to be on the most friendly terms.

V.C. No. 144 AIBIRI of ETERE reported to the patrol and stated that there was no "trouble" in his village - Although I would think that he would know something of the alleged killing of a TAPAPI man by the HARAGI people who live somewhere in the bush behind WARIA-BODORO he had nothing to tell me that I did not already know from reading Mr A.R.M. Champion's brief report of the matter, in the form of a statement taken from a native named BABAREDA on 27/4/35.

Left SAGERA at 10.5 and arrived at GOWABURA (MATARO) at 11.50, the V.C. is ARASI No. 39. Went ashore. Rest House not too good, ordered the ridge capping of leaves to be repaired.

Aug. 5th 1935 Cont'd.

*note -
to
the
people
at
Gowabura*

GOWABURA Village grounds needed a good cleaning-up, evidently the people were caught on the hop. Across a small creek near the village they have made a very fine stayed bridge of timber, the track lead to their canoe making place.

Left at 11.50 and at 12.5 arrived at WAGUMI Village - This village was found to be practically deserted and the DARIMO in a poor state of repair - The people have been away at SAGERA for 3 mos and I instructed the Cllr to get them back at once and see about getting a new DARIMO built up before the next patrol as the state of the vill. in general is most unsatisfactory. At 12.40 left for TARAU Village where arrived at 12.55. - At this place(not very far from DAMERA & really a "suburb" of it) found the darime quite O.K. but ordered that the bushes 15' back from the back of darimo be cleared; I think this is in the interests of their health as there is a tendency to deposit litter in low bush.

While the "VAILALA" went on to DAMERA I walked up the beach, road no good and ordered it to be cleared 6' wide. DAMERA vill. in fair order - The Village Const. (No. 38MAUWODA) seems a pretty useless individual and, I think, should be replaced by a livelier man.

Left at 2.5 for WARIABODORO - Arrived 3.30. Waited some time for people to come in: Weather squally and boat rolling 25 degrees each way so had to up anchor and run across to the lee of an island off WARIABODORO S.S.W. for shelter.

Aug. 6th 1935.

5.50 to 6.30 across to WARIABODORO. Enquired into the reported murder of a TAPAPI man named TAMEGELE.... Informed this occurred some considerable time ago and that, since then and quite recently, a crowd of "BAMU side" men had gone to HARAGI to purchase a girl, had had a row with HARAGI and, in the resultant scrap, two HARAGI men named GEAPI and EDEBA had been speared - The previous report was that GEAPI had killed TAMEGELE, if so that settles that. I am of the opinion that it will be quite a job of work for the officer who goes to these places to find out exactly what did happen and clear up the whole business, as present reports are rather garbled. WARIABODORO seem to be friendly with the HARAGI and state they will take the Government there.

Aug. 6th 1935 Cont'd.

From the WARIABODORO people I gathered that two V.C's named BAJA and DUI were amongst the people who went from TAPAPI to HARAGI. Another point of information received was that on the way from DAMERA to HARAGI one finds the SOGO-I people who are quite friendly.

Left at 9.15, shortly afterwards passed the BORA settlement of WABA, a new and small darimo, and at 9.45 arr. at TAIPINA where I located one of the wives of D.N/L SAMIRA of KOITAKI and paid her £2.0.0 of the £4.1.8. due to deceased. Many of the TAIPINA younger men are away at work and, when they arrive back, the darimo will have to be wholly renewed - In the meantime I have ordered sundry repairs.

At the next village West (KEHAMI) found all the people there and gave them a good shaking up re the state of the darimo reef & ordered it to be repaired forthwith. Arrived at the V.C's Village of ABERAGEREWA at 1.40 - V.C. KEIDI who was an A.N.C. and who was with me on the MOBI River Patrol, if anything, he seems to have smartened up a little in his middle age! Dealt with a case of adultery, husband away at work in P.M. and Complaint made by father's full brother. 2 Mos H.L.

Gathered together the influential people re the splitting up of BORA and endeavoured to get them to see the desirability of larger villages and the consequent increase in social solidarity but it would seem they disagree, fight and, according to themselves, are happier as they are. Located second wife of the D.N/L and paid her £2.1.8.

Left ABERAGEREWA at 3.15 and at 4.00 reached GAIMA. The best village seen to date, quite O.K. with the exception of one old house, in ruins, to be pulled down. Endeavoured to collect some of the gum of the "WARAGA" tree which the natives burn as an insecticide but none available - As they call this gum "wiki" I am wondering whether this is not a corruption of our word wick.

Weather again blowy and squally so across to a small island to get a good anchorage. Numerous flocks of Torres Straits pigeons and the 13 shot made a welcome addition to the menu.

Aug. 7th 1935.

1 hour to PAGONA Village where cleared up the Tax. for 34/5 by collecting one bag copra, 5 unfilled bags and two chronic defaulters too tired to make copra.

AUG. 7th 1935 Cont'd.

PAGONA village fairly clean - While awaiting a tax man who was away at his garden got all the women of the village to grub out the grass in the village drains to make a clearer passage for water.

Left PAGONA 10.40 for DOUMORI - At 11.30 ran aground on a bank in the passage, a recent silting up. Did not get off until 3.40 when proceeded on to DOUMORI to interview the U/F Rep. Mr Drysdale and arranged to meet him on the morrow at the land-buying place.

DOUMORI being an exposed anchorage ran up the Island and through the PISARAMI Passage to SAPARA Village. Anchored at 6.00 p.m.

At night, although it was extremely difficult to talk to SAPARA-PISARAMI-SUWAMI V.C's and Cllrs had a Council Meeting, I know I could not have picked a worse place but it is the first crowd of them I have got together and, after all, some sort of a start has to be made sometime or other. The notes I made are attached to this Report.

AUG. 8th 1935.

Up at 6.00 and to Village, clean and orderly and the bush freshly cleared back from daimo. On to PISARAMI which village was also quite O.K. - These people are excellent banana gardeners, their garden was a large and well drained one and one of the best I have seen in the Territory. Bought many bunches of cooking bananas for the DARU Gael.

At 8.00 as per arrangements arrived at WASUA and got right on to the Land Survey, luckily Mr Drysdale had the bulk of the clearing done and all I had to do was peg a 1000 x 500 (5 Ac.) block. There was a little difficulty tying in to known points but I managed somehow. Left at 12.50 for the mouth of the PEDIEE Creek, ran aground so left the boat and went by canoe arriving at the GOGODARA Village of KEREISA at 4.00.

KEREISA (the V.C. was absent) quite a nice little place and the ~~GINA~~ ginama or daimo a very solidly built structure. Purchased a very small specimen of the WARAGA gum also collected a piece of the candle (?) tree they burn and use as a light. On the way back to the "VAILALA" gathered many fallen D'Albertis Creeper flowers but, if as I reported before from IQMA the dark brown dust (similar to tobacco seeds) found in the centre of certain flowers are not the seeds, I would like to know what a seed is like! It would be possible to get snooting cuttings but whether they would grow in boxes for Frankfort I do not know.

Aug. 8th Cont'd.

Left mouth of PEDAIA Creek at 5.40 and ran up to ~~MTT~~
PISARAMI ~~XXXXXX~~ Village to be ready for an early morning start up the Fly River
to pick up Mr Champion. Anchored at 6.40 p.m.

Aug. 9th 1935.

Left at 5.0 a.m. for upstream. At 10.10 a.m. stopped at
a new settlement of the ARI (ARAMIA River) people on a Red Bank on the
N. or Left Bank of the river. Two V.C's reported. No. 96 GEWA and No. 90
MUBAIA - The settlement strength was about 40-50 people, everything,
excepting awful yaws on the faces of several children, seemed to be O.K.
with them. Purchased from them many bush hens or "kepokes" which the
crew and police polished off. It is not often one finds the Papuan with
surplus birds, he is, as a rule, a pretty futile hunter and a bird is a
delicacy not to be parted with - At least that has been my experience.

Left at 11.10 and about 4.00 reached TOTOMA Village at
near Alligator Island where met A.C. MANA and took on some of Mr A.R.M.
Champion's gear. Keeping a double watch for logs (there was a half moon)
proceeded upstream and anchored off the mouth of the SUKI (GUMAKA) Creek.

Aug. 10th 1935.

At daylight loaded Mr Champion and 8 natives and left for
downstream, a splendid run to the PISARAMI Anchorage where arr. at 7.0 p.m.

Aug. 11th, 1935.

Left PISARAMI 6.15, Arrived DOUMORI 7.0, Left DOUMORI at
8.50 and, after idling off MADIRI for 1/4 hour, ran right through to TORO
Pass anchoring at 7.5.

Aug. 12th 1935.

Left TORO Pass at 6.30 a.m. and at 8.30 arrived at DARU,
where, after supervising the unloading of patrol stores and piles of
sago and bananas for the Gaol went ashore and reported to the R.M.

Sydney H. Chane

A.R.M.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Health.

No cases of Venereal Disease were reported to the Patrol. At all the villages visited, except MUGUMUGU on the Fly River, no bad cases of yaws or ulcers were noted. Two Village Constables were found very ill suffering from obscure chest complaints.

Taxation.

At 5 villages visited about a dozen tax defaulters were dealt with, some paid, some were exempted and, on my return to DARU, where I had access to the Case Book and could note previous convictions, two chronic defaulters from PAGONA were dealt with in the C.P.S.

Village Matters generally.

With a lot of the villages I was agreeably surprised at the general air of tidiness in the layout. The main thing found to object to was the undesirable habit the villagers have of clearing low bush (and cultivating more or less of a lawn) only on the seaward side of the canoe or DARIMO - I have noted in numerous V.C. Registers that low bush ^{at rear of DARIMO} is to be cleared back at least 15 feet - The 50 yards Reg. would not apply. That this clearing is desirable I have no doubt; low bush is an excellent depository for excreta and etc.

Village Councillors and Assessors.

There was no opportunity of using assessors at all but an attempt was made to hold a Council Meeting.

Carriers.

Canoe crews used only, no land carriers, and they were all voluntary workers.

Natural History.

One cuscus skull was collected for Professor Wood Jones of Melbourne. When cleaned it will be sent on.

W. D. Chance
Assistant Resident Magistrate, W.D.

Council Meeting SAPARA 7/8/35.

Present

S.H. Chance, A.R.M.
Village Constables DAUMI of SUWAMI
KUIA of PISARAMI
SAMERA of SAPARA
Village Elders ONA of SUWAMI
GASA of SUWAMI
BATNU of PISARAMI
BUBUIA of PISARAMI
MORAKU of SAPARA
TAIDI of SAPARA

Proceedings began at 15 pm.

1. Explained what constitutes the W.D. of Papua. Boundaries. 14 other Govt Stations. Head of Govt. in Pt. Moresby — Governor Murray of the Laurabada? —
2. New Guinea divided into 3 pieces:
 1. Papua
 2. Dutch New Guinea
 3. Part of New GuineaKarimo-Champion Expedition to T.N.G. recalled.
3. Explained Papua administered, as it were, by men from Australia — Sydney. Head of all — King of England.
4. Government of Papua looks after all residents, black as well as white, endeavours to stop inter-tribal fighting & Minioha raids — Explained that the SUK! raiders were taken to SAMARAI & there made to work.
5. Explained to gathering that if native land alienated they are PAID FOR — No land taken.
6. Mentioned that the recent Hides-O'Malley Patrol has found some thousands of N.G. people who had not previously heard of the Govt & that all these people will be eventually brought under control.

Note: — Extremely difficult to make a gathering, only one man of which had ever seen P.M. to understand much of the above, but, no doubt, the result of their coming will lead to future discussions.

1. Village Policemen described as bosses of their villages.
2. All supposed to be influential men of their villages.
 - a. Intermediaries bet. village people & Govt.
 - b. Interested in village welfare etc.
 - c. Nothing to do with the arresting of wrongdoers — that is the V.C.'s work.

Meeting closed 9.15 pm.

Sydney
H. Chance
A.R.M.

PATROL REPORT.STATION NUMBER.
3 of 35/36.**D A R U** STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Sydney H. Chance, A.R.M. to
SAIBAI Islnd, Inland MABADAUAN and MASINGARA for the purpose of
interviewing new Supt. SAIBAI re Permits and escorting Mr W.D.
Mason across the PAHOTURI-BINATURI Area looking for kuru-kuru
grass plots.

Left Station on 13/9/35 Returned to Station on 19/9/35

Number of Carriers employed Max. of 16 Number of Police taken 5

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "VAILALA" --- S.H. Chance.

Villages visited SAIBAI Island Settlement, MABADAUAN, KULEIA Garden Vill.,
TOGO New Village, KUPERI, WAIDORO, IRUFI, DARAJALI, MASINGARA, GIRINGARIDA,
Garden Settlement of the GUMAIWA people (name unknown) and GAMAINA.

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2987/11.23 - 1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date September 20th 1935.

S.H.C.
 A.R.M. Officer in charge of Station.

MASINGARA. Undesirable place to camp. Sandflies in thousands.

R.M./ Embody in next lot of instructions that Village MAMAIDEMO
 which is to the North of TOGO is to be located and visited.

S.H.C. 20/9/35.

Next Patrol

Take C.O. Badge for S.O. DARAJALI
of DARAJALI - Appointed 17/9/35.

To locate new Vill. of GUMAIWA people.

Articles	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice	100	20	50	30	100	5 -	NIL	Lbs
MEAL	50	10	40	-	50	26	NIL	Lbs
Meat	7	3	-	4	7	33	NIL	.
Sugar	7	3	-	4	7	11	NIL	.
FISH	7	3	-	4	7	29	NIL	.
Soap	2	1		1	2	5		.
Tobacco	10	1	7 1/2	1/2	9	11	1	Lbs
Matches	7	3		4	7	3	NIL	Bx 5
Kerosene	2	1/2		1 1/2	2			Gals
Tents								
Flies	2						2	
Lamps	3						3	
Buckets	3						3	
Kerosene Cans	2						2	
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.	3	-	-	1	1	32	2	
Knives, other								
Belts	12						12	
FRS LINES	12						12	
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes	3						3	
Tomahawks	1						1	
303 Ammunition Cost remaining "Vailala"					4	1		Rounds
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NOTE.—When an article such as a tent is issued, but is returned for future use, the value should not be entered.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

PORT MORESBY

3rd September, 1935.

