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**PATROL REPORT.**

STATION NUMBER.

**1/33-34****BANIARA**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **J. S. Fowler, A. S. M.** to  
**NIABA thence to coast via KUHARI & UAKWAPU** for the purpose of  
**Arresting alleged murderers & general inspection**

Left Station on **24/7/33** Returned to Station **29/7/33**  
 Number of Carriers employed **20** Number of Police taken **4**  
 Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **whaleboat ANVARO natives**  
 Villages visited **as per body of report**

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary. *K.M.*Date **1/8/33**, 193

*J. S. Fowler*  
 Officer in charge of Station.

PATROL REPORT NO 1 of 1933--4 BANIARA

Patrol to HUABA thence to Coast via MONARI and WAKWAKI.

Arresting alleged Murderers and General Inspection.

July 24th to July 29th 1933.

J. G. Fowler A. R. N.

July 24th Left the Station in whaleboat with 3 A. C. L/C DAHI, H. G. Barton and crew of ABEARD natives. Arrived at GAIWANAKI at 11 a. m. and returned boat to BANIARA. V. C. NKERI reported with 2 natives charged with sorcery. They admitted that they had boiled a stone in coconut milk and then placed it on the body of a sick man to kill him, and that it did so. They were wild with their victim for killing their brother with Paripari. They were sentenced to 6 mos imprisonment.

I was asked to see a sick man in the village. The Mission Teacher had no even Epsom Salts to give him. I found the old man suffering from stoppage of the bowels. Did all I could for him but fear he was too far gone. The HUABA Councillor reported that a murder to pay back for the recent killing of WATUKARA at HAWANDOH had taken place and he supplied names of the accused.

July 25th Left GAIWANAKI at 7 a. m. passed along a clack road to SIGIRI and camped. Sent L/C DAHI, A. C. NAM and 2 V. C. To HAWANDOH with instructions to find out where the wanted murderers were, and to steal on them during the night, as it would be almost impossible to arrest them in daylight.

July 26th Arrived at HUABA about noon. Shortly after L/C DAHI reported with the wanted men. It appears that two of them had gone to another village but the A. C. got them at night. The third man was living in the dense scrub miles away. The A. C. crept on him just before daylight. He was alarmed and made a desperate run to escape but he was cleverly overtaken by A. C. NAM and eventually handcuffed. This is the third murder since the death of ex V. C. and Interpreter DESI and 16 men are under committal for the 3 murders. The last victim was quite innocent of taking any hand in the murder for which he was made to pay.

July 27th Left HUABA at 6 a. m. and arrived at IOMI at 9 a. m.

There are 3 houses all in good order. But road not at all satisfactory. People cautioned. Arrives at MONARI about 11.30 a. m. V. C. SIGARI reported. Villages and houses in fair condition. He was cautioned strongly about his road.

July 28th Left MONARI at 5.30 a. m. passed along a well kept road to GURUKWAIA 10 houses. Two villagers dealt with for bad houses. IAKI village 3 houses found satisfactory. Councillor OPA seems a good man. Arrived at UAKWAFU, V. C. WAVINA, about noon. Rest house and village good. No offences reported.

July 29th Left UAKWAFU at daylight walked along the bank of the WUABA river and reached BAJIRA village of 4 houses. Only a couple of women present. Continued over a swampy track and reached BUKU on the coast at noon. Boarded the whaleboat and arrived at the station at 5.45 p. m. Found all well.

*A. R. M.*  
A. R. M.





[G.P. 67.]

# PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.  
**2/35 -34**

**BANIARA**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **J. C. Fowler A.R.M.** to **BOIANAI.** for the purpose of **Inspection and Tax Collecting**

Left Station on **25th September** Returned to Station on **29th 1933.**

Number of Carriers employed **6** Number of Police taken **4.**

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **Whaleboat No.12.**

Villages visited **RADAVA, KEIBODA, VURAWARA, WADUWA, KE. ANIBANA.**

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary. **R.M.**

Date **2/30/33.**, 193.

**J. C. Fowler**  
Officer in charge of Station.

PATROL REPORT NO.2. 1933-34 BANIARA.

Patrol to BOIANAI for the purpose of inspection and tax collecting.

September 25th to 28th 1933.

BY J. G. Fowler. A. R. M.

September 25th. Left the station in whaleboat at 7-30 a.m. Accompanied by 4 A.C. and a crew of local natives. Rowed all the way and reached BOIANAI at 1 p.m. V.C. and Councillors reported. Found that the kitchen and latrine at the Rest House had collapsed and no effort had been made by V.C. SHARP to rebuild them. Called on Rev. W. LIGHT.

September 26th. Holding Court for Native Matters. Villages of RADAVA, KHIRODA, VURAWARA, WADOBUNA, MHIKURANA were found in order. Collected 241-10-0 taxes. Natives have had this money banked for 2 years.

September 27th. Raining torrents. Holding C.N.M. and instructing Councillors in their duties.

September 28th. Inquiring into complaints against V.C. EKERI and V.C. SHARP. The former ~~was~~ for trying to force a widow to marry him and the latter for assaulting village women. Am recommending the dismissal of both these V.C. They are quite unfitted to hold their positions. Left BOIANAI at 2.15 p.m. and returned to station at 7-10 P.M.

*J. G. Fowler*  
A.R.M. Baniara. N.E.D.

2nd October, 1933.



# PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.  
No. J/33-34.

BANIARA.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. G. Fowler. A. R. N. to  
MUKAWA, BOGABOGA, IASI-ASI, WABUBU & DABORA for the purpose of  
inspection and Native Taxation work.

Left Station on 17th October Returned to Station on 21st October, 1933.

Number of Carriers employed 8 Number of Police taken 1

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whaleboat J. G. Fowler

Villages visited KAKSIA, KUROKURO, MUKAWA, IABIABATA, TABIAPONA, KIBIRISI,  
RAUSHWA, GINADAY DOWARA, KURIWAMA, HAWABANAKI, KARIWA, BAEU,  
IRIWOWONA, KARAJA, WABUBU, PARUGU, BANIBANI, HAWABANAKI, & MAKABAKA.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary. J.G.M.

Date 24/10, 1933.

J. G. Fowler  
Officer in charge of Station.

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PATROL REPORT BANJARA. NO. 2.

Patrol to MUKAWA, BOGABOGA, IASI-ASI, WABUBU & DABORA  
For the purpose of inspection and Native taxation work. --

October 17th to 21st 1933.

BY J. G. Fowler. A. R. M.

Oct 17th. - Left the Station in whaleboat at 7.30 a.m. with 4 A.C. and a local crew of 8. Pulled all the way to BOGABOGA and went ashore. Mr. Petersen was camped here. From MENAPI to BOGABOGA, he had not found a single case of V.D. Yet from MENAPI to BOJANAI, Mr. Whithouse had sent in 33 alleged V.D. patients for Samarai Hospital. Continued to MUKAWA dropping anchor at 5.30 p.m.

Oct 18th. - A new Rest House has been built. The villages of KAKHIA, KUROKUBO, MUKAWA, RAVE, and IABIABATA and the roads were all in order and the coconut plantation very clean. V.C. BIGA is efficient and experienced. Collected taxes. Only one defaulter, Family Bonus paid. No Court Cases. These natives wish to plant coffee.

Oct 19th. - Left at 5.30 a.m. Met Mr. Petersen on his canoe bound for MUKAWA. Anchored at BOGABOGA (V.C. KAKAMARA) at 7.30 a.m. Found villages TARIAPUNA, KIBIRISI, and RAUSEWA, and plantation orders satisfactory. Collected taxes, no defaulters, Family Bonus paid. GINADA, DOWARA, KURIWAMA, NAWABANAKI villages also inspected and found in order. The taxable natives of these villages came to BOGABOGA and paid their taxes. Only 3 defaulters, who were allowed 3 mos in which to pay.

Oct 20th. - Proceeded to IASIASI (V.C. KAKAMARA). Villages of KORISA, KARIWA, BAKU, IRIWOWONA, KARAIKAI inspected and found in order. Taxes collected all paid. Family Bonus paid. These natives also wish to plant coffee. Went on to WABUBU (V.C. KAKAMARA) villages NAWABANAKI, WABUBU, DARUGU, BANIBANI, and MAKAMAKA clean. One man dealt with for bad house. Roads were clean plantation dirty. People given a chance to clean it up at once. I think a V.C. is necessary here. V.C. KAKAMARA of BOGABOGA is too far away and has already quite as many villages as he can properly supervise. About a dozen natives had no money to pay taxes. They truthfully explained that the local Trader,

Mr. Spiller would not buy Copra and pay cash and that they could not earn money locally. I arranged to supply them with bags at cost price and ship their sun dried Copra to Samarai for sale. This will assist them to pay their taxes.

Oct 21st. - Left WABUBU at 6 a.m. and arrived at DABORA Village at 8 a.m. V.C. NIWARA reported. Only two natives could pay their taxes. The defaulters had the same excuse as WABUBU. I made a similar arrangement re Copra. The villages were clean and houses good. Left DABORA at 10 a.m. A good land breeze moved us along and we arrived at BANIARA at 12-30 p.m. Total taxes collected £73. Total Family Bonus paid £9:5

*247*  
Assistant Resident Magistrate.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.					Returned	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used	Government Cost.		
Rice	100	30	60		90	13 2	10	
Biscuits								
Meat								
Sugar								
Tea								
Soap								
Tobacco	5 lbs	1 lb	1 lb	1 lb	3 lbs	1	4 lbs	
Matches	1 doz	3	3	6 bxs		2	6	
Kerosene	1 gal			1 gal		1	1	
Tents								
Files								
Lamps	2						2	
Buckets	1						2	
Kerosene Cans	1						1	
Knives and tin								
Knives, 18 in.								
Knives, others								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Boards								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks								
Cash payment to carriers								
2 @ 64 per day 5 days						1	0	0
					Total \$	2	17	6

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

# PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.  
**4/1933-54.**

**BANIHARA.** STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **J. G. Fowler** to  
**GIWA along the coast to VIDIA** for the purpose of  
**patrol and general work.**

Left Station on **7/11/33** Returned to Station on **11/11/33.**

Number of Carriers employed **6** Number of Police taken **4.**

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **Whaleboat J.G. Fowler.**

Villages visited **GIWA, BUKU, GAIWANAKI, NUBUNUBU, KERORO, VIDIA, BAIWATA,  
BOIADAI.**

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary. **J.P.M.**

Date **16th November**, 19**33.**

*J. G. Fowler*  
Officer in charge of Station

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19/34

A.R.M., Baniars.

Child welfare work, Mrs. C. V. Light, Bolanai.

In Patrol Report No. 4/1933-34, under date of 16th November,

the following entry appears:-

"Mrs. Light is doing wonderful work for the native babies."

What is it that Mrs. Light does?

G.S. 4. 1.34

Copy to  
A/P. S. D.

PATROL REPORT - BANIAFA NO.4 of 1933-34.

Patrol from GIWA to VIDIA. Purpose - Taxation and General work.

From 7/11/33 to 11/11/33.

By J. G. Fowler, A. R. M.

Nov. 7th. - Left the statica by whaleboat at 8 a.m. with 4 A.C., Native Clerk, Interpreter, and a local crew of 6. Arrived at GIWA at 10 a.m. Found Rest House, Villages, Roads and Plantation in good order. V.C. Osborne summoned his taxable natives, 3 defaulters from DIDIWA were dealt with. A number were absent in Lock Hospital at Samarai.

After completing the work here continued by whaleboat to BUKU (V.C. WHEBAI). Rest House, roads and plantation satisfactory, one villager punished for neglecting to repair his house. Preparations were being made for a feast. Three natives died recently from pneumonia influenza. None sick at present. Collected taxes. Eight defaulters from GOMOROMORO village, not having paid previous years and quite indifferent about this years tax, were sentenced to imprisonment. Heavy squalls compelled us to pull the whaleboat ashore and camp for the night.

Nov 8th. - Arrived by whaleboat at GAIWANAKI V.C. TEPUDU. Collected taxes 3 defaulters from TAKITAKI deal with. Went on to HUBUNUBU (V.C. GAIWANA). Found all in order. And little difficulty here in collecting taxes. Continued to KIRCZO (V.C. ROMNEY). These natives were all away and the V.C. had considerable trouble in getting the dozen men who paid. Camped for the night. Very heavy rain fell.

Nov 9th. - Reached VIDIA at noon. Found natives building a new Rest House village and roads well kept. V.C. JARUS of BOIANAI now controls this village, and is doing good work. There are still a number of this tribe living in the hills behind. Collected about four taxes. Called at BAIWAPA village, all the people absent. Left order for them to come to BOIANAI in the morning. Reached BOIANAI at 6 p.m. and camped for the night. V.C. JARUS has timber ready for a new Rest House. Two orange trees just planted, look healthy.

Nov 10th. - Held C.M.M. women and pig cases. Paid family Loans to over 40 claimants. Mrc. Light is doing wonderful work for the native babies. BAIWAPA natives reported. Left BOIANAI at 2 p.m. and camped at UGA for the night. Heavy rain fell.

Nov 11th:- Returned to Station about 10 a.m. just as heavy rain  
commenced to fall. Taxes collected 250:5:0. Bonus paid 210:4:0.

*J. Fowler*  
Assistant Resident Magistrate.  
Kaniara N.E.D. 16/11/55.



# PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

4-33/34.

**BANIARA. H..E..P.**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **C. HEAVY** to

**Northern boundary**

for the purpose of

**TAX COLLECTING**

Left Station on **21th January** Returned to Station on **28th January 1934.**

Number of Carriers employed **5 crew** Number of Police taken **6.**

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **Station whaleboat.**

Villages visited **KWANGASAP, MIJINA, PEM, MUKAWA, BOGABOGA, BAKU.**

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date **1st February**, 193**4.**

*C. Heavy*  
Officer in charge of Station.

PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1933/34

BANIARA N.E.D.

Patrol to Northern boundary for the purpose of finishing  
1933/34 tax-collecting. 11th Jan to 18th January. C.Healy P.O.

11th Thursday Left BANIARA at 8.0 A.M. With a light breeze  
in our favour we went on to SIBIRIBIRI - here the wind dropped  
and we rowed to MUKAWA where we arrived at 6.0 P.M.

12th Friday Leaving MUKAWA at 9.0 A.M. we went on to PEM  
where we arrived at 5.30 P.M. Instructed people to gather at  
PEM on Tuesday and await my return.

13th Saturday Leaving PEM at 6.30 A.M. went on to KWANSASAP where  
we arrived at 6.30 P.M.

14th Sunday Stayed at KEWANSASAP. Sent out for people from  
small surrounding villages to gather at KEWANSASAP on Monday.

15th Monday Taxes collected and Family Bonus paid. A few small  
trivial native matters adjusted. Inspected village and found  
it clean and in good order. Left KEWANSASAP at 11.0 A.M.  
and went back to MIDINA where we arrived at 5.30 P.M. Gave out  
word for all people to gather tomorrow morning.

16th Tuesday Collected tax and paid Family bonus. Checked  
census and made amendments and additions etc. Inspected village  
and found it in fair order. Instructed V.C. to have grass cut  
between Rest-house and village. Very few Tax-defaulters. Left  
MIDINA and went on to PEM where camp was made at 6.0 P.M.

17th Wednesday Collected tax etc. Inspected village and found all  
in order. Jetty in good order - recently repaired. No disputes  
or N.M. cases brought forward. Instructed all Tax-Defaulters  
to report at BANIARA within one month.

Left PEM at noon and went on to MUKAWA where we arrived at  
6.0 P.M.

Patrol Report No. 4 BANIARA N.E.D.

18th Thursday

Left MUKAWA at 7.0 A.M. and proceeded to BOGABOGA. Inspected village and found it clean. Inspected the village pump and water supply. The pump is out of commission and the water salt. At present the village people get water from a creek about  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile away. I instructed the V.C. to dig in other places and try and find water near the village and informed him that when water was found the pump would be shifted to a new site. Leaving BOGABOGA went on to BAKU. Inspected the village pump and well. The water is very good but the pump is out of order. Dismantled the pump and will take it to BANIARA where I will try and repair it. When this is done I will send the Corporal to install the pump at BAKU and bring in the BOGABOGA pump. Left BAKU and went on to BANIARA where we arrived at 5.0 P.M.

*C. Healy*

P.C. 1.2.34

TAX COLLECTED - 2.58. 10. 0.

FAMILY BONUS PAID. 2. 14. 0.





[G.P. 67.]

# PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

5-23/34.

BABARA, N.E.D. STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by C. HEALY A.R.M. to

FUDUWARA DISTRICT for the purpose of  
GENERAL PATROL.

Left Station on 10.2.34 returned to Station on 13.2.34.

Number of Carriers employed 22 Number of Police taken 4.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Walehee

Villages visited BOJANAT, GURAWARA, WAKAWADIDI, BINAMATA, HAKARA.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 14th March 1934, 1934.

*C. Healy*  
A.R.M.  
Officer in charge of Station.

PATROL REPORT NO.5. of 1933/34.

BANIARA N. E.D.

Report of a patrol to FUDUWANA and DENEWA Districts for general purposes.  
A.Cs. GABA, AIKAI, PAIEKI, and NAM also Court Interpreter TUTUANA.

10.2.34 SATURDAY. Left BANIARA at 1.0 P.M. and proceeded by whaleboat across to BOIANAI where we arrived at 6.30 P.M. Made camp in Rest House.

11.2.34. SUNDAY. Arranged for carriers and made up loads. Inspected the village and found it in excellent order - very clean and well kept. Visited the Mission station. Pulled the whaleboat up and had it covered with coconut fronds.

12.2.34. MONDAY. Left BOIANAI at 7.30 A.M. and proceeded through the GURAWARA villages. Villages in good order and clean. Road good. After leaving GURAWARA followed up the SOWA creek for some miles and then climbed to the top of a razor-back and followed it up for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile (1500 ft.) Descended a steep incline to the SINI creek where about 30 men and women were waiting for me. After enquiries I found that these people have no village but live in scattered houses. I spent an hour talking to them and at last they decided to build a village on the right bank of the SINI. They took me to the spot and I think it will be a good village site. It appears there was a village further down the SINI but about 3 or 4 years ago a number of people died and it was deserted. After some more talking it was decided to make BORIGIONA a councillor. This man is one of head-men of the tribe and by making him a councillor it may help to bring the people in. As they are living at present it is rather hard to get in touch with them.

Followed up the SINI until 1.0 P.M. and had lunch. After lunch continued following the SINI and then left it on the left bank and climbed to WARAWADIDI VILLAGE (2800 ft.) By the look of this village it has not been lived in for some time but still there were quite a number of people awaiting me. I made enquiries why they had left the village and found that about 4 months ago 3 men and one woman had died in the space of 2 weeks, and then the people had left the village and are now living in garden houses.

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BANIABA N. E. D.

13.2.34. TUESDAY. Stayed at WARAWADIDI. Sent out to get all the people in from surrounding garden houses. After the people had arrived I spoke to them for some time and it was then decided to ~~xxx~~ build a village a little further down the ridge. Clearing the new site was commenced during the afternoon. Food not too plentiful - very little brought into camp.

14.2.34. WEDNESDAY. Left WARAWADIDI at 7.30 A.M. and climbed to 4000 ft. then followed along the side of a range and descended to the WADESA creek to its junction with KUTU. Here there is a Rest House. People from surrounding hamlets were gathered here with a small quantity of food. I am told that this is a bad season for food as the old garden are just about played out and the new ones have not yet started to bear. After dark some more people came in with food. The road passed over today was very bad and in parts dangerous - a slip would mean a drop of hundreds of feet. I instructed the V.C. to have the road cleaned within one month and I would send an A.C. to see that this had been done.

15th.2.34. THURSDAY. A fair number of people present at the Rest House. I gathered them all together and spoke to the V.C., Councillor and old-men on the advantages of having a village and told them to consider the matter. After about an hour I was told by the councillor that they would build a village a short distance up the WADESA creek. Paid off a number of WARAWADIDI carriers and selected others to take their place. Left Resthouse at 9.0. A.M. and had a little difficulty in crossing the KUTU river which is in flood. After crossing the KUTU the V.C. informed me that the Govt. track lay in the river bed but as the river was so high we would have to go across the ranges by a native pad. From the KUTU we climbed over a range and then descended and after walking some distance we came to the main road. After climbing for about half an hour we came out on a spur and I could see across the valley and several small houses scattered over the ranges. I was informed that the people from these houses had come down to the Rest House at the WADESA.

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BANIARA N. E. D.

15.2.34. Thursday contd.

Continued climbing until we reached 4,100 ft. and then followed along the top of the dividing range between the KUTU and KIGARA rivers. Lunched on the top of the range. After following the range for about two miles we descended to BINAMATA. BINAMATA consists of one house. Leaving BINAMATA we descended to the KIGARA - crossed and made camp at 4.30 P.M. KIGARA creek in flood. A large number of people visited the camp with food for sale.

16.2.34. FRIDAY. Stayed at camp on KIGARA river. A large number of people visited the camp. Food seems plentiful in this part of the district.

There are a number ~~mtf~~ of DENEWA people present. The BINAMATA people have asked them down to a small Xmas - no dance, just a distribution of food. Council ~~mtf~~ Meeting held during the afternoon. Discussed better roads and bigger and better villages. At present these people have no villages worthy of the name. One day a week was fixed for Govt. work - cleaning roads and villages, etc.

Each councillor was given a piece of fishing cord with seven knots - each knot representing a day. The first knot represented the day on which Govt. work was to be done.

17.2.34. SATURDAY. Left camp at 7 A.M. and proceeded over a small range and descended to the NAKARA creek. Followed this creek down to the coast. Heavy rain falling all day.

18.2.34. SUNDAY. Left NAKARA BOSS House at 3.0 A.M. and proceeded with a light land breeze across to BANIARA where I arrived at 7.30 A.M.

G E N E R A L .

It was my intention to go from BINAMATA up the UGA river to the DENEWA country but owing to the very heavy rain and the creeks and rivers being in flood I abandoned this idea and went back to BANIARA. The road to the DENEWA country lies mostly in the river bed.

The roads traversed were in parts in good condition but in other parts very bad. I instructed the people to have their roads clean within one month and report when this has been done. Native food was not too plentiful around PUDUWANA but at BINAMATA much more than was needed was brought into camp and I was informed that the gardens are bearing well.

All around I think the health of the people is good - The only place where I noticed a big percentage of sores was at MANISIA I was told by these people that they had received injections at the Mission station at BOIANAI.



Assistant Resident Magistrate,

BANIARA N.E.D.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice ...	200	50	50		100	9 4	100	
Biscuits ...								
Ment ...	5	5			5	1 5	--	
Sugar ...	10 lbs				5 <sup>0</sup>	10	5	
Tea ...								
Soap ...	1 bar	1 bar			1 bar	6	--	
Tobacco ...	21	1	20		21	2 4 9	10	
Matches ...	1 doz.	6		6	6	6	--	
Kerosene ...	2 gals	1		1	1 gal		1 gal.	
Tents ...	1						1	
Flies ...								
Lamps ...	2						2	
Buckets ...	2						2	
Kerosene Cans ...	2						2	
Knives and Sheaths	---						---	
Knives, 10 in. ...	2						2	
Knives, others ...								
Belts ...								
Pouches ...								
Paint ...								
Twill ...								
Handkerchiefs ...								
Beads ...								
Mirrors ...								
Axes ...								
Half Axes ...	2						2	
Tomahawks ...	1						1	
Salt.	20			20	20	1 8	---	
					Total \$	3 73	1	

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

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[G.P. 67.]

# PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

6.33/34.

BANIARA.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by G. Healy A..R..M. to  
Eastern Boundary. for the purpose of  
General Patrol.

