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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER

3 of 24/25

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Sydney H. Chance to

WARI, COPI, and WARI MAIWA and WRA RIVER Districts for the purpose of

Left Station on 8/1/24 Returned to Station on 21/3/24

Number of Carriers employed 3 Number of Police taken 8

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Launch "KIVOTU" H. Chance

Villages visited L. N. AIRR HILL, all the WORI, COPI, and WARI

all the villages of the WRA R. & CHAI-O Districts as well as the

new village of S. Tribe on WRA R. named HAI-I and the WA village

of ANIANIMA.

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

2087/11.23.—1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 21/3/24

Sydney H. Chance
Officer in charge of Station.

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Att

KIKORI. D.D.

September 5th 1924.

Mr. P.O. Chance.

KIKORI. D.D.

I would be glad if you would arrange to leave the Station Monday next on patrol to the GOPI & ERA River Districts; the launch will be at your disposal and the following A.C.'s have been detailed to accompany you:-

L/Cpl UREVU. A.C.'s ORERI; IAWAGO; WARO; IEKE; KABIDE-U; SIDINI; DE-A.

Also ex Local A.C ONIA whom you will probably find useful as an interpreter of the villages to be visited.

A.C I-IA-A at present on leave to his village KIPI, Era River please bring him along with you when returning to the Station, or should you require him on the patrol take him along with you.

The following matters are listed for attention and in connection therewith statements on affirmation are attached hereto:-

(1). Alleged murder of AUWA of TETEHU-I by BEWO-S now residing at MAIMERE, under the control of V.C POGA. *in gaol*

(2). Enquire into the stealing of ornaments by the V.C's as mentioned under date of 30.4.24 ex V.C AVAI of VAI-AMU states that the stolen property has not been returned by the NAROMERE people.

AVAI has been detailed to accompany the patrol as a carrier, as he may perhaps be ~~able~~ able to assist in giving further information, when those implicated are being interrogated.

~~(3). See memo re arrest of KAULI of VAI-AMU, "stealing".~~ *in gaol*

~~(4). Re visit of KERIA people to NAROMERE.~~ *apig only stolen.*

(5). Enquire into the alleged murder of ANI-KARI people (V.C EBBERERE, MORERI) by natives of the IBUKARI tribe, I attach statements made by the IRUMUKU people who ~~were~~ were at first thought to be concerned in the affair. The V.C states that he now knows that they were not implicated but the murder of HAMARI wife of KABU was by the former people.

A matter that has been reported by V.C KO-OLU as follows please investigate

A tribe that has not previously been visited by the Government named OBI reside on a "high mountain" inland from ERA-MAIPUA and are alleged to be concerned in the murder of certain natives of BARAVI village. I understand that the people OBI- may be visited by canoe on from BARAVI, thence inland; or from TETEHU-I -or as it is known in the GOPI language as ANI-GIBI, a good track leads inland two days distant, and I think it would be better as being more centrally situated for the launch and carriers I would suggest this route be taken. In this respect when on the spot you will be better able to decide.

AKAU heard this news at MAIPUA (ERA)

V.C GAWO of MATAKI heard from AKAU

(5) Patrol report No.19/23-24 is attached for your guidance and please prepare vocabularies of the Era & Gopi Districts as mentioned by letter No. 336/37/24 of 22nd April last for the information of His Excellency the Lt-Governor

Attend to all matters in connection with the N.R.O and any other matters brought forward. The people of both the ERA & GOPI districts appear to be somewhat timid see P.R's Nos 8/21 and 5 1921-22 but I have no doubt you will be successful in gaining their confidence .

I should be glad to know how the launch is running and the truth or otherwise of the alleged statements concerning the OBI people.

V.C KO-OLU was instructed some time ago to proceed to his village and obtain further particulars but to the time of writing he has not reported.

Eight prisoners will be detailed on Monday morning who will help as crew in returning the canoe to the owners Gopi River.


R.M.D.D.
5/9/24.

P.S. Please recruit 1 man from the ERA or GOPI District as Local A.C KIKORI. and three for General Service, also ascertain if any are desirous of recruiting for the P.W Dept 1, 2, or 3yrs at 12/6 P.M and if they so desire I will arrange for their wages on completion to be paid at KIKORI.

New V.C for VAI-AMU

New V.C for KIP1 ——— OWIA

Enquire re man buried in MATPVA village — BOBO.

Jim weeks see a govt AC send him in

Recd. 20/9/24

20 SEP 1924
PAPUA

UBUA G.O.P.I.
18/9/24

The M/RM

Forward herewith 5 new prisoners (warrants attached) also 3 of my crew, leaving me with 5.

The names of the 3 I send are: —

- ✓ ① GABBAU
 - ✓ ② ATAT
 - ✓ ③ GARENO
- } all of AI-1-DIA

I now proceed to the WAI CK. — SBEGAU

TETE HUI with the help of the

SESA men I have with me hope to

be able to find out something definite

about the elusive GORAU.

Things in the G.O.P.I. District are not

too good but not too bad.

MERGOMA (where M/RM Woodward had the fight) are inclined to be truculent, but the others are fairly calm & have not run away.

J. H. Chance

P.O.

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RESIDENT MAGISTRATE
19 SEP 1924
KIKORI, D.D.
PAPUA

VRAMU
17-9-24

The P.M.
Kikori

Recruits Police

These 2 VRAMA boys wish to be policemen.

- ① DAWARU
- ② WAGEBA

If you are not full up I can recommend DAWARU - He's quite a good boy & while with me has shown intelligence & willingness. WAGEBA is also a good lad.

Both lads attested
this 19th Sept. 1924

[Signature]
P.M.

[Signature] H. Chance
P.O.

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3/24/24

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE
19 SEP 1924
KIKORI, D.D.
PAPUA

Mr. K.
16/9/24.

Dear Mr.

Just got your note re benzine
at O-Uso. Thanks: but I may not possibly
need it for I got 2 cases from Clay.
Say, I think this SURPRISE place must
be identical or thereabouts with the
KAMARUA you second thoughts, I may,
when I get to SESA, find out all about
roads etc. & come back to KIKORI.
I have an idea it is no 2 days in stunt.
I hear it is a long way - all the same
our PURARI - GRA walk would
necessitate large supplies.
So I shall use my discretion as to
whether I go in now or come back &
report the whole affair.
Interpretation most difficult. The usual
thing: Saw nearly grey headed.

S.M.C.

of 2/1/24

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE
19 SEP 1924
KIKORI, D.D.
PAPUA

On the Era R. En route to DEDA
SASA tribe.

Morning 16/9/24.

The A.P.M.

Kikori

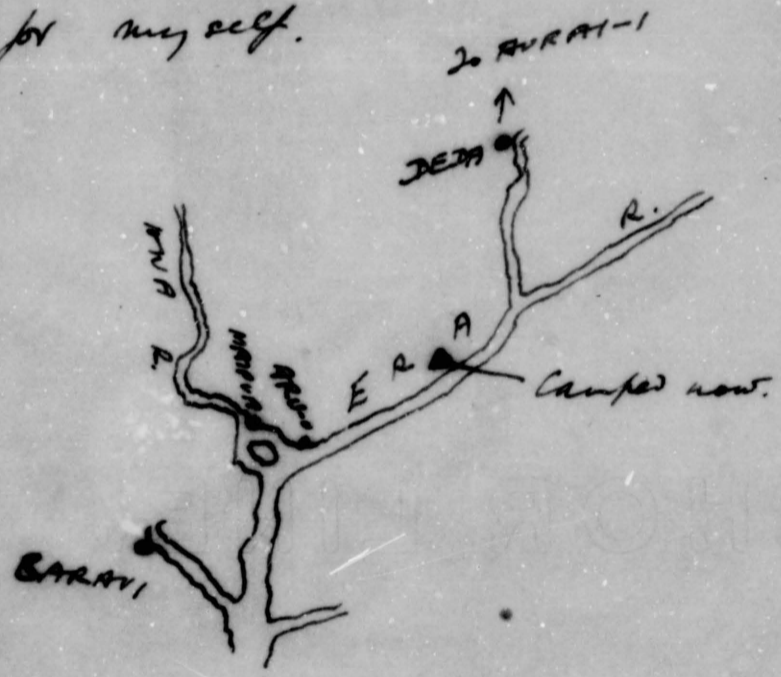
I have to advise you, that after quite a lot of trouble I have succeeded (I think) in locating the scene of the massacre.

Very glib accounts of it reach KIKORI.

Today I hope to reach DEDA village, SASA (SASA?) tribe, AWERI Ck., via Era River -

It is reported now of that village (as yet not visited) have been killed by the villagers of AURAI-1 who reside inland.

As I know you want the matter squared up I hope, with the assistance of the DEDA people - says etc. - to make AURAI-1 see it for myself.



BARAYI v. c. denies that any of his villagers have been killed.

I have not yet been up to TETE HUI, as all I have yet learned is that no killings have happened up that way.

I have 2 SASA men with me in addition to the AURAI-1 guide - one KINAMARU.

Sydney H. Chance.

P.S.

No idea when I shall get back.

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KAIMURU
informal future
delay work
last week
M. Raj

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE
19 SEP 1924
KIKORI, D.D.
PAPUA

O-UBU
10.45 am
10/9/24.

Herewith 2 GOPIS from the village
as 2 P.W. recruits for 1 year.
Their names are:-

- ① OTIDU of O-UBU
- ② MALDU of O-UBU.

No volunteers for police.

The lunch from GAURI there went
very well.

Show move on to GOIRAVI.

The v.c. (KAIMURU) is due for pay
(4/9) - ~~will you pay him up~~
please? ~~paid 19/9/24~~

J.W. Chance.

P.S

P.O

Have asked him to take you some
pago. J.W.C.

DIARY.

Monday Sep. 8th.

After trying vainly for a couple of hours to start the launch engine, decided there was something wrong with it, so left at 10 a.m. towing the launch with 2 canoes. If the launch O.K. will continue the patrol in it, otherwise the canoes will be used & the launch left at AIRD HILL.

Personnel:- 8 police (L/C UREVU, A.C.'s IAWOGA, DE-EA, SIDENI, KABIDENI, WARO, ORPFI, IEKE) 8 prisoners & 2 cooks.

Object of Patrol:- To patrol the ERA-GOPI District, also visit the MORERI and ANU-KAIRI people and particularly to enquire into a report that certain people known as the "OBE", residing, it is alleged, 2 days from ARU-U on the ERA, have killed certain BARAVI natives.

Also investigate a recent murder at TENUHUI, WAI-I Ck., the alleged murderer being one PEWO-O and the murdered one AUNA. *done done*

In addition to the above matters investigate sundry complaints.

At 6.30 p.m., after a hard day for the paddlers, arrived at AIRD HILL & camped.

Tuesday Sep. 9th.

Re launch-The Rev. Moir-Smith located the trouble in ten minutes and I fancy that a recurrence of the particular trouble would not even bamboozle me, the veriest amateur. The trouble was with the inlet valves.

At 10.45 a.m. left for GAURI: Passed KUMUKUMU & SAMOA as it is only about a week since I inspected them.

Allowing for 1 hour 50 mins. stop reached GAURI (V.C. APA) in 2 hrs. 40 mins. & camped, as it is here that I wish to collect 12 more carriers in case I am able to visit the OBE people.

Despatched A.C.'s DE-EA & IEKE, with 4 carriers, to URAMA to collect a decent big canoe & 12 carriers for me - To proceed with them to KIPI & there meet me.

GAURI village, as usual, quite satisfactory. Evening - Despatched mail to the A/R.M. advising him that the launch was running O.K.

Wednesday Sep. 10th.

Left GAURI at 7.15 a.m. taking the V.C. as guide, and at 9.40 reached O-UBU (V.C. KAIMURU, H. 19, E. 2, Pop. 150) on the MOREDI R. - The Div. Map calls it MURU - and inspected the village.

I am informed that these people are really URAMA, having broken away from the URAMA Archipelago near TOVE-I village - Their "talk" is URAMA.

The village in very fair order: To improve same I have ordered:-

- (1) A platform from R.H. to village.
- (2) Repair R.H. floor & complete Kitchen.

13 Poles between low river & R.H. etc.

Wed. Sep. 10th. Contd.

The V.C. told that, in future, he is to line all new houses along the main centreway & so make the village more compact.

The V.C., a new appointee, will, I think, turn out a good man.

Sent some P.N. recruits to the A/R.M. and left at 11.5 for KOIRAVI village (V.C. AIGAU, H.16, D.2, Pop.150) where we arrived at 12.40.

On the arrival of the launch, as usual, a lot of the residents cleared out. Some afterwards came back & I interviewed a fair number of men & women & told them the folly of running away etc. etc.

In the village there is a slight improvement: They have started to grasp the idea of making the village more compact.

Ordered all new houses to be built between the 2 creeks, and, to avoid contrary instructions, I made a sketch in the V.C's Register.

Some houses condemned & the names of the owners entered for future reference.

The V.C. is a pretty hopeless specimen & I advised him that he is now getting his last chance to shew his worth. The whole position is far from satisfactory.

Left at 2.0 p.m. & at 3.0 arrived at IARI village (V.C. AIBARU, H.20, D.2, Pop.120)

The village is built on solid ground and, though straggling, is clean.

The recent order re fencing of water hole has been obeyed - Ordered BE-URI (m.) to build a new house & instructed one GOWA-I, when making a new dwelling, to come in closer to the other houses & so get inside the fence. *Fence order*

Left at 3.30 for KIPI (Proposed V.C. ONIA) where arrived at 4.10 & found the 2 A.C's & the 12 URAMA paddlers awaiting me.

KIPI village is in quite good order. Compiled vocabulary of the GOPI language - To me it appears a dialect of the URAMA. Camped for the night.

Thursday 11th Sep.

After fixing up several minor matters left at 8.20.

During last night the GOPI canoe I am returning to its owners; it was borrowed last May, got stove in, so paid trade goods to the value of 5/- for same.

This being indirectly chargeable to Patrol 21/23/24 I am not including in the cost of this trip.

At 9.35 arrived at the village of IMEIA on the ERA where I found the V.C. too sick to walk, so am recommending that he be discharged from today as he has outlived his usefulness.

Most of the inhabitants were away at sago places & the village not too clean.

Made a note of 5 names for future arrests under the M.R.O. *

Thursday Sep. 11th. Contd.

At 10.35 left for RAVIWANA village (V.C. WAHE, H.18, D.2, Pop.120) - Arrived at 10.45. All the people stood their ground - The village nice and clean & with a couple of improvements in the fence location, it will be a model for IMBIA. The V.C. is a very good man, but needs watching to see that he doesn't exceed his duties.

At 11.20 left for GIGORI (same V.C., H.19, D.2, Pop.150) which village, is, like RAVIWANA, quite decently kept for this part of the world.

Altered the fence a little - Otherwise I found nothing to complain about.

At 12.10 left for NAROMERE (V.C. KO-ULO, H.22, D.1, Pop.150) where arrived at 1.35. The village is improving - A new R.H. & landing stage has been recently built: They have also fenced the village, but some houses are still outside.

At 2.10 left for IAIPU or GAULI, but, on reaching the deserted village of MAILAWANA, at the junction of the AUMANI & MOPIA Creeks found that I could go no further by the canoe on account of the tide, so this village will be missed this patrol. *IAIPU or Gauli now said to be deserted*

However, it is really in the IPIKOI patrol route and is more easily reached that way so it is not a serious omission.

Some men & women were seen at MAILAWANA - Stated they belonged to I-ANIYANIMA & were using the place as a sago-making depot, so I did not worry them unduly. As has been reported before they speak the NAMAU language.

At 5.0 returned to the launch & at 5.50 arrived back at NAROMERE where camped. In the evening discussed the reported killing of the BARAVI natives by the OBI. The V.C. reports the information came from one AKAU of URAMA, and I was just beginning to think the whole thing was a N.G. tale when along came AKAU by canoe to see me.

It is not BARAVI that suffered, but the inhabitants of DIEDA village on the AWERI Ck., ERA River. - These are the SESA people reported by Messrs Woodward & Bastard but not as yet visited by any Government officer.

AKAU states the road goes from ARU-U on the ER. & that the MAIFUAITES know the road & that it is only 1½ days inland.

Friday Sep. 12th.

At 7.0 a.m., with tide, left for the EWA village of I-ANIYANIMA in the launch.

Anchored opposite the village at 2.45 - a good trip.

The village in good order, but no R.H. has been erected though same has been ordered.

Friday Sep. 12th. Contd.

Had to give the V.C. a good talking to re this matter & he has promised to get along with the work at once. X

This village having no burial ground I proceeded up the creek & marked out an area for clearing-It is called TARIBAUWA.

To improve village ordered undergrowth to be cleared back from the houses.

I-ANANIMA village(V.C.NAWAGERE,H.15,D.1,Pop.100) is a fairly decent sort of a place-There were about 25 people in it at the time of my visit.

Allowing for a stop of 2½ hours(engine troubles) reached NAROMERE in 2 hrs. 5 mins.running time. I went straight to bed sick.

Saturday Sep. 13th.

Left at 7.0 a.m. & at 8.15 arrived at GOIRAVI village(V.C.OWE,a new man,H.18, D.2,Pop.80). The arrival of the launch was the signal for all hands,barring the V.C.,a lame boy & 2 old women to clear into the bush like a lot of frightened wallabies,the village curs adding to the din with piteous howls. The village dirty & disgraceful,the V.C. apparently having no influence. Sent the V.C. & the other native into the swamps to get the residents to come back and talk,but it was no good.

Why these natives,who have been frequently visited since 1921,should behave in this unseemly way is beyond my understanding!

At 9.35 the "Sir Arthur" arrived with Capt.J.R.Clay on board recruiting. He was going to clear out as I was there but I said to him,"I'll go & I hope you can get some recruits,for they will at least return civilized beings". Owing to leakage borrowed 2cases of benzine from Clay & despatched a mail to the A/RM! - Anything but a cheerful report.

Left at 10.20 & at 11.30 arrived at BARAVI(same V.C.,H.4,D.1,Pop.40),which is much cleaner & better kept than KOIRAVI.

As I had just seen 11 of the men on the "Sir Arthur" I did not expect to see many others but there were a few,& on again enquiring whether any of their friends had been recently killed,they denied se. ik

They also deny knowledge of any roads,but I am almost certain that they have two-One to TETEHUI & another W. to the inland people.

Extracting information from these people is like trying to pull out refractory stumps out of the ground.

On questioning them one notices them drawing in their breath to get out the words "I don't know".

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Saturday Sep. 13th. Contd.

Left BARAVI at 11.45 and at 2.10 arrived at IOWA-MAIPUA (I think the village is also called KORI) - The V.C. is KAITA, H.12, D.2, Pop. 80.

Village clean & some, but I am certain not all, the people remained in.

I have told the V.C. not to fence the village yet as it will need to be made more compact before a fence will be desirable.

Ordered all new houses to be made at the DUBU end of the village.

At 2.30 left for the V.C.'s other village of ARU-U, also called IRA-MAIPUA, & on arrival at 3.10 inspected the village.

Very few people about - I was rather surprised to find this, as, when Mr Cawley & myself were there 4 months ago there were a good many people residing here.

Village clean & the new dubu complete. Ordered the V.C. to get into the bush & arrest a man for making sago in the village area - This practice must be nipped in the bud. *Bit sad then with the new people*

Here I interviewed KINAMADU, the guide & interpreter, who knows the SESA tribe.

At 4.15 left & at 4.50 arrived back at the camp at MAIPUA.

In the evening had a meeting in the R.H. & learnt that up at the top of the IOWA R. there is a garden & ^{it is} from there that the road to the OBE village of AURAI-I starts.

This agrees with Mr Woodward's remarks (Page 6 of P.R. 8/21) so I have decided to give this route a trial.

Also learned that the MAUBI here connects with the BARAVI Creek - This MAUBI is known as "the small MAUBI" as distinct from the "large" MAUBI lower down. Told KINAMADU that I will not take him to AURAI-I as he, being friendly with the aggrieved SESA, may spoil my chances of making friends with the OBE.

KINAMADU has offered to lead me to the village of DEPA at the head of the AWERI Ck. After much talk & hearing all sorts of conflicting tales retired.

Sunday Sep. 14th.

Early this morning the V.C. brought me 2 of his men ~~who~~ are alleged to know everything about all the roads in the District.

With plenty of sago & my 4 bags of rice, as yet untouched, as well as other stores, left at 7.45 in launch. Proceeded up the IOWA R., as already reported on by Mr Woodward (P.R. 8/21) and at 10.10 a.m. was told to halt by the 2 guides as they had reached the road. I couldn't see any signs of one but decided that they, and not I, knew the way. Anchored in a small creek, and, leaving 3 carriers and A.C. ORERI to assist the launch boy, set off inland.

Sunday Sep. 14th. Contd.

Left at 11.55-The guides set off in a Westerly direction, being followed by the police cutting a road. On enquiring when we would find the village the 2 men informed me "tomorrow night".

After going about 4 miles camp was pitched for the night.

Monday Sep. 15th.

Early this morning I was disgusted to find out that the guides either have deliberately led me in at the wrong place or that they do not know the way for they admit that they are lost.

Although I have only 17 carriers & ample provisions for about 7 days I, knowing the fatality of wandering about looking for tracks, decided to return to MAIPUA, visit the village of DEDA, collect as much information as possible, complete the duty patrol, and return to the Station.

To find these inland people will, in my opinion, take some time.

Left camp at 7.0 a.m. & at 11.45 reached MAIPUA. Launch time 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Compiled vocabulary of the MAIPUA language-a dialect of the URAMA language.

At 2.50 p.m. left for the AWERI Cr. and at 6.10 p.m. pulled up at some MAIPUA garden shelters & camped for the night. Late at night a SESA man arr. from upstream in a canoe.

Tuesday Sep. 16th.

Left 7.50 and proceeded upstream. When nearing the junction of the ERA and the AWERI the SESA man started to hail some people I could see ahead and I was surprised to find a village on the ERA bank.

This I was informed was the new location of the SESA people and that it was called HAI-I.

Going ashore made friends with the men, women, and children giving them some presents to reassure them. About 12 men, 10 women & 15 children in the village. They stated that, owing to the AURAI-I people killing them, they had run away from their old village & had moved down to the ERA for safety.

They have shelters erected, plenty of canoes & appear to be quite happy.

Took vocabulary of their language & taking two of the men, who wish to see KIKORI, left at 12.45 arriving back at ARU-U at 2.25.

Left ARU-U at 3.20 and at 4.50 arrived at AIME village on the ERA (V.C.BEO, H.9, D.1, Pop. 75).

Went ashore & inspected the village-Same very clean, nicely fenced and none of the people ran away. A very satisfactory state of affairs.

Tuesday Sep. 16th. Contd.

At 5.5 left for the VAIAMU anchorage where arrived at 5.25 and camped.

Wednesday Sep. 17th.

Proceeding overland from anchorage to VAIAMU village (no V.C., H.15, D.1, Pop.100) where I found everything quite O.K., I selected a new V.C.

He resides at TAUNAMUTUA and will, as AVAI did before, look after the villages of VAIAMU, TAUNAMUTUA and IODI-I and will be responsible for the R.H. and wharf at the ERA Anchorage.