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Yours faithfully,

Charles Murray

O.S.

The Resident Magistrate,

D A R U,

Western Division.

Received 10/19/35.
[Signature]

File P/R 3 of 35/6.

Acting Resident Magistrate

DARU, Western

September 21st 1935.

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Mr Mason will now inspect the Inland CHIOMO Area and will be transported there by Mr Beech. He then wants to go West to the Dutch Border, but as I shall then require the "VAILALA" for a trip to the N. Bank of Fly River and BAMU I have told him that I see no immediate possibilities of helping him that way.

Yours Faithfully,

[Signature]

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PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 35/36.

Diary:-

12/9/35. Accompanied by Mr. W.D. Mason, who is desirous of seeing grass areas in the Division, 3 A.C's (URUBI, MASIKA and KIKIA) and several native passengers (as per LOG). Left DARU at 8.30 a.m. in the "Vailala" - A good run of 4.50 hours took us to SAIBAI Island where requested permission from the Acting Supt. (Mr. Turnbull) to land. This was granted.

While ashore went into the whole question of Permits, Customs Duty and etc and returned to "Vailala" at 9.0 p.m.

14/9/35. Across to MABADAUAN where landed and inspected village and plantation (M.R.P.) - Both quite O.K. - Warned the 30 SAIBAI men there for "Church opening" that no distribution of old clothes would be tolerated. at 10.40 a.m. left MABADAUAN and at 11.10 reached KULELA (a TOGO village settlement on the Pahoturi River) where went ashore and engaged 16 voluntary carriers, who had already been warned of my requirements by the Councillor of MABADAUAN, and proceeded through low lying swampy country for 40 minutes to TOGO (V.C. IMARI of WAIDORO).

TOGO is a new village of 21 houses and when completed, will be a fine village: I notice tobacco growing in profusion. There was not a single case of sickness reported.

One hour on brought us to KUPERI a clean village of 18 houses where I was surprised to find growing very well numerous Castor Oil plants. Mr. Champion, A.R.M. was in this village ^{last} on 10/10/34. After leaving KUPERI a 45 minutes walk took us to WAIDORO the V.C's village. A quite good new Rest House here and a house also for the police. Everything quite O.K. and no cases of sickness reported - Here also the soil was noted as being very good: Tobacco, taro and the castor oil plant are all growing very well.

15/9/35. (Sunday). Left WAIDORO and proceeded E. towards IRUPI. Road fair to the big swamp where we were delayed a couple of hours. making bamboo rafts to ferry ourselves and the loads over. An hour after successfully negotiating the swamp reached IRUPI (V.C. DONO). A good village but both Rest Houses very poor indeed and the V.C. (not a brilliant specimen) was ordered to get them fixed up before any more Europeans required them.

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Although coconuts are alleged to grow better on the coast and on atolls here I noticed some very fine young palms flowering at 3 years.

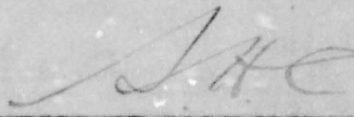
16/9/35. On to DARAGELI (1 hour) - a neat little village of 6 houses and thence to MASINGARA where the Cox. of "Vailala" advised boat O.K. Some boys just back from Thursday Island and quite a feast in progress, about 30 - 40 wash basins full of rice, a couple of roast pigs, taro and native fruits for distribution. In the evening both the boys and the kekenis danced. I watched the dance for an hour and gave out a little tobacco.

17/9/35. With 13 MASINGARA carriers left for the north at 8.0. a.m. to see what the country was like up there. At 10.30 arrived at GIRINGAREDA village (V.C. No.80.KONIGI). The Rest House ordered by Mr. Champion last June completed and quite O.K. - Rest of village clean and tidy. After an early lunch left for GUMAIWA. Fifty minutes after leaving GIRINGAREDA crossed the MULABADA creek, a decent stream flowing to the R. and obviously a tributary of the BYNATURI. At 2.30 (total walking time 5.15 hours) arrived at GUMAIWA to find a new grave in cemetery and the village absolutely deserted. Some shots were fired but nobody came in. Camped.

18/9/35. After leaving a 16" knife to pay for coconuts and 3 bunches of bananas I had taken for food left GUMAIWA for the South. Very hot day. At the MULABADA creek, one of our natives speared an 18" fish - I was struck with its pretty markings and form of mouth the jaw (bottom) being triangular in plan as per sketch submitted and if I had had a large container and spirit I would have liked to have collected the specimen for a museum.

Late in the afternoon arrived back at MASINGARA where in C.N.M. - A case of adultery in which defendant was sentenced to 3 months H.L. On to the coast and boarded the "Vailala". For sandflies and other pests this anchorage is unexcelled!!

19/9/35. Left MASINGARA at 6.10 a.m. and crossed bar (a few bumps) and to sea. Arrived back at DARU at 9.20 a.m.


A.R.M., W.D., 20/9/35.

General Remarks.

Object of Patrol.

Mr Mason having presented a letter to me from the Hon. the O.S. enjoining me, if possible, to assist him in his looking over the Divn to find tracts of kurukuru grass country, and, the District visited not having been gone over for some time I arranged this patrol. Grass areas were seen but I am led to believe that they are not entirely suitable as:-

- (1) In some cases the transport would be too expensive,
- (2) There is a lot of other "blady" grass mixed with the k.k.,
- (3) In some cases too much clearing of scrub would have to be done.

The results are, therefore, disappointing.

During the whole of the patrol the carriers were reduced to a minimum - All Mr Mason's personal gear consisted of a bed and clothes swag. Two days only 13 carriers were used, and, under the circumstances, I do not think Mr Mason should be charged up with cost at all as everything else would have had to have been carried had I been on my own.

Roads in the Sub-District.

These are very overgrown and poor. In the main they traverse large tracts of useless uninhabited land and are capable of little in the way of improvement. It is impossible to bridge any of the swamps.

Health.

All the natives seen were ~~healthy~~ healthy and not a case of sickness was reported. No Medical Orderlies were taken as I wanted to get along quickly and without delay.

Native Affairs.

No trouble of any kind was reported.

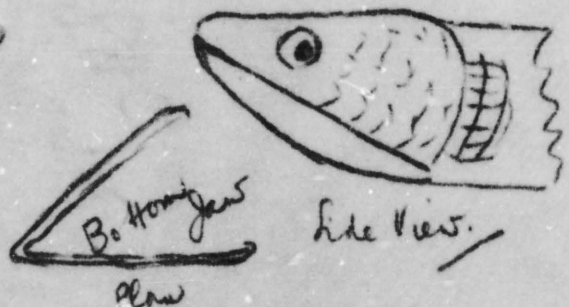
Future Patrol.

See Map. It is intended that the next patrol to TOGO shall try and locate and inspect the alleged village of MAMALDEMO to the North.

Fish Head.

Hydney H. Lane

A.R.M., W.D. 20/9/35.

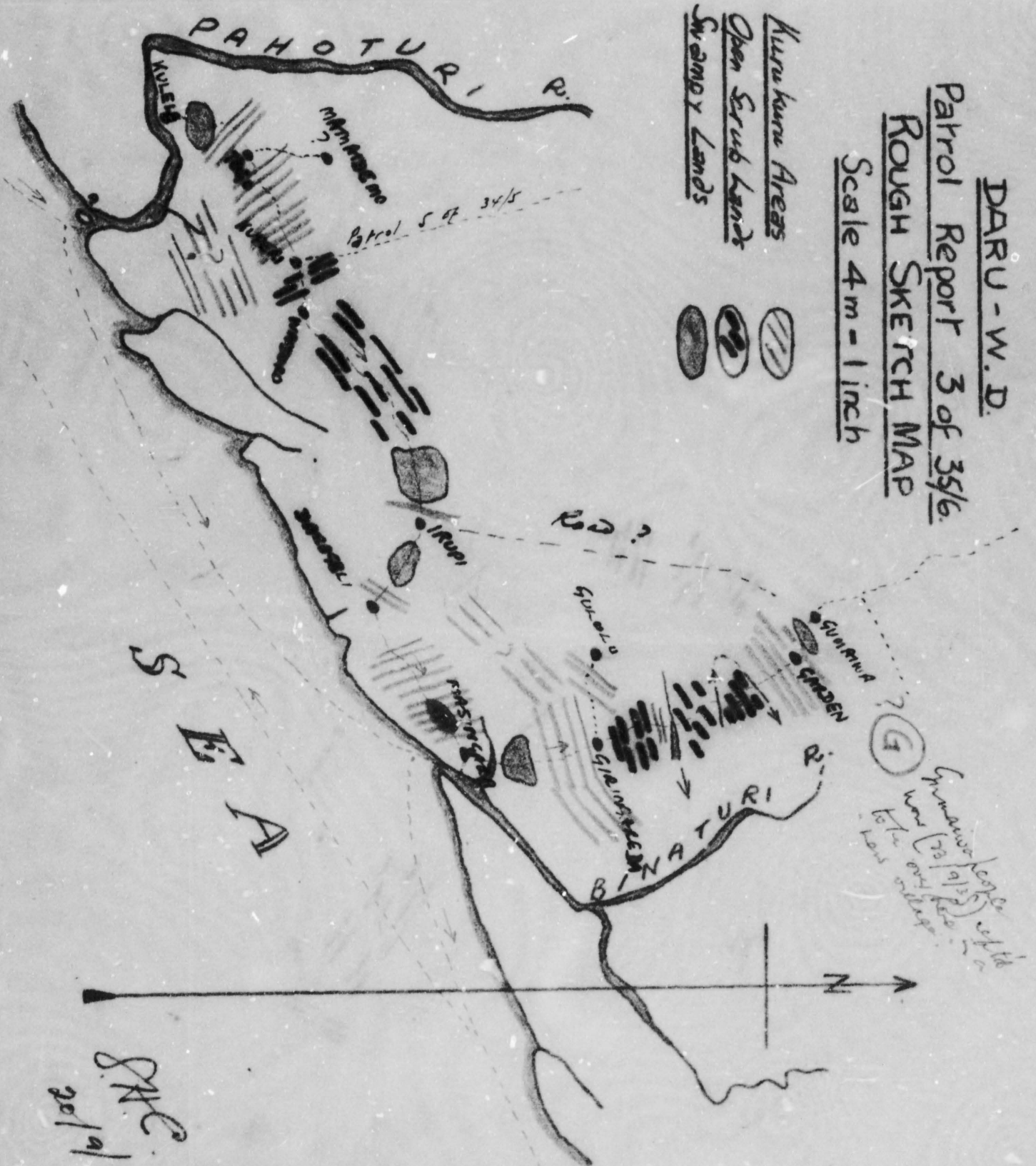


Note re Carriers:-

No compulsion of threats used
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DARU - W. D.
Patrol Report 3 of 35/6.
ROUGH SKETCH MAP
Scale 4m - 1 inch

Kuru-kuru Areas (diagonal lines)
Open Scrub Lands (cross-hatch)
Swampy Lands (solid black)



SAC
 20/9/35

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

4 of 35/36.

D A R U W.D.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by C.Champion A.R.M. toSUI and KIWAI Island for the purpose ofRecruiting A.C's, collecting tax copra, buying sago for gaol, bringing to Daru dependents of EARANI dec'd and general.Left Station on 25th. September 1935 Returned to Station on 28th. September 1935Number of Carriers employed - Number of Police taken 2Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge VAILALA. C.Champion.Villages visited SUI. SEWERIMABU. AUTI. DOROPODAI. SAGASIA. ACOBARA. IPISIA.OROMOSAPU. SAGUANE & SAMARI.

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2087/11/23-1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 7th. October 1935.

Sydney H. Chance
 Officer in charge of Station.

Patrol 4 of 35/6-Instructions.

DARU.

24th Sept 1935.

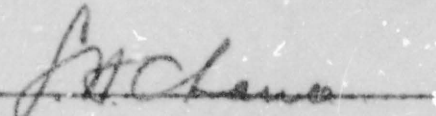
Mr C.Champion/

As arranged please leave tomorrow on the O.V. "VAILALA" for SUI, intermediate places it may be convenient to go ashore for inspections and the usual routine work, and KIWAI Island for the purpose of recruiting 10 A.N.C. for the next "LAURABADA" (see attached letter from H.Q.O., and, in this regard, although not specifically stated in the letter, I think it advisable to recruit single young men) - Needless to say, as you will probably have more than 10 aspirants for the jobs, some "weeding out" to suit ourselves can be done.

Other things to be done are:-

1. Interview fully relatives of BARANI (deceased) and obtain fullest possible details re dependents, partial and wholly, and, if necessary, bring them in for me to get the necessary statements ~~for~~ for Protector. The wife and children are all to come in and will be returned by me when I go to BAMU. See files attached for what is required. Important:- Any Marriage or Birth Certificates.
2. Buy foods for Gaol. Take bags (empty) to put sago in thus obviating getting vermin on the boat.
3. V.C. SAMERA has not renewed his Arms Permit (Special) - Get the money and, if he has none, take his gun away from him.
4. If possible gather together a group of Cllrs and have a Meeting - Take the Council Meeting Notes out with you..... Questions. I think it improves a P/R to record the minutes and send a copy in to G.S.
5. Best take a couple of V.C. uniforms in case anyone requires a new outfit or part.
6. Take Councillors Badges for issue, if necessary.
7. Take copra bags, collect also any money taxes offering and deal with any 34/5 (or previous) defaulters on our List. In this regard watch the Case Book as they may have been already dealt with. If any man imprisoned for failure to pay enter the sentence in the top half of the Year small rectangle provided - This leaves room for a Receipt No. underneath. In Samarai I had endless trouble finding out whether men had been already dealt with: The entry referred to obviates this and makes the job of keeping things up-to-date easier for all!
8. Warn L/C MALAKI on leave to be in for October "Chief". SUI Village.

I have put in Log Book a note re III Oils etc. Have loaded some leaky drums for use as soon as possible. Please check.


In Charge, Daru, W.D.

PC
17/10/35
JHC

REPORT OF PATROL BY C.CHAMPION A.R.M.
TO KIWAI ISLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF
RECRUITING 10 ARMED CONSTABLES AND
COLLECTING NATIVE TAXATION COPRA.