Left Station on 23th March 1934 Returned to Station on 30th March 1934.

Number of Carriers employed \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge \_\_\_\_\_

Villages visited BOIANAI. VIDIA. AND BAIWAPA.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 2. 4. 193 4

*G. Healy*  
Officer in charge of Station.

PATROL REPORT No.6 of 33/34

BANIARA N.E.D.


Report of a patrol to the Eastern boundary for the purpose of a general patrol. A.Cs GABA, PAIEKI and AIKAI.

March 28th Wednesday Left station at 11.30 A.M. and proceeded by whaleboat to BOIANAI where camp was made at 6.30 P.M.

29th Thursday Proceeded along the coast to LAIWAPA. Camped at LAIWAPA owing to heavy rain and squalls. LAIWAPA is a small village but very clean and well laid out. All paths are edged with whitewashed stones and crotens. A Councillor appointed - (WATULO). No complaints.

30th Friday Proceeded on to VIDIA. Inspected village and found all in order. A small dispute re gardens adjusted out of court. Proceeded back to BOIANAI where we arrived at 3.30 P.M. A.C. KOIVI reported at 9.0P.M. with a message from BANIARA saying that Mr. Fowler A.R.M. would be returning to BANIARA by the ELNVALA leaving Samarai about Monday.

31st Saturday Left BOIANAI in the early hours of the morning and with a light land breeze sailed across to BANIARA

  
A.R.M. 2.4.34





**PATROL REPORT.**

STATION NUMBER.

**8/33-34.****BANIARA.** STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **J.C. Fowler A.R.M.** to  
**WAMBIA District and KUKUIA** for the purpose of  
**General Inspection.**

Left Station on **30/4/34** Returned to Station on **5/5/34.**

Number of Carriers employed **prisoners.** Number of Police taken **2.**

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **whaleboat V.C. BIGA.**

Villages visited **TOPUNAKI, MENAPI, KOKOBUA, IOGUBA, PUPUA, KEBIKERIKONA,  
DABORA, WABUBU, MAKAMAKA, KAWABANAKI, BAHIBANI, DARUGU, BAKU, GINADA, BOGABOGA,  
IRIWONONA, TAPIO, KARUASI, MAGABARA, BUSIANAKI, PEN, MAIKERA, YARAMI, PIU,  
OSOKOA, REBUA, KUKUIA, KAIAGA, VIGOVIGORO.**

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G.P. 67. 33-34-750.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary *R.M.*

Date **6th May 1934.**, 193.

*J.C. Fowler*  
 Officer in charge of Station. **A.R.M.**

Patrol Report BANIARA. No 38 of 1933-4

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Patrol from BANIARA to WAMSIA district and KUKUIA.

By J. G. Fowler A. R. M.

30/4 to 5/5/1934

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Apr 30th Left the Station at 8 a/ m in the whaleboat, with two A. G. and a crew of prisoners. Crossed to TUPINAKI village, 6 houses, Everything satisfactory. Reached MENAPI at 9.30 a. m. 42 houses in good repair and village clean. At the request of Rev F. Lane spoke to the scholars of the benefits of regular attendance at school. Ordered V. G. WAKWA to have Govt road along the shore cleaned at once. Left at 11.30 a. m. and proceeded in boat to KOKOBUA. Villages IOGUBA PUFUA, and KOKOBUA were inspected. IOGUBA road and village not in good condition. Natives dealt with. KWRIKWRIKONA and DABORA were next visited and found well kept. Continued to WABUBU arriving there at dusk. Camped for the night.

May 1st Four houses in WABUBU found still bad and owners had to be punished. MAKAMAKAS houses, HAWABOEAKI 7 houses, BANIBANI 7 houses DARUGU 14 houses were inspected. I then walked to the Mission Station and had a chat with R. L. Bishop Newton. Returned to boat and pulled along the coast to BAKU, GINADA and BOGABOGA. The last named village had 9 bad houses. Owners given one month to repair. IRIWOWONA village has 13 houses. I condemned 10 of these and ordered new ones to be built at once. BOGABOGA plantation of coconuts and the Suspension bridge at GINADA were in good order. When the moon rose we travelled by boat to TAPIO past MUKAWA and stayed for the night.

May 2nd Sent the boat to KARUASI and continued patrol on foot. TAPIO houses and road as usual, just passable. The KARUASI section of road as usual not clean, and suspension bridge in a bad and dangerous state. Gang rotten and I had to walk on one wire. These people seem determined not to do Govt work. They have no V. G. but were a better when they had I gave 7 of them 3 wka imp. The perpetual punishing of these natives for breaches of regulations is discouraging. It seems impossible to improve them by leniency or appeal to their pride. At 1 p. m. sent the whale boat back to BANIARA. Walked to MAGABARA 3 houses. Road very dirty. Natives dealt with. BUSIYAKI 3 houses in order. Reached PFM

at 4 p. m. Village, road and Rest House fair. ~~then~~ Guba burst upon houses and coconut<sup>s</sup> swayed to an alarming extent. The natives ran out of their houses and I stepped from the rest house to the low cook house. The heavy blow and rain lasted for over an hour. Then some more excitement. A crocodile was seen swimming into the creek from the sea. A. C. GABA shot it through the head and it turned over dead. The natives were frantic with delight. It appears to have eaten numerous village dogs and pigs and badly wounded Mr Healy's alsatian dog. It was a young one measuring only 9 ft long. A number of natives seen cooked and ate it. A. C. GABA was a hero for the hour.

May 3rd Left PEM at 7 a. m. road very heavy and wet. Passed through TO TOTOTO 5 houses, and found the MAIKERA natives who live off the road had not cleaned their section. Six of these men were imprisoned for 14 days. Reached IARAMI Rest house in heavy rain. Ordered these natives to repair roof of rest house at once. Rain continued for the remainder of the day and night.

May 4th Left IARAMI rest house at 7 a. m. Inspected IARAMI 6 houses PIU 4 houses, OROKOA 4 houses and at 10 a. m. arrived at REBUA 8 houses. The last named was the village of the late Sargt, STEPHEN who was executed. The villagers had heard that he was dead but professed ignorance of the reason ~~the~~ <sup>for</sup> his death. I told them, and they silently shook their heads. They gave us two legs of kangaroo. From here to KUKUIA village the road was in a dreadful state, grass over our waists. On arriving at KUKUIA found the rest house and barracks in a deplorable state. Sent for the V. C who strolled in slowly. He gave no reason for not reporting at BANIARA for 6 mos and his neglect of duty. I gave him two mos imp and recommend his dismissal. Mr Grist described him as USELESS. I concur. Six of these natives also dealt with for breaches of the regulations governing house and road. More rain all through the night. The iron building of the Vogel Petroleum Co stands here ~~still~~.

May 5th Left KUKUIA at 7 a. m. Passed KAIAGA 2 houses no people and had breakfast at VICOVIGORO 4 houses. No native in the village. Continued to the coast at CMORA over one of the hardest roads I have yet travelled. On the hills the road is a water course with barely

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sufficient room for our feet. On the flat country mud and water  
up to our knees. We were pleased to arrive at ABUARA and crossed  
the station in the whale boat at 2 p. m.

*A. R. M.*

A. R. M.

8/5/34.

A.R.M. OFFICE,

BANIARA N.E.D.

65/25/34.

The Hon.,

Government Secretary.

Last number used Patrol Reports 1933-34 was 9.

*A.R.M.*  
A.R.M.

1/7/34.

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Adm. Sec., Malabar

Patrol Report 1934.

The reports of Mr. Healy's patrols to the Northern boundary between the 11th and 18th January and to the Paduwana District between the 10th and 18th February were numbered by him 4 and 5/30-34 respectively. They were, however, the fifth and sixth patrols for the District for the year, and their numbers have been altered here accordingly. Will you please alter your numbering to suit.

G.S. S. 4.34

Copy to  
R.M.W.E.D.





**PATROL REPORT.**

STATION NUMBER.

9.

**BANIARA**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **J. G. Fowler, A.R.M.** to  
**DENEWA VIA UGA** for the purpose of  
**General Purposes.**

Left Station on **11/6/34** Returned to Station on **22/6/34.**

Number of Carriers employed **25.** Number of Police taken **4.**

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **Whaleboat A.C. BAWORO.**

Villages visited **UGA, ANGWANA, ARITABU, IKARA, WABUMBA, BONINEP, MENAPU,  
 BIRORO, BURAEVA, GWADAGWADA, SIGIRU, TAKITAKI, GAIWANAKI, BUKU, GIWA.**

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary. *R.M.*

Date **25/6/**, 19**34.**

*J. G. Fowler*  
 Officer in charge of Station.



PATROL REPORT NO.9. BANIAKA.

Patrol to DENEWA district via UGA made by J.G.Fowler A.R.M. for general purposes

From 11th June to 22nd June 1934.

June 11th. Left the Station in whaleboat at 8.30 a.m. accompanied by 4 A.C. and crew of local natives. Strong S.E. wind and sea. Arrived at UGA in BONABONA passage, and went ashore at 11 a.m. Found that the V.C.(NEWARI) had got busy when he heard that a patrol was coming and had started on a new Rest House. Therefore I had to camp in the Mission Guest House. I inspected villages. Three houses in bad state of repair. Owners pleaded that the V.C. had not ordered repairs. I gave them a month in which to make them good. Sent V.C. for 15 carriers. He had 10. I told him to have 5 more by 6 a.m. next morning. Sent A.C.AIKAI to SIRISIRI and got carriers. Returned boat to Baniara.

June 12th. Waited until 7 a.m. for the V.C. and five carriers. Then I sent an A.C. to find him. Apparently he had made no personal effort to get the carriers. At 8.30 a.m. the V.C. and 5 carriers arrived and I was able to proceed to AUGWANA. The section of the UGA people's road was very bad. V.C.NEWARI had unfavorable reports from Messrs Grist and Rich. I decided that it was useless to retain his services any longer. I am recommending his dismissal and the appointment of a more capable and energetic man. The road right through to AUGWANA was overgrown, with grass. Arrived there at noon. The natives had just completed a good Rest House and were busy finishing a new house for the A.C. and other native travellers. There was been no V.C., since KATAKARUA resigned. I selected KAUPA for the vacancy. About a month ago an old man named KABAI went along to hunt for a pig. His dogs returned home but neither he nor his body can be found. All the people have searched the dense jungle but failed to find any trace of him. They have no suspicion of foul play, believe that he speared a wild boar and the animal killed him. They mentioned that another hunter had been killed and eaten by pigs, and all they could discover was a small piece of his leg bone. I instructed the people not to abandon their search for some trace of him. Replaced some of the UGA carriers by AUGWANA men. Raining heavily.

June 13th. Left AUGWANA at 8 a.m. climbing over creek boulders and a dirty wet and difficult goat track until we reached ARITABU (DENEWA) at 3 p.m. Raining and wet through. There is only a Councillor at this place, and a small scattered population. Rest House needs repairs and road immediate attention. The V.C. for DENEWA will be ordered to see this is done.

June 14th. Owing to rain decided not to leave here. Talked to the people.

June 15th. Left ARITABU in rain at 6 a.m. Travelled over a very rough and badly kept <sup>track</sup> ~~track~~. Arrived at IKARA (DENEWA) at 3 p.m. Rest House only fair and a broken down A.C. barracks. About 200 people assembled, no complaints. plenty of food. No V.C. present, sent for V.C. KEKEMAIA. He arrived at night, and admitted that he had not visited IKARA for many months or seen the roads and rest house. I am pleased with the DENEWA tribe. They are as healthy, cheerful and willing as any native people in Papua. Judging by the number of babies and comparing the census of the villages with the figures taken by Mr. Grist, it would appear that the population is increasing. It is estimated at 750 souls. It is an easy matter for an efficient V.C. to get these people to do any Government work required. In view of the reports by Messrs Grist and Rich and my experience, I think it advisable to recommend the dismissal of KEKEMAIA and replace him by a more interested and energetic man, in the person of EVAKOROTO, a brother of A.C. IBARA. Selected 25 DENEWA carriers, no less than fifty volunteered. Noticed two healthy young orange trees growing. Still raining.

June 16th. Left IKARA at 7 a.m. It was impossible to cross the UGA river. The track to WABUKA village on the steep slopes had not been cleaned for over a year. It had to be opened up for us to proceed. WABUMEA village of 8 houses was found in order, 62 people were counted. All healthy. Arrived at BONINEP village at 11 a.m. Village and 8 houses all in order, 37 people counted. Descended to the UGA river again. Crossing over a bridge of sticks one carrier fell through and was carried down the river before he was rescued. He sustained several abrasions and a severe blow on the back. I treated him and had him assisted back to IKARA. I crossed through the river higher up or I might have met the same fall with more serious results. Continued over an extremely rough, and difficult track and arrived at MENAPU at 3 p.m. Only 4 houses and a few natives here. Rest House in a leaky condition. Raining.

June 19th.

June 17th. Left MENAPU at 7 a.m. track well cleaned. Went past BIRORO  
3 houses and the scattered GAUWA villages, to the good Rest House at BURAEVA  
V.C.GOMBI of GWADAGWADA reported. Returned all DENENA carriers and took  
GAUWA boys. More raining.

June 18th. Left BURAEVA at 7 a.m. reached GWADAGWADA rest house at 10.30  
a.m. - Mr.C.O.Turner was camped in Rest House. He is prospecting from here  
to POUAWANA. So far had no luck, although he says he found colors of gold.  
He states that the Natives are helping him in every possible way. V.C.GOMBI  
is a very valuable man and his district is a credit to him.

June 19th. Left GWADAGWADA at 7 a.m. Passed over a well, kept road and  
arrived at SIGIRU (V.C.BIRORO) at 10 a.m. Plenty of food. These natives  
have much improved under V.C.BIRORO. Sent A.C.KENEKI to Baniara.

June 20th. First chance we have had ~~my~~ to dry our clothes. Remaining at  
SIGIRU. V.C.TEPUDU of GAIWANAKI reported with 20 carriers. V.C.MAGIRARA  
of RUABA reported all well. Rain at 4 p.m.

June 21st. Left SIGIRU at 6 a.m. I inspected TAKITAKI and GAIWANAKI  
villages, (V.C.TEPUDU) found satisfactory. Road muddy, but well ~~my~~ cleaned  
Arrived BUKU at 10.30 a.m. First class Rest House recently erected village  
and houses good. Camped at GIWA. Village, houses, and road satisfactory.

June 22nd. Left GIWA in whaleboat at 6 a.m. Pulled against a strong sea  
and arrived at the station at 10 a.m. Learned with regret that a prisoner  
had died from pneumonia during my absence.

*Stowers*  
Assistant Resident Magistrate,  
Baniara, N.E.D.



## PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER

1/34-35.

BANIARA.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J.C. Fowler A.R.M. to  
WAMSIA and MABAO Districts. for the purpose of  
General.

Left Station on 21/7/34 Returned to Station on 28/7/34.

Number of Carriers employed 25 Number of Police taken 3.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whaleboat A.C. BAWORO.

Village visited PEI, IARAMI, GHRAGERASINA, SIRIMO, GURU, MEDINO, PUB, KWAGILA,  
BUIEAF, BINIGUEI, AUWANI, BOROMATA, WAPONA, ITUI, GAGAIU, BOROVIA, PUMANI,  
RUAGA, KABURE, SISIURU.

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G.P. 67. 33. - 750.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary. J.C.M.

Date 31. 7. 34., 1934.

J.C. Fowler A.R.M.  
 Officer in charge of Station.

Patrol to WAMSIA and MANRAO districts for general purposes

July 21st to July 28th 1934

By J. G. Fowler, A. R. K.

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- 21st Left the station in whaleboat at 8 a. m. accompanied by 3 A. C. Arrived at PEM at 6 p. m. and camped.
- 22nd PEM village in order. Returned boat to BANIARA. Carriers arrived. Left for IARAMI and arrived there at 11 a. m. Road and Rest House satisfactory. Villages clean.
- 23rd Left IARAMI at 6 a. m. passed through GERAGERASINA 7 houses, SIRIMO 6 houses, CUHU 7 houses. All in order. Reached MEDINO at 10 a. m. V. C. AIGARAGARA reported. New Rest House built, much smaller than the last. Coconut plantation at clean and village satisfactory. Road in better order than g. I found it last patrol. No complaints. I think that V. C. AIGARAGARA is afraid of sorcery which accounts for him never reporting an offense. He has already been fined for neglect of duties, and probably will not last much longer.
- 24th Left MEDINO at 6 a. m. It takes a long time to ferry across the creek on a small canoe. Ordered V. C. to make a bridge. Sent word to V. C. IMBORI of PUR to have carriers for me. Reached PUR at noon. No carriers, sent A. C. for them. V. C. IMBORI informed me that he was afraid of paripuri if he shook up his people. A sorcerer always sent pigs to destroy his garden if he reported any offense. I decided that he was useless and am recommending his dismissal. Continued along a clean road and arrived at KWAGILA at 4 p. m. Plenty of food and all in order. Selected NIKWAIA to succeed V. C. ANTITA who was dismissed for taking another wife. Two of the orange trees are growing one has died. No complaints.
- 25th Left KWAGILA at 6 a. m. Passed through BUDMAP a village of 15 houses, well kept, and arrived at BINIGUNI 7 houses V. C. UHU-AUWA at 11 a. m. Road and village satisfactory. Rest Houses in good condition.

The waterfall and mountain scenery here are beautiful. Two orange trees are growing well but one has died. The roots evidently struck rocks. These people have an unlimited supply of food and no longer fear raids from the LORIRI tribe. They can now work in their gardens without any danger of being attacked and apparently have great confidence in the Govt.

26th Left BINIGUNI at 6.30 a. m. Passed through AUWANI a village of 23 houses well kept. And then to BOROMATA II houses. Also in order. Reached WAPONA at 1 p. m. and camped. Rest house is rather small. V. C. BHEKEMAN reported. His villages and roads satisfactory.

27th Left WAPONA at break of day. Passed through ITUI 6 houses, GAGAIU 8 houses and BOBOVIA 5 houses. All clean and satisfactory. No complaints. BOBOVIA orange and Lemon trees in bearing. This is a very pretty village. Continued over a well cleaned but rough road to PUMANI. The new V. C. KWABMA, has already done good work. The new Rest House, and all the PUMANI and NAWANDON people present were pleasing. It seems that these people have buried the hatchet over the deaths of DESI and others. The two murderers just released from gaol were there to welcome the Govt. All the carriers required showed a readiness that was always absent on previous visits. After lunch proceeded to HUABA and arrived there at 6 p. m. V. C. MAGIRARA absent. His people had read and villages in order. Held C. N. M. Two cases of Sorcery.

28th Left HUABA at daylight. Passed through KABURU 5 houses. Two houses bad. Owners dealt with. Road to SIGIRU along creeks strewn with boulders, and walking on roots along the hillsides is very rough. On arrival at SIGIRU instructed V. C. BOBORA to improve it. Changed carriers and went on to BANAKI. After lunch continued to BUKU. At 6 p. m. the whale boat arrived from BANARA. Reached the Station at 10 p. m. Found all well. Handled over 4 prisoners to the warden. The districts patrolled were very satisfactory.

*A. R. M.*  
A. R. M.





# PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

2/34-5

BANIARA

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. G. Fowler A. R. M. to

to BOIARAI thence along coast to GIWA for the purpose of

TAX COLLECTING

Left Station on 3/9/34 Returned to Station on 3/9/34

Number of Carriers employed \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Police taken \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whaleboat 12 J. G. Fowler

Villages visited KADAVA, KEIBODA, HSIKUPANA, KERORO, KAREBO, SUBARUBA

GIWA.

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6738/5.33-750.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary. JK.M

Date 12/9/34, 1934

J. G. Fowler  
Officer in charge of Station.

Patrol Report No 2/34-5 BANJARA.

Patrol to BOIANAI thence along coast to GIWA.

For Tax Collecting

3/9 to 8/9/34.

By J. C. Fowler A. R. M.

3rd Left BANJARA in whaleboat. Had to pull all the way to BOIANAI, arriving there at 1. P. M.. After lunch inspected the villages of PADAVA, KEBODA and MEIKURANA. Found a number of houses in disrepair. V. C. stated that villagers took no heed of orders. Went to Mission for afternoon tea. Mr Laren King with Colonel Hooper arrived. Camped in Rest House, about the best in the district. Very heavy rain fell.

4th Held court for Native matters. Two natives dealt with for spreading a lying report, 12 for bad houses and 24 for dirty roads. £9-15-0 in fines collected. Spent all day on tax matters and court work.

5th Paying Family Bonus until 2 p. m. Then left for UGA in boat with a fair breeze. On arrival there collected taxes until dark.

6th At SIRISIRI tax collecting.

7th At GIWA tax collecting.

8th Returned to Station.

Taxes collected £79-10-0. Bonus paid £11-8-0. A good many defaulters given until Jan'y next to find money.

*J. C. Fowler*  
A. R. M.



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# PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

2/34-35

BANIARA

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. G. Fowler, A. N. M.

~~L.S.~~

from BANIARA to MUKAWA

for the purpose of

Tax Collecting

Left Station on 20/9/34 Returned to Station on 26.9.34.

Number of Carriers employed 6 Number of Police taken 4

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whale boat 12, J. G. Fowler

Villages visited Menapi, Bakesako, Wabubu, Daragu, Baku, Bogaboga,  
Mukawa, Kakeia, Kirokuro, Dabera.

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6733/5.23.-750.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary. A.M.

Date 28/9/34, 1934.

J. G. Fowler  
Officer in charge of Station.

1268/34

A.R.M., Boniara.

Payment of tax in copra.

With reference to your remark at the conclusion of your Patrol Report No. 3/34-35 concerning the difficulty the natives have in obtaining their tax money, is it not practicable for us to take copra instead of cash in those cases where the native has no cash, but has coconuts?

G.S. 2.11.34

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R.M.N.S.D.



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Patrol from BANIARA to MUKAWA-- Tax Collecting.

20/9/34 to 26/9/34

By J. G. Fowler, A. R. M.  
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Sep. 20 Left Baniara in whaleboat No 12 with local crew and 4 A. C. Arrived at MENAPI at 9 a. m. V. C. WAKWA reported. The old Councillor, James had died yesterday and was being buried as a Christian by the Rev F. Lane. After the funeral taxes were collected and family bonus paid. The villages of MENAPI and BAKBAKE were satisfactory. There were too many tax defaulters, as they can earn money by getting trocas shell on the reefs near their homes. Continued to WABUBU(V. C. ADIA). Camped.

Sep. 21 Inspected villages of WABUBU & DARUGU. One householder dealt with for neglecting to repair his house. A native complained that his wife had been stolen 4 mos ago, and that the V. C. had not heeded the report because the accused man was a relative of his. A. C. despatched to bring all concerned to BOGABOGA. Collected taxes and paid bonus. Defaulters warned to have money by jany next. Went on to BAKU ( V. C. KAKAMARA ) Rest House in need of repairs and 3 village houses bad. Owners dealt with. Continued to BOGABOGA and camped.

Sep 22 Collected taxes. paid bonus. Number of natives away at Goodenough Is, said to be working for some European. Held court the above alleged wife stealer was convicted and the V. C. is recommended for dismissal. Continued to MUKAWA. H. L. Dr Newton and Rev. Thomas-Aston and his aged Mother are here. Accepted invitation to afternoon tea.

Sep. 23 Sunday.

Sep. 24th Collected taxes. paid bonus, many of the natives absent at MEDINO. Villages and plantation satisfactory. Flying foxes have destroyed acres of bananas and food is not plentiful. Hundreds of coconuts on the ground and no trader to buy them or copra.