UMUNETOA (See Map P.R. 19/23/24) has ceased to exist as the residents have combined with TAUNAMUTUA.

Both the small villages of TAUNAMUTUA & IODI-O were found to be clean and properly fenced. Apparently all the people remained in the villages.

In IODI-O dubu I saw 9 huge bundles of sago, 480" long X 1'6" diameter that I was informed were in readiness for their equivalent ceremony to the "buguru".

Left the anchorage at 10.0 a.m., after holding C.N.M., but the main shaft of the engine parted company at the flange joint & I was 1½ hours adjusting it.

Arrived IMEIA at 11.40 & succeeded in arresting 3 of the 5 wanted men.

Proceeded upstream a little way to a garden place, sending some police around the back way, but even with these precautions the other 2 men eluded us.

Gave the V.C. of GIGORI a direct order to effect their arrest as soon as possible.

Getting under way at 2.50 reached KIPI (GOPI) village at 4.25 - Here I paid off the 12 URAMA paddlers.

Left at 4.50 for MRAGOMA village (V.C. MIRI, H.23, D.2, Pop.200) where camped at 5.0 p.m. Very few people in the village, but same clean.

These people are inclined to be rebellious & truculent - I hear that they are "going to fight the MAMBARE policemen" when their new huge dubu is ready.

The V.C. has no control over these people at all - While I do not believe the tale about their fighting propensities no doubt they are still brooding about their men who were shot by Mr A/R. ~~Milwood~~'s party.

The R.H. a ramshackle building as porous as a sieve.

Thursday 18th Sep.

With the help of such villagers as could be found demolished the R.H., cleared the ground & marked out a new building. Told the V.C. that if the men refused to help him erect the new building he was not to do it by himself but was to report the matter to KIKORI & that he would be assisted in his work of enforcing Govt. orders.

To be left

Thursday Sep. 18th.

Left at 8.30 and at 8.35 arrived at HOMOBANI (V.C. of MRAGOMA, H.10, D.1, Pop. 50) a small and well kept place. ^{Corrected} vocabulary of GOPI language here.

After holding C.N.M. left at 11.5 for ~~SAWI~~ SAWI (V.C. AVAI, H.53, D.3, Pop. 250) where I arrived at 11.15 and found a large crowd of men awaiting me, the V.C. evidently having good control over his people.

Village clean. At the request of the V.C. I marked out a new R.H., the men taking a great interest in where the doors were to be etc. etc.

They even asked me to give them a "mark" so that they would make the 2 doors the right height. Altogether I found them a tractable crowd.

Promised them some smokes if they made a good job of the building.

Left at 12.20 for UBUA village (V.C. MAIPAKI, H.22, D.3, Pop. 120) where I arrived at 12.25 and lunched.

Village in very fair order and the work of fencing proceeding on the right lines. Issued sundry minor orders for the improvement of the village.

Despatched V.C. & A.C. IREKE to KIKORI with mail & a few prisoners.

Left at 2.40, passing GOPI village, and proceeded up the WAI-I Ck. At 4.15 passed TETEHUI and anchored at MAIMIRI (V.C. POGA) at 4.25.

Not a soul, excepting the V.C., in the village. He is a fine little chap but has, I fear, not much say over the inhabitants. The village was notably clean.

On enquiring into the reported murder was informed that PEWO-O had killed AUWA & that the men (2) had fired arrows at the V.C.'s (POGA & a GOPI V.C.) when they went to arrest PEWO-O. *This has been finished.*

Quickly decided to give the following plan a trial.

Leaving at 5.0 p.m. made a mock inspection of the village of TETEHUI and left, presumably for GOPI, but really to anchor a couple of miles downstream.

Told the V.C. to let the TETEHUI people settle down & then return to his own village, doing or saying nothing about our whereabouts.

Camped in the nipa for the night. In passing I might mention that several men appeared on the bank of the river after we left.

Friday Sep. 19th.

At 4.30 a.m. the village was occupied by the police but the people were not in it. The V.C. was found standing behind a small tree awaiting us. I do not think that he gave the plan away for at 5.0 a.m. a man blundered into the village & we very nearly caught him.

With some police I proceeded inland along a well defined road.

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The going was good & several shelters with fires burning in them were noticed, but the only native seen was a small male child. He was well looked after. Regarding those Upper WAI-I Ck. people, it is evidently their style to clear out as soon as the launch appears from down-river, remaining in the bush in shelters until the coast is clear.

Returning after going about 4 miles, I was informed by the V.C. that I had been along the BARAVI road. He also pointed out to me a big road going to the N. Stated he did not know the way, but that this was the road to the OBE & GORAU tribes.

Instructed the V.C. to tell all the people that the Govt. only wants PEWO-O & if he doesn't give himself up, that he will surely be eventually caught.

I am of the opinion that a surprise raid from GOPI in a few weeks time will very likely be successful - I do not think the V.C. can arrest him on his own.

Left at 9.30 for WAITARI (V.C. WAIDU-U, H. 13, D. 1, Pop. 50) - Arrived at 10.20.

WAITARI is another of the ANU-GIFI Group & is in quite good order & built on fairly solid ground. No women were seen here. *V.C. later did so all right*

Left at 11.0 a.m. for ANI-ODI, taking V.C., as it is in his charge.

Anchored 12.15 and proceeded to the village by canoe - A fairly good village, the new duca has been started & I asked the people to hurry along with same.

Apparently all the people, that were in the village when we arrived, remained.

Returning to the launch left at 1.10 for PURI (V.C. WOUBI, H. 17, D. 2, Pop. 140), a good village. Around the S.M. Dubu a big heap of rubbish with its attendant flies attracted my attention, and, on enquiring for the young boys was informed that they had left for parts unknown. Sent the V.C. away to arrest the lot: I would have liked to have sent a couple of A.C.'s with him but, in these parts, I do not like to have the police out of my sight. *Too drastic.*

Left at 3.30 and at 3.45 arrived at GOPI village (V.C. AME, H. 15, D. 2, Pop. 120) where I found very little to complain about. Ordered a new landing-stage.

Left at 4.5 & at 5.45 arrived at O-UBU and camped for the night. Here I picked up 3 cases of benzine sent out to me by Mr Cawley.

The recently ordered work well under way - They are a nice lot of people.

Saturday Sep. 20th.

Enquiring for a road from here to MORERI village, as I wanted to go overland for a change, was informed that there was none - This I very much doubt.

Left 8.45 and at 1.45 arrived at HIDURA village on TALI Ck.

① Saturday Sep. 20th.

I did not expect to arrive here first only the police missed the APU Ck. HIDURA village (V.C. of MORERI, H.3, D.1, Pop.25) is situated on a hill and is a clean & well kept settlement. Two women were seen here, quite friendly. Left 3.10 and at 4.30 arrived at MAHARABAGA village on the APU Ck. where the V.C. lives. Camped for the day & enquired into the death of one HAMARI (f.). A report re this woman's death is attached.

Sunday Sep. 21st.

② Early morning - visited the scene of the killing of HAMARI, which occurred about last November.

Left at 8.35 for the village of APUNE-I on the TIBI Ck. but OMOLI and his men were all away - Exactly where they are now I have not been able to find out, but I fancy they have cleared away up the ANU Ck., which is, as far as I am able to gather, a tributary of the TIVIRI. *To be finished Sat. done*

These are ANU-KAIRI people & are friends of V.C. EBHERE. Left village at 10.45 and at 12.20 arrived at ADA-POROME or KOROBAU (V.C. KEWAI, H.15, D.1 incomplete, Pop.150) where things are progressing very well indeed. It will, when complete, be one of the nicest villages in the Division.

③ The R.H. is very large & a good building. A good wharf here. Village clean. Left at 1.15 and at 4.20 arrived back at KIKORI.

Sydney H. Chance

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VN CHOB TIME

Resident Magistrate's Office

KIKORI, Sept 29th 1924.

Mr. P.O. Chance./

With reference to your Patrol Report No.3 of 1924-25 and our subsequent conversation in connection therewith, I would be glad if you would arrange to leave the station on Tuesday next 30th inst for the purpose of locating the whereabouts of the AURAI-I or GORAU tribe reported to have massacred people of the SESA tribe, and at the same time to take what steps you may deem expedient to effect the arrest of those implicated in the affair.

Since writing your patrol report the following information has been brought to this Office by two natives of the SESA tribe; they gave the following particulars which you might find useful. The names of the two men are NU-KWI and HAI-PI, and on interrogating them by Interpreters AI-AI-A and KINAMADU, HAI-PI stated that he had been in a former raid by these people and showed a mark since healed on the left arm, he further stated that he lately visited the village of MI-SERU (Chief POI-I) during the night and brought as evidence a piece of bamboo which looked as though sage had been cooked in it, he informed me that he obtained it from underneath the DUBU, as he also took from one of the small houses near the DUBU the lower jaw bone of one of his people, this he states the Chief HAI-I has for your inspection at the village of HAI-I, and it was these people-MI-SERU that actually killed the people of the SESA tribe.

Both these men are willing to accompany the patrol and I think you will find them useful. The road is via the IOWA River and to the point where the road takes off is navigable for the launch, so to this point the launch is at your disposal, but you will find it necessary to tow canoes for stores and carriers.

The Launch to return by the way which you will instruct A.C AIWA who will have with him A.C AI-IA-A; it was my intention to detail the latter for this patrol but his present physical condition would only be a hinderance.

I should not be at all surprised to learn that you will return via TETEHI where the murder of AUSA took place, and if you have sufficient stores on hand and all is well with your party remain and effect his arrest.

The alleged killing of HAMARI, Moreri Dist, this will remain in abeyance until some definite information can be obtained. The following are the details of your A.N.C. Cpl. JORNGA, L/Cpl UREVU, A.C's ORERI; IAWAGO, WARO, DE-NA, SIDNELI, KABIDU; KOIVI-MARU; INKE; HAUGORA; & AIKAI. Although these are all experienced men they need close supervision lest they become over zealous in the execution of their duties. I trust that you may be favoured with fine weather and that your patrol may be a successful one.

Paper taken.

By
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Resident Magistrate
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[Signature]

31 Oct 1924
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DIARY (In detail).

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE

31 OCT 1924

KIKORI DISTRICT
PAPUA

Tuesday 30/9/24

Left KIKORI Station at 12.45 p.m. in Launch "Kikori", with 3 canoes in tow and stores for one month.

Personnel:- Cpl JOREGA, L/C UREVU, A.C.'s ORERI, IAWOGO, DE-EA, HAUGOPA, AIKAI, WARG, KOIVI-MAURU, IEKE, SIDENI, KABIDEU and to return the launch to Kikori A.C.'s AIWA & AI-IA-A to assist Launch Boy OMAI.

Arrived at L.M.S. AIRD HILL at 2.30 p.m. - Rev. Moir-Smith busy till 4.30 adjusting launch shaft flange coupling retaining screw. Duplicate screw supplied for tool-box.

Camped at Mission myself, the natives sleeping at SAMOA village.

Wednesday 1/10/24

Left for GAURI village to pick up V.C. APA to act as interpreter for the GOPI & MAIPUA Districts, the V.C.'s of these two districts being somewhat new & not fluent MOTUAN speakers.

On arrival at GAURI met Sgt MARAI & female retinue returning from leave at S'EREMA-V.C. APA absent at a komobati, after waiting some time for him to come along decided to push on leaving A.C.'s AI-IA-A & DE-EA to bring him along. At 6.10 p.m., when nearing I-ARI village (V.C. AIBARU) had the misfortune to pile up on a sandbank, very common in these rivers, and the leading canoe coming forward punched a hole 6" x 2" in one of the stern planks of the launch.

Being delayed for some time plugging this with waste and mud darkness overtook us, and the balance of the journey was completed at lowest speed possible with a pilot canoe ahead. Reached I-ARI at 8.30 and camped.

Thursday 2/10/24

Repaired launch by tacking on the lid of a biscuit tin - The hole, being entirely in one plank, will not be very difficult to properly repair.

Waited until 9.20 in the hope that A.C. DE-EA would come along, but, their route being liable to variation on account of tides, left for IOWA-MAIPUA.

At 9.40 called in at BAWI (V.C. AMAI) to inspect the new R.E. being built.

Passing the village of MEAGOMA a little later I was very pleased to see quite a crowd working on their new R.E. - I did not disturb them as I could see quite plainly that the work was progressing very well indeed.

At 10.20 arrived at KIPI village where I took on board V.C. OMAI (ex A.C.) who is required on the patrol.

Report of a patrol by E.M.Bastard, R.N.M., Kikori, D.D. to GOPI and ERA RIVER Districts, for the purpose of inspecting villages, attending to Native Matters etc from the 10th. March to the 18th March, 1924.

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Mar. 10 Left Station at 1.30 p.m. in launch, canoe in tow, accompanied by Mr. P.O. Saunders, as am taking advantage of Mr. Saunders' last few weeks for Engine boy and self to obtain knowledge of running the engine. Sergeant MARAI, A.C.'s KINAVA, JIGORI, WARU, AI-IA-A, AMAVI, KABIDE-U, Interpreter AKAI and launch boy OMAI completed the party. Arrived at AIRD HILL at 3.15 p.m. and called on Revd. B.T. Butcher. Left again at 5.15 p.m. and arrived at village of KE-O or KUMUKUMU at 6 p.m. (V.C. MARURU) H.12 D.1. Approx. Pop. 150. With the exception of main DAIMO or DUBU all houses are built on hill about 80ft. above the River, good position, village in good order, in quite a pleasant situation. The Rest House is fair. Instructions given that when a new DUBU and Rest House are necessary, to build same on the high ground. A kitchen to be built at Rest House. During the evening saw AISI of SAMOA (the village adjoining Aird Hill) and told him to hurry along with the new village on high land. Camped at KUMUKUMU.

11 Left KUMUKUMU at 7.35 a.m. passing the old village of AUA-POROME at 8.15 a.m. which is on the KOKAIPO Creek, continued up the KOKAIPO into the BULAI River, and at 9 a.m. arrived at the new village of AUA-POROME or KOROBAN (V.C. KEWAI) H.15 Approx. Pop. 150. This village is being built on high land and when completed should be a much better position than the old one in swamp. The DAIMO has not yet been commenced. Rest House in course of erection. V.C. and inhabitants told to hurry on the completion of village. Left at 10 a.m. continued up the BULAI River, and at 10.25 a.m. turned into the TIVIRI River, and at 11 a.m. commenced to ascend the TALI Creek at 11.25 a.m. anchored at a MOPERI village on TALI Creek at 11.30 a.m. (V.C. EBBERE). This place is built on a hill about 100 ft. above the Creek, at a junction.

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There is one large DAIMO and two shelters here, and there were only four men upon our arrival present. The new appointed V.C. EBERE of these nomadic people lives up another small creek to the East. Left this place at 11.50 a.m. returned down the TALI Creek, and later up the TIBI Creek, which is shallow and narrow, and at 12.50 p.m. arrived at a small place called ANU-KAIRI, chief man OMOLI. This consists of a new DAIMO and three shelters. These people grow tobacco. Left the ANU-KAIRI at 1.30 p.m. returning down the Creek to the main TIVIRI River, and then up a small creek called APU, to the other MORERI settlement, where V.C. EBERE is living, but he was absent upon our arrival, but we saw his uniform hung up on a house. This place consists of two shelters only, but there is a DAIMO in course of erection. We arrived here at 3 p.m. The ANU-KAIRI and MORERI have only recently made a settlement on these creeks, having previously had shelters scattered over the low hills North of TIVIRI River, and they cannot be called "villages" at present. There was only one man, KUA I, at the place where V.C. EBERE lives, but we saw two or three clear out as we arrived. KUA I informed us that the V.C. was away making Sago. It is quite hopeless to talk of improving these places yet. Left the APU Creek at 3.30 p.m. and returned to the TIVIRI River, where we arrived at 4 p.m. Continued along the TIVIRI and at 5.45 p.m. left the TIVIRI turning North up the MURA River, and at 6.50 p.m. arrived at the village of O-UBU (V.C. KAIMURU) H.19 D.2 Approx. Population 150. This V.C. has only recently been appointed, and I instructed him to report at Station immediately for equipment. A Rest House has been started, but we camped in launch .

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Left O-UBU at 7 a.m. and returned down the MURA River, and up to the village of KOIRAVI (V.C. AIGAU) H.16 D.2. Approx. Pop. 150. This is a long straggling village, in very rough condition. A long platform, in a dilapidated condition, quite unnecessary, as the village is on solid ground, was instructed to be removed. Instructed to build a new Rest House and landing stage, clear grass and undergrowth, and hurry on the erection of new DUBU and houses, urgently needed. V.C. AIGAU seems a hopeless sort of person, and the village could be

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made a pleasant situation with a little work. The village people all cleared out upon our approach, sent V.C. and A.C. AI-IA-A to persuade them to return, later about 16 men and a few women returned. V.C. and these people warned that if conditions not improved by next visit, action will be taken, and V.C. recommended for dismissal. Left KIRAVI at 11.10 a.m. and arrived at noon at village of GOPI (V.C. AME) H. 15 D. 2 Approx. Pop. 120. Rest House in fair order. The village is built on solid ground, with low lying patches, and the place was reasonable clean. After lunch went along for about two miles to the village of KIPI (V.C. LAUGIA) H. 43 D. 3 Approx. Pop. 300. This is a long straggling village, on fairly solid ground, grass and undergrowth cleaned up. The houses are substantially built. There are two Rest Houses here. Local Constables AI-IA-A and ONIA belong to this village. V.C. LAUGIA was sick. Instructions were given that all new houses are to be built between the WALE-E Creek and the Rest House, so that the place will eventually be more compact. Returned about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the village of MEAGOMA (V.C. MIRI) H. 38 D. 2 Approx. Pop. 200. The V.C. was away at URAMA. All men cleared out upon our arrival, a few women and children remained in their houses. A new DUBU has been commenced, old building very dilapidated. A straggling village but in fair order. Rest House. Went down about 40⁰ yds to village of HOMOBAWI (V.C. MIRI of MEAGOMA) H. 10 D. 1 Approx. Pop. 50. Good situation, solid ground, crotons and ornamentals shrubs planted around village. A well kept place. Continued down for a quarter of a mile to the village of BAWI (V.C. AVAI) H. 53 D. 3 Approx. Pop. 250. Rest House here, a straggling village on solid ground and in fair order. In this village an area of about 150 ft by 80 ft. was fenced off with Sago rib, inside of which were ten large canoes in the course of construction. I asked the reason of the fence, and was informed that it was to prevent the canoes being seen by the women before they were ready, viz. after being blooded with pigs. A shed was inside the fence, and all the tools used in connection with the making of these canoes were kept here. There were fires in the shed, but was informed that no one slept here.

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and the fires were only in use whilst men were working here.

Returned to camp at GOPI at 7 p.m.

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Left GOPI at 8 a.m. in launch and went direct up the WAI-I Creek to the village of EBEGAU, where we arrived at 9.50 a.m.

EBEGAU (V.C.POGA) H.10 D.1 Approx. Pop. 50. I think MAIMIRI is the name of village, EBEGAU being the district. The village is built on good land, and was in fair order. All cleared out except V.C.POGA and two men. POGA is a new appointment. I told him and the other two men to talk to people, and get them not to run away upon approach of Government party, as they have nothing to fear.

They have built a Rest House here, but it is only a poor attempt.

Taking V.C. POGA with us we returned down the Creek to TETEHUI

(V.C.POGA of EBEGAU) H. 6 D.1 Approx. Pop. 40. The DUBU is not complete, and there were only four men in the village. The

site is a good one, and with a little work could be made a nice village. Instructed to clean up grass and undergrowth around the village. There is stated to be a ~~good~~ road across to the

village of BARAVI, but it is through swamp. Left TETEHUI at 11 a.m.

and ran down the WAI-I Creek, and up a small creek called

WAITARI, to the village of WAITARI (V.C.WAIDU-U) H.13 D.1

Approx. Pop. 40. where we arrived at 11.45 a.m. A good position and substantially built houses. The V.C. is a recent

appointment. Apparently all the people stayed in village.

Instructed to build a Rest House. Returned down the WAITARI Creek

to the main WAI-I, down the WAI-I, and up a small creek called

ANI-ODI, anchored launch and went up the last mile per canoe,

as the creek was full of snags and very narrow. ANI-ODI (V.C.

WAIDU-U of WAITARI) H.10 D.1 Approx. Pop. 40. The village was

built on good ground and was fairly clean. Ordered to clear

grass and undergrowth away from side of DAMO. The water in

this Creek is very black, it evidently drains a swamp. A species

of orange growing here, later found others at GOPI, apparently

indigenous, all pith but no juice. There is stated to be a road

across from ANI-ODI to GOIRAVI. No women were seen here.

Left ANI-ODI and returned to launch at 4 p.m. and down the creek

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to WAI-I, then into a small creek called PURI, and visited the village of PURI (V.C.WOUBI) H.17 D.2. Approx. Pop. 140. This village is very scattered, but the grass and undergrowth had been cleared away. The large DUBU needs repairs to floor and walls, also Rest House floor and walls, and instructions were given for a kitchen to be built to Rest House. Left PURI and went down to IARI, went ashore per canoe, the launch going on to GOPI.

IARI (V.C.AIBARU) H.20 D.2 Approx. Pop. 120. The village is built on good land, but is the same as other GOPI villages, very spread out, and evidently built this way for purposes of defence. V.C. AIBARU seems a useful man. Returned to camp at GOPI.

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Early morning held C.N.M. at GOPI and left per launch at 8.30 a.m. called and inspected village of UBUA (V.C.MAIRAKI) H.22 D.3 Approx. Pop. 120. A large portion of village is built on solid ground, remainder low lying and swampy. Rest House and kitchen fair, and village generally in reasonable order. Instructed people to build a substantial platform in swamp portion of village.

Continued on and again visited MEAGOMA village, as two days ago they nearly all cleared out. V.C.MIRI of MEAGOMA reported to me at GOPI on his return from URAMA, and I told him to get the people to stand fast, as we would visit the village again this morning.