Patrol Report No.4 of 35/36.

Police: Cpl.DE-EA and A.C.KOIMI.

Wednesday 25/9/35.

Acting upon instructions received from Mr.Chance A.R.M. I left Daru in the Vailala at 8.30 a.m. for the purpose of carrying out the above patrol. Strong S.E. wind and very rough sea. Entered TORO passage 10.30 a.m. and reached SUI (V.C.ELIA) 1.25 p.m. and anchored. Village in fair order but no Rest House; V.C. instructed to build one immediately. Spent some time sorting out relations of BARANI deo'd who was taken by a shark while working at Thursday Island. I am satisfied that UBA(his wife) and her three children are the only ones wholly or partially dependent on BARANI. Collected two bags of tax copra and left at 3.50 p.m. anchoring SEWERIMABU(V.C.SAMERA) 7 p.m. Most of the people away at sago places.

Thursday 26/9/35.

Went ashore and inspected the village and found it to be in good order. Recruited two A.C's here but unfortunately they are both married. I think it will be very hard to get young men of good physique who are not married. I refer to Lower Fly villages and KIWAI Island. Collected some tax and left 8.30 a.m. and anchored at the KIWAI village of AUTI (V.C.SA-E) 9.30 a.m. Village and Rest House in order. V.C. instructed to get the drinking well fenced. Collected 20 in cash for tax and bought a quantity of sago. No applications for A.C's here. Left 11.10 a.m. and anchored DEROPODAI (V.C.NADURA) 2 p.m. Village rather dirty but most of the people away making sago. Collected four bags of copra and some sago and then continued on at 3.35 p.m. anchoring at a WAPAURA sago place at 4 p.m. A case of adultery here. While at anchor a large crocodile came floating down the river about 50 yards from the VAILALA - A.C.KOIMI with an excellent shot killed it. The crocodile turned on it's back but sank before the dinghy could reach it.

(2).

Friday 27/9/35.

Awoke at 4 a.m. to find that the VAILALA had dragged her anchor and we had drifted some miles from shore and down the river. Returned to KIWAI Island and anchored. Continued at 6.25 a.m. and anchored SAGASIA (V.C.KIRIA) 7.25 a.m. Practically everyone over at AIBINIO Island copra making. Collected a little tax in cash and handed the V.C. 19 empty copra sacks and the V.C. tells me he will bring the copra to Daru when bagged. Left at 9.5 a.m. and anchored AGOBARA (V.C.SIMOI) 9.30 a.m. where 9 bags of copra were collected. The high tides are coming right into the village and the V.C. wants to move his village. Had a look at the proposed new site, about a hundred yards back from the present site. The ground is higher than the present site and should be a great improvement. Instructed the V.C. to see that proper houses are built and erected in an orderly manner. Had two applications here for A.C.'s but am afraid they are on the old side. Both are of good physique and speak English well but on account of their age they were turned down. Continued at 11.25 a.m. and anchored IPISIA (V.C.IAPIA) five minutes later where 24 bags of copra were collected. Rest House and village in good order. Explained to the Councillors and all taxable natives the idea of Councillors and how the Tax money was used for the benefit of the natives according to the "Village Council Notes". The Mission Teacher here told me that he has explained it to the people and he also teaches the children when at school. The Mission Teacher is in possession of the book "Village Council Notes" so he should be of great help in explaining those notes so long as he does so very often. Continued 3.10 p.m. and anchored OROMOSAPU (V.C.GABIA) 3.30 p.m. Collected a large quantity of copra and left again at 4.50 p.m. anchoring SAMARI 5.45 p.m. V.C.'s of SAMARI and SAGUANE reported.

Saturday 28/9/35.

Collected a large quantity of copra here and in C.N.M. for some time. Left at 11.50 a.m. and soon after the Southampton Flying Boat was seen passing over SAGUANE en route to Daru. While

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at SAMARI I was informed that all the IASA people were over on MORIGI island making copra so we headed for there. Recruited three A.C's at SAGUANE. Owing to a large sandbank and a falling tide could not get very close to the copra place on MORIGI island so abandoned the attempt to load any more copra. Anyway I have 86 bags of copra and a large quantity of sago on board. Continued round northern end of Mibu island and anchored at the entrance to TORO passage at 3.50 p.m. and picked up the V.C. of SUI together with BARANI'S wife and children as per arrangement and continued at 4.20 p.m. and anchored 5.10 p.m. at the other end of the pass to wait for the rising tide. Got through the channel at 7.10 p.m. and anchored Daru 8.50 p.m. where I reported to Mr.Chance A.R.M.O/c.

B. Champion

A.R.M. 7/10/35.

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PATROL REPORT.

[G.P. 67.]

STATION NUMBER.

5 of 35/6

D A R U STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **Sydney.H.Chance, Acting R.M.** to
MAI KUSSA and WASSI KUSSA Districts & TARARA for the purpose of
showing Mr W.D.Mason kurukuru grass areas.

Left Station on **3/10/35** Returned to Station on **9/10/35**

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

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **"VAIIAIA" S.H.Chance**

Places visited **SAIFAI Island, TAWJI, SEBIDIRO, JARO, and TARARA and a
TARARA Garden Village the name of which is unknown.**

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date **October 17th 1935**

Sydney H. Chance
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	Crew	and Police Rations only				-	-	-	
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Buckets	2						2		
Kerosene Cans									
Knives & Sheaths									
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Knives, other									
Belts									
Pouches									
Print									
Twill									
Handkerchiefs									
Beads									
Mirrors									
Axes									
Half Axes	1						1		
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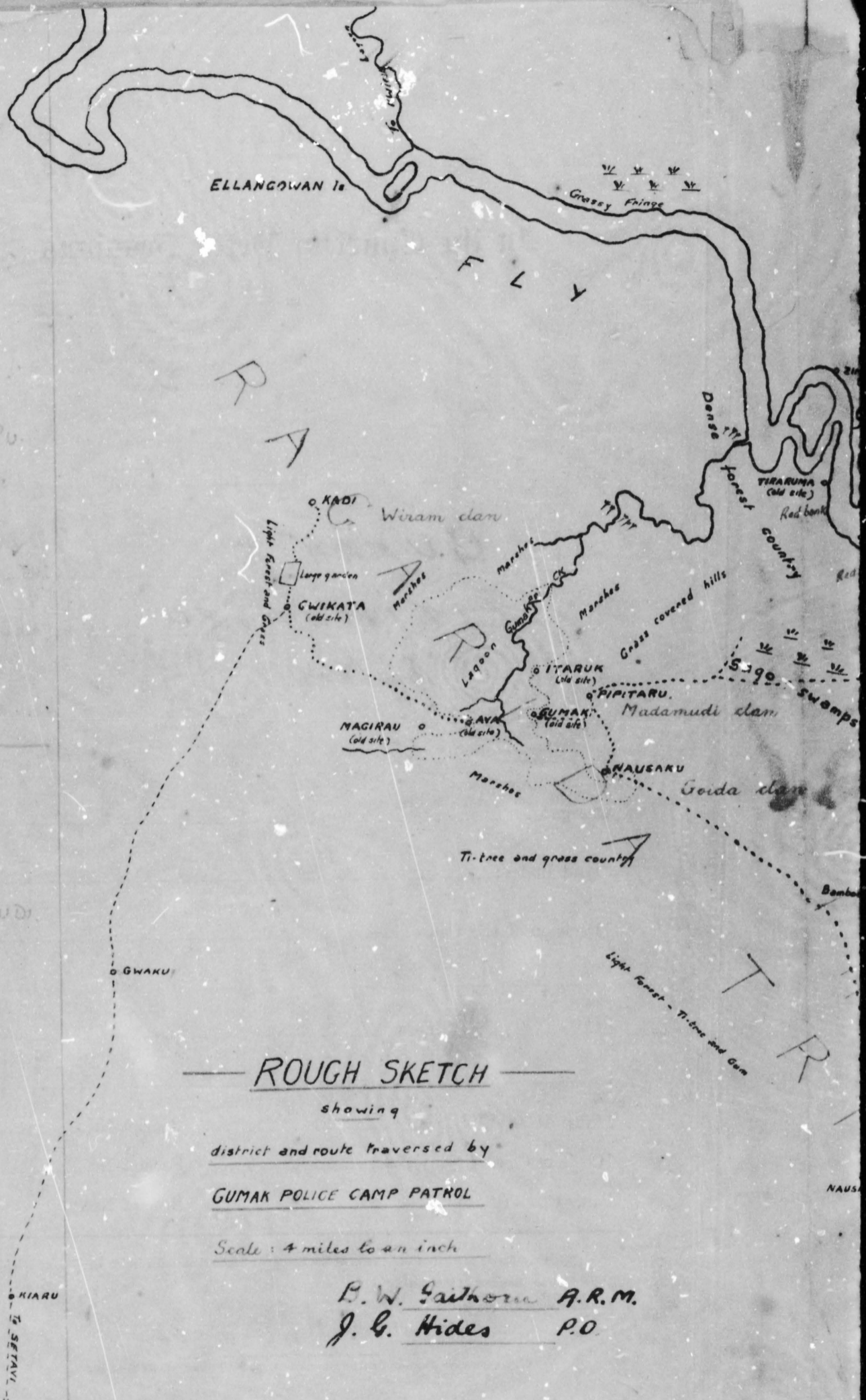
NOTE.—When an article such as a tent is issued, but is returned for future use, the value should not be entered.

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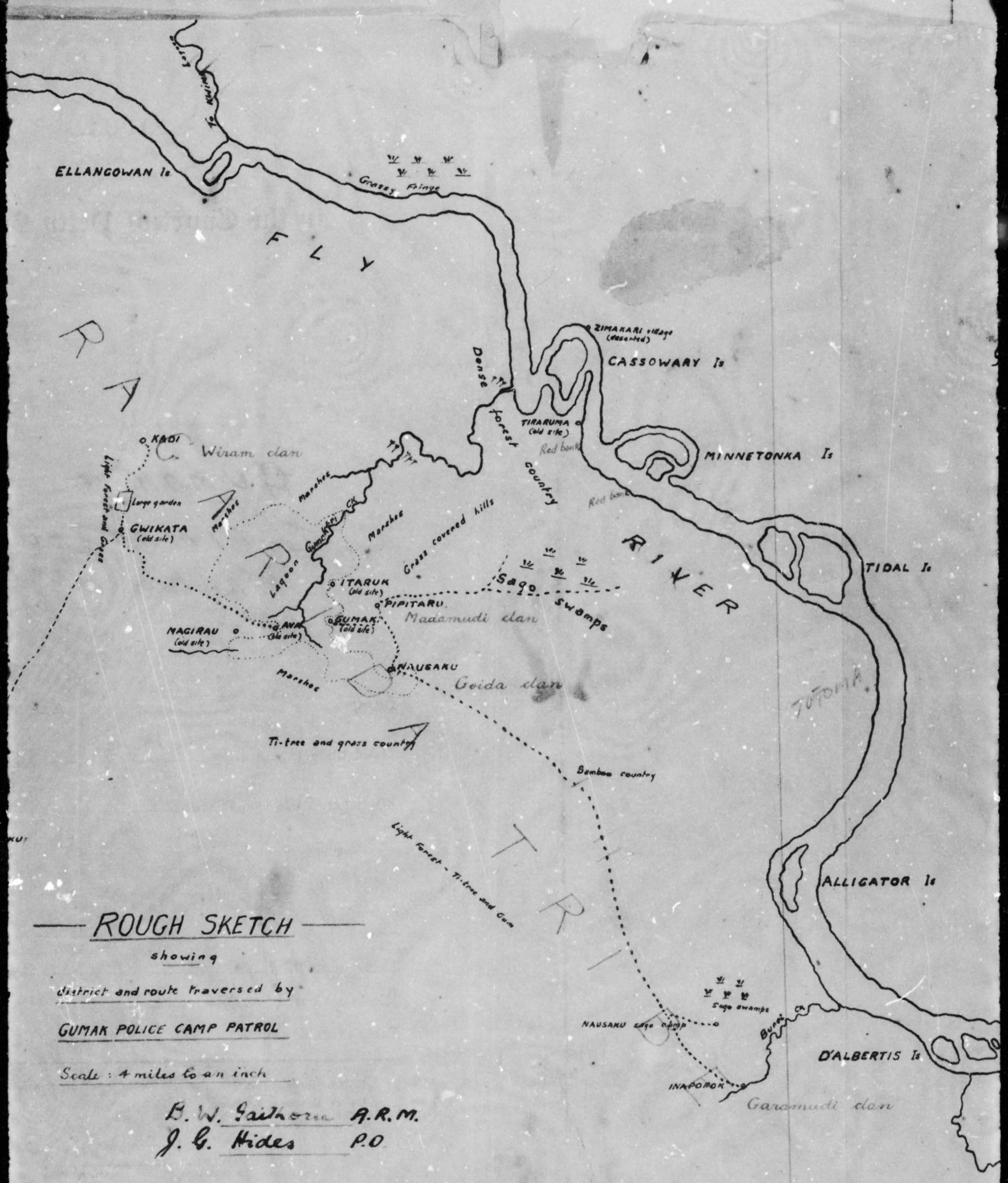
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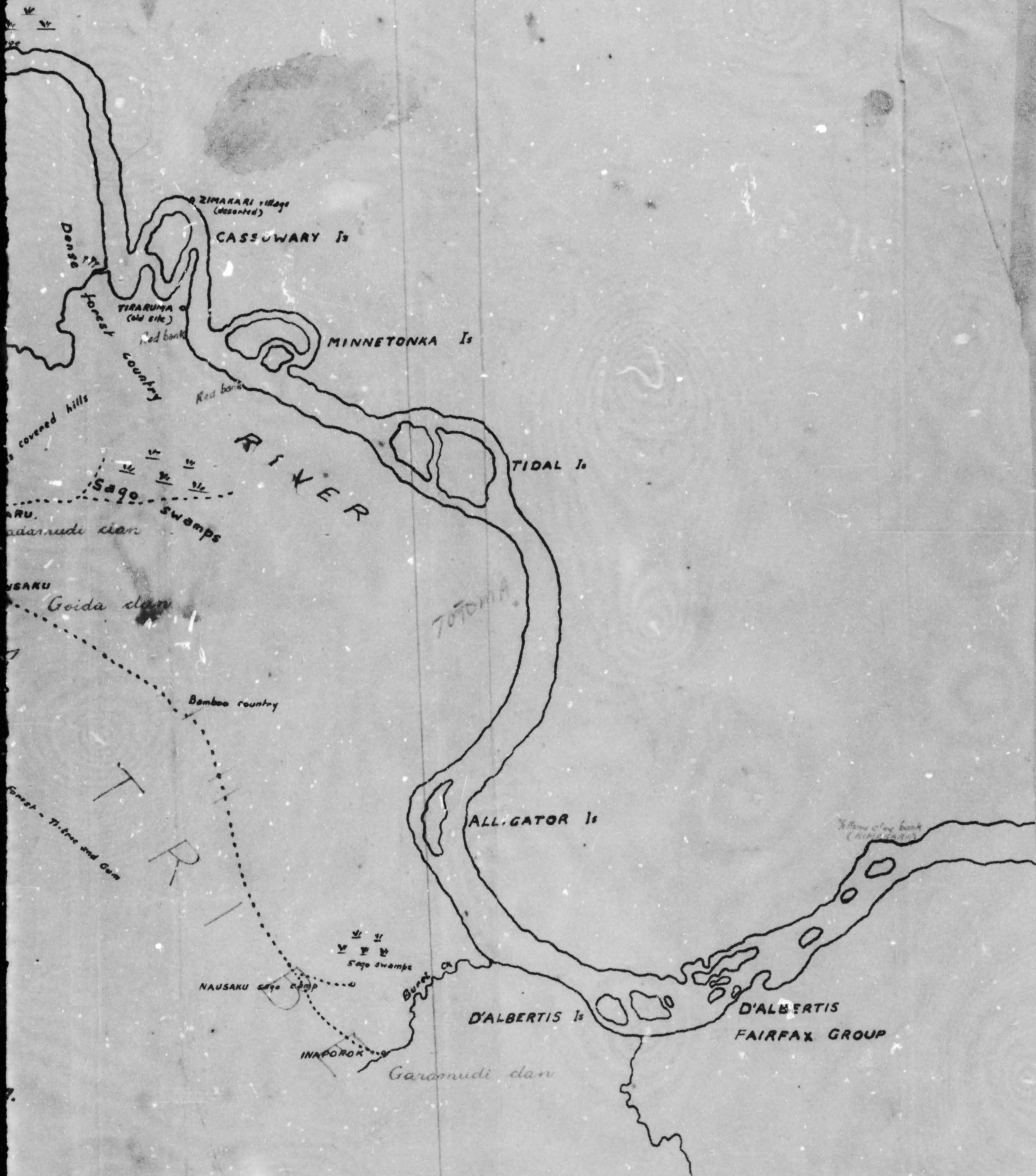
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PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

