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GULF DISTRICT

KEREMA SUBDISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS:

1923/24

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[G.P. 59.]

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

9/23/24.

KIRIWA. G.D. STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Wm. J. Lambden. P.O. to

Vailala River. G.D. for the purpose of

General inspection of all villages.

Left Station on 21/2/24. Returned to Station on 24/2/24.

Number of Carriers employed 24. Number of Police taken 5 & 1 Interpreter

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge -----

Villages visited PETOI, HANARAPIRU, PYRU, BUBIRI, TRAVAPAI No.1, TRAVAPAI No.2, KARAHOHU, AIRAVA No.2, AIRAVA No.4, DOBEHOHO, AIRAVA No.3, HIRU, AIRAVA No.1, HEAKAKOA, (new villages HERI-HERI & LAKAVU) KEA-KEA, KOALIAHU, AIVAU and VAILALA EAST

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 28th. February 1924.

Chas. Lambden

Officer in charge of station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice	160 lb	75	15 lb		40 lb	7 6	180 lb	
Biscuits								
Meat	1 lb	15 lb			15 lb	6 10 1/2	33 lb	
Sugar								
Tea								
Soap	3 lb						3 lb	
Tobacco	30 lb	5 lb	5 lb		5 lb	15 lb	24 lb	
Matches	1 1/2 doz				1/2 doz	3	5 1/4 doz	
Kerosene	2 gal				1/4 gal	8	1 3/4 gal	
Tents	1						1	
Flies	1						1	
Lamps	3						3	
Buckets	2						2	
Kerosene Cans	1						1	
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.								
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes	1						1	
Tomahawks								
TOTAL £						1 10 1/2		

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

Report of a patrol by Wm. J. Lambden P.O.
from Kerema to Vailala River undertaken for
the purpose of a general inspection of all villages
and to load rice aboard A.K. "Vanapa".

February 1924.

Thursday 21st.

Accompanied by Court Interpreter HANI
Armed Constables UNDIRARI, MBANI, DILEGA, KAWA and KAIRARAK
left Kerema with the station canoe and 22 Mei carriers at
9.30.am. Arrived at Peto Point at 10.15.a.m. Inspected
PETOI, V.C.KAMI, pop. 27 and found the village clean and in
good order.

Proceeded along beach and visited
HAMARAPIRU, V.C.MOVIAMI, pop. 587. Village is clean and
houses are in order. Continued along the beach and passed
through PIRU and BUBIRI villages, total population 497,
under the control of V.C.KAUKO. Village is clean and houses
in fair order but the village fence has not yet been altered
to include all houses in the enclosure. Instructed that this
be done before the noon. Crossed over bridge that I had
ordered to be repaired and visited IRIVAPALRE villages, total
population 293, V.C.KAUKO in charge. Villages were clean
and houses and fences in repair.

Continued along sand beach at 2.p.m. in
pouring rain and arrived at Huiva at 5.30.p.m. Paid off
carriers and camped.

Friday 22nd.

Mr. R. Shaw Moody arrived with 32 native
labour recruits at 8.30.a.m. Until 4.p.m. tracing boys with
tax register, taking declarations, and making out contracts
of service for 32 native labourers.

"Sir Arthur" arrived from Port Moresby
at 10.a.m. dropping mail for Kerema and stores for local
residents.

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Packed up and with Keuru carriers left at 4.30.p.m. arriving at Keuru Rest Houses at 5.30.p.m. Camped. At 6.p.m. sighted a boat travelling westwards.

Saturday 23rd.

Sent mail to Kerema at 8.a.m. V.C.ILOMO and V.C.HOA reported. At 8.30 started an inspection of the Keuru villages. Road from beach to Karohoho was in a bad state, overgrown with grass and swampy. KOROHOC village V.C.ILOMO, pop. 51. clean and in repair but the surroundings wanted cleaning up.

Road to Airava No.2. in a very bad condition, had to be carried most of the way. Bridge over Keuru Creek broken down and had to wait $\frac{1}{2}$ of an hour for canoes. AIRAVA No.2. village, V.C.ILOMO, pop.119, clean but the surroundings needed attention.

Road to Airava No.4. overgrown with grass. Inspected village, pop.118. V.C.ILOMO, clean and in repair but much rubbish outside the village enclosure.

Road to Dohohoho fairly clean but far from satisfactory. Inspected village, pop.110. V.C.HOA, and found village the cleanest yet visited and the surroundings very good.

~~Road to~~ Road to Airava No.3. fairly clean but has not been touched for weeks. Inspected village, pop. 101. V.C.HOA, surroundings dirty, fence broken in several places but enclosure Very clean.

Road to HIRU overgrown and foot bridges in bad repair. Inspected village, pop.105. V.C.HOA, village very clean with the exception of one Dubu the surroundings of which were very dirty. Arrested the 7 occupants and charged them with "Neglect to clean village" and sentenced each to One Months imprisonment with hard labour.

Road to Airava No.4. very dirty and foot bridge broken down. Inspected village, pop.118. V.C.ILOMO, and found everything in order.

Road to Heakakoa fairly clean but needs attention

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Village in good order and clean, pop. 79, under the control of V.C.HOA.

Road to Airava No.1. overgrown and foot bridge broken. Village fairly clean but fences broken in several places. Pop.157, under the control of V.C.HOA.

Road to canoe landing on Keuru Creek very bad and had to be carried shoulder high through swamps, foot bridges broken down. Proceeded by canoe down stream and visited a new village called LAKAVU consisting of 10 houses and one Dubu. These people are from Airava No.1. and are included in the Census of that village.

Continued down stream to the mouth of Keuru Creek on the sand beach. Arrived back at the Rest Houses at 2.p.m. Had lunch and sent for all natives responsible for the dirty roads.

~~Visit~~ Visited a new village on the beach called HARI-HARI, these people are migrating from ~~KOUKOU~~ KAROHONO and are included in the census of that village.

Returned to Rest Houses at 2:45.p.m. and started in the C.N.M. 76 natives charged with "Neglect to clear roads". Finished up at 6.15.p.m. 74 natives convicted and sentenced to 14 days imprisonment with hard labour, 2 natives discharged.

Commenced collecting outstanding taxes for the year 1922/23 and heard from a native that the "Vanapa" crossed the Vailala River bar this morning to go up the river to load rice. Packed up immediately, sent for carriers, had tea and at 7.30.p.m. in the rain and darkness set out for Vailala.

Arrived at HUA-KUA, V.C.ILOHO, pop. 99. at 8.30.p.m. Continued along the beach and arrived at KOALALAHU at 9.30.p.m. V.C.IHAHE, pop. 147. Rain pouring heavier than ever. Passed through AIVAU, pop. 156. V.C.IHAHE and at 10.30.p.m. arrived at VAILALA EAST, pop.775. V.C.BEAI. Camped in the Rest Houses which were in good order.

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

10/23/24.

NERIMA. G.D.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Wm. J. Lambden, P.O. toWestern Boundary of the Gulf Division. for the purpose ofA General inspection of all villages, Collecting Tax, Paying Family Bonus, Loading produce of Native Plantations aboard "Vanapa", etc. etc.Left Station on 2/3/24. Returned to Station on 19/3/24.Number of Carriers employed 20. Number of Police taken 5. and Interpreter.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge _____

Villages visited PEFOI, BUBIRI-PIRU, HAMARAPIRU, IRAVAPAIRE 1-2.ARIHAVA, TOKU, OROKOLO, MORIAU, PAROWABU, AUVA,BIAI, ARUAPE 1-2, KUEIPI, VAILALA EAST, VAILALA WEST.

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2242/12.21.—2,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 4/4/1924.Loon Brown
Officer in charge of station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
7 ¹ / ₂ Rice	160 lb	120 lb			120 lb	1 2 6	40 lb	
Biscuits								
5 ¹ / ₂ Meat <i>Salt</i>	20 lb	25 lb			25 lb	12 0	5 lb	
3 ¹ / ₄ Sugar	25 lb	20 lb			20 lb	5 2 ¹ / ₂	5 lb	
Tea								
3 ¹ / ₄ Soap	3 lb	2 lb			2 lb	7 ¹ / ₂	1 lb	
2 ¹ / ₈ Tobacco	31 lb	2 lb	13 lb	16 lb	27 lb	3 12 0	4 lb	<i>Other include 2 d. 4c? & 10 lb. pay to native load aboard "Vauap"</i>
5 ¹ / ₂ Matches	3 doz	1 ¹ / ₂ doz			1 ¹ / ₂ doz	8 ¹ / ₂	1/2 doz	
2 ¹ / ₄ Kerosene	2 gal	1 ³ / ₄ gal			1 ³ / ₄ gal	15 0	1/4 gal	
Tents	1						1	
Flies	1						1	
Lamps	3						3	
Buckets	2						2	
Kerosene Cans	1						1	
<i>Patrol Table</i> Knives & Sheaths	1						1	
<i>Camp. Box</i> Knives, 10 in.	1						1	
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes	1						1	
Tomahawks								
TOTAL £								

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

Report of Patrol No.10. of 1923/1924 from Kerema to the Western Boundary of the Gulf Division, undertaken for the purpose of Collecting Tax and Paying Family Bonus for the year 1923/1924. Loading Rice, (produce of Native Plantations) and attending to various other matters.

