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PATROL REPORT OF: KIKORI  
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# PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER

2 of 36/37

KIKORI STATION.

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

Sawmill & Purari & Ewa Districts for the purpose of

Inspection Prison Labour, Collecting witnesses for Central Court & General

Left Station on 7.10.36 Returned to Station on 10.10.36

Number of Carriers employed Canoe Crew Number of Police taken 4

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge. "Atele" F. A. Bensted.

~~Places~~ visited Auwabau (VAMURU Kombati), Sawmill, Kairu, Oru, Pakemuba, Gauri

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1936

Sydney H. Chance.  
R.M. Officer in charge of Station.

ACS

TUTINDARI

AINA

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MAIRAN

Int. BATEKE.



Patrol Report No. 2 of 36/37 Mikori, D.D.

Observations:-

1. Duties carried out with ~~EXPEDITION~~ expedition.
2. I regret not advising the P.O. that reports are to be double spaced. This error only occurs on Page 1 and will not occur again.
3. It is pleasing to note that the Aerodrome work is getting along well. There are now only 5 prisoners there but will supply more to Mr McKinnon in the near future.
3. The traverse of the KAIRU Creek made by Mr Bensted has been carefully plotted (by him) and forms a welcome addition to the Div. mapping, it is only by putting these creeks on paper that anybody can possibly get an idea of where they are going when travelling.
4. Entry 9/10/36 re QUO-VC-C. From enquiries made I gather the place is the new village of V.C. KDIWI (No. 58) and more correct spelling would be KO-VC-U. This will be checked up on later and the place visited. I understand it is nearer NAROMERE than KDIWI's old vill. of MAILAWABA.
5. Mr Bensted has been told that it is inadvisable to alter in any way the recognised spelling of old established villages and even if GAURI sounds more like KAURI to his ears best to stick to GAURI.

*Sydney H. Chana*

Acting R.M., D.D.

Kikeri, D.S.

Pages.

6/10/36.

Mr P.O. Bensted/

## Instructions

Having heard today that the "Laurabada" will leave P.S. for Daru about next Friday morning please make arrangements to leave Kikeri tomorrow for the PURARI District to collect Central Court witnesses etc. You will take with you Inter DANIEL, A.C. SHARR, orderly, A.C.'s TUVINDARI and MAIRAU (to go to PALEMBU) and A.C. AINA to collect the VALIHU witnesses. You should arrive at the Sawmill tomorrow, I AINA and back to the Mill Stn, arrive at ANWARAU Pth, and, if you then do not have to go up to PALEMBU, you should be back here by Saturday night but, in this regard 24 hrs later will do do. If you go up to PALEMBU to collect the villager MAIRAU you may be delayed but try and get back by Monday night.

The following matters for attention:-

1. Return to Mr McKinnon 1/100 rice borrowed from him by me before. ✓
2. Deliver to A.C. AINA Prisoner 11189 EAJWOL to work on the farms and bring back 9007 SAIDO and 10828 (GEMER) for transport to Pigeon and see what has happened to TOIMI, KAKI, IPU-RI and KORELA who were due out of goal yesterday. They are for return to the GAMA. ✓
3. Advise Mr McKinnon that 10747 KOIVI AHO is due out of goal on 27/10/36, that is subject to good behaviour. If, by any chance, he has been a nuisance, bring him back to be dealt with. Road Prisons Ordinance. ✓
4. Check off prisoners at the Mill, advise Mr McKinnon I will give him some more as soon as I get down there. In the meantime they can just keep on weeding area already cleared. ✓
5. A.C. AINA to collect VALIHU men and meet you at ANWARAU (tell him NOT to go to the Mill) and TUVINDARI and MAIRAU to return to ANWARAU via the KUPIKA Break (NOT FORT ROMILEY or the BEBERING Passage) so that, if you go up, you will pass them coming South. ✓
6. Find out whether Mr McKinnon will be employing TUVINDARI as from 1/11/36 as I would like to know as TUVINDARI is nearly 2/3 required. TUVINDARI will be taking BAKKORD (Pen.) with him if he gets the employment. I have explained the whole matter to you ✓
7. Advise AINA and SIGENA that, if they wish a change to KIKERI, I will fix that up by next visit to the Mill which will be after the C.C. sitting. ✓

I hope you have a successful trip - With the reports and maps you have you will find the work lessened considerably. Try your utmost to get in villager MAIRAU of PALEMBU.

Noted.

acting P.S.

Facsimiled P.O.



Patrol Report No. 2 of 36/37 by J. A. Beasted P.C.

To:- PURARI and BWA Districts collecting C.C. witnesses.

a/R.M.D.D.- Acting on instructions received from you I left KIKORI on Wednesday 7th. October, accompanied by Interpreter BAIBER, A.C. ARARE, orderly, A.C. FUVINDARI, A.C. MAIRAU, A.C. AINA and my own personal servant T.J., as per log.

DIARY of TRIP.

Wednesday 7th. October.

We left KIKORI at 8.45, and made a fast run to Bird Hill which we passed at 10 o'clock. At 12.25 p.m. in GAURI passage we sighted a canoe with one native frantically waving a piece of paper so we stopped and allowed them to come along side.

The canoe was on it's way to KIKORI with a prisoner ill with ulcers, sent in from the aerodrome at the sawmill by Mr McKinnon.

As the note was a'to the S.M. KIKORI I opened it.

From the note I found that the prisoner, GHWABU, was one of the Boys I was to bring back from the Aerodrome. As the canoe was going on to KIKORI I initialled the note and sent the prisoner on for Medical attention.

We arrived half a mile off the village of AUWAUBAU at 3 o'clock and intercepted a fishing canoe, in which I sent A.C. FUVINDARI, AINA and MAIRAU ashore.

AINA was given instructions to proceed to VAIMUBU by canoe and get the witnesses IMA-AUWA and BAI'I MARIA V.C., and then come back to AUWAUBAU and await my arrival.

FUVINDARI and MAIRAU were to go up KOPILI creek to PAKEMUBU and collect KEMIBARA and MAIRAU of PAKEMUBU and return with them to AUWAUBAU and wait with AINA for my arrival.

Each A.C. was given rations for three days before he left the "Alele" leaving AUWAUBAU we turned and ran South but had hardly been under weigh five minutes when we heard a number of shot and immediately sighted Mr Hides in a canoe. He came alongside and told us that he had left the sawmill four hours before.

He also informed us that the P-E crossing was very rough, so much so that some of his KURIKI paddlers had laid down in the bottom of the canoe and wept and carried on like a lot of children.

We left Mr Hides and proceeded to the P-E which we found did not trouble the "Alele" and then ran up with the tide to the sawmill where we arrived at 5.50.

I sent for V.C. KAIRI of BVARA and told him to go at once via the same passage, to AKHARAVI and bring back to the Mill the witnesses KAIRIRA BVARA, MAI IVAIA (f), HAURIA, and ABU (f).

After giving the boys their rations I went ashore with Mr McKinnon and inspected the aerodrome. I was very much impressed with the amount of work done and the condition of the 'drome in general.

In my opinion a light plane could land and take off from the 'drome as it is now without the slightest difficulty. But of course Mr McKinnon's idea is to get the five passenger Junkers out, and for this the 700 yard runway is absolutely essential.

I delivered the 1/100 of rice borrowed from Mr McKinnon and then delivered to A.C. AINA prisoner IIIIS KASSEL to work on the 'drome.

I accepted Mr McKinnon's invitation to dinner and to stop the night with him.



Thursday 8th. October.

Left the sawmill at 7.30 and proceeded up the WAME River and IVO Creek towards the village of KAIRU.

At 9.36 we arrived at the entrance of the small creek leading in towards the village. Hardly had we turned into this creek than we ran aground on a mud bank. For nearly ten minutes we tried to get the "Alele" free, and it was only by sliding all my patrol gear and stores over to the port side that we managed, with everybody hanging well outboard, to slide her off on her bilges into the deep water at the mouth of the creek.

Here I left the "Alele" and in a canoe with BAIEKI and A.C. ABARE I went on into KAIRU.

KAIRU is a very large village built on both sides of a creek about 75 wide. The village was clean and seemed well looked after.

The Government Rest House was in good repair and clean and a fairly good wharf had been built in front of it.

Here I collected together the witnesses; HO'O KOI'I IARA, MAMA RAKEA, OMAI AKO, BEO OMO'O, BAIEKI IPAI, MURIKI IPAI, and MAMA EVO'O.

The woman AI'IAVA KERA, I found had died about a month ago so I told the other seven to get their gear and get aboard the "Alele" as soon as possible.

Between KAIRU and the Mill I shot a large crocodile with a 12 bore shot gun loaded with a large pig ball. After this, much to my amusement, BAIEKI persisted in peppering the hide of every croc he saw with No 3. shot from his 12 bore.

We arrived back at the Mill at 1.45 and went ashore at once and checked the prisoners over with MR McKinnon and then took delivery of the five prisoners. GAIDO, TOIMI? HAGEI, ISU-EI, and GOBEI, for return to the gaol at KIKORI.

On returning to the launch I found the V.C. KAIRI of EVARA waiting for me with the witnesses from AKIARAVI. KAIRI AUNA a V.C. told me that some of the witnesses were lying and asked me if he could come along to KIKORI as well, and as I think he is fairly truthful I told him that he could come along as well.

Thursday 8th. continued.

At 3.15 we left for AUWAUBAU and made fair time against the incoming tide. At 4 o'clock in I-KOA Creek a sharp bump was felt and as we were in deep water a murmur of inquiry went around.

Suddenly someone yelled, "Huwula, huwula," and on looking back we saw float to the surface a large crocodile with a terrible gash in its side. As no damage was done to the launch we went on after firing a shot into the head of the saurian, and arrived at AUWAUBAU at 6.12., where we stopped for the night.

About eight o'clock A.M. AINA arrived and told me that he had found BAI-I MARIA and IMA AUWA almost at once and that as TUTINDARI was short of paddlers he had sent them on to PAKEMUBU with him.

Friday 9th. October.

As TUTINDARI and MAIRAU had not arrived at daylight I decided that I would go up KOPILI Creek, if necessary as far as PAKEMUBU, and see if I could meet them on the way down or locate them at the village.

Leaving AUWAUBAU at .25 we made good time with the tide up KOPILI <sup>MAU</sup> Creek until the ~~creek~~ <sup>MAU</sup> showed signs of silting up, when we began to look for a village to borrow a canoe.

It was about this time that we learned from a canoe on the Creek that all the PAKEMUBU people had "gone bush" and that the two policemen were out looking for them.

This didn't sound so good to me so, leaving the "Alele" I got a canoe and with BAIRKI, AINA, ABARE and three local boys as paddlers I set out up stream in the direction of PAKEMUBU.

All the way up we saw not a person; all the kombatis were deserted and there was not a canoe other than ours on the creek.

After paddling about a mile and a half we came in sight of the village and sure enough it appeared absolutely deserted; no smoke, no dogs, no canoes at the landing; in fact there was not a sign of life anywhere.

It was not until we had landed that anything moved and then A.C. MAIRAU suddenly appeared in the mouth of the RAVI and called to us.



Friday 9th. Continued.

It appears that a week before the PAKEMUBU people had all gone to a village called QUC-VO-O to dance and that they had not arrived back when Tutindari and Mairau got to PAKEMUBU looking for them.

The two A.Cs. had gone on to QUC-VO-O at once and there found the two witnesses, MAIRAU of PAKEMUBU, and KEMIBARA V.C., without any trouble.

While we were still talking a call was heard from the bush and in walked TUTINDARI and KEMIBARA followed by some of the village people.

As MAIRAU had brought the other MAIRAU in with him we now had all the witnesses I was sent out to bring in, so getting into the canoe we hurried back to the "Alele".

We left for GAURI village at 12.55. with the launch well down by the nose. With thirty natives and all their little odds and ends of food etc. hanging all over her, the "Alele" looked like a combination of a pawn-brokers and a greengrocers shop combined.

I was very glad when at 4.55 we arrived at GAURI and dropped anchor for the night.

Plenty of crabs were bought for food and all the natives were sent ashore for the night.

Rain started to fall about seven o'clock and what with that and the sounds of drums and stamping feet from DALMO, where a dance was being held, I did not get much sleep.

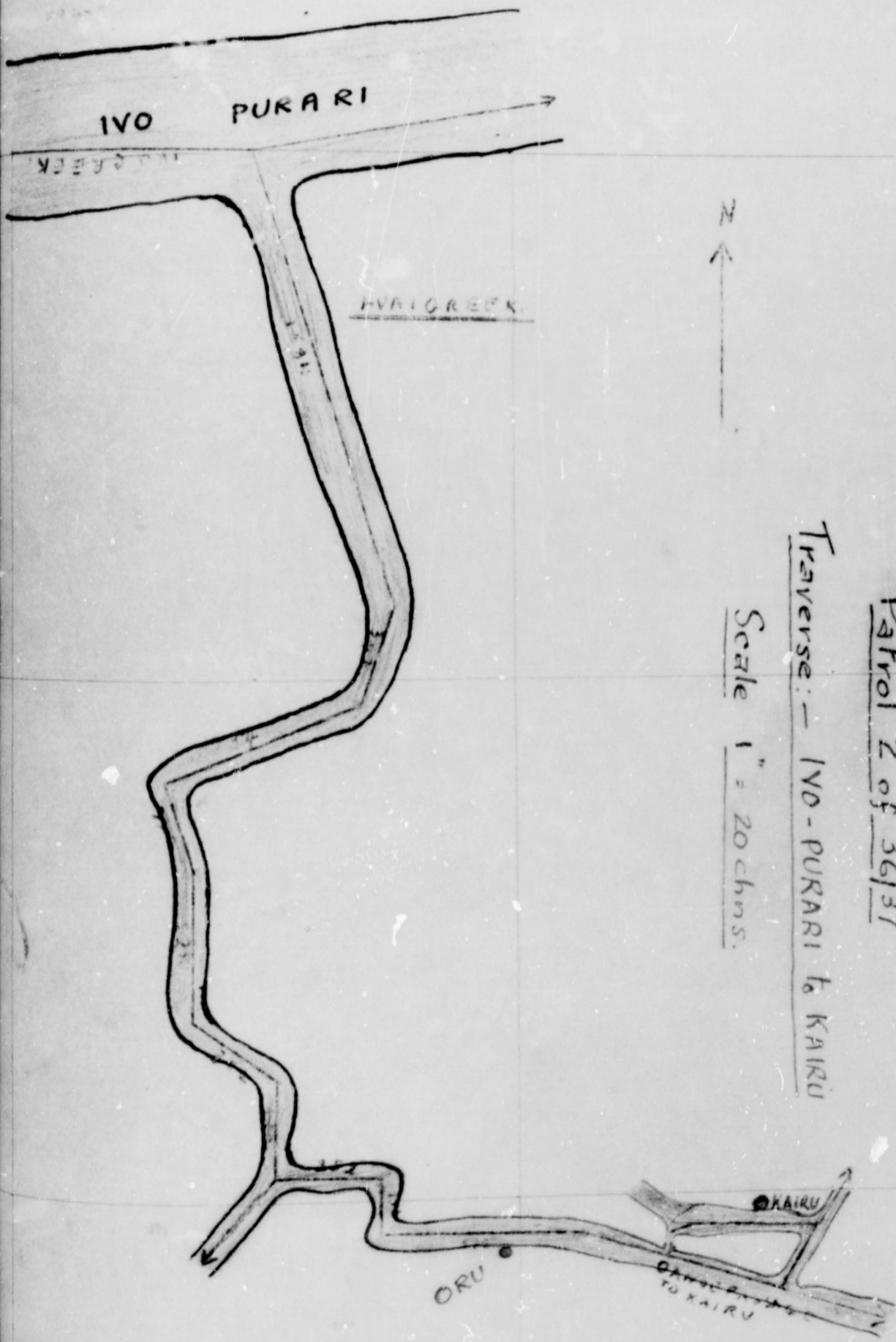
Saturday 10th. October.

The rain continued to fall all night and at six o'clock in the morning the "Aleless" dingy was more than half full of rain water. From this I estimate that more than four inches of rain fell during the night.

By seven o'clock all the natives were on board and exactly at 7.30 we left for KIKORI.

At 9.35. we passed Aird Hill and just under two hours later we arrived back at KIKORI.

*to Beattie*  
-----P.O.



Patrol 2 of 36/37

Traverse: - IVO-PURARI to KAIRU

Scale 1" = 20 chns.









*Chase*

[G.P. 67

# PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

4 of 36/7

Kikori STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. A. Bewsted, P.O. to  
the Middle Kikori River for the purpose of  
investigating timber possibilities with  
Mr Chas McKinnon

Left Station on 30-10-36 Returned to Station on 31-10-36

Number of Carriers employed Nil Number of Police taken 1

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Non Govt.

Villages visited Nil.

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*No Map Necessary*

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 9. 11., 1936

*Sydney H. Chance*  
Officer in charge of Station

*Police - 1 day ARARE*

# MINUTE PAPER

[G.P. 3.]

R.M. D.D., Kikori.

No. 1562/291/36

Calendar references.

On your Station Patrol Report No. 4 of 1936/37, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor writes : -

"I suppose 'Friday 30th November' and 'Saturday 31st November' mean 'October'."

*H. Hamilton*  
G.S. 26.11.36.

*Yes. No answer required.*



Report Report No. 4, of 26/37 by F. A. Bennett S.S.  
To - The Alaska River Investigating Timber possibilities  
with Mr Charles Williams.

1. Alaska - getting a verbal description received from Mr J. L. Smith  
about a Friday 30th October, accompanied by A. L. ABRAHAM and crew  
by the name of the "ALASKA".

----- DEARY OF THE RIVER. -----

Friday 30th November.

We left Elliott at 11.30 on an almost flood tide and in the agency  
little launch and made way good till to the junction of  
the Elliott and Bristol Rivers. Here the current became very much  
more rapid and made an appreciable difference to way speed.

The river from here on is very much narrower and waterfalls of  
limestone become more and more frequent as the Rapids just the  
Bristol Channel are approached.

The mouth of Bristol Channel was noted but passed as we intended  
investigating its timber possibilities on our way back down stream.

About three hours after leaving Elliott the rapids were passed,  
and except for a large stretch of limestone and a couple of weirs  
the surface of an otherwise placid stream, we would not have known  
that we were passing through them.

The timber along the banks here was very much better but it was  
not of a size or type to warrant the taking out of houses and  
wing and milling.

We continued upstream until at five o'clock we arrived at the  
limit of navigability for launches at the base camp just below  
CARMEN ISLAND. Here we had to turn back as the launch could not make  
any headway against the current and sharp waterfalls of rock were  
becoming more and more apparent.

Having to turn back was rather a disappointment as Mr Williams  
had not as yet seen any timber with which he was satisfied.

A boat was sent back to ALIC CHANNEL where we camped for the  
night.

Here on both banks of the creek as well as on both banks of the  
Elliott River we found camps between two and three hundred people  
from JOHNSON ISLAND who had come by the trade.

No. 100/100

Resident Magistrate, Jullaha.

March 20/1905.

The Hon. the Secy. to Govt.

The Shell Button Currency.

Your letter No 100 and 100/100/05. I have to advise you that a SHILLING (mentioned by the Secretary as SHILLING, short "S" but called by some Europeans shell-button) is a shell button affair made from, as I believe, the ground out of the central shell. It is white or dirty grey in colour and varies from about 1/2 to 2 inches in diameter. Now that I have described it you will no doubt remember seeing thousands of them.

The SHILLING is a great article of trade here, a sort of currency - in several instances I have seen 7/6 and 8/6 by 10 or more from the vendors. Prices 1/- and 2/- each. Apparently the shell buttons are of more use to them than shillings.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Resident Magistrate, Jullaha.

# MINUTE PAPER

[G.P.3.]

R.M. D.D., Kikori.

No. 1561/213/36

Bidibidi.

With reference to my letter No. 1552/213 of 24th November, on Patrol Report No. 4 of 36/1937 His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor writes : -

"I never heard of <sup>a</sup>'bidibidi' before."

*H. H. H. H.*  
S.S. 26.11.36.

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# MINUTE PAPER

[G.P.S.]

R.M. D.D., Kikori.

No. 1552/213/36

Bidibidi.

Your Station Patrol Report No. 4 of 36/1937, page  
2, first paragraph.: What is a "bidibidi" ?

*H. K. Kauri*  
G.S. 24.11.36.

Friday 30th. November. Continued.

Every year at about this time the GOARIBARI people leave their villages and with canoe loads of arm shells, neck shells and bidibids, make their way up the Kikori River to its junction with the AKIC CREEK.

Here they make camp and wait for sometimes as long as a month for the OKANI people to come down from the SAMBERIGI VALLEY to trade native tobacco for their arm shells etc.

I was told that the OKANI people were undecided whether to come down or not as they thought that the GOARIBARIS had not given them fair barter for their tobacco and in any case this years crops had most failed.

The GOARIBARIS said that as their food supply was almost exhausted they could only wait a few more days and then they would have to go back home without their annual supply of native grown tobacco.

This annual barter I am told has been going on for many years now and it is an event in the life of the Papuan Native that I would certainly someday like to witness.

Saturday 31st. November. *October*

Left camp at 7.30 with a canoe containing five natives in tow. The natives were ones that Mr McKinnon wanted to see about a creek below Kikori with a view to leasing it for the timber.

We proceeded merrily downstream with the natives enjoying being towed instead of having to paddle. Soon after eight o'clock we arrived at the upper end of the rapids to find that the tide was low and that the peaceful scene of yesterday was indeed changed.

Fangs of stone seemed to poke up everywhere and still stretches of the river had changed to whirlpools.

For a time it looked to us as if we would have to wait until high tide to get through the maelstrom of foaming and roaring waters safely, but after circling two or three times at the upper end of the rapids we decided to make a dash for it through what looked like a fairly safe channel.

All went ~~well~~ until about half way through the canoe in tow swung broadside on to the stream and half filled with water before we could



Saturday 31st. Continued.

get the launch back into line with the canoe.

I have never seen a native more scared than was the boy seated in the prow of that canoe. He positively turned green with fear and his eyes stuck out like those of a crab.

The rapids behind us we soon turned into PININI CREEK where there are approximately seven thousand acres of Crown Land.

We proceeded about a mile and a half up the Creek but did not see any suitable timber for Mr McKinnon's purpose.

This was very disappointing as a timber sawmill would make a great difference to this end of the Division.

Leaving PININI CREEK at about 10.30 we ran down the Kikori River and arrived back at the station at 1 o'clock.

Mr McKinnon was very disappointed with the timber on the Middle Kikori River but I understand that he still intends to go ahead with his scheme for establishing a sawmill on the Kikori River.