7 of 35/36

DARU STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Sydney H. Chance a/R.M. to
N. Bank of Fly and inland to SOGOI Village and etc. for the purpose of
general patrol, Labour Inspection at MADIRI, Enquiring into the
recent HARAGI-TAPAPI fracas and arresting other murderers.

Left Station on 29/10/35 (Mon) Returned to Station on 8/11/35 (Fri)

Number of Carriers employed 20 part of time Number of Police taken Cpl and 7

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "VAILALA" - S.H. Chance

Villages visited DAWARE, DOUMORI, PACONA, GAINA, ABERAGEREW A, WARIABODORO,
SOGOI (Inland Swamp dwellers), URIO, DAMERA, GOWABURA,
SAGERA, DAMERAKOROMO, KDAVISI, SISIAM, IWUI.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 10/12/35, 193

Typed at KIKORI, D.D.

Sydney H. Chance
SS a/R.M. Officer in charge of Station

Daru Patrol Report No. 7 of 35/6 J. H. Chanda a/R/M.

28/10/35.

Accompanied by Cpl DE-EA, 7 A.C's and Interpreter KAREA, my cook and sundry passengers returning to their homes left Daru at 3.00 p.m., and, after awaiting tide, entered and anchored in TORO Pass.

29/10/35.

Left at 6.10. At 9.00 anchored at DAWARE where V.C. GIBIA had a case; it turned out to be an accusation of pourri-pourri against a feeble old man of 69. No evidence of any worth so let him ashore & promised to bear the matter in mind. Left 10.50 and at 11.25 took 2 canoes from the BAMU in tow. V.C. MAIDA reported that two men of KOAVISI had killed KURUA of OROPAI. At 3.00 anchored at MADIRI, landed mails and held an inspection of Mrs Cowling's labour. A separate report goes to Hon. the C.N.A. - Saw all the labour-86 boys in all. At night it rained 207 points.

30/10/35.

Left at 9.30 and at 12.05 anchored at DOUMORI Island and loaded 18 bags of Taxation Copra. Very few defaulters. Ordered V.C. to hurry along with a new darimo as the old one is being undermined by the river water. Up anchor 3.10 and to PAGONA. The new darimo I ordered to be built before is now complete and village O.K.- Ran to anchorage in lee of Island and anchored. A very wet night.

31/10/35.

To GAIMA. House repairs recently ordered have been done but had to shake them up to pull down a dilapidated structure making an eyesore in the village. On to ABERAGERIWA (BORO) where landed a discharged prisoner. Arrived at WARIABODORO and arranging for 20 carriers for the morrow. At 4.30 to an island for shelter.

1/11/35.

At 8.0 a.m. set off inland for SOGOI. Road a swamp and indescribably mucky and filthy. Going all day very slow. At 3.30 reached a sago place where there was a long house of sorts and made camp. Millions of cockroaches and other pests. There were no signs of natives about.

2/11/35.

Half an hour on the road met a man with wife and dog, the latter being carried in his arms like a baby! Called to the man but he bolted. Shortly afterwards some SOGOI men met us and conducted us to the village. All men white friendly but it is amazing to a white how any human being can live in such impossible surroundings. I was informed HARAGI was to the North across the upper waters of the SAGERA Creek. Sent out for all the HARAGI men to come in and see me re the killing of TAMAGELE of TAPAPI. To pass the time had some good goose shooting.

3/11/35.

About 3.00 p.m. the HARAGI men came in. Interpretation was not too good but I gathered that the TAPAPI crowd had raided the HARAGI s, in the subsequent melee, that TAMAGELE had been shot. Told two men of HARAGI that I would take them back to the Fly and around to TAPAPI to assist me to find out what actually did happen. A large quantity of native food brought in and the party presented with the usual pig!

4/11/35.

All day on a slightly better "road" brought us out on the Fly Bank at URIO and shortly afterwards along came the "VALLARA". In the C.N.M. dealt with two cases of adultery and arrested a man for the killing of his wife. Proceeded to WARIABODORO to pay off carriers & ran across to the lee of an island for a night's shelter.

5/11/35.

At 7.30 arrived at URIO and loaded police and etc. Passing DAMERA inspected the village and found it much cleaner than at my last visit. 8.35 to 11.35 in the C.P.S. dealing with the murder case and the accused committed for trial. On to GOWAHURA where settled a dispute re nago palms and the ownership thereof. Called in at SAGERA but there was nobody there so on to DAMERAKOROMO. V.C. No 57 BUARO reported dead on 31/8/35-It will be remembered I reported him very sick last patrol to the village. At DAMERAKOROMO got wind of a fight in which the AMGOA and KOAVISI people had attacked a crowd of TIRERE men. One man shot in the eye and in a pretty bad state. Up anchor at 4.10, 5.00 at KOAVISI but found the village deserted so on to SISIAM.

6/11/35.

Village of SISIAMU not too clean and V.C. shaken up. In the C.N.M. sentenced a man to 4 mos I.H.L. for an assault on his wife & dressed the lady's wound and gave her clean bandages for her dressing. After again going to KOAVISI and finding it deserted on to a sago place and anchored. Sent Cpl. DE-EA and A.C.'s ashore in the pouring rain to locate the killers BOSOMA and ATABI. "VAILALA" sun deck leaking badly and I had a most unpleasant time trying to dodge the wet. Later in the day the DAMERAKOROMO men all arrived for court.

7/11/35.

Spent some hours enquiring into the night case and found it was all started by ex A.C. GUMOWO inducing a woman of KOAVISI to have intercourse with DAMERAKOROMO men. Sentenced GUMOWO to a term of imp. for pandering and dealt with all the aggressors in the case, they each got 4 months - The assault was quite unprovoked. I could not find out who had wounded WARIMI in the eye so had to drop that matter. As he said, "One of these men shot the arrow but how could I tell who it was?" From the little I have seen of the Lower BAMU people I have no great admiration for their morals, ex A.C. GUMOWO, by the way, was found to be badly infected with V.D. Decided to abandon the rest of the patrol & return with the two murder cases and prisoners to DARU. Camped for the night at SAGERA, it is a good anchorage.

8/11/35.

Off at 5.0 a.m., picked up witnesses at IWUI and on. At 10.40 P/L Campbell passed overhead on his way to Daru in the seaplane. We got right through to Daru arriving at 6.30 p.m.

General Remarks.

An uneventful routine patrol. As readers know H.E. the Lt. G. has since been to Daru and has HAKIKUM sentenced the wife killer to 2 yrs, BOSOMO and ATABI to two years each and all the TAPAPI men (19 of them arrested by Mr Champion, a quiet and good piece of work) have also been sentenced to two years each. The sub-district should be peaceable and quiet for a while.

Typed at KIKORI 10/12/35.

[Signature]
late a/R.M., W.D.

PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

9 of 35/6

D A R U W.D. STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Patrol Officer M.J. Healy. toIAMIGA District

for the purpose of

General Inspection and to inquire into alleged assault atIamigaLeft Station on 16th November 1935 Returned to Station on 21st November 1935Number of Carriers employed average 11 Number of Police taken 3Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whaleboat for part of PatrolVillages visited PEAWA , IGUNI , DAWGWA , DUMA-A, WONIA , and IAMIGA
and several garden settlements

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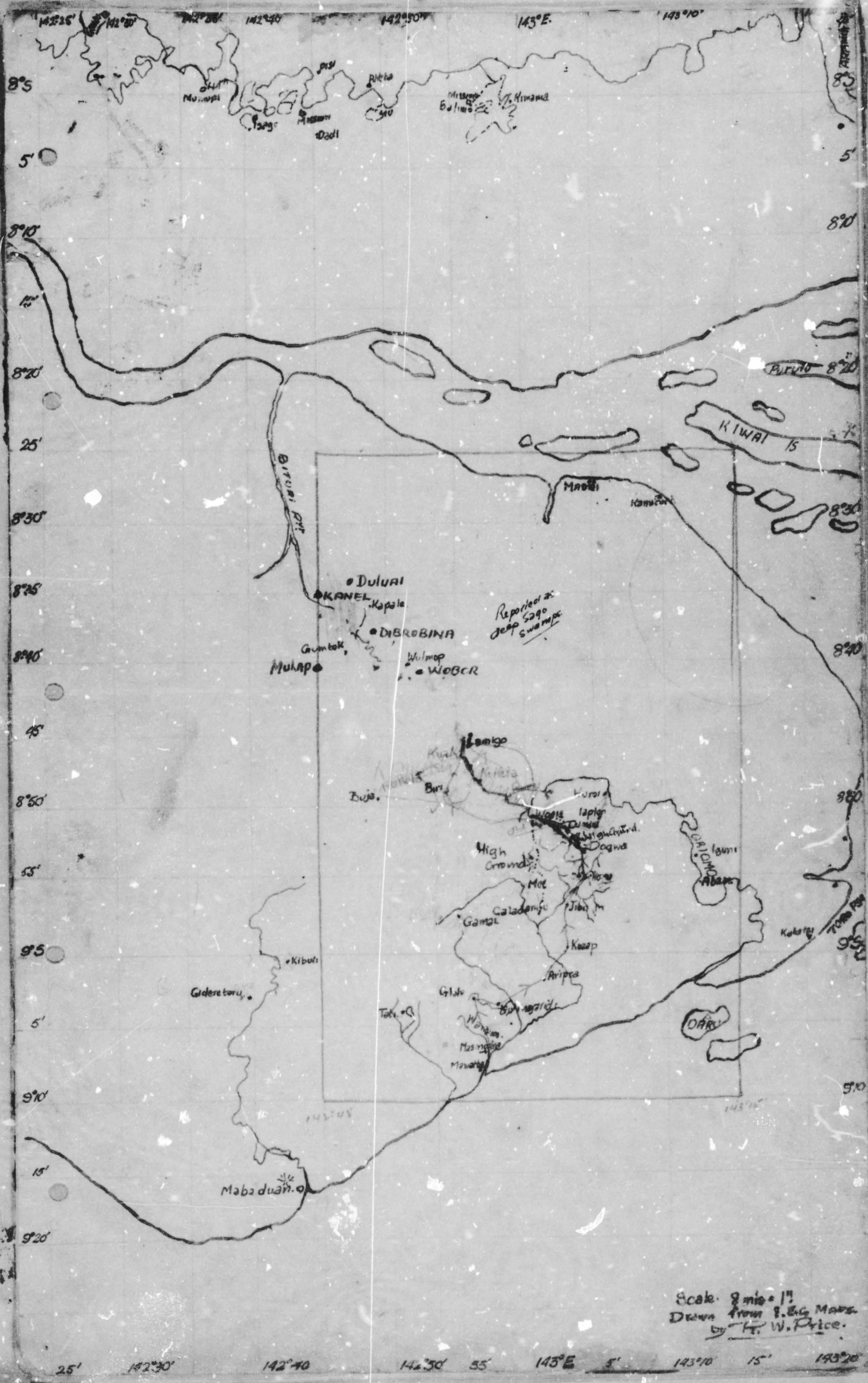
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Date 29. 11., 1935Sydney H. H. H.
Officer in charge of Station
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Instructions. Patrol No. 9 of 38/C.

Daru. 15/11/35.

Mr Healy/

As already arranged verbally please be prepared to leave tomorrow in the Station whaler for a Patrol to IAMIGA, about a day and a half's walk inland from WUROI Landing which latter place is 40 miles from here up the ORIOMO River.