From 2nd March to 19th. March 1924.

By Wm. J. Lambden. P.O.: G.D.

March 1924.

Sunday 2nd.

Accompanied by Interpreter HANI Armed Constables UNDIRARI, EBANI, DELWA, KAWA and KAIRARAKA, left Kerema with 3 canoes and 20 carriers at 4.p.m. Landed at Potoi Point at 4.45.p.m. Inspected POTOI village. V.C.KANI Houses 6. Dubu. 1. Pop. 45. Village was fairly clean. Instructed that all taxable natives and women entitled to Family Bonus report at HAHARAPIRU in the morning.

Proceeded along the beach, met Mr. & Mrs. G.H. Massy Baker and Mrs. P.V. Clark enroute. At 6.p.m. arrive and pitched camp in HAHARAPIRU village. V.C.MOVIAMI. Houses 101. Dubu's 4. Pop. 584. While camp was being pitched inspected the village and found it in order.

Monday 3rd.

At 8.a.m. started collecting tax and pay Family Bonus to natives of POTOI and HAHARAPIRU. Mr. P.V. Clark arrived at 10.a.m. with native labour recruits. Signed on 4 natives for work on Mr. Clark's plantation at KOARU. G.D. Finished up everything at 3.p.m.

Tax collections.	24 natives.	29.	10.	0
Family Bonus Payments	12 natives.	2.	9.	0
Revenue Collections.	Native Labour.	1.	4.	0
V.N.L. & B.N.A/C. Collections.		6.	0.	0

Packed up and proceeded along the beach. Met Mrs. C. Briddle also Mr. J.B. Fanning enroute. At 5.p.m. pitched camp in PIRU village. Inspected PIRU & BUBIRI village now combined. V.C.KAUKO. Houses. 77. Dubu's 6. Pop. 474. Village clean but some houses are still outside the village fence.

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Crossed over tidal creek and inspected villages of IRAVAPAI No. 1. & No. 2. now combined. V.C. KAUKO. Houses 20. Village was clean and houses and fences were in repair. Returned to camp at 4 p.m. and instructed all taxable natives to parade in the morning also all women entitled to Paddy Bonus.

Tuesday 4th.

Sighted A.K. "Vanapa" rounding Cape Cupole and heading for Korona at 6.45 a.m. As my instructions are to load the produce of Native plantations aboard this boat, packed up, obtained 20 carriers and left for The Bluff at 8 a.m. Shall collect tax and pay P.B. to natives of PIRUP BUBIRI, IRAVAPAI No. 1. and IRAVAPAI No. 2. on my return journey.

Arrived at The Bluff at 10 a.m. and set natives to work carrying bags of rice from the storage house on to the beach ready for loading. Visited Mei Native Plantation and found everything in readiness for a burn off. Noticed mattocks lying everywhere all over the plantation and ordered that all tools on issue to natives must be kept in the village when not in use. Planted samples of cotton seed obtained from the plantation of R. Shaw Moody at Huiva. Ordered that a road be made from the plantation to the beach a distance of about 400 yards.

A.K. "Vanapa" arrived at towing the station canoe in charge of 3 prisoners. Utilising the "Vanapa's" dinghy, a village canoe and the station canoe, had all rice harvested from the Mei Plantation (213 bags) loaded at 3 p.m. Paid off natives engaged in loading and with all patrol gear 5 police, cookboy and Interpreter went aboard "Vanapa". Also engaged 10 natives to man station canoe which is being towed to Kouru for loading rice there. Most of the Kouru natives are away. Messrs. C.R. Muscutt and J.L. Fanning aboard "Vanapa" passengers for Port Moresby and Vallala respectively.

Just as we were leaving The Bluff a small outrigger canoe came alongside with Mr. C. Priddle who seemed

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in great pain from some internal trouble and stated he had had an accident in Kiri Creek. Apparently a canoe capsized and he was immersed in the water all night. As the outrigger canoe upon which Mr. Briddle was travelling was very small, transferred him to the station canoe with 10 natives to paddle and sent him to his home.

Under way at 3.25.p.m., anchored off Kouru at 4.30.p.m. and was ashore at 5.p.m. As there were no village natives available loading had to be done by 4 police my cook boy and 3 prisoners. Found bags of rice in the storage house very much rat eaten and had to re-bag several bags.

The "Vanapa's" dinghy was the only craft available for loading here, consequently progress was exceedingly slow and it was 10.10.p.m. before the last of 108 bags were on board the "Vanapa". Camped aboard the "Vanapa" which anchored for the night.

Wednesday, 5th.

Under way at 6.30.a.m., anchored at Koa-Kea and was ashore at 7.30.p.m. Loaded 76 bags in 1½ hours, the "Vanapa's" dinghy being the only craft available. The bags were very badly sewn and had to re-sew 15 of them. Paid off natives engaged in loading and went aboard the boat again.

Continued our journey at 9.a.m. and anchored at the mouth of the Vailala River where Mr. J.F. Fanning went ashore. V.C. BIAL of Vailala came aboard and stated that all rice from the Vailala District Plantations was stored 4 miles up the river. (32½ tons). Captain Dean would not risk crossing the bar so proceeded to Oroko where we arrived at 12.10.p.m. Went ashore but could not get any men for loading all the male population were away working on their plantations. Self, 4 police, my cook boy and interpreter commenced loading aboard the "Vanapa's" indispensable dinghy. Later I managed to hire 4 small and almost useless canoes that could only carry 2 or 3 bags each trip. There are no decent seaworthy canoes in the Oroko District. Loaded all rice stored at Oroko (125 bags) and returned to the "~~Vanapa~~"

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At 3.5.p.m. proceeded to Ioku and anchored there 40 minutes later. Here we loaded 81 bags of rice plus 8 bags carried down from Arihava. Finished up at 5.15.p.m. the total shipment being 611 bags or approximately 31½ tons shipped from the following places.

The Bluff.	213.	bags.
Kouru.	108.	"
Koa-Koa.	76.	"
Orokolo.	125.	"
Ioku.	81.	"
Arihava.	8.	"

Obtained carriers at Ioku and arrived at Arihava Rest Houses (2) at 6.15.p.m. and camped. "Vanapa" with Mr. C.R. Muscutt as passenger, sailed for Port at 8.p.m.

Thursday 6th.

Started tax collecting from Arihava natives at 8.30.a.m. and finished for the day at 6.p.m. Mr. & Mrs. H.T. Coghill called at 7.p.m.

Tax Collections, 95 natives. £42. 0.0

Friday. 7th.

Commenced 8.15.a.m. collecting tax from IOKU, ARIHAVA and NOMI natives and paying Family Bonus to ARIHAVA women. Finished for the day at 5.p.m.

Tax collections	18 natives.	£10.12.6
Family Bonus payments.	28 women.	6.11.0

Saturday. 8th.

From 8.15.a.m. to 5.30.p.m. paying Family Bonus and collecting tax from IOKU, ARIHAVA and NOMI natives

Tax collections.	7 natives.	£ 3.5.0
Family Bonus payments.	48 women.	11.6.0

s.s. "Queenscliffe" arrived from west at 5.p.m. enroute for Port Moresby and anchored at Orokolo.

Sunday. 9th.

Commenced at 8.a.m. and finalised all taxation matters IOKU, ARIHAVA and NOMI villages.

Tax collections,	1 native.	10.0
Family Bonus payments.	7 women.	£1.19.0

Had all bags issued to natives engaged on Arihava-Nomi Native Reserve, collected. Mr. Mahony estimated the shortage to be 86 bags but 416 bags were brought to me which brings the deficit down to 15. Self and police searched every house in Arihava and Nomi villages but were unable to

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Waldron has no money to pay them. Advised Mr. Waldron to consult a solicitor on the matter.