I understand that he has found suitable timber land down-stream from the station along the banks of some of the larger creeks.

F. O. Bensted P.O., D.D.

Forwarded with no remarks.

fic Acting R.M., D.D.

# PATROL REPORT

STATION NUM

5 of 36/37

KIKORI STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by S. H. Chance A/R.M. to Middle Purari District for the purpose of investigating floating raft found & taking up stores to Champion Party

Left Station on 30.11.36 Returned to Station on 17.12.36

Number of Carriers employed 27 Crew Number of Police taken 6

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Sawmill Launch - C. McKinnon

Places visited Name Sawmill, KATARAVI, URI Old Village, WOIMADU, BEVAN ISLAND, ORAMADU, URAI-IHU + another TUROHA hamlet on the PURARI at the PIDE Creek

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 1/12/ 1936

Sydney H. Chance  
Officer in charge of Station

Take next trip:- Some smallish fish lines and hooks. There are fish in the river up top.

Police DEEA AIWA + SIGINA (past)  
SUMAVE  
MAREPE  
AIWA  
BAKUA



Various natives,  
 Purari Villages,  
 Delta Division.

Kik. Sr/5

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6/7		Transport		
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Dec. 1st to 6th		Payment for 8 natives of KAIARAVI Village acting as canoe crew for 6 days at 6d per day	3/-	1 4 0
		Names:- AKO MAI'IA and seven others.		
Dec. 2nd to 6th & 11th-13th		Payment for 4 natives of UKIARAVI as canoe crew for 9 days at 6d per day	4/6	18 0
		Names:- KAURI AKO and three others.		
Dec. 14th		Purchase of present(1/- fish line) from Sawmill Store to give to a youth of TUROHA who acted as guide to party up river. He also received tobacco.	1/-	1 0

Witness to Payment at Sawmill.

A.C. MARERE His  Mark.  
 A.C. MAIRAU His  Mark.

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Various Natives as hereunder,  
Delta Division Villages,  
Kikori, D.D.

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Transport

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Dec. 8th - To hire of one canoe and 15 paddlers to  
to 17th transport gear from Burari River to  
Kikori in connection with Sawmill Launch  
Trip (S.M. Chance & S. McKinnon) to  
Bevan Island.

Canoe Owner KIMA of DOIBO  
KIMBI of DOIBO  
Five APYAMA natives  
One PALEI native  
Eight HEBABARI natives

16 natives at 6d per day for 10 days..... 5/- 4 0 0

Witnesses to Payments:-

J.A. Bonsted P.O.  
Native Clerk Native Clerk.

FOUR

1/2 d. for above

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PORT MORESBY

OFFICER IN CHARGE KIKORI PORT ROMILLY V.H. 6

ENDEVOUR INFORM CHANCE IMMEDIATELY THAT WITH COLLAPSE  
RAFT THEORY HIS PRESENCE PURRARI UNNECESSARY

CHAMPION



S.H. Chance a/R.M.

Bever Is.

Kikori D.D

8/12/36.

Received your message by ANI-ANI yesterday at 3:30 p.m. and at once despatched KAI VARE with six prisoners as paddlers to GOARIBARI for a large canoe with 15 carriers. They have just arrived back and I am getting them away immediately. (2:30 p.m.).

As per your instructions I am sending you AIWA and SIGINA each with 20 rounds of .303, a parcel of 60 rounds of .303 and two torch bulbs and seven pounds of Epsom Salts & 4 gal. kero. AIWA & SIGINA have been given three weeks rations and 50 sticks of tobacco and have been told to purchase sago in plenty and with it proceed with all speed to Bever Island. I have also packed a case with 10 blankets, and have, as you suggested given them a 40 lb. pack of rice for the trip.

ANI-ANI tells me that you have no rifle oil, so I am sending a bottle of oil as well. Your oil bottle is in the case with the shot gun cartridges so I trust you have found it by this.

The boys have been given two axes & two knives and a fly so can camp dry en route. We have heard nothing further re Chan-han at this end so are hoping you will be able to find something.

Best of luck.

F.A. Buxted.

P.O., D.D.

Baran Island  
3-12-36

P.O. Bunker,  
Hikori

I have been  
landed here today by Mr  
McKinnon & in the course  
of a few days I will have  
established a base camp  
& I hope have had my  
way upstream as far as  
possible.

The raft I have  
seen & I think it is an ORI  
raft with no connection to  
the Champion party.  
I have plenty of  
food & can easily hang  
out for 3 weeks so, if the  
Champion come down, they  
are OK.  
Mr McKinnon

Carry the Mill in the  
morning.

At the Mill I left  
P.O. MARRAS to take a  
UXIARRAS to follow me  
with a load of piggy & I  
hope they will be here  
in a week.

I have considered  
every possibility & I am  
now instructing you to  
get a good canoe  
with 9000 lbs carried  
with 2 A's, & I suggest  
BWA canoe, & start  
them off to come up here  
to me. They will be here  
when I am ready to come  
back & if they do that  
they will be OK.  
Give the P.O. some  
tobacco to buy piggy.

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Kikori.

Year 36/37.

Patrol No. 5 of 36/3

Object of Patrol:- To investigate matter of raft found floating down the PURARI and to take up stores to the returning Champion-Adamsen Patrol.

Monday 30/11/36. After a hectic night of packing and talking things over with Mr McKinnon left KIKORI at about 1.0 p.m. loaded to the gunwales with gear after having seen the Ward Williams 'plane arrive. Mr Williams got Mr Marshall of OSAMOBU to refuel his 'plane. I refuse to be at the beck and call of any such ill-mannered person. See Letter to Hon. the G.S. on this matter! We towed 4 canoes, two full of returning witnesses. After 1 hour's trouble with the engine and having to wait the canoes while they went through the small GAURI passage (two never turned up at all) we went right through the night and got to the Mill at about 3.0 a.m. and went ashore for a sleep.

Tuesday 1/12/36. Inspected the raft. I know now that it is a native job but, at the time, it fooled us all. 24 or so feet long, well made and 63 upper cross timbers. It certainly looked like a police job and Old Cpl DE-EA and I, who have rafted down turbulent streams together, both reckoned that the BAMU Patrol had reached rafting limits. But, here I place on record that the sago leaf "fireplace" on the raft would make anybody think that IT HAD NOT COME THROUGH ANY SERIOUS RAPIDS. N.B.

On the wireless endeavoured to get away radios more particularly one re the Aerodrome. I had little time to think this matter out but think it out I did to the best of my ability. I know that McKinnon has already spent about £800 on the job, and, as I said in the radio, if the Defence want the 'drome they must be prepared to put on a white overseer & 80 boys and I think it will cost every farthing of the £2700 I have estimated.

At 11.30, with two canoes in tow, left the Mill. Called in at KAIARAVI to get some boys to steer the canoes. The village was in the midst of a mortuary feast but I got together 8 volunteers and away we went. I left behind A.C. MAIRAU and V.C. OMARO with tobacco to bring me up some sago. The Sawmill launch only a little bit of a thing and not running too well but we reached Old URI (now deserted) by dusk and camped. We whites slept on board on planks while the natives made camp ashore. A wet night.

Wednesday 2/12/36. Just after midnight (3rd moon) got away. At 9.0. a.m. reached the BEVAN RAPIDS. River phenomenally low and, to our horror, touched a rock and, I think, sprung a plank.

Wednesday 2/12/36, Cont'd. Saw no natives at all below the rapids. Some distance above the rapids, without stopping the engine, went ashore to talk to some PAWAIA people. They told us they had seen the raft go down and that it was an URI raft....Mr McKinnon has had numbers of these/ URI and odd TUROHAS working for him and there they would learn, if they did not know before, how to notch logs white man's fashion. At McDowell we could not get the anchor to hold. Went ashore (WOIMADU is quite a neat little village) & picked up V.C. SESELI and a couple of boys. They also reckoned the raft picked up down below was an URI job of work - This news made us quite despondent. At about 3.0 p.m. at a suitable side creek pulled in and made camp. I put a red light on the main river in case/anyone went past.

Thursday 3/12/36. Up anchor early. Boat leaking badly through stern gland. Passed SUBU Creek, current pretty fierce, it is not always at flood times that these streams are swift running. At about 2.0 p.m. we reached BEVAN Island and made camp ashore. Mr McKinnon, who has to catch the next Southern boat, stated he was prepared to go no further on account of the "low tide" in the PURARI.

Friday 4/12/36. Launch with crew of 4 boys left at daylight leaving me with 6 police and 8 very indifferent KORIKI paddlers. Made camp properly and re-arranged stores.

Saturday 5/12/36. Further enlarging camp, latrines etc. Some NAMAINA (TUROHA) men came down to see us so sent up some whites' food, 1 tin biscuits, 1/25 flour and 1/40 rice to the next village. A.C. SUMAVE went up with this gear. My boys this day caught a large eel (MINAMA in Motuan). Considering that eels do not breed in fresh water but go 'way out to the deep/ Pacific to breed it is remarkable to find them so far in here.

Sunday 6/12/36. Still no canoes from down river.

Monday 7/12/36. Sent A. C. AIWA and Corpl DE-EA upstream with some more gear with instructions to dump at the TUROHA Village. He got back about 5.30 and reported people very friendly. A large lizard caught today, fully 8'0" long, I think it what they call a monitor, possibly some relation to the KOMODO dragon we have read so much about of late.

When I leave here I will be forced to leave behind the Kikori Station canoe brought along, it is too cumbersome and heavy. What is wanted on these river patrols is a good light Goaribari or URAMA canoe and good strong Goaribari men. The Korikis are useless.



Tuesday 8/12/36.

Tired of waiting for Korikis with the sago pushed off with the Sawmill (borrowed) canoe assisted by some villagers and went up to Gleeson Island - Village named ORAMADU. After seeing the mouth of the HOU Creek I understand Mr Woodward's difficulty in getting the old launch "Kikori" inside. At dusk V.C. OMARO arrived with 17 men, all the halt, lame etc. from his village. Plenty of sago to hand. I asked for men to volunteer to stay with me but only 4 men willing, the rest, anyway, were not fit men. The greatest collection of weeds I have yet seen. Was relieved to hear that Mr McKinnon had been seen going strongly below the Bevan Rpd as the river falling daily.

Wednesday 9/12/36.

Paid off the useless Korikis and let them go home. Self had cold and return of the mild 'flu I had at Kikori. A few people from the WA-ABO Creek (up higher) came down, and, with the poor interpretation, I gather there is no news whatever of any patrol walking about "up top" but they are all on the qui vive for same as were told by us some time ago when we brought the HAHARI men up in the "Alele". Gave the men a 40 of rice and a box of sago to take back with them.

Thursday 10/12/36.

In the lightest of my canoes proceeded upstream past the WA-ABO Creek. Owing to lowness of river had extreme difficulty <sup>in</sup> getting along at all. Found the TUROHA Village of URAI-IHU. Above it, at the PIDE Creek, found more TUROHA men who advised me that the four prisoners recently returned home, with their HAHARI friends met some people, of whom we know little and are called the PLOWA, and that at the end of a BUGURU celebration there was a scrap and "plenty" of the TUROHA men were killed. Included in the killed were DIDARE and KOUWO. I gathered that some men of SINE (Friendly towards Faithorn when he came down from the ERAWA) have been "walking about" down below and if they have heard of nobody walking about then it seems a wild goose chase going up any further as at the PIDE Creek we are only two hours or so below the rafting limit. After a long talk with the TUROHA people and explaining to them that I would leave DE-EA and three police with white and native foods at URAI-IHU there to wait two weeks in case anything did happen and that, after that, the people themselves were to look after the "Government" boxes dropped down stream at great speed to the camp at Gleeson Island. Got in at dusk just ahead of a rain storm.

Friday 11/12/36.

Left camp at daylight and lunched at McDowell Island. Negotiated rapids safely and camped at dusk in a PAWATA kombati house.

Satdy 12/12/36. After a fierce hot trip in open canoes reached the Mill at dark. Mr Street met me with the news that they (Port Moresby) had been calling "PATROL - DARU" all day but that he could not hear what they were saying nor could he pick up another radio intended for me.

Sunday 13/12/36. Resting and re-arranging gear.

Monday 14/12/36. Tried to get the radio but couldn't...just a jumble of words starting "ADVISE CHANCE THAT". Decided to await the "Papuan Chief" due any time. The Goaribari crew sent through to me by Mr Bensted working on the aerodrome to fill in time.

Tuesday 15/12/36. Again could get no sense out of the radio but did hear operator say something about "recalling Chance". "Chief" arrived with Rev. Butcher, he said he was pleased to see me as he wanted lots of help from me with regard to his projected OKANI Patrol with Rev. Hurst. I think the scheme a good one as it may lead to native gossip and eventual news.

Wednesday 16/12/36. Sent canoes to Kikori and, with small boy native servant, sailed in the "Chief". At night anchored lower Kikori River.

Thursday 17/12/36. Arrived at Kikori. Canoes some hours after me.

Sydney H. Chance. a/R.M.

Observations. The four police are expected in about two and one half weeks after having been left behind. They will leave behind, in charge of the friendly TUOHAS, foodstuffs in plenty in case any party does come down. There seems to be no news of a party walking about inland. From a study of Michael Leahy's Map I consider there is just a possibility that Champion and Adamson may have struck trouble West of the MABIGAI River (See Leahy's Map) and have made tracks for the Hagen Area but I personally now fear the worst. The country would not beat two good men like Champion and Adamson and even if short of food they would manage on native tucker. As I told His Excellency I fear the party has been annihilated.

Sydney H. Chance. a/R.M.





MANDATED TERRITORY OF

NEW GUINEA

TERRITORY OF PAPUA

UPPER PURARI RIVER

Scale 1 inch = 4 miles

*Rich lowland area*

*6/13/37*



*1/10/37*

PURARI RIVER

NARA CK

PURARI RIVER

OHAI-ENO

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PURARI RIVER

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Articles	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.					Returned.		Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.	Government Cost.			
Rice ... ..	660	160	100	100	360	1	10	100	200 left for Party
Biscuits ... ..	80	20	40	-	60	1	76	NIL	20 left for Party
Meat ... ..	30	30	-	-	30	13	9	Nil	Lbs
Sugar ... ..	70	15	NIL	5	30	4	6	40	10 left for Party
<b>FISH</b> ... ..	6	4	-	-	4	1	4	2	
Soap ... ..	12	10	-	2	12	3		Nil	Lbs
Tobacco ... ..	19	2	14	2	18	2	47	1	Lbs
Matches ... ..	36	22	-	10	32		7	4	Boxes
Kerosene... ..	2	½	-	1½	2	3	8	Nil	
Tents ... ..									
Flies ... ..	4					.	.	2	2 still up Purari
Lamps ... ..	4					.	.	3	1 still up Purari
Buckets ... ..	2					.	.	2	
Kerosene Cans ... ..	2					.	.	1	1 still up Purari
Knives and Sheaths									
Knives, 18 in. ... ..	6			3	3	9	3	3	Presents:- 3
Knives others ... ..									
Belts ... ..									
<b>Shotgun cartridges</b>					18	2	9	7	Game and left with Police up the Purari.
Print ... ..									
<b>Cash to Carriers. At Sawmill</b>						2	3	0	Canoe crews
<b>Cash to Paddlers at Kikori</b>						4	0	0	Hire large canoe
Beads ... ..									
Mirrors ... ..									
Axes ... ..									
Half Axes ... ..	6					.	.	4	2 still up Purari
Tomahawks ... ..	2							2	
<b>Rifle Cartridges</b>					6	1	6	173	Signals Etc.
<b>Fares S.E.C. and Servant by "P.C." ?</b>						1	5	0	Exact fares not known
<b>Fuel Sawmill Launch to be adjusted later on. Not yet squared up.</b>									
<i>Note - Fuel thought taken about another £ 14.</i>									
					<b>Total £</b>				
						14	10	5	All Magisterial S.H.C.

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



Kikori

Patrol Report No. 8 of 36/7.

Made by Sydney H. Chane Actng R.M., D.D.

To:- the PURARI Delta District for the purpose of  
purchasing two S.D.A. Mission blocks and general.

Left Station on:- 10/3/37 Returned:- 22/3/37

No. of paddlers employed:- 19

Vessel:- 2 canoes only.

Villages visited:- GAURI, MAIPO, KAIARAVI, ORAVI,  
EVARA, AKIARAVI, ORU, KAIRU and IARI.

No map sent, none necessary.

Fwd to Govt Secty:- 6/4/37.

Sydney H. Chane O. in C. Station.

The cost of Patrol was:- 50 Rice 5/-, 20 biscuits 9/2, 9 meat 4/2,  
7 Sugar 1/-, 3/4 tea 9d, 4 soap 1/-, 12 tobacco 30/-, 10 matches 3d,  
1 kero. 1/10, 9 fish 3/-, 8 ctgs/1/3, Fares 30/- and Vouchers £6.13  
\* total cost of:- £11.0.5.

Police taken MARERE + MO-U  
Interprets BAIKE

Govt/Secty

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Note:- 6-3-5 Transport.....Patrol Kikori No. 8.

Carriers (Paddlers) at 6d per day.

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KEIMA	of	DOIBO	above	14	6d	X
NAVAI	of	"	"	"	"	X
OHEMAURI	of	"	"	"	"	X
SOGI	of	MORIGI	"	"	"	X
AIVEI	of	"	"	"	"	X
ASA	of	"	"	"	"	X
KAVE	of	"	"	"	"	X
UWO	of	"	"	"	"	X
GAIBIRI	of	"	"	"	"	X
OMIRO	of	"	"	"	"	X
RABO	of	"	"	"	"	X
AIWABU	of	"	"	"	"	X
DAMARARE	of	"	"	"	"	X
GOMORI	of	"	"	"	"	X
DAIVEI	of	"	"	"	"	X
EKENI	of	"	"	"	"	X
NAIBU	of	"	"	"	"	X
KAINAU	of	"	"	"	"	X
EMHI	of	"	"	"	"	X

All on 24/3/37

*W. Gray*  
*W. Chance*

Marks

Paid from Collections.

-----Six-----  
-----thirteen-----no-----

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Kikori, D.D.



Diary of Patrol Report (Kikori) No. 8 of 36/7. S. H. Chance a/R.M.

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Wed. 10th March.

Accompanied by A.C.'s MARERE (Orderly) and MO-U (Local), Court Interpreter BAIKKE in two canoes with MORIGIO paddlers left the Station at 11.0 a.m. for Aird Hill where lunched with Rev. Butcher.

After lunch Mr Butcher and I had a long conversation about the Goaribari people and we both agreed that it would seem the total population is declining. He has observed them longer than I have but we have both decided that there are seemingly less people now than there were in 1924, despite the fact that you cannot go by the sizes of the present day villages. As is known, since the necessity no longer exists for the natives herding ~~together~~ together in large villages they have scattered far and wide, luckily, it may be said, in lots of cases to the higher ground where living conditions are better. Mr Butcher quoted to me IOWA Village, he was there once and found that the bulk of the younger women had granuloma and it is well known that gonorrhoea is a predisposing cause to sterility. I quoted my experience in the C.N.M.-- I invariably ask "Any children" and it is really amazing the number of hefty women of 30, married two and three times, who have no children. On Page 3 of the "Essays in the Depopulation of Melanesia" it says that anybody who has observed natives for a number of years will notice a difference in the population. That is true. I have. Here I think (am almost sure) there is a gradual decline. Nowadays children that ought to be being born are not being born and that must have an effect on the population in 15 or 16 years time. If I am alive in 20 years time I shall certainly do a private patrol around Goaribari, for the subject interests me. We should keep proper census sheets of the villagers here but with the present staff it is impossible so the best we can do is observe and make reasonable assumptions.

As it was a fine night I left Aird Hill after 9.0 p.m. & was still on the road at midnight.

Thursday 11th March.

Up early and, after giving a few orders to the GAURI people for the improvement of the Rest House; I had managed a few hours sleep in it, after a long and hot and tedious trip reached the Sawmill about 9.30<sup>am</sup> and made camp.

Friday 12th March.

Inspected the Landing Ground. Mr McKinnon has done very well, has certainly fulfilled his lease conditions to date, and I can ~~well~~ safely say that, in the very near future, 450 yards will be more or less in a fit condition for a light Moth Plane to land and take off. It is remarkable how good the landing ground is for the first 400 yds, then a creek intrudes. This will eventually be diverted by cutting a huge deep drain along the Eastern boundary and it is also proposed to put a huge deep drain right along the Western boundary.

Mr McKinnon advised me that he was working at pressure to come with orders and that he was getting another sawyer over from N.Q. I would say that the Company is doing very well indeed - The V.C.D. and I.E.C. people have given them some big orders of late; it all helps. This timber has all been loaded at the Mill and ~~gone~~<sup>taken</sup> direct to Daru.

Saturday 13th March.

Taking lunch and my shorter canoe went through the back passage to AKIARAVI. I had heard the village was pretty awful and I found it so, and, if there is one place that should not be excused it is AKIARAVI for they are on good solid ground and, as I told the V.C., they should have a village area approximating the Kikori Parade Ground. As it was I found ~~trees~~ growing up through the ravi and the rear ends of most of the houses could not be seen from the river! I dealt with all the 28 householders under Nat. Reg. No. 98/4 and sentenced them to 1 month's imprisonment. Mr Humphries warned them before and it is no use for ever talking, warning, threatening and doing nothing. I am recommending that the old doddering V.C. KAIVIRA EVARA be dismissed and a good alive young man will be found to take his place.

After a very thorough inspection of AKIARAVI went on down to ORAVI and it was, if possible, worse. No attempt has been made, since Mr Humphries' visit, to improve the surroundings and they are also on good solid ground. 16 of the householders (a few of the men had cleaned up around their dwellings) were dealt with in the C.N.M. for neglecting to improve their village.

After an hour in ORAVI went on down the TUA Creek and up the WAME to the Mill where I arrived at 8.30 p.m.



Sunday 14th March.

Resting.

Monday 15th March.

Started a clearing gang on the landing ground - In charge Local Const MO-U. Also made advances wages to certain of the Mill labour. Also witnessed payment (second) of 25 to V.C. KAIRI for timber rights WAME River (BAROI Tribe) Area. Also paid to MEPAI KAIRI the sum of 10/- for what he calls "his" portion of the N.W. Approach. Mr McKinnon said he would pay the 10/- to avoid future disputes so, beyond recording the payment on office copy D.A. there will be no need to do any more. After completing all this business on to ORU Village. No V.C. in this village which was fairly clean. Houses good but a little more clearing back of undergrowth to be done, as I told them, we must let the sun and air into the village!