Left MUKAWA at 9 p. m. owing to strong wind and sea had to anchor at BOGABOGA at midnight.

Sep. 25 Left BOGABOGA at 6 a. m. and pulled hard all the way to Glin Island. Then sailed in to DABORA and anchored. Blowing a gale and rough sea. Collected taxes and paid bonus. These people had their taxes ready. Villages very clean and houses good.

Sep. 26th Left DABORA at 1. a. m. pulled through the breakers clear of the reefs and then sailed with a strong beam wind and sea to Baniara. Taxes collected 247-10-0. Bonus paid 29-12-0.

Owing to the low price for copra and little demand for labour locally or elsewhere, the natives have difficulty in obtaining their tax money. I have considered it advisable to allow the defaulters as much time as possible.

*A. R. M.*

A. R. M.





**PATROL REPORT.**

STATION NUMBER.

**4/34-35.****BANIARA**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **J. G. Fowler** **A.R.M.** to**ILAKAI VALLEY**

for the purpose of

**General Inspection.**Left Station on **11. 10. 34** Returned to Station on **21. 10. 34.**Number of Carriers employed **Ave 25.** Number of Police taken **4.**Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **Whaleboat A.C. BAWORO.**

Villages visited; - **GAIAWANAKI, SIGIRU, GWADAGWADA, LADEKI, IGUGJ, CIAURU, KAWATURU**  
**BIMARA, IGU, KARAGI, MAUM, DANANAH, LUJIANEGI, WAPUN, MOMAU, BURAI, MOPENI, DIRINGWAT**  
**ILAKAI, MUNIKU, ORAMANA, BOKINAU, DONGOTA, BIBITAN, MATATA, POINATE, PUMANI,**  
**AIOPUN, NOKARI, BEWA BEWA, GURUKWAIA, UAKWAPU, BUKU, GIWA.**

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G/33/5.33.-760.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary. *R.M.*Date **24. 10. 34.**, 193*J. G. Fowler*

Officer in charge of Station.

PATROL REPORT NO 4 BANIARA 1934-35.

Patrol to ILAKAI VALLEY from 11/10/34 to 21/10/34.

BY J. G. Fowler. A.R.M.

Oct 11th. Left the station in whaleboat with 4 A.C. and crew of MENAPI natives and landed at GAIAWAKAI at 10 a.m. Returned boat to Baniara.

After selecting carriers walked to SIGIRU and camped. Villages and roads in order.

Oct 12th. Left SIGIRU at 6 a.m. in with local carriers. Arrived at GWADAGWADA at 11 a.m. Road well kept. Rest and village houses in good repair. V.C.GOMBI supplied plenty of food. The villages of LADEKI 4 houses, IGUGH 6, GWADAGWADA 4, GIAURU 5, KAWATURU 6, were inspected and found satisfactory. Natives in good health.

Oct 13th. Changed carriers and left GWADAGWADA at 5.30 a.m. Arrived BIMARA (V.C.BONI) at 2 p.m. The road very rough, one grass hill took some time to scramble up, it is named KOIAIA. The Rest House is on the bank of Upper Ruaba river, site selected by Mr.Grist. Plenty of food. No sickness.

Oct. 14th. Changed carriers and left BIMARA at 5.30 a.m. The level well kept road through the valley was much appreciated. Passed to IGU Village 6 houses. The grave of the the unfortunate warner is kept clean and marked by a heap of stones. KARAGI and MAUK and IGU villages found in order. Reached DANAWAN (V.C.DOMPO) at noon, one case of  dealt with. Rest and villeges houses satisfactory, sent A.C. to BIRAP.

Oct 15th. Left DANAWAN at 6.30 a.m. one very steep hill to climb straight up and down with narrow track. Took me about 1 1/2 hours to reach the top. Villages of HULAMEGI 4 houses, WAPUN 6 houses, MOMAU 10 houses, BURAI 5 houses, MODENI 5 houses, all kept well kept. Reached DIRINGWAT Rest House at ILAKAI about 12.30 p.m. Councillor GEMBU, and V.C.GWA of KOMANIA (ABAU) reported, V.C.PEPATU of ILAKAI was absent. Road from Rest House to Abau border in very good order. No sickness. Plenty of native food. No complaints received, PEPATU at night reported all well. Very cold at 3,350 ft.

Oct 16th Left ILAKAI at daylight, very steep and difficult track to the summit of Mt.GARITA, cold intense. Reached MUNIMU at 11 a.m. Road and bridges very bad. Held an inquiry re the death of a woman. V.C.BINAPI did not reports the matter and his road and bridges were disgraceful. In fact, he seems to be an imbecile. I am recommending his dismissal.

Oct 17th. Changed carriers. Left MUNIMU at 6 a.m. Passed through MUNIMU 6 houses, OROMANA 3, BOBINAU 5, DONGOTA 3, to BIBITAN 6 houses and camped at 1 p.m. V.C.TAIAN had everything in order. He is a very active and useful V.C. Plenty of native food. No complaints or sickness.

Oct 18th. Left BIBITAN at 5.15 a.m. a long climb over razor back goat tracks, difficult and dangerous, a hard test for nerves. Then down to HAWANDOAN river, more climbing from there. Reached MATATA Village 4 houses, POIMATE 5 and PUMANI 4 houses. The village of MAUM no longer exists. Camped at PUMANI Rest House at 2 p.m. all very tired. V.C.KWARMA had everything in good order. Food supplied. No complaints. No sickness. Changed carriers.

Oct 19th. Left PUMANI at 5.30 a.m. passed through the village of AIOPUN 8 houses all new, Road well cleaned to MONARI which was reached at 9 a.m. V.C.GIGARI reported all well. Rest House and village in good condition. No complaints, changed carriers and left at 9.45 a.m. passed BEWABEWA 5 houses, GURUKWAIA 5 houses and IAKI 5 houses, only one or two natives present in each village. These people have the habit of staying in their gardens for weeks at a time. The road and bridges under the control of V.C.WAVINA were in deplorable state, reached UAKWAPU (V.C.WAVINA) at 3 p.m. Neither food nor carriers could be supplied by the V.C. In the evening the Village Councillor went out and brought in food and carriers. Decided to recommend the dismissal of the V.C. because of his inefficiency, and fear of secrecy if he prosecuted anyone for breaches of the Regulations. He is practically useless as a Constable.

Oct. 20th. Left UAKWAPU at 6 a.m. crossing over the grass country very hot and road very much in need of attention, until we arrived at the scrub along the banks of the Ruaba river. The V.C. of MONOUNA (VIARA) had widened the road to allow the sun to dry up the wet parts, and much improved it. Arrived at BUKU about noon. Continued to GIWA and paid off carriers at 3 p.m. Road from BUKU to GIWA in excellent order. Whalerboat arrived at GIWA about 6 p.m. At 10 p.m. left GIWA against S.E. wind and sea, returned to Baniara about 2 a.m. on 21st inst.

Reference sketch map P.R. No.1-1932-33.

General Remarks.

The health of the mountain natives is good. No Yaws were seen at all. This is no doubt due to the splendid work done by Mr Peterson E. M. A. when he accompanied Mr Grist on this patrol. Food is plentiful. Law and order prevails. They are a very happy people. Hunting, gardening, and feasting and dancing fill in their time. There is no Mission in their midst. Transport for mission supplies would be expensive and the population is so scattered. The bracing mountain air and the scenic beauty make one reluctant to return to the Coast. A number of people think that the late Mr Werner found gold or mineral near IGU. I am sure that he did not. The geological features there would not encourage any experienced mining man to waste time and money prospecting. Werner certainly picked up stones on the hills. Probably this and the fact that they had never seen a white man before, convinced <sup>the natives</sup> ~~them~~ that he was a sorcerer, and that they had better kill him before he put his spells on them. The story of his death and the punishment of the natives by the police is a sad one. The lonely grave in the mountains reminds the natives of the power of the Govt. It should also be a warning to whites not to take risks with natives who have never seen a European.

*A. R. M.*  
A. R. M.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.					Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.	Government Cost.		
Rice ...	250	50			50	7 6	200	
Biscuits ...								
Meat ...	8	8			8	3 6		
Sugar ...	10	10			10	1 8		
Tea ...								
Soap ...	2	2			2	5		
Tobacco ...	36	2	25	1 lb	28	3 5 4	9 lbs	
Matches ...	1 doz	8	4		1 doz	3		
Kerosene...	2 gal				1 gal	2 0	1 gal	
Tents ...	1				1		1	
Flies ...	1				1		1	
Lamps ...	2				2		2	
Jackets ...	2				2		2	
Kerosene Cans ...	2				2		2	
Knives and Sheaths								
Knives, 18 in. ...	1				1		1	
Knives, others ...								
Belts ...								
Pouches ...								
Print ...								
Twill ...								
Handkerchiefs ...								
Beads ...								
Mirrors ...								
Axes ...								
Half Axes ...	1				1		1	
Tomahawks ...								
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>20</b>				<b>20 lbs</b>	<b>1 3</b>		
					<b>Total</b>	<b>4 2 4</b>		

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



G.P. 67.

# PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

5/54-35.

BANIARA.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. G. Fowler, A.R.M. to  
MOJBITZ, Cape Nelson boundary for the purpose of  
Tax Collecting.

Left Station on 29/11/34 Returned to Station on 4/12/34.

Number of Carriers employed 6. Number of Police taken 5.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whaleboat (12) J.C.Fowler.

Villages visited KAEUASI, PEM, MEDINO, TAIAUA, MJEANA, KAKU.

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32/5.33.-750.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary. *Rh.*

Date 6. 12., 1934.

*J.C.Fowler*  
Officer in charge of Station.

7/35

A.R.M., Daniara.

Tappable rubber trees at BAIAN.

With reference to the suggestion in your Patrol Report No. 5/34-35, under date of the 1st December, that the above trees might be tapped.- Should we not have to build and equip a factory and provide the necessary expert natives for it, and if we should, is there enough rubber to make it worth while?

G.S. 3. 1.35

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PATROL REPORT NO.5/34-35. BANIARA.

Patrol to MOIBIRI Cape Nelson boundary. For the purpose of Tax Collecting.

29/11/34 to 4/12/34.

J. G. Fowler, A.R.M.

Nov.29th:- Left Baniara in whaleboat accompanied by 5 A.C. and N/C. Barton. Sea calm and light S.E. breeze. Arrived at 4 p.m. Collected taxes. Preparations being made for a feast. Village and roads in order. No complaints.

Nov.30th:- Left KARUASI at 6 a.m. PEM at 9 a.m. and reached MEDINO about 1 p.m. Collected taxes. A number of defaulters pleaded that they had no opportunity to earn money. They wanted work but could not find it. Allowed them until March 1935.

Dec 1st:- Arrived at BAIU (MOIBIRI) at noon. KWAGIRA, BAIUA, and PUN natives paid their taxes. Family bonus paid. There are a number of tappable rubber trees in the thick undergrowth at BAIU. But some of the trees are being destroyed by white ants. Coconut trees are growing between the rubber, but there is insufficient space. With rubber at a good price it might be a payable proposition to clean up this place and tap the trees.

Dec 2nd:- Left BAIU at 6 a.m. Very warm and calm until 4 p.m. when a heavy thunderstorm came from S.E. By hard pulling we arrived at PEM about 6 p.m. and camped. The boat is leaking owing to a plank being cracked, and with the rain constant bailing was necessary.

Dec.3rd:- Left PEM at 7 a.m. Arrived at MUKAWA at 1 p.m. Had lunch with Rev. N. Aston and his Mother. Collected taxes. Mr. Aston has been paying the natives 10/- per thousand for coconuts and nearly all defaulters were able to pay their taxes. Held C.N.M. Issued 15 sacks to V.C. BIGA who said they wanted to try making copra as a means of raising next years' tax. There are plenty of coconuts available.

Dec 4th:- Left MUKAWA at 6 a.m. pulled to BAKU. The defaulters of BOGABOSA, BAKU, GINADA, and WABUBU asked for time as they were getting Trochus-shell to sell to Mr. Spiller. Given until next March. Left BAKU at 3 p.m. at 4 p.m. E.W. wind drove us along, and we arrived at the station at 6.30 p.m. Taxes collected amounted to £58-10-0. Bonus paid £1-11-0. Very few women have four children in the villages between MUKAWA and MOIBIRI.

*J.G.F.*

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Returned	Remarks.
		Poices.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.		
Rice ... ..	200	50	50		100	8 4	100
Biscuits ... ..							
Meat ... ..	12	12				6 0	
Sugar ... ..	6	6 lbs				1 0	
Tea ... ..							
Soap ... ..							
Tobacco ... ..	2 lbs 12	58	utke 2	3 lbs	10 0	5 lbs	
Matches ... ..	6	6				3	
Kerosene ... ..						1 3	
Lamps ... ..	2			2		2	
Duckets ... ..	2			2		2	
Kerosene Cans ... ..	1			1		1	
Knives and Shears ... ..	1			1		1	
Knives, 16 in. ... ..	1			1		1	
Knives, other ... ..							
Belts ... ..							
Pouches ... ..							
Print ... ..							
Tool ... ..							
Handkerchiefs ... ..							
Boots ... ..							
Mitrons ... ..							
Axes ... ..							
Half Axes ... ..	1			1		1	
Tomahawks ... ..							
Cash to Crew(2)						6 0	2-6 dya @ 65 3/- each.
				Total \$	1 12110		

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# PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

6/34-35.

BANIARA.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. G. Fowler, A.R.M.

to DENEWA and POUDAWANA districts for the purpose of

General patrol.

Left Station on 21. 1. 35. Returned to Station on 3. 1. 35.

Number of Carriers employed 25 Number of Police taken 4. and

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Int. HUABA.

Villages visited:— GAIWANAKI; TARAMUGA; MERIKWABA; TAROHABA; TETERABA;

AUGHANA; ARITABU; IKARA; DOITA; DINAMATA; ENIA; BERIMA; NAKARA; KURORO.

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COPY to R.V. F.E.D.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 4th February, 1935.

*J. G. Fowler*

Officer in charge of Station.

PATROL REPORT NO.6. BANIARA.

Patrol to DENEWA and POUDAWANA by J. G. Fowler, A.R.M.

21. 1. 35 to 31. 1. 35.

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January 21st:- Left the station at 8 a.m. accompanied by 4 A.C. and Interpreter RUABA. Arrived at GAIWANAKI at noon. Had lunch and sent the boat back to Baniara. One case of Arson dealt with in C.N.M. Carriers selected. Camped.

January 22nd:- Left GAIWANAKI at 6 a.m. Passed along REGITA Creek and steep hills to TARAMUGA, 3 houses and 30 people. Everything in order. Camped at 1 p.m. Good Rest House. Councillor MOKUA reported. No complaints.

January 23rd:- Left TARAMUGA at 6 a.m. Visited MERIKWABA a village of 3 houses, thence to TAROROLA 3 houses, Roads and houses well kept. No complaints. Reached TETERABA village at 11.30 a.m. 3 houses in good repair. No Rest House. Pitched tents, In 1931 these people killed all their pigs because one DUAILELE told them that that a steamer and big sea were coming out of the ground. They were digging sticks into the ground trying to find where the steamer was coming from. They now realise how foolish they were. TETERABA wish to join TARAMUGA. They are the same tribe, I offered no objection. It will save a patrol of miles. No need for the track to be kept open to AUGWANA.

January 24th:- Left TETERABA at 6 a.m. Very rough track to AUGWANA which was reached at 1 p.m. V.C.KAUPA reported. All satisfactory. Rest House particularly good. Plenty of food. No complaints. No trace has been found of the missing man NABI, selected new carriers.

January 25th:- Left AUGWANA at 6 a.m. Had lunch at ARITABU a small village of 4 houses, the first of the DENEWA tribe. Continued at 1 p.m. and arrived at IKARA at 3 p.m. Track very rough. A large number of DENEWA people assembled at IKARA Rest House. As usual more native food than required. V.C.EVARKOROTA had no Court cases. Raining heavily, selected carriers. No complaints.

January 26th:- Left DENEWA at 5.30 a.m. Crossed UGA River, travelled along the stony creeks over mountain side tracks only suitable for goats. Arrived at DOITA, a village of 4 houses at 3 p.m.

26th cont:- Descended to a place called HETAU and pitched camp. Councillors MUNANAMA reported with food. No complaints. Instructed the people to clean a better track. RUABA useless as an Interpreter.

January 27th:- Left HETAU at 6 a.m. Arrived at BINAMATA a village of 2 houses at 8.30 a.m. Had breakfast. V.C.LEGILEGI of POUDAWANA district reported. After breakfast continued over hills on dangerous and narrow tracks and arrived at ENIA on the banks of the KUTU River at 3 p.m. The river was high and the current too swift to permit crossing. Camped in good Rest House. Natives from OBOUNTO, TAUAGARA, BANAWADIDI, WADESA, and BEBESI, small scattered villages, brought food. No complaints. Unfortunately these people have small scattered villages. Their superstition and fear of sorcery is responsible. Selected carriers.

January 28th:- River in flood will not allow us to continue to BOIANAI via WARAWADIDI. Left at 6 a.m. and passed again through BINAMATA to a camping place called TUBUWAPA and pitched tents at 3 p.m. Raining.

January 29th:- Left at 6 a.m. Road well cleaned to BERIMA Vill. on the table top of a very steep hill called HAHANI. From here the track is bad. Walking in the bed of creeks strewn with boulders is hard and tiring. Reached the coast at MAKARA at 3 p.m. Had lunch, went on to KERORO Rest House, crossing the Uga in flood. V.C.MUMUGENA reported.

January 30th:- A.C.OBI sent to Baniara. Villages of KERORO found clean satisfactory, appointed KILAKAI councillor. Raining heavily.

January 31st:- Whaleboat arrived. Reached Baniara at 3 p.m.

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GENERAL.

The tracks in the mountains are probably as good as can be expected. Even a civil engineer would find it difficult to make a road. The people are childlike and timid but not at all wicked. They have good houses and gardens. They are not visited by any Missionary. Their good behaviour and willingness to assist, and their preservation of civilization are entirely due to the Govt. Apart from colds and coughs they seem to be quite healthy.

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So long as they have plenty of native food, pigs and carrowaries, and can make feasts and dances when they wish, they will remain happy and contented in their mountain homes.

*E. Fowler*  
Assistant Resident Magistrate.

Baniara, N.T.D.





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# PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER.

7. 34/35.

*Baniara*

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by *J. G. Fowler* to  
*Vidia, Baiwapa and Boiama* for the purpose of  
*General Inspection*

Left Station on *4: 2: 35* Returned to Station on *1: 3: 35*

Number of Carriers employed *8 Prisoners* Number of Police taken *3 + MC. Raimokoko*

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge *Whale boat no. 12 (J.G. Fowler)*

Villages visited *Vidia, Baiwapa, Radava,  
Meiakukana + Keiboda*

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8735/5.33.-750.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary. *A.M.*

Date *4: 3: 35*, 193

*J.G. Fowler*

Officer in charge of Station.



PATROL NO.7. BANJARA.

PATROL TO VIDIA, BAIWAPA and BOIANAI. Eastern Borneo  
For General Inspection. From 26th February to 1st March 1935.

By. J. G. Fowler, A.R.M.

Feb 26th.  
Tuesday.

Left Banjar in whaleboat at 7 a.m., accompanied by H.C. RAHO RAKATANI, Cpl KAREA, A.C.GABA and A.C.KENEKI and crew of prisoners. The sea was very calm, no breeze. Had to pull all the way to VIDIA and anchored there at 1 p.m. Most of the VIDIA people were absent making gardens. Tax defaulters gone to Milne Bay plantation to earn money. Village, houses (14) found in order. No complaints. Census checked. Camped, mosquitoes bad.

27th.  
Wednesday.

Left VIDIA at 6 a.m., pulled to BAIWAPA a village of 10 good houses. Census checked. No complaints. Continued to BOIANAI and had breakfast. Held court for Native Matters. Owing to a report that ASISI was being practiced by KOMINAI natives, I sent Cpl and A.C.KENEKI to effect arrests. Camped in good Rest House at BOIANAI. No native food supplies. It is very scarce here, owing to much feasting.

28th.  
Thursday.

Held court for native matters. V.C. RAKIO, one of the most intelligent natives in the district, proceeded against a native teacher for spreading a lying report, causing the former to receive "Church punishment" from Rev. W.Light. The teacher was convicted and fined 10/-. The villages and houses were all in a satisfactory condition. Cpl and A.C.KENEKI not yet returned.

March 1st  
Friday.

Left BOIANAI at 6.30 a.m., had to pull all the way to the station, reaching here at 11 a.m.

*J.G.F.*  
A.R.M.-E.D.  
Banjar.





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# PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

8/34-35

BANIARA

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. G. FOWLER A.B.M. to

BOGABOGA

for the purpose of

checking census and inspection

Left Station on 15/4/35 Returned to Station on 16/4/35

Number of Carriers employed 6 crew Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whaleboat 12 (J. Fowler)

Villages visited MENAPI, DABOFA, KAHUBU and BOGABOGA.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary R.M.

Date 20th April, 1935.

J. G. Fowler  
Officer in charge of Station.

PATROL REPORT No. 8 BANIARA.

PATROL to BOGABOGA for checking of Census and inspection

APRIL 15th to 18th 1935.

BY J. G. Fowler A.R.M.

- April 15th. Left Baniara in whaleboat accompanied by 3 A.Cs and Native Clerk at 2 p.m. Arrived at MENAPI (V.C. TOUBEKA) at 2 p.m. Checked census and inspected village. Everything satisfactory. Camped for the night.
- 16th. Left MENAPI at 6 a.m. arrived at DABORA (V.C. NEWARI) at 8 a.m. Checked census and inspected villages, two houses found bad. Owners punished. Left DABORA at 10 a.m. arrived at WABUBU (V.C. MOMOHETA) at noon. Checked census. Villages, houses and plantation all in order. Left WABUBU at 2 p.m. ran into a heavy N.W. squall. Rain continued until 4 p.m. Anchored at BOGABOGA (V.C. KAKAMARA) at 6 p.m. Everything wet. Rest House unsatisfactory. TEREYA (Messrs Henderson and Smeaton) anchored here.
- 17th. Checked census. Inspected villages and plantation. Six house holders dealt with for neglecting to repair their houses, 73 villagers punished for not cleaning plantation. This is a good plantation but it had not been attended to for months. Left BOGABOGA at 2 p.m. for MUKAWA. 10 minutes after leaving a N.W. squall struck us. Owing to heavy sea and bad anchorage at MUKAWA decided to turn back and ran before the wind to WABUBU where we anchored at 3 p.m. At 7 p.m. the rain ceased and wind dropped. Left WABUBU and arrived at BANIARA shortly after midnight, just in time to avoid another heavy squall.

*J. G. Fowler*

A.R.M.NED.





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# PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER  
9. 34-35.

BANIARA

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. G. Fowler, A.S.M. to  
Lower RUABA villages via BUKU for the purpose of

**General Inspection**

Left Station on 2/5/35 Returned to Station on 6/6/35

Number of Carriers employed 20 Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whaletank 12. A.C. AIKAI.

Villages visited ABUARO, ONORA, HAFAMATUNA, KAIBOGINO, DIDIA, GIRA, HERA,  
OROTA, DALA, KOIABA, GIRA, BUKU, BAJIRA, HAPONA, MOBONA, WOUKUPA, IAKI, MOHARI,  
RUABA, KUMURU, SIGIRU and SAIAWANAKI.

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Forwarded to the ~~Government Secretary~~ R.M.N.E.D.

Date 11th May, 1935.

J. G. Fowler  
Officer in charge of Station

PATROL REPORT No. 9 BANIARA.