Remainder of the day collecting tax from OROKOLO, NORIAU, ORU, HIDAI, and HERAKERA and paying Family Bonus to women of the same villages. There were many natives who received ~~exemptions~~ exemptions from tax for work done on Native Plantations.

Tax collections.	9 natives.	£4. 7.6
Family Bonus payments.	37 women.	8.14.0

Mr. & Mrs H.T. Cohill called in the evening.

Thursday 13th.

Started at 7.45.a.m. and concluded all taxation matters with OROKOLO, NORIAU, ORU, HIDAI, and HERAKERA villages.

In the C.M.H. one native charged with "Assault" convicted and sentenced to two months imprisonment with hard labour. One native charged with "Wilfully destroying cultivated plants" convicted and fined 10/- in default one months imprisonment with hard labour. 20 natives charged with "Carriage" all convicted, two sentenced to four months imprisonment with hard labour and 18 sentenced to three months imprisonment with hard labour. One native charged with "Stealing", case dismissed. Arrested C/S. 1519. Ker. MARI of Kirabu. G.D. charged with "Desertion" from Huiva Plantation.

Tax collections.	2 natives.	£ 1. 2.6
Family Bonus Payments	2 women.	9.0
W.N.L. & D.N.A./C. Collections.		1.10.0
Revenue Collections.		10.0
W.N.L. & D.N.A./C. Payments (2)		4. 0.8

Mr. H.T. Cohill called at 2.p.m. in connection with native labour matters etc.

Called in all empty bags on issue to natives working on Orokelo - Noriau Native Plantation. It was stated that these people were 22 bags short but as 132 bags were brought to me it would appear that the shortage is only 2 bags. Police searched all houses in the villages but without result and the natives are unable to account for the 2 missing bags. Re-issued the 132 bags to 15 boss boys, list of names with full particulars will be supplied to the L. & I.M.P.

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Packed up and left Orokolo at 3.30.p.m. Proceeded along the beach and inspected NORIAU. V.C.KO-U of Orokolo. Houses 10. Dubu's.1. Pop. 85. Village was cleaned and repaired in anticipation of my visit.

Continued along the beach and arrived at PAKOWABU. V.C.KO-U. of Orokolo. Houses 7. Pop. 47. Village was clean, houses and fences were in repair. Proceeding along the beach, arrived at BIAI. V.C.KO-U. of Orokolo, Houses 6. Pop. 30. This village also, was clean and in repair, a new fence has been erected around the village. At 6.30.p.m. arrived at AUVA. V.C.KO. of Vailala West. Houses 15. Dubu's 1. Pop. 86. Found the village clean, houses and fences in repair. Pitched camp in the village. The London Mission Society are transferring their site from Orokolo to AUVA and natives are busily engaged cutting and carrying timber and building houses under the supervision of one of the native mission teachers.

Friday, 14th.

From 7.45.a.m. to 5.p.m. on taxation matters PAKOWABU, BIAI, HAI-ALI, AUVA, ARUAPE No.1. and ARUAPE No.2. villages. In C.N.M. V.C.ONAKA charged with "Neglect of Duty" convicted and fined 21. in default two months imprisonment with hard labour.

Tax collections	17 natives.	£ 13. 7.6
Family Bonus Payments.	13 women.	3. 0.0
Revenue Collections.		1. 0.0

Packed up and left AUVA at 5.15.p.m.

Proceeded along a good road to ARUAPE No.1. and No.2. village now combined into one village. Pop. 132. Houses. 21. Dubu's 2. under the control of V.C.KO. of Vailala West. This, I consider, is the best kept village between Kerema and the Western boundary of the Division.

Continued along the road which has been thoroughly cleaned up. Arrived at and inspected the village of KUKIPI. V.C.KO of Vailala West, Houses 9, Dubu's.1. Pop. 52. Village was clean and in repair. Arrived and camped at Vailala W. Rest Houses at 6.45.p.m.

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Saturday 15th.

8.

At 7.a.m. despatched 22 prisoners to Keroma escorted by Armed Constables KAWA and KAIRARAKA. Finished all taxation matters in connection with VAILALA WEST and KUKUPI villages during the morning.

Tax collections	10 natives.	24.5.0
Family Bonus Payments.	17 women.	3.12.0

Afternoon called in all bags on issue to natives of AUVA - ARUAPE Native Plantation, PAKOWABU - BIAI - HAI-ALI Native Plantation, and VAILALA WEST - KUKUPI - AIVAU Native Plantation. Police searched all houses for any loose bags but found none. It was stated that 16 bags were missing on the AUVA-ARUAPE Plantation but as 26 bags were brought to me apparently there are none missing. PAKOWABU-BI I-HAIALI Plantation natives produced 11 empty bags but having no particulars of the number of bags that were originally issued I presume 11 is correct. VAILALA WEST-KUKUPI-AIVAU Plantation natives produced ⁵²52 bags. Particulars of the bags originally issued to these people have not been supplied so I conclude 52 bags are correct. Re-issued all bags to boss boys and will supply the I.& I.H.P. with names and full particulars.

Packed up and left the Rest Houses at 4.p.m. Inspected the village of VAILALA WEST. V.C.I.K.O. Houses 53. Pop. 335. Village was clean and the houses and fences in good repair. Crossed Vailala River and at 5.p.m. camped in Vailala East Rest Houses (2).

Sunday, 16th.

All the morning collecting tax and attending various matters; all the afternoon paying Family Bonus, Vailala East village. Two natives who have been dodging tax for the past 4 years were obliged to pay 24.each.

Tax collections.	21.natives.	222.0.0
Family Bonus payments.	15 women.	3.11.0
Suspense A/C.Collections.	2.	3.2.0
W.H.L.& D.N.A/C.Payments.	2.	7.17.6

Sunday, 17th.

Collecting tax and paying Family Bonus, Vailala East, until 2.p.m.

Tax collections.	1.native.	10.0
Family Bonus Payments.	32.women.	27.6.0

Called in all empty bags on issue to natives

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to IORI and LEPOKERA to cancel instructions sent by

~~A.C. UNDIRARI~~

of VAILALA EAST Native Plantation. The total number of bags brought to me was 13 but as I have no particulars of the number of bags issued I take it that 13 is correct. Re-issued the bags to 4 boss boys and will forward full particulars to the F. & I.M.P.

Tuesday 18th.

Inspected the village of VAILALA EAST, V.C.BIAI. Houses 93. Dubu's. 1. Pop. 753. Village is very clean, houses and fences are in repair. Surroundings of the Rest Houses (2) are very dirty so set all male natives to work cleaning up and erecting a new fence.

Packed up and at 4.30.p.m. left by canoe for Vaiviri. Arrived at Vaiviri Rest Houses (2) at 6.15.p.m. Despatched A.C. UNDIRARI to IORI and LEPOKERA to instruct taxable natives to parade here early in the morning.

A.C.'s. KAMA and KAIRARAKA arrived from Koroma at 9.p.m. with instructions from the R.R.M. to abandon patrol and return to Koroma. Despatched A.C. DILEBA to IORI and LEPOKERA to cancel instructions sent by A.C. UNDIRARI.

Tuesday 18th.

Mr. Donald MacDonald called at 8.a.m. and signed on one native labourer.

Revenue Collections. 6/-

Packed up and left Vaiviri by canoe at 9.a.m. Arrived at Vailala East at 10.30.a.m. Obtained carriers and left at 11.a.m. Passed AIVAU and KOIALAKU about noon. Arrived at KEA-KEA 1.p.m. and had lunch. Left KEA-KEA 2.15.p.m. and arrived at Kouru Rest Houses (2) about 3.15.p.m. Instructed V.C.'s. ILOLO and HOA of Kouru District concerning roads. Left Kouru and arrived at Huiva where camp was made at 4.30.p.m.

Wednesday 19th.

Mr. R. Shaw Moody with one native to sign on as a general labourer, at 9.a.m.

Revenue collections. 6/-

Owing to high tides was delayed at Huiva until 10.a.m. Passed The Bluff at noon and had lunch. Left at 1.p.m. arriving at Mei 2.30.p.m. Met Mr. & Mrs. C. Priddle. Arrived at Uaripi at 4.p.m. and met Mr. & Mrs. G.H. Massey Baker. A.C. EBANI with station canoe and crew of prisoners reported. Paid off carriers and left by canoe at 4.15.p.m. arriving at Kerema at 5.p.m.

Summary.