After finishing up at ORU on to the large village of KAIRU where I found numerous C.N.M. awaiting me. Got rid of all these by dark and arranged for all the assembled councillors to attend a Council Meeting. We talked and talked for nearly three hours. The matters dealt with were:-

1. Policy of the Government with especial reference to the use made of the Taxation money. Medical benefits stressed as this, in the main, is the only benefit the locals get.
2. Necessity for clean villages, water holes etc.
3. Interpretation various sections of the M.R.O.

The meeting was quite a success - A "talk" is dear to the heart of the Delta native, he will "gas" for hours without tiring.

For next officer I record, Orders to V.C.:-

1. URIKARAVI to be rebuilt. Old one in poor state of repair.
2. KIRASA and VAIEKE to rebuild their old houses to N.G. design, proper TURARI shape, not bungalow design.
3. IPAI-IPUA and UKA KAURI to clear back undergrowth and repair and build up road in front of their dwellings.
4. Po'O KOI-I-ARA to complete road his house to village.

Tuesday 16th March.

All day at KAIRU attending to various matters, nothing to be gained by hurrying these TURARI patrols!

Wednesday 17th March.

By an entirely new (to me) short cut went to IARI by way of small passages to the main PAI-IAU (launch) passage and on to IARI.

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Wednesday 17th March.

Arrived IARI 1.30 p.m. - After a rest and tea straight on with C.N.M., distribution W.N.L. moneys and etc.

Thursday 18th March.

Purchased the PMAKORAVA and ARIKIRAVI Seventh Day Adven. Mission blocks for 26 and 18 shillings respectively. I was just completing the surveys when Mr Lock arrived in the "DIARI" with a companion. He left almost immediately for UKIARAVI to buy sago. Owing to the fact that we now have radio at the Mill I had been able to arrange for him to bring my mail and stores-very different from the old days. All we want in Papua now is an amphibian service and we will be quite modern!

Friday 19th March.

After inspecting IARI village, this time it was fairly good and clean, on to the village of OKAIKENAIRU missed by me last time. Ordered Rest House to be repaired, portions of the main road to be built up and dealt with a man for destroying a cultivated tree. My old KAMBISI Police Camp "cookie" lives in this village and, as usual, he was in trouble about "somebody" killing his pigs. Nothing could be done about them however. After completing work at OKAIKENAIRU on to the village of KAIARAVI where inspected and then on to the Mill where arr. well after dark to find the "Chief" not yet in.

Satdy 20th March.

Labour Inspection at the Mill. All O.K. The "Papuan Chief" arrived late but did not start loading BARU timber as Mr McK. expected.

Sunday 21st March.

After loading the "Chief" left. I and my cook took passage in her. The canoes were sent on independently. We arrived back at Kikori on Monday the 22nd and I found all O.K. on the Station.

General Remarks:-

A routine patrol of little interest. As regards the two land purchases all I can do is to let the vouchers go through as I have no forms:- Transfer Land Natives to Crown. 24 forms were ordered 'way back in 1936. 8 were supplied and 16 put "on transfer" on 21/7/36. On 5/2/37 I wrote to the Govt Printer for the 16 outstanding but they have not yet come to hand!

*Sydney W. Chase*  
Acting R.M., D.D.



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[G.P. 67

# PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER  
10 of 36/37

KIKORI STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by F.A. Bensted, P.O. to  
the Era River, Gopi and Gorau Districts for the purpose of  
the capture of seven prison escapees and the General Inspection of  
any villages visited.

Left Station on 28/3/37 Returned to Station on 10/4/37.

Number of Carriers employed 15 Number of Police taken 8

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Canoes

Villages visited BAWI, GIPI, IMEIA, RAVI-WANA, GIGORI, KOIRAVI, KORI, BARAVI,  
AUMU, IARI, TETAHUI, EBEGAU, GOPI, UBWO, MEAGOMA, GAURI.

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*Sketch Map sent in.*

7405/3.35.—1,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1937

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

*GANI + KAMU Re-arrested.*  
*KOBODOU Died since escape.*

*Police: —*

- Cpl DEEA*
- Lt NARI*
- KORI*
- AINA*
- AIWA*
- SIGINA*
- KAVARE*
- BAKUA*

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10/4/37

Vote:- 5 - 3 - 5 Transport. Patrol No. 10.

MAIPANI	above	14	6d	7	0	X His
AISA	"	"	"	7	0	X
KAIRIA	"	"	"	7	0	X
WARI	"	"	"	7	0	X
WAROMAI	"	"	"	7	0	X
IGIRI	"	"	"	7	0	X
MAKARU	"	"	"	7	0	X
KAVI	"	"	"	7	0	X
MAWIRU	"	"	"	7	0	X
KIPAI	"	"	"	7	0	X
BAMERE	"	"	"	7	0	X
BUARI	"	"	"	7	0	X
KAURI	"	"	"	7	0	X
AIKA	"	"	"	7	0	X
KARI	"	"	"	7	0	X

*JHC*

All on  
11/4/37

Mark

Paid from Kikori Revenue Collections.

-----Five-----  
five-----no-----

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*JHC*  
Kikori, D.D.



Radio to Govt Secty,  
Port Moresby.

ARE CHAMPION ANDERSEN ARRIVING ENDEAVOUR  
OR CHIEF STOP ARRANGING PATROLS  
STOP BENSTED PRESENT AWAY INLAND.  
STOP IS HE BEING TRANSFERRED.  
CHANCE.

Something like the above (no copy, unfortunately, kept) sent 7/4/36.

P.O. Bensted,

On Patrol/

This a.m. (9/4/37 - Friday) I have received:-

BENSTED RELIEVES RUTLEDGE FLY RIVER STOP RONALD LEAVES  
HERE THIRTEENTH CALLS KIKORI PICK UP BENSTED AND SAILS  
DIRECT D'ALBERTIS JUNCTION.

I am sending to you this morning this message by A.C.  
ARARI (in charge) accompanied by Locals IVERAI and SUMAVE. It will  
be necessary for you to get in just as quickly as you can as I  
want you, if possible, to type your V/R before leaving but, if it can't  
be done, you can do it on the Fly and send in the two copies to here.

I hear you have caught three of the prisoners and have  
gone up the WAI Creek and I have told ARARI to find out where you are,  
when he gets to IARE.

I hope you catch your boat. If you get a chance send a  
note to Mr Montgomery telling him I shall not be along until after the  
"Chief" and the "AILE" is running.

*Sydney H. Chance*  
Acting R.M., D.D.

Kikori.

Friday morning. 9/4/37.

*Bensted back to Station  
Saturday night 10/4/37*

*P.H.C.*

EBECAU.

5/4/57.

R.H.D.D./

I am sending in for treatment  
A.C. BAKUA who has V.D.  
I have taken 10571 KAMU, and  
10569 GANI, of the eskers.  
I will not send them in with BAKUA  
as they will prove useful as guides;  
for which purpose I have been  
using them.

KOBODOU is dead, POUSOU wrecked  
MS, TUWE, BAI-AU & EMIA are  
somewhere on the S. side of the River  
but may come this way when  
they hear of the P.O.D. people up  
there. Hope to see you on the  
14th.

Y. G. Hirsted

P.O.D.

Is Jim leaving BAKUA 5 cartridges.

To Hospital  
Pay to 7/4/57



Instructions Patrol No. 10 of 36/37.

Kikori. 27/3/37.

Mr Bonsted, V.C./

As arranged verbally please be prepared to leave tomorrow afternoon, per two canoes, for the AULEI Sub-District. The main purpose of the patrol is to arrest escaped prisoners:-

10552	TUWE	
10553	TOTOU	
10554	KOBODOU	
10555	EMIA	all of AULEI.
10571	KAMU	
10572	BAI-AU	
10569	GANI	

These men were arrested at AULEI village by Mr Foldi and I think you had better try and get them back the same way, that is by a visit to the village from KORI or <sup>TOWA</sup> ~~KORI~~-MAITUA. Please travel as light as you can and be prepared to go inland towards KITAI (see my map) and the WAI-I Creek (Carne River) if the wanted men clear out that way. V.C. KAMAIO of AULEI should assist you quite a lot.

I will leave here on Sunday afternoon the 11th and meet you at ARU-U or ERA-MAITUA and from there we will go up the ERA to attend to Labour business at the O.S.L. Camp. We must both be back here by the "V.C.", you in case of a transfer, self for paying-off H.Ls.

The only map I can refer you to is the one you know of in the Annual Report and my two old V/Reports you will find, I think, of use. The same refers to Mr Speedie's.

I hope you are successful getting in some of the runaways.

Sydney H. Chamer

Actng R.M., D.D.

Noted and Patnd.

F. A. Bonsted V.C.

Kikori, Delta Division.....Patrol No. 10 of 36/37.

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By F. A. Benstead, Patrol Officer, D.D.

Objects of the Patrol:-

The re-arrest of prisoner escapees and the general inspection of the villages of the ERA River and GOPI Districts.

Sunday, 28th. March.

In accordance with instruction received from the A/R.M. I left Kikori Station at 2.30 p.m., and proceeded to Aird Hill.

With me I took Cpl. DE-EA, L/Cpl. NIKI, A.C. KORI, A.C. AINA, A.C. AIWA, A.C. SIGINA, A.C. KAIVARE, Loc. A.C. BAKUA a police cook and fifteen Gearibari carriers.

The two canoes used made very good time to Aird Hill where I decided to stop until the change of the tide for the run down to GAURI Village.

I went up and had dinner with Mr Butcher after telling the boys to be ready to move off at 10 p.m.

At 9.30 p.m. a heavy rain storm started, so I decided to accept Mr Butcher's kind invitation to stop the night, and get away in the early morning.

The stores were all put under shelter in the Aird Hill benzine store and the carriers and police quartered in the Rest House for the night.

Monday, 29th. March.

We left Aird Hill at 7 a.m. and travelled with only one break for food and rest until 5.30 p.m., when we reached BAWI village (V.C. ANAI). Here I decided to stop for the night so camp was made in the rather ruinous Rest House.

The village is a very large one and has, I should say, about 300 people living in it. It was evident that not a stroke of work had been done in the place for months, as high grass and a litter of rubbish was to be seen everywhere.

I ordered that the whole place be cleaned up and a new Rest House built to replace the old one.



Tuesday, 30th. March.

I left RAWI at 7 a.m. after starting the villagers on their job of village cleaning, and went on to GIPI (V.C. ONIA).

Here I also ordered a new Rest House built and a lot of long grass cut down. It is evident that no work has been done in these villages since the visit of the last officer.

After buying a quantity of sago I left, and after travelling through small canoe passages for a number of hours arrived on the ERA River close to IMBIA (V.C. AUWAMI). This village also was in sad need of a clean-up and the only redeeming feature about it was that it had a good new Rest House.

I gave orders for a lot of work to be done and then crossed the river to RAVI-WANA (V.C. WAHE), where I made camp for the night.

This V.C. also controls the village of GIGORI, about 400 yds. up river.

One of the OIL SEARCH party was camped at GIGORI, a MR McKinnon, and I passed a couple of hours of the evening talking to him.

Both of these villages were fairly clean and did not need much work to make them quite presentable. Both have good Rest Houses.

Wednesday, 31st. March.

Left camp at 7 am. and proceed up river to KOIRAVI (V.C. OWE) and there order a lot of cleaning up to be done.

This village is only a new one as the people left the old site about three months ago and moved down the creek to the main river.

The reason given for this move was that they thought that there was too much sickness in the old village. The new site is much better than the old one.

On upstream to KORI or IOWA-MAIPUA (V.C. KAITA) and there made camp. A good village; the V.C. seems to be awake to his duties.

Heard here that the escapees were in the habit of sleeping now and then at BARAVI, a village about three miles away, so decided that I would pay BARAVI a visit that night.

We left KORI in pouring rain at 8.30 p.m. and after a very

wet and uncomfortable trip through small creeks arrived at 10 p.m. at the village.

We managed to get into the village without being heard, but the yell that went up when I flashed my torch into the Dubu, could have been heard a mile away.

No luck however; the escapees were not in the village. The only people present were about six families and the V.C. KAIA.

The V.C. told me that the wanted men had never visited his village but he knew where the V.C. of the AULEI people was living in a small kombati or garden place.

Taking V.C. KA-AI with us we wended our wet way homeward and were all only too glad to turn in for the night.

Thursday, 1st. April.

Spent nearly all the day wandering round in the canoes up small creeks looking for the kombati of V.C. KOMAIO.

We also spent quite a while hunting in the bush for tsakks but with no success. I was about to give up the search for the day when we surprised a party of two men and a woman out on a pig hunt.

They tried to run away into the swamps but the police were too quick for them and we soon had them where we could talk to them..

As luck would have it they were from the kombati of the V.C. for whom we had been searching; and after some persuasion agreed to lead us there.

We found only KOMAIO and his wife and children in the kombati and took them all back to KORI with us.

The V.C. told me that all the people have left EBEL and now live well up IOWA Creek in a village called AUMU. He also told me that they know themselves as the AULEI people of the GORAU District.

Friday, 2nd. April.

Toiled up the IOWA Creek all day. Many rapids and gravel bars over which the canoes had to be dragged.

I noticed large quantities of a fair quality coal on the gravel banks. It is not as brown as most of the coal I have seen in this country.



At about three o'clock we arrived at the place where KOMAIO said the track leading in to the village started. The canoes were unloaded and pulled up on the banks and hidden, and a camp made about a mile in from the river bank.

While clearing a place for a tent fly, V.C. KAITA of KORI was bitten on the toe by a large black snake. I treated him at once, making very deep incisions, and by the morning he was almost well again.

Saturday, 3rd, April.

Camp was left at 8 a.m. and we travelled slowly along a track leading to the North West. frequent stops were made to waste time as I did not want to get to the village too early for fear of being seen.

The only gear taken was a cooking pot with about twelve pound of rice for the boys, and a tin of meat and an onion for myself.

At 4 p.m. a definite move was made and we moved a little faster towards the village.

I had heard from KOMAIO that five of the boys were living in a small kombati village about a mile and a half from the main village, whilst only one of the wanted men lived in AUMU itself.

At about 5.30 p.m. the kombati village was surrounded and entered and after a short struggle two men, GANI and KAMU, were arrested.

A third man, EMIA, was at a sage place in a creek about 400 yds. from the village when we raided it, and managed to escape into the bush.

As soon as the prisoners were securely handcuffed we ran as fast as we could to the main village of AUMU.

We entered this village without being seen and sang out for the man BAI-AU, who was supposed to living here. The people who had been eating their evening meal, at once rushed out of the houses and the whole place was in an uproar.

I did not notice anything wrong until my attention was caught by the sight of the carriers running about waving loops of cane in front of themselves. ( I subsequently found out that this was the method used to deflect any spear or arrow thrown at them.)

I had hardly noticed this when somebody called to me to "look

out" and I immediately turned and ducked. As I did so an arrow passed over my left shoulder, missing me by a matter of inches.

Corporal DE-EA was hurriedly loading his rifle, with a nasty look in his eye, but I called out to him not to shoot and we went and placed the boy guilty of the offence under arrest.

This boy turned out to be an ex Local A.C. called SIKAI and was a brother of one of the wanted men.

It turned out that BAI-AU was not in the village but was away on the upper SIREBI River.

TUWE and POPOU were supposed to be living in a kumbati somewhere on WAI Creek, and the man KOBODOU had died in the bush near the Sawmill from the bite of a snake.

I made a camp in one of the village houses and settled down for the night to get as much rest as the fleas, roaches, lice and bugs would allow.

The Village of AUMU consists of about eight hovels, you could not really call them houses, built on the level of the ground, and struck me as being a place that a self respecting pig would even refuse to live in.

The people ( about 45 ) were a filthy crowd all covered with about a years accumulation of grease and dirt. The men wore the usual sporran of grass or cassowary feathers while the women wore either a sporran of plaited fibres and a sort of hooded cape made out of bark cloth or a skirt of bark cloth.

The only thing I saw that had any religious bearing or significance at all was a fence that had been erected close to the village. This fence consisted of upright posts each about five feet apart and about seven feet high joined by five laterals of cane.

The fence would be, I should judge, about 40 yds. long, and was decorated by a large number of large leaves pinned onto the cane laterals by splinters of bamboo.

I asked the significance of this erection and was told that if a man of the village killed animal, bird or reptile, he had to put a mark on this "fence" to placate the spirit of the dead beast.



Sunday, 4th. April.

Back to the camp with our prisoners in the early morning and then on down the river to KORI.

Only one stop was made on the way down, and that was to allow everybody to have a much needed wash in the river. The vermin in that village gave me a sick feeling even to think of.

I had decided that I would try to get around to WAI Creek and see if I could get the two men supposed to be over there before they got warned of our presence in the district.

Camp was made at KORI for the night and much to the delight of the village people I shot a crocodile that had been stealing their dogs for months past.

Monday, 5th. April.

Left KORI at 7 a.m. and paddled hard all day arriving at IARI (V.C. AIBARU) at 5 p.m. The village has a good Rest House but needed a bit of cleaning up. I told the V.C. to attend to this matter at once and then after a good meal we all turned in to be prepared for an early start in the morning.

Tuesday, 6th. April.

Through small passages to the MAUBI R. and thence across to the CARNE R. or WAI OK.

We found the tide running out and the river flowing very fast and shallow..

Went on up the river past TETAUUI on the right and then EBEGAU on the left. The village people told us that they had not heard of anyone at all up the river.

Watched both banks very carefully for any signs of kombatis or paths but found nothing.

Camp was made at 5.30 p.m. on a high bank well up the river and we all slept like logs in spite of the heavy rain which fell all night long.

All the flies leaked badly but we were really too tired to care whether we got wet or not.

Wednesday, 7th. April.

Broke camp at 7.30 and in pouring rain worked our way up stream for some hours. The canoes had to be dragged over a number of rapids.

At last we arrived at a place where we could not get the canoes any further so myself and six police searched in the bush for some time until we at last found an old track.

We followed this track over the hills for about three miles and finally entered a clearing that had at one time been a village site.

After scouting around for a while Corporal DE-BA recognised it as the old village of KITAI. Where the people have moved to now I was not able to discover.

Not a trace was to be found of the wanted men so all very sad and weary we made our way back to the canoes and then down to our camp of the sixth.

Thursday, 8th. April.

Camp was left at 7.30 a.m. and we reached EREGAU at 9.30 a.m. Here I found a Medical Patrol from Kikori in charge of BOI-MAREA and IGO-ARUE.

These two boys told me that two of the Oil Co. men were at present up the Sirebi R. so this decided me to hurry back as fast as I could to AUMU to see if the men on the Sirebi would move back home at the coming of two white men. If they did I intended to be waiting for them with wide open arms.

Got back to IARI (V.C. AIBARU) as fast as we could and then camped for the night. I found the village much cleaner this time.

Friday, 9th. April.

Left at 7 a.m. for GIGORI (V.C. WAHE) where we arrived at 5 p.m. On the way through I visited the villages of GOPI (V.C. MIRA), UBUO (V.C. PEREMA), BAWI (V.C. AMAI), MEEAGOA, KIRI (V.C. ONIA), IMEIA (V.C. AUWAMI) and RAVI - WANA (V.C. WAHE).

All these villages with the exception of the ones I had visited previously were ordered to be very quickly cleaned up.



Saturday, 10th. April.

I was just about to move off up river to KORI and AUMU at 7.30 in the morning a canoe with three police from Kikori was seen approaching. The police turned out to be A.C. ARARE and Local A.Cs. IVERAI and SUMAVE. They were carrying a message to me from the A/R.M." to the effect that I was to hurry back to the station as fast as I could as I was to relieve Ruttledge on the Fly River.

I at once obtained nine more paddlers and at 8 a.m. set out on the long run to Kikori.

GAURI (V.C.ORO) was reached at 5 p.m. and after a rest and a meal we left again at 6.30 p.m. and running up with the tide reached Kikori Station just before 11 p.m.

I pride myself that this is in the way of being a record run by canoe in this part of the world. From GIGIRI to KIKORI in one day is not a pleasure trip by any means.

F.A. Bensted, Patrol Officer.

Observations:-

Now that two of the escapees are caught and one is dead there are now only four to be got in. This will have attention in the near future.

It is expected that the "Alele" will be running very shortly and then the N.L. Inspection and possible C.P.S. will be held at the Upper Era River Oil Search Camp. It is such a waste of time going such long distances in canoes.

Mr Bensted appears to have done a lot of useful work in a very short time and it is a pity I had to recall him. Had I not sought the information ~~MYX~~ as to where he was bound for, ~~MYX~~ he would most assuredly have missed his through boat to the Fly River.

S. H. Rance  
Acting R.M., D.D.



Scale: 4 miles = 1 inch.

SKETCH MAP TO ACCOMPANY  
PATROL REPORT NO. 10 OF 36/37.  
 By F. A. Bensted. P.O., A.D.



Articles	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.					Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.	Government Cost.		
Rice ...	260	50	90	-	140	17 6	120	lbs.
Biscuits ...	40	10	20	-	30	14 4	10	lbs.
Meat ...	10	10	-	-	10	4 7	nil.	lbs.
Sugar ...								
Tea ...								
Soap ...	4	2	2		4	1 8	nil.	lbs.
Tobacco ...	14	1½	1½	8	11	1 7 6	3	lbs.
Matches ...	20	20	-	-	20	6	nil.	lbs.
Kerosene ...	1	½	½		1	1 8	nil.	gals.
<del>xxx</del> Fish ...	10	10			10	3 4	nil.	lbs.
Flies ...	3						3	
Lamps ...	2						2	
Buckets ...	2						2	
Kerosene Cans ...	1						1	
Knives and Sheaths								
Knives, 18 in. ...	4				1	3	3	Lost.
Knives, others ...								
Belts ...								
Pouches ...								
Print ...								
Twill ...								
Handkerchiefs ...								
Beads ...								
Mirrors ...								
Axes ...								
Half Axes ...	2						2	
Tomahawks ...	2						2	
Carriers Pay						5	5	
Cartgs. 303.	180				5	1 3	175	Signals. Crocodiles.
					Total £	9	-	

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

PATROL REPORT

[G.P. 67

STATION NUMBER  
11 of 36/7.

KIKORI STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Sydney H. Chance <sup>AM</sup> to

Oil Search (Era R.) & Sawmill for the purpose of  
C.S. (Desertion Cases) - Boibor Inspection  
@ Mile (J.R. Foldi) village inspections.

Left Station on 4.5.37 Returned to Station on 11.5.37

Number of Carriers employed NIL Number of Police taken 3

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Atele" - J.R. Foldi

Places visited FARU-U (ERA-MANUA), Oil Search Base  
Camp, Bush Vill. of KATNAKURUA, KIPAIYA Vill. of  
WAIAMU, WAME A. Sawmill, New YAIMURU  
Vill. of AUWABAU.