PATROL TO LOWER RUABA village for GENERAL INSPECTION

MAY 2nd to 8th 1935.

BY J. G. Fowler, A.R.M.

May 2nd.

Left the station at 8 a.m., accompanied by three A.C., and crossed to ABUARO on the mainland. Inspected ABUARO village. Found two houses in bad repair and dealt with the owners. Left there at 9 a.m., with 20 village carriers. Inspected OMORA village V.C. KAIGUNA. The 8 houses good road and village clean. MAPAMUTUKA 2 houses, KAIBOGIMOIMO village 5 houses, DIDIWA 9 houses, GIWA 24 houses all in order. After lunch inspected NEBA 3 houses, ORETA 15 houses, DALA 3 houses, KOIABAGIRA 3 houses, BUKU 18 houses well kept, road clean. Received a report that one of the KOMINANA witnesses for the central court on 4th ult, named KOMI, supposed to have been taken by an alligator when crossing RUABA river near BUKU, had really been murdered (drowned) by two women named EUNA and CHRISTABEL, the body taken by them to DALA creek, cooked and eaten by them. Four women state that they were eye witnesses to this but the accused deny any knowledge of it. Investigation will not be completed until the two natives who accompanied KOMI can be brought from KOMINANA, which is inland from BOIANAI. Camped at BUKU V.C. MARUAGU supplied no native food.

May 3rd.

Left BUKU at 8 a.m., and proceeded inland. After a long walk through the jungle road reached BAJIRA village 3 houses shortly after striking the open country. V.C. VIARA has improved the road. About 2 p.m., arrived at MAPONA 6 houses and MONONA 6 houses, both satisfactory. Camped in good Rest House. No complaints. Selected new carriers.

" 4th

Left MONONA at 6 a.m. and arrived at WOUKWAPA in 3 hours. Only V.C. KIRAMA in the village of 3 houses. At noon 8 men turned up. It appears the people live in their gardens to protect them from pigs. Left at 1 p.m. Passed through IAKI 6 houses, well kept village and road. On reaching MONARI section of road found it far from good. GURUKWAIA people had not cleaned their mark for months. Arrived at MONARI about 4 p.m. V.C. KEROM was absent at a feast. Found 7 of the 9 houses in this village bad. On arrival of the V.C.

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he complained that his people would not obey him. 5 GURUKWAIA and 7 MONARI men dealt with. very little food supplied.

MAY 5th.

Left MONARI at 6 a.m., using the 12 prisoners as carriers. As soon as we reached the RUABA section of the road it was difficult to find our way through the dense grass. On arriving at RUABA rest house V.C. MAGIRARA was called on to explain. He said the people refused to hear his order. 20 men were sentenced to 14 days imp.

" 6th.

Left RUABA at 7 a.m. KABURU 6 houses clean but road very bad. 7 men dealt with. Arrived at SIGURU V.C. BOBIRA at 10 a.m., and had breakfast. Continued over a good road to the coast at GAIWANAKI and camped.

" 7th.

Left GAIWANAKI at 5 a.m. Took some time to ferry across RUABA river at BUXU. Reached GIWA about 10 a.m. sent prisoners to BANIARA. whaleboat pulled up on the beach. Quite impossible to anchor her in such a strong wind and sea. Made further investigation re death of KOMI and dealt with cases in C.M.M.

" 8th.

Left GIWA at 5 a.m. Boat leaking badly. Reached the station at 7.30 a.m., just as the strong wind commenced. Found all satisfactory. pulled up the boat and found that a cracked plank had got very much worse.

*A.R.M. Baniara*  
A.R.M. Baniara.







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# PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

10/34-35

BANIABA STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. G. Fowler, A.R.M. to  
CAPE NELSON boundary for the purpose of  
General purposes.

Left Station on 11/6/1935 Returned to Station on 16/6/1935

Number of Carriers employed 0 Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whaleboat No. 12, J.G. Fowler,

Villages visited MUKAWA, TAPIO, KARRASI, MT INO, ESWANEASAP, BOGABONA, BAKU and  
MHWARI.

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Date 16th June 1935, 1935

*J. G. Fowler*  
Officer in charge of Station

PATROL REPORT No. 10. BANJARA.

PATROL TO CAPE NELSON BOUNDARY, FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

FROM 11th to 16th June 1935.

BY H.G.Fowler, A.R.M.

June 11th.

Left the station in whaleboat No.12 at 7 a.m. accompanied by 3 A.Cs and a local crew 8. Arrived at MUKAWA at 6 p.m. Camped for the night. Spent the evening with Rev C.W.Aston and Clem Lane.

12th.

Villages and plantation found well kept. Sailed to TAPIO. Paid the next of kin, wages due to deceased native BANIGE. His father and brother greatly distressed on hearing of his death caused by accident at Area. Although I had ordered repairs to Rest House nearly a year ago nothing has been done. Sent A.C. to arrest the disobedient villagers. Councillor SINGERIBOINA complained that these men lived in their gardens and did nothing in the village. Called at KARUASI. Village and road in good condition. Continued to MEDINO and camped for the night in a good Rest House. V.C.BOMARIBA had village, plantation and road in good order. A.C.arrived with 9 TAPIO natives who were dealt with for disobeying a lawful order.

13th.

A.C.ZARISORA sent overland to Banjaru with nine prisoners. Left MEDINO at 7 a.m., met Mr.Spiller in his launch with a number of recruits. He was taking them to Banjaru to sign on. Arrived at KHWANSASAP. About 2 p.m. sent for KWAGILA people. Learned that Mr.Spiller had just recruited a dozen boys from there. In the evening the councillor arrived with the remaining villagers. Selected a V.C. to fill the vacancy at KWAGILA. advised them to make copra and bring it to KHWANSASAP for sale so that there would be no tax defaulters. Councillor reported all in order at KWAGILA.

14th.

Left KHWANSASAP at 8 a.m. After passing BALAU strong S.E.wind with big sea compelled us to beat against it. Before reaching MEDINO we were shipping seas and had to reduce sail. very little progress was made so ran inside the reef and anchored at a small island until 6 p.m. Then we pulled along the mangrove creek and when the wind and sea dropped came out over the

Jan 14th.  
contd.

reef, and reached MUKAWA. On 15th at 6 a.m. Changed crew and continued to BOGABOGA where we remained until 7 p.m. Then we pulled inside the reef to BAKU and camped. Very bad weather during the night.

16th. Left BAKU at 6 a.m. pulled to WABUBU. Strong S.E. wind and sea. Sailed to MENAPI arriving there at noon. After lunch continued to Baniara.

*A.R.M. Baniara*

A.R.M. Baniara.

Articles	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total.		
Rice ... ..	300	30	70	-	100 lb	84	200
Biscuits ... ..							
Meat ... ..	4	4			4 lb	2 -	
Sugar ... ..	8	8			8 "	6 -	
Tea ... ..							
Soap ... ..							
Tobacco ... ..	10 lb	5 lb	1 lb	7 lb	18 lb	25	8 lb
Matches ... ..	1 box	4	8		1 box	3	
Kerosene ... ..	1 can				1 can	2 -	
Tents ... ..	2				2		
Files ... ..	1				1		1
Lamps ... ..	2				2		2
Buckets ... ..	2				2		2
Kerosene Cans ... ..	1				1		1
Knives and Sheaths							
Knives, 18 in. ... ..	1				1		1
Knives, others ... ..							
Belts ... ..							
Pouches ... ..							
Print ... ..							
Twill ... ..							
Handkerchiefs ... ..							
Beads ... ..							
Axes ... ..							
Half Axes ... ..	1				1		1
Tomahawks ... ..	2				2		1
Cash to crew						18 -	
					Total	1247	

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

**PATROL REPORT**

STATION NUMBER

1/35-36

BANJARA

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. G. FOWLER, A.M.N. toBHARUA and BOUDAWANA

for the purpose of

General InspectionLeft Station on 17/8/1935Returned to Station on 20/8/1935Number of Carriers employed 37 (including 7 prisoners)Number of Police taken 2Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whaleboat No. 12.Villages visited AUGHANA, ARITANU, IKARA, DEHA, WADISA, WE, PASIDI,  
MANISA & BOITAI.

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Forwarded to the ~~Government Secretary~~ R.M.N.E.D.Date 23/August/1935., 1935*J. G. Fowler*  
Officer in charge of Station

Patrol Report NO 1 1935-6 BANIARA STATION.

Patrol to DENEWA and FOUJAWANA districts.

From 12th Aug 1935 to 20th Aug. 1935

For general purposes

By J. G. Fowler, A. R. M.

Aug 12th

Left Baniara in whaleboat at 7. a. m. Arrived in BOHABONA passage, UGA at 8.30 a. m. Landed gear and returned boat to the station in charge of Clerk RAHA RAKATANI. Left UGA with 27 carriers and 4 A. C. at 9.30 a. m. Reached AUGWANA at 2. p. m. V. C. KAUPA reported. Road en route clean. Villages of MAUWONA 6 houses, MAIOTA 2 houses, GERO 5 houses all in good order. Rest house satisfactory but A. C. barracks needs attention. No complaints received. Four boys belonging to ICG where Werner was killed, reported that they had deserted from WAIGANI Pltn. in Milne Bay. They stated that they had been taken to work by two ABAU district natives, named BONA and BU-E & had deserted because they had been threatened with puripari by some boys at WAIGANI. I have no warrant for their arrest so am not detaining them, but will communicate with R. M. E. D.

Aug. 13th

~~Left for AUGWANA at 6. a. m.~~ Reached ARITABU at 11 a. m. 741. No one present. Food supplied. Councillor IKMOIEMO reported all well. Left at noon. From here we ascend the mountain ECTAVA fully 3500 ft. The hardest of roads. On the descent to IKARA the scenery is beautiful. Gardens on the hill sides and the Rest House on a grass spur 2000 ft above the creek and the small village houses here and there. On arrival at the Rest house 700 people were assembled. Neither the Rest house nor the A. C. barracks are satisfactory. The V. C. has not obeyed my orders re them or the road. Not a single complaint was made. It seems to me that there is a probability of the Anglican Mission opening a station here in the near future. There are a number of young boys wearing crosses. At least 150 children were present and all of them strong, healthy and intelligent.

It is apparent that the population is increasing. It really ~~does~~ seem remarkable that among a population of 800 one never hears of any breach of the Native Regulations. I fear that sorcery is the cause. It was reported by the V. C. , Councillors and husband that an old married woman had hanged herself because of her prolonged illness. On investigation I elicited that she had committed suicide because a man would not repay two pigs that she had given to him. I have decided to recommend another man for V. C. The present one is afraid to open his mouth and give an order.

14th We left about 7 a. m. and arrived at DOITA 4 houses , at 3 p. m. Fortunately there was no rain and we were able to travel along the stony creek for a few miles. Then we ascended over a hard road to DOITA. Descending ~~to~~ from there to HETAU and pitched tents. V. C. LEGILNGI reported with POUDAWANA carriers and BINAMATA and DOITA people brought food.

15th Left HETAU at 6 a. m. Passed through BINAMATA 4 houses over a clean road. From here to ENIA the ascent and descent is difficult travelling. The cold mist, and wind and track ~~is~~ <sup>are</sup> much worse than ~~ENIA~~ the gap on Owen Stanley range. Crossed the KUT Kutu river half a mile from ENIA and climbed to the Rest house at WADESA about 3 p. m. 75 POUDAWANA people with food. One pig presented for which I paid a tomahawk. No complaints. People very friendly. Good rest houses.

16th Left WADESA at 6.15 a.m. and reached WARAWADIDI a village of 4 old houses and only 3 people living in two other good ones. These people were ordered by Messrs Grist and Healy to live here and not on their garden sites in the hills. 9 of them found in their gardens were dealt with for disobeying lawful order and not repairing houses. Rest House unsatisfactory and no building for A.C. Difficult people for V.C. of VURAWARA to control. Councillor LAUWAGI cannot make them obey Govt. regulations re houses and road. A few weeks in gaol might have some effect on them.

17th. Left WARAWADIDI at 6 a.m. arrived at MANISIA 10 a.m. Road very bad and dirty. 9 natives dealt with for not attending to them.



Aug 17th  
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These people are as difficult as the WARAWADIDI and live mostly in the gardens on the hills. V.C. RAKIO says that they refuse to do what he orders. Reached BOIANAI at 2 p.m. suffering from Flu. In the evening held C.N.M.

18th.

At BOIANAI.

19th.

At BOIANAI dealing with complaints all day. About 7 p.m. N.C. RAHO RAKATANI arrived with whaleboat. Left in her at 8 p.m. Encountered big sea and rain. Anchored at BABIARA about 1 a.m. on 20th feeling very ill.

*A.R.M. Baniara*  
A.R.M. Baniara.  
23/Aug/1935.





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# PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

2/33-36

Baniars

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. G. Fowler, A. R. M. to KARUASI

for the purpose of

Tax Collecting 60

Left Station on 7/10/35 Returned to Station on 13/10/35

Number of Carriers employed 7 Number of Police taken 4

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whaleboat No 30, J. G. Fowler

Villages visited MENAFI, DABOHA, TAPIO, SARUJI, BAKU, BOGABOGA, TAPIO  
KARUASI, MUKAWA

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7408/3.35.—7 000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 25-10 1935

J.G.F.  
Officer in charge of Station

Patrol Report No 2 BANJARA 1935-6

Patrol to KARUASI for Taxation work and general

From Oct. 7th to 13th 1935

By J. C. Fowler, A. R. M.

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Oct 7th Left the station in whaleboat accompanied by 4 A. C. and crew of 7 at 7 a. m. Arrived at MENAPI at 9. 30 a. m. Paid Family bonus. Inspected villages. Found all in order. Nusa came to anchor. Passengers Mr & Mrs Cawley and Mr Spiller came ashore. Left Menapi at 11 a. m. Visited DABORA village, paid bonus to Mothers. Inspected villages. All satisfactory. Continued to WABUBU. Collected taxes and paid bonus. Plantation fairly clean. One native dealt with for not cleaning his lines.

Oct 8th Left WABUBU at 7 a. m. and sailed with a fair wind to TAPIO. Found that most of the people had gone to MUKAWA for Baptism and Confirmation preparation. Continued to KARUASI. Found the same here. Sent A. C. HAN and KARISORA to Cape Nelson with witnesses required by the R. M. Camped for the night.

Oct 8th Left at 9. a. m. Called at TAPIO. Collected 3 taxes. As I did not wish to interfere with the religious instruction of the tax defaulters at MUKAWA, I allowed the TAPIO people to remain there, and to pay their taxes before next year. Continued to MUKAWA. Collected taxes and paid bonus. A very large gathering of natives at the Mission.

Oct 10th Went to SOGAJOGA. Collected taxes, paid bonus. Villages and houses in order. Plantation clean.

Oct 11th Pulled to BAKU. Collected taxes and paid bonus. Villages and houses in good condition. Heavy S. E. wind and sea.

Oct 12th Pulled to WABUBU. Sea and wind too great to continue.

Oct 13th Left WABUBU and sailed to BANJARA .

*J. C. Fowler* A. R. M.

Articles	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.					Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.	Government Cost.		
Rice ...	300	42	70		112.	18 6	18 8	
Biscuits ...								
Meat ...	8	8			8	4 0		
Sugar ...	6 1/2	6			6	1 6		
Tea ...								
Soap ...								
Tobacco ...	10 lbs	10 5	42	1 1/4	3 1/2	7 0		
Matches ...	1 dg				1 dg	3		
Kerosene...	2 lbs	2	1/2		2 1/2	1 6		
Tents ...								
Flies ...								
Lamps ...	2				2		2	
Buckets ...	2				2		2	
Kerosene Cans ...	1				1		1	
Knives and Sheaths								
Knives, 18 in.								
Knives, others								
Belts ...								
Pouches ...								
Print ...								
Twill ...								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads ...								
Mirrors ...								
Axes ...								
Half Axes								
Tomabawks								
Cash			9 1/2			9 6		
					Total £	2 3 3		

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# PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

3/35-36

BANIARA STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Warrant Officer J. G. Fowler to

USA and BOIANAI

for the purpose of

Tax Collecting & General

Left Station on 3/12/35 Returned to Station on 6/12/35

Number of Carriers employed 5 prisoners Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Old survey whaleboat, J. G. Fowler

Villages visited Nakara, Kororo, Maa, Radava, Meitepana, Keiboda

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7405/3.35.—1.000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 10/12/35 1935

J. G. Fowler  
Officer in charge of Station

Patrol Report No 3 BANIARA 1935-6

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Patrol to UGA and BOIANAI for Tax Collecting & General

By J. G. Fowler A. R. M.

Dec. 4th to 6th 1935.  
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Dec 4th Left Baniara at 8. a. m. with 3 A. C. and 5 prisoners for crew. Arrived at UGA at 11.30. a. m. Sent for taxable natives. Inspected villages & roads, the latter not clean. On arrival of V. G. MUMUGENA he was cautioned. Natives in village put on road. Tax payers not putting in appearance V. G. ordered to bring them to BOIANAI.

Dec 5th Left UGA for BOIANAI at 6 a. m. Arrived at the RADAVA Rest House at 9. a. m. Boat is leaking badly at Stern post & along garboard strake. Collected taxes and paid family bonus until 7. p. m. Had dinner at the Mission.

Dec 6th No complaints received. Roads and villages in good condition. Left BOIANAI at 11 a. m. Returned to Station at 4 p. m. Taxes collected £ 52-5-0. Bonus paid £7-10-0.

*J. G. Fowler* A. R. M.







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# PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

4/35-36

BANIARA STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. G. Fowler, to

KARUASI via MUKANA for ~~the purpose of~~

General Purposes.

Left Station on 3/3/36. Returned to Station on 5/3/36.

Number of Carriers employed 8 Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whaleboat J.G. Fowler,

Villages visited BOGABOGA, MUKAWA, TAPIO KARUASI.

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7406/3.35.-1,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary R.M.

Date 7th March, 1936.

J. G. Fowler  
Officer in charge of Station

PATROL REPORT No 4, 1935-6 Baniara.

Patrol to KARUASI via MUKAWA, March 3rd to 5th 1936.  
By J.G.Fowler, A.R.M.

March 3rd - Left Baniara in Whaleboat at 7 a.m. accompanied by N.C., N.M.A. and 3 A.C. with crew of 8. Arrived MENAPI 8 a.m. Landed Cpl JIGORI and wife and 1 V.D. patient to go to Sam by the "GUITANA". Boat taking in water badly. Pulled to MUKAWA no wind, very hot, anchored 5 p.m. and camped. No Court cases, Everything in order Dined with Rev. Whonsbon-Aston.

4th. Left MUKAWA at 9 a.m. and pulled to TAPIO. Bailing out boat all the way, walked to KARUASI, Road and bridges very bad. All the people absent. KARUASI natives away at MAISIN (Tufi). Owing to bad condition of boat decided to return. Arrived BOGABOGA at 3 p.m. and camped, everything satisfactory. Selected HEREDA for V.C. voyage.

5th. Pulled to GINADA, Village houses etc, in good condition. Two Councilors selected by the villagers received medals. With sails and oars returned to Baniara at 5 p.m.

J.G.F.



## PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

5/35-36

BANIARA

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. G. Fowler A. R. M. toMANEAO and WAMBIA districts for the purpose of

## General Purposes

Left Station on 6/4/36 Returned to Station on 14/8/36Number of Carriers employed av. 25 Number of Police taken 3Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whaleboat J. G. FowlerVillages visited Gaisanaki, Mitaki, Sigiru, Kaburu, Rueba, Puman,  
Borovia, Gagau, Itui, Arut, Wapona, Auwani, Kwagila, Fue, Medino  
Iarami, Guru, Geragerasina, Sirimo, Fem, Busaienaki, Karuasi, Abuaru

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7409/13.13-1,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 18.4.36., 193J. G. Fowler  
Officer in charge of Station

Patrol Report No 5 BANIARA Station.

Patrol to MANEAO and WAMSIA Districts

For general purposes  
April 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 1936

By J. G. Fowler A. R. M.

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April 6<sup>th</sup> Left Baniara in whaleboat accompanied by Cpl. Orere  
4 A. C. and N. M. A. IDAU with local crew. Landed at GAIWANAKI  
and returned boat to Station. Getting carriers and arranging loads.  
V. C. TEPUDU had all in order.

April 7<sup>th</sup> Left GAIWANAKI passed through TAKITAKI over a clean but  
wet road to SIGIRU V. C. BOBIRA. Everything satisfactory.

April 8<sup>th</sup> Left SIGIRU and after 3 hours rough travelling arrived  
at KABURU. Councillor POROKAMINA exercises a good influence here.  
Passed through RUABAVILLAGES in good order to PUMANI, V. C. KWABMA.  
Roads, Rest house and villages good. Camped, the night quite cold an  
agreeable change from the coast. Altitude about 800 above s. l.

April 9<sup>th</sup> Left PUMANI and after the stiff climb up UMPI hill  
descended to BOROVI about the best kept and prettiest villages in  
the district. Excellent oranges and lemons produced. Councillor  
ZWAMIO deserves much credit. Passed through GAGAIU 8 houses to ITUI  
One house occupied by 6 men in a bad state. Offenders dealt with.  
ARUT 5 houses in better order. Arrived at WAPONA rest house and  
camped. V. C. B<sup>ned</sup>man supplied food and new carriers.

April 10<sup>th</sup> Left Wapona crossed GUPATI river very high and  
reached BOROMATA 18 houses, well kept. AUWANI a village of 23 houses  
in fair condition. Continued to BINIGUNI Rest House. The waterfall  
in flood a beautiful sight. Good oranges supplied and plenty of native  
food. No complaints. V. C. IONU is a good man.

April 11<sup>th</sup> Left BINIGUNI and in four hours reached KWAGILA  
V. C. MUGUTUI. Had breakfast and changed carriers. One case of  
Adultery heard. Road and village good. Continued to PUE V. C. MANI-  
KATA. Road under control of V. C. of KWANSASAP ( C. N. district)  
well cleaned. PUE people a poor lot. Very little food. Passed  
a bad night with fever.

April 12<sup>th</sup> Left PUE and arrived at *Maneao for breakfast then*

through a muddy track to IIRAMI rest house and camped. Most of the IIRAMI men are under e/s on plantations.

April 13th Passed through GURU 4 houses, GERAGERASINA 7 houses SIRIMO 6 houses, PEI 5 houses, BUSAIANAKI 5 houses to KARUASI and camped. Selected a man for V. C. These natives and TAPIO are a lazy and disobedient lot. Dealt with a tax defaulter. Rain compelled us to camp.

14th Left KARUASI about 5 a. m. over a rough road to ABUARA and crossed to BANIARA at noon.

*123 packets were tested by H. M. A.*  
*J. H. Fowler A. R. M.*

Articles	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.					Returned.	Remarks.
		P. olice.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.	Government Cost.		
Rice	400	100	200		300	1 17 6	100	
Biscuits	Fish 6	6			6	2 4		
Meat	6	6			6	2 11		
Sugar	6	6			6	9		
Tea								
Soap	1	1			1	3		
Tobacco	30 lbs	1 lb	18	1	20 lbs	2 10 0	10 lbs	
Matches	1 doz	6	6		12	3		
Kerosene	1 gal	1 gal			1 gal	2 0		
Tents							1	
Flies	1				1		1	
Lamps	2				2		2	
Buckets	2				2		2	
Kerosene Cans	2				2		2	
Knives and Sheaths								
Knives, 18 in.	2				2		2	
Knives, others								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Boats								
Miles								
Axes	2				2		2	
Half Axes	2				2		2	
Tomahawks								
					Total \$	24 65 P		

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**PATROL REPORT**

STATION NUMBER No. 1. of 1936-1937
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BANIARA. N.E.D. STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J.H. Karius. A.R.M. to  
DENEWA & POUDAWANA Dists. for the purpose of  
General Inspection.