Absent from the station.	18 days.
Travelled approximately	94 miles.
Collected tax from 252 natives.	£134. 15.0
Paid Family Bonus to 264. women	60. 11.0
Paid from W.N.E. & D.N.A/C. 4. items.	11. 18.2
Collected W.N. & D.N.A/C. 6. items.	12. 0.0
Collected General Revenue A/C. 5. items.	3. 12.0
Collected Suspense A/C. 2. items.	3. 2.0
Signed on 7 Indentured Labourers.	
Heard 24 cases in the C.N.H.	
Loaded 611 bags rice from 6 ports, aboard the "Vanapa".	
Inspected 16 villages.	
Checked empty rice bags issued to natives of 7 Native Pltns.	

General.

The tax for the financial year 1923/24 has now been collected from all taxable natives west of the Vailala River. With the exception of natives under indenture and natives who have gone to Port Moresby with the Lakatoi's there were only two defaulters. The exemptions for work done on the Native Plantations seems to be appreciated by the natives, but in two instances I was told by natives that they would prefer to receive the cash instead of the exemption certificate. It was some time before they could grasp the fact that the exemption certificate was equally as good as the cash it represented.

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Even with this exemption it is noticeable that many natives are seeking work under indenture, probably in order to avoid working on their Native Plantations. Apart from natives recruited and signed on at Koroma many have gone to Port Moresby by Lakatoi's seeking work.

All rice stored along the coast has now been shipped to Port Moresby. The only rice now awaiting shipment is 7 tons at Huru on Huru Creek and 32½ tons near Vaiviri on the Vailala River. Captain Dean stated he could not get up the rivers (Aivei, Alele or Vailala) to load, and requested that all rice be brought to the coast. This has not been done owing to lack of canoes and the cost of double handling. Personally, I can see no reason why the "Vanapa" or any other boat of the same class, with power, cannot load at the places where the rice is stored.



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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

11/23/24.

KARMA. G.D. STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Wm. J. Lambden, P.O. to

KOARU, G.D. for the purpose of

Inspecting indentured labourers employed by E.W. Clark, etc. and
inspecting villages enroute.

Left Station on 20/3/24. Returned to Station on 23/3/24.

Number of Carriers employed 10. Number of Police taken 3 & 1 Interpreter

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge -----

Villages visited LORABADA, SILO, AIKABULURA No.1, AIKABULURA No.2, IVAFIRU
MAROKA, IROPE, PARAKAU, POMARU, NOKUOVO, MA-ARU, MORA-2, KARAMA No.1.
KARAMA No.2, MOROI, IVAFIRU, KATVIPY, ARU, URU, CRAVA and KOARU.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date _____

Officer in charge of station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice	40 lb	40 lb			40 lb	7 6		
Biscuits								
Meat Fish	5 lb	5 lb			5 lb	2 5		
Sugar	5 lb	5 lb			5 lb	1 4		
Tea								
Soap	1 lb	1 lb			1 lb	3 1/2		
Tobacco	4 lb	4 lb			4 lb	10 8		
Matches	1/2 doz	1/2 doz			1/2 doz	5		
Kerosene	1/4 gal	1/4 gal			1/4 gal	9		
Tents								
Flies								
Lamps								
Buckets								
Kerosene Cans								
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.								
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks								
TOTAL £						1 5 2 1/2		

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

Report of Patrol No.11/23/24, from Kerema
 to Koaru G.D. undertaken for the purpose of
 inspecting indentured labourers employed on
 the plantation of Mr.F.W.Clark and inspecting
 villages enroute. Leaving Kerema on 20/3/24
 returning to Kerema on 23/3/24.
 By Wm.J.Lambden. P.O.: G.D.

March 1924.

Thursday 20th.

Acting on instructions from the R.R.M.: G.D.
 packed up and accompanied by Interpreter HAMI, Armed Constable
 DILEGA, UNDIRARI and HAHONO left Kerema at 12 noon with 6
 prisoners and 4 indentured labourers employed by F.W.Clark
 acting as carriers.

Proceeded along the Cupola road and at 1.30.
 p.m. lunched. Continuing at 2.30.p.m. reached LORABADA on the
 sand beach at 4.15.p.m. The road over the Cupola is at
 present very dirty. Made a hurried inspection of LORABADA
 village controlled by V.C.LESE of Silo. Houses 12. Dabu's. 1.
 Population 71. Houses are clean and in repair.

Proceeded along the sand beach at 4.30.p.m.
 arriving at SILO at 5.15.p.m. where camp was made in the Rest
 Houses (2). Ordered V.C.LESE of Silo, V.C.FOFO of
 Aikabuluka, and V.C.LORU of Ivefiru to get together all male
 natives under their control to start working on and cleaning
 up the Cupola Road.

Friday, 21st.

Packed up but owing to high tide did not get
 away until noon. Passed through the following villages
 enroute.

SILO.	47.	Houses.	2.	Dabu's.	Population.	308.	V.C.LESE.
AIKABULUKA.No.1.	28.	"	3.	"	"	127.	V.C.FOFO.
AIKABULUKA No.2.	19.	"	2.	"	"	88.	"
IVEFIRU.	20.	"	1.	"	"	72.	V.C.LORU.
NAROKA.	57.	"	2.	"	"	194.	"
IROPE.	35.	"	2.	"	"	162.	"
PARAKAU.	17.	"	-	"	"	73.	V.C.KAIFU

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BOHARU.	72.	Houses.	3.	Daba's.	Population.	333.	V.C.	ZAIRU.
NOKHOTOVO.	26.	"	-	"	"	135.	"	"
MA-ARU.	7.	"	-	"	"	40.	"	"
MORA-A.	37.	"	2.	"	"	123.	"	"

All villages were fairly clean but most of the fences were neglected. Ordered that they be repaired at once and that the surroundings of the villages receive better attention.

Arrived at Karana Rest Houses (2), at 2.30.p.m. and had lunch. Left at 3.30.p.m. and passed through the following villages.

KARANA.No.1.	19.	Houses.	1.	Daba.	Population	121.	V.C.	DIRI.
KARANA.No.2.	99.	"	5.	"	"	632.	"	"
MOHOI.	23.	"	1.	"	"	125.	"	"
IVAFIRU.	29.	"	2.	"	"	142.	V.C.	SALSA.
KAIVIPI.	16.	"	1.	"	"	103.	"	"
ARU.	13.	"	2.	"	"	78.	"	"
URU.	14.	"	2.	"	"	104.	"	"
ERAVA.	12.	"	2.	"	"	73.	V.C.	LAVI.

In all cases villages were clean.

KARANA No.2., KAIVIPI and ERAVA had damaged and neglected fences otherwise everything was in order. Instructed all natives to pay more attention to the surroundings of their villages.

Arrived at KOARU at 5.45 p.m. and camped in the Rest Houses (2).

Saturday 22nd.

Left the Rest Houses at 6.15.a.m. arriving at Mr. Clark's plantation at 8.45.a.m. Inspected indentured labourers and heard a number of complaints that were afterwards proved groundless. Later, inspected labourers quarters, sleeping accommodation, cooking facilities water supply, latrines, etc. etc. (See Inspection Report No.2/23/24.)

Concluded inspection, returned to KOARU Rest Houses at 2.30.p.m. and had lunch.

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Inspected KOARU village, V.C.LAVI, Houses 42, Dubu's 2. Population 240. Village was clean, houses and fences in repair.

Left KOARU at 4.15.p.m. Passed through the villages of GRAVA, URU, ARU, KAIVIPI, IVAMIRU, MOROI, and KARAMA.No.2. and camped in the Karama Rest Houses (2), at 6.30.p.m.

Sunday 23rd.

Packed up and left Karama at 6.30.a.m. Passed through the villages of KARAMA No.1., MORA-A, MA-ARU, NOKUOVO and POMARA. At 8.a.m. could not proceed any further owing to high tide so had breakfast.

The "Kaiva-Kuku" ceremony on a small scale has been amusing the people of Morai during the past few weeks. Appended below is a snap of two of the characters.

The whole of the body is draped in a costume of dead banana leaves, the face of the figure is similar to the face made by natives of other parts of the Division. The head is crowned with a mass of real natives' hair. This was rather to be wondered at as it is the custom of these people, (owing to their dread of "purri-purri") to destroy any hair that may be cut from their heads.

Proceeded at 12 noon and passed through the villages of PARAKAU, IROPE, NAROBA, IVAMIRU, AIKABULUKA No.1. AIKABULUKA No.2. and SILE, arriving at LORABADA at 2.30.p.m. Changed carriers here and had lunch.

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Left Lorabada at 3.p.m.: proceeded over
the Cupola Road and arrived at Kerena about 6.15.p.m.
The road has been cleaned up during the past two days and
is now in good order.



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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

12/23/24.

KEREMA. G.D.