You will take two police (Orderly BORECE and another to select, excluding MANITI and EBANI the pro-tem. buildres, I can recommend KIKIA a Local) and a crew of 10 prisoners. 8 prisoners you may use as carriers, leaving the other two with A.C. AKAVRI as guard with the boat to await your return. In that time they are to collect some cane.

At IAMIGA enquire into the recent fight. I gather that WAGONA caught WORA importuning his (WAGONA's) wife EREMA and, in the subsequent melee

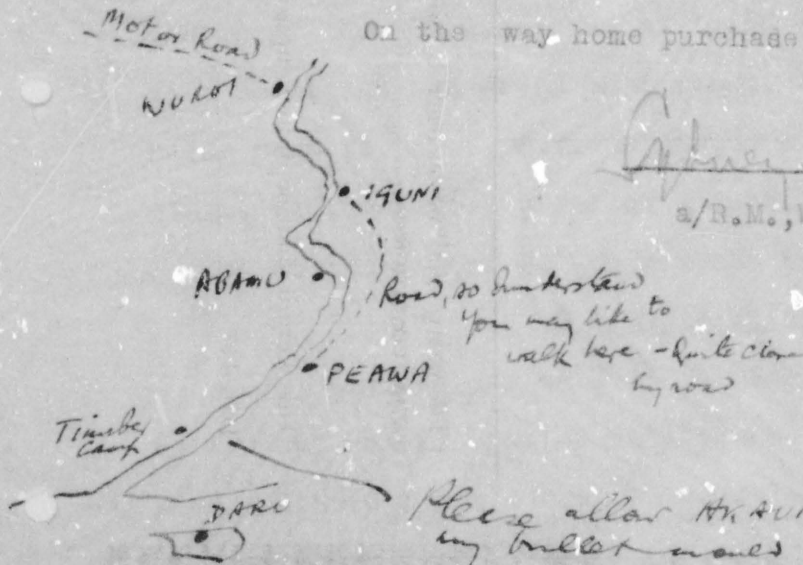
WORA assisted by his "brothers" POKEN and MANDA

assaulted NABI (head wound), IAROI, slight spear wound in leg, and WAGONA, slight body wound. It is alleged WORA did all this damage but possibly POKEN and MANDA will be charged with threatening behaviour.

Please find out whether the tale that the V.C. of IAMIGA was too sick to come in with these people is true.

I would suggest you recruit other carriers required on the way up river, Interpreter ditto.

On the way home purchase any n.f. offering.



sparsely populated. After an hours rest here left for IAMIGA at

REPORT OF PATROL BY M.J.HEALY, P.O. INTO THE
IAMIGA DISTRICT.

Police:- A.Cs BOREGE, KIKIA and AKAURI.

Saturday 16/11/35.

Left DARU in the Station whaleboat at 9.15 a.m. with 9 prisoners at the oars. Soon after starting heavy rain fell continuing on for almost an hour but clearing up into a fine day. Reached the mouth of Oriomo River in 45 minutes and then started up the river making good time with the tide. At 12.30 made a short stop for lunch in a clump of Coconuts where the prisoners have a camp when collecting timber and Biri. At 3.30 arrived at the village of Peawa but it was entirely deserted, all the natives being out in their gardens. This village was left in a very clean state and all houses very tidy. After blowing village Kibi for some time and getting no response, continued up the river and at 6.30 camped at Iguni village. This village was also deserted but soon after camp was made, V.C. JUBO reported and advised that all his people were in their gardens. Instructed him to have them all in the village when I returned which would be within the next few days. This village also was left in a clean state.

Sunday 17/11/35.

Left Iguni at 6.20 taking advantage of the tide and soon after met V.C. JUBO in his garden with some of his people. Took one native with me as an interpreter. Had breakfast at 9.30 and continuing on at 10.20 arrived at EUROI, a landing made by the Oriomo people at 11 a.m.. Left A.C. AKAURI and one prisoner here in charge of the whaleboat and at 11.45 left for DAWGWA. Motor road in good condition and grass kept short. Wallabies plentiful, several being shot for food. Arrived DAWGWA at 2 p.m. just ahead of a heavy storm. V.C. reported bringing a quantity of native food for carriers. Camped in the Oriomo Oil Co's house that night

Monday 18/11/35.

Left Dawgwa at 7.15 for Wonia and after 2 hours walk arrived at Wonia. Most of villages out in their gardens but some came in while I was there. Apparently this is the gardening season as most of the villages visited up to date were either deserted or sparsely populated. After an hours rest here left for IAMIGA at

10 a.m. At first track was well defined but later became a series of wallaby tracks over an almost treeless plain. Heat was intense in places and I was glad when I eventually reached Iamiga at 2.20. V.C.Niak reported here with nearly all his people. Made camp here as heavy rain fell in the late afternoon. This village has rather a good rest-house and barracks. Made inquiries re native WORA of Iamiga who was wanted for assault and was informed by the V.C. that he and his brother had left for a place called Foidara some weeks previous. Interpretation was very difficult in this village and the interpreter I had brought from the Oriomo River appeared to be frightened of the Iamiga people although he understood their language and had offered voluntary when I had called for an interpreter.

Tuesday 19/11/35

At Iamiga. As Wora was at Foidara village and I was told that this village was 2 days walk from Iamiga, I did not go after him as my time was limited, the R.M. at Daru having instructed me to return to the station as soon as possible in hopes that I would be able to get to the Fl. River Police Camp. On falling in all the village people at Iamiga, V.C.Niak informed me that he did not want to hold the position of Village Constable any longer. He would not give any reason but I think he was not strong enough for the position and was frightened of his people. The village had another man for the position, named Kokoi. I decided to bring both these men to Daru for the approval of the R.M. Left Iamiga ^{at} 10 a.m. returning to Woni over the same track as yesterday as this appeared to be the only way to get back to the river. Arrived at Woni at 2 p.m. after passing through several garden settlements. Most of the Woni people were assembled at the village. What was very noticeable in both Iamiga and Woni was the amount of European dress used by the natives, nearly all natives both male and female being in the possession of at least one calico rami. Also I saw several billy-cans and European gardening tools in the houses. I was informed that when the Oriomo Oil Co. was working in this district most of the labour was recruited from these villages and that the people had saved their money and were still in possession of some, spending a little now and then. After a rest of 1½ hours at Woni I continued on to

Duma-a a village of 8 houses. People were all assembled here, most of the houses were new and apparently the village is increasing in size. After a short stay here continued on to Dawgwa and camped at 5.30 in the Oriomo Oil Co's house, V.C. Ibome of this district reporting.

Wednesday 20/11/35.

Left Dawgwa at 6.15 for ^{Woroi} Woroi arriving there at 8.30. Breakfasted here and at ~~8.30~~ 10 a.m. left in the whaleboat for trip down the river. Arrived Iguni at 1 p.m. where people were all assembled with V.C. Jubo. All appear content and happy. Purchased a quantity of native food for Daru at this village. Left again at 2 p.m. arriving at Peawa at 4.30 and made camp. Natives all in their gardens.

Thursday 21/11/35.

Left Peawa at 7.15 and at 9.30 met the V.C. Suke from Peawa village with his people in the gardens. Stopped here for a time and tried to purchase native foods without success. This garden was only recently made and the people were in places still clearing the land. Continued on after about 2 hours stay and lunched within 3 hours ~~at~~ of Daru at 12.15. After lunch continued on and arrived Daru at 3 p.m., reporting to R.M.

Michael J. Healy
P.O.
24/11/35.

PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

10/35-36

DARU

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by R.A. Woodward R.M.W.D. toKimai Island and Lower Fly Villages for the purpose ofTaxation matters and general inspection of villagesLeft Station on January 8th 1936 Returned to Station on January 14th 1936Number of Carriers employed _____ Number of Police taken 5Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Vilala" R.A. WoodwardVillages visited Sameri, Sagan, Ipiia, Sugasia, Dameratam, Gesoa, Wapaura, Wapi, Pazona, Doumori, Barakura, Tizio, Wederihamu, Auti Mariabodoro, Bora.

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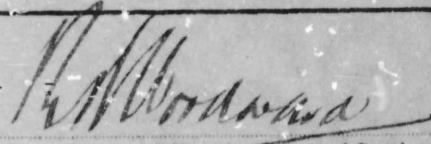
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Date January 23rd 1936 1936


Officer in charge of Station

REPORT ON PATROL BY R.A. WOODWARD. R.M.W.D.

TO LOWER FLY RIVER AND KIWAI ISLAND

The principal object of this patrol was to deal with taxation copra and transport same to Daru in time to ship per coastal vessel to Port Moresby.

Wednesday January 8th.

Left Daru at 9-10 a.m. in the "Vailala" with 5 A.C. and a number of native passengers for Samari, Kiwai Island, who are being carried on behalf of the L.M.S at Daru. Arrived SAMARI 3 p.m. and was occupied for some considerable time paying family bonus and bringing census up to date. All taxes for the current year have already been paid, mostly in copra. V.C. GABIA of IASA reported here and stated all well in his village. Taking the V.C. with me I next proceeded to IASA for the purpose of obtaining sago supplies for the Daru Gaol. All taxes already paid so there was nothing particular to do at Iasa.

Thursday January 9th.

Leaving IASA at 6-30 a.m. I proceeded down river to SAGUAN where family bonus matters were attended to. Thence on to IPISIA only to find the V.C., Councillors and most of the people absent in sago camps. V.Cs of AGOBARA and OROMOSAPU reported with bonus claimants and one bag of copra was accepted as tax payment from a man of the latter village. IPISIA is a very poor village - one of the worst on Kiwai Island yet the people are, perhaps, the most enlightened of the Kiwais yet they exhibit no desire to improve their dwellings and arrange the village in an orderly manner. I am convinced that pure laziness is at the bottom of it all but it is encouraging to note that this year most of the taxes have been paid in copra - previously I have had difficulty in getting these people to make copra at all. Left 1-30 p.m. and proceeded to Wabuda anchoring off DAMERATAM at 3 p.m. Took on board 26 bags of copra in part payment of taxes for the current

year. Village in good order but V.C. and most of the people away at UMUDA Island copra making. After a lapse of 20 years without a Teacher, the London Missionary Society has now established a Lay Reader at this village. A School has been built and I am given to understand that some of the children of WAPI Village attend with the DAMERATAM youngsters - the latter are so few in number that it would hardly warrant a school for them alone. I observed that the coconut plantation planted some 18 years ago under the Native Regulations, is gradually being washed away, this, however, does not seem to matter much as the palms are particularly poor and comparatively few are in bearing.

Friday January 10th.

Visited GESOA and took on board 20 bags copra. Village in good order but V.C. absent. Birth statistics still very poor and no new babies brought forward for entry on the census. Left 11 a.m. and returned to Kisai Island anchoring off Sagasia 3 p.m. Dealt with tax matters. A good effort has been made by this village to meet their tax obligations in the absence of employment; apparently they have made some arrangements with the neighbouring village of AGOBANA whereby the SAGASIA men are permitted to make copra from coconut groves of the former on ABAURA Island. No new names added to the census but I was informed that five women who had recently given birth to children had gone to live at AIBINIO Island in the hopes that the children would thrive there. All babies born at Sagasia seem to die within a month or two of birth and it will be interesting to see whether the change of air (and possibly food) will have any beneficial effect. Thence on to WAPAURA where, as usual, I found no copra or tax money available although I believe some of the men have been working as casuals at either Mibu or Madiri plantations during the past year or two. The V.C. reported an assault case the accused being at a sago camp some miles higher up river so the V.C. was accordingly instructed to go and arrest the accused and await my arrival in the morning.

Saturday January 11th

Proceeded to the sago camp in the "Vailala" and there found the V.C. awaiting us as arranged. Held Court for Native Matters and after purchasing some sago continued on to DOROPODAI. Dealt with tax and bonus matters and accepted 20 bags of copra leaving 5 more to be delivered later. Village in very fair order and, I should imagine, the population showing a slight increase judging by the large numbers of children to be seen.

Crossed over to WAPI Village but found nothing much to do there as the V.C. was absent and most of the men away at work in Thursday Island. A few names were added to the census and bonus claimants paid. Thence across to the North bank of the Fly to Wariabodoro where a court case was awaiting attention, the V.C. of Damera having complained that after being accused of sorcery and thus causing the sickness of a Wariabodoro man, he had been assaulted and injured by two men of that village, one of them being ex Corporal SAMERA. Despatched an A.C. to bring complainant to Court and purchased a large quantity of sago.

Sunday January 12th

Held Court N.M. two of the accused being sentenced to imprisonment. From there I proceeded up the North bank of the Fly to BORA (V.C. Kaide) where wages of a deceased native labourer were distributed and a quantity of sago purchased. A small quantity of copra was tendered in payment of a tax but I had to refuse it as it was almost rotten. The BORA people are still domiciled in four villages in spite of all attempts made to bring them together and I now feel that they may as well be left as they are but a new census should be made for each village as soon as opportunity offers. Continued on to PAGOMA - V.C. absent at Daru and few people about. Picked up three bags of copra and paid bonus. Village very dirty and all hands were made to clean up the place under police supervision. Reached Doumori at 3 p.m. only to find that almost every able-bodied man had left the previous day to attend a dance at Parama. Village in a very unsatisfactory condition and the residence built for the Mission in a state of collapse, however, there appears to be no Missionary

in residence as formerly and I am told that now a Member of the U.F. Mission calls there occasionally to hold a service. In my view this Mission might just as well leave this village along for I cannot think this Mission can have inspired the natives with any degree of confidence, for, having got the natives to build a Church (or school) and a residence, they neglect to go near the village except for a flying visit perhaps once or twice during the course of a month. Left DOUMORI at 6 p.m. and anchored at Baramura 7-35 p.m.

Monday January 13th.