Left Station on 2nd. July 1936 Returned to Station on 16th. July 1936

Number of Carriers employed 26 Number of Police taken 4

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge                     

Villages visited AMORA; NAPAMOTUNA, CIWA, BUKU, ZATAWANAKI, NUBUNUEU or Siri-Sir  
KIERORO, MANUWONA, AUGWANA, ARAITAFU, MAIEBI, IXARA, MEAU, UONA, NORA,  
WADESA, WARAWADIDI, MANASIA, WADALUNA and VURAWANA.

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7405/35.-1,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 17/7/36, 193

J.H. Karius **A.R.M.**  
Officer in charge of Station

Copy to R.M.N.E.D.



PATROL REPORT No.1 of 1936-37.

by

C. H. Karius. A.R.M.

BANIARA. N.E.D.

To. DENEWA and POUDAWANA Districts, via Mts. Simpson & Thompson.

Object of Patrol. General Inspection.

2nd. July, Thursday. Owing to heavy rain the start from Baniara was delayed until 9.40.a.m. Accompanied by four A.Cs, N.W.A. DOU NOU and Interpreter TUTUANA crossed to the mainland. Twenty six local carriers awaiting us. Rather a large number owing to the necessity of carrying rice, and tent and flys. On the move by 9.55.a.m., crossed AIWATAFU village Creek 10.15.a.m. then through AMORA Village 10.25 and MAPAMOTUNA 10.35.a.m. Rain set in again and continued all the way to GIWA where we arrived 11.55.a.m. Road knee deep in mud and water. A short halt at GIWA and then pushed on to BUNU, 1.20.p.m. Raining heavier than ever. Made dinner halt. Rain ceased 2.15.p.m. Pushed on to GAIWANAKI where camp was made for the night. Paid off carriers and arranged for new carriers in the morning.

3rd. July, Friday. Raining in the early morning. Fine by 8.30.a.m. Moved off for KERORO, Uga Pt., travelling along the coast of Goodenough Bay. Arrived KERORO without event of note, 2.15.p.m. Made ~~camp~~ and paid off carriers. Arrangements had been made some <sup>days</sup> ahead for inland (Deneva) carriers to meet us here. These arrived 8.00.p.m. Fifty all told. Picked out 26 of the strongest and sent the balance back to their villages.

4th. July, Saturday. Moved off 6.15.a.m. At 6.30.a.m. came to KUNEWA Creek. From here on no road. Travelled up the banks and along the bed of the river. Heavy and slow going owing to flood waters. Arrived MANUWONA 11.30.a.m. (V.C. KAUPA) Pushed on to AUGWANA Rest House, where camp was made. River in flood and impossible to go on. A splendid supply of potatoes and taro brought in for sale.

5th. July, Sunday. On the move by 6.30.a.m. for ARAITAFU Village, arriving after 9½ hours hard up and down hill travelling. ARAITAFU a well kept village and in a pretty situation on the bank of the KUAINA Creek.

Baniara Patrol Report No.1 of 36-37 Cont.

5th. July, Sunday, Cont. The KUAIWA flows into BIDIWA Creek which in turn flows into KUNEWA Rvr., up which we travelled yesterday.

V.C.GORETA is in charge of the DENEWA District and is to be complemented on the condition of his roads, villages etc. Unfortunately he wishes to resign. Have persuaded him to think the matter over and to come in to Baniara in one months time to let me know what he decides upon. A big and very rough district for one man to control. Should be two V.Cs. here. Will endeavour to select an extra man. One or two minor matters for attention during the afternoon.

6th. July, Monday. Moved off 6.40 a.m. Passed through MAIKSI village on WATUBU Creek and then on to IKARA (V.C.GORETA) This village on a very pretty location at the junction of GWABURETA Creek and UGA Rvr. A change of carriers awaiting my arrival so paid off the old lot. At the back of the village and extending right up and over the face of several hills, without a doubt the biggest and best kept native garden I have yet seen in the Territory.

A wonderful supply of native food brought in to the camp. Very little tobacco asked for, salt being in great demand. Several matters for attention all of which were amicably adjusted out of Court.

7th. July, Tuesday. On the move 6.45 a.m. for NORA. Expect to camp in bush to the N.E. somewhere on the lower slopes of Mt. Simpson. Arrived MEAU Village 7.30 a.m. and then on to UONA (V.C.GORETA). A fair sized village and in splendid order. A short halt here during which arrangements were made for the UONA women to bring native food along to our proposed camp site for to-night. Commenced climbing again immediately on leaving UONA. Arrived at the camp site mid-day. Made camp. Fifteen women arrived with native food. Rain set in 1.30 p.m. Tent and flys in terrible condition. Rain simply pouring through them. Material perished and rotten. About two miles back from the camp site obtained a splendid view of the northern face of Mt. Simpson or MATOWANA, showing a very fine waterfall, the headwaters of UGA River.

Baniara Patrol Report No.1 of 36-37 cont.

8th. July, Wednesday. On the move by 6.30.a.m. Commenced climbing immediately. A terrific climb, in places so sheer that one had to go on all fours. Climbed almost to the top of Mt. SE-IA on the eastern shoulder of Mt. Simpson. A wonderful view from here. Baniara and TUASI in plain view, also the whole of Vogel Peninsular and the sea on the far side and in the distance Goodenough Island. Swinging south across the top end of a valley, ten minutes travelling brought us on to the top of Mt. WAMIDA. From here a view of BAIBARA and the southern coastline. Descended Mt. WAMIDA. In 1 1/2 Hours steep and difficult descent to WE-IA Creek, which lower down flows into the KUTU River. Travelled down the valley of the WE-IA until 1.45 P.M. Very rough travelling and no road. Advised that NORA still a long way off. Arrived at an old camp site of Mr. O.J. Atkinson's and as rain threatening, decided to make camp. Carriers thoroughly tired out after a very strenuous day.

9th. July, Thursday. Broke camp 6.30 a.m. Continued travelling down WE-IA creek until its junction with the KUTU, crossed the latter and a short distance lower down out across to NCRA Creek, coming on to the main Nora to Abau road. Followed the NORA upstream for about one mile and came to NORA Village, 9.00.a.m. Decided to make camp and spend the day and give all hands a chance to dry out clothing and gear. Said off BENEWA carriers, and arranged for a fresh team. Was anything but popular when it became known that I proposed travelling down the KUTU Rvr. to POUAWANA District. Advised that there was no road, that all the travelling was in the river bed and that it was difficult and dangerous. Suggested that I go back the way I came. Found out that the NORA and POUAWANA people exchange visits for dances, so decided the track could not be impassable. A good supply of native food brought in to the camp for sale.

NORA is now controlled by the B.M.E.D., the V.C. reporting at Samarai.

10th. July, Friday. Moved off 6.30 a.m. Down the NORA to KUTU Rvr, then down the valley of the KUTU, sometimes wading in the river, breast high, at other times scrambling around the face of spurs. Had several falls. At 10.30.a.m. came to EDORO Creek. Halt for 15 minutes and then on again. Continued travelling down stream.

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10th. July. Friday. cont. No road and only now and again short stretches of native pad. Cutting a way through scrub and undergrowth most of the time. Progress slow. Rain set in 1.15.p.m. At 2.15.p.m. selected a camp site and made camp. A miserable night with rain pouring through the tent.

11th. July. Saturday. On the move 6.30.a.m. Travelling down the KUTU, first one bank and then the other until 11.35.a.m. when we arrived at the junction of the WADESA and KUTU. Quite a little settlement established here. V.C.LEGI-LEGI of POUAWANA has erected a very fair Rest House, also carriers and police barracks. In addition to these there are several other houses which serve the POUAWANA people as shelters when they gather here from their garden houses on the occasion of a Government visit. Quite a crowd of people awaiting our arrival and more arrived during the afternoon. A good supply of native food. Paid off old carriers and arranged for a fresh lot. Not surprising that the people live in their garden houses. The country terribly broken. Large gardens are made on the hillsides and substantial houses erected in the garden. When that particular mountain side is worked out, a new valley and hill is selected and a new home built. To endeavour to get these people to come together and build a large permanent village would not only be hopeless, but cruel. They could never travel backwards and forwards from their various gardens, or if they did, would have little time for cultivation. Best to leave them as they are. They are happy, seem peaceful and quiet.

12th. July. Sunday. Moved off 6.30.a.m. Travelled up the Wadesa for 1 1/2 hours. Rough travelling. Leaving the WADESA, commenced to climb the western slopes of Mt. Thompson ( WASINA ). A steep and hard climb and to make matters worse, rain set in and the track became horribly slippery. Had several falls. Two carriers, carrying a tucker box, slipped and then rolled about 100 feet down the hill side. Eventually arrived at the top of the mountain and despite the heavy rain had to call a halt to spell the carriers and await the stragglers. A cold wind blowing. Moving on again we travelled for about 30 minutes easy going along a ridge in a general easterly direction, then a sharp descent to WARAWADIDI Village. (POUAWANA ).

Baniara Patrol Report No.1 of 36-37 cont.

12th. July. Sunday. cont.

More falls going down here, the road very

grassy. Arrived WARAWADIDI 1.30.p.m. Still raining. The houses in very good repair but the village knee deep in mud. A fair rest house and a barracks for the police, erected on a ridge above the village. No village constable at WARAWADIDI or MANASIA villages. Both these villages under the control of a coastal V.C., who needless to say, very seldom pays a visit. This is hardly to be wondered at as the villages are a long way inland and well up in the hills. Selected a man to be appointed V.C. The required recommendation forms will be forwarded in due course.

A claim for payment for a pig and a marriage settlement, both amicably adjusted out of Court.

Paid off old carriers and obtained a fresh team for the morning.

A good supply of native food.

13th. July. Monday.

On the move 6.15.a.m. A sharp descent to SINI Creek.

Head in good order but very slippery owing to rain over night. Travelled down SINI creek, sometimes in the creek at others along the banks over a well kept road. Heavy rain set in again. At 8.15.a.m. the creek came down in flood and made travelling difficult and exciting.

At 10.10.a.m. came to MANASIA. All in order here. Twenty minutes spent, and then pushed on again. In ten minutes time left SINI Creek and commenced to climb a grass covered mountain known as KIRU. A stiff pull to the top. Rain ceased and sun shining. A splendid view. BOGAWAI village below us and across the Bay, Baniara and TUASI showing up very clearly.

Travelled along a ridge for a few minutes, then descended to SOA Creek down which we travelled for 1½ hours to the coast at WADAHUNA. Went on to VURAWARA Rest House and made camp. Paid off old carriers. Rain set in again.

14th. July. Tuesday.

On the move 7.00.a.m., travelling around the Bay

towards Baniara. All creeks and rivers flowing into the sea, in flood and considerable time lost crossing. Had arranged for a canoe to follow us around to ferry gear across the streams, but the canoe was swamped shortly after starting and the outrigger broken off. Pushed on without the help of the canoe and crossed the creeks as best we could. Hoped to make SIRI-SIRI to-day but only got as far as UGA Point.

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15th. July. Wednesday. On the move 7.45.a.m. Late start owing to heavy rain. Fine by 7.30 so packed up and moved off. Arrived SURI-SIRI shortly before noon and pushed on to GAIWANAKI. Very heavy rain set in 12.30.p.m. Made camp at GAIWANAKI. Paid off old carriers and engaged a new team.

16th. July Thursday. Moved off 6.30.a.m. and arrived Baniara 12.45.p.m. All in order on the station.

*A. R. M. Baniara*

A. R. M. Baniara, N. E. D.

17/7/36.

Articles	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.					Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.	Government Cost.		
Rice ...	200				200	16 0		
Biscuits ...								
Meat ...	10				10	4 7		
Sugar ...	10				10	1 3		
Tea ...								
Soap ...	1 box.				1	6		
Tobacco ...	45 lbs.	2	31	9	42	3 0	3 lbs.	(includes payment for new rest house (native food.
Matines ...	50 bxs.				20	5		
Kerosene ...	2 gal				2	4 -		
Tents ...	1						1	
Pipes ...	2						2	
Lamps ...	2						2	
Buckets ...	5				1	2 6	2	1 lost in KUTU RVR.
Kerosene Cans ...	2						2	
Knives and Sheaths								
Knives, 16 in.	3						3	
Knives, others								
Belts								
Pouches								
Prisat								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes	2						2	
Tomahawks	1						1	
<b>SALT.</b>	<b>50 lbs.</b>					<b>4 2</b>		
					<b>Total £</b>	<b>2, 17, 1.</b>		

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

# PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

2 of 1936/37.

BAHIANA, N.E.D. STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Cecil F. Cowley, A.R.M. to

FOUDARAMA and DENEMA districts for the purpose of

enquiry into an alleged murder - arrest of those concerned and General  
Inspection en route.

Left Station on 27th October, 1936 Returned to Station on 14th November, 1936.

Number of Carriers employed 27 - 28. Number of Police taken 4

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge O.P. Cowley -

Villages visited OMQA, MAFANUTUTU, KAIBOOLMOOIRO, BIDIWA, OIRA, DARA, KAJABOHI,  
IKIRABUHI, KOBORO, AMARA, JUKU, GAIKAWAHARI, DAVILAGA, WUPUNUHI, KOLAKAKI,  
TAIGIA, WUA, NAWAGWOLA, KALAPA, OMA, TALILE, OSEMA, KERORO, PAKATUTUR,  
MABOBU, NAKARA, WATOGA, MADOBONA and others as shown pasted inside cover

- (1) Unless the patrol is a regular routine patrol in a long-settled district a sketch map of the district patrolled should accompany the report, showing, as nearly as possible, the positions of the places visited and a copy is to be made for filing on the station.
- (2) In the body of the report the name of the village should be followed by the name of the V.C. The number of houses and the population, as nearly as possible, should also be stated. The customs of the natives should as much as possible be noted and reported.
- (3) The Patrol Report is to be enclosed in this jacket, which, properly filled in, is to be sent to the Government Secretary immediately after each patrol.
- (4) The space below is now to be written in.
- (5) The cost of the patrol must be shown on the back, in the space provided.

6733/5.33-750.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 13. 11., 1936.

Officer in charge of Station.

R.M., N.E.D.,

Copy for your information, and records, please.

A.R.M.



Villages visited, (continued):- URAWARA-KWAZO. BOINYAJ. BAIWAPA.  
HIZAKIYA, (E.D.). KONAKONAI, (E.D.). DIRIUSA, (E.D.). WAGOMBU, (E.D.)  
FASIGE, (E.D.). BAZAMA, (E.D.). IABE, (E.D.). KARAGANTU, (E.D.).  
BOWADI, (Mose Cr.), WARAFADIDI, WADESA. KEITU. DOMBOSAINA, GAUNA.  
OBOUTU. UBUNAWAN. BENAZATA. NYAH. DIDA. NANAWABIDIES. SIPUNBODA.  
BOBONA. IKARA. WABUMARA. KARIKARI. BONENEPA. MIWAFU. GUIROBO.  
DANADIBA. BURRIVA. KAKARI. KANATURU. KATAWAKA. SIUNU. GWADACADA.  
SIGUNU. TAKITAKI and back to WAIANAWAKI.

Chas. F. Buckley  
A.M.

A.R.M., Baniara.

1791/315/36

Patrol to Poudawana and Denewa districts.

On your Patrol Report No. 2/1936-37, His Excellency  
the Lieutenant-Governor writes : -

"The murder was a difficult one, and much  
complicated by the action of the V.C."

G.S. 28.12.36.

Copy to  
R.M.N.E.D.

A.R.M., Banlara.

1792/191/36

Shooting of a goura pigeon.

On your Patrol Report No. 2/1936-37, His Excellency  
the Lieutenant-Governor writes : -

"Why did the A.R.M. shoot the Goura pigeon ?  
(page 16)."

G.S. 23.12.36.

Copy to  
M.N.E.D.

MATI (NA)

No. 66/21/36.

A.R.M.'s Office,

Baniara, H.E.D.,

22.10.36.

The Resident Magistrate,  
Eastern Division,  
SARAI.

ALLEGED MURDER at POU'DOWANA.

Herewith a copy of a statement made by Court  
interpreter TUTUANA of Baniara Station regarding the above.

The alleged murderers appear to live in the Eastern  
Division, but as the matter was reported to me, here, and  
their villages are just across the border, I intend inves-  
tigating the matter immediately by leaving here on 26th inst.

TUTUANA states as follows:- When the last Magistrate  
"here had left the station on sick leave three boys came in "  
"from POU'DOWANA and brought two spears with them. They said "  
"that V.C. LEGILEGI of WADESA told them to bring them in for "  
"him as he was sick. Their names were BEBEUPA of UBUWANA, "  
"KATARA of BINANATA and DABABU of MAIBOWABONA. They said, "  
"further, that V.C. LEGILEGI had taken the spears from the body "  
"of a dead man named NAMBUBA of KEITU where the V.C. had "  
"found it a week before their arrival at the station, and "  
"that the V.C. had buried the body in KEITU village. They "  
"three men claimed that the men who killed NAMBUBA of KEITU "  
"were MANAIANA of ANISSA, TAURIBA of ANISSA and EMEGI of "  
"ANISSA, all of the "SARAI" mark "POU'DOWANA" people. The "  
"three natives who brought this talk to Baniara also claim "  
"that they went to ANISSA village where they found MANAIANA, "  
"TAURIBA and EMEGI, the alleged murderers, and that they "  
"admitted/heard MANAIANA, TAURIBA and EMEGI admit to them "  
"that they had killed NAMBUBA of KEITU, but they did not say "  
"what they killed him for.

TUTUANA His mark



A.R.M.

D.R. No. 2 of 1936/37.

Baniara, N.E.D.

18. 11. 36.

The Honourable,

The Government Secretary,

REPORT OF A PATROL

to

The POUKAWANA and BENEWA DISTRICTS

for the purpose of enquiry

into

an alleged murder - arrest of those concerned

and General Inspection en route.

Personnel:- L/Cpl. AGOTI, A.Cs. AIKAI, NAM and GABA. - C.I. TUTUANA.

Foreword:- Causes leading to purpose of patrol.

My predecessor left Baniara on sick leave about 11th September. I arrived to take over the affairs of the district on 25th September. It was reported to me upon my arrival that, between those two dates, three natives of the Poukawana district had brought word from V.C. LEGILEGI of Wadesa that a murder had been committed at KEITU. "V.C. LEGILEGI is sick with an injury to his leg" - (a falsehood). They had departed homeward before my arrival and the news they left with C.I. TUTUANA was that three male natives named KEGI, MANALINA and TAURIBA of ANIDA village, "Baniara Mark" (N.E.D.), had murdered one NANDUBA, a male native of KEITU, Poukawana district, "Baniara mark", (N.E.D.).

I was shown two spears they had left at the Station, alleged to be those used in the murder and taken from the dead body by V.C. LEGILEGI before he buried it near KEITU village. These were the only particulars at my disposal before starting for Poukawana for the enquiry. Some of the information that is embodied in the following report provides interesting study of native psychology, not so much the reason for the murder, (the usual "pay-back" for alleged death by "wada" type of sorcery), as the means attempted to halt my patrol half-way and the steps taken by one of the alleged

murderers to boldly and audaciously incriminate his fellows by supplying part-true evidence against them in the Criminal sittings of the Central Court at Samarai, recently, (I believe), in such a manner, prearranged, as would conceal further evidence which would most likely have convicted himself and the two others who had taken part in the killing; and the manner in which V.C. LEGIELGI took the law unto himself and incited his friends to exact retribution by counter-assault and extortion of the murderers and then sitting back in the guise of detached quasi-official observation.

Tuesday, 27th October, 1936. Departed Bariara 8.30 a.m. and crossed to the mainland in double (cargo) canoe. V.C. Moses KALCUNA awaited with 27 carriers as instructed. Crossed to the bay shore and found AVITAP suspension bridge in good condition. Passed through OMORA and came to MAPAMUTUFU of two houses. (This I ordered and declared a "Forbidden Settlement" under Section 98 (2) of the Native Regulation Ordinance, 1908-50, ordered the removal of the natives inhabiting it to their regular village KAIBOGIMOGIMO; advice forward His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with others, as per letter No. 74/25/36 of 18.11.36. - copy to G.S. attached on back of P.R.). Continued, passed through SALBOIMOGIMO and DIDIWA and arrived at GIWA Rest House (V.C. Moses KALCUNA), at 1.15 p.m. Here I spent the afternoon in explaining certain native regulations, marking out ground for a new Rest House as per G.S. Circular letter No. 975/329/36; indicating village boundaries to be cleared of grass and bush; and mending the village pump effectively.

Wednesday, 28th October. Departed 7.0 a.m. At NIBA instructed the V.C. to make a new wooden bridge to replace the old decaying one and continued over dirty roads to ORETA; over DARA bridge to DARA settlement, 1 house, (declared "Forbidden Settlement" - see letter attached); to KOIABAGIRA, (10 houses and R.H. and Mission); to IKIKAPUBU, 1 house, (declared "Forbidden Settlement" - see letter attached); to KOSORO, (4 houses); to MOI, (4 houses); to AWARA (1 house declared "Forbidden Settlement" see letter attached); and finally to

BUKU Rest House (V.C.MARUAGA). Unlike the Giwa roads these were clean and a credit to the community. Held C.N.M. 14 Giwa natives sentenced for neglect to clean roads. Engaged local carriers and, after ordering that the old R.H. be pulled down and posts and roofing assembled by my return, departed at 12.45 p.m. along the beach to Kuabe Creek ferry. One small, old outrigger canoe proved dangerous and slow in such a current as a means of transportation. The owner receives 1 lb. trade tobacco per month for the little work he is called upon to perform. Ordered that he make a double-canoe suitable for the work. Continued along the beach to the bottom of Gbedenagah Bay, i.e. to its extremity, and around to GAIWANAKI, R.H. (V.C.TEFUDU). Here is a big rambling village of about a dozen houses, clean and orderly. This R.H. is to be pulled down, also. After luncheon, proceeded to DAVILAGA, 3 houses, ("Forbidden Settlement, see letter attached), and pulled up for the night at NUBUNUEU, (R.H. - V.C. GAIETANA). Here is another old R.H. to be demolished and rebuilt according to modern design and dimensions, as circularised. Nearby is KOIANAKI, (10 neat houses), and on the hill behind it is BONDUGA, and higher up is KABIRI, (7 houses). Changed carriers. Heavy rain.

Thursday, 29th October. Departed 6.45 a.m. passed through TAIBIA, scramble over low harbour cliffs, cut off BUBUNI point, crossed Kirarara Ck. and resumed shore travel to MUA, (4 houses), NAWAGHOIA, (2 houses adjoining KAGEAPA, 3 houses), to DORA, (7 houses), and lunched. Continued along the shore road to TAILLE (7 houses), cut off Uga Point by overland flat, crossed Kunewa Creek, branched left towards the point through GEREMA, 2 houses, ("Forbidden Settlement", see letter attached), and arrived at the rest house at 2.35 p.m. Whilst camp was being made I inspected KEROROK on Uga Point beach, and EAKATUTURA, (V.C.MUMUGENA).