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No map necessary.

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

8205/2.37.-1.000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 18.5.1937

Sydney H. Chance  
Officer in charge of Station

Note: - AUWABAU not enough water in  
creek to float 'Atele' @ low tide.

S.H.C.

Police  
KAIWARE  
MARERE  
ATNA  
YOLE NIRI  
WIDO.



DIARY of KIKORI PATROL REPORT No. 11 of 36/7.

Tuesday 4th May.

Accompanied by Mr P.O. Foldi, Interpreter BAIEKE, 3 Police, 1 Police Cook and 1 Sergeant left KIKORI in the "Alele" at 9.35 a.m. Passed GAURI Village 12.55 p.m. and proceeded along the INI Passage towards the Sawmill. Passed the "Fishing" Village of MAIPO (JRAMA Tribe and an offshoot of ONAUMERE) at 2.5 p.m. On the way to the PIPAIA villages passed the vessel "Olive" on her way back to the Oil Search Camp. Anchored at ARU<sup>U</sup> or ERA-MAIPUA at 5.10 p.m.

Inspected the village and found that they had built a new Rest House and had cleaned up the place, it was at least 105 per cent better than when I was here before. The road through to KORI or IOWA-MAIPUA has been corduroyed and cleared of trees. Selected ARU to be the Village Matabele and the people selected KIPIRO to be Councillor. They are a bit ashamed of themselves being left without a V.C., but, as I told them before:- "Not a "Government" village, no V.C."

Wednesday 5th May.

Left ARU-U at 6.25 a.m. - Passed the AWERI Creek Mouth at 8.15. Picked up canoes with L/Cpl NIRE and deserters at 8.45 and took them in tow. At 9.20 passed the mouth of the TAU Ck. and at 10.45 anchored off the bush village of KAINAMURUA. Village much cleaner than it was last 19/5/36 and the Rest House is now complete and quite habitable: As a matter of fact the village is better than most of those in the older parts of the Division. Shrubs and crotons give it quite a nice appearance. After about 15 mins in the village left, and, at 11.50 anchored off the Oil Search Base Camp. Went ashore and erected camps. Mr Montgomery had prepared a nice Court Room. Afternoon:- Self getting ready for a busy tomorrow and Mr Foldi endeavouring to get their wireless going. Aerials erected etc. etc.

The Oil Search people (8 whites in residence when all together at the Base) have made themselves very comfortable and the Labour Lines are quite O.K. for a temporary survey camp.

Thursday 6th May.

In the C.P.S. - delving into the cases Oil Search v. 13 deserters, quite a long and tedious job. I arrived at the conclusion that the natives had no real cause for running away, no doubt they found the bush camping and geological survey work hard and tedious but, as I told them, that was explained to them when they signed on. One of the number (AIRI C/S No. 7966) a GIPI (GOPI) man was undoubtedly the instigator of the general exodus and he was awarded 3 months I.H.L. - The rest I gave only a month from date of arrest, except one man who joined the initial crowd when they were half way to their villages and he was returning from a message to the Sawmill. He was sentenced to 6 weeks I.H.L. Two were convicted but no penalty imposed, they will make up the time absent only.

Friday 7th May.

Again in the C.P.S. - A stealing case with circumstances of aggravation, to wit, the picking of a lock. A smart piece of work already done by Mr Bruce Hides locating the broken lock & thus unearthing the thief, who confessed. 3 Months H.L. awarded. In the C.H.M. 4 visitors to the camp a week before for threatening behaviour (purely a native disturbance and nothing to do with Oil Search though the fracas frightened Mrs Wilson) awarded 1 month's H.L. each.

Rest of the day busy with various labour records, issue and cancellation of Employers' Arms Permits and the dozen other things found to do on a visit such as this. Mr Foldi helping Mr Carey, M.Sc., to get in touch with Port Moresby by radio.

Most of the labourers employed asked for advances against wages but, to avoid gambling, I told them they would have to wait until they moved to Kikori, which would be shortly, where the Trade Stores are. They saw the wisdom of my action.



Saturday 8th May.

Left the Base Camp at 7.15 a.m. - Fouled a couple of rotten snags as river very low but no damage done to the "Alele". We successfully dodged the bad ones. At 11.20 nearing ARU-U we reached the "Olive" and found Mr and Mrs Wilson on board, the former trying to get the engine going. Mr Foldi got her going by 4.30 p.m. and I have since heard she got back to the Base O.K. Left the "Olive" at 5.40 p.m. and at 7.25 anchored for the night at the BARO Creek Anchorage.

Sunday 9th May.

Went ashore to see the newly made BARO Creek to KOPILI Creek (VAIAMU Village) Road very favourably reported on by various whites. It is a good piece of work, where there was a nasty swampy sloshy track there is now a good built up road and it took me only 3½ minutes to traverse the total length. To keep this road, as now existing, in good order the people must have tools. Please see the attached requisition. For many years now the VAIAMU have gone to work, numbers of them, and they have paid many taxes and should get some benefit from the Fund. It will help us, incidentally, to explain just what is done with the Taxation Trust Fund! As is well known the use of this road by patrolling D.D. Officers saves hours of expensive engine running. The vill. of VAIAMU was in perfect order.

Left the Anchorage at 9.45 a.m. and by way of the "top" or BEBENIRO Passage entered Port Romilly and, against a very rapidly flowing outgoing tide arrived at the Sawmill at 4.05 and tied up. Inspected the Landing Ground Etc.

Monday 10th May.

After fixing up 14 prisoners and 2 Police to go on with more grubbing of stumps on the Landing Ground, signing on 1 H/L and a Boiler and Machinery Inspection (I understand the correct fees are £2.2 and £1.1.0, a total of 3 guineas, anyhow that is what Mr Foldi collected) left the Mill at 10.20 a.m. - Anchored at AUWABAW Village, up the VAIMURU Estuary, at 1.40 p.m. and did not leave again until 5.10 p.m. on account of the low state of the tide.

Monday 10th May, Cont'd.

Inspected the village (there are 24 married men of VAINURU living there) and gave the head men numerous hints as to how to improve the "new" village. The site is reasonably good and better than VAINURU. At 8.10 p.m., just past GAURI Village blew a cylinder pet cock and anchored for the night sending spare boys back to GAURI to sleep.

Tuesday 11th May.

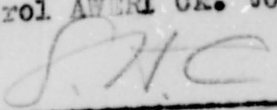
Up anchor 7.45. Ran to 8.15 when stopped for 15 minutes for further repairs when off again. At 10.15 passed the P.O.D. Vessel "Palma" en route to the Sawmill from DARU. They are to do more survey work. 4 whites on board. Anchored at 11.00 a.m. at Kikori and unloaded. Sent prisoners GAWI and MAGUA, who have very bad tropical ulcers (they are not signed on labour) straight to the Native Hospital for treatment. Sergt MOMORIPA reported all O.K. on the Station.

General Remarks:-

No doubt the labour on the ERA River has found the work up there amongst the thick jungle pretty hard but they will be happier when the Oil Search people move to the Kikori River which move will occur in the very near future.

There is very little else to know about the ERA River now, the field surveyors of the Co. have accurately plotted the whole of the river. An interesting point is that there is quite a large waterfall on the Upper MENA River just a little above where Mr Cawley and myself, years ago, tried to raft down! It is a wonder we did not hear it. Having tried to raft on what the Cos men call the "Long Rapid" Mr Montgomery quite understands what a hectic time Mr Cawley and I had when we got capsized - It will be remembered there was some loss of gear but no loss of life.

Mr Carey has surveyed the West Branch of the ERA almost to Mount Favens and we were able to pick up, on the map, Mr Speedie's crossing point. Patrol AWERI Ck. to PIDE Creek.

  
Acting R.M.



VAMURU Village

- C. 1. MARIA-EKAI / RAVIPANA ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
 C. 2. BAI-I - KIROMIA / ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
 BIEKE - EVOI  
 KAUMORO

No V.C.

KEMEI

Men now @ AUWABA.

1. BIEKE - EVOI - 1 (24) AMOHO KOVI - 1
2. APIRA - AMOKO - 2
3. AUWA - IKOPI - 2
4. AMOKA - AMANIA - 1
5. AMOKA - OMARO - 2
6. BAI - ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ - 1
7. KAIRI - ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ - 1
8. KEA - AMOKA - 1
9. OMAI - AMANIA - 1
10. EVOI - WARA - 1
11. KAIPU - KOPI - 1
12. OMEKA - APIRAI - 1
13. OMEKA - EKAI - 1
14. KAIRI - KAI-O - 1
15. AMANIA - OMEKA - 4
16. EVO - VAREKE - 1
17. AUWA - BIAI - 1
18. IANU - EKAI - 1
19. KOMARA - KAUNARA - 1
20. MATHEKI - KOVI - 1
21. BAI - MARIA - 1
22. MIPIU - EKAI - 1
23. AUWA - KAI - 1

API-NAMAROA

API RAVI

Era file

API - AKIA





Patrol 12

Stores taken on patrol by J.R.F. 18/5/37.

- Rice  $\frac{1}{2}$  Bag. ✓
- 1 Doz Meat of fish. ✓
- 7Lbs tobacco. ✓
- 6 Boxes matches. ✓
- 1 yard rifle flannel. ✓
- 6 pr Handcuffs. ✓
- 2 Gall KEROSENE. ✓
- 1 Tin biscuits. ✓
- 1 Doz large knives. ✓
- 6 Mattocks. ✓
- 6 Axes. ✓
- 2 Shovels. ✓
- 3lb Sugar. ✓
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Bar soap. ✓

Patrol 12

DOPIMA.

21-5-37.

FOLDI

Patrol

The R.M. Kikoi.

Herewith AC HIWA in charge of 17 persons

(see warrants) HIWA has in his possession

5 . 303. cartridges

I expect to arrive at  
Kikoi about noon on Saturday.

~~RT~~ Teds.

The Heads which KAIWAKE forgot

go with HIWA.



Instructions. Patrol No. 11 of 36/7.

Mr P.O. Foldi/

Please be prepared to leave in the morning for Goaribari, more particularly GOARI, to enquire into the alleged murder of two men of MORIGI by GOARI people. The attached note from the Rev. Butcher, reporting the matter, will assist you in your enquiries. For the committal all witnesses will need to be brought in.

I would like you to fill in the time until Satdy the 22nd visiting as many villages, kombatis etc. as you can enforcing the Native Regulations. I leave the route of the patrol to you.

I am putting on the "ALELE" 12 seed coconuts for EKEIRAU - These are to be planted to beautify the village. You could send them along to EKEIRAU by AI-I-DIA paid canoe.

Sydney H. Chance.

Actng R.M., D.D.

17/5/37.

Original:- Mr Foldi.  
Duplicate:- Hon.G.S.  
TriPLICATE:- Office Copy P/R.

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Instructions. Patrol No. 21 of 36/7.

Mr P.O. Faldi/

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I am putting on the "ABLEE" 12 seed coconuts for EKEIRAU - These are to be planted to beautify the village. You could send them along to EKEIRAU by AI-I-DIA paid canoe.

Lydell H. Chace

Actng R.M., D.D.

17/5/37.

Original:- Mr Faldi.  
Duplicate:- Hon.G.S.  
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R.Ms' Office KIKORI

DAIRY OF A PATROL TO THE GOARBARI DISTRICT BY J.R. FOLDI P.O., D.D.

Tuesday 18th May. 1937. In accordance with instructions from the A/R.M., D.D. the patrol left the station in the "ALELE" at 9/45A.M. Proceeding towards GOARIBARI we saw the "TAMATE" the Rev. Butchers launch, lying off DUBUMUBU. We altered course to come alongside the "TAMATE". I went aboard to speak to Rev. Butcher about the Alleged killing of the two men, names unknown, on GOARIBARI Island. Mr Butcher was unable to tell me anything but what was contained in his letter to the A/R.M. See letter attached. The patrol went ashore at DUBUMUBU (no V.C.) to inspect the village. The village was found to be in a very neglected state, and, of course, no one was found at home. Left word with a couple of old men to go to the "crab" place, and to tell the villagers to return, as I wanted speech with them. With a promise to return in four days, the ALELE set off in the direction of GOARIBARI island. Dropped anchor off DOPIMA, V.C. UNIA, at 3/30pm. Went ashore to inspect the village. Such orders as had been entered in the V.C. book by the last visiting officer have not been carried out. The village was in a deplorable state. When questioned the V.C. said "The people do not want to work in the village-- all the time they live in the KOMBATI" . All the people were made to fall in and were instructed exactly what work required doing. A visit was promised in three weeks time, to see if the work had been carried out. Spent the night anchored here at DOPIMA.

Wednesday 19th May. We left, in the early morning, in canoes, for GOARI. Proceeded through the centre of the island by way of the O-ORO-TURI creek. At high water this creek is deep enough to take the ALELE. There are, however, a lot of overhanging branches, these I ordered trimmed off. The creek is

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very useful in the South East weather. The patrol reached GOARI - V.C.KAIVEZI, at 9/10am. and found about a dozen people at home. The village was in the worst possible state of repair. There had, at one time, been a splendid roadway through the village, the work of P.O. Cowley for a surety, this was now quite rotten. The natives did not use this road, they walked around it in the mud. The structure was nothing less than a deadfall. Years ago the Govt. had ordered a road built, well, there it was. The villagers were careful to explain that they had not broken the thing - the rain and the high waters had done that. When questioned why they did not repair the road, and, incidently, their DAIMO, they said - "The people have all gone to live in a KOMBATI now, they do not want the village". I learned that a large number of these people were living in a small village a couple of miles away, so decided to make the trip and have a look at the place. At the same time I was told that the two men, who had done the killing, lived at this village. Their names were DAMIHI and GAIBAU. The patrol arrived at the village, which is called TRURA, at 11am. The position is a good one, under the trees just back of a fine sand beach. There were two houses occupied, the larger about 50ft by 20ft, the other half that size. They had been standing over a year and housed about 35 people. There was another DAIMO under construction - about 70ft by 25ft. all ready for the roof. The two wanted men were charged with murder and placed under arrest. Upon return to GOARI the men of the village were dealt with in C.N.M., and punished, for not carrying out the orders of their V.C. Returned to the launch at 5pm.

Thursday 20th MAY.

After paying another visit to DOPIMA, to see how the people were getting on with their task, the patrol left for AIDIA. Arrived at AIDIA - V.C. AITOWAI. 9/30am. People mostly away. Village quite fair but no work had been done in the last twelve months.



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Managed to rouse up half-a-dozen men to take the coconuts, supplied by the KIKORI station plantation, to the TURAMA and hand them over to the EKEIRAU people. There were 70 nuts on the ALELE, not 12 as stated. However I sent the lot, the village should be all the more beautiful. Left for KEME at 10/15am. At KEME, V.C. TAHE, I went ashore with two police and sent the ALELE back to await me in the main stream. On making an inspection of this village it was again discovered that no work had been done for at least two years. The people said "We were making canoes" and "It is rain time - no good for work". Such men as were in the village were dealt with in C.N.M. The V.C. was sent out to bring those who were in their KOMBATI's to KIKORI, where they would be given a chance to explain the state of their village. We left the village in canoes and picked up the ALELE in the main stream. As I wanted two witnesses in the DAMIHI - GAIBAU case, who were said to be on the OMATI river, we pointed the bow of our boat in that direction. Steamed upstream until 6pm., when we found some people who told us that the men we wanted had returned down stream the day before. Turned the boat around and proceeded down river till 7pm, when we anchored for the night.

Friday 21st May. Left down stream at 6/30am. Found the wanted men in a KOMBATI at 8/30am. Took them aboard and continued our journey. At 11am. we anchored at PAI-IA-A, V.C. KARAU, and at PAI-IA-A-POIKA, V.C. GOROKA. Went ashore to inspect. Both villages deserted - about seven old men in both of them. These villages had been good - they were rotten when inspected - obviously no work done on them for years. Will gather up as many of the villagers as possible, on our way back, and proceed against them in C.N.M.

By this time the reader of the report will have come to the conclusion that the villages in this district are in a pretty bad way. It is the same all over the Division. THE PEOPLE WILL NOT STAY IN THEIR VILLAGES. There

are thousands of these KOMBATI in the Division. It is obviously quite impossible to write to the Hon; G.S. about each one. It is quite unfair to Gaol those found in the villages, for not keeping them in order, when the real culprits are probably 50 or 60 miles away. Could we not be empowered to pull down any KOMBATI of a permanent nature?. It seems we must do something like that or else let N.R.O. go by the board.

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We have taken away from the Native those things that made the DAIMO desirable to him, and we have put down those things that made the DAIMO necessary to him. How then are we, with a clear conscience, going to stop the people scattering to homes of their own, when it is only what civilized people have done the world over.

Left anchorage at 11/50am. for KEROWO., V.C. KARAME, anchored off that village at 12/15pm. Here, for the first time during the patrol, we found more than a handful of people at home. The village was in quite fair order, about one weeks work being all that was necessary to clean it up. We left here after having been promised that the place would be attended to. Stopped for a few minutes at DOTIMA to pick up a prisoner, and, to tell the relatives of D.N.L. WAKOVA to report to KIKORI. Proceeded onward to anchor at DUBUMUBU at 2/30pm. Found the majority of the people in the village. Several had refused to return so a fresh party was despatched to bring them to KIKORI. The people were taken around the village and the necessary work pointed out to them. As they had made considerable progress, even in the short time we had been in the vicinity, they were cautioned and not punished. Left at 3/30pm in the direction of KIKORI. Anchored off KEREKA, no V.C., at 4/30pm. Went ashore to inspect village. Found the place in reasonably good repair. Unfortunately the raised roadway, between the village and the river, makes a cess-pool of the village. I loaned the people some tools and set to dig drains, in the hope that some of the "liquid"



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would drain off into the river. At about sixPM it came with a rush, and was still trickling next morning when we left.

Saturday 22nd May.

Ashore at 7am. to have a look at the result of our drains. Quite good. Left for up river at 7/30am. Went ashore at TATANA, no V.C., and found a new roadway in the course of construction. Evidently the people had word of our activities. Spent an hour looking over the place. Then left for up river. Went ashore at PAILE, V.C. PAVI-PAVI, Village very bad. When these people were told to repair the village, they invited the V.C. to do it himself. "You get govt. pay - earn it" Dealt with the men of this village in the C.N.M. Left Paile and anchored at KIKORI II/30am.

Patrol ends.

.....P.O., D.D.

8/6/57.

**PATROL REPORT**

STATION NUMBER

No. 2 of

1937-38

KIKORI. D.D.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by C.H.Karius, A/R.M.D.D. to  
GOPI and FURARI Dists. & Romily Sawmill. for the purpose of  
**General inspection, land buying and native labour inspection.**

Left Station on 18/8/37 Returned to Station on 31/8/37

Number of Carriers employed Nil Number of Police taken 4

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

Villages visited IARI, GOPI, UBUA, BAWI, HOMABAWI, MELGOMA & KIFI of GOPI Dist.

ORAVI, AKIARAVI, EVARA, KAIRAVI, MIRAIRAVI, NAVARARAVI, KALIMAIRAVI, UKUNUKUA,  
AIAHAVI, KARAPARAVI, of UKIARAVI Group; URIKARAVI, APIRAVI, PIARAVI, NAVARARA  
& IMARA RAVI of KAIRU Group. MOREJ, AIKENAIRU, KEVAURAVI, ONOPORAVI, AIKAVARA  
ITAIRIRAVI, KEVAURAVI, MAIPENAIRU, & KAUPARARAVI of IARI Group.

(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.

7405/3.35.—1,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 4/9/37, 193

C.H.Karius A/R.M.D.D.  
 Officer in charge of Station

Police taken on the patrol.

L/Cpl. NIRI

A.C. SIGINA

KAIVARE

KORI



KIKORI. D. D.

PATROL. No. 2 of 1937-38

by

G.H.Karius. A/R.M.D.D.

to

GOPI and PURARI Districts and Romilly Sawmill.

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Object of the patrol. General inspection, land buying and native labour inspection.

18/8/37. Wednesday. Accompanied by L/Cpl. NIRI and A. Cs SIGINA, KAIVARI and KORI, moved off per "ALELE" at 10.45 a.m. An uneventful run through to UBUO Village, Sopi Dist., arriving 5.00 p.m. V.C. PEREMA in charge of this village. Inspected the new wharf and road concerning which instructions had been issued by Mr. Foldi, P.O., one month ago. An honest effort has been made to complete this work and good solid bendora timbers used, but the work has been held up by heavy rains and is not yet finished. Application has been made by the L.M.S. for a Mission Lease of land in this district. Made arrangements to inspect the land in the morning and for the owners to meet me there.

19/8/37. Thursday. Up anchor at 7.00 a.m., crossed the river to BAWI village and then slightly further down stream to the land it is proposed to buy. The owners awaiting our arrival. A party of about 50 natives with knives and tomahawks waiting to give a hand cutting the lines. Rain commenced to fall 8.15 a.m. and by 9.30 raining heavily. Continued running the lines and finished measuring up an area 6 X 4 chains (2.4 Acres.) 11.15 a.m. Returned to the "ALELE" and paid the owners of the land.

Inspected BAWI village and then ran on to HOMABAWI. The landing wharf and raised roadway in both villages in poor order but an effort has been made to improve them since instructions issued by Mr. Foldi P.O. Many bendora logs have been hauled in for the job. Work has been held up by the bad weather. People warned to have the job completed against my return in about two weeks time.

Up anchor at 12.15 p.m. and ran through to Romilly sawmill, arriving 6.15 p.m. Mr. C. McKinnon away but expected back this evening.

20/8/37, Friday. Went ashore and interviewed Mr. McKinnon re the block of land a lease of which he has made application for. Required for gardens to grow food for native labourers. The area situated about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile up stream and on the opposite bank of the Wame River from the Sawmill. Returned to "Alele" and ran up to the area. A party of 30 EVARA natives awaiting my arrival to help cut the lines for the survey. Commenced cutting the lines 9.15.a.m. and continued without a stop until 6.p.m. Heavy cutting and a large section of swamp. A little over half the area measured up. 25 chains deep by 20 chains wide. Could continue a great distance deeper but ground would be worthless for the purpose required, i.e. agriculture. Dense sago swamp. Returned to "Alele" 6.30.p.m., wet through and tired. Did not return to Sawmill but remained at anchor at the new area known as PERE.

21/8/37, Saturday. Commenced work at 6.30.a.m and continued cutting the lines until 12.45.p.m. when the four sides were completed and joined up. Area approximately 48 Acres. 99 Acres applied for but unable to get same without giving a frontage out of all proportion to depth. Easy to get a greater depth but as already mentioned, useless swamp country.