No taxes in either cash or copra forthcoming from the Baramura men. They state that the people of WEREDAI and ADURU living on the nearby Island of Sumogi are in the habit of making sago on Baramura lands and whilst so doing help themselves to all available coconuts thus leaving none for copra making. This may be an excuse put up for the non-payment of taxes, nevertheless, WEREDAI and ADURU are undoubtedly poaching as their own tribal lands are many miles higher up the Fly. Following the last WEREDAI massacre at the hands of the "Sukis" these people, also Suwami and Sipara, migrated to the lower Fly and seem very disinclined to return to their own district, but it now seems evident that they will have to be driven back, or, at least, forced to make sago on their own lands if peace is to be maintained on this section of the river. The TIRIO people too have the same complaint about the depletion of their sago lands by WEREDAI and ADURU and a warning has been sent to the latter people that if the practice is not discontinued forthwith they will be charged with stealing and possibly deported back to their own country. Visited TIRIO and attended to tax and bonus matters there. Village overgrown with grass and strong evidence to indicate that the people are in the habit of defaecating in the grass within a few yards of the houses. The V.C. who is old and sick most of the time was allowed to resign and a new man, an ex A.C., was selected in his place and it is hoped that the new appointee will improve the condition of the village. All hands cleaning up under police supervision and whilst this was being done I made a hurried visit to Madiri where calls were made on Mrs Cowling and the members of the U.F. Mission. Thence on to

WEDERIHAMU where every tax man was able to satisfy his obligations in cash - a very pleasing state of affairs and one of the few villages which can be relied upon to do this every year without fail. Thence to AUTI on Kiwai Island where 9 bags of copra were loaded bringing the total on board the Vailala to 79 bags. Birth statistics at AUTI are very low and only three names were added to the census. Mr Adams E.M.A. has recently been here and noted in the U.Cs book that this village showed the lowest percentage of children on Kiwai Island. Several deaths of adults reported to have occurred during the last few months from snake bites. The local Missionary here should be provided with necessary gear to attend to these matters and taught how to apply ligatures etc.

Tuesday January 14th

Left AUTI at 5-45 a.m. and made a non-stop run to Daru arriving back at 1-30 p.m.

Observations

Whilst at Doumori I was informed by the V.C. of that village that last month five "Suki" canoes came to SIPARA en route for Daru, but owing to the unfriendly attitude of the Sipara people and others, the "Sukis" abandoned the trip and returned up river. Amongst the people in the canoes was, I understand, V.C. KETOI of Inaporok (Bure Creek) who was doubtless coming to Daru for his annual pay, and I have no doubt that accompanying him were a number of the Gumaka natives who have recently served 3 years in Badili Caol in connection with the Weredai massacre. It is a pity that the Lower Fly natives cannot overcome their fear of any people from higher up the river but I suppose many years will elapse before the Weredai massacre is forgotten.

R.M. Wood
 R.M.W.D.
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PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER
13/35-36

DAFU

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by R.A. Woodward R.M.V.D. to

Upper WAWOI River.

for the purpose of

Transporting personnel and stores of the Bama-Purari
patrol as far up river as possible.

Left Station on April 25th 1936 Returned to Station on May 7th, 1936

Number of Carriers employed _____

Number of Police taken 7

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Vailala" - R.A. Woodward R.M.

Villages visited Damantan, Damarakoromo, Oropai, Iowa, Kuria, Gagoro,
Agobara.

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Date May 11th 1936, 1936

R.A. Woodward
Officer in charge of Station

REPORT ON PATROL BY R.A. WOODWARD. R.N.W.D.

TO UPPER WAWOI RIVER

Object of Patrol. To transport Officers, police, carriers and supplies for the Bama-Purari Patrol as far as possible up the Wawoi River.

Saturday April 25th.

Left Daru in the "Vailala" at 9-55 a.m. after being delayed for some time by a terrific downpour of rain. On board are Mr I, Champion A.R.M., Mr P.C. Adamsen, 5 A.C. and 51 prisoner carriers also 7 A.C. from the Daru Detachment and about 10 tons of supplies. Travelling all day and reached Dameratan (Wabada Island) 9-15 p.m.

Sunday April 26th.

Left Dameratan 7-40 a.m. and crossed to the Bama mouth where we were aground off Damerakorew Village for over an hour. On again at 11-15 a.m. and when off Cropai one A.C. was put ashore to purchase sago for Daru Gaol and arrest an escaped prisoner. Anchored at IOWA, now a couple of miles below the Wawoi Junction, at 5-15 p.m. Paid the V.C. and purchased all sago offering.

Monday April 27th.

Left IOWA at 7-10 a.m. and entered the Wawoi River 30 minutes later and commenced making a traversal of the river. Continued on up stream at an average speed of 5½ miles per hour the river depth being from 4 to 6 fathoms. At 4-55 p.m. met a canoe with 2 A.C. and 9 Bama carriers, members of Sergt ORAI'S party which left Cropai a week ago in canoes to proceed up the Wawoi River as far as possible. I gathered from the A.C. that Sergt ORAI had made camp about 30 miles higher up the river and had sent this canoe out to look for the "Vailala" which is a few days overdue. A.C. INGITA also informed me that on this way down stream they had heard natives in the bush on the East side of the river but had not actually seen any. Made camp 4-55 p.m. about 50 miles up the Wawoi.

Tuesday April 28th.

Wighed anchor 8-50 a.m. and continued on up stream with canoe in tow. Reached Sergt ORAI'S

camp at 1-20 p.m. and after instructing the Sergeant to break camp and follow on in the canoes, we proceeded on and at 4 p.m. made camp at about 100 miles up river. Very few signs of natives seen all day. River now 35 yards wide and carrying $4\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms of water. The highest point reached by Sir William Macgregor was passed at 12-23 to-day. Carriers in canoes reached camp at 7 p.m.

Wednesday April 29th

The carriers in canoes got away at 6 a.m. The Vailala moved off at 7-16 a.m. and made steady progress all day. The river narrowed a little but average depth of water was $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms. After 5 hours run it seemed evident that we were yet many miles from the furthest limit to which the launch could go. Two A.C. were accordingly put ashore to await the canoes and instruct the Sergeant to come on independently of the Vailala. During the day a collection of huts was seen on the right bank but beyond this no signs of natives were observed. At 4-20 p.m. the river was found to be completely blocked by a large tree which had fallen and a huge collection of driftwood which had piled up behind the tree. Made camp and Police set to work to clear the obstruction the work being completed by nightfall. River now 28 yards wide and depth $2\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms so it seems unlikely that the Vailala will go many miles further. Distance from mouth approximately 145 miles.

Thursday April 30th.

Broke camp and moved off at 7-13 a.m. Banks on either side now much higher and country inland obviously ridgy with apparently a good depth of excellent soil. At 8-48 a.m. we passed through a gorge about 20 yards wide with sheer walls 50 to 60 feet on either side. The depth of water in the gorge was 4 fathoms and current very strong and to make matters worse the gorge had a nasty right-angle bend in the middle which will make our return journey with a 4 mile current behind us, somewhat risky. Soon after passing through the gorge we had to come to a stop owing to a large tree blocking the river - this was cut

away successfully but after a few minutes run we came to a bend in the river which was full of snags and once or twice the launch hit bottom so I decided it was too risky to venture higher. Selected a suitable spot for a Base Camp and commenced discharging cargo. During the day Mr Champion took observations and fixed out position at Lat $7^{\circ} 7' 26''$ S. and Long $142^{\circ} 41' 30''$ E. and about 160 miles from the mouth of the Wavoi River. At nightfall it was discovered that Engineer Frank who had gone shooting during the afternoon had not returned. Terrific rain a night and the Engineer must have had a most uncomfortable night in the bush.

Friday May 1st.

The water level in the river had come up 4 feet during the night. This additional water might have made it possible to get the launch a few miles further up stream but re-loading the cargo is out of the question now. Police in the bush all day searching for the missing Engineer but without result. This delay is most annoying as the increased depth of water in the river would have made our journey down stream in the launch much less dangerous.

Saturday May 2nd.

Sixty carriers and 8 A.C. sent out in canoes to search the river banks for the missing Engineer but by nightfall no result had been achieved except that one of the Police had seen footprints below the camp and some considerable distance inland. Three of the carriers failed to return to Camp at nightfall so they too spent the night in the bush.

Sunday May 3rd.

Owing to a drop in river level of 5 feet it became imperative to get the launch lower down the river into deeper water, I therefore decided to go below the gorge and to search the river banks for a distance of 10 miles or so below the camp as it seems possible that the Engineer is in that direction if he is still alive. Arrangements were made with Mr Champion that the Vailala, after conducting the search, would anchor just below the gorge and that a canoe should be sent down there to bring back a number of Police taken on the launch.

Left Camp at 8-50 a.m. in Vailala - Mr Champion then just about to leave in 5 canoes with a party of police and carriers to establish another camp higher up river. Successfully negotiated the gorge but only managed this by going at full speed in order to get the maximum steering way. About three miles below the gorge I was immensely relieved to see Engineer Frank standing on the river bank and apparently none the worse for the three nights exposure in the bush. After wandering about the bush for two days, Frank, it appears, struck an old camp site and "big road" which he followed and so came out on the Wawai River. This road can be none other than that cut by Mr Zimmer on his overland patrol from the Amarra to the Wawai when he rafted down the latter stream thinking it was an affluent of the Strickland. Returned to the Gorge as arranged and met the canoe from the camp and sent back the few Police borrowed as a search party. Left 1-10 p.m. and proceeded down stream at about 9 miles per hour. At 4-30 p.m. ran into a huge timber block which completely closed the river and it was well over an hour later before a passage had been effected. Anchored 5-45 p.m. in a deluge of rain which made river navigation impossible.

Monday May 4th.

Left 7 a.m. in continuance of our journey down river. At 11 a.m. on rounding a bend in the river came upon a few natives in a small, roughly constructed double canoe who cleared off into the bush on sighting the launch. It was quite impossible to try and get into touch with these natives as this involved turning the launch in a 30 yard stream with the current behind us and a strong possibility of damaging the masts and rigging on overhanging trees. Anchored 6-5 p.m. about 20 miles above the Bama Junction.

Tuesday May 5th.

Left 6-25 a.m. and at 9-5 a.m. reached Gagoro Village where a stop was made to purchase sage supplies. Fifteen minutes after leaving the village we re-entered the main Bama and shortly after met a bore which fortunately passed us on the opposite side of the river. Made short stops at Iowa and Kuria to pick up sage and eventually anchored at Oropai 3-15 p.m.

A.C. MANA duly reported with the escaped prisoner and a large quantity of sage which he had purchased. Many V.C.s from nearby villages reported and one case in the Court for Sative Matters was dealt with. During the afternoon a Maipani Counsellor handed me a letter from Mr H. Standen (now at Maipani) formerly of the Unevangelised Fields Mission, stating that he had had malaria rather badly and now had every symptom of blackwater fever, in support of this he forwarded me a sample of water which left no doubt in my mind as to the seriousness of Standen's condition. As soon as possible, therefore, I proceeded down river to Maipani with the object of taking Mr Standen to Dara to obtain medical advice. Reached Maipani at 9 p.m. and found Mr Standen in the Rest House; he was in bed but appeared to be comparatively well and the blackwater symptoms had disappeared so he decided that he would not accompany me. Left 9-30 p.m. for Damarakromo anchoring there an hour later.

Wednesday May 6th

Took on board seven bags of tax copra and inquired into an adultery case but as the "wife" concerned was only a girl of about 10 years of age who had not yet commenced to live with her alleged husband, I refused to accept the complaint. Left 8-30 a.m. and proceeding via Wabuda, reached Kiwai Island and anchored off Agobara 1-30 p.m. after an exceedingly rough trip. Dealt with various matters at Agobara including an application for a Trading Site but as the applicant had not troubled about marking the land he required, nothing was done. Left 5-0 o'clock and proceeded via Saguan to Samari arriving there at 6-20 p.m.

Thursday May 7th

Inspected a small area which had been applied for as a Trading site but as the native owner was not present I could do nothing in the matter. After purchasing a few coconuts for Daru Gaol I left 8-20 a.m. and made a non-stop run to Daru anchoring there at 1-45 p.m.

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PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER
14 of 35/36.

DARU N.D. STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by C. Champion A.R.M. N.D. to

Aramia River for the purpose of

General inspection of all Villages, exploring Upper Aramia River and making compass traverse. Paying V.C's and Bami-Purari carriers.

Left Station on 18th May 1936 Returned to Station on 14th June 1936.

Number of Carriers employed 17 (13 pris.) Number of Police taken 7 (1 for N.M.A).

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Vailala" A.R.M.

Villages visited MUMU, I. ISAGU, PISI, DADI, AKETA, KOTARI, KEWA, TAI, DOGOLA, ANTRA, BARIMO, MARIGI, KIMAMA, URADU, SISIBO, KENEMA, SALASI, KURIA, MIRUA, WAKAU, OROPAL, SISIBI, DAMERAKOROMO, KAUIAPO and Maliri.

(Rough sketch map herewith of previously unexplored

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Date 16th July, 1936

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Please be prepared to leave on Monday next, the 18th instant, on a patrol to the Aramia District. In addition to the usual inspection of villages please attend to the following-

1. Inquire into an alleged affray between the villages of Dadi, Pigi and Aketa and Ike as reported in the attached communication.
2. Pay those V.Cs who are due for pay to 31/12/35 and issue uniforms where necessary.
3. Explore the upper Aramia River and make a watch and compass traverse from the Soari Junction onwards.
4. Recruit one suitable man as Local A.C. It is essential that he can speak Motuan and/or English. Ex A.C. AUWALA may apply for this position or possibly ex Local A.C. MASE.
5. Samples of native gums have been ordered. Should any be offered to you please purchase.
6. On return to the Bamu please purchase all sage offering, and
7. Pay carriers and others employed by the Bamu-Furari patrol as per attached vouchers; bring back L/C VERI, A.C. Ebani and Nambai and deal with the four Government canoes and paddles as already indicated.

A medical patrol consisting of N.M.A. GERA and WODARI will accompany you mainly for the purpose of inspecting villages on the North side of the Aramia - also others if possible.

Interpreter KAREA has been granted a few days leave. He, and his family, can proceed to Sisiami per Vailala and should be picked up again on your return journey through the Bamu.

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R.M.
14/5/36

P.S. In the event of your calling in at Madiri please inquire for empty medicine bottles at W.F. Mission Station.