Friday, 30th October. Departed 6.15 a.m., crossed Uga Creek and came upon one house in the process of erection. The reason given is that the last flood did considerable damage to the beach village at PAKATUTU. The people desire to move to the new spot which they have named BODARA. Permission granted provided the village be called

PAKATUTU after the old one so as to avoid Census confusion. Walked on to KAIABURU, 3 houses, ("Forbidden Settlement", see letter attached) then to NAKARA, (V.C. MUMUGINA), across Nakara Creek and finally to the Rest House nearby. A short halt before visiting WATOGA, (4 houses crossing Kigara Creek, inspecting a piggery called WAKAKA and crossing Kutu Creek. Here the track took us a hot journey across dry grass flats, terraced in places, that would make a fine Station site if a suitable anchorage were available. MURARA village is on the beach to the left. We picked up the shore again at WADOBONA (many houses), crossed Kurain Creek, (dry), passed through UPAVARA-KWAGAU, (R.R.) (V.C. Augustine IRAKIO), crossed Mase Creek and halted at BOIANAI, a large well kept, pebble-floored village, one of the finest I have seen. V.C. JARUS TAURETA is responsible for a large roomy rest house, an unusual work of art. Spent the afternoon in Court for Native Matters in which V.C. MUMUGINA of KERORO was convicted and sentenced to 4 months I.R.L. for adultery. (Recommendation for Dismissal forwarded under the provisions of G.S.'s. Circular Instruction No. 60 (5)., see Letter No. 75/36/36 of 18.11.36.). I called upon the Rev. W. Light, later, and witnessed an exhibition of the Maypole dance by four groups of children. A very impressive and charming display. Was present at a native school childrens' play in the evening and consider their efforts clever and entertaining.

During the afternoon V.C. Augustine IRAKIO informed me that two Poudawana men had visited him a week ago with news that V.C. LEGILEGI advised it as "unnecessary" that I proceed to Poudawana because the "Samarai Magistrate" had apprehended the murderers of NARDURA and had taken them to Samarai. I felt nonplussed at first and considered curtailing my patrol to one of general inspection as far as VIDIA, but after long deliberation in the evening I felt, in spite of the fact that my predecessor had just completed a patrol through the Denawa and Poudawana districts, that something was doing inland and decided to travel along the shore to DIRIUNA, (N.D.), cut inland through WANAMA and KARAGANTU to WAWADIDI in the extreme southern inland corner of the Division and approach KEITU from thence. It seemed strange that V.C. LEGILEGI should first report an alleged murder and



then try to halt my patrol but with a second report that a "Samarai Magistrate" had apprehended the murderers. I have known quite a few such rumours and it has not been very difficult to obtain satisfactory information but in this case I was unable to discover the Magistrate's name, nor had I heard of such a patrol from Samarai whilst I was there about the 30th September, awaiting transport to Baniara. Whichever way I viewed the latest turn of events I was still faced with the fact that an alleged murder had been reported, that I was inclined to believe the report, and that the matter, to my knowledge had not been cleared up. Therefore I counselled my detachment not to talk about my intended movements and prepared to move off first thing on the morrow for the Poudawana country via VIDIA and DIRIUNA, (E.D.), on the coast.

Saturday, 31st October departed 6.45 a.m. with Boianai carriers.

Out overland to the beach and called a halt at 8.0 a.m. at BAIWAPA village, (V.C. WATULA said to be away in his garden). Roads overgrown and dirty. Met WANAMA, (E.D.) inland natives and Mission Teachers bound for Boianai for the celebrations. I left instructions for V.C. WATULA to bring me carriers to VIDIA as I did not expect to find many able-bodied men there owing to the Boianai celebrations. Departed and walked over the cliffs to Ubu Creek where I met VIDIA villagers and their women and children en route to Boianai. Selected thirteen of their number and took them with me to VIDIA and counselled the old men, women and children to keep on their way - to Boianai. Lunched at VIDIA rest house, paid off thirteen Boianai carriers and enlisted a like number of Vidians. Crossed into Eastern Division to NIMAKITA, KONAKONAI and DIRIUNA where the flys and tents were erected. V.C. WATULA reported with four Baiwapans whom I took on in place of four Boianaians whom I paid off and sent back.

Sunday, 1st November.

Left DIRIUNA at 5.45 a.m., skirted the foothills along Magawara Creek flats, then threaded up the creek into the hills at WAGO UBU (E.D.) 3 houses. After about three hours journey came a heavy chain affixed to a huge rock at both ends. This is evidently to provide a grip whilst negotiating its precipitous face.

Later our guide showed me where hot water was issuing in a trickle from a rock in the creek bed, strangely incongruous in a place where very cold water tumbles down from the mountains. Left Magawara Creek on the left and climbed up Wanaama Creek to TASIGE village, (E.D.), and then to WANAMA R.M., (E.D.). V.C. WABUKARA said to be at MAGAWARA. Lunched here, purchased some fine english potatoes and pushed on past MOKAW, (E.D.), on the hillside to the west, to LAURE, (E.D.), and then to KARAGAUTU, (E.D.). Here is a Mission Station but no V.C. I think V.C. WABUKARA includes it in his sphere. All the inhabitants were away at BOIANAI, (N.E.D.). Pitched camp and experienced a cold night.

Monday, 2nd November Folded our tents and departed at 6.0 a.m., descended to Iagiri Creek, (it flows through the Mase district, N.E.D., one that I wish to see), out across to meet it again by scrambling along the hillsides of two steep ascents where there is but a vestige of a track, ill-kept and dangerous with landslides and forest obstructions. Travelled too far down Mase Creek so I sent our bewildered guide up to WAGA village to obtain another local guide whilst the party lunched in the creek bed. In two hours he returned with the guide and turned us back a mile before commencing one of the most difficult ascents I know of, very steep, lacking in foothold and timber - a long climb, often over loose earth and stones. Arrived at the top BOWADI village, (N.E.D.), 2 large houses, revealed itself, the same that I had seen perched on a mountain peak through the field-glasses in the early morn immediately after leaving KARAGAUTU. About fifty people assembled in the evening from the surrounding villages of WAGA, SYAKAKA and KOMEFARA. From what I can gather this Mase district has not been visited for years and a Village Constable here would link up WARAWADIDI, further on, with KARAGAUTU, WANAMA and BOIANAI, (on the Eastern Division coast), or direct with BOIANAI via the Mase valley. I recommend one WAGABU of BOWADI for the position. (Recommendation No. 58 forward Hon. G.S. enclosed herewith). He is not particularly brilliant of countenance but his knowledge of trade Motuan and the fact that he has worked with others in the Milne Bay plantations will help him counsel his people as to what is considered right and wrong.

Here I do not recommend the abandonment of isolated houses for the same reason as given in letter No. 74/23/36 of 14.11.36 to His Excellency, (copy attached hereto, on back). Their mountain-top houses and gardens are their paradise, in most cases; they are an amiable, benignant people and a shout from the river rest houses brings them to council in less than an hour, the men free and unencumbered, as usual, and the women carrying their amazing burden of garden produce and babes. From BOWADI the sea and what I take to be Cape Frere are visible in the distance. I felt the absence of a compass on this patrol to assist me in plotting a map for those in the office - the poorest collection I have yet seen, and of little or no use on such a patrol. The Station compass is on loan to Cape Nelson, I believe, and has not yet been returned. <sup>Returned 19.11.36.</sup> Heavy rain at night soaked through all but the new fly.

Tuesday, 3rd November. Paid off nine Mianai carriers and engaged Isceela to take their places. The Botancians can reach the coast via Mase Creek in one day. V.C. JAKUB POETA of their village was, to date, has the responsibility of these people and admits he does not come to visit them unless instructed on some special mission. A fine type of V.C. even so. The area is too large for him to manage efficiently single handed. Departed 5.45 a.m. for WARAWADIDI and followed a track that would have had a herd of goats sorely pressed to preserve themselves unharmed upon. Negotiated a long hillside, climbed higher and commenced a descent, which, as the morning wore on, seemed endless. Three carriers were hurt on this slope. Picked up a small stream half way down and halted for breakfast. Two women appeared out of the bush and sold us sweet potatoes. Half way through the meal a blinding rain drove upon us without warning. Following the creek down we arrived at Sini Creek at 2.0 p.m. and immediately started climbing the opposite (SW) hillside. Soon we trod the Warawadidi-kept "Government road" and greet with the expressions of relief after the arduous of the previous three days. Climbed up this wonderful road to WARAWADIDI and handed the newly appointed V.C. SOIWANA his uniform. A serious, attentive, energetic man, with foodstuffs and rest house and grounds clean, and obviously itching to impart some "high and important news". His "talk"

bore out my early suspicions, that mischief was afoot at Poudawana. He said that he had recently been to Wadesa, had learned of V.C. LEOI+ LEOI'S arrest of a man, of the escape of that man and the V.C.'s "holding Court" at K-ITU. What the "Court" was about he did not seem to know but with mixed gravity and indignation assured me "it was not proper Government fashion". He stated, also, that two men had been taken to Samarai for killing a man.

Wednesday, 4th November. I had intended drying out rain-soaked articles and giving everyone medical treatment and a rest. The latter was assured with the exception of a fever-stricken soldier whom I administered with a salts-quinins-Bovril formula, and the former was thwarted by the advent of a thunderstorm and heavy rain. Sent V.C. SOIWA and C.I. TUTUANA to K-ITU via WADESA to call V.C. LEOILEGI to WADESA R.H., and, if possible, secure the presence of the ANISO, (N.O.) natives EMEGI, MANAIANA and TAURIBA. Paid the villagers for their rest house, (2 lbs trade tobacco), and inspected their village & gardens.

Thursday, 5th November. Paid off thirteen Boianai-Baiwapa-Vidia carriers, left Bovril and quinine with the much improved sick man and enlisted the services of eleven Warawadidi carriers. At 6.30 a.m. climbed the north-western side of Mt. Thompson (Waisina), and dropped to Wadesa Creek, followed it down to WADESA R.H., crossing from one side to the other to follow the wonderfully well-kept road, the best I have seen inland for years. Police and self suffering acute and mysterious abdominal pains. WADESA R.H. is at the junction of Wadesa and Kutu creeks and is a fine spot thirty feet above the tumbling waters, flat and surrounded by gardens. Many villagers of both sexes had gathered to exchange their taro, sugarcane, lemons, pawpaws, limes, etc. for salt and tobacco. Continued yesterday's drying-out activities and paid off the Warawadidi carriers. Supervised the police at target practice with the new service rifles and marked some very accurate shooting.

Friday, 6th November. C.I. TUTUANA and V.C. SOIWA reported at 7.30 a.m. with V.C. LEOILEGI, Councillor GAR BENA and LIOLIGA, No. 2. of

KEITU and EMEGI and MANAIANA of ANIEBA, E.D. Having warned the latter two I arrested them for the alleged murder of NANDUBA of KEITU.

EMEGI immediately started off on an apparently well rehearsed statement but it sounded too crudely like an alibi to be true. I heard him out, took it all down in writing and then confused him a few selected simple questions. In short he claimed to have been a "cousin" of the dead man, was sleeping in his house as a guest the night NANDUBA was murdered saw the murderers creep in, execute their task and depart only to be seized by him. He said he asked them, NA and B. ILOLO, "What for you?" and they thereupon confessed to "murder as 'pay-cask' for death by 'wada of their father MOKAI". At that he allowed them to go, returned to see if NANDUBA was really dead and then followed his assailants to ANIEBA. (His own village). There he waited upon V.C. PAIONA, told him the whole story, helped him convey the "murderers" to Baibara Plantation where a Samarai Magistrate took them to Samarai. There he says he gave evidence against them so that they were both sentenced to two years imprisonment. All this contrary to the evidence given quietly and unrestrainedly by deceased's wife OIEBA, who asserts that she hadn't any visitors or guests on the night of the tragedy, that she wakened at her husband's side by the scuffle and recognised "one man named EMEGI" but could not see the other four or five properly. Witness Councillor GARABENA also recognised the five men, all well known to him. When MANAIANA was called he made some mumbled statement about my eyes seeing into his head. This was fortunate because he thereupon stated that he had assisted NA, DAILOLO (or MAKI), EMEGI and TAURIBA murder NANDUBA, "about two months ago". EMEGI then admitted that his statement was a lie and admitted that he had plunged a spear into NANDUBA'S side. Towards the end of the afternoon they unfolded a nice tale of events from a maze of untruths which are related here in chronological order for the sake of clarity:- About a year ago NANDUBA left Anieba village (E.D.), to live at Keitu, (N.E.D.), across the border. There he is alleged to have practised the "wada" upon MOKAI, father of the four brothers, NA, DAILOLO, EMEGI and MANAIANA. About two months ago they waited until Mr. Karius, A.R.M. had completed his tour of inspection and then, in company with TAURIBA, journeyed at night to Keitu, com-

prising two houses on a ridge. TAURIBA kept guard outside the larger one whilst NA, DAILOLO, EMEGI and MANAIANA crept into the smaller one where NANDUBA slept beside his young wife, SIENA, alone. Each carried short stabbing spears. NA drove his into NANDUBA'S throat, DAILOLO his into the left armpit, EMEGI his into the left side and MANAIANA his into the right ribs. The short cry and scuffle awakened GARABENA in the larger house, nearby, and he leapt to the ground, as anticipated and was forthwith seized by TAURIBA. Then the five made off.

GARABENA, followed by the murdered man's father, KULU, and mother, MOGAWASI, entered the hut and removed the spears from the body. They buried him next day. In due course, the astute EMEGI engaged V.C. PALONA, (E.D.), to take NA and DAILOLO only to Samarai where he gave evidence against them. They are said to have been sentenced to two years I.B.L. In the interim V.C. LEGILEGI of Wadeso, N.E.D., heard of the murder and journeyed to Keitu, collected two of the spears left behind and sent them to Baniara rather than take them himself, pleading, as an excuse, a sore leg, (an imaginary one), because his cunning had evidently conceived of other plans which would yield him rich harvest at Keitu and Aniese. When EMEGI returned from Samarai and it became a generally accepted fact that "finis" could be written to that matter, the Keitu people, lead by V.C. LEGILEGI, smeared themselves with mud, disguised their faces, decorated their head with cassowary plumage and bombarded the Aniesans with stones "for four days and on the fifth they stopped" and demanded blood-money for the death of NANDUBA. This was forthcoming and supplied by EMEGI, TAURIBA and MANAIANA in the shape of expensive "bagi", "sapisapi" (native money), "genuba" (large flat sea-shell), "isupora" (nosepiece), axes, knives, blankets, etc; three prize pigs named "Auda", "Tembe" and "Lagana" and half-a-dozen other pigs similarly extorted and killed and eaten; gardens broken, produce destroyed, coconuts felled and a house burned; all to the value of about £50, as assessed in Court by me the following day. The three murderers paid up resignedly, V.C. LEGILEGI presiding. In disclaiming any part in this riotous behaviour the V.C. said "Not that is not my fashion. I threw the first stone and then sat down and only watched because I am a Government man". Asked why he did not report the matter he said it was in the "Samarai" mark and not his business.

Later he arrested another native man, KODOKA, for alleged complicity in the same murder, and took him to Kadawa where, he, KODOKA, slipped his handcuffs off whilst V.C. [unclear] was busy with something else. Charged with escaping from custody he, [unclear], claimed "Whilst the V.C. was in the garden I threw a stone at a bird flying by and the handcuffs fell off as I thought I was free and went inside". V.C. [unclear], when asked how he managed to open the handcuffs with the key, (which is kept in the station office), beckoned to me to go outside and cunningly and confidentially demonstrated --- "See? Just a tap on the rock, (like that and they are open". Whilst looking at him for a long time and meditating upon the relative percentage of right and wrong in his makeup he suddenly slipped out a pound note and proffered it with a "Alright, I 'fice' Ai". Asked why he did not re-arrest KODOKA he said "Oh! I savvy he no kill KANDUBA". Asked why he arrested him in the first place he said "He no pay us plenty things like the others so I arrest him". Asked why he tried to stop my patrol on the coast he said "Taubada! You savvy me. That no my fashion". So far I hadn't actually proved that he did so I did not reply but the same V.C. may be capable of anything in his assumed role of adjudicator in the Poudawana district. A nice collection of news for one day. I decided to ascend to Keitu to finalise my enquiries.

Saturday, 7th November. Got away at 6.0 a.m., waded up the outu, crossing and recrossing a dozen times, branched off south and followed Sima creek for an hour and then ascended to KEITU, a sharp, long climb, with poor foothold. Obtained a grand view of the coast near Menapi through the valley provided by the Katu. V.C. PAIONA, a smart looking man from the Eastern Division, met me and seemed surprised and bewildered (it was he who took NA and DAILOLO to the coast at [unclear]'s behest), when I warned TAURIBA and took him into custody for the alleged murder of KANDUBA. Sitting on the spot where KANDUBA was murdered he dissembled quickly and told me of his part in the murder, that of mounting guard outside GARAHERA'S dwelling, whilst the other four went about their work. The three of them, [unclear], MANAIANA and TAURIBA, rehearsed the night's happenings in the actual setting before me, with DISEA, the victim's wife, lying on her bed alongside the fire. A pathetic business, and sad. Pitched the tent and fly, and to end, in a biting wind and opened the

Court for Native Matters at 11.0 a.m. The cold became too distressing so we repaired to the large community house and by 10.0 p.m. had finalised five cases dealing with behaving in a threatening manner, stealing, wilfully destroying cultivated trees and plants and arson. V.C. LEGILEGI was one of the eleven sentenced to various terms of imprisonment, (Recommendation for Dismissal forwarded herewith, attached). I have recommended one BEBEUPA, a different "type" as his successor. (Recommendation attached herewith). Rain and a driving wind helped make a night's rest miserable.

Sunday, 8th November. Continued clearing up the previous day's Court matters by witnessing the return of all stolen property, (as ordered by the Court), to the rightful owners, EMEGI, MANAIANA and TAURIPA, who in turn handed it to V.C. PAIONA to take to Aniesa on his way back, - except the pigs which are to be paid in kind, weight for weight, within one month from the date each thief is released from imprisonment at Baniara. Further exercising the people of Poudawana to discriminate between right and wrong I led the way back to Wadesa rest house by the route we had approached. Found the Kutu more difficult to cross owing to heavy rains and arrived at the R.H. at 12.20 p.m. I decided to journey back to the Station via Denewa and Taibira district thus visiting villages not seen on patrol No. 1 of 1936/37 by travelling somewhat parallel to it for a while and emerging in the deep corner of Goodenough Bay instead of at Uga point. Not only that, I wished to investigate a case of alleged suicide at BONEHEPA, Denewa District, reported in S.N.M. Case No. 12-19/1935-36 of 14.10.36. From Wadesa a fine road took us to DOMBWOAINA after crossing the Kutu twice and climbing over the points and passing GAUNA and OBOUTU on the way. Here a particularly artistic and sensibly constructed rest house has been built. This is the home of BEBEUPA whom I have recommended as V.C. in place of LEGILEGI. I gave him a letter to my wife asking for half a caddy of trade tobacco to replenish depleted stocks and told him to meet me in the Taibira country if possible. In the evening I received further education in the art of cooking (steaming) pig, taro, green bananas,



sweet potatoes, etc. en masse by wrapping the massive pile with river-rounded stones, previously heated, in banana leaves, laid for the purpose on other hot stones.

Monday, 9th November. Left at 6.15 a.m., climbed up the mountain-side on an excellent "steppe" road, passing UBUNAWAN on the way, walked along the springy surface of the summit and spent an hour felling large trees to afford us a grand panorama of the coast - Baniara a clearly defined islet on the surface of the water. Descended a razorback ridge to BINAMATA, then to Kigara Creek, passing WANAROU and OITAVU on our left and WIMUNA on the right, to Eta u creek and then ETAU R.H. on a nice flat site. Changed carriers again. There is no V.O. here, the nearest being at DOMBWOINA, (if his recommendation is successful) on one side of the range and at BONENEPA on the other side. I recommend one KAWAIA of BOIDA. (Recommendation forwarded, attached). Fine native foods purchased. Self suffering severe pains in chest and stomach - unable to eat anything for previous three days. The road travelled on during the day was excellent.

Tuesday, 10th November. Left ETAU R.H. at 5.30 a.m., climbed to a grass patch at the summit and obtained a partial view of the coast. Down, surmounted Bisiwa hill, crossed a creek and ascended to BOIDA. Here is a grand view of Baniara and part of the coastline. One hill top far below is delightfully flat amidst a needle-peaked upthrust of a hundred hills. Continued along the crest to NAKA, then along the hillside bearing west and over the top and down to Veata creek, then a smaller one, the Rowa. From here the track ascends, drops again to Hainisisi creek, over another ridge and down to the main Uga R. Lunched on some solid food in desperation - legs weak. Followed the Uga upstream past BIDIBS, climbed over five small razor backs to arrive at MIPUNABODA R.H. at 1.30 p.m. 103 people gathered here at the junction of the Gasu and the Uga. This will be one of the villages presided over by KAWAIA if his recommendation is successful. I intended carrying on to IKARA R.H. but spent the afternoon in bed with fever. The villages hereabout are DOMCEU, BUNDA, WANITOKA, KWANEBI, MEAU, TOIAU, UAUKA, KHAENA, KARAKARA, NATALA, BONOWA, WANOPA, WADIWAMPA

and WANAKAIBA. Heavy rain fell during the night.

Wednesday, 11th November. Left SIPONABODA R.H. and, keeping mostly to the southern bank followed Uga creek, twisting and turning, far up to BOHANA and then on to IKARA R.H. (V.O. ENSIO). 180 (males and) 157 women and children were gathered here. A happy lot. A halt here before continuing on again along the north slopes and the river to WABUMARA on the left bank. Brushed KARIKARI, climbed over three small razor backs and ascended the sharp pinch to BONNEPA. Here I made exhaustive enquiries regarding the death by suicide of a female native named WEIVI referred to in C.N.M. Case No. 10/36/37 of 14.10.36. Her half-brother, URAWAN, repeated the same story. UNAIA, her husband returned from the garden to find his food half-cooked, became enraged, emptied the food on the ground, smashed the pot, hit her on the head with one of the broken pieces and strapped off to sleep at WABUMARA. WEIVI cried all day, collected the spilled food, ate those pieces smeared with one blood from a small cut on her head and slept that night in her house. Her half-brother, hearing her child crying in the dawn, sought it out and found the mother missing. A quick search of the surrounding locality discovered her dead body hanging from a piece of native rope in a tree down behind her dwelling. I inspected this tree and noted that she had tied the rope in the fork of an almost vertical branch, had fallen and was found leaning slightly over a lower branch with her feet touching one still lower. No doubt she may have saved herself by climbing a little. Death was apparently caused by strangulation as the neck is alleged not to have been broken. I could not determine upon any foul play and thereupon issued a Coroner's Certificate that an inquest was deemed unnecessary. (Copy forwarded under cover, herewith, to Hon. G.B.). Lunched and bestrode the south slopes over small Gineanebi sk., passed above the village by that name and gradually worked up and around the western slope to the summit. The track led towards the west and declined to a spot where we emerged upon the crest of a huge grass-covered slope on the northern side. Trod warily down its acute descent to Minapu river and five minutes later discovered Minapu R.H., trembling with age and a playground for spiders and lizards. Here we spent the

coldest night of the patrol, yet the carriers shunned the other rickety house for a bed beneath the stars, on which to spread their nakedness around their fires. V.C. SUAMBA is said to be away across the border in the Eastern Division participating in a feast.

Thursday, 18th November.