Returned to Sawmill 2.p.m. Made a Native Labour Inspection. Everything found in order. A healthy, well fed and contented looking lot of natives.

Inspected a section of Crown Land adjacent to Lease 65/22 (The Sawmill Site) An application has been made for a lease of this area by Sawmillers and Traders Ltd. Separate report and papers re this forwarded the Lands Department.

At 5.30.p.m. dropped down stream to EVARA Village for the night. Sent out word for the AKIARAVI and ORAVI men to come to EVARA to discuss a timber cutting agreement.

22/8/37, Sunday. Went ashore at EVARA at 6.30.a.m. All the men of AKIARAVI, ORAVI and EVARA collected. Discussed with them the terms of the timber cutting agreement as proposed by C. McKinnon for Sawmillers and Traders Ltd. £90 to be paid the owners for the right to cut timber over a period of ten years on an area as defined. All the owners of this land were present and one and all were well satisfied. The names were taken and each man spoken to and the agreement explained and told what his share of the money would be. There are 75 owners, making



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22/8/37 Sunday.cont. each man's share 24/- Made arrangements to

inspect the area on my return from the Purari District.

Up anchor at 8.30.a.m. travelling up the WAME Rvr.to KAIRAVI Village where we anchored at 9.40.a.m. V.C.KOIVI IPAI reported. Inspected the village and found it in very fair order. Issued instructions for a new bridge to be erected on a section of the main village road also repairs to be effected to the rest house. No complaints and no Court work.

On the move again by 10.20.a.m. and anchored at the mouth of a small stream off UKIARAVI Group of villages,11.40.a.m. V.Cs EVOI OVI; BAIKI KAILI; OMARA IPAI and KOIVI VA-ARA reported. Discussed various matters with them and was informed the villages were in good order with the exception of a number of houses the owners of which were instructed by Mr.Chance A/R.M.,over a year ago to repair same and have failed to do so. Repeated orders by the V.Cs . said to have resulted in nothing but laughter and abuse.

Heavy rain set in 12.30.p.m. and continued all the afternoon. Paid the various V.Cs and arranged to inspect all the villages to-morrow. Instructed them to have all Court matters ready for attention.

23/8/37.Monday. V.Cs with a large canoe and crew arrived 8.a.m.

Proceeded to AKIARAVI and then commenced on a round of inspection of the villages. Never have I seen anything quite so horrible or filthy. I thought when I visited "The City of the Dead" in Canton,I had seen the limit of filth and squalor and sampled the height of objectionable smells. I am not quite so certain now.

I believe the majority of the natives are making an effort to carry out instructions and improve matters but conditions are very much against them,weather and situation. The group of villages, AKIARAVI;

MIRAIRAVI;NAVARARAVI;KALIMAIRAVI;UKUNUKUA;AIARAVI;KARARARAVI;BAROIRAVI are all built over an immense swamp which is cut through in all directions by many sluggish and muddy streams. I was surprised to note sago was made in the villages rather than out where the palms were cut. The palms are felled and stripped and then floated to the village and the sago prepared in the filthy pools and streams adjacent, into which the pig wallows drain and all refuse is thrown. However,

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23/8/37. Monday. cont. However, the natives look well and healthy so probably the custom is not such an unsanitary one as would appear. I spoke about this to the V.Cs and Councillors and suggested they would get much cleaner sago if it were prepared and washed in the comparatively good waters of ~~the swamps~~ the swamps where it was cut. The suggestion was not well received. Could not get them to speak on the matter.

I will not go further into a description of conditions as all previous visiting Officers have without doubt covered this ground. Things are very little changed, I should imagine.

A thorough inspection of all the villages took until 2.15.p.m. All names were taken of the men the houses of whom were in bad repair and who had received previous warning and instructions. These will be dealt with. In any case where even a slight effort was made, the owners were given a further chance. The balance of the people were praised and encouraged to do even better.

When even the best dwellings are little better than the worst under the prevailing conditions, it goes hard to punish any, but they must learn to respect a lawful order. This lesson assimilated, then perhaps, progress can be made.

Returned to the "Alele".

24/8/37. Tuesday. The whole day spent in C.N. Matters. Many minor matters also dealt with and adjusted out of Court.

25/8/37 Wednesday. At 7.30.a.m. despatched L/Cpl. NIRI and one A.C. to KIKORI with a batch of prisoners, to pick up a load of timber at the sawmill en route.

Up anchor at 7.50.a.m. and moved off for ORU arriving 8.55.a.m. Landed and inspected the village. In very fair order. A big contrast to the UKIARAVI villages just visited.

On the move again 9.15.a.m. and on to KAIRU, arriving 9.50.a.m. Shortly before arriving KAIRU ran through a narrow and swiftly flowing channel, touching bottom nearly all the way. Wondered at the time as to how we were to get out again. Noted however, that the tide was not at the full. Many people away in their komabati or bush settlements. Sent out for them. During the afternoon inspected the village which was in very fair order. Most of the houses were in good repair, a few were undergoing repairs and only three in a tumbledown condition. Bridges, if they



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25/8/37 Wed. cont. can be graced with the name, are flimsy concerns and dangerous. Ordered new bridges throughout and nothing but substantial hardwood timbers to be used. A mark given. A number of native matters attended to. The bulk of the people did not return to the village until after sundown. Several matters for attention which will be gone into in the morning.

KAIRU is divided into 5 RAVI. Three on the one side of the creek and two on the other. The group of three - URIKA; API and PIA RAVI are controlled by V.C. MAMA RAKI. The two RAVI on the other side - NAVARA and IMARA RAVI are at present without a V.C. NAVARA KAPARA of NAVARA RAVI applied for the appointment. Looks a likely man. A separate report and recommendation will be forwarded in due course. The S.D.A. ~~kanak~~ boat "DIARI" arrived 5.p.m. and left again on the high tide during the night. Came in and left again by a different channel to the one used by us. Reported touching on the bar coming in. A poor lookout for the "Alele" as the DIARI draws less water than we do.

26/8/37, Thursday. In Court for Native Matters until 10.45.a.m. Up anchor and tried to get out to the Purari by the same passage as we had used coming in. Almost immediately in difficulties and before we had gone 100 yds. were aground. A strong current running against us and after 10 minutes managed to back off into deeper water. Turned back to KAIRU and then tried another passage, the one used by the "DIARI". Many shallow patches of less than a fathom and we touched several times but it was not until we came to the junction of our stream with the Purari that we really got into difficulties. Ran well up on to a mud bank in little over half a fathom. Fortunately the tide not quite full. Worked away until 1.30.p.m. when we managed to pull off stern first, back into the small stream. Before we could save ourselves the swift stream rushed us into another mud bank and we stuck there until after mid-night

27/8/37, Friday. Afloat at 1.30.a.m. Out in the dinghy to take soundings on the bar. Tide rising but only a very slight rise. Not nearly enough water to float us out. Taking soundings every 15 minutes and eventually came to the conclusion we had no hope of getting out here.

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27/8/37, Friday, cont. Whilst tide still high decided to turn back and have another try at the original channel. Half way back out propeller ~~was~~ fouled in grass and weeds. Dropped the spare anchor aft and cleared the propeller and just as we were clear to go ahead the rope parted and we ~~had~~ lost the anchor. Difficult navigation in the narrow channel and swift flowing stream, but Coxswain Tai backed up by engineer ANI ANI between them managed the boat very well. Even so, were it not for the small searchlight carried aboard, the property of Mr. J.R. Foldi, our trip would quickly have come to an end. The numerous sharp bends could not have been managed. Passed through KAIRU and once again entered the narrow channel, the stream now running strongly against us. Cleared the place where we stuck yesterday, touched lightly twice and then just as we were in sight of the main stream we grounded solidly aft. The force of the stream swung us about and we went ashore fore and aft. After a ~~deal~~ deal of work swung clear but headed back towards KAIRU with no hope of turning and the tide falling. Shifted all gear and people forward and then went full speed astern. Just scraped over and go out into the main stream. Immensely relieved as I had visions of leaving the "ALELE" until the next period of flood tides and completing the patrol per canoe.

Ran on to ORU where we anchored for the balance of the night at 4.10.a.m. Up anchor at 8.00.a.m. and travelled up stream until 9.45.a.m. when we swung right, into a small stream. At 10.05 once again hard and fast and it was 11.00.a.m. before we worked free on a rising tide. Arrived IARI at 11.20.a.m. The S.D.A. boat "DIARI" had already left. Draws less water and has less difficulty in navigating the shallow channels.

Afternoon spent interviewing Councillors and V.C.s and paying the latter. Postponed inspection and C.N.M. until to-morrow as I felt none too well after the last thirty hours effort.

28/8/37, Saturday. Per canoe to AIKENAIRU Village, a short distance back over the way we came yesterday and then up a branch stream to the right. V.C. KAIRI KWAI in charge. Village in quite fair order. Apart from a claim for payment for a pig, which was adjusted out of court, there were no native matters for attention. Returned to IARI 11.30.a.m.



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28/8/37 Saturday. Cont. Made an inspection of the half section of the village situated on one side of the stream and then returned to the "ALELE" for lunch. During the afternoon inspected the remaining portion of the village and then went up to KEVAU RAVI per canoe. This village in the best order of any seen to date. Returned to the "ALELE"

29/8/37. Sunday. In Court for Native Matters all morning. Many matters for attention and adjustment.

Up anchor 2.25.p.m. and ran through to EVARA on the Wame Rvr., arriving 5.45.p.m.

30/8/37. Monday. Sent the "ALELE" around by deep water channels to AKIARAVI. Accompanied by L/Cpl. NIRI and V.C. KAIRI AUWA and with a crew made up of EVARA, AKIARAVI and ORAVI men, went to inspect the land the timber on which the natives have agreed to allow Sawmillers and Traders Ltd. to cut. Travelled up BE-IAU creek to AKIARAVI, sixty five minutes travelling. From here on the creek is known as PU-A creek. ALELE not yet arrived so continued along PU-A Creek to ORAVI where we picked up the "ALELE". Some distance below ORAVI village, BI-ARA Creek runs into the PU-A or BE-AU and it is at this point the timber cutting agreement finishes.

Ran through to KIPI Village, GOPI District, arriving 4.15.p.m. Anchored.

31/8/37. Tuesday. Made a thorough inspection of KIPI, MEAGOMA, HOMABAWI, BAWI and IARI Villages. Some good work has been done but the tasks set out by Mr. J. R. Foldi. P.O., about six weeks ago not yet completed. IARI Old village in a terrible condition, but as work on the new village about quarter of a mile away, is going ahead well, took no action. Tide on the turn shortly after 3.00.p.m. Decided to make use of the rising tide. Up anchor at 3.45.p.m. and ran through to KIKORI arriving 8.45.p.m.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
A/R.M.D.D.

4/9/37.

Articles	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.					Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.	Government Cost.		
Rice ...	100	Crew 56			56	7 - 44		
Biscuits ...	25	25			25	9 4½		
Meat ...								
Sugar ...								
Tea ...								
Soap ...								
Tobacco ...	16	1		16	16	2 - -	Purchase sago and payment for work done. Building barracks etc.	
Matches ...								
Kerosene ...	2				2	4 -		
Tents ...								
Flies ...								
Lamps ...	1						1	
Buckets ...	3						3	
Kerosene Cans ...								
Knives and Sheaths								
Knives, 18 in. ...	2						2	
Knives, others ...								
Beats ...								
Pouches ...								
Print ...								
Twill ...								
Handkerchiefs ...								
Beads ...								
Mirrors ...								
Axes ...								
Half Axes ...	2						2	
Tomahawks ...								
Cost of running "ALLEE" as per log.						2.17.6		
Total £						5.17.10½		

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**PATROL REPORT**

STATION NUMBER

No. 4 of  
1937/38

KIKORI, D.D.

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by C.H. Karius. to  
GOARIBARI District. for the purpose of  
General Inspection.

Left Station on 19th. Oct. 1937 Returned to Station on 25th. Oct. 1937

Number of Carriers employed Nil Number of Police taken 5

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "ALELE". C.H. Karius.

Villages visited DOPIMA, BABAI, DUBUMUBU, GEBABARI, KEREWU, GOARI, KEME, AI-IDIA,  
MUBAGOA, PAI-IA-A, NOGORO, GORO, UBUA and APEAWA.

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Date 26/10/37., 193

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

PATROL REPORT No.4

1937-38

KIKORI.D.D.

by

C.H.Karius.A/R.M.D.D.

to

GOARIBARI District. D.D.

Object of Patrol. General inspection.

19th.Oct.Tuesday Left KIKORI per "ALELE" 9.45 a.m. on a high tide and experienced no difficulty in navigating the shallow stretches above BABAUGUINA and PAILI. Ran through to DOPIMA arriving 1.45 p.m. Village practically deserted, people away catching crabs and making sago. At 5.00 p.m. when the people had returned, went ashore and inspected the village. In very fair order. One or two orders given to V.C.UNIA re road and bridge repairs.

20th.Oct.Wednesday. Up anchor at 6.45 a.m. and ran to BABAI. An unpleasant cross sea on the shallow stretches and a good deal of dodging about to avoid the mud banks. The lead going all the while. Arrived BABAI 8.35 a.m. V.C.BAI-IAI reported all in order. A fire through this village some months back so now there are practically new buildings throughout the village. It looks as good as any I have seen in this Division. Ran on to DUBUMUBU arriving 10.50 a.m. Found Mr.Adams T.M.A. established here, had arrived the previous evening. Reported he had already found eight cases of V.D. and commenced the treatment thereof. The V.C. of this village died recently. A new man selected and instructed in his duties and given orders re the various necessary repairs to be effected without delay. Report and recommendation will be forwarded in due course. No native matters for attention. Moved on to GEBABARI arriving 11.45 a.m. V.C.AMINI reported all in order. Village in very fair order. A few repairs required to village road also an extension of same to be built to connect with the large DAIMO at the far end of the village. Did not delay long here as the tide falling and did not wish to be hung up for the balance of the day. Returned to DOPIMA.



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21st. October. Thursday. On the 16th. inst., L/Cpl. NIRI and party were despatched from Kikori to the GAMA and TURAMA Rvr. Districts to collect witnesses for Central Court. This morning at 7.a.m. half the party reported to me with some of the witnesses and advised that L/Cpl. NIRI with the balance of the witnesses had gone direct to Kikori by another route. Said to have all the required witnesses. This is an unfortunate happening as I had arranged to meet the whole party at AI-IDIA Village with a view to checking up on the witnesses collected. Word sent on to Mr. Foldi at Kikori to check up and advise me without delay if any missing.

Up anchor 8.40.a.m. for KEREWU arriving 9.00.a.m. V.C. KARABE reported. Inspected the village which was in good order. The rest house floor in poor repair and there is no road to the rest house other than through the DAIMO. Order entered in V.Cs book re necessary repairs etc. Ran on to GOARI. V.C. KAIVERI absent at KIKORI, where he has reported as one of the required witness for C.C.

Rest House and bridging to same in a state of collapse. A. U. KORI of my party advised me that he was present some six months ago when Mr. Bensted gave orders re this and then again some months later when Mr. Foldi repeated the orders. Absolutely nothing has been done. The Councillors complain the people will not move in the matter. Left two A.Cs. in the village and instructed them to collect all the ablebodied men and bring them along to me at AI-IDIA for Court for Native Matters. Moved off for KEME 10.45.a.m. arriving 11.45.a.m. V.C. EAEI. Village in very good order but rest house just about ready to collapse. Gave orders for a new one to be erected without delay. Up anchor 12 a and ran to AI-IDIA arriving 12.45.p.m. V.C. AITOWAI. All in order here. A.Cs with the men from GOARI for C.N.M. arrived 9.15.p.m.

22nd. Oct. Friday. In Court for Native Matters during early morning. One A. C. sent to Kikori in charge of prisoners.

Up anchor 9.15.a.m. arriving ten minutes later at MUBAGOA. V.C. KIMORI. A new appointee and seems to have considerable control over his people. The village in very good order. No native matters for attention so moved on to PAI-IA-A arriving 11.05.a.m. A big village sub-divided by a creek. Two V.Cs and two rest houses. The latter seeming rather unnecessary, but as there seems to be some rivalry as to which is the best kept section I refrained from discouraging their efforts.

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22nd.Oct.Friday.cont. The village was found to be in very fair order but I was surprised to find when coming to the upstream end of the ~~village~~ village, the roadway ceased about 75 yards short of the last building. Gave instructions that the road was to be continued right out to the end of the village. Was then informed they had been given permission by Mr. Foldi. P.O., on a previous visit, to leave the road as it was, as they proposed pulling down the houses beyond that point and re-erecting them in the village proper. To prove that they intended carrying out the plan, I was shown a stack containing no less than five logs which had been collected in almost as many months and which was the start towards building the new houses. That they realised they were on "thin ice" and that they expected to find trouble was very obvious from their looks and actions. Did not altogether disappoint them. Gave them a lecture and a final warning to get the job finished. From here ran on to NOGORO. Anchored off the mouth of a small creek and went on up to NOGORO per canoe. A twenty minutes paddle. Village situated on a very miserable and swampy site but said to be the best available to these people. Houses and road in a very poor state of repair. Large quantities of building material stacked about the place and V.C.MARO assured me that everyone was ready to turn to and repair the old, or where necessary, build new houses. They were only waiting for the rain to cease. Accepted the explanation or excuse and made a few additional suggestions re extra repairs. No Court for Native Matters for attention so returned to the "ALELE" without delay. Glad to get away from the smells and flies.

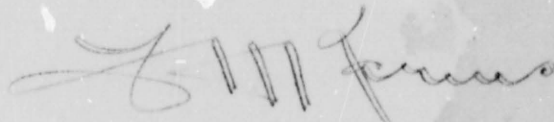
23rd.Oct.Saturday. Waited for the rising tide and then at 9.50.a.m. up anchor and travelled up the OMATI Rvr. to the Base Camp of the Island Exploration Co., arriving 12.noon. Unfortunately missed Mr. Osborne the head of the party working in the Kikori District. He and two others working their way across to the TURAMA Rvr. where a new Base is to be established. Remained at the camp until 3.00.p.m. when the tide commenced to run out. Made good time back to PAI-IA-A arriving 6.00.p.m.



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24th.Oct.Sunday. Purchased about 1000 lbs sago and made arrangements for this to be taken to Kikori. Up anchor 8.05.a.m. and ran to GORO, arriving 8.45.a.m. V.C.SABORAVI. Village in very good order, but the usual story, rest house poor. Issued orders for a new one to be built without delay. No native matters for attention. Moved on for UBUA arriving 10.45.a.m. With the exception of a few very old men and their wives, the village deserted. In a filthy and tumbledown condition. The bulk of the young men said to be away at work on plantations and for the P.W.Dept. The balance said to have left the village for good and are living at BABAUGUINA and PAILI. The old men refuse to move from their old home and build on a better site. They state they wish to remain and die there. In my opinion the kindest and only thing to be done is to let them have their own way about the matter. Little hope of getting them to build roadways and straighten up the village and build a new rest house. The task would be beyond them. Leave them in peace. The younger generation will all eventually settle either at BABAUGUINA or on a new site somewhat downstream from the present village of UBUA. Ran on to APEAWA, arriving 12.55.p.m. All in order here. Several native matters for attention and were dealt with during the afternoon.

25th.Oct.Monday. Up anchor 9.a.m. and ran right through to Kikori.

  
A/R.M.D.D.

Articles	Quantity taken on Patrol	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE				Returned	Remarks
		Police & Crew	Carriers	Others	Total Used		
Rice ...	100	30			30	5.9	70
Biscuits ...	25	5			5	2.0	30
<del>Box</del> Fish ...	12	6			6	2.0	6
Sugar ...							
Tea ...							
Soap ...							
Tobacco ...	21	1		13	14	1.15.0	7 lb.
Matches ...							
Kerosene...	1 gal.				1	2 0 -	
Tents ...							
Flies ...							
Lamps ...							
Buckets ...							
Kerosene Cans ...							
Knives and Sheaths							
Knives, 18 in. ...							
Knives, others ...							
Belts ...							
Pouches ...							
Print ...							
Twill ...							
Handkerchiefs ...							
Beads ...							
Mirrors ...							
Axes ...							
Half Axes ...							
Tomahawks ...							
Running costs of "Alele" as per Log.						1. 4. 5	
Total £						3. 9. 3.	

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**PATROL REPORT**STATION NUMBER  
No. 7 of 37/38KIKORI, D.D. STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by C.H. Karius. to  
WAME Rvr. Timber Camp and Lower ERA Rvr. Villages. for the purpose of  
General inspection.

Left Station on 8/12/37 Returned to Station on 11/12/37

Number of Carriers employed \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Police taken 2

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Alele" C.H. Karius.

Villages visited EVARA, UKIARAVI, GIGORI, RAVIWANA, IMEIA and AIMBI

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Date 13/12/37., 193

C.H. Karius A/R.M.D.  
 Officer in charge of Station

PATROL REPORT No.7 of 1937-38

KIKORI. D.D.

by

C.H.Karius, A/R.M.D.D.

Object of Patrol.

Inspection of timber camp on Wame Rvr., and visit to lower Era Rvr. Villages.

8th. Dec. 1937. Wednesday. Just prior to moving off on the "Alele" for the MORIGIO and TURAMA Districts received a radio instructing me to hold the "Alele" against the arrival of the "Minnetonka" from Port Moresby. This caused a complete change of plans. The proposed patrol will have to be postponed as I could not get back under twelve or fourteen days. Decided on a hurried visit to the logging camp where I have a party of prisoners working under the control of L/Cpl. NIRI and one A.C. and return via the ERA Rvr.

Moved off from Kikori 11.15.a.m. accompanied by two A.Cs. Ran right through to EVARA on the WAME Rvr. arriving 8.00.p.m.

9th. Dec. 1937. Thursday. Left at 5.30.a.m. per canoe for the timber camp. Inspected the prisoners and checked up on work done. All in order here. Issued fresh instructions to L/Cpl. NIRI. Returned to the "Alele" and then ran up to the Sawmill. Discussed various matters with Mr. McKinnon.

At 10.30.a.m. up anchor and ran through to UKIARAVI. Got in touch with the various witnesses in the case Rex v DOARI (Murder) and told them to hold themselves in readiness to appear at Kikori at short notice. Purchased 1800 lbs sago and arranged for the transport of same to the timber camp.

Returned to Evara 5.00.p.m.

10th. Dec. Friday. Moved off from EVARA 6.40.a.m. and ran through to GIGORI Village, ~~in~~ ERA Rvr. Dist., arriving 11.00.a.m. V.C. WAHE reported. P.O. Ethell left here yesterday for villages further up the river. During the afternoon inspected the villages of RAVIWANA, IMEIA and AIMEI. Good work is being done here under the supervision and instruction of P.O. Ethell. New houses, roads and landing stages. Villages cleaned up and rest houses receiving long needed attention.