There were about thirty people all told in the village this time, others stated to be away Sage making. Had a talk to them re folly of clearing out upon arrival of Government party. V.C.MIRI

instructed to fence water hole, hurry on the new DUBU and repair Rest House floor. Left MEAGOMA at 10 a.m. and went along to the ERA River, arriving at IMEIA village at 11.25 a.m. IMEIA (V.C. SAUAMI and CAU-O) H.20. D.2 Approx. Pop. 200. This village is built on high banks of ERA River. This is a new site, the old villages of AIME, TAUDAI, NAUAMUBA, MEMERI and GIBMEMERI now being abandoned, and all are living at IMEIA, this is the reason there are at present two V.C.'s. I am recommending the dismissal of AU-AMI, as he has since been convicted of "Adultery", and he need not be replaced. V.C.SAU-O instructed to make steps to Rest House, fence water holes, and keep village free from rubbish. Crossed over to the village of

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GIGORI (V.C.WAHE of RAVIWANA) H.19 D.2 Approx. Pop. 150. Two new Rest Houses, village on banks of River, solid ground. The houses are not so substantially built as in the GOPI district, bamboo being chiefly used for piles, but the village clean and fenced, and the same as IMEIA, compact. Had lunch at GIGORI and made camp. Left per launch at 2.30 p.m. and went up the ERA River for a short distance to a landing, and walked across country for about ten minutes to the village of VAI-AMU, which is built on the banks of KOPELE Creek. VAI-AMU (V.C.AVAI) H.15. D.1. Approx. Pop. 100. Village very clean, crotons and ornamental shrubs planted around. Instructed V.C. to make a decent landing on the ERA and build a Rest House. Went up the KOPELE Creek per canoe to the village of TAUNAMUTU-A, which is a new village site of IKORU, the latter now being abandoned. TAUNAMUTU-A (V.C.BE-O of AIME) H.9.D.1. Approx. Pop. 75. This is a good site, but a lot of work has yet to be done to complete the village. Continued up the KOPELE Creek for about two miles, creek narrow, and arrived at village of IODI-O or TOLOTOLO H.6 D.1. Approx. Pop. 40. This is the first visit here, and will place this small place in charge of V.C. AVAI of VAI-AMU) as they are GIBAI-O people. This place is built on good land, ordered inhabitants to repair DAMO, and clear the grass and undergr from around village, fence water hole. KAMAUWA and AITO of this place have worked at BOMANA, and speak a little MOEUA. Returned down the KOPELE Creek to VAI-AMU and then back to launch and arrived at camp at GIGORI at 7 p.m. During evening held C.N.M. From GIGORI two high peaks are seen plainly, called here WAI-O-I (N.N.W.) and KALALU (N.W.).

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Early morning held C.N.M. AMUMU and AIME of TAUNAMUTU-A explained that V.C.'s WAHE, GAU-O and BE-O, accompanied by village natives AKIA, GAIVERI and RAIHA and other GIGORI men went to their old village of IKORU sometime ago, when instructed by visiting Officer to make arrests, and armshells etc were stolen. I went thoroughly into the matter and RAIHA was convicted of "Stealing" and sentenced to Three Months Imp. H.L. Nothing was proved against any of the others, but they were warned against this sort

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of business, this is the second time I have heard of looting in this district. All Village Constables warned that they are to effect ~~no~~ arrests in their own village only, unless definitely instructed by an Officer otherwise. Went ^{down} ~~up~~ to RAVIVANA (V.C. WAHE) H. 18 D. 2 Approx. Pop. 120. Solid ground, nice position on high banks, but the land falls away at the rear of village. Houses poorly built, but village and surroundings clean. Ordered to repair fence, fence water hole and clear undergrowth from side of DUBU. There were plenty of people in the village, including women and children. Returned to GIGORI, then per launch for about a mile up ERA River to village of AIME (V.C. BE-C) H. 9 Approx. Pop. 75. This is a new site, the people having left village up the small creek close by, and this new village when complete should be a pleasant situation. Instructed to hurry on completion of village, fence same and build a Rest House. Left AIME village and went up AIME Creek per canoe, to the ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ abandoned villages of AIME and IKORU. We then walked for about a mile through Sago swamp, general direction S.E. and arrived at a small village called UMUNETOA H. 5 D. 1 Approx. Pop. 30. Village not previously visited, all ran away except three men, MARIA, AUWA and AWIA. This village is at head of AIME Creek. These people grow small quantities of tobacco. UMUNETOA placed in charge of V.C. AWAI of VAI-AMU, and he has been ordered to make a road from VAI-AMU to UMUNETOA. Returned to launch at AIME, then up the GIBI Creek to NAROMERE, which took us about an hour. NAROMERE (V.C. OTOIA) H. 22 D. 1. Approx. Pop. 150. These are URAMA people, sometimes called GAI-AU and IWAINU, who have settled up here. Village in filthy condition, undergrowth and grass, houses dilapidated, no Rest House or landing stage. All cleared out upon our approach except V.C. OTOIA, AMABI, WAGEBA, IBIAI, NAKA-A, GEAU, KUMAI, KOULO, ELA. Sent out V.C. and these men to bring the others in, informing them we had no intention of departing finally until they arrived. After pitching kly, leaving Sergeant and 2 A.C. in charge, left NAROMERE at 3.15 p.m. and went up GIBI Creek for a short distance, then up BAREMA Creek until 5.15 p.m. distance about 12 miles, when we arrived at a village of the EWA people called I-ANIANI-MA

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(V.C.NAWAGERE) H.15 D.1 Approx. Pop. 100. These people have not been visited for some considerable time, as they moved from their old site, and according to previous patrol reports their whereabouts ^{was} unknown, and the V.C. had not apparently been seen either for some time. I was misinformed as to the distance from NAROMERE, and we were not prepared to camp here, so the visit was unfortunately a hurried one. This is a well built village on the bank of Creek, in very fair order, apparently all the people were in the village when we arrived, upon approach of the launch the V.C. was seen to have a hurried bath in River, and then don his uniform. V.C.NAWAGERE has a complaint against V.C. and people of GOIRAVI, further he is required as guide for tomorrow, so took him back with us to NAROMERE, where we arrived at 8 p.m.

16 Left NAROMERE at 9.30 a.m. per launch, went up GIPI Creek for about a mile and turned into AUMANI Creek, as it was shallow and there were many snags left the launch about 1½ miles up, and continued up AUMANI Creek for about three miles in canoe, passing of the abandoned BWA villages, called MAILAWANA, this is at the junction of AUMANI and MOPIA Creeks. Went up the AUMANI for a further 1½ miles, then left canoe and travelled E.S.E. through Sago swamp and low lying land for about three miles, and arrived at another BWA village called IAIPU or GAULI. H.12. D.1. Approx. Pop.100. We suddenly appeared out of the bush and there was great excitement, men running for bows and arrows, but the chief man ARAIMEI spoke, and they all settled down and were very friendly. A.C. KINAVA (MAIPUA) found they could understand him. The village is built on banks of a creek which is very small here, called IAIPU, and they inform me this creek runs into the PI-E or KAPAINA River. This is the first visit of Government here. Some men have been away to work, state they were down at VAIMURU and were recruited at that point. They evidently trade with VAIMURU. I think a V.C. advisable here, and upon asking the people who they would like, opinion seemed divided between MAILAU and KEMIBARA, but have decided to recommend the latter, he is the son of chief KEMIBANAX ARAI-MEI. He is a young man, understand NAMAU and a little MOTUAN, having worked

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Approx. Pop. 70. This is a good situation on the banks of ERA River. Rest House partly completed, and the village fairly clean, but the same business of all clearing out upon arrival of Government. Two men KIBILO and WAMA remained, and gave as their reason for not clearing out with the others "they had been to gaoland savvy the Government". Told these two men and V.C. to get Rest House completed, and to talk with the remaining ARU-U people, asking them not to run upon approach of Government party. In the villages where there has just been a general exodus, the dogs are on the outskirts of village howling piteously.

Left ARU-U at 3 p.m. and went down the ERA River and anchored. Went up the BAMI Creek per canoe, for about a mile, to the village of GOIRAVI (V.C. MAU-A) H.18. D.2 Approx. Pop. 80. A fair Rest house, village on solid ground and fairly clean. All the people seemed to stay, including the women. Upon arrival here found the complaint of V.C. NAWAGERE of I-ANIANI-MA, EWA, was more serious than anticipated, so decided to camp and enquire fully into the matter. I found that V.C. MAU-A of GOIRAVI and V.C. OTOIA were responsible for taking five canoe loads of men from here and NAROMERE to EWA. ~~farxkthax~~ V.C. OTOIA of NAROMERE was instructed, when enquiries were made for whereabouts of EWA people, and he stated he knew, to go and bring V.C. NAROMERE to KIKORI, he did this, but apparently when going to fetch him made up a party from GOIRAVI and NAROMERE, who accompanied him and did some looting. V.C. NAWAGERE only complained of GOIRAVI people and V.C. MAU-A, the latter stated that V.C. OTOIA informed them, that he had a "letter" which he is stated to have produced, from KIKORI, for them all to go to EWA and help themselves. Upon asking V.C. NAWAGERE why he did not mention this to me at KIKORI, stated OTOIA told him he was only a "new man" and would get into trouble for mentioning such a matter. I also asked him why he did not mention to me now about V.C. OTOIA and the NAROMERE being there as well, stated, they had given all the stolen articles back, so he thought that was square. All stolen articles, were brought to the Rest House and NAWAGERE and the men with him stated this was all.

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All articles were returned to EWA people, the many GOIRAVI men implicated, who were very truthful about the whole matter, and apparently only carried out instructions of V.C. OTOIA and V.C. MAU-A were warned against such conduct in the future. V.C. OTOIA and V.C. MAU-A were convicted under Native Regulation No. 75 (2), the former being sentenced to Six Month I.N.L. and the latter to Four months Imp. H.L. Both these men will be recommended for dismissal.

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Left early and went down to HAROMERE, and completed the case above referred to. Left HAROMERE at 10.30 a.m. called at GIGORI to give some instructions to V.C. re arrest of escaped prisoner etc, and left again at 11.40 a.m. continued down the ERA River, passing the junction with MAUBI at 12/10 p.m. Left ERA River at 12.40 p.m. turning into Creek going West, which brought us into the INI passage, and then up to GAURUK which was passed at 3 p.m. and through to the Station, which was reached at 7.15 p.m.

GENERAL.

V.C. SAU-AMI of IMEIA, V.C. MAU-A of GOIRAVI and V.C. OTOIA of HAROMERE are being recommended for dismissal, owing to misconduct, ~~as~~ it is not intended to fill the place of the former, the latter two men will be replaced as soon as suitable men are located.

I am informed that one language is spoken by the ANU-GIPI (villages of EBEGAU, TETEMUI, WAITARI and ANI-GOI) and GOPI (villages of O-UBU, PURI, BAWI, IARI, BOMORAWI, MRAGOMA, GOPI, UBUA and KIPI).

The GIBAI-O people speak another language (villages of IMEIA, GIGORI, RAVIWANA, VAI-AMU, AIME, TAUNANITU-A (IKORU), IODI-O, HUNNETO-A).

On the Upper ERA the villages of MAPIA, ANU-U, BARAVI and KOIRAVI have their own language. HAROMERE originally come from URAMA, and the EWA villages of I-ANI-ANI-MA, IALEU and EWA-KEME (Not visited) apparently speak a dialect of NAMAU.

BURAVI

Laku

It was very difficult to obtain knowledge of Enew villages" the people generally stating they did not know anyone, and that the information gleaned was generally obtained from one man, when alone, and he spoke quietly so as not to be overheard .

E. Bastard

R.R.M., Kikori, DD.

Instructions were given for all water holes, used by humans, to be fenced.

The GOPI villages in every instance are very scattered, and at present it is impossible to fence the sites, in some instances suggestions were made to make the villages more compact, when re-building necessary. Generally speaking the GOPI people are very timid and hardly a woman was seen in the district.

Each village visited had a fair number of Coconut palms, but they all appeared to be poor specimens, and the yield small. There were no instructions given for planting of Coconuts, as did not consider the time was ripe for this.

Nearly all the GOPI and ERA River villages are on solkid ground, and in time should be the best kept villages in the Delta. It is proposed that this district should be patrolled at least every three months for sometime to come, as there is room for great improvement in the condition of the villages, and it is necessary that the people should have confidence in the Government, and not run away upon approach of party, further, I consider the actions of Village Constables in the district require close watching.

V.C. POGA of EBEGAU informed me that there was a road from TETEHI North to people called OBE and GORAU, and upon enquiries at TETEHI one man called PIWAI informed me he was friendly with OBE, PAKENE and GORAU and that he knew the track, and that it was two days from TETEHI to the first village. NAVARU of MIBAGOMA informed me he had visited an OBE village called KARAOBI, and that he went from BARAVI, the latter people being friendly, but when at BARAVI they denied knowledge of any people to the North. At WAITARI was told of another village to the North called AURAI-I, who are friendly OBE, and with the latter visit TETEHI.

KIPILO of ARU-U told me of a village called SESA on AWERI Creek, which runs into the ERA River above his village, and that a man called KINAMADU of ARU-U visited them and spoke their language.

V.C. MAU-A of GOIRAVI told me that NAROMERE were friendly with PAWAI-A (PURARI River), but the latter denied this.

Memo.

Patrol No.4/24-25.

R.M.'s Office, KIKORI.D.D.

Monday October 6th, 1924.

Mr.P.O Chance,

I would be glad if you would investigate the following matter after your return to TETEHUI.

V.C POGA of EBEGAU GOPI District states that after your return from last patrol, the KOIRAVI people are alleged to have gone to the KOMABATIES of the EBEGAU people and raided same by stealing the following the following items:-

- 1 small pig.
- 2 stone tomahawks.
- 2 body belts
- 1 ear ring (bone).
- 2 do (cassowary).
- 1 arrow.

other Native ornaments, and birds' feathers. the property of EPAI-A-BE. of EBEGAU.

A number of other items the property of I-LAU-U were also stolen by the same people, he has a "mark" which I have told him to explain to you the culprits are stated to be TAU-WA of KOIRAVI -(V.C AIGAU), I-VAU, KEVAPAU, MOI-IO and others..

I have just received your memo's Nos.1.2.3 and advise the safe arrival of the Launch, the damage I think is not very serious.

A/R.M. D.D.

4/4/24/25

30 fathoms with
7 1/2 fms
1 mid. L.M.M.
Log #7 food
11/18/24

IONWA River.

Friday 3rd Oct. 1924.

10:50 a.m.

The R/K.M.

Kikori.

Leaving IONWA-MATPUA this morning at 8:30 found a block (no water) in the creek here at a place successfully negotiated the other day.

So I leave the launch now send her back.

They have received definite instructions not to go back by way of the main GOPI R. for obvious reasons.

Early this morning all the SESA, his courage evidently failing them attempted to run away. However we caught NU-KAI 2 others — they are now in handcuffs!!

Re Log Book.

At present there are 12 full tins on board
Nearly 1 tin in the tank.

This is the 5th tin opened.

I started with 17 tins. Not what I told the boy to put on board but the idiot cannot count!

He has been told to return 1 tin to L.M.S. Aird Hill.

Time of departure: —

12.45 p.m. 30/9/24. {3 canoes
3 carriers}

Running times

30 K	1 3/4 hours.
1 st	8 20/60 "
2 nd	3 50/60 "
3 rd	1 50/60 "

Launch boy leaves at 12.00 noon for MATPUA & may be intelligent enough to tell you of his subsequent movements.

When you will hear of me again I know not, but I have hopes of being able to send a memo. later on.

Sydney. H. Chancer.
P.O.

Annex 5/PT

3/4/24 - 25.

The A/R.M.

Kikori.

Maipua

2/10/24.

In accordance with your instructions, when passing Aird Hill Mission, I borrowed from the L. M. S. 2 cases (66 lb.) of Trade tobacco.

Cases of 32 1/2 & 33 1/2 lb. respectively.

I signed & left with the Rev. Miss Smith a receipt for same on your behalf.

I did not forward this tobacco by Sgt. MARAI, who was at GAWAI, as I knew you had enough for your immediate needs & a launch is a safer means of conveyance than a canoe.

Sydney H. Chance.

P.O.

2/4/24-25.

Maipua.

2/10/24.

The A/R. M.

Kikori

I have to report the following accident & damage to launch.

Yesterday at 6.10 p.m. while rearing 12R1 village, GORI district we piled up on a sandbank & the leading canoe coming along behind penetrated the stern timber of the launch making a hole about 6" x 2".

This is entirely in one plank is not so serious as I first thought.

Temporary repairs consisting of replacing the piece of broken timber & sealing on a piece of canvas covered by tin have been effected.

I regret the occurrence. It is not the first time I have found the mud in these rivers but previously the canoe has been successfully steered away.

Hymey. H. Chance.

P.O.

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER

5/4-5

Kikori

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by A Liston Blyth and F R Cawley toGoarabasi and MORIGIO

for the purpose of

inspecting native plantation, model village and enquiring intounrest and arrest of murderers.Left Station on 4th November Returned to Station on 8th November 1924Number of Carriers employed nil Number of Police taken 4Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge KIKORI R.R.M.Villages visited UBUA. DOPIMA, plantation No 1, KERAWA. AI I DIA
, GOARI. DEDEBI. GABADIA. HARAGU. DUBUMUPA. API AUWA

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

No. 123-1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 8/11/24A.B.
Officer in charge of Station.

Divisional map and former patrols

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice	50	25		15	40	5 0		
Biscuits								
Meat	10	4			4	6	6	
Sugar	5	4			4	1	1	
Tea	$\frac{1}{2}$				$\frac{1}{2}$	5		
Soap	2	1			1	8	1	
Tobacco	5	2		1	3	11 3	2	
Matches								
Kerosene	1 gal				$\frac{1}{4}$	2 0	$\frac{1}{4}$	
Tents								
Flies								
Lamps	4				4		4	
Buckets	2				2		2	
Kerosene Cans	1				1		1	
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.								
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes	2				2			camp use.
Tomahawks								
TOTAL £						1 4 4		

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

Patrol 5

The A.R.M.

I thank you for your memorandum, it seems the programme you have mapped is exactly what I wanted.

Most certainly the change in A C as suggested by you is approved. My suggestion is based merely on the fact most Eastern are better in a boat, but of course the importance of interpretation and local knowledge of water ways far outweighs that.

You will I am sure be so good as to see that the stores we require are issued to the coxswain of the launch on Monday afternoon that they may be suitably stowed before departure.

I suggest your previous patrol be brought with us and I am sure that you will be able to see we have what office forms and papers we need in the office despatch box

As regards personal gear, my fitted basket will have all the table gear etc we need, the food question we can settle on Sunday.

Memos will be filed with patrol when completed.

One item only I notice omitted from your list so far as I can see is kerosine, and what about a boiler or something for police cooking? A C should be issued with five cartridges each at least, a fair supply of flannelete and care taken all their oil bottles are full, in this damp climate the new rifles need a lot of attention.

I would propose in giving your instructions to A C you order bayonets to be left behind they are clumsy in a launch or boat.

RRM

31/10/24

Patrol completed 8.11.24 including a visit to Morigio Island where four natives were arrested at GABADIA in connection with the alleged murder of ELAU-WI of DORIOMO Turama River District W.D.

File Patrol Report No.5, 1924-25.

RRM

A.R.M.

10/11/24.

ACC OREAI

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20kds 303.

RESIDENT MAGISTRAR

KIKORI.

31 OCT 1924

31.10.24.

KIKORI
PAPUA

The R.R.M.

Delta Division.

In accordance with your memorandum of 30th inst I shall be pleased to make arrangements to leave the Station next Tuesday 4th prox on a visit to the villages of the GOARIBARI District, to include the Native Plantation No.1 at DOPIMA and the new village of GOARI.

The following villages will be visited weather and circumstances permitting, UBUA, DOPIMA, KEREWANA, MUBAGOA, AINI-DIA, KEME, PAI-IA, NAGORO, GORO, AIMAHE, BABAI, BABAGUINA and PAILI and we should be back at the Station the following Monday.

The A.C.'s will be sufficient, an N.C.O is not necessary but I would suggest that that A.C DE-A be taken in place of KABIDE-U as being a native of DOPIMA village would be very useful as an Interpreter of the KEREWANA language and at the same time point out to A.C NAKEA the many alternate waterways of the GOARIBARI District.

The Dinghy need only be taken as it may not be possible to arrive at all the villages at high water.

The following stores will be required:-

- 6 cases of Benzine. (48 gals).
- $\frac{1}{2}$ gal lubricating oil.
- 1 bag rice 40 lbs.
- 10 tins fish.
- 1 br soap.
- 5 lbs tobacco.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs tea.
- 2 lbs sugar.
- 4 Hurricane Lamps.
- 2 buckets.

The following will also be required in connection with the new village of GOARI :- 2 tomahawks, 1 prismatic compass, 1 surveyor's chain.

Patrol Report No.1 24/25 is attached herewith for your perusal with sketch map attached of the locality it is proposed to visit.


A.R.M. D.D.
31.10.24.

MEMORANDUM

The A R M
Delta Division

Confirming conversations, I am desirous of visiting the DOPIMA Plantation, and the model village of GOARI, and to make a short inspection of Goaribari.

Owing to the fact that the "Laumabada" may be a along at any time, and it is imperative that both you and myself are here to discuss programme with H E, I do not wish to be away more than a week.

I will be much obliged if you, knowing the district, which I do not, will make arrangements for a trip of one week commencing on Tuesday next, and trying to be back on the Sunday or Monday following.

I do not think that it will be at all necessary to take more than four A C, these would be A C NAKKA, who I wish to get acquainted with these waters, as he will probably be coxswain of the Kismet if she comes.

Your Orderly, naturally, UNDIRARI, my orderly, and I think the Eastern man KABIDIA. A N C O is hardly necessary, and as UREVU will be leaving for the timber camp, and the sergeant has the wharf to complete, the Corporal could be left for other work.

I should also imagine that we could do without a tow save for perhaps putting some gear in the Dinghy, this however you will know.

I will leave the entire question of stores needed benzine etc etc to yourself if you will inform me what arrangements you have made later.


RRM

30/10/24

Patrol Report Number 5 of 1924/5.

Kikori Delta Division

conducted by A Liston Blyth R.R.M.

For the purpose of inspecting the Native Plantation at DOPIMA, to visit the model village at GOARI and if possible to effect arrest of murderers at MORIGIO and enquire into unrest there.

4th November. Left KIKORI at 7 am with Mr Cawley A R M, A Cs NAKEA, ORERI UNDIRARI, and DE EA, passed the timber camp and saw the police under Corpl JOREGA cutting bendora for wharf, arrived at UBUA (V.C. KIMAVI) at 10 55 am, the rest house and landing need attention, excellent work is however being done in accordance with instructions given by Mr Cawley on his last visit, see P.R No 1/24-5, the new dubunearly completed and a fine one also considerable other work has been done to fences etc.

Received a complaint against ex Cpl PATOA of attempting to force a UBUA widow named KAROA to marry one NAKIRA, whom she does not want, and whom her relations AMOGOA and KAIVIRI of AIMAHAI also do want to marry this man, it is said PATOA threw a spear at the relations when they interferred, he is no relation of the woman, instructions given for all parties to proceed to KIKORI on Monday next. Left UBUA at 1 pm and arrived at DOPIMA (V C B ERI) at 2 30 pm, this V C deserves praise for the efforts he has made to carry out orders whilst handicapped with so many men at POPO. A very fine new DUBU new fence and substantial platforms have been built. I was here shown the headress used in the BUGURU ceremony. No cases and no complaints, both officers rather seedy this afternoon, heat tremendous. At this village I made agreement with AMAI I as caretaker of Government Plantation No 1 2XODOPIMA as per G S letter

It is to be noted that the reverse gear on the KIKORI is utterly useless and has no pull at all.

5th

Left per canoes for plantation at 7 am and arrived 8 am, walked through same, AMAI I has made some efforts to clean up and the A R M tells me it is fifty per cent better to look at than on his last visit, ground smothered in nuts eaten by rats we have no tar to put on trees.

No 5 cont.

5th cont. Whether this long narrow strip of nuts between a sago swamp and the sea will ever be much good is a moot point.

Very few nuts on bearing trees and the others have only in places apparently be lined. About half a mile along the beach AMAI I has built a new copra house and started one for himself cleared some more ground and planted a few more trees.