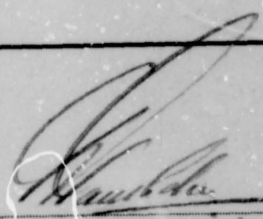
STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Wm. J. Lambden, P.O. toVailala River and Kiri District, Gulf Division. for the purpose ofCollecting Tax, Paying Family Bonus, Purchasing Land for the Crown,Inspecting villages and attending to various matters.Left Station on 6/5/24 Returned to Station on 26/5/24.Number of Carriers employed 16. Number of Police taken 6 and 1 InterpreterName of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge -----Villages visited PEROI, HAMARAPIAU, PIWU, BUBIRI, IRAVAPAIRE No.1, IRAVAPAIRENo.2, HIRU, DOBEOHO, AIRAVA No.1, AIRAVA No.2, AIRAVA No.3, AIRAVA No.4.KAROHOO, HEBKAKOA, KRA-KRA, KOATALAHU, AIVAU, VAILALA EAST, KAROKARO,HITAI-I, BELLEPA, HELAU No.1, HELAU No.2, DUI, HARORA. Total. 25.

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Date 12th June 1924.

 Officer in charge of station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
2 1/2 Rice	127 lb	127			127 lb	1 3 10		
3/4 Biscuits	-	-	-	-	-	-		
6 FISH.	20 lb	20			20 lb	10 0		
5 Meat	-	-	-	-	-	-		Tobacco Expense
1 1/2 Sugar	7 1/2 lb	7 1/2			7 1/2 lb	2 10		Carriers
1 1/4 Tea	1 lb	1			1 lb	1 1		(Native cutting boundary (quilt) 20 by land purchased
3/4 Soap	3 lb	3			3 lb	10		
2 1/2 Tobacco	2 lb	See Remarks Column			2 lb	3 8 9		Use of Cans.
5 1/2 Matches	1 1/2 doz				1 1/2 doz	7		Gifts to V.C.
7 1/2 Kerosene	2 gal				2 gal	2 0		P.N.F. Police
7 1/2 {	Tents	1					1	Carriers
	Flies	1					1	D.C. Litter
3/4 Lamps	2						2	
3/10 Buckets - Small	1						1	
1/2 " Large	1						1	
1/2 " Medium	1						1	
1 1/2 Kerosene Cans	1						1	
7 Knives & Sheaths	-							
3/4 Knives, 12 in.	1						1	
1/4 Knives, other	-							
2 Belts	-							
1 1/2 Pouches	-							
8 1/2 Print	-							
1 1/2 Twill	-							
2 1/2 Handkerchiefs, Small	-							
5/2 Beads	-							
7 Mirrors	-							
6 1/2 Axes	-							
1 1/2 Half Axes	1						1	
3/4 Tomahawks	1						1	
7 Trade Iron	-							
3/4 Tow Lines	-							
9 1/2 Sail Lines	-							
Pack Bags	2							
Camp Oven	1							
3 1/2 Stretches	1						1	
Patrol Table								
Trench Boxes	2							
TOTAL £						5 9 2	2	

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

Report of Patrol No.12/23/24

From Kerema along the coast to the Vailala River and the Kiri District, undertaken to collect Tax, pay Family Bonus, purchase land for The Crown, inspect villages and attend to various matters.

By Wm. J. Lambden. P. O.

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Tuesday 6th.

Accompanied by Corporal OLOTOLUA, Armed Constables UNDIRARI, BERO, EBANI, AGOTI EUBIRA and Court Interpreter HANI, left Kerema at 8.30.a.m. with the station canoe and 6 prisoners.

Crossed Kerema Bay and went via the back waters to the Mei villages. Landed at PIRU at 11.a.m. and camped in the Rest Houses (2), both of which are in need of repair.

Commenced collecting tax and paying Family Bonus PIRU, BUBIRI, IRAVAPAIRE No.1. and IRAVAPAIRE No.2 villages. Finished for the day at 7.p.m.

Wednesday 7th.

Started at 7.a.m. checking census of PIRU, BUBIRI, IRAVAPAIRE No.1. and IRAVAPAIRE No.2. villages, and note that a remarkable number of natives have died during the past 3 years. Finished up collecting tax and paying Family Bonus.

There are 9 tax defaulters among these villages. Instructed V.C.KAUKO to effect arrests, take the said natives to Kerema and prosecute them.

Inspected the following villages.

PIRU.	Houses.	92.	Population.	398.	} V.C.KAUKO.
BUBIRI.	"	21.	"	100.	
IRAVAPAIRE.No.1.	"	23.	"	142.	
IRAVAPAIRE.No.2.	"	9.	"	53.	

All villages are clean inside the enclosure but the outskirts are neglected. Instructed that a clearing be made all around the villages.

Packed up and at 12 noon proceeded along the beach. Reached Mei Native Plantation situated at The Bluff at 1.30.p.m. Noted that over two thirds of the rice planted has not germinated. The natives state that the recent heavy rains washed the seed away. Instructed two boss boys to go and advise Mr. R. P. Mabony I. & L. N. P.

Continued along the beach, enroute met Mr. and Mrs. R. Shaw Moody, and at 5.30.p.m. camped at Keuru Rest Houses (2) both of which were in fair repair.

V.C.'s. HOA and ILOMO reported and state that the whole of the Keuru people, men women and children, have contracted with R. S. Moody to pull up 100 acres of cover crop,-- the area to be cleared ready for planting cotton by Monday next-- but if they have to come here tomorrow to pay their tax and collect Family Bonus they will not complete their contract in the specified time. Advised the V.C.'s. that I will collect tax and pay Family Bonus here on my return journey.

Thursday 8th.

Packed up and under way at 7.a.m. Arrived KEA-KEA at 8.a.m. but owing to the tide rising decided to push on and collect tax here on my return journey. Arrived at KOAIALAHU Rest Houses (2) at 9.a.m. Paid off carriers and pitched camp. V.C. IHAHE of Koialahu & Aivau reported.

Collected Tax and paid Family Bonus to Koialahu and Aivau villages and finished up at 3.p.m. Checked the census of Koialahu and Aivau and at 4.p.m. obtained carriers and proceeded inland.

At 5.p.m. arrived at HARORA. V.C. MAKA Houses 22. Population. 176. The road to here was dirty and overgrown with weeds. Village is fairly clean but several houses are in a bad state of repair and the village surroundings are uncared for. Rest House is practically in ruins. I find I was not expected here for another week. The V.C. states he is continually telling the people to repair their houses, clean the roads and improve their village but they will not hear his talk and tell him they have too much

work to do plant rice.

Friday 9th.

Started at 8.30.a.m. paying Family Bonus and collecting Tax, villages of HARORA, DUI, and KAROKARO and finished up at mid-day. During the afternoon dealt with 29 natives in the C.N.M. charged with "willfully neglecting to clean roads" All were convicted and each fined 5/- in default 14 days imprisonment with hard labour.

Collected fines from 29 natives, checked the census of HARORA, DUI, and KAROKARO and finished for the day at 7.p.m.

Saturday 10th.

Inspected the village of DUI. V.C.HAKA. Houses 15. Population 116. The enclosure was very clean, houses in fair repair but the village surroundings badly need attention. Set all able bodied natives to work cleaning up.

Checked the census of HELAU No.1. and HELAU No.2. Collected tax and paid Family Bonus to the two villages named. and at 12.noon struck camp, obtained carriers and proceeded.

Inspected the villages of HELAU No.1. Houses 13. Population 69, and HELAU No.2. Houses 14. Population 150. There is at present no V.C. at these villages, V.C.HAU was dismissed and no new appointment has been made. Villages were clean, houses in repair but the surroundings have not received sufficient attention. Instructed the people accordingly.

The road is in an indifferent state but owing to the swampy nature of the country and the lack of shovels little can be done to it. Arrived at HILAI-I at 12.30.p.m. pitched camp and had lunch.

Checked census of HILAI-I and BELEPA villages and collected tax. Finished for the day at 6.45.p.m.

Sunday 11th.

All the morning collecting tax and paying Family Bonus, HILAI-I and BELEPA villages, and finished up at noon. Heard two cases which were settled out of Court.

Inspected the village of HILAI-I. V.C.EWARI. Houses 36. Population 319. Village was clean, houses in repair and surroundings fairly clean. Inspected the village of

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BELEPA. V.C.HAHOA. Houses 30. Population 233. Village very clean, houses in good repair but the village surroundings need more attention.

Packed up and left at 1.p.m. Road clean and in good condition. Arrived at Maira Plantation at 2.30.p but found that there were no Europeans on the place, the manager, Mr.C.F.Jackson is stated to have gone to Port Moresby so under the circumstances cannot make an inspection of the labour here.