Kikori. Patrol Report No. 7 of 37/38 cont.

10th. Dec. Friday. cont.

P.O. Ethell reported 3.30 p.m. and left again 4.30 p.m. for his camp higher up the river. Reports he has found the villages in rather sad state but has all hands turned to straightening matters up.

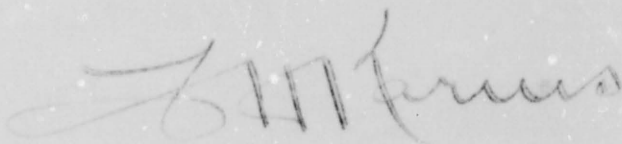
Endeavoured to purchase a fine big canoe seen at GIGORI village. Same required for transport work at the station. The owner very loth to part with the canoe so did not press the matter.

11th. Dec. Saturday.

Up anchor 7.30 a.m. Ran down to OMAMERI Village URAMA Dist. Landed and inspected the village. The V.C. away as also were the bulk of the people. The village in very fair order.

Travelling through various small channels and passages and crossing PAI-A Inlet and Port Bevan, eventually came to the Kikori Rvr. slightly above APEAWA Village, 2.10 p.m. Continued on up the KIKORI and came to the P.O.D. Camp "Conrad No5." at 2.45 p.m. Landed and met Mr. Ferguson and heard that there had just been some trouble with the native labour and that Mr. Champion had left for Kikori only half an hour previous with a number of the natives concerned. A combined attack by some of the labourers on Mr. Ferguson. This matter will be gone into thoroughly in due course.

Ran through to KIKORI arriving 5.00 p.m. No sign or word of the "Minnetonka" as yet.



A/R.M.D.D.





**PATROL REPORT**

STATION NUMBER No 8 of 1937/1938
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KIKORI, D.D. STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Arthur L. Ethell, P.O., D.D., to

GOPI and LOWER ERA RIVER Districts for the purpose of

General Inspection, cleaning and reconstruction of the

villages in these districts.

Left Station on Dec. 2nd, 1937 Returned to Station on Dec. 18th, 1937.

Number of Carriers employed ----- Number of Police taken Four

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "ALELE" to BAWI in the GOPI Dist.,

Villages visited BAWI, FURI, IARI, GOPI, UBUO, MEAGOMA, GIFI, IMEIA,

RAVIWANA, GIGORI, VAIAMU, TAUNAMATUA, IODIO, AIME, NAHOROMERI,

AIBIGAI, KOIRAVI, BARAVI, KORI, BA-A, GAURI.

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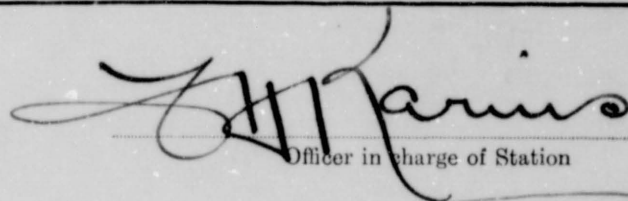
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Date 22/12/37., 193

  
Officer in charge of Station

R.M.'s Office

Kikori.D.D.

25/12/37.

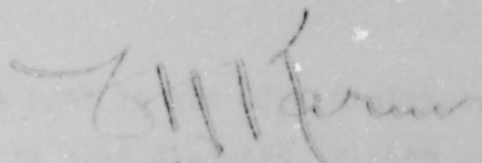
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The Patrol Officer

Kikori.D.D.

Patrol No. 8. 1937-38.

You will please make arrangements to report back to Kikori not later than the 22nd. inst. (Wednesday) You are required here in connection with other duties, i.e. handling of aerial transport Kutubu Police Camp, in place of Mr. P.O. Anderson, who has been transferred to Daru.



A/R.M.D.D.



R.M.'s Office.

KIKORI D. D.

2/12/37.

No. 224/25/37.

Patrol Officer A.L. Ethell,

KIKORI

Patrol Instructions. - Patrol No. 8 of 37/38.

The A/R.M. desires that you leave today on a patrol to the GOPI and Lower ERA River districts. Patrols should be taken for a period of three weeks at least.

The ALKLE will take you as far as BAWI in the GOPI district which should be a good base for your work in that district. Please send the launch back to KIKORI as soon as possible.

Both the GOPI and ERA districts were visited by Mr P.O. Foldi about two months ago. Please take his P/R (No.3 of 37/38) and check up on all orders issued. In the event of work in any village not having been started get the natives together and see them part of the way, at least, with the job. Proceed in the same manner as in your patrol of the GOARIBARI Dist. (P.R.6 of 37/38) this should be productive of the best results.

Interpreter IPAI will accompany you together with the following police:

M/ESTADAMINI A.C. KAIVARE

A.C. UGANA

Loc. A.C. KAWSO

Not more than five rounds of ammunition should be issued to each man.

.....  
for the A/R.M., D. D.

KIKORI. D.D.

Patrol No 8, of 1937/1938.

by

Arthur L. Ethell, P.O., D.D.

to

GOPI and Lower ERA River Districts.

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Object of Patrol. General Inspection and cleaning and reconstruction of villages in the above districts.

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To the A/R.M., D.D..

In accordance with the instructions received from you, I beg to report as follows:-

Accompanied by A.C's. UGANA and KAIVARE, L.C. HAWSO, and Court Interpreter IPAI, we left KIKORI per "ALELE" 10.15 a.m. on Thursday, December 2nd, and ran through direct to BAWI in the GOPI District, <sup>arriving 3.15 p.m.</sup> leaving instructions for the launch to be returned to an anchorage closer to KIKORI for the night, I went ashore and inspected the village. V.C. AWAI away on a Kombati. The village is in fair order, but overrun with long grass, some three feet high in places. Collected all the men I could find, and set them to work cutting the grass from the roads and tracks in the village. Also sent four more away to cut timber for the construction of a new bridge. This work continued until sundown.

V.C. AWAI reported to me about 8.00 p.m., with the V.C. of MEAGOMA, KOI-ICWA.

Friday, December 3rd. Had the people out working early on the grass this morning, and at 8.00 a.m. left BAWI to visit the other villages close by. A.C. KAIVARE and L.C. HAWSO were left behind to supervise the work in progress. Went first to BURI. (V.C. KAI-I-I.)

Inspected village, which is in good order. Some grass growing between the logs in the village road, so allotted twenty men a specified section each to keep in order. Put five more men on to demolishing an old and vacant house, and when the work was well in hand left for IARI.

V.C. AIBARU of this village away at KIKORI making court. Inspected village, which is a new one and in very good order. Moved on to GOPI. Another good village, (V.C. MI-IRA). Called at URUO, (V.C. TEREMA)



then returned to BAWI for lunch. Each of the villages visited this morning showed signs of recent activity in the cleaning of the places, and all were in quite good order.

About an inch of rain fell during the early part of the afternoon, but as soon as the weather cleared I got the BAWI men back to their work, and at 4.30 p.m. moved off for MEAGOMA leaving two police behind again with instructions to work the people until sundown, and then report to me at GIPI at the end of the day.

V.C. KOI-IOWA reported at MEAGOMA. He has his village in very good order since MR. Foldi's visit here — grass cut, roads in good repair, and the village itself ~~is~~ reasonably clean. This V.C. is an ex-L.C., and is an excellent man for his present job. Moved on to GIPI. (V.C. AMANIA) Rather late, so left inspection until tomorrow.

The villages in the GOPI District are very pleasing and for the most part well kept. It would be a big job in most of them to keep the grass down particularly in such places as BAWI and GIPI where the houses are scattered over a large area. I told the individual V.C's that it would be quite sufficient to keep the grass cut in the near vicinity of the houses, and to keep their roads clean.

Saturday, December 4th. Inspected the village early this morning, and found same to be in very good order. The R.H. here is above reproach; nevertheless, gave the people something to do cutting grass and some of the heavier undergrowth in the village area. Left GIPI 8.00 a.m., and went through to the ERA River, calling first at IMEIA.

V.C. AIWAMU reported. Inspected the village which was just fair. Judging by the entries in the V.C's book, these are a hard people to deal with, so decided to stay until I had the place in some sort of order.

The V.C. complained that the people would not help him to do the Government work, which strengthened my decision to stay and put the place in shipshape condition.

Lined all the men up, and after calling their names from the list in the back of the V.C's book, had a long yarn to them about the state of their village, and decided on a plan of campaign. The R.H. and A.C. Barracks are in a tumbledown condition, the wharf is unsafe, and the bridge over the small creek is ready to collapse at any moment. Therefore sent all the men except five away to cut timber for these jobs. The five who remained in the village, pulled down the old

police barracks.

Rain held up proceedings during the early part of the afternoon, but as soon as the weather cleared, I started in on the erection of a new R.H. By sundown had all the main posts in and a few of the cross bearers in position. Also, the old barracks had been demolished and the old timber destroyed.

Sunday December 5th. Spent the day working on the new R.H. and by sundown had the ~~frame~~ framework up. When the men finished work, I detailed twenty of them off to get away at daybreak in the morning and bring in timber for the new bridge over the creek.

A.C. KAIVARE despatched to KIKORI with a case for court this morning.

Monday, December 6th. KIBI went at 6.00 a.m. this morning, and by 6.15 had the village people out working. The twenty detailed last night for timber cutting were away at sunrise, so re-commenced work on the R.H.. At 10 a.m. sent away another gang to bring in canes, timber, and nepa palm roofing for the different jobs, and half an hour later when all the available timber had been used sent the remaining men except five away also. These five demolished the old landing stage.

At 2.00 p.m. started work again, by which time the timber gangs had returned to the village. A.C. UGANA was placed in charge of the men working on the R.H., L.C. HAWO with another team commenced the erection of a new Police Barracks, and self and Interpreter ITAI with fifteen more men pulled down the old bridge over the creek, and commenced to build a new one.

On inspecting the different jobs at sundown, I was very pleased with the day's work. The R.H. is rapidly nearing completion. All the framework is up, the flooring is partly down, and a stack of nepa palm for the roof is ready to go up first thing in the morning. All stumps and cross bearers of the new A.C.B. are in position, and the necessary timber for the framework is stacked ready to hand. The new bridge is complete all but about ten feet of decking. Not to be outdone by the work of the men, the women and children of the village have spent the day cutting grass, and depositing rubbish etc. collected within the village in the river.

Tuesday, December 7th. Started work at 6 a.m. this morning, and as soon as the tide fell started building a new landing stage. Ran out



of timber at 10 a.m., so sent the rest of the men away to cut sufficient to complete the work on hand; after lunch the bridge gang got to work on their job, and had it completed within the hour, so brought them up and set them to work with the men on the other three jobs. The landing stage was finished about four o'clock, and as the framework of the barracks was also completed, put all hands on to sewing new palm for the roofing. This job lasted until sundown.

Wednesday, December 8th. Left IMBIA early and crossed to RANIVANA.

This village in fair order, but I found that five men had disobeyed Mr. Foldi's orders re the use of bamboo in new houses. Ordered the removal of the inferior material, and then moved on to the neighbouring village of GIGORI. V.C. WAME controls both these villages. This place in fair order too, but I noticed that four more men were using bamboo in their houses. Mr. Foldi's order enforced here also. Moved on to VAIAMU. Left the canoe and walked across to the village. The village is in quite fair order, and the road from the ERA River side to the village itself has been cleaned. The drains need a little attention, and I drew the V.C's <sup>attention</sup> to the fact. Despite the fact that they have had five orders to keep the drains beside the road free of grass, they have still done nothing. Only eleven men in this village at present, but I gave them all definite jobs to do, and after lunch went up to PAHAMATUA and IOBIO (V.C. SARIMO of VAIAMU in control.) The first of these villages in good order, but IOBIO only a small collection of houses and a standing population of about twenty people. Returned to VAIAMU.

Thursday, December 9th. Four cases of V.D. and four others despatched to KIKORI this morning. Left myself at 9.00 a.m., en route for a village

which my carriers told me was close to VAIAMU, but after travelling until midday, I learned that the village to which I was being taken was over on the TURARI side, and another five hours run from where we were at the time. Turned back, and after having lunch on a Kombati set off for AIME.

A.C. KAIVARE reported to me during the return trip. Arrived AIME 4.00 p.m.. V.C. BEO away. Inspected village which is in fair order, but there are one or two jobs which need doing. A new water hole has been run down near the R.H., so I sent what men I could find away to cut timber for a fence, and additions to the present R.H. Had some of the older men doing odd jobs round the place until the timber arrives.

Friday, December 10th. Left AIME after giving the men instructions to have plenty of timber cut and ready for me on my return, as there was not a sufficient supply this morning to warrant making a start on the jobs needing attention. V.C. still away. Went up to NAHOROMERI. V.C. IBI-AI reported. Village in just fair order, but there were only nine men in the village to do anything with. Sent them away, however, to cut timber for a new R.H., and went up to AIBIGAI.

As MR. Foldi reported on his last visit to this place that the people had all gone bush on his arrival, I decide to spring a surprise on them if it were at all possible, and walk up to the village, coming in to it from the rear. (There is a track through the bush from NAHOROMERI). Even then I was just in time to see a dozen or so men ducking into the bush and scattering in all directions.

Asked the V.C. (KOIVI) why his people would not stay to see the Government, and he told me that they were frightened. The five men who had stayed behind were not too easy in their minds about things, but I managed to strike up a friendship with them, and gave them a stick of tobacco each.

The village is not a big one, but at the time of this visit was very clean. A new wharf has been erected, and the grass cut in the village area. Sent two of my A.C.'s away to locate three or four men who could be seen hanging round the fringe of the scrub, but they had no luck. Returned to NAHOROMERI.

Shortly after returning here, a canoe came in with the report that the "ALELE" was lying off GIGORI, so I went down to the village and reported to the R.M., who was through here purchasing canoes. Returned to NAHOROMERI at 4.00 p.m., and found that a little timber had been collected, but not sufficient to make a good start on the R.H. .

Saturday, December 11th. Sent all the men away to cut timber this morning, and after pegging out and lining up the position of the new building, left for KOIRAVI. (V.C. GIRO-U).

This village is only a new one, but though very dirty on the last visit of MR. Foldi, it shows signs of having been well cleaned recently. Five new houses have been erected, and according to instructions issued by the above officer, are in a straight line facing the river. Gave the people a few hints re enlarging the present R.H., and when

started on this job moved on to BARAVI (V.C. KA-AI)



Inspected village and found same to be in very good order. The oldest and the most decrepit of the houses have been demolished, and new ones built, the drains cleaned out thoroughly, a good ~~lot~~<sup>deal</sup> of rubbish removed from within the village area, and the raised road is in first class condition. A new R.H. is being erected, and when completed should be the best in the district. I suggested to the V.C. that when he has finished this job, he should put a new roof on the old R.H. and use it for an A.C. Barracks. He seemed very willing to comply with any suggestions or instructions, and at the time of this visit had his village in ~~III~~ excellent condition - in fact, the best I have seen since coming to the Delta.

Had lunch here, then went on to KBRI. V.C. KA-ITA reported. This village in quite good condition. Walked across to BA-A. The road through the scrub has been renewed, and is a good solid job through-out the entire length. BA-A is in good condition, and when I arrived I found the people busy cutting grass. I suppose they anticipated the visit. Returned to KORI.

Sunday, December 12th .. Spent the day at KORI.

Monday December 13th. Left KORI early, and went first to BARAVI. (V.C. KA-AI). Rapid progress has been made on the new R.H., and the V.C. told me that he hoped to have the job finished by the end of the week. Very pleased with the amount of work done here during the last two days. Moved on to KOIRAVI. (V.C. GIRO-U) The additions to the R.H. here are nearly completed, and the people now want to build a wharf. Selected a suitable site for them, gave them a few hints about building, and moved on to NAHOPOMERI. (V.C. IBI-AI).

Found that practically nothing has been done here since I left the village last Saturday morning. A little timber cut and ready, but nothing startling. Despite my instructions to have sufficient cut to enable me to make a good start on a new R.H. the amount of work done is practically negligible. Found the men sitting in their dibus, so after giving them a dressing down about their slackness sent them all away to bring back the material I required. One or two didn't want to go, pleading that it was too hot. Told them that if they didn't have enough sense to work in the cool of the morning, they would obey my orders in the heat of the day. The men returned about 4.00 p.m., and without giving them a chance to get cold on the job, set them to work

immediately, one team skinning the logs, another lot placing them in position. At 5. 30 p.m., walked up to AIBIGAI.

Three of the above people came down to ~~the~~ NAHOROMERI during the afternoon, and after giving them a stick of tobacco each I sent them back to their village to tell the men that I would pay them a visit before sunset. Also sent all my carriers up, then followed on myself. Was fortunate this time to find quite a number of men in the village, They had waited behind for a smoke. Did not disappoint them. Gave them a stick of tobacco each, then proceeded to interpret to them the policy of the Government in as simple language as I could. Found them very interested listeners. Entered the names of the men in the V.C's book, and returned to NAHOROMERI. Worked until dark on the new R.H. .

Tuesday, December 14th. Villagers working well on the new R.H. this morning, and by lunch time had the frame work complete. Told the V.C. to repair the old R.H. and use it as an A.C. Barracks, and after lunch when the men had been sent away to cut palm for the roof, left the village and went to AIME.

V.C. BEO of this village still away, and I found on inspection that nothing has been done here since I left on Saturday. All the men except five were away on their Kombatis; when last here I ordered sufficient timber to be cut to enable me to fence the new waterhole, repair the R.H., and build a wharf, but nothing has been done. Sent one man away to find the V.C., and the others to collect all the men and get them back to their village. Moved on to GIGORI.

V.C. WAHE of GIGORI and RAVIWANA reported here. Most of the people from both villages away, so could not do much during the afternoon.

The following V.C's reported to me here tonight:-

V.C. AIWAMU of IMEIA, who informed me that the jobs I started his people on last week were all completed.

V.C. SARIBO of VAIAMU; who reported all work in his village complete.

V.C. BEO of AIME. Asked him why his people had done no work in their village since I was last there, and he said that the men did not want to do Government work, and would not listen to his "talk". Told him to return to his village, and in the morning chase all his men away to cut timber. Also told him that if there were any men without reasonable excuse in the village in the morning when I arrived to start work there would be trouble.



Some of the GIGORI men demolished the old A.C. Barracks at the far end of the village during the afternoon, and destroyed the old timber .

Wednesday, December 15th. Lined all the GIGORI men up this morning, and after giving them their instructions for the day, sent them all away to cut timber for the construction of a new A.C. Barracks at RAVIWANA,

It has been decided that the RAVIWANA people will be responsible for the upkeep of a R.H. in their village, while the GIGORI men will build and keep in good repair a new barracks, (both buildings being in RAVIWANA) instead of having a R.H. and A.C.B. in both villages.

At 8.30 a.m. went up to AIME , and received a pleasant surprise on finding that the men had ~~to~~ to work early and had a huge pile of timber ready for me. Started work immediately on arrival, having one team of men on the waterhole fence under A.C. UGANA, INTERPRETER I'AI and self supervising alterations to the R.H. . ( A.C. KAIVARE and L.C. HAWSO had been sent to RAVIWANA to advise and help in the construction of the new barracks. )

Worked all the morning at AIME, and finished the waterhole fence, added a new kitchen to the R.H. and also new steps to same. The tide was still too high to permit of any work being done on a new landing stage, so at 12.30 noon went down to RAVIWANA. Everything going well here under the supervision of the two police, so returned to GIGORI for lunch.

At 2.00p.m. collected what good timber I could from that saved when the GIGORI barracks had been demolished, sent some of it down to RAVIWANA, and took the rest up to AIME with me. Immediately on arrival set to work on a new landing stage, and put two men on to building steps to the A.C.B.. These jobs were completed by 4.30 p.m., and after giving V.C. BEO instructions to clear a little more undergrowth from the rear of the village, went down to RAVIWANA.

Everything running smoothly here. The RAVIWANA people have only the <sup>wall</sup> ~~walls~~ to add to their new R.H. (commenced last week), and the GIGORI men, by 5.30 p.m. had nearly completed the framework of the new R.H. Very pleased with the days work in these villages. Returned to GIGORI.

Intermittent rain delayed work at odd intervals during the day, about three inches falling between 6.00a.m. and 6.00p.m.. However, the

ultimate result was very satisfactory.

Thursday, December 16th. Went down to RAVIWANA early, and got to work on the R.H., and Barracks. During the morning I received a letter recalling me to KIKORI before 22nd. inst from the R.M., so as my work in this district was practically finished I decided to return before the week end. Consequently went round to VAIAMU (V.C. SARIBO), to see how work was progressing there, and found that a new bridge had been built over the creek, but the drains were still choked with grass. Even though I assigned men to separate portions of the drain when here last week, and even got them started on the job, the work is still incomplete. Started them off again, and when everything was going well returned to GIGORI for lunch, after giving the V.C. orders to report to KIKORI within one week re this matter. After lunch moved across to IMEIA (V.C. AIWAMU).

Found here that the R.H. and Barracks which I started last week had been finished, but the whole village was a litter of rubbish from the different jobs. Divided the men up into two teams, one lot to clear the village, the other gang to demolish the old R.H.. Was very disappointed in these people this time, because it was necessary to arrest thirty-two of them for refusing to assist with the work on hand. These are the people who had worked so well when I was here last. However, as they would not work, I had no alternative but to ~~xxxx~~ place them all under arrest, and take them back to KIKORI with me as carriers.

Friday, December 17th. Left IMEIA early, and set out on the return run to KIKORI. At GIPI, in the GOPI District, (V.C. AMANIA), found RAKITANI and VAI-DIKANA, two HANUABADA Councillors who have come out to the Delta to purchase sago. Continued on through the GOPI District, but most of the people were away from their villages looking for sago to sell to the two HANUABADA people. Arrived at GAURI in the URAMA District at 3-45 p.m.. Stayed here for the night.

Saturday, December 18th. Left GAURI at 5.00a.m. in order to have the tide with us all the way to KIKORI. Called in at AIRD HILL to see REV. Butcher, then pushed on to KIKORI. Arrived back at the station 11.30 a.m..

End of Patrol.





**PATROL REPORT**

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KIKORI. D.D.

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by C.H. Karius, A/R.M.D.D. to  
ERA Rvr.; KORIKI; PURARI and URAMA Dists. for the purpose of

General inspection. Payment of N. of K. of N/Labourers ded.  
and inspection N/Labour at Romilly Sawmill.

Left Station on 13/1/38 Returned to Station on 22/1/38

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

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Alelo". C.H. Karius.