Proceeded right round end and side of island mostly walking to see if any place suitable to open up and saw none.

Arrived back at DOPIMA 11 15 am, R R M seedy feeling the heat Heard at Plantation that the "Laurabada" had been seen this morning going DARU, as we wish to see H E this will alter plans.

Left DOPIMA 11 35 am and arrived KEREWI (V C WOIBU) 1 30 pm platforms poor, rest house poor, some houses poor, not at all impressed with WOIBU, given one month to straighten things up

Left again and went into AI I DIA and landed gear for night officers proceeding on to model village of GOARI arriving 4 pm

V C HEBOI I is doing great work here and I was much interested in this first model village instituted by Mr Cawley, when it is completed it should be very nice.

It is a pleasure to inspect a village where the platforms do not exist. Returned to AI IDIA (V C ERI) and found it in good order no complaints. ~~at~~ Cpl PATOA arrived re charges against him, but as all witnesses were not available orders to ~~go~~ Kikori stand. Spent evening in talk and these people agree with V C SENI (MORIGIO) that the UMADAI, DORIOMA have come down to NAEBO and they say they are frightened to walk about.

6th

Left at 6 45 am with V C ERI as pilot to MORIGIO, where I wish to enquire into alleged unrest and to endeavour to arrest the murderers of one ELAUNI of DORIOMA arrived DEDEBI (V C SENI) at 9 am village in good order all things considered SENI can talk of nothing but the arrival on NAEBO of the DOROMO and UMADAI and also some people called BARO. This village had all the air of being ~~at~~ at ease, the A C were not happy whilst there, the people came round but were very sullen, SENI says they are frightened, reassured them

5 continued.

6th as far as possible, heard the murderers of ELAUB were at GABADIA and that they had broken away from her and formed a new village, SENI said they were DAGI DAGI and would wait for us, took him on board and went to GABADIA, small place went ashore and arrested the four men alleged to be implicated without any trouble. SENI ordered to collect and bring along his witnesses who were not available at the time.

INU is the chief here and has really invited reprisals from DORIAMO by this murder, it is thought having built a new DUBU he wants a new skull to wet it.

Left for HARAGU a long dreary run which would be impossible in this launch in any weather arrived at HARAGU (V C INA I) at 3 5 pm, was very pleased with this village, all in good order houses very neat and tidy, and again no platforms, V C INAI I appears useful, here the custom is different, old and young men all live together in same dubus, and we even saw women and children in the dubus. Not a weapon or a skull was to be seen, INAI I said that when DARU government came they broke them all up, so they hide them now. Estimate 250, two big dubus and 6 women houses. INAI I informs us that the DORIONA and UMIADAI did come to NAEBO but they have gone home again, he says they heard we were coming. He says they are all right and dont want to fight and that SENI exaggerates, personally I think SENI has a grudge against them and that he is itching to fight them himself, he wants watching. The BARO are not on NAEBO but on mainland and have five big dubus there western division. He reports that SURAU of HARAGU was speared by NATSU of DORIOMO some time ago over a woman, NATSU however has gone back home this is a W D offence. We cannot go over to NAEBO for lack of benzine and threatening appearance of weather, INAI I rather laughs at the idea of any trouble, however another patrol will be sent down shortly. It appears the MORIGIO had built five large canoes to go fight if necessary and I am inclined to think they are the aggressors as they say the Government never settled for Johnson's carriers killed on the TURAMA.

5 cont. .

7th left HARAGU 7 55 am, the R R M had a very bad night running a very high temperature and had to be carried aboard, raining weather got rather threatening and engine played up badly crossing the open sea.

Arrived at AI I DIA at 12 noon and were very glad to get there as the engine seemed to try everything to please us.

Left at 12 30 about and went on to DUBUMUPA arrived 3 20 pm could not get in owing to tide, this village needs shaking up and note has been taken for a visit to be made in the near future.

Arrived API AUWA (V C BAMEGI) at 5 pm, and camped. The R R M was too ill to be taken off the launch Mr Cawley went ashore and slept in rest house R R M slept launch and having taken a large lot of phenactin and quinine developed a perspiration which towards morning cured his head and ague but left him very weak. Mr Cawley coming aboard reported that this village also wanted attention, noted. All day we had engine trouble, and did not wish to get any more persons aboard.

8th Left at 7 45 am after about an hour trying to start engine R R M considerably better but still very seedy and weak.

Engine again palying up, clutch slipping, and running hot, most of time reduced to half speed.

Arrived KIKORI 9 15 am. Mr Chance reported all correct.

GENERAL

I am pleased to have seen the plantation and model village and also to have got in the run to MORICIO, where I do anticipate any immediate trouble. It was only intended as a flying visit as we are expecting His Excellency and also Mr Chance wishes to go to Port Moresby. I do not think in her present state the Kikori is really fit for such a run.

RRM

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.
6/24-5

Kikori

STATION.

A Liston Blyth R.R.M.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by

MORICIO

for the purpose of

arresting alleged murderers including chief.

1/12/24

4/12/24

Left Station on

Returned to Station on

nil

8

Number of Carriers employed

Number of Police taken

Active Self

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge

PAIA, DADREBI, AI IDIA, NUBUGOA, PAIA, KEREW, DOPIA.

Villages visited

DUBUMUGA, many KOMABATIES, APIAUWA.

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9987/11 23.—1,800.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

5/12/24

Date

A. LISTON BLYTH

Officer in charge of Station.

D. M. M. M.

Patrol Report of sixth patrol for 1924/5

By

A Liston-Blyth Relieving Resident Magistrate.

Kikori. Delta Division.

December 1st. Left Kikori after long morning in office, at 1 45 pm per launch, accompanied by Sergt MARAI, A C UMDIRARI, NALKA, AWAI, and KABIDIU, towing a Morigio canoe with V C INAI I of HARAGU and some of his people, with the intention of executing warrants for Morigio alleged murderers.

The engine was missing and running unevenly most of trip and whereas I had hoped to sleep at AI IDIA, I had to put in to PAI A (V C KARAU) at 6 pm, I noted the last entry in his book was that he had been reprimanded for state of his village, in the short period of daylight left to us I was able to see that considerable improvement had been effected, and I told him to go on with the good work. The Gearabari cannot build rest houses, the so called " bungalow " type seems beyond them and I shall be very pleased if we get a cabin launch, where one can sleep after the day's work, without fleas and break neck floors.

December 2nd.

Left at 5 40 am to avoid any chance of sea and crossing to Morigio the second flange of the exhaust pipe fell off the Mission only repaired one the other day, hot water smoke and occasional flame was the result, succeeded in binding it together with wire without stopping the engine and arrived off DADEBI at 9 10 am, not enough water to get into creek, made use of the HARAGU canoe and was successful in arresting all for whom I held warrants without much trouble, six in all. Returning to launch a number of canoes came out to us and among them some UMADAI people had yarn with these men, they say that they are friends now with MORIGIO, but that DORIOMA and WARIADAI are not .

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December 2nd. They say that the latter are now preparing for a raid and wanted UMADAI to join in, but they asked if they were not afraid of the government, they said no, no govt comes here when they did before they only shoot on top and they are not afraid. They say that the rumors re NAEBO, see last P/R to Morigio, are now incorrect that they have left there but that WARIADAI were building a new village nearer to MORIGIO at a place called KO A. The MORIGIOS all say that the nine Johnston carriers killed of theirs, have never been paid for and they are spoiling for a fight with WARIADAI.

I told them and the UMADAI's not to be foolish that when we got a new ship we would come down and settle all the differences if possible, and meantime not to fight.

I then had a good go at the exhaust pipe and using old material effected a good repair. Wind seemed to be rising and we left for the mainland, arriving at AI IDIA at 1 20 pm, just on arrival the engine "died", it had been missing all the time, I now discovered the cause of this, the bolts holding the magneto had given and the magneto had gradually worked loose till gears no longer meshed, I was nearly in despair as the magneto is a type I have never used and timing one is the job of an engineer, however I decided to get at it, and sent all hands ashore to prepare a meal, it took me till 5 pm to get the timing right and get the engine running again, the bolts may hold till we get home but am doubtful, really every part of this engine seems to take its turn to give way. On landing found Lance Corporal UREVU who had arrived from KIKORI to inform me that the six MORIGIOS there confined, had escaped, among them SENI the leader of the party, arrested today, in the murder of GIRIMO. I found the sergt had already sent canoes to all villages on the route warning them, the escape took place some time last night, UREVU left this morning and did a good trip, the runaways must be somewhere in Delta, sent further messages and placed guards in commanding positions and also

*Confirms 5/6 by
Sentinel.*

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December 2nd. offered rewards for capture, ~~thax~~ the wind which was rising when we left the island developed into a gale and the rest house shook so that for over an hour I had to remain outside in case it fell, roofs went everywhere, and the sea got up.

I took every precaution to prevent the escapees getting through in the night, and it is certain they cannot cross to the island tonight.

December 3rd. Waited about for news from villages, and inspected the engine, am perfectly convinced that it is unsafe to go back to MORIGIO as I had half thought of doing, the hold of the timing gear is fragile, we are entirely dependant on the magneto, as the coil was condemned by Aird Hill before I got here and has never been replaced, without it the battery ignition is useless, there is a fair sea and the gale or gubu of y'day makes the weather uncertain, a breakdown out at sea might mean swamping before I could get her going again, and after all I am responsible for the other lives in the launch, in the rivers we can always get home.

I had this morning sent the lance corporal back to Kikeri with the men arrested y'day as I wanted to be free to go anywhere if I got news. At 11 am gave up hope till tonight again, and left for and at 12 30 pm left for NUBAGOA V C KIMORI, this village is well on towards becoming a prize one, and was in very good order, few small native matters dealt with, repeated instructions re escapees, and left for PAIA where repeated orders re escapees, and here I had another half hour's work on the timing gear which had again slipped, proceed to KEREWAW V C WOIBU arrived 4 pm found that orders given last trip were in course of being done, repeated instructions re escapees, thence to DOPIMA, V C E ERI away, work ordered last trip done, repeated orders re escapees, again had to time engine she "died" at mouth of creek this time half an hour to three quarters I am getting quite

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December 3rd. quite expert at it. It has rather interfered with my meals though. Last night's gale carried away the rest house verandah roof and kitchen. Very tired bed 7 pm.

December 4th. Left 6 am and arrived at DUBUMUGA 7 am no V C the last was dismissed and no new one appointed, village deserted and in a dreadful state, one old man here, he said people had been gone two months, that they were splitting up, some at API AUWA, some at MUMURIA, and others in the KOMABATIES that they had been three times warned from Kairuku and would not listen, took him on board and went to look for them, eventually found a large number at a settlement on the TAWAU creek miles at least ten from their homes, I had also visited APIAUWA on the way V C away and taken on two DUBAMUGA from there, I had the men up and they admitted they had been told about their village more than once and practically said they did not care, 14 were dealt with in C N M and then found others were still farther away, I had whilst at APIAUWA again had to work on the timing gear and any further trip till I can get it fixed once and for all is beyond me at present, I am dead tired and head aching badly from continuous working in an oily benziney atmosphere. Left for home at 12 noon and passing PAIRI noticed that 3 houses had been blown down in the gale. Arrived KIKORI 2 45 pm. With 18 prisoners.

General.

The engine is the biggest nuisance on the trip, I can get the magneto and gears tightened to take the A R M to his starting point for the coal trip, but she is not safe to go to sea in again, at present she has following unsafe parts for outside work, 1/ the pump reported by Mr Waldron
2/ the exhaust pipe
3/ the timing gears for ignition.

I am glad the MORIGIO arrests were peaceful. **A. LESTON BLITH**

PATROL REPORT.

STATION 1 _____ to
7/24-5 _____ of


KIKORI STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by A Liston-Blyth to
MORIGIO and TURAMA for the purpose of
attempting to arrest escapees.Left Station on 8/12/24 Returned to Station on 11/12/24
Number of Carriers employed _____ Number of Police taken ONE
Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge HIVANI Mr A C Rentoul
Villages visited DUBAMUBA AI I DIA DADEBI

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9097/11.23.—1,800.

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Date 12/12/24

A. LISTON BLYTH
 Officer in charge of Station.

Did not

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice				80	8.	13 4		
Biscuits								
Meat								
Sugar								
Tea								
Soap								
Tobacco				4lbs	4	10 4		
Matches								
Kerosene								
Tents								
Flies								
Lamps								
Buckets								
Kerosene Cans								
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.								
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks					2	10 .		
TOTAL £						1 13 8		

This was all borrowed off NIVANI and replaced on return to Kloro
 feeding accounts, rewards for captures etc etc
 Log and details will be in A/R M. D report

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

REPORT OF PATROL NUMBER SEVEN

For 1924/5 by A Liston Blyth R.R.M.

Kikori Delta Division.

December 8th. Left KIKORI per "Nivani" by kind permission of the Acting Resident Magistrate Western Division, who accompanied me, for the purpose of attempting to arrest the escaped MORIGIO prisoners. These men escaped during my last absence, and whilst I considered the question very seriously of leaving the station without an officer, against which I am told there is a standing order, I considered that the moral effect of our combined presence in the seemingly rather turbulent waters of the MORIGIO district, more especially if we effected the arrests was worth the slight risk of trouble here involved, further Mr Rentoul has made very good friends all up the TURAMA and I wanted in his presence to explain all this to the MORIGIOS and tell them that further trouble between these peoples will now be their own faults. I had no intention of being away more than two nights, as on these occasions it is a case of "hit or miss" and if the latter, generally a long and wearisome hunt, which I was not prepared to undertake, I took no police as Mr Rentoul offered me the full use of his complement, I gave the sergeant very careful instructions before leaving and ordered a guard to be mounted each night on the gaol till my return. At the last moment I decided to take local constable SAMAI, and we embarked and proceeded to DUBAMUBA anchoring there at 5 30 pm and camped there, the police ashore, we on the ship. (re this village see my last report).

December 9th. Left anchorage at 6 15 am and proceeded to AI I DIA where I hired a large canoe for landing purposes the dingy attached to the vessel cannot take a party and the DADEBI creek is long. Very nasty morning cold and raining hard. Arrived off DADEBI creek at 12 noon, SAMAI said he heard that SENI and the other escapees had arrived there and if we went up creek would run, went along island and endeavoured to reach village overland but soon found we could not as we got into bogs and roots and could find no way thro'.

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December 9th. Proceeded still in the canoe along towards the
entered same and went up to DADEBI, found that SENI, the
village on the left bank and all his dabus were vacation
people were however still in the villages on the right
bank, these people are not too friendly with SENI, and
some INU's people have a score to pay off, for him lately
attempting to land them for old misdeeds.

I managed with some little persuasion to get all these
people round me, and I then endeavoured to make them
realise the old story that we only wanted the run aways,
that it did not pay to screen them as it only made their
lives miserable, with perpetual visits from police etc,
as usual it all seemed hopeless, and we only collected the
usual lot of misleading information, when quite suddenly
something I said, I dont know what, or the fact I had left
the police behind seemed to please them, I was told where
SENI was, up the TURAMA at a place called EREHE, and that
one man wanted I AU was actually in the village till our
canoe arrived in sight. One man named GAGARI then volunteered
to bring in I AU, and several others asked if they could
take a canoe along with the NIVANI and show us where SENI
was, they promised to come along to us this evening, as we
said we must take the ship to a better anchorage for the
night. Got back on board the NIVANI at 5 30 pm and steamed
to GABADIA, to allow the police to sleep ashore, in the
houses of our late prisoners and now allies INU and company
Anchored at 6 15 pm, and shortly after we had our meal a
of nine MORIGIOS arrived for tomorrow's search, they came
aboard and we had a long talk, Mr Renoul said I made
through friends of them, that's as may be, but they proposed
as there were many sage creeks that SENI might be up, that
they leave at daylight or before, and commence to search
them the " NIVANI" to follow slowly up river and have police
ready to assist if they located the people. Plan so arranged

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December 10th. Left at 6 am for search of all creeks and komabaties, these are not on the island but on the left bank of TURAMA, on crossing over met the canoe coming out of one creek with no success, they would not hear of either myself or police being in canoe as they wished to get a view of hiding place without suspicion and then tell us, "NIVANI" kept steaming slowly along near beach, canoe searching all creeks, the ship stopped one man in a canoe, he denied ever seeing SENI, but his compatriots arriving from another unsuccessful trip up a creek made him alter his mind and he said he was further up near UMADAI Island. He also told us that IBUA (bore) close up he come, and we were in its track and too near the bank for safety, took them on board it being nearly 6 pm, and again ran under shelter of MORIGIO to evade bore, no village or house near had to all sleep aboard.

December 11th. Left at 6 15 to continue search, as before canoe up creeks "NIVANI" in support, about 8 30 am found the remainder of the MORIGIO people, any one would have passed their camp except for the canoe scout, after a little trouble and the usual patience wracking experiences induced most of them to come aboard and talk to us, long talk with them to same effect as before, found that HAVOKA is not the head chief as KIKORI has on record, there are four chiefs altogether and only HAVOKA's clan is really friendly to SENI, the other chiefs TETEHU, GAMENI and AIGAMI, all of whom were on board are against him as their clans are weaker and he bullies them and never runs any one of his own in as V C. These people also having been fed by us became very friendly they assured me that SENI came along and said he had finished gaol and that he had lost his clothes, but that he had gone bush when the "NIVANI" came over y'day, they state that WARAVI and GUWAI, two tohers of the espees are with him, and they have heard BENUA is at the PAIBUNA, as they were quite friendly and not afraid I sent

Patrol 7 iv

December 11th. the police ashore to beat the bush in the neighbourhood of this camping place, with very strict orders as to their behaviour. I then settled ~~wax~~ down with Mr Rentoul to try to win these people's hearts, and we really became to all outward appearances the best of friends, all traces of their nervousness went from them and we were getting on very well. whilst taking a canoe arrived from east and on board were GAGARI, and a crew from DADEBI, who had nobly filled their promise, in that they not only brought me I AU, but had also called in at NABIO and arrested and brought along DAIA another escapee, he making the sixth. I was delighted to think they had kept their promise so well, and I gave GAGARI, and SESEVI, who actually got I AU and DA IA respectively a tomahawk each, and their crew five sticks of tobacco each.

Perhaps it was the reward, or my blandishment but our new friends, very earnestly said that they would get me SENI and the other three, if I would take the "NIVANI" and police out of sight, they assured me he would come back for food if I left, they asked me to leave SAMAI, without his uniform but with his handcuffs with them and the large canoe and they would follow us up, on my asking suppose SENI sees SAMAI? they said "we will stow him away till we want him".

SAMAI being dead keen, and as I really thought they meant it as did Mr Rentoul, we agreed to fall in with their plan, more especially as I don't want to be away at week ends always a bad time at Kikori.

The police returning we got them on board and with great protestations of undying friendship and presents of sage we left for GOARAEARI at 12 noon.

We had a nice breeze, but no use for the Kikori launch, and passed PAIA village at 6 pm, and we eventually arrived at Kikori at 11 30 pm where I was thankful to have MARAI report all correct and no troubles.

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General/

I naturally regret that we had to return to KIKORI without SENI, but Mr Cawley having given me to understand this station must not be left, and being honestly of the opinion, shared by Mr Rentoul, that all the propaganda we have made will end in these people bringing them in themselves, made me feel less despondent over it. Mr Rentoul having just done such satisfying work in the DORIOMO, UMADAI and WARIADAI districts it was very useful to have him aboard to help to tell these people that their feuds should now be over.

The impression I was given of the MORIGIOS as a fierce turbulent and truculent people, only partially controlled, does not seem borne out by my three visits there, there were quite a number of ex work boys there, and these help very materially in explaining the folly of running away. I have also found since that as long ago as 1891 1921 the station was in the habit of despatching A C to arrest any one wanted just as one might do at Iuna or Kokoda, and my ideas have somewhat changed from what I was told. I have to thank Mr Rentoul very much for the use of his vessel, without her we could not have managed, to begin with anchoring where no village exists and still being able to eat and sleep, is a very great advantage, secondly the station launch could not cross in the S E, which was only a help to us. I must also congratulate him on the discipline of his police, cooped up on a small ship, taking no part in the "show", not allowed to shoot at alligators when seen, and not allowed to make raids which their hearts love, and what they hate most listening to eternal "talk" and cross examination, throughout they were splendid, cheerful and never murmured as I have heard happen before on similar occasions.

My ambition is to get these people to bring in their own of ends, by and bye they will realise it is more comfortable to do so, than for the whole community to have to move house to the bush for one man.

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General

I think we have done some good down there and I hope next week will see the culmination of it in the arrival of the men at the station.

Personally I am inclined to think the lower TURAMA will have peace for some time, and possibly if we at Kikori had a more suitable vessel for all time.

A. MERTON BLITH**RM**

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

10. 24/25

KIKORI

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by F.R. Cawley A.R.M. to
GOARI, Goaribari Isld, OMATI River Dist to KIKORI River for the purpose of
Exploring the District between the Head-waters of the OMATI River, the
HIMTI Creek & Cardew Isld Kikori R., & endeavouring to locate the IKORI or
UKUEI people.
Left Station on 21.1.25 Returned to Station on 4.2.25.
Number of Carriers employed 34 Number of Police taken 7
Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Launch "EKORI" to Goarabari Dist & OMATI
River, i/c F.R. Cawley A.R.M., returning A.C. NAKPA to KIKORI.
Villages visited

As per-herain report.

Sketch Map attached

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2242/12.21—2,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date

6/2/25

F.R. Cawley
Officer in charge of station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.					Government Cost.			Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.						
Rice	600	100	500	-	600	5	18	9	-		
Biscuits	20	20	-	-	20		9	7	-		
Meat	24 lbs	24	-	-	24		14	3	-		
Fish	12 "	10	2	-	12		8	0	-		
Sugar	12 "	12	-	-	12		3	3	-		
Tea	1 "	1	-	-	1 lbs		1	1	-		
Soap	3 brs	2	-	1	3 brs			9	-		
Tobacco	32 lbs	2½	18½	4	25 lbs	3	12	11	7 lbs	3 lbs P.N. Food.	
Matches	6 doz	14 bxs	30.	10.	4½ doz		2	0	1½ doz.		
Kerosene	2 gals	1 gal	-	1 gal	2 gals		3	3	-		
Tents	1								1		
Flies	3								3		
Lamps	3								3		
Buckets	3								3		
Kerosene Cans	2								2		
Knives & Sheaths	-										
Knives, 18in.	13	-	9	3	13	1	19	5	1		
" 10"	6	-	3	-	3		7	6	3		
Knives, other	6 12	-	2	1	3		2	6	9		
Belts	-										
Pouches	-										
Print	15 yds	-	10	3½	13½ yds	8	8		1½ yds		
Twill	12 "	-	-	-	-				12 yds		
Handkerchiefs	4	-	2	1	3			9	1		
Beads	5 lbs	-	4 lbs	-	4 lbs		15	8	1 lbs		
Mirrors	6	-	3	1	4		6	7	2		
Axes	-								-		
Half Axes	-								-		
Tomahawks	-								-		
Salt.	6 lbs.	3	3	-	6 lbs			6	-		
Calico.	13½ yds	-	13½	-	13½ yds		10	4	-		
Benzine, L.O.							2	14	9		
Grease.											
					TOTAL	19	1	4			

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE DELTA DIVISION

No 79/25/25

KIKORI 11/2/25

The Honourable
The Government Secretary

Patrol No 10/ 124-5

I hand you herewith the map of the above patrol as completed by Mr Gawley, we are of the opinion that valuable data has been gathered for for future work in that direction.