Sent to IORI for canoes which arrived at 5.15.p.m. Proceeded down the Vailala River to Vaiviri Plantation arriving about 6.15.p.m. but found no Europeans on the place, Mr.D.MacDonald having gone to Upoia by the "Vailala" reported to have left here this morning. Camp d at Vaiviri Rest Houses (2) both in fair order.

Monday, 12th.

Checked census of IORI and LEPOKERA villages, paid Family Bonus and ~~subsidies~~ collected Tax. Finished for the day at 5.30.p

Mr.H.T.Coghill arrived from Orokelo at 10.a.m. with a request that I go to Muru with him and purchase 500 acres of land he wished to apply for. Stating that he is not in urgent need of the land Mr.Coghill agrees to let the matter stand over until a patrol is going to Muru, probably in two months time.

"Vailala" arrived from Upoia at 3.p.m. enroute for POPO and Port Moresby.

Tuesday 13th.

"Vailala" sailed at daybreak, Mr.S.F. Thoresby passenger for Popo.

Concluded all taxation matters with IORI and LEPOKERA villages during the morning. Sent for owners of land west of and adjoining D.MacDonalds leasehold.

Afternoon cut the boundaries of 50 acres of land applied for by D.MacDonald and finished up at 6.15.p.

Wednesday. 14th.

Concluded the purchase and made out Transfer for 50 acres of land purchased from the Vailala people. Packed up and at 11.a.m. left by canoe.

Called at KAROKARO. V.C. POKEWAI. Houses 10. Population 39. Village fairly clean, houses in repair and surroundings more or less clean.

Arrived at VAILALA EAST at 12.30.p.m. Met Mr. F.P. Mahony who was awaiting my arrival. Discussed with Mr. Mahony matters in connection with Native Plantations. Sent for all Vailala natives and warned them again that they are not permitted to plant coconuts and garden produce upon areas that have been marked out and Gazetted Native Plantations.

The Vailala people have cleared large areas on their Reserves and apart from bananas, taro, pumpkins, sugar-cane, potatoes etc. etc. have promiscuously planted coconuts. It is the latter to which the I. & I.N.P. takes exception.

Marked out sites for new Rest Houses. Inspected the village of VAILALA EAST. V.C. BLAI. Houses 99 Population 778. Village clean, houses and fences are in good repair but as usual the surroundings have been badly neglected. Ordered the V.C. to turn out all the people and get the whole place cleaned up immediately.

Left Vailala at 2.30.p.m. Arrived at and inspected AIVAU. V.C. IHARE. Houses 23. Population 157. Village clean, houses and fences in good repair but surroundings uncared for. Arrived at and inspected KOAIALAHU. V.C. IHARE. Houses 21. Population. 155. The same conditions as at AIVAU prevail here. Ordered the V.C. to get the people to work immediately and have the village surroundings cleaned up.

Proceeded along the beach, arrived at and inspected KEA-KEA. V.C. ILOMO. Houses 15. Population 109. Village clean, houses and fences in repair and village surroundings fairly clean.

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At 5.45.p.m. arrived and camped at Keuru Rest Houses (2).

Thursday 15th.

Commenced at 7.30.a.m. collecting tax and paying Family Bonus among the Keuru Villages of AIRAVA.No.1. AIRAVA.No.2. AIRAVA.No.3. AIRAVA.No.4. DOBEHOHO. HEKAKOA. HIRU and KAROHOO. Finished for the day at 4.30.p.m.

Friday 16th.

Checked the census of the villages above named and concluded paying Family Bonus and collecting Tax.

Set out at 10.30.a.m. and inspected the under mentioned villages.

KAROHOO.	Houses 10.	Population. 55.)	
HEKAKOA.	" 11.	" 84.)	
AIRAVA.No.1.	" 16.	" 161.)	V.C.ILOMO.
AIRAVA.No.2.	" 13.	" 126.)	
AIRAVA.No.3.	" 17.	" 106.)	
AIRAVA.No.4.	" 20.	" 125.)	
DOBEHOHO.	" 11.	" 117.)	V.C.HOA.
HIRU.	" 13.	" 105.)	

All roads in good order, the last time I was here 81 natives were charged with neglecting to clean roads, apparently the 14 days they all spent in gaol has had the desired effect. All villages were very clean, houses and fences in repair. An effort has been made to clean up the surroundings of all the villages but much more can be done.

Returned to the coast via Keuru Creek and reached the Rest Houses at 1.30.p.m. Met Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Priddle enroute to the Delta Division on a recruiting excursion.

Packed up and left at 2.30.p.m. arriving at Huiva at 3.30.p.m. where camp was pitched. Sent for all owners of land in the vicinity of Akapiru Creek.

Saturday 17th.

Proceeded to Akapiru Creek with the owners of land. Mr. H. Edwards has applied for 100 acres of land here, the place is about 4 miles east of Keuru Rest Houses.

The owners expressing their willingness to sell commenced defining boundaries. Cutting traverse tracks all day (85 chn.) until 4.p.m. but when plotting out the bearings taken find I have only marked out 83 acres. *Finished for the*

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day and returned to camp arriving at 5.30.p.m.

Sunday, 18th.

Received radio forwarded by A/R.M.

At 9.30.a.m. despatched A.C.'s. BERO and ARIGITA through to Mr. Mahony on the Vailala River, with copy of radio and a letter requesting him to have all rice on the Vailala River transported down stream and stored in the Vailala East Rest Houses. In camp remainder of the day.

Sunday 19th.

8.30.a.m. until 10.a.m. starting natives cutting traverse track to define Eastern boundary of proposed Native Reserve for the Keuru people.

Proceeded to Akapiru Creek to the land I was working on on Saturday. Cut traverse tracks (48 chn.) and completed an area of 100 acres. Walked all over the land with the owners and checked coconuts growing thereon. I find there are 108 palms that will have to be paid for, these are scattered all over the bush. It is impossible to take up land in this district, (with a beach frontage), that has no coconuts on it. This particular area is at least 4 miles from the nearest village, seldom visited by the natives and I do not think they are likely to require it in the future.

Finished up at 5.p.m. and returned to camp reaching there at 6.15.p.m.

Tuesday, 20th.

Collected the owners of land and coconuts at Akapiru and drafted a transfer. Owners of land agreed to sell @ 1/- per acre. Paid each owner amounts varying from 6/6 to 7/-. Owners of coconuts agreed to sell at a valuation of from 6d. to 2/- per palm. Total amount for 108 palms £8.14.6. Completed transfer at 2.30.p.m.

Afternoon commenced cutting boundaries of a block of 400 acres applied for by R. Shaw Moody North of Keuru Creek. Cut a line 61 chains from the beach to the point where the first datum peg will rest, at the N.W. corner of R.S. Moody's present leasehold. Knocked off at 5.p.m., reaching camp at 5.45.p.m.

Wednesday, 21st.

Set out to cut Eastern boundary of area applied for by R. Shaw Moody. Cut a line from the beach to Keuru Creek to find the datum post on Keuru Creek which marks the N.E. corner of R.S. Moody's present leasehold. Reached the Creek at 95 chains from the beach but could not find any datum post or marked trees.

Proceeded along Keuru Creek, the banks of which are overflowing, to the point I knocked off at yesterday -- the N.W. corner of R.S. Moody's present leasehold--. Reached here at 4 p.m. and during my walk note that there are many full bearing palms on the land applied for. Commenced cutting a line from the 61 chain post reached yesterday, to show the natives where the Western boundary would be.

Knocked off at 5 p.m. and instructed V.C. HOA to have all owners of the land applied for meet me here in the morning. Reached camp at 9.45 p.m.

Thursday, 22nd.

Met all the owners of the 400 acre block applied for by R.S. Moody but after considerable discussion they refuse to sell the land. In any case, I would not have bought the land with the coconuts on.

Returned to the beach and chained the frontage of the proposed Keuru Native Reserve, (53 chn.). Chained the ~~Western~~ Western boundary from the beach to Keuru Creek, (59 chn.). The Northern boundary is the left bank of Keuru Creek. The Eastern boundary is the Western boundary of R.S. Moody's leasehold from Keuru Creek to Huiva Creek, (50 chn.) The S. Eastern boundary is the right bank of Huiva Creek and the Southern boundary the foreshore. A strip of land bounded by the left bank of Huiva Creek and the coast is not included in the area for the Reserve as there are too many coconuts upon it.