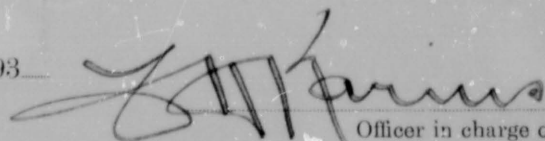
Villages visited IMEJA; GIGORI; RAVIWANA; AIME of ERA Rvr. Dist. ORAVI; AKIARAVI  
EVARA, of KORIKI Dist.; KAIRU; UKIARAVI; MAIRIKAKARI; IKINU; KAIMARI of  
PURARI Dist.; KINOMER; TOVEI; AIBIGAI; MAIAKI; KIVAUMAI; AMATERI; MAIRAU;  
DAMAIBARI and BERAI BARI of URAMA Dist.; DUBUMBU; APEAWA of Goaribari.

- (1) Unless the patrol is a regular routine patrol in a long-settled district a sketch map of the district patrolled should accompany the report, showing, as nearly as possible, the positions of the places visited and a copy is to be made for filing on the station.
- (2) In the body of the report the name of the village should be followed by the name of the V.C. The number of houses and the population, as nearly as possible, should also be stated. The customs of the natives should as much as possible be noted and reported.
- (3) The Patrol Report is to be enclosed in this jacket, which, properly filled in, is to be sent to the Government Secretary immediately after each patrol.
- (4) The space below is not to be written in.
- (5) The cost of the patrol must be shown on the back, in the space provided.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 24/1/38, 193

 C.H. Karius A/R.M.D.I  
Officer in charge of Station



KIKORI, D.D.

PATROL REPORT No.9 of 37/38  
by

C.H.KARIUS.A/R.M.D.D.

to

Lower ERA Rvr., KORIKI, Lower PURARI and URAMA Districts.

Object of Patrol. General inspection, payment of next of kin of D.N/Labourer and Native Labour Inspection at Komilly Sawmili.

13th, Jan, Thursday. Accompanied by Cpl. DE-EA and two A.Cs., left Kikori per "ALELE" for ERA Rvr. Dist., 10.40.a.m. Ran through to IMBIA, V.C. AUWAMI, arriving 4.20.p.m. Inspected the village and found it greatly improved on my last visit about a month ago. Several payments to be made to next of kin of D.N/Labourers. Sent out word for these people to come in to the village. V.C.WAHE of GIGORI Village reported 5.30.p.m.

14th, Jan, Friday. Two payments made to n.of.k.N/Labourers. Moved off 8.50.a.m. for RAVIWANA and GIGORI arriving 9.00.a.m. Inspected the two villages which are both under the control of V.C.WAHE. Both in very fair order. The Rest House and A.C.Barracks ordered by P.O.Ethell a month ago nearing completion. A poor style of house but for all that a great improvement on the old structure. Will see to it that the next effort is better still and so on until the people understand how to put up a satisfactory house.

Ran across and upstream to AIME Village. V.C.BEO. Village in very fair order but the same remarks apply to the Rest House and barracks. More time must be devoted to helping and instructing these people. The P.O. will again be sent in here as soon as opportunity offers.

Left the ERA Rvr. Dist. 9.45.a.m. and ran through to ORAVI in the KORIKI Dist. arriving 3.15.p.m. The two big Dubu in this village in splendid order but all the houses belonging to the married men in a tumble down condition. The bridge connecting the two sections of the village a very miserable affair. Issued the necessary instructions for new houses and a bridge. No native matters for attention. Under way 4.20.a.m. for EVARA, arriving 6.40.p.m. V.C.KAIRI AUWA.

15th, Jan, Saturday. During the morning inspected the village of EVARA and then per canoe to AXIARAVI Village. Both villages somewhat overgrown with long grass. Ordered this cut. Houses in very fair order. The new rest house at EVARA which is nearing completion is the best

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15th.Jan.Sat.cont. effort seen to-date. Still leaves a good deal to be desired but is a decided step in the right direction. Returned to the "Alele" 12 noon. During the afternoon ran up to Romilly Sawmill and made a native labour inspection. Everything very satisfactory. Returned to EVARA 6.00.p.m.

16th.Jan.Sunday. Left EVARA on a rising tide 8.15.a.m. and ran through to KAIRU arriving 11.05. Having in mind my previous experience here when owing to small tides I was unable to get out of the creek again for a matter of two days, delayed no longer than necessary. With the present full moon tides the only portion of the village above water is the raised roadway and the bridges. Many new houses in course of erection. The bulk of the people away in their KOMBATI sago and canoe making. Have money for D/N.Labourers but the next of kin absent. Left word for them to come on to UKIARAVI to collect the money. Left KAIRU 12.10.p.m. and managed to get through the small creek and out in to the main stream without mishap. Developed slight engine trouble at 1.00.p.m. Anchored and adjusted matters and under way again 1.30.p.m. Ran through to UKIARAVI arriving 2.15.p.m. Made several payments to next of kin of D.N/Labourers. Several native matters adjusted. Very strong tide running out at 6.00.p.m. Draging our anchor so had to start up the engine and ~~xxx~~ select a more suitable anchorage.

17th.Jan.Monday. Up anchor 8.40.a.m. and ran down to the coast and then through sundry small passages to MAIARIKAKARI. V.C.OVE. Village in a shocking state. Two months ago when I visited this village, instructions were issued re cleaning up and repairs to houses, bridges etc. No effort/<sup>made</sup>whatever to carry out these instructions. V.C. reports the people would not "Hear his Talk". Left Cpl.DE-BA here to assist the V.C. to collect all the men who had neglected to carry instructions and to bring them along to IKINU for C.N.Matters. Left MAIARIKAKARI 10.50. and ran through to IKINU arriving 12.10a.m. V.S.BAI-I EVO-O. Village in very fair order. Paid out money to next of kin of D.N/Labour. The "Lakatoi" over which the UKIARAVI - MAIARIKAKARI fight occured, still here. The owners of the "Lakatoi" well satisfied with the way things are going and with their trading venture.



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18th. Jan. Tuesday. In Court for Native Matters from 7.45 to 9.15 a.m.

Up anchor at 9.30 a.m. and ran through to KAIMARI, arriving 11.30 a.m.  
Inspected the three RAVI comprising KAIMARI Village.

The largest being APIRAVI under the control of V.C. AUWA KOIARA. A good Rest House here and the village is in surprisingly good order.

Of the remaining two Ravi, KOIRAVI under control of V.C. KAIRI KA-AU is in the best order. KAURAVI controlled by V.C. KEME VARA

is in very good order as far as the houses are concerned but large sections of the bridging running throughout the length of the village in a poor state of repair. Necessary instructions issued.

A number of payments made to N/Labourers and to next of kin of D.N/L.

The people of the "Lakatoi" stationed here during the past two months have done very well in their trading venture. An abundance of sago

has been purchased, also a large number of canoes. The "Lakatoi"

has now grown to the size of sixteen canoes lashed abreast. All

hands busy on final lashings and building of decking and shelters.

Hope to start on the journey home very soon. Rather a feat to

navigate this ungainly looking affair from the Delta to Port Moresby.

19th. Jan. Wednesday. In C.N. Matters from 6.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.

Up anchor and ran through to KINOMERI Village, Urama District. A chepp

sea crossing Port Romilly and shipped a good deal of water. Arrived

KINOMERI 11.30 a.m. V.C. KIROMIA. During the afternoon inspected

KINOMERI and TOVEI villages. The latter under the control of V.C.

MOREGI. Both villages in very good order. Taking a canoe and

crew of ten set out for the villages of AIBIGA, (V.C. AIVAI-KAKAU) and

MAIAKI (V.C. KEAI.) Both in splendid order. This visit made at

high tide. Possibly the villages would not look so well when the tide

is out and there is nothing but a sea of mud under and about all the

houses. Congratulated the V.Cs and the people on the neat

appearance of their villages.

Returned to "Alele" 5.15 p.m. We are anchored about 400 yds. down

stream from KINOMERI Village. About 7.00 p.m. not enough water

between us and the village to float a canoe. Beyond the village,

deep water again. Fortunate that the coxswain is well acquainted

with these waters.

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20th, Jan, Thursday. Waited until 9.00 a.m. for the tide to rise sufficiently to enable us to get past KINOMERI per canoe and then set out for KIVAUMAI Village. Held up in one or two of the smaller creeks, waiting for the tide, arriving KIVAUMAI 10.30 a.m. V.C. KUTO-O. Made a thorough inspection of the village. Orders issued by Mr. Foldi in July last fairly well carried out. With the exception of one or two minor details, the village in very fair order. Two Civil Claims amicably adjusted out of Court.

Returned to "Alele" at Kinomeri 12.30 p.m. At 1.00 p.m. left per canoe for OMAMERI, the "ALELE" to follow on half an hour later. V.C. BOME ~~XXXXXXXX~~ deceased. Endeavoured to select a new man. Informed that NENEGAI-MOMA, the only man in the village who wishes to have the appointment is at present away visiting in the Goaribari Dist. Left word for him to report at Kikori.

The village in very fair order. "Alele" came along at 1.45 p.m. Boarded her in midstream and continued on to MAIRAU Village. V.C. GOMI. Only a small canoe sent out to the "Alele". Quite a lively little surf running and expected at any minute to have a swim. Landed without mishap.

A poor little village, miserably situated on a narrow strip of land ~~front~~ fronted by the sea and backed by a mangrove swamp. Desperate efforts being made to build up the ground level with rubbish and coconut husks. Suggested the people shift to a new site and was informed that all their land was the same. They had no better place to go to and in fact no desire to shift.

Taking into consideration circumstances and conditions, the village in quite fair order.

An immense tumbledown Rest House here. In July last Mr. Foldi issued instructions for this to be pulled down and a smaller and solidly ~~but~~ built house to be erected. This has not been done. The excuse being. "The Village Policeman to whom the instructions had been given has since died. The instructions were not given to the new man. Hence nothing has been done". Issued the necessary ~~instructions~~ instructions and was assured that work would be commenced this afternoon.



Kikori Patrol Report No.9 of 37/38 cont.

20th. Jan. Thursday cont. Leaving MAIRAU, ran across PAI-A Inlet to DAMAIBARI Village, arriving 3.20.p.m. V.C.MIWA away at Kikori. Ran about three quarters of a mile past the village further up PAI-A Inlet to PIMU Creek and anchored just inside the mouth. This with a view to escaping the roll which would be experienced if anchored of the village. At one time PIMU Creek afforded a safe passage and short cut from DAMAIBARI to BERAIBARI Village. Now the far end is silted up and it is impossible to take a boat through. Necessary to go out to sea and right around the island.

21st. Jan. Friday. Left per canoe 6.00.a.m. to inspect DAMAIBARI Village. Found the village in very good order. A claim for a marriage payment amicably settled out of Court. The balance of payment due being paid in my presence.

"Alele" arrived 7.20.a.m. Went aboard and then headed well out to sea to clear the shallows off the point of KIRIBARA Island and then made the passage in to Port Bevan. Swung east to BERAIBARI Vill. V.C.MAGORAI.

Entries made in the V.C.'s book by Mr. Foldi in July last would indicate the village was in a very bad state. Expected to find little improvement but was agreeably surprised. A new rest house had been erected, also a new DAIMO. All houses have been repaired and several new ones are in course of erection. The village square has been strongly fenced in and pigs are kept outside the fence. The village was quite passably clean. Congratulate the V.C. and his people on the work done.

Money paid out to next of kin of D.N/Labourer ARAVI.

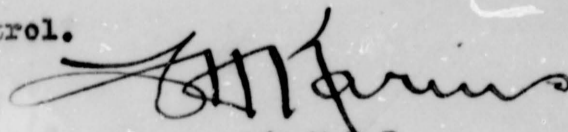
Leaving BERAIBARI, crossed Port Bevan and then through a maze of small passages to DUEUMUBU Village. Goaribari Dist. Mr. Adams T.M.A. has established his/headquarters here.

Made enquiries re KIBAU the father of D.N/Labourer URUPA. Wages to be paid out. Unfortunately away in the ERA Rvr. Dist. Left word for him to come to Kikori on his return.

Ran on to APEAWA and anchored for the night.

22nd. Jan. Saturday.

Ran through to Kikori. End of Patrol.

  
A/R.M.D.D.





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# PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER  
No 10 of  
1937-1938

KIKORI D.D. STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Arthur L. Ethell, P.O. D.D. to

GOARIBARI DISTRICT for the purpose of

GENERAL INSPECTION.

Left Station on 17/1/38 Returned to Station on 22/1/38

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

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

Villages visited APEAWA DUBUMUBA BABAI GEBUBARI UBUA AIMAHE DOPIMA

KERAWA GORO MUBUGOA GOARI AI-IDIA KEME IOWA PAI-IA-A

PAI-IA-A POIKA NAGORO MOINAMU TATANA

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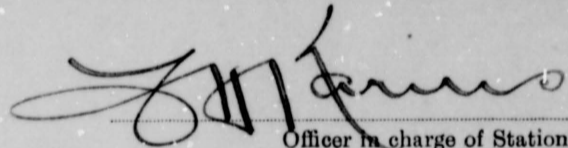
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Date 25/1/38, 193



Officer in charge of Station

R.M's Office

Kikori.D.D.

12/1/38

No.11/25/38

Patrol Officer A.E.Ethell

Kikori D.D.

Instructions - Patrol No.10 of 37/38

You will make arrangements to leave on patrol to the Goaribari District on Monday the 17th inst. The patrol will be one of general inspection, and to see that instructions issued on your last visit have been or are being carried out. Action to be taken in all cases of deliberate neglect, i.e. the natives to be sent to Kikori for C.N.M.

I do not wish you to delay on this patrol. A thorough inspection is to be made, yet at the same time I wish you to get right around as quickly as possible. It is proposed to start off an extended inland patrol about the end of the month and you are to accompany Mr. Foldi, A.R.M. It is on this account I wish you to return from the present patrol in good time to assist in the arrangements for the inland patrol. The following A.Cs will accompany you.

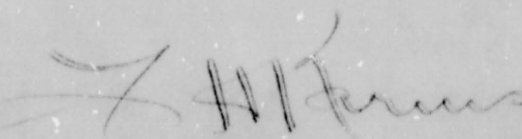
A.C. KAIVARI

A.C. UGANA

Local. C. SOWAI-I

Interpreter. IPAI

I estimate the patrol will take approximately eight days and rations should be taken accordingly. Owing to a shortage in stocks, great care should be taken in the amount of trade tobacco expended. Use as little as possible.

  
A/P.M.D.D.



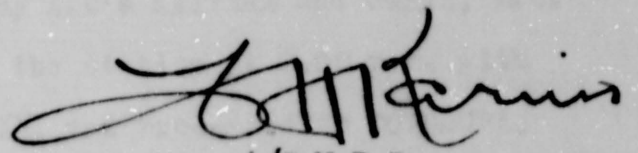
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The P. O.

Kikori, P.D.

Endeavour to get in touch with the following and send them along to Kikori to collect money due.

C/s 7717.	WAIKU.	father	ENUI.	of	KEMBI	VILL.	Goaribari.	10/-	refund of tax
<del>C/s</del>	7856.	KAIO.	..	AVAIA	..	GERABARI.	Goaribari.	10/-	refund of tax
C/s.	8398.	PAIBE	..	KUNATU		MIBAGOA	do	£2. 9. 8.	Wages
C/s	8400.	BAIVE	..	AUWAGE		IOWA	do	2. 8. 8.	Wages
C/s	8402.	KIVERI	..	KANI		KEMBI	do	2. 9. 8.	Wages

  
A/R.M.D.D.  
12/1/38

KIKORI. D.D.

Patrol No 10 of 1937-1938

by

Arthur L. Ethell, P.O., D.D.

to

GOARIBARI DISTRICT.

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Object of Patrol:- General Inspection.

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To the A/R.M., D.D.

In accordance with the instructions received from you

I beg to report as follows:-

Monday January 17th. Accompanied by A.C's KAIVARE and UGANA, L.C. SOWAI-I, and Interpreter ITAI, I left the station at 2.00 p.m. with Mr. Adams, T.M.A., on the "MINNITONKA", and proceeded to DUBUMUBA, calling first at the P.O.D. camp, Conrad No. 5, from where we went to ATEAWA. (V.C. BAMEKI). Inspected the village which is still in a disgusting condition, though the process of rebuilding is going ahead slowly. Three new houses have been erected, a large Dubu is under construction, and the old single mens Dubu is practically demolished. A good number of these people are living at KIVIRI, the new village at the mouth of the creek; inquired why the rest of the people did not move to the new village which is much cleaner and built on a far better <sup>sites</sup> ~~sight~~, but the older men said they wished to remain in their own village. After inspecting KIVIRI moved on to DUBUMUBA. Rather late when we got in, so left inspection until tomorrow.

Tuesday January 18th. DUBUMUBA, (V.C. GUNU) will shortly be reverting to its former delapidated state, owing to practically all the young men being away at work on plantations and for the Oil Co's.. There are only twelve men in the village now who could be looked to to do any work, for since my last visit here thirty of the best men have been recruited and will be away from their village for periods ranging up to two years. A new hospital for the treatment of V.D. is being erected here



but owing to the shortage of labour the greater part of the work is being done by the medical boys and the V.C.

Found N.M.A.'s IGO and BOE MARIA occupying the R.H. here, so kicked them out. They have a tent and fly, and I ordered them to erect it at the far end of the village if there was no room for them in any of the houses.

Mr. Adams lent me the "MINNITONKA" this morning, so I made a quick run round to BABAI first. V.C. BAI-AI away on a Kombati and very few of his people in the village. Inspection proved that BABAI is still very clean; the new fence is practically completed, and the people have been working to clean the inside of the compound, achieving quite creditable results. Moved on to GEBUBARI.

V.C. AMINI of this village away on a kombati, as well as most of his people. Found that the big DUBU had been razed to the ground about two months ago while the people were away at AIMAHE dancing, and as yet no effort has been made to repair the damage done. Also found that the mission boy from Aird Hill had been using the R.H. here as a sleeping quarters and school, so removed his gear. The people here are at present building a mission house, but as the present R.H. has been nearly blown down in the recent Gubas I ordered them to rebuild it first, after which they would be free to continue with the M.H.

Returned to DUBUMUBA for lunch, then crossed with Mr. Adams in the MINNITONKA to UBUA. (V.C. HAI-IA away at the village of TATANA).

There is not much hope of getting this village into shipshape order again as only the old men and women are living here. Hired a canoe, and we were towed by the MINNITONKA as far as the mouth of the AIMAHE Ck., where we cast off and proceeded through the passage to AIMAHE. (V.C. AI-IA). Too late to do anything tonight.

Wednesday January 19th. Inspected the village early, and found that some of my orders had been carried out. Gave the people one month to complete repairs to the village road, then moved on to DOPIMA. A sudden burst of energy here, evidently occasioned by C/r/1 DE-EA when on one month leave here. All the <sup>DUBU</sup> entrances have been done after the fashion of the PAI-IA-A R.H., and the village has been ~~Edna~~ greatly improved since I last saw it. Also, seven new houses are under construction. (V.C. UNIA of this village working his people well).

Found only four men in KERWA. The rest, including the V.C., (KARABE) and councillors all away on their Kombatis and making sago. Place fairly clean, but has obviously been neglected during the last two months.

Nothing much doing at Goro. V.C. SABORAVI the only man in the village when we arrived, though two or three more turned up while we were having lunch. People still working on ~~their~~ <sup>their</sup> new DUBU. R.H. as before. A decent wind will scatter what is left of the R.H. all over the river. The village is still in fair order.

XX V.C. KIMORI of MUBUGOA away on one of his all-too-frequent visits to his Kombatis. Work here is practically at a standstill again, the village repairs having been left in abeyance until two or three new houses are completed. The old DUBU is practically demolished but certain section of the new road still need repairing. Ordered to complete same within one month. Also sent two men away to locate the V.C. and to bring the people who are gardening back to their village.

V.C. KAIVERI was away on the Kombati round the point of GOARIBARI Island when I arrived at the village of GOARI, so after inspecting the place, walked round the beach to the new village founded by WI-I, one of the GOARI councillors. Found this to be comprised of several large houses, and peopled by men from GOARI. Ordered the V.C. back to his village.

The people of GOARI are at last awakening from their lethargy of the last five years. They have erected a new landing stage and steps to same, made of solid bendora throughout, cleaned up their village, and are at present hard at work on the construction of a new DUBU to replace the numerous smaller houses of the men; this village vastly improved since I last saw it.

Thursday January 20th. Left GOARI at 8.00 a.m., and crossed to

AI-IDIA. V.C. AITOWAI away at KIKORI. Village about the same that I saw it last time I was here. The new DUBU is finished, and the people tell me that they intend pulling down the old houses near the R.H., which will be a good <sup>thing</sup> as the proposed alterations will isolate the R.H. from the other houses in the village. Found three women making sago in the village area, so dismantled their plant and tossed it into the ~~river~~ <sup>river</sup>. Moved on to KEME.



(V.C. E-ABI). This village in quite good condition. The councillor, KEVEA, is a much better man than the V.C., and if any credit is due for the good state of the village, it should go to the councillor. He is an excellent man, and keeps the people up to the mark while the V.C. goes away to his Kombati. One V.D. from here dispatched to DUBUMUBA for treatment.

Had lunch at IOWA (V.C. MINNERI). Work on the roads going ahead slowly, and bendora is being used to replace the the rotten palm decking. Also the landing stage is being repaired. Arrested SOI (F.a) and her husband, (the latter having removed her from the V.D. hospital at DUBUMUBA, where she was undergoing treatment for V.D.), and sent them both away to KIKORI.

Moved on to PAI-IA-A, but it was dark when we arrived so left inspection of the village until tomorrow.

Friday, January 21st. V.C. MOROHAR reported this a.m., and on inspection of the village found that the roads which were ordered to be repaired six months ago, and which I started the people on when last in this village are still in a bad condition, though perhaps twenty or thirty yards have been repaired. This latter was done under my supervision, some two months ago, but when I left the work ceased. Consequently arrested thirty-one men and sent them up to KIKORI for C.N.M.

At PAI-IA-A TOIKA V.C. KARAU reported. These people still working on the reconstruction of their village, which should look well when completed. Some repairs have been effected to the existing village road, otherwise nothing much has been done except the erection of new houses.

Work is still going ahead slowly at NAGORO (V.C. MARO). A new road has been put up to connect with the main village road from the R.H. a big HUBU has been completed, and several more new houses are under construction. MOINAMU, same V.C. has improved slightly, and another new DUBU erected here.