In reference to this patrol I would like to say, that Mr Gawley performed a valuable piece of work, in that he was able to obtain the particulars regarding a murder, which we had heard of as having taken place at Goarabari, but in respect to which it was very difficult to get information, without at putting the culprits, and their friends, on their guard and lossing all exhibits and evidence.

Two natives have had a complaint sworn against them in this matters by Mr Gawley and are at present in custody. I will report the result later.

RRM
RRM

Warrant No. 2
P. R. No. 10/25

HATHAN. CKO. Allin
28.1.25.
24/11

PRESIDENT MAGISTRATE
26 JAN 1925
KORORU D.D.
PAPUA

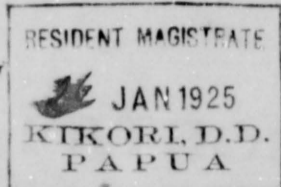
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The R.R. m.
D.D.

I have to advise the despatch
of the launch from this point 11 A.M. with
H.C. NAKKA in charge, also H.C. ANATA SIDIENI
the latter being sick on account of an injured
foot, which he states was caused by the
piece of bamboo falling on it at the timber
Camp. The launch will pick up the canoe
from HATHAN as also an exhibit which will
be required in proceedings against two natives
of GORO implicated in the murder at HATHAN.
The two natives RAIVA & TUANI
are at present in jail, court in C.M.M. 21.1.25
Neglect to improve Pilago. The depositions as
sent by my memo etc, are enclosed herewith.
NAKKA has 3 cans benzine with him
& should reach HATHAN by Monday.

Recd. P.R. 10
File Q.B.

[Signature]
HATHAN D.D.



OMATI River D.D.

Jan'y 23rd 1925.

The R.R.M,
D.D.

*Entered in Log Book
for signature by
A.R.C. later.*

I find that I have not put the Launch Log Book in my despatch box and forward the undermentioned particulars of her running from KIKORI:-.

Left KIKORI Station 8 A.M 21.1.25 with canoe in tow with 10 A.C's 3 cooks, Launch Boy and one discharged prisoner with stores etc, three weeks patrol of the Upper OMATI River D.D. Total- 16.

Benzine in tank at time of departure eight gals, taken on patrol 5 cases (40 gals) 1½ tins grease, 1½ tins lubricating oil.

A good run with a favourable tide brought us off DOPIMA at Noon anchoring at GORO Creek at 12.20, proceeded to the village by canoe, left again at 3.20 arriving at AI-IDIA village 4.30 P.M.

Total time under power 5hrs.30min.

A strong blow from N.W from 5 P.M till late in the evening.

22.1.25 Launch at anchor at AI-IDIA.

23.1.25 Left AI-IDIA 7.30 A.M engine running well but manifold exhaust/leaking, anchored at old IESSA landing 1.3 P.M, left again 2 P.M to examine left bank strong favourable tide and camped at a fishing place known locally as HAHATI 5.15 P.M heavy thunderstorm approaching.

Raining heavily all night. Bore passed 8.15 P.M launch whirled round like a cork no damage done but one canoe lost, and one carrier sustained slight injuries while assisting to save other canoes,

Total time under power 8hrs.25min.

24.1.25. Left HAHATI 7.30 A.M and anchored small creek of same name 9.15 A.M. Exhaust still leaking and reverse gear will not act, otherwise engine running well.

LAUNCH left at 11 A.M in charge A.C NAKEA on return to KIKORI with A.C AIWA and L.B OMAI. A.C SIDENI is also being returned with an injured foot.

Weather fine with a strong and favourable tide in favour of the launch.

Centel
A.R.M D.D on patrol
23.1.25.

PATROL REPORT.

11/21/23
NUMBER.

Kikori

A Liston Blyth

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **KIRIBARI** to
~~inspecting the site wanted by L.M.S. and talking to people~~ for the purpose of
~~re Government and Mission.~~

Left Station on **28th July** Returned to Station on **29th January 1923**

Number of Carriers employed **nil** Number of Police taken **2**
Kikori A Liston Blyth Cox A C HAKRA

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge
and Hill and KIRIBARI

Villages visited

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2242/13.21.—2,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.
29th July 1923

Date _____

A.C.S.

Officer in charge of station.

~~Divisional Map~~

Articles	Quantity taken on Parcel	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE				Government Cost	Returned	Remarks
		Primo	Secundo	Tercio	Quarto			
Rice								
Beans								
Meat								
Sugar								
Tea								
Soap								
Tobacco	10 0000		10	10 0000	1 1		2 1 1 etc	
Matches								
Kerosene		Little used for launch lamp						
Tents								
Flies								
Lamps								
Buckets								
Kerosene Cans								
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, Linn.								
Knives, other								
Beats								
Ponies								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomatavite								
Barium Lubricating oil grease see log					2 14 9			
Total \$						_____		

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

PATROL NUMBER ELEVEN FOR 1924/5 KIKORI D.D.

by A Liston Blyth R.R.M.

For the purpose of inspecting site which the
L.M.S are anxious to commence work on at KIRIBARI.

January 28th. By arrangement with Revd Butcher. left Kikori per
Launch at 6 15, amn accompanied by A Cs HAKEA and
KABIDIUE and Interpreter KAIPU, proceeded down to
AIRD Hill where we picked up the Reverend Butcher
and then proceeded by most direct route to KIRIBARI,
en route we had a stoppage caused I am sure by faulty
carburettion of fuel, at the end of about twenty minutes
I got her running again but not too well, Mr Butcher
expressed the greatest astonishment that we were able to
keep the engine going at all, he considers her long past
marine work and only fit to end her days as a stationary
engine somewhere, the vibration and the sway of the engine
which is $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch, frightened me very much the first trip
I had on her, as I expected a broken crank shaft but as
she has never been any different I got used to it, Mr
Butcher however confessed that it scared him at first to
watch it. He has made me a proposition regarding the
launch and engine which will be embodied in a separate
communication. We eventually arrived at KIRIBARI at
12 45 pm lanching on the boat to save time, and we went
ashore and selected a site for a proposed Teacher's house
and school, the owner interviewed, one NINIGA was quite
ready to sell and if the Mission apply there is
nothing to prevent them selling, whilst here I took the
opportunity of going into a matter reported to me that
this village wished to split as some said they wanted to
be Mission people and others they did not want the Mission
but wanted to be Government people.

Patrol 11

January 28th I talked to them and told them there was no difference whatsoever between us and that Mission and Government were all one kind etc etc and I think managed to make them understand.

The combined visit also had it's effect on this kind of talk. Which I am afraid has had its origin in a Govt Officer, possibly unintentionally, but still using the words "you no hear the Mission you hear the Government who is your boss".

Left KIRIBARI at 2 20 pm and arrived at Aird Hill at 6 5 pm. I am glad to say that my ~~own~~ work on the ^{shaft} ~~she~~ is holding (see former logs) and that she is not ^{now} slipping. I do not ~~know~~ ^{know} what Mr Cawley meant in ^{his} ~~is~~ last log that she would not reverse, I did have that trouble but I worked on here on New Year's day and fixed it and she is reversing all right, tho' slowly this trip.

Mr Butcher says that, as I well know, my work is only a ^{temporary} ~~temporary~~ patching and that a new intermediate shaft is badly wanted but recommends no further expenditure till the proposal mentioned above is discussed.

He persuaded me to ^{stay} ~~stay~~ the night.

January 29th After some difficulty in starting got away at 9 5 am and reached KIKORI at 11 am where Sergt MARAI reported all correct, no mails yet the Mission has received two one ex Papuan Chief and one ex Salome and we none. I had the launch pulled up to examine shaft and also to take off carburettor for adjustment etc.

R.L.B.

RRM

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

12/24-26.

KIKORI.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Alistair Blyth. R.N.W. to
Sichi - & Upper KIKORI & Kibizi for the purpose of
general inspection.

Left Station on 18th Returned to Station on 28th February 1925

Number of Carriers employed 13 Number of Police taken 4

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Launch A.B. Halsea Com.

Villages visited KABARAU. EVERE. POIALANINI. HAIMECEAU
KIGINU. ELELA. FEMARI. UBURAI MATI. MOIKIA.
IRIMUKU. DARUA. KUMUKUMU. SAMOA. DOIDO.
PAILE. KPO. BABAGUNA. WAIMANI. TEMARI.

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2242/12.21.—2,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 20/2/25

A.B.

Officer in charge of station.

Map by P.O. Chava. No 2/24. 50

PATROL REPORT NUMBER TWELVE 1924/5

By A Liston-Blyth R.R.M. Delta Division

TO:- The SIREBI and Upper KIKORI rivers, KIBILI District etc
for the purpose of general inspection.

February 18th. Left Kikori station per launch at 6 45 am accompanied by A.C. NAKKA, AIWAI, KABIDIUE and Local Const AIEKAI. Proceeded direct up the Kikori to the Sirebi, with the intention of visiting the furthest point first and working back, as we are running on the very last of the fuel on the station. Arrived at KABARAU village V.C. KOWOI at 10.30 am, landed and inspected same clean, well fenced all orders have been carried out, coconuts do not thrive if anything tobacco would seem to be the plant for here.

I here investigated a yarn brought to us by A C PUGINI and ex local when here lately on a spell, he had told me that these people were living in fear of a raid by the AKOMA people, village BARI(?), this was scouted by the village people and also they said that; there was no village of BARI, but there was one of BARA, known to us on Sambarigi route, I also think that the AKOMA would prove from their accounts of their habitat to be the OKANI who are also known, however I did hear of a village WA UGI chief said to be LOGWALI, further up the SIREBI travelling up by launch to a konabati named KEME sleep, then to a creek named TOHU, where the launch cannot go owing to rapids, and thence by canoe two days (?), this place has never been visited and the people say that a raid on some place unknown to them has been made lately headed by three men named ANAGU, NOAWARI and PAMU, this district will be explored if I come back here, and the strength of officers and police is kept up, at present we have plenty to do in the GORI ERA district. I was also told that the government did not know of all the people belonging to this place and that they had a bush village a guide was found and I set out for this place.

February 18th, Talking of guides one KENAGAI of this village says he knows the road to WALUGI but has never been there, going down river about 15 minutes we anchored opposite nothing visible, then going ashore found a well marked path leading inland, the guide said the village was kalle kalle (close), so I did not change to my sorrow very soon we were deep in mud, and when not in mud in water, I was in white, as the previous reports of this trip had made no mention of mud tracks or any tracks at all, at 1 pm we found the first lot of houses, communal but deserted, then about 15 minutes after another group also deserted, after this the guide said that the people had a big village further on but that we would not reach it till dark, I was then wet through and was quite unprepared for this kind of thing. so I decided to return to launch and ~~xx~~ make a trip later to locate this village properly, the name is EVERE and no one has ever been there, we struggled back to the launch thro a so called short cut mainly mud and reached her at 2 pm, we then ran on to POIALAWIDI, same V C, this village was in very good order, the majority of the EVERE people the V C says should be in this village but they refuse to live here although their site is no good because the government makes them clean it, he says that if they all came in this would be a large village and he would not be able to look after it. He says the government does not know it, but there are TAUNIMANI MOMO (plent people) of their people who alays live in the bush, I instructed him to try to persuade them to leave the bush and come down to these nice river sides and promised a patrol would return to speak with them he and the old men here said they would do their best.

Patrol Report 12 Cont.

February 19th. Very heavy rain in night, rose early inspected village

of IRIMIKU V C DUBAI, rest house in poor condition but the work is in hand and as they have been building govt canoes I did not worry them about it. counted 10 coconuts under one year old. One UNIA an ex local constable complained one of my A C tried to get at his wife last night, he could not identify out of 3 though, and the men said owing to rain they never left the dubu, woman could not identify, I am told he swore when lately in gaol to pay back on police.

Left at 7 am went down Jennings river to DARUA, V C KAIFI, fine big rest house great work has been done here and many improvements put in since last report P.R. 2/24-5 the dubu is finished there are some house to finish off yet and completion of fence, nicely laid out with crotons and I counted 155 newly planted nuts, one house in European style not completed and owner promised to refer to Delta style.

Left again and arrived at KURUKUMU, V C MARURU at 9 30 village good, they are rebuilding dubu further back out of mud, arranged for wharf to be extended counted 300 nuts under one year old. left at about 10 am and went round to SAMOA V C BOINA, new rest house in course of erection nice situation village good but road to mission neglected, state owing to damage by gale they have had to rebuild and has not had time to do it.

Went on the Mission station where I lunched and inspected the mandates, special letter re one of them.

Left 2 25 pm and went to police camp no one there all away at work then to DOIBO V C KALO village had the awful house of PATOA's mentioned in P.R. w s of this tear still there ordered this to be pulled down at once as an order has been issued that PATO return home as an undesirable character near the station. Gave this village one week to straighten up in, when they will be visited again. Taking V C on board went on down to EPO but this place has a gain been abandoned for the old site BUA, see above mention report, too late to go there went back to BABAGUINA and anchored for night at 6 pm.

FEBRUARY 20th

Inspected BABAGUINA, V.C.GIGOVI, village in fair order, some repairs to fence ordered, at this village ex A C and warder IVUGA is living, a very undesirable character as he mixes himself up in local marriage disputes, and by reason of his late official position has too much to say, he was away but I left instructions that he come to Kikori next time a boat arrives, as I intend to arrange his passage home to TUFFI.

PAINE village same V c is shortly to be abandoned as the people are wanting to return to their parent village of DOPIKA, to which move I have consented.

Leaving at 7 30 am went up the VERO creek for fifty minutes then into the MUSUMI creek and arrived at the KIBILI village of WAIMAKI, this village has a road thro to OGAMABU, and one can also walk from the station part way, it is rumored that there is also a road to ISSA, but I could learn nothing of this, as there was only one man at home, the village is in a pretty corner, the houses up on a bank from the creek but the tide comes over their flat ground, only 3 buildings in it all told, the V C has not been here for some time and there was a good deal of rubbish about, however as said no one at home, so left orders with V C to see it cleaned up.

Left again at 8 45 am and reached DAMIRA same V C at 9 50, flat site under water at high tide, fair rest house, and wharf the latter needs repair, six buildings altogether, I here landed the V C, and proceeded on down creek and thence up Kikori river to station arriving at 10 30 am and having to empty the lamp kerosine into tank to keep engine running, the station is now completely denuded of bezine and as there is now no whaleboat this is last patrol till supplies arrive.

Patrol 12 Cont

General remarks.

The SIREBI villages have a larger population than was imagined previously, and if the people now living at EVERE in the bush can be persuaded to come down on to the river it will be better for them. Mr Bastard in P.R. 808 of 23/24 mentions one AKOMA as chief of the KASUKI village somewhere in the BARA district, my enquiries lead me to suppose that AKOMA is the name of a tribe, and that it is quite possible that these are the same as the OKANI people they are stated to be near SIBERIU, the village is not given as KASUKI, that is the name of a tributary of the KIKORI.

Regarding WALUGU this is correct apparently and it is intended when we have the officers and police to keep two patrols going that one will go up here and explore, just now GOPI and ERA call for urgent attention.

I was quite pleased with the SIREBI and the UTUTI villages as a whole and indeed till leaving SAMOA had not anything to complain of, but the KIBILI villages leave much to be desired and the V C KALO seems a hopeless individual, these people require more attention and I intend to forbid the three villages of KEOBILI, UI and EPO, which are now combined at BUA gain segregating, it is next door to impossible to look after these people when one patrol they are living in one place and next patrol in another.

I have noticed elsewhere that villages nearest in proximity to a station get least attention and certainly these will have to receive more in the future.

I do not think that coconuts are a promising crop in these places I counted actually 835 nuts that have been planted within the last twelve months.

The latrine question, over water, seems to me to be almost farcical, the pigeon boxes they build and don't use last on an average from one extra high tide to the other, then away they go, in many places it would be risky to try to walk out to them and I personally would not care to take the risk of a mud bath by using them, if we can spare the time and the men to teach them to build a substantial structure over the water, well and good, where the water is tidal, but to bid every village to them is unsuitable, and as I say till they can build them and learn to use them well they simply appear a farce, for instance at SAMO, what there are, are at the foot of a steep hill and quite impracticable, but they are there to please the eye of the government (?) and that is all that matters to the native, at other places one finds a pigeon coop in which even the shortest native could not stand up and this is standing in great pride on spidery piles guaranteed to hold up the weight of my dog away out in the mud with a rickety platform along which no one walks to connect it to a house some distance away, others are right in front of the verandahs of the houses where no native would ever dream of going.

R. P. B.

Relieving Resident Magistrate

13/24-25 ✓

Report of a Patrol by F.R.Cawley A.R.M

from KIKORI to the GOPI and ERA River Bistricts for the

- purpose of:-
- (a) General inspection of Villages.
 - (b) Paying and equipping V.C's with new uniforms
 - (b) Endeavouring to obtain further information in connection with the GORAU-SESA raid ERA River District. -D.D.

1925.

Monday.
March 2nd.

In accordance with instructions received from the R.R.M dated the 24th ult, it was my intention to have left on this patrol last Friday, but owing to engine trouble (see Log No.7), it was not possible to get away until 8 A.M this morning when we left the Station by Launch with canoe in tow accompanied by the following A.C's:- L/Cpl UREVU, NAKKA (coxs) OREERI, AIWA, KOIVI DE-EA, KEMERE, AIEKAI, and SIDENI. KOIVI of IRUMUKU "B" No. accompanied the party and will be found useful as an Interpreter in the Moreri District.

A short distance from the Station the engine began to give trouble but this to a certain extent was to be expected until the packing settled down, continued on to Airā Hill arriving at 10.10 A.M called on Rev'd B.T. Butcher and left again at 11.A.M. and continued on to the village of GAURI, V.C APA and after inspecting same and instructions issued for certain improvements to be made moved off again 2.40 arriving at the village of KIPI, V.C ONIA at 6 P.M if the engine is running well and tides favourable this can be accomplished in much less time.

Inspected the village and ONIA instructed to see that repairs are put in hand to several of the houses. Camped in Rest House for the night.

Tuesday
3rd.

Away by 8.50 A.M and proceeded to the VAI-AMU anchorage ERA River arriving at 10.30 A.M left the launch in charge of A.C NAKKA and three A.C's and proceeded inland, the track leads through a sago swamp and on account of heavy rain falling during the night it was certainly not a very pleasant walk.

The village is situated on the KOPILI Creek a tributary of the PI-E; the people are known as the KIRAI-O, there are three other villages further along the creek known as

Tuesday,
March 3rd (con't). UMANATUA, TAUNAMATUA, IODIA or TOROTORO, all under the control of V.C OMAMU who was away visiting at VAIMURA, with whom sago is traded for shell ornaments; the Namau language is also spoken here and with A.C KOIVI it was much easier to obtain information than by the ERA River Interpreters. Before leaving I marked out a Rest House for the people to build as I think it will be more centrally situated than on the bank of the ERA River, and further investigation may lead to the fact that these villages can be visited when the IPIKO patrol is made, and it would be more convenient and better cared for than away from the village on the ERA River. Returned to the launch and left for KOIRAVI arriving at 4.30 P.M. Inspected the village in company with V.C OWE pointed out work that he was to get the village people to carry out, there were between 50 & 60 people in the village which was in itself an improvement on the last visit (P.R.No. 3.24/25) under date of Sept 13th. I was certainly not much impressed with the V.C and he was informed that his position as V.C would depend on the next Officer's visit.

Left at 5.P.M and anchored at ERA-MAIPUA at 6.9.M. with all the people awaiting my arrival. During the evening I discussed with the V.C-KAITA, the raid of the GORAU people and whether he had anything to report the result of certain instructions I had previously given him in connection with the location of those concerned in the raid., he told me that he had heard that the raid had been made by the AURAI-A people and that two natives by name AI-SAI and MIRI-A of BARAVI had succeeded in inducing a native of that village to await my arrival there, I instructed him to send a canoe with KOIRAVI people to inform the BARAVI people that I would be visiting their village tomorrow.

Wednesday
4th. Inspected the village and dealt with several matters brought forward by the V.C the principal of which being that of a new settlement being formed by these people on the IVIPA Creek, an order made in C.N.M that these people must return to their parent village ERA-MAIPUA within a month from date.

Noted
J.B.

(3) P.R.No. 13.24/25 KIKORI D.D.

Wednesday

March 4th (con't). Left at 9.A.M and proceeded to the place referred which consisted of four shelters but all the people were away, having left all their pigs and dogs and fires a light in their houses evidently their departure was a very hurried one.

Continued on to ARU-A and issued KINAMADU with a new uniform and explained the duties of a V.C to him his appointment having recently been approved of by the Hon' G.S. Left ARU-A 11 A.M and proceeded via the VAI-IOMU Creek to BARAVI arriving at noon. Here I found many people waiting my arrival and the information previously given by V.C KAIPA to be quite true, the two natives AI-SAI and MIRIA had waiting for me to interview a native from KHEKKEK AURAI-A by name *TOMAI* a young man short in stature but of fine physique, he seemed very much afraid and it was quite some time before he would enter into conversation, but by careful interrogation I learned that there was a road into AURAI-A village from BARAVI but to reach same it would take five days through very swampy country.. Referring to the P.Reports of Mr.P.O Chance I informed him that a road was known inland from EBEGAU via the upper waters of the WAI-I River, and I wanted him to show me the road that way, this he said he was willing to do if I allowed his two friends to accompany him, which request was very willingly acceded to . Inspected the BARAVI village which was in fair order for the people of this part of the Division. Left again at 2 P.M and proceeded via the GIPI Creek to the village of HAROMERE arriving at 3.15 P.M V.C KO-ULO.

As there were no people in the village I proceeded up the BAREMA creek to see if they were away sagc making but with no success returned to HAROMERE at 5.15 and anchored.

Going ashore I found that the floor of the Rest House was in such a condition that I camped on the launch for the night.

Later the V.C returned from his garden but with only a few of his own relatives, he informed me that his people were away at URAMA I told him that I was rather inclined to think that they were away in the bush, to which he informed the L/Cpl later in the evening that such was the case, the people will not

Wednesday
March 4th (con't). *naked* take any notice of the instructions given to them and as he was a Government man he could build the Government a Rest House himself, these people who are of the ~~URAMA~~ tribe and have been a source of trouble for some time, and it will only be by frequent visits that they will be made to realize that what is being done for them is for their ^{own} benefit and well being.

Thursday
5th. Attending to engine trouble till 8.3.0 we moved off up the BAREMA Creek to one of the EWA villages - I-ANIANI-MA V.C NAWAGERE, arrived at 11.A.M to find that he was the only person in the village, this man seems to be a hopeless individual, and I think a man of stronger character, and with more frequent visits, these people will remain in the village and not take to the bush when a patrol visits them. Left at Noon and returned to NAROMERE at 2.20 .

naked By P.R No. 3 24/25 P.O Chance, it is noticed that the villages of IAIPU or GAULI were not visited on that patrol, and by the R.M's instructions it was desired that this Patrol should visit these people, but I have been informed by the V.C's of NAROMERE and I-ANIANI-MA that these people have abandoned these villages and now reside on the MAU Creek a tributary of the PIR River, both the V.C's also told me that the villages of the KIPAI-O people visited on the 3rd from the VAI-AMU anchorage and situated on the KOPILI creek may also be visited by Launch at the same time as the GAULI people, they also mentioned that these latter people were "wild" (see remarks by Mr. E.M. Bastard P.R No. 19, 23/24 Page 8).