Left MINAPU, ascended and walked round the east slope then down to GWIRIRO, (30 people here). A track leads from here to SUA, Taihiri district. Walked over pleasant grass slopes following the Minapu at a distance from it. Obtained a grand view of the North-East coast and for a moment thought it was Goodenough Bay, so near did it seem from such a height. Soon we descended to the Minapu crossed it and rose to a grass ridge on the opposite side, above MINAPA. GAUWA can be seen in front and below. Descended to DAWADIBA R.H. (V.C. LORDA). Changed carriers here. Continued on to BUREIWA R.H. Lunched and burned the R.H. lest it should fall on anyone as it threatened to do whilst there. A rest house is not necessary here. Shortly after leaving there I <sup>was</sup> met by V.C. GOMBI and BEBEUPA who brought half-a-daddy of tobacco and mail from Baniara. A very fine performance since leaving DOMBOSAINA. I also received a letter from Rev. Light of Boianai, a copy of which and my reply thereto is attached ~~here~~. BEBEUPA said that a Magistrate had arrived at Baniara just after he had left there. Mr. Kellus, as it proved, en route to take charge of Cape Nelson. The next village seen was KAKARI, then KANATURU, down the slope to KATAWAKA and finally SIGUCU and GWADAGWADA R.H., where V.C. GOMBI and 40 people had food ready for us. A nice little spot. KAINADUA is downhill to the left and further on in front is BOBOPI. Always I feel that mountain people are happier and gentler mannered than the coastal people. Some of them are horrified to think that a present requires payment unless I take pains to assure them of the pleasure of reciprocity.

Friday, 19th November.

Left GWADAGWADA at 6.15 a.m. with fresh carriers and walked long and far on the northern slopes studying, at half-a-dozen vantage points, the contour of the North-East coastline as Collingwood Bay shapes it. LADEKI Ok. is directly below. Continued, ascended and crossed Kaba creek and progressed to SIGIRU, R.H. Walked

on to TAKITAKI. Here is another rest house. From there the road continued over flat country to GALANAKI, where I found the R.H. demolished, as instructed, and the posts and roofing material ready for the new one. On the way I shot a Gaura pigeon and had the crest and feathers burned in my presence, by I/Cpl. AGOTI. Changed carriers at GALANAKI village and walked along the beach round to Rusbe Creek in half-flood. Had to wait an hour before the ferryman could be located, (word had been sent ahead to him two hours before), and then he brought the same old small canoe that had to be ferried eight times before all our goods were safely transported. Pushed on to NABU where another new rest house is in the process of erection. Continued as far as AWARA and KOIABAGINA and utilised the spacious rest house for the night's camp. Shot a shark cruising close inshore.

Saturday, 14th November. A.C. AIKAI left before dawn to have the double-canoe ready for us on the mainland beach but steady progress caused us to reach there before he did. Coincidentally, DOU-NOU, the Native Medical Assistant, and his escort, A.C. NONOOU, arrived simultaneously from a patrol of the Abuara, Dinadima and Maneao districts, having left the Station a day before us. The big canoe groaned under the weight of our combined effects and forty passengers but was rowed successfully to the landing by 12.15 p.m. Cpl. DONIWAI reported everything in order. It was not necessary, on any occasion, to compel natives to carry.

*Robert F. Pennington*  
A.M.S.

Territory of Papua.

CORONER.

Coroner's Ordinance, 1911.

Copy to The Hon. Government Secretary.

A BROWN'S BROTHERS' STORE INVESTIGATION.

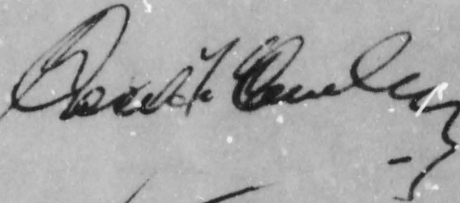
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to wit Baniara, N.E.D.

To all Police Officers and Constables and Village Constable MS19  
in particular of the Territory of Papua and to all others whom  
it may concern.

I the undersigned Col. F. Cowley one of His  
Majesty's Coroners for the said Territory have made inquiry  
respecting the death of WHIVI who died at BHIEHWA  
Village on the 18th day of October, 1936 do  
hereby certify that there is not in my opinion any necessity for  
holding an inquest upon the body of the said WHIVI and  
that the body of the said WHIVI may be buried.

Given under my hand this 18th day of November  
1936.



CORONER.

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Copy for your information and records, please. For  
particulars please refer page 14, Patrol Report No. 2 of 1936/37.

A.R.M.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.		Returned.	Remarks.	
		Police.	Carriers.	Other.	Total Used.					
Rice ...	300	100	100	-	200	16	6	Nil.		
Biscuits ...	-									
Meat ...	18	18			18	3	3	Nil.		
Sugar ...	15	15			15	2	3	Nil.		
Tea ...	-									
Soap ...	6	6			6	1	0	Nil.		
Tobacco ...	33	1	32	-	33	4	3	2	12. (2-V. 33. & 4-V. 33. 100)	
Matches ...	20	15			15		5	5		
Kerosene ...	3	1	1	1	3	4	5	2		
Tents ...	1							1		
Flies ...	2							2		
Lamps ...	3							3		
Buckets ...	2							2		
Paraffin Cans ...	3							3		
Knives and Sheaths										
Knives, 18 in. ...	3							3		
Knives, others ...										
Belts ...										
Pouches ...										
Print ...										
Twill ...										
Handkerchiefs ...										
Beads ...										
Mirrors ...										
Axes ...										
Half Axes ...	3							3		
Tomahawks ...	1							1		
Ball cart.	100				20			72		
						Total £	5	12	3	

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

[G.P.O.]

# PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

3 of 1936/37.

BANIARA, N.E.D.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Cecil F. Cowley, A.R.M. to

Cape Vogel. for the purpose of

Tax collecting.

Left Station on 17th December Returned to Station on 24th December.

Number of Carriers employed 8 Number of Police taken 2

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Station Wialaboat, C.F. Cowley, A.R.M.

Villages visited MENAPI. DABORA. WABURU. TEROGU. BOGABOGA. MUKAWA.

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7406/3.35.—1,000.

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Forwarded to the Government Secret.

Date 2nd January, 1937.

*Cecil F. Cowley*  
Officer in charge of Station



A.M.M., Baniara.

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Native Taxation - Census.

With reference to your remarks, under date of the 22nd December, in Patrol Report No. 3, about the condition of the census, it is suggested that it would save much time if, instead of reporting what is wrong, you put it right as soon as you can conveniently do so.

G.S. 20.1.37.

Copy to  
R.M.N.E.D.



R. No. 3 of 1936/37.

Baniara, N.E.O.,

27th Dec. 1936.

at

Report of a Patrol

by

Cecil F. Cowley, A.R.M.

to

Cape Vogel

for the purpose of Tax Collecting.

Personnel:- Cpl. DOMIWAI, A.C. SIRAI, H.C. Randolph Oiarua, and  
3 oarsmen.

Thursday, 17th December, 1936.

Left the Station in the recently overhauled whaleboat at 6.0 a.m. and rowed as far as <sup>TUASI</sup> Island when a light breeze permitted us to use the sails. Arrived Menapi village Rest House 9.45 a.m. Hauled the whaleboat up on the beach and commenced tax collecting and census revision. Paid Family Bonuses. Without in anyway wishing to circise any previous officer's work, I must say that the Census book names are poorly spelt and consequent additions and amendments are plentiful. This makes slow work.

At 1.0 p.m. received an urgent call to treat my son who had met with an accident to his hand.. A fast and heavy squall made holiday difficult through the reef but once outside the sails were hoisted and a quick run took us to Baniara. The following swell and gale strength wind proved a satisfactory test to the whaleboat recently condemned, and gave me much to do at my first attempt at sailing such a craft. Left Baniara again at 5.0 p.m., crossed to ABBARO in the whaleboat and walked to Menapi rather than take the risk of having to find Menapi beach in the darkness with the whaleboat. Instructed the Corporal to bring it along in the morning if the weather had abated. Called upon Rev. Lane.

Friday, 18th December.

Continued Census and tax at 6.0 a.m. Addressed the school children in the afternoon and afterwards inquired

into acts of hooliganism that occur nightly whilst Rev. Lane is away and the breaking of an iron strainer which, located on the hillside at the rear, filters spring water before entering the pits and is conveyed to the Mission grounds for the use of natives. Conditions proved it impossible for any rock to fall naturally and cause such a breakage to the strainer. This is sheer vandalism. The village grounds were in a disgraceful state, overgrown and dirty and provide good concealment for their practice of single intermittent yells at night, the baiting of the dog and stealing of fruit and eggs. All villagers put to work cleaning grounds during Census work. Cpl. DONI AI reported with the whaleboat at 1.0 p.m. m.v. "Maclaren King" called at Menapi with official mail via Baniara. Received milking goat and kid as gift from Rev. W. Light of Boiansi Mission for the Station. "Maclaren King" departed for N.E. Coast after an hour's stay.

Saturday, 19th December. All day on census. Not a single tax-defaulter. Found two names omitted from census for years. Received communication from H.M.A. Dou Nou on patrol in the Denewa-Poudawana country requesting further supplies of tobacco. Mr. H. Epiller arrived in launch "Una" at 6.0 p.m.

Sunday, 20th December. Journeyed to Baniara to obtain S/S, (in Mr. Epiller's launch), to accommodate him in signing on native recruits further along the coast in a few day's time. Left 9.0 a.m. in the whaleboat for DABORA district and arrived 2.0 p.m. and started Census work immediately. No wind, stifling night.

Monday, 21st December. Commenced collecting at 5.15 a.m. and, though confronted with another huge list of "additions and amendments", completed all by noon. Rowed over flat sea round Glynn Is. to WABUBU and continued Tax, Family Bonus and Census work until 7.0 p.m.

Tuesday, 22nd December. Commenced duties 5.25 a.m. and finished 1.0 p.m. The drinking water here is foul. Collected a big sting-ray on the trip round to BOGASGA by hauling it in and shooting it (as it was stabbed by a native fish-spear, apparently the day before, and lay on the bottom until we espied it. Ceased rowing opposite Saku,

and ran before a fair wind to Bogaboga. All day and afternoon on Census amendments, etc. The list is now colossal, due to many kinds of errors such as spelling, addition of names, deletion of others and deaths and births previously omitted. A more comprehensive report on this matter will be forwarded later. Mr. H. Spiller arrived at 1.0 p.m. and signed on nine labour recruits. Received two buckets of tank water from Rev. Whonbonaston of Mukawa. Ceased work at 7.15 p.m. and inspected a very clean and handsome village.

Wednesday, 23rd December. On Census all day till dusk. Having completed the long list of amendments, we rowed round Kibirisi Pt. and anchored at Mukawa. Here I spent half-an-hour talking with old V.O. Biga, looking very pale but full of energy. Presented him with a few sticks of tobacco and called upon Rev. Whonbon-Aston.

Thursday, 24th December. Departed at 9.0 a.m. and rowed and sailed in turn to Menapi where our appearance round the point caused many idlers to rush to their village-cleaning operations. Arrived Baniara 4.20 p.m. The whaleboat can now be reported thoroughly seaworthy. None of the repairs to the stern-post were faulty and the leaking has practically ceased. A fuller report on the whaleboat will be forwarded in due course.



A.R.M.

Copy to R.M., E.B.D.

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# PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER  
4 of 1936/37.

BANIARA. N.E.D. STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Cecil F. Cowley, A.R.M. to  
Boianai District for the purpose of  
Tax Collection and Census Revision.

Left Station on 6th February, 1937. Returned to Station on 17th February, 1937.

Number of Carriers employed Five (5) Number of Police taken Two (2)

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Cecil F. Cowley, Station Whaler.

Villages visited MISARA. WADOMINA. KWAGOU. VURAWARA. KEIVOVOANA. RADAV.  
MELAKURANA. WEITEPANA and KEIBODA.

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Copy - R.M.N.E.D.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 18th February, 1937

*Cecil F. Cowley*  
Officer in charge of Station  
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Patrol Report.  
No. 4 of 1936/37.

Baniara, N.E.D.,

18th February, 1937.

Report of a Patrol  
by  
Cecil F. Cowley, A.R.M.  
to  
BOIANAI DISTRICT  
for the purpose of Tax Collecting,  
and Census Revision.

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Personnel:- Cpl. DONIWAI, A.C. AIKAI, Randolph GIANDA and five  
Oarman.

Saturday, 6th February, 1937. Departed Baniara 4.45 a.m. under  
sails towards Boianai to take advantage of the cool morning air.  
Nearing Boianai tasted the spawn of flying-fish in its raw state  
picked up from a clot of driftwood. Found it quite palatable.  
Arrived Boianai 11.0 a.m. and found N.M.As. Iduu Maiva and Gelsaic  
and police-escort A.C. New already arrived via road. Accepted an  
invitation to play the locals cricket in the afternoon - and our  
subsequent defeat by a narrow margin. The natives displayed a  
talent in keeping with that of the Port Moresby and Samarai native  
teams. The Boianaians entertained the visitors with a feast in  
the evening.

Sunday, 7th February, 1937. Received a dozen or more Councillors  
and V.Cs. from surrounding villages in the morning and discussed  
natives matters in general. It is at such meetings that the sub-  
jects of the disposal of tax monies, the idea of natives as assessors,  
chain gardens and the Government's policy are discussed. The  
Boianaians, Vidiens and Vurawans strike me as an intelligent people  
singularly blessed with conditions which they make little use of.  
About a thousand all told their constructive efforts are limited to  
a complicated garden irrigation scheme which brings them a goodly  
supply of native foods but little else. Nor do they desire desire,

(in fact they resent it), the introduction of individual or communal plantations of coconuts or similar marketable produce. Turned the cricket tables on the local team in the afternoon.

Monday, 8th February. Commenced tax collecting, paying out family bonus and adding to and amending the Census. Here I immediately perceived another long, painstaking duty. Some mothers were paid five years' monies, some had never been paid before and births and deaths were recorded as far back as 1933. Completed the Vidia and Baiwapa books. Opl. DONIHAI sent to Baniara for the old Census book for checking purposes and another tax receipt book. Travelled along the coast by canoe to Mase Creek to watch women fishing by night for white bait. It appears that this is the short season for such small fish and they are caught by the thousand with nets of very fine mesh. Some fishermen discard the "black" variety because they are "on their way" to the spawning grounds, and seek only the white - knee high in their millions.

Tuesday, 9th February. Continuation of tax work, all day. Returned to the fishing grounds at Kufu Creek and netted 40 salmon-like fish. Had another long talk with Councillors in the evening until interrupted by heavy rain.

Wednesday, 10th February. Progressed with the Census to GADSA and KEIBODA villages. Received further education in native fishing methods. (The Boianians do not appear to use the net similar to those natives who live on the other side of the bay. Only V.C. Jarus had a net and this, aided by the two I carried, was the only one available for such good fishing). Another 40 large salmon, attracted by the white bait, (as were more than a hundred hawks and countless gulls), were netted at the mouth of the Kufu.

Thursday, 11th February. During tax collecting I discovered that many widows and widowers have been seeking hermitage up Mase Creek, in the hills, yet forming a colony of their own. I intend sending a medical patrol there when it returns from the Denowa district. Heavy thunderstorm in the evening scattered the people awaiting their call for Census check. Completed the villages of MEITEPANA, MEIAKURANAKKE and part of RADIVA. Many transfers have been

been affected, mostly by widows and widowers and young girls marrying outside their village yet in their village for the Census might easily be called Boianai as closely do the houses of one "village" lie to another. Some people are drifting to Wedau, S.D., and marrying and staying there whilst others are finding homes in Giligili, or thereabouts, where they find employment each year. Half-a-dozen have signed on under Contract of service to one of the new Fly River companies.

Friday, 14th February. All day on VURAWARA and K'AGOU Census'. Mr. H. Spiller arrived at 4.30 p.m. with twelve natives to sign on. Received small official mail, from Samarai.

Saturday, 15th February. Treated the WADOBUNA census. Taking in all the twelve villages I checked I find the following figures of interest:-

Total population about 1800.	1800.
Born this year.	33
Born previous to this year but not recorded.	55
Died this year.	32
Died previous to this year but not recorded.	29
Transferred - (between villages) - approximately	36

Three births in every hundred, (this year), as against two deaths in every hundred is, at the least, a success.

Sunday, 15th February. Another game of cricket in the afternoon.

Monday, 15th February. Finished the Masara Census, the last of the Vidia-Boianai-Vurawara group of villages. Not one man defaulted in his tax-payment. Eighty-nine paid tax - 35 are away under C/S or working casually - mostly at Giligili. Spent the morning with fourteen Councillors and V.Cs. for three hours discussing the idea of native Assessors again, the introduction of small books as enlightenment concerning N.R.O. and tax usage and the reason for paying tax and the planting of coconuts and other trees, village cleanliness, sanitation and roads. After lunch I took them in search of a large piece of ground suitable for the growth of coconuts and found an admirable piece at the rear of the village which can be easily cleared.



It is flat and about a quarter-mile square, is part of the alluvial ledge the mountains have not encroached upon, is close to the big village and the half-dozen coconuts growing on it are proof in plenty of its suitability for growing coconuts. Not only was that proof evident but each man of the party assured me of the soils richness and of their keenness to get the plantation going. I received a call by Rev. Light at about 8.0 p.m. voicing, by request, the peoples' message that the soil was NOT suitable, that their garden irrigation scheme takes up ALL their time and that they were not interested in coconut growing. Such is the stubborn change of opinion natives are capable of. Fourteen chosen men of the people actually helped me mark out the large piece of land without demur.

Tuesday, 16th February. A hundred men and more assembled at the appointed hour of 7.30 a.m. to discuss further the Councillors agreement of yesterday. For three hours I explained, again, yesterday's idea. In those hours a lot was explained to them, entirely for their own welfare and benefit. "No!" The idea did not interest them. A flat disinclination to have anything to do with it. One wonders, at times, if, and why, natives do not wish to progress upon lines familiar to them; in a fruit well-known to them; when the promise is given them to make sure their produce will reach the market. It seems a pity that the Native Regulations must be enforced where they could enjoy the the fruits of voluntary effort. These people are rich in land for coconut growing but extremely poor, at present, in the fruit itself. I intend, upon my return, cutting out many trees that grow within three feet of one another and do not bear any fruit. And I have instructed each man to select his plot of ground for the planting of coconut trees under Native Regulation No. 110. I shall, at the same time, inspect their irrigated gardens.

The N.M.As. had returned from their trip to the hitherto unvisited Mase Creek area, so we all departed in the whaleboat at 3.0 p.m. for Banira. Half way across the bay a head wind sprang up. Row as they might the oarsmen could not make headway against it so I turned for Uga Point, but the sea became so choppy under the cross-current of

wind and tide that the whaler began to ship seas over its gunwales which have very little freeboard, especially when loaded. Not only that caused us concern. Repaired as the boat is the timber is pithy from old age and cannot be taken up by rivetting so that leaking became evident under the strain. I steered a course for Boianai and ran before the wind, which dropped when we were within two miles of our intended destination. The wind changed for the third time enabling me to set a course for Uga Point, preferring to be close to land if bad weather set in. It was 6.30 p.m., the oarsmen were tired and threatening rain clouds provided us very little light. Reached Uga Point at 11.0 p.m. and commenced the crossing again aided by a favourable wind. This, however, dropped when we were again half-way across so the crew were obliged to row again. Arrived at Baniara at 4.0 a.m. I am afraid the whaler is too old to do anything with, safely. It is rather small to carry a load but is fast and quite handy in fine water, but headwinds and choppy seas leave the rowers utterly exhausted and cause everyone a little concern. The following day is needed to recuperate them, water leakage ruins rice however carefully protected and stowed and transport boxes, if not of the new-type galvanized-iron are penetrated by water ruining their contents. A sound boat with an engine would make all the difference <sup>between</sup> safe and efficient patrolling and risky and exhausting labour. I have taken a long turn at the oars, because it is my principle to know at first hand what I can expect of carriers or paddlers, and though I am bigger and stronger and experienced at rowing compared with my police and carriers I find the big cars a near impossibility over any great distance. On the other hand it would take me two days to reach Boianai by road.

Wednesday, 17th February. Arrived at Baniara at 4.0 a.m., unloaded, anchored the boat safely and ordered a hot meal for the crew.

A.R.M.

Copy - R.M.N.E.P.

Articles	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.		
Rice	100	32	68	100	5 4	all	
Biscuits							
Meat							(Fishing net taken).
Sugar							(S.G. Cartridges taken).
Tea							
Soap	2 lb. 2			2	6		
Tobacco	10 lb. 4		8 1/2	2	5	12 6	5 lb. (P.W.F.).
Matches	3 pkt 4			3	1	1	
Kerosene	2 gal 4			1 1/2	3 9		
Tents							
Flies	1					1	
Lamps	2					2	
Buckets	2					2	
Kerosene Cans	1					1	
Knives and Sheaths							
Knives, 18 in.							
Belts							
Pouches							
Print							
Twill							
Handkerchiefs							
Eggs							
Mirrors							
Axes							
Half Axes	1					1	
Tomahawks	2					2	
S.G. Cartridges	25			25	5 0		
				Total \$	1 10 2		

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



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# PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

8 of 1936/37.

BANIARA. H. B. D. STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Cecil F. Cowley. A.R.M. to

USA POINT, SIRISIRI, GALAWAKI, BURU, GIWA, ABUARO. for the purpose of

TAX COLLECTING & CENSUS REVISION.

Left Station on 8th MARCH, 1937. Returned to Station on 11th March, 1937.

Number of Carriers employed Nil. Number of Police taken TWO (2).

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Station Maleboat. C.F. Cowley. A.R.M.

Villages visited AS ABOVE.

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6272/1.32.-500.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 11th March, 1937.

*Cecil F. Cowley*  
Officer in charge of Station.

A.R.M., Baniara.



777/46/37

Native plantations.

On page 4 of Patrol Report No. 5 of 1936/1937 you appear to express the intention of making the Sirisiri people establish a Native Plantation under the Native Plantations Ordinance. This cannot be done. You can only make them plant coconuts and other useful trees under Native Regulation No. 110.

The Native Taxes Ordinance gives natives the option of paying the tax in money. If they like they can give up paying in money and establish a plantation, but the choice is theirs. And apparently these people prefer to go on paying in money.

When they plant under Native Regulation No. 110, the produce of the trees is theirs. If they establish a native plantation under Native Plantation Ordinance, they are entitled to half only of the produce. It is an important distinction, and care should be taken to explain to the natives how they stand.

G.S. 5.4.37

Copy to  
R.M.N.E.D.

Patrol Report.  
No. 5 of 1936/37.

Baniara, N. E. D.,

11th March, 1937.

Report of a Patrol

by

Cecil F. Cowley, A.B.M.

to

UGA PT. - SIRISIRI, - SIWA - & ABUARO DIST.

for the purpose of Tax Collecting  
and Census Revision.

Personnel:- Cpl DONIWAI., A.C. AIKAI and three prisoners.

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1937. Left Baniara at noon with the above personnel only as crew, judging the favourable wind to take us to Uga Point in nice time. However, I erred in my judgment for the wind dropped and one of Goodenough Bay's choppy cross currents made rowing difficult. Arrived at KERORO, Uga Pt., at 5.0 p.m. Six inches of the false keel, rotted, broke off at stern.

Wednesday, 3rd March. Heavy rain fell. Commenced on the census at 11.0 a.m. Instructed the villagers to erect a new Rest House.

Thursday, 4th March. As yesterday. Villages under check :- MAGIABURI GEREMA. PEKUPUKU. NAKARA. PAKATUPURA. KERORO & MUA in that order from east to west. These Uga Pt. people are in sad contrast with the Vidi-Boianai-Vurawara group. I missed the cries of babies and asked why. The explanation was that "many" children had been born but had died. I checked up carefully on 203 names comprising the eight villages and registered 8 births, 17 deaths, 4 cripples and 12 transfers. These figures include the deaths and births prior to the current year. Somehow or other they have been missed before. All through the day I had the feeling that "something was wrong". The people have food in abundance but they look sluggish, haggard and unhappy. I cannot understand why they do not compare with their eastern neighbours. There is a general air of despondency and there are too many "sipams" skins; too many of their number sickly looking; a sad absence of babies. Only one woman received a bonus for her children - the fourth child was born this year.