The area marked out for the Reserve is approximately 283 acres. I should say the land is ideal for rice cultivation, conveniently situated to the Keuru Villages and there is no other place in the vicinity that affords better shipping facilities.

Finished up at 4.p.m. and returned to camp. Plotting bearings and detail noted during the past 5 days until 7.p.m.

Friday, 23rd.

In the C.N.M. at 8.30.a.m. V.C. ILOMO and 9 other natives of Keuru charged with assaulting KIMAI of Keuru. V.C. and 8 natives convicted, one native discharged V.C. sentenced to four months imprisonment and dismissal recommended. One native sentenced to three months imprisonment. Two natives sentenced to two months imprisonment. Five natives sentenced to one month imprisonment. Two other cases settled out of Court. Sent for carriers, struck camp and at 3.30.p.m. set off along the coast.

At 4.30.p.m. selected camp site on the Western boundary of 100 acres leased to E.V. Priddle, and pitched camp.

Saturday, 24th.

Set off at 8.a.m. to find datum peg defining E.V. Priddle's land but could not locate one. Proceeded to the Eastern boundary of land leased to M.J. Ashton but could not find any datum peg there either. Put in a peg where the natives say the datum post should be and chained 70 chains westerly along the foreshore.

At this point the datum post of E.V. Priddle's land should rest. Put in a datum peg and ran a line bearing 17 degrees for a distance of 81 chains. The land West of this line, 300 acres, is applied for by Mr. Chas. Priddle.

The owners of the land were present and stated they were willing to sell. Returned to the point of commencement on the beach and proceeded to traverse in a westerly direction. Mr. Priddle applied for a frontage of 85 chains but the natives only agree to sell a frontage of 36 chains. Put in a datum post which will mark the S.W. corner of the block. Finished up for the day, returned to camp arriving there at 6.30.p.m.

Sunday 25th.

Set off at 8.30.a.m. to the S.W. datum peg on the foreshore. Cut a line bearing 360 degrees for a distance of 80 chains, marked trees and put in a datum post which marks the N.W. corner of the block.

Commenced a line bearing 90 degrees and left natives to cut it through to link up with the datum peg which marks the N.E. corner of the block, the distance will be 60 chains.

Walked over the land and counted all coconuts thereon. Counted 10 and the owners agree to accept 19/- for the lot. Returned to camp and plotted bearings and detail noted concerning the land marked out. The area is 360 acres.

Collected all owners (23) and they agree to sell to The Crown for the sum of £9.4.0 being approximately 6d. per acre equal to 8/- per owner. Not having sufficient change with me, could not complete the Transfer so instructed all owners to come with me to Kerema to receive payment. Finished for the day at 6.15.p.m.

Monday 26th.

Struck camp, packed up, obtained carriers and was on the move at 8.45.a.m. Arrived at the Mei villages at 12.00 and noted that all natives were at work cutting down the bush that surrounds the villages.

Arrived at HAMARAPIRU at 1.p.m.
V.C.MOVIA I. Houses 105. Population 587. Inspected the village and found it clean, the houses and fences are in good repair but more attention can be given to the outskirts of the village. Instructed the V.C. accordingly. Had lunch.

Arrived at PETOI at 3.p.m. V.C.KAMI. Houses 7. Population 25. Village clean, houses and fences in repair but the village surroundings require more attention. Instructed the V.C. to have the place cleaned up. Met Mr. & Mrs. G.H. Massey Baker.

At 4.p.m. the station canoe arrived. Crossed Kerema Bay and at 5.p.m. arrived back on the station.

S U M M A R Y.

Absent from the Station.	21 days.	
Travelled approximately	68 miles.	
Collected Tax from	129 natives.	£ 67.19.6
" Refund of Family Bonus	1 native.	8.0
" Suspense A/C.	2 items.	55.13.0
" Revenue A/C.	31 items.	7.17.0
Paid Family Bonus to	166 natives.	69.19.6
" Refund of Tax	2 "	2. 0.0
" for 510 acres of land	50 "	17.19.0
" for 118 coconut palms	18 "	9.13.6
" from V.N.L. & D.N.A/C.	2 items.	12. 2.11
Marked out for purchase, 3 blocks, total 510 acres.		
" " " Native Plantation, 1 block, 283 acres.		
Signed on 2 indentured labourers.		
Inspected 25 villages.		
Heard 38 cases in the Court for Native Matters.		

GENERAL.Villages.

It was noted on this patrol that the enclosures of all villages were scrupulously clean but no attention had been given to the outskirts. All natives were instructed that they must keep a clean space of at least 50 yards all around the village fences. Similar instructions were given on 3 or 4 previous occasions but they have been ignored. The natives have been warned that if it is not done when the next patrol goes around they can expect to be prosecuted.

Houses and fences, taken on the whole, were in good repair.

Roads.

The only roads covered by the patrol were those in the Kiri District. With the exception of the KOALALAHU-HARORA section these were clean and in fair repair. The section between HELLAU and HILAI-I needs a great deal of building up but at present there are no shovels available.

Taxation.

The collection of Tax and the payment of Family Bonus for the financial year 1923-1924 has now been completed West of Koroma. With the exception of natives under Contract of Service, natives working casually for European employers, and natives who are out of the District, there are no Tax defaulters.

Population.

It is argued by several Traders that the population is rapidly decreasing but during my residence in the Division I have not noticed any difference. Until a more thorough check is made of births and deaths during the past 3 years, it is impossible to say whether the population is increasing or decreasing. Personally I should say it is about the same, if anything, slightly on the increase.

Native Customs.

While at MEI the "Kaiva-Kuku" ceremony was again in progress but the characters this time were entirely different to the characters who took part in the last performance. On this occasion the whole of the body was draped with grass whilst the head-dress was squat and broad. I append a snap of the figures hereto.

On my return to the station I noticed the ceremony being performed at KORAIPIA, the characters were fashioned the same as those seen at MEI. It is pleasing to note that this harmless ceremony is being revived for it acts as a stimulant to the life of the village. The IPISI people inform me they intend to re-establish the Eravo and the "Kaiva-Kuku" and the people of Kiri and Keuru Districts tell me they are of the same mind. It is to be hoped that other ceremonies will follow.

Native Plantations.

Only 2 rice areas were inspected, those of MEI and KEURU. In both cases I noticed that heavy rains had washed away the seed planted before it had germinated. I have been informed since, by Mr. Mahony, that nurseries have been formed and the natives instructed to replant the vacant spaces from the nurseries.

During the patrol I marked out an area for Keuru Native Reserve so now there are no areas West of Kerema (excepting HARORA) being worked under the N.P.O. that are not in order for Gazetting. The land marked out for HARORA belongs to the KEA-KEA people. KEA-KEA people were willing to sell it but I could not effect the purchase as most of the owners were away from their village.

Agriculture.

Great interest is being shown by the European residents in the production of cotton. From all accounts soil and climatic conditions are favourable. Mr. R. Shaw Moody was so pleased with the results that he obtained from a small area planted early in the year, that he is now planting up 100 acres, between young coconuts. I understand that Messrs. Bridle, Clark, Coghill and Field intend planting 15, 15, 10 and 10 acres respectively.

Land.

During the patrol I had no less than 4 applications for large areas of land. Three areas were purchased and the fourth will be done by the next patrol. I attach hereto a rough and approximate plan of land in the vicinity of the foreshore, a frontage of about 6 miles, immediately West of The Bluff. The detail is compiled from notes made when buying land in the district and the plan may be of some assistance to another officer when dealing with further applications.

R. Shaw Moody

P.O.: G.D.
12/6/24.

To accompany Patrol Report No. 12/23/24.

A few of the characters who took part in
the "Kaiva-Kuku" ceremony at
MHI. Kerema Bay. G.D.
January 1924.

Some of the characters who took part in
the "Kaiva Kuku" ceremony at
MHI. Kerema Bay. G.D.
May 1924.

Portion of AIRAVA. No. 3.
Keuru G.D.

Near Keuru Creek. G.D.

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

13/42-24

Kerema

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by L. Brown + D. F. Champion toEastern end E.D.

for the purpose of

Tax collection + general inspectionLeft Station on 3/6/24 Returned to Station on 20/6/24.Number of Carriers employed upto 21. Number of Police taken 3Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge No Foot Vessel.Villages visited All villages to East of Kerema except LOVE, KAMA
(up the hakekamu) + AIKOPALATA (up the Tauri)
As shown within.

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

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date

27/6/24.L. Brown.