The villages have been noted for the IPIKO patrol.

As all the villages have been visited in this locality as informed by the V.C of NAROMERE, we continued on to the village of AMI V.C BEO village well kept and in order, the engine has been giving trouble all day, missing on stroke, clutch slipping, and carburetta not working that at 3.45 I commenced work in taking down, and by 6.40 the faults remedied we were again under power and continued on to the village of GIGORI, V.C WAHE, and anchored at 7 P.M for the night. A very tiring day amongst benzine fumes and burnt oil.

Friday.
March 6th.

Inspected the villages of RAVIWANA and GIGORI both under the control of V.C WAHE and found same in good order, the Rest House needs attention and this the V.C was instructed to strengthen the floor timbers and other improvements as pointed out.

This man is one of the most influential V.C's of the ERA River and has always afforded every assistance to the Government when visiting this part of the Division, he has his people well under control, and I have never experienced any difficulty in obtaining canoes or carriers. I do not think that he is likely to exceed his duties as mentioned by P.R No.3, 24/25 under date of Sept 11th, and I should much like other V.C's of this part, to carry out the instructions given as is done by WAHE. The V.C was instructed last evening to obtain 25 carriers and two canoes to proceed inland from the Upper waters of the WAI-I River in connection with the GORAU-SESA raid, and these he had in readiness by 9.A.M, when we moved off proceeding first to the village of IMBIA, and although the village is without a V.C I was glad to see all waiting in the vicinity of the main DUBU, the Chief came forward and asked that they be given a V.C and I informed him that if they would nominate the man they wished to be appointed I would interview him and submit his name for consideration, two men were brought forward and after a good deal of discussion the "voting" was in favour of BAI-A whose recommendation will be forwarded in due course. This village which has only been formed within the last two years consists of the people from AIME, TAUADAI, HAUAMUBA, MEMERI, and GEBEMERI abandoning their old sites to form the present village, there is much to be done to improve the condition of affairs but with the appointment of BAI-A who seems to be a popular man an improvement should be noticed by next visit and this they promised to carry out.

No proceedings were instituted in C.N.M see P.R No.3 24/25 remarks under date of Sept 11th, as I do not consider the time is opportune to rigidly enforce the the Regulations of the N.R.O in this particular part of the Division.

Done

*Agree so
Mikomi
P.O.*

Friday
March 6

th (con't). after leaving IMBIA we turned into the MAUBI River and proceeded for a short distance thence into a very narrow waterway which I was somewhat dubious about, but our guide was quite confident of his bearings I proceeded on slowly, and altho the soundings gave us sufficient water I would not recommend this passage on a low tide, but it certainly saves a considerable distance than by following the main river, reached the WAI-I River an hour from IMBIA to find that the tide was running very strongly against us a current of from four to five knots, and with canoes in tow progress was very slow. At 1.20 when almost opposite WAITARI Creek we touched bottom, although soundings to this point gave "no bottom" I decided to anchor and make an examination which revealed that a bar extended almost across the river and as the tide was falling it was plainly seen that we could not continue until the tide turned, previous reports make no mention of this bar and for future guidance I would that when entering the WAI-I River via the MAUBI Creek to keep close to the right hand bank and if the tide is falling sound to the WAITARI Creek as from that point there is enough water for the launch to TETEHUI when it becomes shallow again but at high water no difficulty should be experienced. At 3.20 with a rising tide we continued on arriving at the village of MAIMIRI.V.C POGA at 6.10 P.M. It is noticed by some P.Rs that EBEGAU is the name of the village, but POGA states EBEGAU is the name of the District.

Saturday
March 7th.

I was very pleased to see quite a number of people in the village this morning who brought sage and other native food, they are all very shy but later I managed to get quite a number in conversation, but the mention of the word GORAU was the sign of uneasiness, but POGA informed me it was because they were not friendly with the GORAU people, nor are these people (EBEGAU) on the best of terms with the BARAVI. He told me that his people did not want to carry into the AURAI-I village, and he was very pleased when I told him I had my carriers with me from KIKORI.

During the day which was spent in arranging sags etc, the

Saturday
March 8th (con't)

V.C's of MEAGOMA and UBUA (Gopi Dist) came to the village, from their sago making places and brought several bundles of sago they stated that they had heard I was at MAIMIRI and that I might want the sago, I recompensed them well for their thoughtful act as the food question is a problem that has to be well considered in moving off inland.

Sunday.
March 9th.

All in readiness we moved off by canoes, the launch remained in charge of A.C NAKKA with ~~SEKKA~~ Launch Boy OMAI who has been very unwell the last few days suffering from a deep seated abscess in the groin. Shortly after leaving I noticed a small canoe coming along with us and learned that they were MAIMIRI people I was very pleased to see this as by previous visits all had cleared out when a visit was paid them, two young lads, EGAU & E-BAIO will always be found ready to give any information to the visiting Officer they are two of the crew of the small canoe.

Arrived at P.O Chance's old camp site by 11 A.M and after making same fast in charge of V.C MIRI of MEAGOMA started off along a track knee deep in mud, heavy rains have fallen the last few evenings which makes this low lying country more like a quagmire, arrived at the village of AURAI-I by 3 P.M which consists of 1 dubu, and ten small houses, no sign of recent habitation, and as did not prefer to camp in the village, came back about 200 yds and camped near a very fine waterfall (See P.R No. 4 .24/25 page 7 and map attached thereto P.O Chance). TONAI stated this was his village and now became very anxious to leave us, but I persuaded him to remain and by instructions to the two lads from MAIMIRI, V.C BAME of UBUA, and AI-DAI of BARAVI, they set off to tell the AURAI-I people whom TONAI stated were away ~~ix~~ at a garden place, that I had arrived and was waiting to see their people with their Chief.

I was rather amused by the remarks emanating from the A.C and carriers that my mission as it appeared to them, a fruitless one and the consequences that might eventuate. Shortly after camp had been made heavy rain commenced to fall with a cold driving wind which did not tend to improve the colds that all are suffering from.

(8) P.R No.13. 24/25.KIKORI D.D.

Monday,
March 9th.

The rain cleared towards morning and at 10 A.M much calling could be heard which seemed to be coming from all directions, and leaving the camp well guarded I proceeded along the ridge with Interpreters who informed me that the Chief TE-A and his people were coming, it was not long before they were in sight and accompanied me back to the camp. After assuring the Chief of our friendliness I informed him of my mission which at first he flatly denied knowing anything of the raid made by his people on the SESA, but after careful interrogation he admitted that the report was true and the people with him were those concerned.

I informed him that they would have to accompany me to KIKORI . During the interview I had instructed L/Cpl UREVU to get down the flies quickly and get the carriers moving and I with the other A.C's would come close behind with the eleven men . All worked well and we reached the point from where we started by mid-day. The position was now a difficult one in getting all into the canoes and instructed the carriers to assist the A.C's in doing so, but I regret that one-A-DO- by overpowering Local Const AIEKAI made his escape; a search was made but it being such impossible country there was no hope of re-capture. I did not consider it prudent to remain any longer than possible as we could hear calling some distance away, and two rapids to negotiate that I desired to push on to MAI-MIRI arriving at 2 P.M. A.C KAKAI duly reported that he had arrived from KIKORI during the forenoon and handed me a mail which the R.R.M had kindly forwarded. I intended going on this afternoon but the tide was almost out and by the time we reached WAITARI Creek there would be insufficient water to safely negotiate the bar as mentioned under date of . At 6.30 P.M I saw the ten men and instructed the L/Cpl to see that they had plenty of food, also to see that a guard was kept during the night, A.C NAKKA instructed to have all in readiness to leave at 5.A.M in the morning.

Tuesday,
March 10th.

I was much disappointed this morning when the L/Cpl reported that towards daylight two men had succeeded in making

Tuesday

March 11th (con't).

their escape I immediately sent the A.C's in various directions and I was pleased to learn by 11 A.M one had been re-captured, being desirous of trying to locate the second man I decided to send the L/Cpl and five A.C's back to our starting point as perhaps by evening an attempt may be made to cross the river by No.2 rapids, on arriving make shelter and if no sign of footprints to proceed and inform the Chief by Interpreter OIKI that one of his men had escaped during the night and at the same time mention that A-DO had not come forward.

At first sight these instructions may seem somewhat risky but leaving the Chief on the best of terms and who explained to his men that no harm would come of them, and with all experienced men, for the locals and A.C KOIVI I kept as camp guard.

Wednesday

March 11th.

By noon the L/Cpl and A.C's duly returned and effected the capture of A-DO who gave so much trouble of the 9th, in effecting this man's arrest the L/Cpl informed me that two others took up their bows and threatened to draw same but a shot in the air dispelled all actions in this respect, and they with A-ADO were escorted back to camp, A.C OREMI in assisting to arrest had badly sprained his knee but I hope with a rest and treatment he will be quite well again, the way in which my instructions were carried out reflects great credit on L/Cpl UREVU all now with one exception are safely aboard and at 1 P.M we moved off with a favourable tide and proceeded up the WAITARI Creek to the village of WAITARI, V.C WAI-DU, 1 Rest House recently built, 1 Dubu, 15 houses, the village was in very fair order, moved off again 1.20 and proceeded by several waterways in the direction of ANI-ODI but at 5 P.M the creek was becoming too shallow to proceed so in a suitable place decided to await the rising tide, at 6.45 we moved back into the WA-I River and arrived safely at the village of IARI, 8 P.M.

Thursday
March 12th.

As the AURAI-I/^{men} seem now more settled, I decided to obtain further particulars in connection with the raid made on the SESA'S ~~hunting~~ before sending on to KIKORI, and by interrogation through Interpreters L/Cpl UREVU, A.C DE-A, OKKI of GIGORI, and I-0 one of the men arrested, I was informed that the following had made the raid :-

- (1). I-0 of AURA-I, killed ATU of SESA.
- (2). O-SU-API " " KUMI-ATI and WETU.
- (3). OPORI " " MAMI-O.
- (4). TUTARI " guarded the road, fired arrows & threw spears.
- (5). IANI " killed KI-AHU by arrow & spears (escaped morning of 11th, re-captured same day A.C ORERI & V.C POGA.
- (6). RANI " Killed small boy, name unknown.
- (7). EKAU " Killed TU-KWA-PAI.
- (8). MI-A " Killed TE-AVI with a scrub knife.
- (9). A-TOU " Killed two small boys. (escaped 9th inst recaptured by A.C ORERI 11th inst).
- (10). ARAU-WI " Killed the Chief of the SESA tribe, arrested by A.C AIWA when arrest of A-TOU was being effected.

The above mentioned were despatched to the R.R.M by Launch which left IARI at 2 P.M with A.C's as escort, SIDENI, KAKAI, AIEKAI, with A.C NAKKA as Coxn of Launch.

During the course of the above interrogation I was informed that FONAI was also concerned, he having killed TU-IPA, but when at AURAI-I the Chief TE-A informed me that he was not concerned.

An endeavour will be made through the V.C of KOIRAVI - OWE - to inform FONAI through his friends AI-SAI & MIRIA of BARAVI that he is required at KIKORI in connection with the statement made.

The escapee mentioned under date of 10th- TOVE - I am informed was in no way connected with the raid, and I therefore suggest that no action be taken against him, the handcuffs that he has with him will in due course be recovered from BARAVI.

Two others who were at first stated to have been with the raiding party I have since ascertained that they were in the village of AURAI-I at the time the raid was made, their names are FOI-I and a young lad TAUWA, these will be left with their BARAVI friends on return of the launch from KIKORI.

I am very pleased to record the good work done by L/Cpl UREVU A.C's AIWA and ORERI in bringing to such a successful issue a matter that at one time presented many obstacles and difficulties, more especially where information obtained through four to five intery

March 12th (con't). interpreters had to be depended on to glean the slightest ray of light, in the hope that success might be achieved, more especially, without having to resort to extreme measures with people who had not previously seen a Const of A.W.C to say nothing of a Government Officer who appeared only to them, as a vision.

Inspected the village-~~IIAII~~- this afternoon and instructed the V.C, IABARA to carry out certain improvements . as also to obtain a canoe crew to enable me to visit some of the villages where it is not possible to take the Launch.

March 13th. Moved off at 9 A.M. by canoes from UBUA to GOPI, V.C AME thence to thence by various waterways to the small village of ANI-ODI under the control of V.C IABARA most of the people were away obtaining timber for canoes, after lunch proceeded to the village of PURI, which presented a somewhat neglected appearance and previous instructions only partly carried out, and on reference to the V.C's register it was seen that he had not visited KIKORI for nearly two years, it was also learned that he was suffering from V.D which however as he had reported the matter himself he will accompany me back to the Station for treatment. I would suggest that this man be discharged and a new appointment made for this village.

Returned to UBUA being caught in heavy rain, an epidemic of what seems to be a form of influenza is at present running through this District.

March 14th. Proceeded by canoe to the village of BAWI very well kept and quite a good rest has been built in accordance with instructions of last patrol, continued on to HOMO-BAVI which with MEEAGOMA is under the control of V.C MIRI, I was very pleased to notice quite a change in the disposition of these people, the Chief IVU-PAI was waiting my arrival and was pleased that I had received his sago that he had sent when at MALMIRI. Returned back by to UBUA and at 5.30 the launch returned back from KIKORI with instructions from the R.R.M to return to the Station that arrangements

(12). P.R. No.13 24/25.

March 14th (con't). were to be made in connection with the pending SAMBERIGI Patrol by Mr.A.R.M Bentoul who had arrived from Port Moresby to undertake some the launch being required for the of stores transportation /and the A.C's to accompany the patrol.

March 15th. After a lot of difficulty in starting the engine of the Lau we moved off during the morning and arrived at the village of GAURI, 3 P.M and turned in with a heavy cold.

March 16th. Remained at GAURI for the day, and spent the afternoon in trying to locate the engine fault, and by 6 P.M this being done attended to the V.C who had met with a nasty cut by a deep incision the result of an axe slipping, left with him dressings and he should in due course recover, it was rather surprising with such a deep cut that ~~xxxxxxx~~ it had not been more serious.

March 17th. Left GAURI 9 A.M and duly arrived and reported to the R.R.M and retired feeling the effects of the previously mentioned form of influenza contracted in the GOPI District .

General Remarks.

Much work has been done on the patrol in endeavouring to bring the villages of the Gopi and MRA Districts into line and I think a general improvement will be noticed on next patrol.

It is also pleasing to report the apprehension of those alleged to have been concerned in the SESA raid the principal ARAU-WI being the leader and alleged to have been responsible for the murder of the SESA Chief.

A.R.M

A.R.M

D.D 24/3/25.

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

15/24-5

Kikori

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by A Liston-Blyth to
Upper Kikori for the purpose of
Conveying Sembrigi party to Base camp.

Left Station on 22/3/25 Returned to Station on 23/3/25

Number of Carriers employed nil Number of Police taken one

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Active the R.R.M.

Villages visited Base Camp. KABARAU. DUDUGI. UTUTI.

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

2242/12.21.—2,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 23/3/25

A Liston Blyth
 Officer in charge of station.

Div Map

REPORT OF PATROL NUMBER 15/1934-5 KIKORI D.D.

By

A Liston-Blyth R.R.M.

Object:- To take Mr Rentoul and balance of party to Base Camp.

March 22nd. As I did not consider it desirable that the launch should be left to come thro the rapids in charge of natives only, and the A R M being on the sick list I decided to accompany Mr Rentoul and balance of his party myself. We therefore left KIKORI at 7 45 am this morning, with the remainder of his police and his personal gear in the launch with one canoe in tow, had a nice run up till we entered the narrower part of the river above the SIREBI, and at number one rapids, which are marked on no map of this course, but which should be, we encountered our first difficulty, the first attempt to get thro on the port side, i.e. the right hand bank of the river (left hand going up), failed although this was attempted owing to the fact that rocks were very distinctly visible on the other side and on those a raft was wrecked previously, the launch was caught in the vortex and spun round like a top, and the canoe narrowly escaped capsizing, taking the wheel myself I went up the other bank and succeeded in sneaking past the rocks on which the raft was wrecked by a narrow margin and getting thro the rapids and round the bend which is nearly right angular.

At the next rapids also not marked on the maps, we met with worse difficulty, and in crossing them the canoe was caught in the vortex spun round and if the tow line had not gone would have gone under.

March 22nd, It was beyond the bounds of possibility to either slow the engine or stop in the breaking water, loss of steering way would have meant an instant disaster to the launch, as it was she careened till her gunn'le was level with river, and the police turned green, signals were made to the canoe to get into the bank and attempt to pole up under the bank, the launch was kept once thro the rapids just standing still, against the current by going slow ahead, till we saw if they were successful, at first we intended running on to the camp and sending down extra crew to bring her up, but I decided to have one attempt to get her in tow again, by dint of very careful manouering the launch was brought in to such a position, just above the broken water to get a line to the canoe, for a moment I wondered when we got if she was going to go ahead or be herself dragged back, however she began to move and we pulled the canoe through, then we had plain sailing till the base camp which is 50 yds below the 3rd rapid but the first on the map. Arrived at 3 pm, and tied up in a backwater, L/Cpl UREVU and advanced party were here and had made a very fine camp. Landed remainder, and then found that instructions regarding the SIREBI interpreter KENAGAI had not been carried out and that he was not here.

Cpl UREVU has a bad cold and I fear it is possible Mr Rentoul will have to send him back if he does not improve. Usual business of settling things in a base camp took place. I slept on the launch.

March 23rd. Left at 6 30 am taking one of Mr Rentoul's police for the purpose of sending him back with KENAGAI. Successful run down thro' rapids and up SIREBI to KABARAU, V C KOWOI, and home of KENAGAI, all away except old people, however they told me that KENAGAI had already left for BARA and the patrol would find him there, not being satisfied I ordered AIWAI to go to the KOMABATI get V C KOWOI and take him to Rentoul. I myself went on to see the new village of TUTUGI, see P.R. No 12 of this year and my letter 143/36 of the 11th ult, already great strides have been made a nice clearing started on the banks and the under piles of a fairly large Dubu are in position, the aspirant for V C ship was away getting timber for this, I left word for him to come in, and having expressed my great pleasure in their "hearing my talk", I distributed a little tobacco and proceeded down stream to UTUTI, V C GIHARI, here in order to make certain that Mr Rentoul should have one BARA speaking interpreter I told GIHARI he must go up to the camp. he did not like it much but in 20 minutes had started in a canoe and will reach there tomorrow morning early.

Leaving UTUTI we ran on down to KIKORI and anchored at 12 30 pm, to find that the A R M was not yet in the office, Sergt MARAI reported all correct and work proceeding.

GENERAL

There is not much to say, I have made a careful note in the log book of best method of tackling the various rapids, the two worst are below the ARIO creek on Flint's map. I found it was the custom here

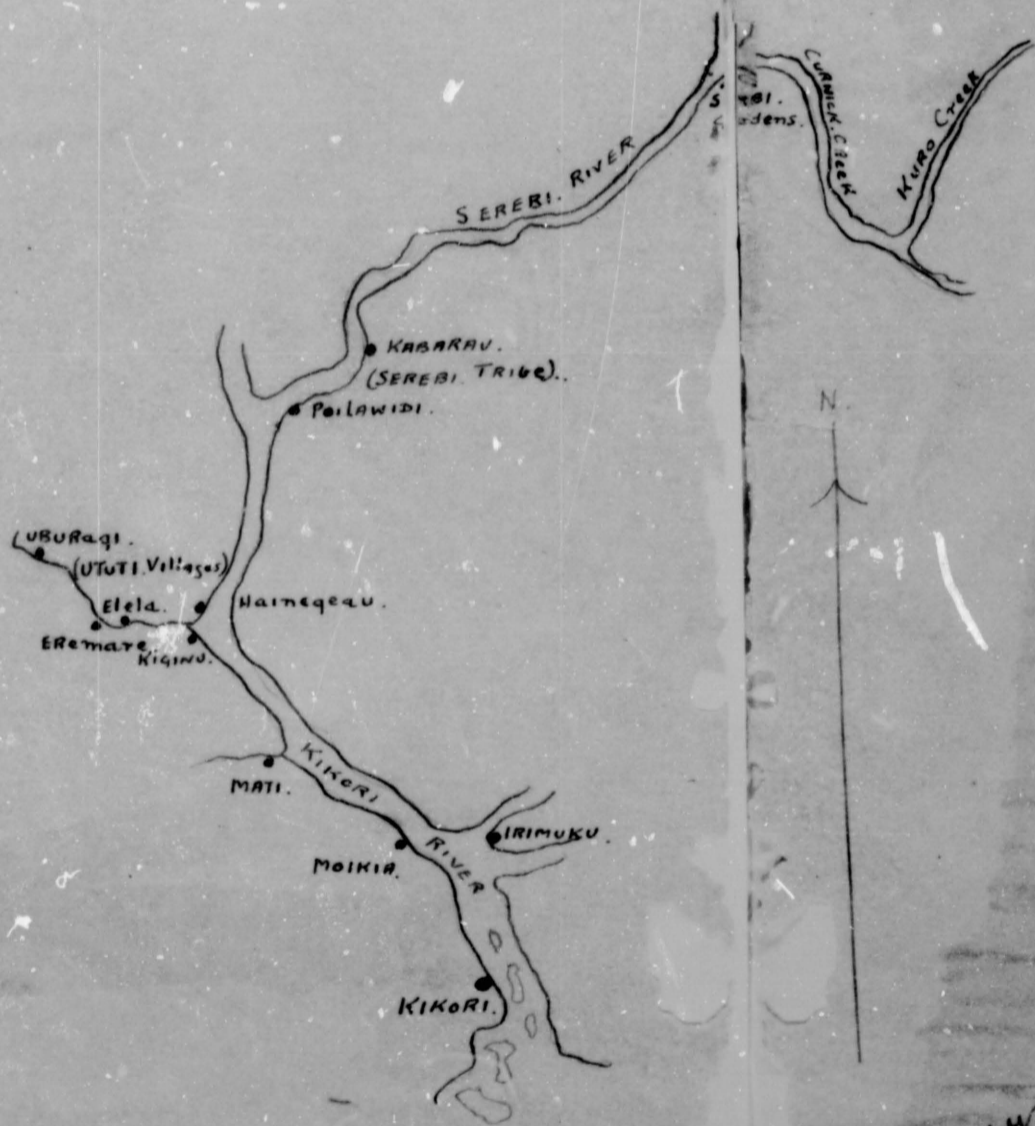
General. not to carry the log book on the boat, but to make notes only and enter it on return, this order I have since I have been here countermanded, and the log is now carried, further the old habit in entering under F/ " a short account of the voyage", merely the remark " see P.R. No so and so" I have also countermanded, as when one is negotiating a creek or other happening, and finds the log merely refers one to a patrol report at home in the office files, it is not much assistance, whereas by always carrying it and fulfilling all the instructions, there is always the duplicate in the book to refer to.