Later, whilst inspecting the villages and surroundings I noticed again


what havoc the flood waters of the Kunewa and the Uga play when in full force. On such occasions, and their claim is too apparent, the villages are washed away and refuge is sought, temporarily, in the hills at the back. One of the Councillors, (the only one), stated that the people wished to build a big village on a piece of land called WAGI. This spot is on the near side of MUBARA, (near Boianai), on the sea shore, and is unoccupied. I feel that some change of land is necessary for them. The Census for 1930 was 206, three more than this year. The 5/- Family Bonus for a population of 200 people compares too poorly with the 258/- for a population of 1000 in the Vidia-Boianai-Vurewara district. 1/40th of a shilling compared with 1/4th of a shilling per head. I intend sending an N.M.A. on patrol here immediately I return to the Station.

Friday, 5th March. Held a meeting of all the people of the Uga Dist. and, having witnessed the election of four councillors to help the one already there, (an election which seemed to give them extraordinary pleasure), I discussed the matter of shifting the villages to another spot, pointing out the necessity of first making sure that other people did not want the land and the fact that I would communicate their desires with you before making any definite arrangement. One and all appeared very eager to migrate to a place NW. of the Kunewa and not, as suggested yesterday, to WAGI, near Boianai. This transfer will take them out of their present precarious position between the two rivers. I held their enthusiasm down to two large villages, a suggestion which again pleased them because I had pointed out the advantage of having a large recreation ground, similar to that at Boianai Mission, between the two villages whose borders touch each other, (their suggestion). I was surprised that their enthusiasm should last so long as to give us a most hearty cheer as we departed for Baniara to meet the expected "Nusa". A fair wind from the S.E. carried the whaler along to the opposite side of the bay in two hours, but I could not sail close enough to the wind to make Baniara. Beached at KAIBOGIMOGIMO, just above GINA, picked up enough men for a crew and rowed against a head wind and rough sea to the Station, a horrible job for the rowers, and arrived there ten minutes before the Nusa, 3.0 p.m. Received official

mail and stores and commenced answering correspondence to catch the return mail in about six days' time.

Saturday, 6th March. Finalised correspondence and started on the return trip, this time to SIRISIRI, in the corner of the bay. So contrary is the weather, and so lasting is my bad luck, that the wind had veered right round to a N.W. and again I had the task of facing it with my starboard bow. This time I took N.M.A. Dou Nou and his assistant, SALESIA, for the purpose of a general inspection of the Uga Point inhabitants. A strenuous row took us to SIRISIRI, (V.C. GAITANA), by 8.30 p.m. where coconut leaf flares helped us make a safe landing despite rollers and rocks. Hauled the whaler high and dry.

Sunday, 7th March. N.M.A. Dou Nou took the boat to Uga with instructions to return by the morrow evening if possible. Commenced Census work after church service. A general reshuffle of the Census pages was necessary. Many of the BONDAGA-BIMARA, NUBURUBU, KAIKIVIVI-DAVILAO TAKITAKI-ARARA people, comprising this district, have intermarried with the near hill "inside" people, the change is mostly done by the women. I think this should prove beneficial because the hillwomen have a fine bearing, slim, strong and straight. It seems that quite recently a village change has been effected in BONDAGA-BIMARA. The inhabitants, with the exception of one family, have built a new village near the bay shore and I have suggested that they call it BONDAGA II after the old village, and that the remaining family join it as soon as possible. To this all are agreeable and promise to effect the change.

Monday, 8th March. Commenced and completed the GAIWANAKI District, (V.C. TEPUDU), comprising that village, which includes SIGARENEGA, practically an extinct name, and BEUBEUA, which is now fused with the parent village so that its name may now be eliminated from the Census.  SIRISIRI and GAIWANAKI have new Rest Houses, each of which provides a welcome change in the floor which, in place of interlaced bamboo sheets, is now constructed of pandanus strips laced to closely placed joists so that walking does not cause a collapse of articles on the table. Today found the first tax defaulter in an area stretching from MUKAWA to VIDIA. A bad case, too, six years in arrears.



Three Councillors were elected amongst the SIRISIRIANS and three amongst the GAIWANAKIANS. Again the people seem pleased and themselves suggest a closer knitted community. The suggestion of a recreation area met with joyous approval furthering my scheme to provide each centre with a football ground where the people may find an outlet to any surplus energy instead of squatting around in inactivity hatching possible mischief. The suggestion of plantations does not meet with the same enthusiasm, naturally, but a start will be made on this under the regulations governing the Native Plantations' Ordinance as soon as the big work of revising the Census is done with. No doubt other Councillors have been elected in the past yet I found only one amongst the three district visited so far on this patrol. N.M.A. Dou Nou reported back from his special mission with the discovery of two V.D. cases which had been concealed. These he brought along with the child I noticed at KERORO who was covered with sores from head to foot. Left at 2.0 p.m. and found enough wind to offset a heavy underground swell and take the whaler to BUKU where census work was immediately continued. The R.H. has been pulled down pending the erection of a model similar to that under construction at Baniara. The V.D. gave me his own dwelling to camp in. In this respect the people are fortunate; the floor is the ground, richly pebbled and comfortable and clean.

Tuesday, 9th March. Continued Census activities. The Buku District includes COMOROMORO, AUWARA-BUKU, (now only BUKU), and KOIAP-GIRA-KOBORO. Here, as at SIRISIRI and GAIWANAKI, the people are straggling upcountry to a place called MONOUNA. The usual great number of alterations was necessary owing to widows, widowers and young people intermarrying as far along the coast as SIRISIRI on one side and MENAPI on the other. Two more tax-defaulters were taken into custody, both being four years in arrears. Travellers wandering through at 6.0 p.m. reported a case of <sup>12</sup> being at DIDIWA where a woman had collapsed into a fire. I immediately despatched Dou Nou and his assistant to render her treatment. Left BUKU at noon and rowed along the coast to GIWA and immediately commenced work there. The district is DOUNA, (KURIGAMA-IAGIAGIDAMA, inside), POROTAI-DARA, (now fused with ORETA), NIBA, KWAMEREBEHA, GIWA, DIDIWA, KALBOGIMOGIMO and DICUMA. Each Christian name is written in because

It was not found necessary to force any village native to carry on this patrol.

of the peoples' continual references to one another by their baptismal names and seldom, if ever, by their native name, unless that person is not a Christian. It is a painstaking task but should show to advantage next year. Calling the christian and native name at once invites response as it should be, but too often the calling of the native name only promotes a vacant stare as though there were no such person. The people so change their childhood names by some ceremony or such event in their lives that they forget the name which they gave when being enrolled. POBATAI DARA has fused with ORETA and therefore becomes unnecessary in the Census. The DOUNA group have expanded to RIBURIBU-TRATUA. This village makes the third in the District, and contains eleven houses. The people are inland, somewhat, but seem a strong, contented and happy people. Their two Councillors make eight for the district, (there were not any upon my arrival), and I forgot to mention that five were elected in the Baku district. It has been most noticeable that the election of Councillors in each village during the patrol has met with surprising enthusiasm. Perhaps it is natural that the people feel they have some sort of "representation". Of what, I know not, but I imagine it to be "someone who can talk to the Government for us". When each district in the Division has its Councillors I intend arranging suitable and necessary subjects for discussion at a huge assembly at Baniara. This will not be for some time but when that time comes I will be able to give three or four days' entire attention to such native matters that provide for some advancement of the people. Rain caused a cessation of work but wind soon blew it out and permitted a continuance. ~~substantiation~~ of the Ciwa district census.

Wednesday, 10th March. All day on Census work. Held a meeting in what daylight remained and expounded again the action of the Government relative to its native people.

Thursday, 11th March. Left at 7.0 a.m., rowed to Baniara, unloaded, had breakfast and rowed to ABUARO. Checked up on that village and TOPUNAKI, elected three Councillors and thus finalized Census revision from VIDIA on the Eastern border to MUKAWA along the N.E. coast. Those villages from MUKAWA to the N.E. border will be checked next patrol. Returned to Baniara by 3.0 p.m. and wrote out this patrol report.

*Robert G. ...*



**PATROL REPORT.**

STATION NUMBER.

6 of 1936/37.Baniara, N.E.D.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Cecil F. Cowley, A.R.M. to  
North East Coast - (Bogaboga to N.E. Boundary). for the purpose of  
Tax collection and Census revision.

Left Station on 14th April. Returned to Station on 23rd April, 1937.

Number of Carriers employed 6 Boatscrew Number of Police taken 3.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Cecil F. Cowley, A.R.M. Whaleboat.

Villages visited MENAPI. DABORA. WABUBU. BOGABOGA. MUKAWA. TAPIO. MIDIND.

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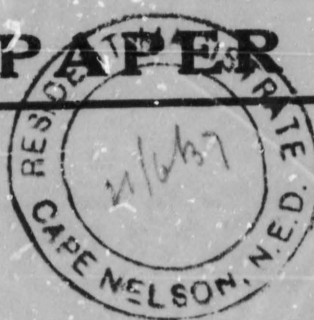
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Date 23rd April, 1937.

*Cecil F. Cowley*  
 Officer in charge of Station.

# MINUTE PAPER

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No. 1241/315/37

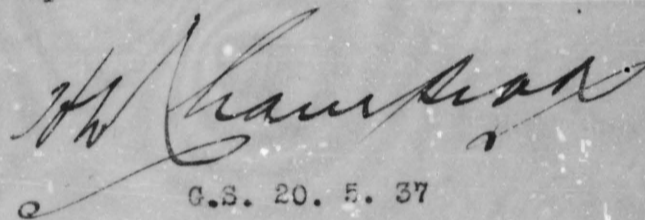
R.M.N.E.D., Cape Nelson.

Patrolling Baniara Dist.

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter  
No. 86/26/37, of the 4th May.

This seems a matter for you to settle with  
the A.R.M. yourself. My reading of it suggests that the  
A.R.M. travels by night to get smooth water and rests by  
day, so in the end, perhaps the rowers are the better off.

It may be on all fours with the P.O. who  
is on the move at daybreak but who rests his party early  
in the afternoon to make up for it.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA.

R.M.'s Office, CAPE NELSON. N.E.D.

No. 36/26/37.

4th May, 1937.

The Hon' G.S. P.M.

Patrolling, Baniara Dist.

In Patrol Report No. 6/36-37 (Baniara) under date 21/4/37 the A.R.M. writes :- ".....I left with a crew at midnight hoping to reach Cape Vogel by noon the next day. Vain hopes indeed. A good moon and faint breeze made fair rowing for an hour but the remainder of the night, and until nine o'clock the next morning was just a long hard fight by the oarsmen to make headway against the wind on a coastline smothered with reefs.

And again on 22//37 "..... Slept until 6 p.m. put to sea again..... Another long battle up the coast by aching men brought MUKAWA by 9 p.m..... Splended determination on the part of the boatscrew carried us to BOGA-BOGA Point and it was only with difficulty that we rounded it and anchored in the lee of the reefs at midnight. The men just threw themselves down and slept till dawn."

On looking through the Baniara patrol reports one notices frequent references to this habit of the A.R.M.'s of travelling at night in reef strewn waters. It was the same at Kikori, Mr. Cowley often returned from patrol in the early hours of the morning after travelling all night.

Is there any occasion for the A.R.M. to risk the lives of the natives he has with him by travelling at night in reef strewn waters, presumably for the sake of saving time. Natives are not galley slaves.

I think the A.R.M. should be told that it does not enhance the prestige of the Govt. to keep natives rowing in a heavily laden whaleboat until they are ready to drop from sheer exhaustion.

Patrol Report.  
No. 6 of 1936/37.

Baniara, N. E. D.,

23rd April, 1937.

Report of a Patrol.

by

Cecil F. Cowley, A.R.M.,

to

North - East Coast Districts

for the purpose of Tax Collecting

and Census Revision.

Personnel:- Spl. DONWAI, A.Gs. MIKAI & NONOJO and Randolph Giarus.

Wednesday, 14th April, 1937. Left Baniara Station in the whaleboat at 9.15 a.m. and rowed and sailed to Menapi where the rudder top pin broke off. Previous to this the false keel had come adrift and was removed. The Rev. Mr. Lane kindly offered his workshop and the rudder was mended. Left again at 1.30 p.m. against a strong breeze and was forced into Dabora for the night.

Thursday, 15th April. Got away from Dabora at daylight in calm water but soon faced the wind again and lunched at Wabubu. On to Bogaboga and started Census work on the villages of Kibirisi and Hausewa. Watched the dancing at night. These people have been dancing on and off for a month as is their fashion. One man explained to me that the cause of the dance is because of the ridicule of their neighbours, who, according to custom, deride them for the shortage of, and inability to procure, foodstuffs. This challenge is accepted, the food produced by a certain date and the sacrificers invited to witness the answer to their insults. Any excuse for a dance. The dance itself is the usual roundabout of young girls and boys in aimless fashion caring little for time or rhythm produced by the drums of three or four men. The only feature worthy of admiration was the manner in which a dozen married women locked hands and arms and slowly and gracefully erect negotiated the periphery of the imaginary circle, their long, well-made skirts caused to swish by their jolting yet graceful action. Each was tall and slim and, together, performed one of the most intriguing gyrations I have seen.

Friday, 16th April. For the first time on these coastal patrols the

whaler ran before a favourable wind so that it was not long before we reached Mukawa. Commenced Census work and tax collecting forthwith and completed the villages of Kakela, Kurokuro and Mukawa in that order. Resident relieving missionary away at Menapi.

Saturday, 17th April. Census work on Iabiabata and Bave villages. No tax defaulters. Spent a long session with the Councillors and supervised the election of others increasing their original two to seven. Engaged the local cricketers in a game in the afternoon and lost. Mr. Bill Wright, Jr., arrived at 2.30 p.m. in the "Whitkirk" with native labourers to sign on. Left with my Orderly at 5.0 p.m. and accompanied Mr. Wright to Baniara to sign on the natives, intending to walk back overland on the morrow and inspect villages en route. Arrived Baniara 9.0 p.m. and signed on the labourers.

Sunday, 18th April. Left Baniara at 9.0 a.m., crossed to Ahuara and walked the much used Mukawa-Baniara road. At noon the road seemed to be endless so slow was the sea in coming to light. Instead of making in a straight line for Mukawa it passes that district and emerges about five or six miles further up the coast necessitating a long walk back. This is the most absurd track I know of. Floated the whaler and sailed quickly to Tapio, another following wind making the journey speedy. The village is clean but suffers the inconvenience of a miniature swamp between the houses and the shore, similar to that of Dabofa and Babutu villages.

Monday, 19th April. All day on census work. Completed Kwapukwapu, Tapio, Borereta, Kereasi, Dividivieni, Magabara, Basseianaki, Pem and Hauroba villages. No defaulters. Again presided over the election of eight Councillors for the whole scattered district. In such elections the nomination is unanimously agreed upon, the successful candidate's village being generally referred to as "his", and he is proclaimed by all as a "very good village man and leader". Rain and wind ended the meeting at dusk.

Tuesday, 20th April. Departed 6.0 a.m. and had another fast run with the wind, this time calling in at Midino, two hundred yards up a creek, swept clean of coconut leaves and boasting a well-lined "plantation". Spent the afternoon with the people electing fourteen councillors,



These men represent the villages of Iarama, Sirimo, Geregerasina, Guru, Eagada, Porovi, Orotobara, Dilotari, Moitu, Kwagira, Gidabe and Pue, all spread out over a very long coastline. The Councillors asked for another Village Constable to assist V.C. AGARUBA in his duties and I think they are justified in their request. I selected a man named RUABA and his recommendation will be forwarded in due course.

In this district, as at Sirisiri and Galawanaki in Goodenough Bay, the people are intermarrying freely with the near hill people, apparently without upset to the coastal community. The Missionary has not commenced baptising here with the result that Christian names are scarce, and men address his neighbour by his own native pleasant-sounding name.

Wednesday, 21st April. All day on census work. Of the 1350 (approx) names checked on this patrol, there were no tax defaulters, all family bonus was paid up to date, 145 paid tax and money seemed quite plentiful. The presence of strong headwinds outside caused me to send the bulk of transport overland, a day's journey, in charge of the Corporal and A.C. and I left with a crew at midnight hoping to reach Cape Vogel by noon the next day. Vain hopes indeed. A good moon and faint breeze made fair rowing for an hour but the remainder of the night, and until nine o'clock the next morning was just a long hard fight by the oarsmen to make headway against the wind on a coastline smothered with reefs.

Thursday, 22nd April. Pulled in over the reefs to Magabara at 9.0 a.m. for food and rest. Left again at 11.0 a.m., avoided the strong wind by winding in and out the adjacent islands and reefs and suffered another tossing in the row across to Tapio. Slept until 6.0 p.m., put to sea again and ate a native meal cooked for us in a huge native pot at Tapio. Another long battle up the coast byaching men brought Mukawa by 9.0 p.m. The wind seemed to have dropped a little but as soon as we commenced rowing again it strengthened. Only splendid determination on the part of the boatscrew carried us to Bogaboga point and it was only with difficulty that we rounded it and anchored in the lee of the reefs at midnight. The men just threw themselves down and slept till dawn.

Friday, 23rd April.

Friday, 23rd April. All the forces of nature seemed specially conceived to exasperate our party. A hard gruelling row to Cape Vogel gave us the wind at an angle where we could use the sails and rest but no sooner had we reached that point, 9.0. a.m. than the wind dropped altogether and remained inert for the rest of the long day.

This seemed too ironical for willing spirits so I put in behind Olyra Island and let the men sleep until 2.0 p.m. Four hours later we arrived at Bariara. This patrol proves more than previous ones the wisdom of having a powered boat to replace the present worn-out whaler. During the patrol both rudder pins broke due to corrosion and I was forced to tie the rudder on with ropes for the journey back. Three rowlock beds loosened under the constant battering of oars driving against head winds and adverse circumstances dealt too severely with willing oarsmen. The loosened rowlock beds came adrift and without their use three man-power was lost for service and three passengers were the result.

This completes the tax-patrolling for the year and it is pleasing to report that only two natives in 356 defaulted in payment.

It was not found necessary to compel any native to carry on this patrol.

*Robert Curzon*  
A.R.M.

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**PATROL REPORT**

STATION NUMBER

7 of 1936/37.

BANIARA, N. E. D. STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Cecil F. Cowley, A.R.M. toN.E. Border, inland, for the purpose ofGeneral Inspection.Left Station on 23rd May, 1937 Returned to Station on 29th May, 1937.Number of Carriers employed 24 Number of Police taken 2Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Whalboat to B.U.H. C.F. Cowley, A.R.M.Villages visited SUNU. IVIARA. UAKWAPU. IAMI. GURUK AIA. MOHARI. POMPOM.AUE. DILOBARI. KACILA. MIDINO. IARAMI. GEMAGERASINA. SIRIMO.ROULIABA. PEM. KAMUASI. BRBONI. WAIIRA. KDIANANI. ARUARO.

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

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

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

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

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

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COPY TO R.M.N.E.D.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 8th June, 1937.  
Officer in charge of Station

Patrol Report  
No. 7 of 1936/37.

Baniara, N. E. D.,

The Hon. Government Secretary,

Report of a Patrol

by

Cecil F. Cowley, A.R.M.,

to

GAIWANAKI, then inland to N.E. border

DIMADIMA, DABA and PAIWA Distrs.

Personnel:- A.Cs. GABA & AIKAI. C.I. TUTUANA.

23rd May, 1937. Sunday. Left Baniara in the station whaleboat before a strong wind and soon found that the seas running into Goodenough Bay were really mountainous. However, a strong wind kept the whaler running nicely before them and the surf was "shot" without mishap at Buki instead of Gaiwanaki. Camped at Buki and sought carriers. An alligator took a pig half-a-dozen yards from us in the evening. A piercing squeal, a sudden thrashing of water and some native has lost his pig. I am always hearing of such losses yet little is done to pen the pigs at night or fence the village against their loss.

Monday, 24th May. Left at 7.0 a.m. with 24 carriers and skirted the Ruaba river to IVIARA, (V.C. KEROM), 3 houses on a table top, then on to UAKWAPU at 10.0 a.m. and arrived at noon. Here is a fine lemon tree in fruit. 10 houses comprise a tidy village. Lunched. Departed 2.0 p.m., crossed the Ruaba twice and progressed over undulating grass hills to IAKI, (3.30 p.m.). N.M.A. Sou Nou accompanied the patrol with N.M.A. KARAPA as assistant. A long tramp over grass hills gave us GURONGAIA, (2 houses) at 5.30 p.m. and camp was made for the night. These people have a goodly quantity of coconuts for a village so far inland, about 20 miles from the coast in direct line.

Tuesday, 25th May. Left at 7.30 a.m. with a change of carriers and arrived at SONARI, (V.C. KEROM) within the hour. Limes grow abundantly. Left at 9.30 a.m., followed a creek bed for half-an-hour and emerged to ascend to a grass covered peak from which a fine view was obtained of the surrounding country. Continued along these grass

ridges to POMPOM, (1½ hours). Here grows a fine tree laden with luscious oranges. Lunched. Continued at 8.0 a.m. over more hills to the fine garden lands of FUE. The Rest House is poor. V.C. instructed to build another. The people are proud of their two lines of houses forming a dance and playground in the centre.

Tuesday, 26th May. Departed at 7.0 a.m. for BILORARI. Here my cook-boy presented me with a bag of fine oranges. Continued on to MIDINO R.H. and camped. (V.C. BOMARISA). Here, too, a dog was taken in the evening by an alligator. This is the coastal district. So far it is evident that the inland people are enjoying a fine hunting and garden season. Food supply is stated to be good and the Fue people are busy trading oranges and pots with the Kewansoop people just across the border. It is a pity that such vast tracts of grass hills that I walked over can not be found suitable to some agricultural production, bordered as it is by the circular path of the Ruaba river. The Midino people had pots of food ready for us. Scraped bananas, pumpkin, paw-paw, cabbage and taro.

Thursday, 27th May. Departed at 7.30 a.m. and walked the coast road to GURU. Early morning game was about and a wallaby and two pigeons were brought down in flight. Yesterday my two A.Cs. had been given still target practice. Today's moving target proved their skill with the rifle to be of a high order and they are gradually acknowledging the new service rifles superior to their old loves, the Martini-Hearis. Passed through GERAGERASINA, SIREMO and MATAMARA and arrived at IARAMI Rest House at 11.30 p.m. Continuing, passed through ROUROBA and camped for the night at PEM. R.H. poor - its reconstruction ordered.

Friday, 28th May. Departed at 6.0 a.m. and arrived at KIHUABI 7.15 a.m. Commenced a climb to the first peak and descended to follow Dabi creek through thin bush to emerge into grass country again. An ascent gave us BOBONI, where a V.D. patient was reported. Continued along a small valley and ascended to WARIBA 4.30 p.m. and camped. Here is a fine view. Councillor Charlie had six "uro" ready for my police and carriers.

Saturday, 29th May. Left WARIRA at 7.0 a.m. and descended from the Rest House to TOIAPAKI. On the track to WAKOKONAKI six huge Goura pigeons caused the party by refusing to leave the highway in front of us until frightened by a shout. I have seldom seen birds of such size. The road to Abusaro is in a filthy state and I have instructed V.C. Moses KALCUNA to attend to its repair immediately. Villages closest to a Station generally boast the worst roads. Arrived at Abusaro it was difficult to call the whaleboat in the roaring wind, and more difficult to beach it in the passage when it arrived. High seas and strong winds have been raging for the past month and considerable damage has been done to village canoes as a result. Arrived at Beniaru at 10.15 a.m. A.C. AMARAU reported everything in order.

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