Officer in charge of station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice	Nil							
Biscuits	Nil							
Meat Fish	Nil							
Sugar	8 lbs	8 lbs			8 lbs			
Tea	1 lb.	8 lbs			8 lbs			
Soap	Nil							
Tobacco	33 lbs	17/6	4/3 2/6	5 2/6	29 2/6	3/10	3 7/6	
Matches	Nil							
Kerosene	2 gal.					3/6	2 gal.	
Tents	One							
Flies	One							
Lamps	4						4	
Buckets	2						2	
Kerosene Cans	2						2	
Knives & Sheaths	Nil.							
Knives, 18in.	3.						3	
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Blankets	20 yds.			14 yds	14 yds		14 yds.	
Twill	5 1/2			3 1/2	3 1/2		2 yds	
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks	2						2	
TOTAL £						3/10		

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

Tuesday.
3rd June.

Left Kerema at 6 a.m. on "Vailala", with Mr. P.O. Champion, 3 A.C. and Interpreter. Mr. Mahony, I & I.M.P. was a passenger going to Port Moresby to take his leave. After a rather rough passage anchored outside the Kapuri bar for some hours, getting inside at dusk. Slept on shore and arranged with the V.C. to repair a few holes in the rice sacks which are stored in the Rest House.

Wednesday.
4th June.

In "Vailala" to Popo Landing and in afternoon transporting gear to the field.

Thursday.
5th June.

Mr. Champion on native labor work in the office and commenced an inspection. Self to Popo village to collect the tax, but not a single man had any money. V.C. FROVILI very ill and attended to him. Inspected the small coconut plantation and ordered to cutting out of every second nut, they being too closely planted, the formation of a nursery and the clearing of more ground to enlarge the plantation. Was shown seed rice which the people said they had planted but which would not germinate. Visited the rice area which was partly cleared. It seems quite a chance if a crop can be grown and harvested as flood water comes quite 2 feet over the land. Promised to send some seed rice from Kerema. These people had been told to try and find some better land for their rice but say they have been unsuccessful in this. Returned to the Oilfield in late afternoon and arranged for the shipment to Port Moresby of the rice stored at Kapuri, by "Vailala". As there was no means of marking or weighing this, arranged that Mr. Mahony should tell the Government Storekeeper of its arrival, and he be asked to give particulars to the Agents for the "Vailala". Borrowed a case of tobacco from the A.P.O.Co, there being none at Kerema. V.C. of Lese reported.

Friday.
6th June.

The N.L. inspection being completed and the Popo carriers left for Lese. The track had been newly cleaned and it a pleasant walk, in shade, and through many excellent banana gardens, except for a bridge about 1/2 mile in length, by which crosses swampy ground to where small canoes met us. Paid the Popo carriers and proceeded through shallow backwaters, where the water was inky black and choked with weeds, to a patch of Lese garden land tucked away in the swamps. Landing and crossing this the Village Constables of Lese met us with large new canoes in which we proceeded to Lese No. 1. and camped in the Rest House. Lese No. 1. V.C. LAHO was clean. The population is 377. Ordered abandoned houses to be dismantled, the village waterholes to be fenced and the latrines to be repaired. The Village Coconut Plantation was visited and found to be well kept and re-fencing nearly completed. Visited Lese No. 2. V.C. KARIKURA, pop. 460. The village was clean. Ordered several new houses to be built and one dubu to be either repaired or abandoned. Waterhole to be fenced. Going towards the coconut plantation passed the cemetery where a large crowd were having food after burial of a man. Ordered the too closely planted coconuts in the path to be cut out. The latrines in this village were falling down and unused. These are some distance outside the village fence, across ground which is covered by high tides and the people say they are afraid to cross this ground at night for fear of alligators, hence the disuse. Ordered two large latrines, one for men and one for women, to be built, with gangways running from the village fence. Returned to the Rest House and at night collecting tax, paying bonuses and hearing the village troubles.

Saturday.
7th June.

Left for Biaru. Inspected the village plantation en route and found it in a very bad state, - full of the Leaf Hopper (Prontispis Froggatti) Shewed the people the beetles which were destroying the trees and instructed the V.C. to get all the people out at the one time to examine each tree and kill the pests. This was the only way I could see to hope to do any good. Reaching Biaru, V.C. UVE. Pop. 404. found V.C. AKERA of Bina (Biunga) and V.C. SARAU of Apalai-ipi (Aponapi) here. Paid V.C. AKERA. Mr. Champion then left with these two Village Constables to visit their villages, up the Biaru River. He reached Aponapi at 5.15 p.m. the river running very strongly. The village had just had a clean up in

Messrs Hinds and Cotter here. N.L. work and payment of Family bonuses until 10 p.m. The village was clean but it is such a haphazard mass of houses that it never looks very decent. The young people were enjoying a dance whilst we were there.

Thursday.
28th June.

Mr. Champion collecting the tax at the village whilst I went to Asirapi and Kukipi. At the latter place I received a letter saying that Mrs. Brown, who is staying with a friend at POPO, hoping that the change of air and fresh milk would do her good had again developed blackwater fever. I returned to Moviavi and told Mr. Champion to go on to Kerema, visiting all villages en route and leaving Moviavi at 4.30 p.m. travelled all night.

Friday.
29th June.

Arrived at Popo at 7 a.m. finding Mrs. Brown still very ill but recovering.

Mr. Champion visited Tapala, pop 109 and Savaiviri, pop 114, V.C. SOMA, collecting the taxes, paying the bonuses and inspecting the villages. Returning to Moviavi he had lunch and then went to Kukipi, collected the tax and camped.

Saturday.
30th June.

Self laid up with a blood clot on my leg. Mr. Champion left Kukipi and visited Kairapi, Habuhabu and Tavafuru, each village being found deserted, and so to Milifira, pop 209 where he collected tax and paid bonuses and went on to Koaru, V.C. LAVI, pop 235. Camped. Inspected the village and coconut plantation. A party of Kukukukus had been trading here, leaving a few hours before the arrival of the patrol.

Sunday.
1st June.

Self as yesterday. Mr. Champion left Koaru and went through Erava, pop 69, Uru, pop 10, Aru, pop 76, Kaivipi, pop 103 and Ivafira, pop 128, the four latter villages being under care of V.C. SALEA. Thence through Moroi, pop 118, Karama No. 2, pop 623, Karama No. 1, pop 117, the three villages in care of V.C. IREI. Proceeded through the Wamai group, V.C. KAIPU, - Mora-a, pop 113, Ma-arua, pop 39, Nukuovo, pop 128, Pomara, pop 321, Parakau, pop 74 and Irope, pop 162. The Wamai villages were in a good state, most of the houses being mere hovels. Ordered that new houses are to be built on piles. Thence through Sal pop 183 and Ivefira, pop 70, V.C. LORU, thence to Iva-u, pop 89, Aikabuluka, V.C. FOMO and so to Silo, V.C. Lese, pop 293. Camped. Tax was collected and bonuses paid and all villages inspected. The coconut plantation near Silo was found in good order.

Monday.
2nd June.

Self as yesterday. Mr. Champion inspected Silo which was clean but some hovels requiring pulling down and replacing. Some new houses were already being constructed. Ordered 10 latrines to be built over Silo Creek. We went on through the Lorobade village of Sevesevina, pop 66 and the Cupola track being in fair order, arrived at Kerema at 1 p.m.

Tuesday.
3rd June.

Went to Popo village and cut out the too closely planted trees on their coconut plantation. Spoke to them again re the tax. They appeared to have the idea that if they planted rice they had not to pay a tax. Explained the matter to them. I had been making enquiries and found reason to think that there should be no trouble at all for them to pay a tax. One trader had told me that, properly worked, Popo could easily produce 3 tons of copra a month. The people admitted that they could make plenty of copra, and as a matter of fact, did, but that they were never offered money but always "trade", i.e. mosquito nets, blankets, knives, etc. I told them that if they asked for cash there was little doubt but that they could get it and emphasises that they must make an effort to get their tax money, now £2 each, with last year's arrear, and they promised to do this. V.C. PRAVILI still ill. Had a look at some land which Mahomet Ali told me he thought would be good rice land, but there was so little of it that it was worthless for the purpose.

Wednesday.
4th June.

Met Mr. Langford. He told me that some new drillers who are on the way are Czecho-Slovakians. A carpenter named Field came by the last boat and is working on a new derrick. Requiring...

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'Vailala' came in so shifted down to the landing ready for an early start in the morning.

Embarked early but repairs to the engine delayed us and we did not reach Kapuri until late. The Captain expected to get across the bar about midnight but we did not manage it.

Crossed the bar at 9 a.m. and arrived at Kerema at 5.30 p.m.

K.R.B.

A/R.M.G.D.