On the whole the engine ran well, but had anything happened in the rapids we would have had no chance and my only nervous feeling, tho the police were scared, was the feeling of the undependability of the machinery.

Mr Rentoul's party were all in good spirits and altho every old hand here including MARAI has drummed it into them that they are too late to get thro' yet their morale is excellent and Mr Rentoul quite happy with them.

R.S.S.
RRM.

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Sketch Map. Shewing.
SEREBI, CURTICK, and KURO. Creeks.



Scale. 4 miles = 1

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KIKORI. Delta.


June 30th 1925.

The Honourable,

The Government, Secretary
Port Moresby.

Re Patrol Report No. 14/24-25 by Mr. Rentoul. A.R.M.
Mt Murray Dist and Sanberigi Valley

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 793/A.19 of 8th ult in reference to the patrol made by Mr. Rentoul A.R.M to the abovementioned Districts, and in reply, advise that I shall only be too pleased to try and obtain a WEDI (spear) as also the enquiry re pots for His Excellency when the BARA people visit the Station towards the end of the year. At present all means of communication is out off on account of floods and heavy rains which prevent the people of the GOARIBARI District trading with the BARA or OKANI tribes during the S.E season.


Actg R.M.D.D.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA.

Government Secretary's Department.

Port Moresby.

8th. May, 1925.

IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

No. 793/A.192/25.

The Resident Magistrate,

Delta Division,

KIKORI.

After perusing Patrol Report No. 14/24-25
by Mr. Rentoul, A.R.M., to the Mount Murray District
and the Samberigi Valley, His Excellency the Lieutenant-
Governor minutes as follows:-

" This is a very interesting report. Please
" ask the R.M., Delta, if he can get a WEDI
" (Spear) (1.4.25). He may get one traded
" down the river through the BARA people.
" I notice the A.R.M. mentions "pot black".
" Have these people pots; if so, where do
" they get them? "

Jas W. Paldie
for Government Secretary.

" Widi" spear obtained 7/11/25

See letter 576/2/25

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REPORT OF A PATROL TO THE MOUNT MURRAY DISTRICT AND THE
SAMBERIGI VALLEY by Mr A.R.M. Rentoul March/April 1925.

OBJECTS.

1. To proceed to SAMBERIGI Valley and investigate site for permanent Police Camp.
2. General Inspection.

PERSONNEL.

Mr A.R.M. Rentoul. L/Cpl UREVU and A.Cs OREHI, NAKKA, AIWAI, KROBE, DE-BA, IEKE, UNEMA, UNDIRARI and KOVI(11).

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20/2/24. On arrival in Port Moresby (from Daru (W.D) on 20th
to
5/3/24. February I was instructed by the Government Secretary's Department to proceed to the SAMBERIGI Valley and report on the practicability of stationing a permanent Police Camp in that District.

I accordingly interviewed the Government Storekeeper and supplemented the stores at Kikori with additional supplies to be shipped by next outgoing "VAROE"

On 3rd March I learnt that the Missionary vessel "JOHN WILLIAMS" would be leaving for the West on 4th inst, and being anxious to reach Kikori and get in touch with local conditions, I obtained permission from G.S. Department and left in that vessel with 4 A.Cs, with the intention of making my way from Oroko (G.D) as best I could.

On 5th March I landed at OROKOLO and with the assistance of old KORI V.C of NOMI obtained carriers and canoes from MAIPUA (D.D) and after a journey of four days through the maze of the Delta reached Kikori Station on morning of 12th March and reported to R.M.D.D. only to find that Mr A.R.M. Cawley was away with the launch and best A.Cs, and I would have to compose myself in patience. In the meantime I read up the previous patrol Reports, from which I learnt that the three previous patrols had left the Station as early as January. I also gathered that the Upper Kikori River route was out of the question for heavily laden canoes going up-stream - Messrs Woodward and Saunders having narrowly escaped disaster even coming down-stream - there only remained for me the LAPE Creek route, and from the reports it seemed uncertain whether I should be able to get through the Gorge before the rains

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in; also it seemed rather obscure whether after the rains came, I could get back again with my party. There only remained for me to attempt to get through the gorges, carry out my inspection, and get back again before it was too late. Local opinion was that I could not get through, as the season was so far advanced. At my request the R.M. sent up stream for one KENAGA of Sirebi, whose services would prove invaluable as an interpreter. A.C. PUGINI who understands both Metuan and Okani was at Kairuku Station.

Had I an opportunity of discussing the matter with His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, I should have suggested an attempt to reach the valley by way of the PURARI, or a Northern branch of that River, probably identical with the ERAWA - that fast running stream noted by Mr A.R.M. Flint, but unfortunately owing to His Excellency's absence that was impossible, and my instructions were definite.

17/3/25. Mr A.R.M. Cawley, who had been sent for by R.M. arrived today in the Station launch with some of the A.Cs who are to accompany me. I shall now be able to recruit carriers.

18/3/25. Left KIKORI at 6.50 a.m. in launch with 4 A.Cs and passed down to PAIA, NUBAGOA, AIDIA villages, anchoring for night at DOPIMA with 55 carriers. The V.C at DOPIMA offered to accompany me on patrol, he is the first optomist I have met in the Delta Division.

19/3/25. Left DOPIMA at 6.50 a.m. & ran around to DUBUMUBU; found a number of carriers had arrived bringing my total up to 93. With these in tow in canoes ran up to Station anchoring at 6 p.m.

20/3/25. Despatched S/Cpl UREVA with 3 A/Cs and all carriers to go ahead and form Base Camp on left bank Upper Kiko R.

21/3/25. R.M. has kindly advanced me sufficient stores from stock, as "VAROE" is overdue, and I want to get away. Packing stores & finalising matters.

22/3/25. Left KIKORI at 7.45 a.m. in launch with 7 A.Cs; R.M. coming along as far as Base Camp, which was reached after strenuous struggle with rapids, negotiated by R.M. with some difficulty and skill.

Lance Corporal UREVA who had gone ahead in canoes had done

Good work with the carriers, and a fine camp had been erected with all stores under cover. Unfortunately this N.C.O developed influenza symptoms in the afternoon and it looked as though he would have to be left behind.

23/3/25. R.M left for down stream at 6.30 a.m. promising to call at SIREBI villages and hasten departure of Interpreter KENAGA who has not yet arrived. L/Cpl UREVA far from well, so am leaving him at Base Camp with two paddlers with instructions that if he does not improve he is to return to the Station. All stores having been packed left for N.W at 10 a.m. telling the L/Cpl to inform A.C AIMAI to follow me with the interpreter when he arrived.

After following the N bank of the Kiko R for a short way branched off to N.W and passed Flint's No 1 Camp. Followed on to N.W over rocky greasy country. During day crossed many creek tributaries of IEHI Creek, all in flood and waist deep. The IEHI Creek is on one's left on the advance and it is really up the depression of that Creek that the track leads. Kept stores dry with difficulty. Passed Flint's No 2 Camp, and stopped for the night on or about the 7.00 parallel. Height 250 feet (and reading). Thick forest country.

24/3/25. Left at 6.45 a.m. and after again skirting IEHI Creek and crossing many affluents, climbed a low range of limestone, crossed AMI Hill, and camped for the night in a garden village of the BARA people, half a mile from SIBIRE-U. V.C. BARIMA met us and as several of my carriers had already developed sore shoulders I asked him for local men. This primitive V.C is however not yet seized of his responsibilities, and calmly replied that the Bara people did not wish to carry. Further he assured me that the LAHI Creek would be impassible as the rains were on. This was depressing but suspecting that his sympathies lay with the Samberigi people, whose relations the Bara people really are, I took his remarks with a grain of salt and eventually he supplied me with 10 Bara carriers, all of whom were quite willing to come. I was then enabled to dispense with 16 Goarabaris, whom I sent back to the Station. No native foods obtained from the Bara people. Height 475 feet. Open forest, with limestone spurs.

25/3/25. A.C. AIWAI reported this morning with a note from R.M.D.D. stating that KENAGA was absent from the Sirebi villages, and supposed to be already with the OKANI - sent along V.C. GIHARI of Ututi with an old Bara man now resident at latter village. With these I shall be able to interpret, but not well. Shall keep my eyes open for Kenaga. Found a man named FORAPA(KOREPA) in Bara village - he is an ex-Samberigi man married to a Bara woman, and was useful to Mr P.O. Saunders on last patrol. KOREPA is to accompany me. Left early and after crossing the flooded IEHI Creek with the help of the Bara people, had some stiff climbing in a S.S.W and S.W direction over limestone spurs, again crossed the western arm of the IEHI and found a fair track which led to LAPI Creek the highroad to the Samberigi Valley. Followed up the bed of this Creek which was half flooded, crossed masses of tumbled boulders, and camped for the night 8 miles from SIRIBIE-U.

I am reducing the day's task of the carriers to a minimum as it is impossible for them to travel over the/ greasy boulders quickly in this wet weather and conditions are very bad. Arranged for 3 A.Cs to leave at dawn to construct ladders for climbing the limestone cliff ahead.

To assist me in the control of my party of 109 all told, I have appointed No 89 A.C. UNDIRARI as an acting L/Cpl. This I have done on the suggestion of the R.M.D.D. and hope that the appointment will be confirmed. I have no other N.C.O. as Sergeant HARAI was seized with pains after being warned for this same patrol.

Height 950 feet. Rugged limestone country. Heavy rain.

26/3/25. Whether or not we were to get through to the Samberigi Valley was to be decided this morning. The rain which had been falling heavily all night was a not encouraging indication. However on rounding the bend I saw to my delight that the Creek water disappeared amongst the tumbled granite and limestone boulders, and on entering the gorge and reaching the huge limestone block, I found it clear of water and the ladder already constructed. The way to the Valley was still open.

By falling trees against this block and using lawyer vine a rough ladder had been constructed by A.Cs AIWAI, IEKI and KEMIRI, and in an hour and a quarter the last carrier had ascended without mishap. This gorge is a rather awesome place, the cliffs rising sheer on either hand for about 800 feet, and the silence and half darkness are rather a strain on the carriers. The A.Cs were very quiet passing through, and when the two miles of gloom had passed I think they were all very much relieved. Camped for the night 2 miles short of Woodward's No 4 Camp. Height 2910 feet. Temp. Cool. Rugged limestone spurs up to 4000 feet.

27/3/25. Left at 6.30 a.m. and after a monotonous and slow climb over the endless boulders entered the second gorge, which in a way is more forbidding than the former by reason of the fact that the 1000 feet high cliff parapets seem to overhang in places as though ready to drop a few more tons of limestone at any minute. There had been some heavy falls, and some of the blockages seemed almost hopeless but by the ingenuity of the police managed to scale the cliff sides with ladders and make detours. Water is now flooding the creek making progress very difficult for the laden carriers. Camp made for the night early. Heavy rain. Height 2550 ft. Very cold.

28/3/25. Left at 7 a.m. and in 15 minutes branched off the Creek bed in a N.E direction and reached the 4000 feet level. Below lay a large valley tapped by our old acquaintance the IEHI Creek, with the Murray Range rearing itself as a Northern wall. Descended by tortuous ways and reached the OKANI gardens, where camp was made, as there were a number of Okani (Samberigi) people present and I desired to make their friendship. Bartering small trade goods all afternoon for small supplies of sugar cane, sweet potatoes &c. These people have no idea of value, but without offence managed to lower the exchange rate considerably. At first one man desired a tomahawk in return for 10 bananas, but eventually surrendered to the attraction of a length of calico. All these natives showed great nervousness at first and kept their distance each holding a knife or tomahawk in his folded arms, but later in the afternoon they had lost all fear and mixed freely with both A.Cs and carriers. Height 3000 feet. Rain and mist. Open garden and valley country.

29/3/25. Left Okani gardens at 7 a.m. and in an hour had reached the foot of the range. Heavy fog came up and dripping rain. Three hours climbing up the WARI "track" which is often represented by a few roots on the face of the precipice brought us to the 6000 level, and a further ascent brought us up to the top of the pass at an altitude of 6620 feet. As we were enveloped in an icy mist conditions were not pleasant. Two carriers collapsed on the ascent, but fortunately not at dangerous spots. The Northern descent proved much more gradual and at 3 p.m. we came out on an open spur and before us lay a vast panorama of heights and valleys stretching for forty or fifty miles in every direction. At our feet lay the great Samberigi Valley a wonderful sight after the rain, as the wind drove the mists to the Eastward like the opening of a great curtain. Descended to the 5600 level and camped for the night at the old Base Camp behind Donuga village. All carriers came in before dusk safely, thanks to A.C. ORERI who brought up the rear. The journey from the Base Camp had occupied 7 days, but progress quite rapid enough for laden carriers unused to high country. Height 5600 feet. Open valley.

30/3/25. A.C.s and carriers resting, cleaning arms and drying clothes. Many natives arrived from surrounding villages of DONUGA, HANGIBARI, IANGURI and SAMBERIGI staring at us with arms folded after their fashion, with tomahawks and 18" knives sticking in every belt. Many of the tomahawks are of the poleaxe shape and marked HARRISON No 8. The Okanis as the Valley people are called state they received these axes from the KAIRI people to the South who traded them from the Gearabaris. Chief FARI of Donuga is very frail now, and his son MENI has assumed most of his authority. None of these natives showed anything but a friendly attitude, but all calmly declined to carry for me when I next go "walk about". Took bearings of surrounding peaks and inspecting surrounds as to their suitability for a Permanent Police Camp - a separate report will be made on that subject generally.

31/3/25. A.C. AINAI with 53 carriers left for the Base this morning. I have left rice cached at Elbiric-u and the Base Camp for their support.

31/3/25. Leaving A.C. IEKE (sick) in charge of camp and sick carriers left at 7.30 a.m. for the North and passing through the village of FERIRI (1 dubu, 8 houses, Pop. 70) a not attractive village observe a man wearing a rather gruesome relic - a collection of male breast nipples strung discwise and suspended from the neck. In drizzling rain went on across the Samberigi Creek known as the SISIGI and entered the village of SAMBERIGI a large village of 1 dubu and 17 smaller houses - population approximately 130. Examined the round house (SOMBAGI) which is found in almost every village. All the blackened and greasy stones had been swept neatly into the centre as though awaiting a new occupant, but I am sure that on account of the heavy rains all ordinary cooking must be conducted under the shelter of the Sombagi, and that it is not merely intended for the cooking of human flesh. An adjoining house used for the storage of bones was also inspected, and some human relics were noted, but all bones have an economic value in this district where they are put to many uses, some of the spears of the TUGI being tipped with bones out of the forearm. The layout of this Samberigi village is so typical of the Okani that I append same herewith:-

31/3/25. Arrived at foot of the WAPI Range, and after a stiff climb to the crest 6200 ft passed along to the west and reached the small village of WAPI, where I found the pathetic population of six old men (relic of a TUGI raid) now reduced to five - all sitting in a row to greet us. A magnificent view of the valley and surrounding ranges is obtainable from this point. To the westward there is a great range running apparently N.W. and S.E. at a distance I should say of about the boundary of the Delta and Western Divisions. When visibility is good one may also perceive the dim outline of the great mountain already noted, which I should judge to be about 50 miles due west or somewhere in that unexplored block to the East of the Strickland. Passing on to the S.W. along the ridge found the tracks to the TUGI territory overgrown, showing there had been little communication of late. While engaged in this task came out on a clearing and saw three faces staring at us through the foliage - a TUGI hunting party who were as surprised as we were. They had heard us coming and thought we were the OKANI. One of these TUGI men - a fine specimen - undertook to guide us, but the others about 20 faded away and we saw them no more. Thus guided we passed down to the Valley of HAGAREBU and crossing the creek called SIGIBA mounted the steep incline of the RUE Range and after two hours journey across hidden logs and entanglements came to the foot of the cleared spur on top of which is the village of NDAI No 2, where Messrs Flint & Saunders had an unpleasant experience on the first patrol. The village is in a splendid natural defensive position, and winding up the track we were in full view of the 70 or so armed men lined up behind the first stockade. To our call of "KAMI, KAMI, KAMIO" no response came. The ascent thus proved rather trying to the Coarabari carriers not improved by the fact that V.O. GIRARI of UTUTI became hysterical and rushed back to tell them that a big fight was imminent. The A.Cs stood it well however and continued the ascent. As we neared the stockade a Tugi man suddenly ran out and embraced our OKANI guide, and probably saved a dangerous situation as all opposition quickly melted away and we were soon surrounded by the TUGI. To show how highly strange these people are - I had

called for the Chief a fine old man, and after explaining that I desired to camp in his village for the night, I picked up a new 18" knife and presented it to him. Immediately a dozen pot blacked arms shot out and a dozen of the TUGI struggled for possession of the prize. I was so annoyed that unconsciously I joined in the fray and with A.C.UNDERARI'S help succeeded in returning the knife to its rightful owner. Then these strange people instead of being angry, laughed heartily and poked at me with their fingers in a most familiar manner. These TUGI people I can see are very "explosive" and a stupid A.C. or a thieving carrier could quickly cause a dangerous disturbance. Purchased quantity of native foods, sugar cane, sweet-potatoes &c, the most I have seen since arrival. Pitched tents in front of communal house, as it is much better to have people under observation than to camp outside and wonder what is going on in village. Height 6000 ft. Mountain country.

1/4/25. Accompanied by 3 A.Cs visited village of PURUWARI (1 dubu 11 houses Pop.50) and went on to RU (1 dubu, 12 houses, 70 people) both TUGI villages, where we were received in a most friendly manner. The village of NIAI No 2 was also visited. These TUGI people combine the use of the bow and arrow with that of the throwing spear (WEDI) an 8ft weapon tipped with a bone out of the human forearm. I was able to purchase also two good specimens of the native armour called APAPA. This is not "armour" in the strict sense of the word, but merely a wooden shield fitting under the arm pit, and changed from side to side as found necessary. It is not to be confused with the plaited body armour found on the Alice TEDI River (W.D). The shining black pigment with which it is painted is composed of pig fat and pot black.

From observations I made the HAGEREBU Valley is sparsely populated and not cultivated nearly to the extent of the Samberigi Valley. It is thickly wooded except in the immediate vicinity of the few villages where gardens have been cleared.

2/4/25. Acting L/Cpl UNDERARI my only N.C.O having spiked his foot this morning is now on the casualty list with A.Cs IRKI and KOIVI, so I shall have to return and see how the camp is getting on. Left NIAI at 7 a.m. and after a slow and arduous march reached
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the SAMBERIGI Valley and arrived at DONUGA camp in the evening, where I found the young carrier, a son of the V.C of Dopima, had now lost the use of both his feet, which had been injured on the Murray Range. Treated him with hot fomenta, and relieved the pain. Heavy rains are now falling, and the weather extremely cold.

Although I have issued all A.Cs with an extra grey shirt^{be} and blanket, they do not seem to be able to stand both the cold and wet, and most of them are far from well. I shall be glad to get the party safely back over the ranges, for it would be impossible to carry any of them on a stretcher over the first section.

3/4/25 Leaving the sick in camp I passed down to SISIGI Creek through a heavy fog at 8 a.m. and following that Creek in a S. direction examined both slopes of the valley for a suitable site for a permanent police camp, noting the water supply, timber resources &c and fertility of the soil. This SISIGI Creek makes its way through the ranges to the S.W and ultimately forms an affluent of the Upper Kiko River - the drainage of both the SAMBERIGI and the HAGAREBU valleys is towards the S.W. The Southern slope of the Sanberigi is indented by steep gulleys, and it is on the sides of these that most of the gardens are created. Some of these areas are planted on a most extraordinary slope, and channels have been excavated to prevent the soil from being washed away in the heavy rains. Returning visited the village of HANGIBARI (1 dubu 19 houses 120 people) the parent village of the Okani people. Inspected village and found people very friendly, expect to get a few carriers from this point for the return journey. Returned to camp at 5.30 p.m. Cold, thick mist, and heavy rain.

4/4/25. Leaving A.C IEKI and V.C E-ERI in charge of camp left at 7 a.m. and taking a track to the East at rear of camp descended into a gully well planted with taro and sugar-cane, and climbing a ridge came to the village of KARIMABU (1 dubu 16 small houses pop 70). Trees had been fallen across the path on near side of range, evidently with the idea of checking our progress, but on our arrival the people were quite calm with the exception of one individual, who

4/4/25. kept marching up and down sentry fashion, fully armed, and calling out constantly in a strange falsetto voice. I imagine he was warning the women to keep away, but strangely enough a woman accompanied by two small boys came around the corner of the big house, evidently unaware of our presence, but seeing us, hurriedly took refuge in a neighboring house dragging her charges after her. This was the only woman I saw in the District at close quarters. She wore a long tappa cloth cloak, her hair was cropped short, but she appeared well nourished and had not that down trodden appearance so often borne by wives in the Western and Delta Divisions. Passed on to BEASABURA (1 dubu 30 houses 110 people) where the people proved more hospitable than they have done so far. There are three communal houses in this village which carries a population of approximately 130 souls. Moved on towards the range and camped for night in heavy rain.

5/4/25. Left at 8 a.m and reached the village of KERABI after some stiff climbing. The people here were friendly, but still had that distant manner of all the OKANIS. Unlike most Papuans who will instinctively help a carrier or even a policeman with a heavy burden, these people will stand around and watch tired people erecting flies without attempting to help. All the time they seem to be bored to death, and just longing for the visitors to depart and leave them in peace. So far as their alleged "stinginess" is concerned, I am of the opinion that their reason for not supplying more food-stuffs is (1). That they do not desire to encourage the visitor, and (2) That they have no great surplus of food to offer. I am going into this matter more fully later. During the morning I visited another Kerabi village situated on a spur overlooking the parent village. Here I observed the homicidal emblem (KEDE) already commented upon by Mr A.R.M. Woodward. Camped for the night at Kerabi.

6/4/25.
AS I was anxious to keep in touch with my small hospital
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6/4/25. and weather conditions were becoming worse every day.

I returned from KERABU examining the country for suitable Permanent Camp sites, and late in the afternoon reached DONUGA, where I found the young carrier still in a helpless condition. Many natives had visited the camp during my absence but all had adopted a friendly attitude and no trouble had occurred. A.C. IEKI reported that the strain of marching had brought on an attack of V.D. Heavy rain all night, and morning fog causing a battery of coughing from my party, in contrast to the silence of the OKANI people who do not seem to suffer from chest complaints at all.

7/4/25. Left at 7 a.m. and proceeded along the Southern slope of the Samberigi - took bearings on surrounding peaks - inspected gardens carefully. Crossed over to the WAPI Range and passing a garden of the HANGIBARI people saw a row of figures on the top of a garden ridge huddled in tappa cloth. These were the women of the village, and they sat motionless watching our progress. Some of the areas have been ringbarked, and burnt - their general appearance very much resembling an outback Australian selection. Rain clearing in the afternoon returned via SAMBERIGI village where I had a long interview with the men folk, explaining to them the position of the Government, and how we desired only peace amongst all men. The OKANI(Samberigi) men of course take up the position that their own conduct is beyond reproach, and that all evil comes from the TUGI people, but I am of the opinion that there is little to choose between them. Personally I prefer the TUGIS because they are proper men, and admit their own delinquencies without evasion. Returned to camp at 5.30 p.m.