REPORT OF PATROL BY C. CHAMPION A.F.M.
TO ARAMIA RIVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF
GENERAL INSPECTION OF ALL VILLAGES,
EXPLORE UPPER ARAMIA RIVER AND MAKE
TRAVERS. FROM SOARI JUNCTION ONWARDS.
PAY V.C.'S AND BAMU-PURARI CARRIERS.

Patrol Report No. 14 of 1935/36.

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the canoe was in slack water. Stopped at DAWARE for a few minutes
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I would call there in about a month, on my return from the Aramia
but they were to take it to Daru if possible. Anchored for the
night at SEWERIMAWU.

Tuesday 19/5/36.

Left 6.55 a.m. and encountered heavy seas on the
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Stopped SISIMI and landed Court Interpreter KAREA and family, the
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small canoe for the trip up river. It is the biggest one they have. Very few large canoes are made in the Gogodara district and I will have to secure the best available. I was hoping I might meet the carriers in the Bamu River returning from Messrs. Champion & Adamson's patrol, they have several Turama and Gama River canoes but we were a little early.

Thursday 21/5/36.

Left at 7 a.m. in brilliant sunshine and the river and surrounding country looked wonderful. Anchored off KEWA creek 10.4 a.m. and managed to hire a large canoe from the Kewa people - unfortunately it is rather heavy. On at 10.55 a.m. passing the U.F.M. station 2.10 p.m. and anchored off PISI(V.C.WURIA) and went ashore. The Ginama is in a very bad way so I instructed the V.C. to commence one immediately and not put in two or three posts a week which is the usual custom of the Gogodara people. Sent three A.C.'s to DADI to collect all the people who took part in a reported serious fight at IU village about two months ago; also to obtain a large canoe. The A.C.'s returned at night with some of the fight people and a large canoe. Instructed all V.C.'s whose villages took part in the fight to have them ready for Court on my return from up river. Raining.

Friday 22/5/36.

Left 7.58 a.m. with three canoes in tow and anchored MUMUNI 11.57 a.m. N.M.A.GERA and A.C.KIKIA were put ashore here for a medical patrol and I will pick them up on my return. On at 12.35 p.m. passing SOARI Junction 5.9 p.m. and anchoring 6.5 p.m. Showery weather most of the day.

Saturday 23/5/36.

Left 6 a.m. passing Ari creek 8.10 a.m. The water at this point is muddy and has not the reddish tinge of the water lower down. We are evidently leaving behind the open lagoons. The river is very high, the banks low and there seems to be water everywhere; in fact the banks are hardly distinguishable and heavy scrub on both banks. Passed two large creeks SAMAKI 10.43 a.m. and SAMAKIRA 11.10 a.m. Continuing all day we saw nothing of interest. Occasional high red banks were passed during the day. Passed GAIA

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creek 6.21 p.m. and anchored at the highest point reached by the "Vailala" in 1935 at 6.37 p.m. The river at this point is 20-25 yards wide. The soundings taken during the day have been from 3 to 6 fathoms. Raining again.

Sunday 24/5/36.

Left 8.4 a.m. and after one stop to clear overhanging branches, reached a timber block at 9.50 a.m. Cleared the "road" and continued 11.58 a.m. only to find another timber block at 12.25 p.m. - through by 12.48 p.m. Passed our canoe fly place of last year at 1.40 p.m. and anchored for the night at 2.36 p.m. Rather a short day but as I had fever I could not continue the compass traverse. It will be a great relief to see the sun again.

Monday 25/5/36.

On at 7.50 a.m. - still in the "Vailala" and at 9.55 a.m. on rounding a bend we suddenly saw an old tree overhanging the river - the telegraph was immediately rung to stop and then full astern and at the same time I told the coxswain to run the boat into the bank. This was done and a nasty accident was averted. It only took 15 minutes to pull the boat out of the mud. The river is from 2½ to 4 fathoms deep and I do not think it advisable to take the "Vailala" much further. Anchored 10.50 a.m. Just below our anchorage there is a fairly large stream coming in from the west. The stream at this point is from 15 to 20 yards wide, the river is still muddy and flowing at about three miles an hour. The banks passed to-day have been low and muddy with an occasional red bank^s about 10' high. All hands busy during the afternoon preparing stores and canoes for the trip up river. Again raining.

Tuesday 26/5/36.

The carriers I have with me are from the villages of Fisi, Aketa and Dadi - some of those concerned in the fight reported earlier and they are not the best of carriers. Taking 6 A.C's and 17 carriers in the three canoes we got away at 8.22 a.m. At 10.28 we came to a large timber block 50 yds. long. We could not cut the block adrift as it would endanger the "Vailala". We cut some of the large logs and had to haul the canoes through which took three hours. At 2.5 p.m. we passed a sandstone cliff on the right bank about 25' high. At 3.9 p.m. we saw some rocks near the water's

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the first we have seen. Soon after 3.30 p.m. we came to another timber block but we got over it in twenty minutes. Made camp on the right bank at 4.37 p.m. Our actual travelling time for the day has been 4hrs. 56 mins. and I estimate we have done $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles. A few very small creeks were passed to-day and they will be shown on the map.

Wednesday 27/5/36.

Left 7.30 a.m. - a fine morning at last! After a few steps we reached another very large timber block at 10.41 a.m. and we were not through till 1.3 p.m. All hands had to help drag the canoes, including myself. Some of the cargo had to be removed from the heavy canoe. Camped on right bank at 4.33 p.m. - ground very muddy. Travelling time 5 hrs. 51 mins. Distance 9 miles.

Thursday 28/5/36.

We passed many small creeks yesterday but nothing of note. Left 6.46 a.m. and at 11.43 we passed a 35' bank. The river in parts is now very shallow with pebbly bottom, and from 15 to 20 yards wide. At 2.3 p.m. we passed a large tributary coming in on our right - it is about 10 to 15 yds. wide. Camped on the right bank at 4.15 p.m. It is rather difficult to find good camping ground. Travelling time 7 hrs. 42 mins. Distance $11\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The river during the latter part of the day was full of snags and the water has changed from muddy colour and is now very clear. In fact it seemed to change soon after we left the "Vailala".

Friday 29/5/36.

Left 7.6 a.m. and an hour later came to the first large rapids where the right bank rose to a height of ~~200~~ 80' above us. We are now in hilly country for soon after we came to another very high cliff on the left bank and we began to ascend a series of rapids. At 10 a.m. sent the police up a hill to see if they could see any of the surrounding country, but although they climbed trees nothing could be seen. They came across a native pad - used for hunting. Later on during the morning police in one of the canoes said they had heard some bush natives calling out but when they told me about it it was too late to investigate it. At 3.11 p.m. we came to another timber block so made camp on the left bank and began clearing the timber away.

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We have passed through to-day many miles of rapids but between the rapids there are large pools of slack water teeming with fish - many of which were speared. No large creeks were seen. Travelling time 5hrs. 44 mins. (all stops and time taken negotiating rapids deleted). Distance travelled $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Saturday 30/5/36.

Left 7.25 a.m. and at 7.49 a.m. came to a large stream coming from ^{of} left (or west) but I think it is slightly smaller than the stream we are on and I consider the stream going N.E. (the one we are on) is the main Aramia. The other stream is about 12 yards wide at the most. Just after passing this stream our stream narrowed considerably. After hauling the canoes through many more rapids we came to a channel 6' wide and it was a raging torrent of water. The actual bed of the stream was several yards wide but only about an inch of water. All hands had a thrilling time pulling the three canoes through the channel on lines and without loss of any gear. We could not get near the canoes as the water was too deep. We have encountered so many rapids and timber blocks during the last few days that we have become fairly expert at handling the canoes and we seldom unload unless we are absolutely forced to as one loses so much time. The river was again very placid after passing this rapid. After passing through many more rapids we camped on the right bank at 3.44 p.m. Our canoe journey is over - ahead can be seen about three quarters of a mile of rapids which would be impossible for a canoe. However I examined both banks very carefully for I thought we might be able to make a skidway and haul the canoes along the bank but this also was found impossible with the small number of "hands" available. It was the intention that I go to the extreme limits of canoe travel but I must go a little further just to see what is "around the corner". During our canoe journey we saw a number of cassowary and pig near the river but only managed to shoot one large cassowary and picked up another large one dead in the river. The carriers and some of the police ate the latter and said it was good! The police and carriers have had great sport jumping out of the canoes catching young crocodiles while I shot a few large fish with my revolver. I wonder what to-morrow will bring forth!

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Many small creeks were seen to-day and I have shown them on my map.
Travelling time 5hrs. 48 mins. Distance travelled $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Sunday 31/5/30.

Left at 8.10 a.m. on foot up river and we soon came to a tremendous wall of rock at the bottom of which were to be seen large pieces of coal. At this point the channel is only 10' wide, the water flowing between two ledges of rock. The carriers had great difficulty in crossing and recrossing the stream on account of the pebbles which they are not used to and consequently our progress was very slow. Halted at 9.20 a.m. for 20 minutes. Our general direction has been N.E. by E. Continuing we came to a branch of the river 5 minutes later. Spent an hour examining this large arm but I think the river we are on is the main Aramia - this Branch came in on our right. Called a halt at 11.25 a.m. for lunch. I climbed the 708 hill on the opposite bank and at the top it was only a foot wide and the stream could be seen at the bottom on the opposite side; unfortunately nothing else could be seen. Continuing at 12.40 p.m. we had to leave the river and scramble over boulders of volcanic origin. The river was in sight the whole time and at 1.45 p.m. our progress was blocked on the left bank so decided to cross. The river was a mass of tremendous volcanic boulders and the stream was too deep to ford so a tree had to be cut down. We crossed the stream and then over a low ridge on to the river again. Our progress was stopped at 2.30 by a very narrow gorge where the water was a raging torrent. Sent some police over to the opposite bank and they crossed with difficulty. They were unable to get a view of the surrounding country though they climbed trees but they reported that they had found a waterfall. I decided to go and have a look at it. It is rather a nice fall about 30-40 feet high. Crossed the river to the right bank at the bottom of the falls and climbed to the top where the ground was very level. Decided to camp here so sent back for the carriers but they had great difficulty in crossing the gorge lower down. I think we can go on a different route on our return. About 20 yards above the falls the river branches again - both streams being about ten yards wide. From observations taken from the plane "Kono" I think we must be in the vicinity of the Kono hills though according to my traverse we are above them or

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slightly to the N.W. but an error could easily occur by my over-estimating the speed of the "Vailala" and also of the canoes. I really think I have over estimated the speed of the former.

Monday 2/6/36.

Continuing on the left arm of the river at 7 a.m. we began to cut a road and naturally the pace was frightfully slow. The stream is running in a general N.E. direction and at 7.48 a.m. we came to another arm of the river and it is about the same size as the one we are on. This arm comes in from the N.N.W. - both streams at this point are about 8 yards wide and are more or less just pools of water with a small rapid here and there. Halted at 9.15 a.m. where the stream is about six yards wide and considered whether I should make an attempt at reaching the actual source of the Aramia river. However I do not think I should carry on with the present resources at my disposal as it may take another two weeks to reach the source and I have yet to inspect all the villages on the Aramia and collect all the Bamu-Purari carriers and pay them. We reluctantly began our homeward journey at 10 a.m. Had lunch at our camp and continuing arrived at the canoe camp at 2.15 p.m. We planted three coconuts at this camp and some orange trees and I hope they all grow. The last hour of our journey was in torrential rain.

Tuesday 2/6/36.

Left 7.45 a.m. down stream in canoes and the travelling was very fast. Passed our No.4 and 3 camp and arrived at our No.2 camp in torrential rain at 6.50 p.m. A very long day and full of thrills shooting the many rapids. Had to erect the flies in the heavy rain and when this was completed/ the rain ceased as suddenly as it began.

Wednesday 3/6/36.

Left 6.35 a.m. and reached the "Vailala" at 3.55 p.m. where I found everything in order. Just before we reached the "Vailala" we saw a tremendous crocodile on a snag in the river but it was dead - to the amazement of everyone. The river has dropped several feet and I am rather anxious about our trip down river.

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Thursday 4/6/36.

Had great difficulty in getting the anchor up as it was caught in a snag. After hauling the dinghy in board we left at dead slow speed at 8.55 a.m. and our troubles soon began. There was an overhanging log in the river on one side and a ripple in the water on the other and we decided it was another snag and thought we could just get the boat through. However the end of the log just hit the forehead port stanchion and ripped it out breaking one of the wooden supports of the awning at the same time. The iron stanchion was not damaged. The "ripple" on the other side was stones and had the coxwain been another four inches to starboard we would have run on them and damaged the boat. He used his judgment well. At 9.10 a.m. a large submerged log was seen ahead by the lookout but it was sighted too late and though we went full astern we slid up on to the log. On examination it was found we were fast just forehead of the rudder stem. Endeavoured to pull the boat off with ropes but failed. Began cutting the log, but it was mostly submerged and the police were unable to cut a great deal. However the log sagged and we got off at 9.50 a.m. An hour later on rounding a bend the bow of the boat hit a snag which slew the stern round into the bank and in to an overhanging tree which snapped the mizzen mast several feet from the top. The broken portion of the mast crashed on to the sun deck and struck a policeman on the arm. I doctored his arm but he got very little sympathy as he had no right to be on the sun deck. At 11.30 a.m. we ran on to another submerged log and only the butt of the tree was showing and most of this was submerged. Some police were put to cutting the log while the remainder of the police, carriers and crew got ropes and tried to haul the boat off. She was again fast just forehead of the rudder stem. However with a chain from the stern tied on to a tree with most of the natives pulling and also others with levers under the keel we slid sideways in to deeper water. This was at 3.30 p.m. I really thought we would have to stay there until the flood waters began to come down. It may have been two or three days or weeks! Anchored at 4.25 p.m. as another huge tree blocked our progress. Began cutting it.

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Friday 5/6/36.

Heavy rain nearly all night and the river has risen a little. It was not till 10.53 a.m. that the log had been cut through. Continued at dead slow speed and at 1.5 p.m. on rounding a bend we ran on to a flat rock which ran practically right across the river. The rock was sandstone and with the aid of the chain we had her off in a few minutes. At 3.35 p.m. I considered it was safe to go $\frac{1}{2}$ speed. Anchored for the night at 4.10 p.m. at the camp where the "Vailal" reached last year. From here down the river is quite safe for the "Vailala". Only a short day to-day but we have had enough thrills crammed into it. Torrential rain.

Saturday 6/6/36.

River up several feet. Left 6.45 a.m. at full speed. Passed SOARI junction 5 p.m. and anchored Mumuni 8.30 p.m. It has rained nearly all day. There were very few mosquitoes on our trip up but they must have been waiting for our return as they came out in millions.

Sunday 7/6/36.

Went ashore and made a count of the people - 90, but I do not think all the women were present. I think it is time these people had a V.C. - but no one was keen to be appointed. They are a good deal more timid than the rest of the Aramia people so have told them I would select a man on my next visit. A man from here wished to charge a Dogona man with committing adultery with his wife so told him to take his wife on to the Vailala and the case would be heard at Dogona but he would not come. He just wanted me to put the culprit in gaol! Left 7.50 a.m. and anchored off ISAGU (V.C.WARA) 10.3 a.m. - went ashore and found everything in order. Settled two disputes satisfactorily. One was about the ownership of sago ground called TIWO and the other hunting ground named BAIMATI. IMOWA of PISI says TIWO belongs to him and the ISAGU people say they own it. After a good deal of discussion it was decided that the ISAGU women could take their sago from TIWO on the condition they send some to IMOWA on each occasion they make it. Everyone now seems to be satisfied. I decided that ISAGU village should have the use of the land BAIMATI and the PISI people have no claim on it whatever.

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Bought a large quantity of native food and fish hooks were greatly in demand. Returned to Vailala and left at 12.15 p.m. anchoring PISI 12.53 p.m. Collected some more of the men who were concerned in the fight but three of them were away so sent the V.C. for them and to follow us on. Obtained a log from this village called KEARI - they make some of their canoe paddles from it and it looks very much like silky oak. It is my intention of getting it pitsawn at Daru. Continued at 2 p.m. and called on Mr. Twyman of the U.F.M. near Pisi. Collected a number of empty resorcin bottles and left again at 5.23 p.m. anchoring at DADI creek 5.36 p.m.

Monday 8/6/36.

Visited DADI (V.C. BETA) and found most of the people living in small shelters though some had built houses. The Ginama has been started - in fact it was started when I was here last year. Warned all the people if they did not persevere with the building I would have to take action. If the AKETA V.C. was here he would soon have the work completed. Collected the remainder of the fight people and returned to the Vailala. Continued 11.55 a.m. and anchored AKETA (V.C. IRUMI) 12.10 p.m. The two ginamas in this village were in good order and the surroundings were beautifully clean. The V.C. had all the IU and IKE people collected who had taken part in the fight. I wish we had a few more V.C.'s like IRUMI. It appears that a widow from Dadi village was out getting building material near IKE village and her brother who lives at Ike took her there. She wanted to leave Ike but the people stopped her. She sent word to the Dadi people to come and get her. Some men came and were immediately attacked by the Ike and IU people and driven away. They later got re-inforcements from Pisi and Aketa and taking their bows and arrows with them set off again to rescue the damsel in distress. I imagined the woman to be young and attractive but was surprised to find she was old and haggard. Anyway I really think this was a good excuse for the villages concerned to have a really good set-to - and by the scars shown to me and arrow wounds they certainly made it willing. About 90 men were charged, fifty odd being convicted and received sentences ranging from 14 days to three months imprisonment. Returned to "Vailala atx at dusk.

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Tuesday 9/6/36.

8.25 a.m.

Left Aketa/and anchored Kotari creek 9.40 a.m. and went to the village where I found everything in order. Arrived back at the Vailala at 1 p.m. and found Mr. Lea of the U.F.M. on board, he was on his way up to Pisi. Continued 2.48 p.m. anchoring off KEWA 3.35 p.m. and went ashore. (V.C. WARIGI). The Ginama is in a very bad state, a new one has been started but no doubt they will add one stick per week. Left at 4.30 p.m. and returned up river anchoring off TAI village 5.10 p.m. Sent all the police and prisoners ashore. I will visit DOGONA and ADIBA from here and then walk to BARIMO where the Vailala will pick us up again. A.C's KOROWAI and PAIWERI will take the 56 prisoners and two V.D. patients from DOGONA overland to KAUIAPO on the Fly river and we will pick them up in a few days time.

Wednesday 10/6/36.

Left Vailala 7 a.m. and arrived TAI (V.C. of DOGONA) forty minutes later where everything was found in order. Left at 8 a.m. on a muddy track through grass country arriving DOGONA (V.C. SIMODO) 8.52 a.m. The village is an excellent one and the Rest House is a very good one for the Aramia people. They have made drains round the Rest House and village and have planted flowering trees round the village. The whole place looked a picture and the people are very proud of their place, and rightly so. I got all the people to fall in and told them how pleased I was with the whole place. They were paid 2lbs of tobacco for the R.H. and also a box of fish hooks. I think serious consideration should be given to this village when awarding the village prize for the year 1935/36. Bought a large quantity of native food for the prisoners. The V.C. informed me that the road from here to the Fly is impassable and the prisoners had better go from Barimo so took his advice. Crossed the lagoon and inspected ADIBA (V.C. DARI) - a very sleepy V.C. but his village was in very good order and they had a brand new R.H. which was paid for. Returned to Dogona, had an early lunch and left for Barimo at 11.40 a.m. and after a fast but very hot walk through mud we arrived at the village at 2.5 p.m. (V.C. GEGESA). Was told the Vailala was at anchor in Barimo creek. Arranged for canoes and paid for them to take all the prisoners with the two A.C's over to WARIGI en route to the Fly river.

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This village is within a hundred yards of one of the U.F.M. stations. Though the V.C. seems to me a useless sort of an individual everything appeared to be in order. Bought a large quantity of native food. Left in a canoe and visited the villages of WARIGI (V.C. KERAKI) and KIMAMA (V.C. KAMA). Not very many men left in these villages as most of them have just been recruited to work at the Lakekamu goldfields. The former village was in very good order but the latter one was untidy. No cases of any importance. Arrived "Vailala" at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday 11/6/35.

Left 5.15 a.m. down stream and entered Uradu creek at 5.30 a.m. and anchored in the lagoon off the village of URADU (V.C. GUGAWA) 6.5 a.m. and went ashore. A woman here charged her aged husband with assault but apart from giving him a good talking to I could do nothing else. The village and R.M. in good order. The V.C. reports that some village people have seen recent signs of the presence of the bush people (WEWE) in the vicinity of URADU. Previously the bush people were located by me inland from Kotari village and it is doubtful if they are near Uradu because the last time I was here they reported the same thing, and when I went inland I found a large dubu but it had not been occupied for at least two years. However they might have moved down towards Uradu after the fight we had with them. Returned to the Vailala and left at 7.40 a.m. arriving SISIBO (SIWINAMU) 9.55 a.m. These people want to make a new village near the Aramia River and it will be named SISIBO. As instructed I have selected a man here for recommendation as village constable; his name is MAIRA-KUDUMA. He has worked at Tahira and I think he should turn out a good man. On at 10.55 a.m. and anchored KENEWA (no V.C.) and wrongly called KENOA, at 12.15 p.m. In Court all the afternoon. SEAUWA of KENEWA was Committed for trial on a charge of Rape. Inquired into the death of one SOARI of KENEWA as it was suggested he had been killed in a village brawl but I am perfectly satisfied he did not meet a violent death. I was to have selected a man here for V.C. but the man I had in mind was away so will leave this matter till my next visit or he may come in to Daru. Left 4.30 p.m. and anchored SAIWASI 5.15 p.m.

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Friday 12/6/36.

The SAIWASI people are now living in a collection of huts on the Aramia, they tell me they have left their village which I visited last year and wish to make a proper village on the main river. I told them if they built a very good village together with a rest house consideration would be given to the appointment of a V.C. I think a V.C. should be appointed for this village especially as they are in touch with some bush people on the south bank of the Aramis river who seldom come in to contact with the Government. Left at 215 a.m. entering the Bamu river at 10.45 a.m. and anchored at Kuria 10.53 a.m. L/Cpl. VERI, A.C.'s EBANI and NAMBAI reported here. They are Daru police who have been returned with carriers from the Bamu-Purari patrol. They had four of the prisoner carriers with them; the remainder of the carriers had gone to their homes on the Bamu. The prisoners had been returned because they were unfit to carry. One prisoner is in a very bad way and I don't think he has long to live. Anyway I shall get back to Daru with as little delay as possible as Dr. Vernon may be able to save his life. Interviewed ARARE's brother re alleged adultery reported on page one. PAI-I is still at IQWA and I have not now the time to go up and get him. Last year when I was here we slept the night at KURIA and took A.C. ARARE back to Daru on the Vailala. Had he wished to lay a complaint against ~~ARARE~~ PAI-I he had ample time to do so. He has told the H.Q.C. "When Mr. Champion was at KURIA when I was on leave he did not have time to hear the case". I do not remember him ever mentioning it to me, neither does anyone else. I think he only wants to get home to his village. ARARE's wife EMENI admits that she has committed adultery with PAI-I and this matter can be finally settled on the next Bamu patrol. The police also brought with them a large canoe which had been used for the transport of stores. The L/Cpl. informed me the carriers had gone down river in the other two large canoes belonging to the Government. Continued at noon and anchored near WAKAU where we found several of the carriers; after paying them continued on to OROPAI. Learnt here that the BINA carriers were at their village, so started for that village and met them on the way up. Towed the canoe to SISIMI as the BINA V.C. had several court cases and I have no

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Bamu interpreter on board, but Court Interpreter KAREA is at SISIEMI. Arrived at this village at 4.40 p.m. Paid the carriers and was in C.N.M. till very late into the night.

Saturday 13/6/36.

Left 6 a.m. and anchored at the Maipani sago place at 6.30 a.m. where some more of the carriers were paid. Bought a quantity of sago and continued at 7.5 a.m. and anchored at DAMERAKOROMO 7.40 a.m. where the balance of the carriers were paid off. Left the canoe I had in tow here and collected the two very large canoes to be taken to Daru. Bought very little sago. Continued at 8.35 a.m. up the Fly and stopped for 25 minutes at WARIBADORO as the V.C. said he had some court cases but some of the people were away at another island and I was unable to hear the cases. Am afraid I will not be able to take the canoes very much further as it is too rough. Anchored KAULAPO 4.45 p.m. The two A.C's reported here with all the prisoners sent overland from the Aramia River. Hauled the two canoes up on to dry land and saw that they were covered over. The sick prisoner is in a very bad way so will continue to-night. He has had the best of fresh food including marmite and biscuits etc. but he does not seem to be getting any better. Left at 6.15 p.m. and anchored at Madiri 7.55 p.m. and awaited the tide. Collected several medicine bottles here from the U.F.M. On again at 9.40 p.m. and continued throughout the night.

Sunday 14/6/36.

Entered Toro Pass 3.35 p.m. and anchored Daru 5.50 a.m. and reported to the R.M. W.D. later.

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Remarks.

Since returning from this patrol I have been fortunate enough to have a flight in Mr. Richard Arehbold's amphibian "KONO" to the Palmer River and into the mountains. On the journey up we passed to the westward of the Kono hills and several streams could be seen below us but I did not actually recognise any part which we had been to. Though from the air it would be very difficult to recognise the upper Aramia. On our homeward flight we passed between the peaks of the Kono hills and a stream could be seen below us but Mr. Rogers thinks this is a tributary of the Bamu river. He also told me he had seen on another flight a waterfall to the N.W. of the Kono hills so perhaps this is the waterfall we came to, but he is inclined to differ because he said above the waterfall there was only one stream - above the waterfall we saw there were two streams. We had a good look out for this waterfall on our way back but we missed it. Had I seen it I may have recognised it. It was the intention (with the R.M.'s permission) that I do further flights in the 'plane in order to definitely place the Aramia and other tributaries. With the compass I had it was very difficult indeed to take bearings. The ideal compass is one with spirit in it such as the one borrowed from the Survey Department by Mr. Ivar Champion for the flights in the 'plane. However the unfortunate disaster to the Kono has made further flights impossible.

It is doubtful how near to the source of the Aramia we were but it was certainly breaking up into numerous rivulets at our turning point. There is certainly no habitation at the highest point we reached but I would liked to have followed that native pad we saw. It possibly goes to villages in the Kono hills - I saw some villages from the plane in the vicinity of these hills. However had I done all I wanted to I would have been out for another month. As it was the police and all the carriers had been waiting for me for nearly two weeks on the Bamu River.

I. Champion

A.R.M. W.D.

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Articles	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.					Returned.	Remarks.
		Crew	Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.		
Rice ... 1d. ...	800 lb				550	2 5 10	250 lb.	
Biscuits ...	20 lb.				20 lb		nil	
Meat 5d. ...	26 "	26			26 "	10 10"		
Sugar 1d. ...	40 "				40 "	5 - "		
Tin Fish 5d 2c ...	26 "	26			26 "	10 10	nil	
Soap 3d. ...	12 "				12 "	3 - "		
Tobacco 3/1d. ...	55 "				40 "	6 3 4	15 lb.	P.N.F. gaol & V.O's, Clira. etc.
Matches ... 2d. ...	4 dz.				4 dz.	10	nil	
Kerosene ... 2/- ...	4 gls				3 gls	7 -	1/2 gl.	
Tents ...	1				1		1	
Flies ...	2				2		1	
Lamps ...	3						3	
Buckets ...	2						2	
Kerosene Cans ...	2						2	
Knives and Sheaths								
Knives, 1 1/2 in. ...	16 "				1	3 -	5	Hire canoe
Knives, others 9 "					4	4 -	8	"
Belts ...	12				2	4 -	10	"
Pouches ...								
Print 5d. ...	24 yds				8 yds	4 -	16 yds	
Twill ...								
Handkerchiefs ...								
Beads ...	6 lbs						6 lbs	
Mirrors ...	12				2	2	10	
Axes ...								
Half Axes ...	4						4	
Tomahawks ...	6				1	3 -	5	hire canoe
Cartridges 50					25	4	25	
Fuel as per Log No. 19 of 35/36.						8	14 9	
Tin Hooks 6d.					6 boxes	6 -		
					Total £	20 5 5		

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