8/4/25. The sick carrier can now walk on a stick and A.C s are on their feet again, but the weather is atrocious. Shall make an attempt to cross the Murrumbidgee Range to-morrow (12).

8/4/25.

Packing up gear for carrying, and interviewing numbers of the Okanis from surrounding villages. I have gone into the matter of arranging for a site for a Police Camp. These people would be quite willing to allow the Government to camp anywhere in return for presents, but of course the question of the purchase and transfer of a site was quite unintelligible to them. In any other portion of the Territory I have been in, I have always found the natives at least interested in one's party, and willing to do such tasks as water carrying or obtaining firewood for small rewards. But with these strange people it is different. Calico and beads stir their interest very little, and the only things that excite them at all are large knives or tomahawks. They want them for next to nothing however, and the idea of doing menial tasks to secure them, does not appeal to them at all. A party of seven Okanis have promised to accompany me as far as Bara village, but I learn that it was their intention to visit that village anyhow, and they are glad of our company. It is a start anyway in the matter of carrying.

9/4/25.

Left DONICU Camp at 6.30 a.m. and taking the WARI track commenced the ascent of the Murray Range. Thick mist and light rain at first, but as we reached the top storm conditions were ruling with wind at gale force and driving rain, making conditions rather bad. Descended to the Okani gardens reaching camp at 4 p.m. A.C. ORERI bringing up the rear of the carriers took 12 hours to complete the crossing a matter of 8 miles as the crow flies, and did not arrive until well after dark.

10/4/25.

Left the Okani gardens at 7 a.m. - ascended BISI-AI Range to 1000 feet and climbed down to ISE Creek camping for night at 5 p.m. Our seven Okani carriers are quite contented and mix freely with A.Cs and carriers. When erecting camp they did not assist in any way and when heavy rain came on they calmly took refuge under my own fly, much to the disgust of the police, who consider they are the most awful people they have ever met.

11/4/25.

Leaving camp at 6.30 a.m. climbed down the creek bed for hours. The rains are causing some concern, as the creek is flooding intermittently. Passed through the first gorge safely to-day, but in places it amounted to climbing down a waterfall with the water over one's waist. At 11 p.m. heard a rumbling like distant thunder and on going out to investigate was in time to see a wall of white water coming around the bend carrying trees in its progress. This flood continued all night.

12/4/25. In the morning the waters had subsided, and we proceeded again down the creek bed. At 2 p.m. entered the last gorge, and after following it for over two miles - trusting that the freshet would not arrive in the meantime - we came to the last block to find that the ladders which had been made fast by A.C. AI AI were still in position. In an hour's time all carriers had arrived and been safely transferred to the creek bed below. I was glad to get the party out of that treacherous creek - it was an unhealthy place. The Samberigi valley itself is all right and walking about there is quite good. After reaching the creek bed A.C. KEDE collapsed and had to be carried on an improvised stretcher. His leg is very swollen. Reached BARA village and camped for the night. Our rice supply was found intact.

13/4/25 - 15/4/25.

Dispensing with our OKABI carriers, I was pleased to accept the services of seven of the BARA men to assist us in carrying A.C. KEDE. The BARA men worked well and made no attempt to desert. They were duly paid off on reaching Base Camp on 15th inst. Found two canoes safely parked above high water mark.

Leaving A.C. UNDERARI and party behind to bring in A.C. KEDE, who had been carried for 35 miles, I embarked in one canoe and passing down stream, negotiated the rapids safely, and arrived at KIKORI Station late in the afternoon. The A.K. "VAROE" was to leave on the following day for Port Moresby, but I desired to await the arrival of my complete party, and finalise matters at Kikori, so was unable to avail myself of a passage.

I have to thank the R.M. D.D for lending me his launch and also for supplying sufficient stores to get me away instead of waiting longer for the "VAROE".

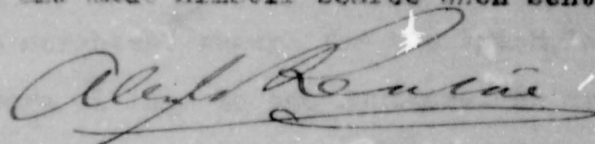
The conduct of the police was excellent, and although for reasons beyond our control I had no proper A.C.O to assist me, the "team work" was quite good. Am reporting on each man separately.

The A.Cs were rather "soft" owing no doubt to the amount of launch and canoe work necessitated in the Delta, and almost all suffered from illness at one time or the other. Their discipline was of the best.

Conduct of carriers was excellent, and not a Goarabari deserted. They suffered a lot from sore shoulders and sprains, but did not complain.

Interpretation was indifferent, and I should advise the next patrol to make sure of obtaining the services of A.C. PUGINI now stationed at Kairuku. KEE-GA of Sirebi was afraid of puri-puri and made himself scarce when sent for by R.M. D.D.

KIKORI. D.D.
18/4/25.



Assistant Resident Magistrate.

Some Further Notes on Tribes Visited.

The ground has been well covered by previous visiting Officers, but perhaps the following additional notes may prove of interest:
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BARA TRIBE.

A peculiar feature about these people is the occurrence of many individuals having an extremely light bilious yellow skin. The male adults are on the average well built, with good leg and chest development and their general bearing is one of independence. The majority of males wear a beard shaved clear from the mouth with a bamboo strip.

The seeming unwillingness of these people to barter food is accounted for I imagine both by the fact that they are averse to gathering garden produce, which is women's work, secondly that they are naturally averse to their women appearing in the presence of a large party of Goarabari carriers, and thirdly that they have really very little surplus food to offer.

In view of the fact that they are blood relations to the OKANI, it is also natural that they should not volunteer information about that district or the tracks leading thereto. They have however not the slightest regard for the truth, and assured me there was no Bara village to the Eastward. On my mentioning FOKKPAU however and pointing in that direction, they smiled and admitted the truth, as though the existence of that village had merely escaped their memory for the moment. Yet they had returned only the day before from that place.

This method of "passive resistance" makes investigation rather difficult, but on our second visit to the village we found their attitude much more reasonable, and no doubt in time they will become good "Government" people.

I noticed that the dubu or communal house of these people closely resembles those of the middle Fly River. In constructing the pointed overhanging roofs they make intelligent use of scaffolding made of bamboo which grows thickly in the vicinity.

Regarding the trading expeditions to the Upper Kiko R. where they meet the Goarabari encamped, it is interesting to note that

A.C. KEMERI a local constable from the Sirebi had picked up a working knowledge of the Para language, simply from frequenting these camps, although he had never been to their village or District.

SAMBERIGI & TUCI TRIBES.

Like most mountain people the male adults are well built and have especially good leg development. If their head decorations were removed and they had a clean shave, they would resemble both in feature and color the ordinary Mambari type. They are wonderfully clean// skinned, and show no signs of skin disease, ulcers, or V.D.

SENDERI.

This is the forehead decoration of small cowrie shells sewn in an oval pattern on tappa cloth. I have ascertained that although some men wear up to 13 rows of shells and some only possess two rows, their number merely signifies the acquisitive desire or personal wealth of the individual and has nothing to do with rank. Both the OKANI(Samberigi) people and the TUCI wear the decoration when on the warpath, and its presence is supposed both to protect the wearer against death and to fill the enemy with fear.

KINAGI. This is a short section of a large bamboo, sealed at one end, with a large hole placed flute fashion, so that by blowing across it, the sound of a conch shell is produced, quite as loud and satisfactory as the ordinary shells used on the sea-coast.

FISHING & HUNTING.

Fresh fish are plentiful in many of the mountain streams. A method of capture most favored is to construct a semicircular weir of stone boulders, and when the fish become imprisoned a small quantity of "New Guinea dynamite" is thrown into the stream, and on the fish coming to the surface they are clubbed and secured.

Wild pigs and cassowaries are hunted in the valleys and ranges, but the people assure me that the wallaby does not come North of the Murray Range.

WEAPONS - OKANI TRIBES

Bows and arrows are not often seen, the men appearing to rely for protection on their steel knives and tomahawks, which they invariably carry in their belts. A fine throwing spear (WEDI) is possessed by the TUGIS, the blade being composed of a bone from the human forearm. In all districts human bones are used for many purposes to which the bones of wallabies are usually put. Two good specimens of the side armour (APAPA) were secured, the black pigment being composed of grease (pig) and pot black.

FIRE MAKING.

The method of fire making in the valleys is by the split stick and thong method. The cane thongs are twisted into bracelets and carried in this way by all travellers. Generally these tribes are not skilled in firemaking, but perhaps the experiments I witnessed were marred by the materials being damp, and the weather being of the worst.

BODY MARKING

Tattooing is unknown amongst both the Okani and Tugi peoples and the raised cicatrice of the West coastal people is also not seen. I have observed certain individuals decorated with the pitting (circular scars) made by the imprint of a round stick dipped in the juice of a vegetable irritant. No other body marking was observed.

APPEARANCE & ADORNMENT.

The general appearance of the Samberigi & Tugi peoples is practical identical. Perhaps the TUGI are keener on decoration, introducing colored feathers and brilliant leaves into the general scheme. The typical warrior is decorated with the white cowrie forehead band (SENDERI), his face is shining with vegetable oil, and with his glistening tomahawk and 18" knife supported by his bark giraffe, and fibre harness, he realises to the full one's idea of the untutored savage, as he paces up and down in his restless way, punctuating his flow of language with graceful gestures of either hand.

Yet they are not convincing, and one feels instinctively that these people are play-acting, and compared to their amount of "swagger" and show of arms, the resultant blood shed is not serious.

Notes on the Flora on Mount Murray & Samberigi Valley.

From the 5000 to 6500 feet level on the Murray Range the vegetation is covered with a wet sponge like moss. The timber growing at these heights is of little value, only a fair specimen of hardwood being noted at wide intervals. A few good cedar trees were noted on the slopes.

Various specimens of goro and other palms unknown to me were seen, and the gulleys are a mass of tree ferns and various grasses. In some of the valleys fair specimens of fir and pine trees may be seen. Several varieties of bamboo were seen, including a trailing specimen growing at the 5000 feet altitude. A type of areca palm was seen, the betel nut being used sparingly by the tribes, who import lime through the Bara people. A trailing gourd plant grows in the gardens from which they obtain their lime-pots.

Economic plants include indigenous tobacco, sago (not plentiful) sweet potatoes, taro, yams and sugar-cane.

A species of stinging nettle grows along the tracks. This is used by the OKANI as a counter-irritant in cases of headache.

FAUNA. The domestic pig and captured cassowaries have their place in every village. Wild pigs are plentiful judging from their tracks & cassowaries are numerous on the wooded mountain slopes. One would expect to find grass wallabies on the open slopes, but the Okani assure me that the wallaby does not come to the North of the Murray Range, but is plentiful in their gardens on the Southern slope. The village dog is not plentiful, and one thing that must strike the visitor at night is the strange silence that broods over all the villages. There is an utter lack of familiar village sounds, such as the whining of dogs, and even the death wail is rarely heard.

Alfred Rennie

KIKORI D.D.
18/4/25.

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REPORT ON THE PRACTICABILITY OF OPENING A PERMANENT POLICE
CAMP IN THE SAMBERIGI VALLEY DISTRICT D.D.

DESCRIPTION.

The SAMBERIGI Valley situated between the 6th and 7th parallels of latitude, & having an area of approximately 125 miles square is formed by the Northern slopes of the Murray Range (8000 ft) and the Southern slope of the LAPI Range (6500 feet). The drainage of the valley is towards the S.W. the Samberigi or more properly the SISIGI Creek which forms the main channel lying on about the 4000 feet level (Aneroid readings).

In its larger sense the Samberigi District covers a further series of valleys, including the KERABI & HAGEREBU, and embraces the tribes or sub-tribes known as the OKANI, POROGA, KERABI, TUGI and PERI, who occupy the slopes and ridges of the various ranges.

ACCESSIBILITY.

DOROGA the usual Base Camp on the Southern slope of Mount Murray at an altitude of about 5500 feet is distant 49 miles from KIKORI Station as the crow flies, but so tortuous is the way via the Base Camp and Lapi Creek that the distance for transport is all of 100 miles.

Three patrols have already visited the Valley, all taking the same route via Lapi Creek on the Northward journey, the first returning via the Mountains and the Sirebi, and the second via the Upper Kikori in which disaster was narrowly averted. The last expedition both went and came back via the Lapi Creek gorges.

lest there may be some idea that a better and more direct land route might be found, it is interesting to note that the Samberigi people on their visits South to the Bara people invariably travel via Lapi Creek, and the Bara people on their return visits use the same way. Now as that means a wide detour for these people it is self evident that they would not use it if there were a nearer and better way.

Now this route via the Lapi Creek, which the writer has just covered cannot be described as a "track" at all. The first portion of the journey from the Base Camp to SIRIBE-U the BARA

village on IEMI Creek consisting as it does of rocky greasy tracks, limestone ridges, and 19 creeks to cross, is fairly bad for carriers, but it is the Lapi Creek section with its two great gorges that presents almost insurmountable difficulties. These gorges are both blocked in several places by masses of fallen limestone across which ladders have to be extemporarised. The position of the carriers is necessarily one of great discomfort, and even on the creek bed the crossing of the endless series of granite and limestone boulders sets up a friction on their shoulder straps which soon causes a painful abrasion.

The descent into the Okani gardens takes one practically down the ^{dried} bed of a waterfall, and in my opinion this section would be quite impassible in the S.E. season.

The ascent of the Murray Range occupies from three to four hours of continuous climbing up a wooded face, and on my return journey in storm conditions the carriers occupied 12 hours in crossing from DONUGA Camp to the Okani gardens a distance of about 8 miles. This is a fair weather description of the journey, but what it would be like after weeks of continuous rain may be left to the imagination.

To the North of the ZARABI Valley there has been noted a fast running river bearing towards the South-East, and should this prove to be the headwater, or a Northern affluent of the Purari River - as it probably is - a water route might be found to this valley district that could be made use of in any season. This would be a tremendous boon to these saltwater & canoe bred carriers, who have been hitherto ~~have~~ called upon to make the journey overland, and who are obviously unsuited to rough mountain work.

SITE FOR PERMANENT POLICE CAMP.

Under present conditions the land behind the village of DONUGA which has hitherto been made use of as a base for Samebrigi patrols, is from every point of view the most central and tactical position for a Permanent Police Camp. Both the WARI and SUMANI

tracks across the Murray Range have their exit at this point, a commanding view of the valley is held, and the TUGI tribe so greatly feared by the Samberigi people may be reached, if necessary, in eight hours from this point. To the right the track leads to the KERRABI Valley and the villages further East, while due North lies any amount of new country which would deserve investigation.

I discussed the matter of a site with the people of DONUGA who treated the matter with their peculiar lack of interest. It is clear to me however that there would be no difficulty in making a camp on the sites suggested, providing the people were rewarded suitably; the question of the transfer of land to the Crown would be at present quite beyond their comprehension.

WATER SUPPLY & GARDENS.

The question of a water supply would not present any problems as a full and constant supply of beautiful mountain water can be obtained from neighboring creeks on any of the Valley slopes. Care would have to be taken however that the presence of a large camp did not contaminate the water supply, as every part of the ground there is a portion of the catchment area.

The creation of gardens for Police and Prisoners would be one of the first requirements, and in that direction I can hold out little hope that the local people will assist either by their labour or the sale of suitable plants. I have already in my report stressed the peculiar attitude of these people towards the visitor, whom they continue to treat with that distance and appearance of boredom, which one might adopt towards an undesirable intruder. That attitude will no doubt be modified in time but for the first few months, I would advise any visiting officer not to rely on the valley people for any assistance whatever.

The sago seen at various points was of a poor quality, being actually valued for its roofing material, and its worth may be considered negligible, so far as the feeding of prisoners is concerned.

In connection with the question of gardens, it is interesting to note that the seeds sown by Mr E.C. Saunders at Donuga, did

not germinate, no doubt owing to the continuous rains which fell causing them to rot in the waterlogged ground.

HEALTH

Judging from the appearance of the natives generally, the District must be a wonderfully healthy one. The days are quite balmy, when fine, but the nights bitterly cold, with morning fog and mists. The battery of coughing which arises from one's A.Cs and carriers in the morning is in distinct contrast to the condition of the Okenis, who do not appear to suffer from colds and chest complaints.

In opening up such a district it is important to note that the area is practically quarantined at present by reason of its inaccessibility, and in a cold and wet climate such as it is, an outbreak of even ordinary influenza would I imagine have dire results.

POPULATION.

To arrive at even an approximate idea of the population that would be served by the establishment of a Permanent Police Camp is not a very easy matter. Personally from inspecting and observing in many of their villages, noting the proportion of children to male adults, and adding a fair proportion of women, with whom it has so far been found undesirable to seek contact, I am of the opinion that the population lying towards the West, North and East and within three days journey of the Base at DONUGA would not exceed 3,000 souls, and from the indications of their good health and the small consumption of narcotics, together with their freedom from V.D., I can see no reason why such a population should not increase or at least hold its own, providing they do not in some way lose their "life interests" and let themselves go.

Of course when the eternal "pay-backs" or vendetta, which at present provide them with their greatest excitements and interests, are checked by the establishment of a Police Camp, other problems may arise

INTERESTS IN LIFE.

One of the chief interests of the Samberigi people is that associated with their tribal customs. The IAWI festival, already

minutely described by Mr A.R.M. Woodward, occurs at more frequent intervals I imagine, and the details of its preparation, and other problems of tribal life form the subjects of endless discussions and gossip in the men's communal houses.

Agriculture of course takes up a certain proportion of their time, the preliminary heavy work such as clearing and draining being performed by the men, while the women afterwards attend to the planting, weeding, and ultimate harvesting of the produce.

Like most mountain tribes however they find their true zest in life in the eternal quarrels and vendetta which occur between themselves and the neighboring peoples - especially the TUGI. Now the TUGI and the OKABI (Saberigi) are practically the same people being actually sub-divisions of one tribe. There is however little love lost between them, and as one death leads to a pay back, so the vendetta goes on indefinitely. In the same way every natural death is ascribed to the agency of some sorcerer on the opposing side.

I have ascertained however that the usual fighting is now unknown, and that each tribe is satisfied to watch the confines of the other tribe's boundary in the hope of capturing some unfortunate hunter who has strayed too far from the fold.

As a matter of fact I am of the opinion that the number of deaths by violence amongst these tribes is not great, and that one should not be led astray by a collection of skulls in a limestone cave or other evidence of homicide, as these collections may have taken years to accumulate, and a proportion of the heads may be those of their own relatives who have died from natural causes.

In observing both the SAMBERIGI and TUGI warriors strutting about in their aggressive manner, the belts loaded with tomahawk and 18" knives, I came to the conclusion that there was a great amount of stage acting about the whole thing. Like most Papuan natives these people are prone to exaggerate, and if a couple of men are captured by a hunting party from either side, the casualty ~~the valiant~~ ^{list} ~~public~~ of all proportions by the time the news has reached them

Shortly after my arrival at DONUGA (Saaberigi Valley) I was informed that only two months before two village men had been assassinated by the TUGIS and their bodies carried away. On probing into the matter during my visit to the TUGI, I learnt that the affair had taken place over two years ago, but that even yet the TUGI people were expecting a "pay-back." So far as any actual hostilities having taken place of late, I am satisfied that the TUGI people have not come East for many months, as all the tracks in their direction had to be cut afresh by my party, and none of them showed signs that they had been used for many months.

POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPMENT, RECRUITING &c.

The spectacle of a people inhabiting this vast valley system practically cut off by the mighty ranges from any extensive communication with the comparative civilization ruling to the Southward, is one that must appeal to the romantic imagination and the compassion of enthusiasts.

I have found it necessary however to report upon the District purely from a practical point of view, and I am afraid that this romantic valley has been hitherto regarded through rosy tinted spectacles, and quite erroneously regarded by some people as a verdant valley flowing with milk and honey.

My visit to the locality has convinced me that although on the first view of this great valley, after many days of the encompassing jungle growth, the scene is most impressive, on closer inspection it is found that many of the seemingly fertile garden areas are only the remains of gardens. The surface soil is not very deep - a condition due to the endless scouring it receives from the heavy rains, and the natives are forced to continually change the sites of their gardens to secure better results - hence a village may be surrounded by garden areas only 25% of which are in bearing.

The sweet potatoes seen and purchased were of very inferior quality - being small and badly nourished, and the sugar-cane the next great stand-by is not to be compared to that grown in the

Eastern portions of the Territory. The tare is only fair. From the bananas however one may obtain a good idea of the quality of the soil, & I must say they were the poorest bananas I have seen, both in size of bunch and quality of fruit.

Of course it must be remembered that all these were growing at an altitude of some 5800 feet, so their quality was perhaps not a fair index of soil value. The seeds however that Mr P.O. Saunders sowed failed to germinate, no doubt owing to the waterlogged condition of the soil.

The tobacco plant grows luxuriantly, and I have an idea that coffee and tea might prosper on the valley slopes at this altitude.

On the whole I cannot regard the Bamberigi and neighboring valleys as remarkable for their fertility, and I am afraid that a Permanent Police Camp would for the first few months at least have to rely exclusively on a rice supply for the upkeep of police & carriers with consequent heavy expenditure in funds.

From a recruiting point of view the area offers no inducements until a better route can be found.

TREND OF THE ADVANCE OF GOVERNMENT INFLUENCE.

It has been my experience in the West that it is much more easy to bring a new tribe under Government influence, if that tribe is in touch with people who have already been brought under satisfactory control. From their neighbors the shy people acquire some knowledge of the Government and its methods; they note the authority of the village constable and the gradual improvement in the lives of their friends, until almost invariably their self respect or whatever it may be termed receives a shock when they realise that they are looked upon as "business" or people outside the fold. In due time these people will make overtures, and be ultimately brought under complete control.

The position of the OKANI people is quite different. They are to a great extent isolated from the tribes in the South, and separated from them by that no-man's land of bad country through which Lapi Creek runs. In this respect the Bara people are too small a community to form a connecting link, and they are blood relations.

It is partly for this reason - a very important one I think - that I would suggest that an attempt be made to extend the advance of Government influence from the S.E. by way of the PURARI River so that the chain of Village Contsbales and peaceful tribes may eventually connect and form an unbroken chain to the valley.

The hope of inducing the OKANI to visit KIKORI and the South in large numbers is slender, as the journey necessitated is something by way of an achievement even for a native.

CONCLUSION

In my opinion the practicability of opening a permanent Police Camp in the District rests entirely upon this question of accessibility, and until a better way be found for the carriage of supplies, I strongly recommend that the proposal be held over.

The grave doubt as to the possibility of keeping open the lines of communication during the wet South East season, and the hardships which would necessarily be suffered by coastal carriers on the present route, might I suggest have due consideration.

I finally recommend that a portion of any funds to be allotted for the establishment of a Permanent Police Camp in the Samberigi Valley, be made available at the close of the present South East season for an attempt by launch and single canoes to reach the ERANA River by way of the upper waters of the PURARI, or a Northern affluent, so that the current of Government influence may be advanced from the South-East into the valleys beyond.

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