Moved on to TATANA, (V.C. HAI-IA). This village founded by the UBUA people, and is the cleanest and the tidiest I have seen to date. After two or three hours sleep, I went up to the P.O.D. Conrad 5 with my police and Interpreter. Having received numerous complaints

from the men in charge of the camp in respect to <sup>native</sup> women being brought into the boy houses for the purposes of prostitution, I raided the camp at 11.00p.m. and arrested two women and ~~one~~ man, and a native employee of the P.O.D., with the intention of taking them to KIKORI for C.N.M. Police and prisoners <sup>returned</sup> ~~returned~~ to TATANA for the night. Saturday, January 22nd. Set out ~~for~~ for KIKORI 9.00a.m., and met the R.M. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ returning from patrol about a mile above BABAGUINA. Transferred from the canoe to the "ALELE", and arrived at KIKORI 11.45am.

End of Patrol.

Note. I am firmly of the opinion that the bad state of the GOARIBARI villages is due to the lack of labour. Since <sup>I</sup> was last through the district a good many boys have been recruited, and a search through the C/S in the office proves that there are four hundred and fifty two GOARIBARI boys away from their villages and working in different parts of the Territory.

*Arthur J. A.*  
P.O.





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*B. B. Cooper*

# PATROL REPORT

[G.P. 67]

STATION NUMBER

Mr. 110137.38.

Kikori D.D.

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by *J. R. Field* & *E. M. & A. L. Rhell* P.O. to

TURAKI River above Hather Gorge & LAKE TEBERA for the purpose of  
Establishing friendly relations with the Natives.

Left Station on 31/1/38. Returned to Station on 24/3/38.

Number of Carriers employed 32. Number of Police taken Six.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "MINNETONKA" J. R. Field A. R. M.

Villages visited PAWAI-YA TURAKA URI SIRA NEIRA TEBERA WHIMA and about  
seven villages of the HARAU names unknown.

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Date 10/5/38, 1938

*J. R. Field*  
Officer in charge of Station



R.M.'s Office

Kikori.D.D.

24/25/38

25/1/38

Mr. J. R. Foldi. A. R. M.

Kikori. D. D.

Instructions - Patrol No. 11 of 37/38

You will please make your arrangements to leave on patrol on Tuesday the 1st. Feb. 1938. You will be accompanied by Patrol Officer Ethell. Police as per attached list will be detailed for the patrol.

The patrol will be an extended one lasting from six to eight weeks. I do not wish you to be away longer than that as I can not spare the Officers and police from other Divisional work for a greater period. The object of the patrol is to contact and if possible establish friendly relations with as many people as you can find in that section of the Division known as the "Upper Purari Dist." Roughly speaking all the country shown on the Divisional Map as drained by the Purari from a point shown as BEVAN Island, past the Hathol Gorge to SIRA Village and on up stream as far as population warrants.

Ex Local Constable SUMAVI who accompanies you on return to his village, lives in the country to the north east of Hathol Gorge. He should prove useful. Other Locals also returning with you, come from villages in the district through which you will be patrolling.

Reports have been received of a population to the south of the Purari and west of Hathol Gorge. Efforts should be made to recruit for the Constabulary (Local).

I am unfortunately unable to provide general service A.C. and an N.C.O. by short-handed - One Sgt. and Cpl. and three. The expired, but you could make use of patrol if you found it advisable. They their services.

Instructions Patrol No. 11 of 37/38 cont.

Prisoners if available to be used as carriers. Stores and trade to be taken, left to your judgement. Keep in mind that cost must be kept down as much as possible as estimates for Transport for the year were cut very low and we have nothing to spare.

The "Minnetonka" will be placed at your disposal. To be kept as long as you have need of her and then to be returned to Kikori. Your return will be per canoe, unless you manage to get word through ~~some~~ in advance, in which case a boat will be sent to meet you.

In discussion we have agreed that a base is to be established at the point highest up stream which it is possible to reach per water transport and from there on make patrols north, south, east and west. However, this is a matter which it is not possible to decide definitely from the office here. Circumstances and local conditions will have to be the deciding factors. You will be the best judge of what is to be done and how, when you are on the spot. Keep always in mind the Govt. policy of peaceful penetration. Hostilities to be avoided at any cost short of running away. Even a flight of arrows does not always warrant rifle fire. Coolness and tact will often turn the scales in favour of the establishment of friendly relations, even then. Here again is a matter for your own judgement, if your party is in danger, there is only one course open. You must protect you party.

If there are any matters I have not touched upon and about which you have any doubts, I would be glad if you mention same.

I do not wish to hamper you with unnecessary instructions and to this end I wish you exercise discretion.   
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 ~~best~~ possible results are hoped for   
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25/1/38

List of A.Cs.

Off. NERI. A.Cs

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Locals. BAKUA, SUMA

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Patrol Nr. II of 1937/38.

By J.R.Foldi A.R.M. and A.L.Ethell P.O.

To the Upper PURARI river above BEVAN Island and the adjacent country.

**Purpose:-** To establish friendly relations with the Natives.  
**Departure:-** 10.05am on the 31st. January 1938.  
**Personnel:-** J.R.Foldi A.R.M. O.I.C. A.L.Ethell P.O. Lt/Cpl. NIRI,  
A.Cs AINA, KAIVARE, KORI, UGANA and AVAIAPU. Also returning  
home were Loc. A.Cs SUMAVE, KONO, TSI-AU and SCI-IA. Two  
personal servants of the officers also accompanied the party.

Monday 31st. January 1938. In accordance with instructions received from the a/R.M., D.D. the Patrol left Kikori Station in the MINNETONKA. Cox'n TAI. Engineer Arthur Martin and Deckhand MAKAMEO. In gloriously fine weather and with a high tide we made a quick run through to GAURI-V.G.ORO. We camped here for the night. Managed to recruit two carriers from this village. Very heavy rain fell during the night.

Tuesday 1st. February. Left anchorage shortly after daylight and headed for the PURARI. Stopped at Port Romilly sawmill for a few minutes. Proceeding on we anchored at UKIARAVI at 4pm. Met the P.O. here. The P.O. with several police had left Kikori two days ahead of me with the object of buying sago for the trip. Found that 90 bundles had been purchased and securely bound up so as to stand the carrying.

Wednesday 2nd. February. Sent rafts, four in number, away to the PURARI in charge of the P.O. The rapids in the rivers preclude any possibility of towing the rafts through sharp bends hereabouts. Left UKIARAVI in the afternoon. Stopped almost immediately owing to a block

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Get the engine going again at 8.00am. Steamed through to the PURARI and then up stream picking the canoes up at 1.00pm. Took canoes in tow, and, after a heavy pull, tied up to the right bank just below the mouth of the BARDI river - 4.30pm. Camped for the night. Heavy rain fell.

Thursday 3rd. Feb. Broke camp and left for up stream 7.15am. Only one small house seen during the days run, belonged to some adventurous spirit from IARI. After an uneventful day we arrived at the abandoned "Bevan base camp" of the O.S.Ltd. situated some two or three miles below the rapids of that name. Here was a camp all ready prepared, we promptly took advantage of it and moved in. Time 4pm. Light rain fell during the night.

Friday 4th. Feb. Set off upstream at 7.00am. Passed through the Bevan rapids at 8.40am. Noticed several abandoned village sites along each bank. We are now in the territory of the PAWAI-IA people V.C. SESELI. Stepped off WOIMADU V.C. SESELI at 11.00pm. and recruited another two carriers. Left again at 1.45pm taking the V.C. with me as a pilot. Met up with an old friend named OMAGA, who was out fishing, he left his two women in the canoe and came along with the patrol - he should prove useful. The women were given small gifts to ease their grief.

Entered a small creek called SIHI 5.00pm. Camped here. It is impossible to spend the night here, current is terrific, I am not looking forward to this camp, very comfortable anchorages are to be had in the creek, flow into the main stream on both sides, the water is clear and good for drinking.

Saturday 5th Feb. Ran out of SIHI and headed up river. Passed the mouth of the BARDI river and stepped off UHI village 7.0. I'AI-POMU, moved down to the Middle PURARI but have to go up again, The V.C.



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was away in the bush somewhere so I did not see him. I left word for him to be in evidence when we returned. V.C. SESELI of WOIIMADU is very indignant about this URI V.C., saying that he never stops in the village and that he makes no attempt to hold the people together. I cannot answer for the truth of the first part of the statement but the second part is quite evident, the "village" consisting of one small house. Of course it is not the custom of these people on the Upper PURARI to build villages. The URI, the PAWAI-IA and further up the TURAHA, all live separately in HOUSEHOLDS or families, ~~moving~~ shifting around in search of food. This explains why the TURAHA have been such easy marks for the HARAHA. Whilst speaking to the URI people one young warrior asked me, in perfectly good Police Motuan, if we were going up "To kill bushmen" - this from a native who had been working ~~with~~ with Mr McKinnen at the Saw-Mill. This question is significant - when I have questioned the HAHARI and the HARAHA as to their complete panic on the approach of a Govt. party the answer has always been the same - that the PURARI people have told them that the white men <sup>up</sup> come the PURARI for the purpose of killing bushmen. I think there is a grain of truth in it too, it probably helps the TURAHA to keep the HARAHA at arms length. 12 Noon - proceeded up stream. Our average speed now must be in the vicinity of ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> or hour. Passed BEVAN Island at 1.50pm. The URI people have garden clearings seen in the ~~vicinity~~ here. Numerous had ceased whilst towing their own way close in to the launch increased to nearly two miles per hour. .45pm. Since I do not know of any safe anchorage WA-ABE ok. , and, as I cannot reach the lake camp here. the night. Speed of river here 5

Sunday 6th Feb. Many inches of rain during the night - result river up another foot. All sage and gear loaded onto the launch. Canoes sent ahead light, every man with a paddle. Pulled up anchor and steamed off in the wake of the canoes at 7.45am. An excellent haven this EI Ck. Swinging round a very large bend in the river we came upon Gleesen Island, actually there are six Islands and are named ORAMATU ( Gleesen) 2 isls. WAIENEMATU, SOWAHAMATU, ~~WAIENEMATU~~ TOBAHAMATU and SEBIAUMATU. Time 10.15 am. Found V.C. HAWAI here, his people are the TURAHAI the same as those living further up opposite the PIDE Ck. His village consists of one of the HOUSEHOLDS already mentioned. A Rest House is also maintained on ORAMATU, it seems to me that it is superfluous as there is no place nearby to safely anchor a launch. About one hour after leaving ORAMATU we passed another island called WA-ABUMATU, immediately above which is the WA-ABU Ck. Anchored here at 12/10pm. The current is so strong here that the launch, at full speed, was just moving ahead. I am not sure of finding good anchorages further up so shall leave the launch here and proceed by canoe. Very heavy rain during afternoon and night.

Monday 7th. Feb. Since we have too much gear and men for our four canoes I shall have to relay. Canoes loaded I set off leaving the P.O. behind with about a third of our supplies. The canoes will return this afternoon and make the second journey tomorrow. Passed an Island called WEISADIA at about 9am. The stream the PURARI here must be a full 7 knots. Pushing on keeping clear of the island to PIDE Island, and, just above this the PIDE Ck. 10pm. A heavy storm has come over, the rain damped here and sent the canoes back to the WA-ABO PIDE Ck. on the left bank of the PURARI is the large of V.C. HEAI, At Kikeri, some time ago village was a "very big village". Actually house standing on the river bank.



Tuesday 8th. Feb. Very heavy rain fell during the night. Whilst waiting for the P.O. to shew up with the rest of the Party, I set off up the PIDE Ck. Although we paddled many miles nothing of interest was seen. The road through to the ERA River was pointed out to me. I cannot see that it will ever be of much use to us, it would be no quicker than going down the PURARI by canoe, whereas, coming up from the ERA, a party would be stranded upon reaching the PIDE Ck. for lack of canoes. The TURAHA canoes are useless for transport purposes. Returned to TURAHA just in time to see the P.O. and party labouring around the last bend. In view of the swollen state of the PURARI, and also the waste of time taken in relaying, I have decided to cut everything to a minimum, and, with the aid of a couple of local canoes, proceed up river as one party. I shall leave behind camp table, stools, sundry cooking appliances and about half of our tinned rice. By doing thus we were able to get all our supplies into our four big canoes and two of the largest belonging to the villagers. In talking to the V.C. here he mentioned that he had often asked his people to come together and form one big village but that they had refused to do so. It is hard to buy food here, these semi-nomads never have a surplus of food. It is necessary, therefore, for any Patrol passing through these parts to come well provided with food. It would be possible, of course, to stop and make SAGO.

Wednesday 9th. Feb. Left TURAHA shortly after daylight. So swift is the current here that it is impossible to paddle the canoes which must be pulled along the bank by any overhanging foliage which it is possible to grasp. When it is necessary to cross to the other side of the river, which is all too frequent, we have to wait at least a quarter of an hour. Reached the Island of ... as I am far ahead of the others decided to make ... lved shortly after five P.M.

Thursday 10th. Feb. Got away ... The river is up three feet owing to the heavy rain which ... ight. This bodes ill for our journey up stream today ... h MU-AU this afternoon but with this ... there tomorrow.

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Very difficult going, river running like a mill race. One of the TURAHA canoes overturned in a bad place, unfortunately two tins of rice were lost. One native, who was unable to swim, was nearly drowned. Reached the Island of ERIMATU at 3.30pm. Everyone very tired so decided to make camp. With the river in this state there is no hope of making our objective - the MU-AU Ck. today. Received a visit from 10 TURAHA men and two members of the PLOWA tribe during the night. I knew nothing of this till the next day. A PAWAI-IA carrier OMAGA told me next day that V.C. HEAI, who accompanied the party this far, told the PLOWA to clear out or the white men would take their heads. The PLOWA live near the head of the PO River. The result of this "warning" by V.C. HEAI was, that next day when we arrived at a place where the PLOWA people had been visiting the TURAHA, all the PLOWA had fled into the bush. I made an enquiry next day but when the man who was cited as witness learned that trouble was afoot he too fled.

Friday 11th. Feb. Left camp 7.45am. Still raining. On taking a short cut through a small passage we found our way blocked by a fallen tree, spent an hour cutting our way through. Saw several small "Villages" or houses today, all TURAHA, no one visible, I am told they are all away making sage. Came to an Island called IAMATU at 11am. Found a large temporary village here with several natives in occupation - all very frightened. They told us that they had fled here but when they had news of the white men they fled. Just above this Island on the left bank is the village of the PLOWA and our canoes here and pulled them up on the clearing. I saw an Adamsen patrol. Proceeding up the MU-AU about 1 mile we cleared a space on the right bank and established our TURAHA carriers. Our TURAHA carriers could speak to the



HAHARI people West of the HATHOR Gorge. About six pm Lec. A.U. TEI-AU brought to me a man named GIAI from SIRA village above the Gorge. This man proved to be of the utmost value to the patrol, I should strongly advise any future patrol to these parts to seek him out. He acted as guide and adviser all the way to our turning point, constantly going ahead for the purpose of advising the people of our coming and placating them so that they remained in their villages to meet us.

Saturday 12th Feb. Appertiened the loads amongst the carriers.

Recruited two extra men from the TURARA people. These men were very anxious to come along, it seemed to me to be a good chance of their making friends along the route, so I took them. Taking about half of our supplies with the intention of returning in two or three weeks and then setting off in a Westerly direction, we left our base and proceeded up the stoney bed of the MU-AU Ck. After walking along the Ck for about two hours we ascended a steep slope on our right, finding the Mu-AU again further up we carried on to reach the top abot 3.30 pm. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ We now descended the Western slope and made camp in an old garden place called TO-ASA belonging to the SOWAIRA people.

Sunday the 13th. Feb. Left camp after an early breakfast and continued

down the Western slopes of the range. After about an hours travelling we came to a creek called WEIRU, cont along this stream we met half-a-dozen young men of the SOWAIRA tomime and shouting on the part of our friend GIAI arrivals. Upon seeing Lec. A.U. SUMAVE all dou AIRA vanished. I learned that the SOWAIRA dwelt of the TO river, that they all lived in one house being up to visit them they said that it was use the year (the time of th an around in small

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their Annual dance. This dance takes place when the OKARI is full grown and is an initiation ceremony for the young men. CIAI confirmed this statement and added that his people were also away but that he could get most of them back to the village inside of one day. Took a photograph of some of the SOWAIRA men and made them small presents. When I mentioned the matter of a local policeman for Kikori, one man, SURIBEI, with his eyes fixed hungrily on the bundle of axes carried by the returning A.Cs., said yes he would come along, but first he must return to his people in order to bid them goodby. It was arranged that he should meet us later on the MU+AU Ck. We now continued our journey, arriving at the PO river at Iian. Our progress was soon blocked by huge masses of limestone, we therefor ascended a steep incline on our right and continued along the ridge at the top. Made camp on this ridge at 2/30pm. there being no other possible camping place within reach that afternoon. So narrow was the ridge that we had to tie our fly to the trees, there not being sufficient room to erect it in the orthodox manner. The P.O. had the good fortune to shoot a pig - a very welcome change of diet for all hands.

Monday 14th. Feb. Left camp and commenced a gradual descent to the PO riv

Hacked our way through virgin bush and scrambled across landslides where half a mile of mountain had fall' cross our path. It was this same

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and I decided there and then to make the TEBERA people our objective. I also learned of some people who live on a mountain called TAUBE, but, as they were now behind us I decided to leave them till our return. Observing a kind of pulpit arrangement at one end of the inside part of the house, I asked what it was. I was informed as follows. This pulpit, which is three sided and about six feet high - open at the end near the rear door of the house, is used to conceal a trough of water in which is mixed various ingredients. When the dance time comes along the men go behind this screen and drink the concoction, I was told that the young men, or the new men as they were called, become intoxicated and jump around waving their arms in the air, very much to the amusement of the older men. The house at SIRA is a two storied affair. The womens quarters, which are about 6ft. high, are some 25ft. from the ground, immediately on top of this is the mens house, measuring some 15ft. to the ridge pole. No intercourse of any kind is permitted between the sexes whilst in the house. I am told that the women held a similar kind of dance to the men, but seperately and in their own quarters. More to hear what kind of answer I should receive than for any other motive, I asked the men what they thought when they saw an aeroplane. I was told they thought thus- "Ah - There go the owners of all guns and knives", and that they ran off into the bush and hid. The circular nose of the tusks of a bear, it gave quite a fierce and fiercest looking. Sounding beards are used, average 15ft. they are beaten in the center with a round stone. When I gave one old man some salt to eat he exclaimed "Ah - That is good". I was told that the people on the other side of the mountain were precipitating the

go making.



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Wednesday 16th. Feb. Left SIRA with five men to act as guides and who promised to introduce us to the NEIRA and TEBERA people, for, said they, if you go alone or with only one guide you will see no one. We now descended to the PURARI and made our way up the left bank, shortly arriving at a "canoe place", from here the canoe must be taken up stream in order that it may be used to ferry us across higher up. I decided to make the journey in the canoe and to send the P.O. along the bank with the party so that both routes might be observed. I reached the crossing place at about 1.30pm, P.O. and party arrived, on the other bank, at 2pm. All afternoon spent in ferrying men and gear across. Camped just above the river. One tin of rice which got badly dented coming down the PO, had to be thrown away. Heavy rain during the night.

Thursday 17th, Feb. Left camp after a night of heavy rain and followed the right bank of the PURARI for a couple of hours. We now ascended the KA Ck. and climbed a steep incline, arriving at the summit at 2pm. Our guides wished us to camp here saying that there was no suitable ground further on. I decided to push on however. Proceeded along the Western slope of the mountain. The going was terrible, there being no track we scrambled along from root to root. In places half a mile of the mountain side had been laid low by what must have been a tornado, in other places the whole hillside had slid about 100 Yds. Made camp at 3.30pm on a small stoney flat. Two of our guides left in the intention of proceeding us to NEIRA. A fine light breeze freshened with cold.

Friday 18th. Feb. Broke camp and set out at 10am. we met three NEIRA men who took me nearly ten minutes to get to them to shake hands. Managed it however and made a view of Mt RARIMU on top of a small ridge.

bearing approximately 10 degrees to the center of the group. Between us and KARIMUI was the junction of the TURAMI and TU rivers, we could not see the rivers owing to the steepness of the mountains but our guides assured me that the information was correct. So similar is KARIMUI to the Mountains seen from Kikeri, bearing 46 Degrees, that I photographed them with the intention of making further investigations. If they are the same then the MACGREGOR peaks on the Station map will require some accounting for. Arrived at NEIRA about 12/30pm. I entered the single house and found the men, about twentyfive in number, all sitting back in the shadow waiting for me to make the first move, they were all trembling with nervousness. I sat down, and, with the aid of Lec. A.C. KONO endeavoured to make conversation. We got on fairly well, I handed round a few beads and a smoke here and there, the head man was also presented with a small knife. I left the house, so that they might have time to talk it over, and ordered the police to make camp nearby. Later in the afternoon all the men visited us and were very friendly. I was even taken along to the womens quarters and shown the children, after a few beads had been distributed the womenfolk actually hold up the youngsters to be admired. It was a member of this village, a man named GOMIAI, who was shot by A.C. PUGINI some years ago. The son of this man, NAGO by name, was given an axe and suitable expressions of regret were made. The house at NEIRA is similar to that at SIRA except that the womens quarters are of the length of the building. I should put the population at 50. Practically every woman had a child at the time. It is interesting to note that the people on the Eastern bank of the river chew BETEL nut, whilst those on the Western side do not. I saw tongs made from BAMBOO, large ones for lifting fire and small ones used by the natives for eating with. The natives



on the STRICKLAND river .c. Thumb and index finger, and released with a distinct click. During the afternoon several men, both NEIRA and TEBERA, left for TEBERA to warn the people of our approach.

Saturday 19th. Feb. Left NEIRA after a cold but rainless night .

Descending a long ridge we proceeded along what appeared to be the entrance to a large valley. After a little over an hours travelling we came to a river called the SEBE. The SEBE at this point is about 50 ft wide and running over small smooth mud-stones and sand, to a depth of about 12 inches. After following this river for some time we were met by half-a-dozen young men from TEBERA. They bade us sit down whilst a bridge was constructed over a small creek called the HOTSU, for, they said, "If the HOTSU were to wet your feet you would surely die". Proceeding onward we came to another creek called the NOUI, we followed this till it joined the SEBE again. A short distance down the SEBE we came to a single stiered house built about 25ft above the ground. This was the sage village of the TEBERA people. The house measured 60ft. by 18ft. and was packed with people. All the TEBERA people had come there to meet us. The same procedure was gone through as with the NEIRA people. After the people had thawed out they became very friendly and freely mingled with the police and carriers. A fight also took place when one of the SIRA men espied a TEBERA man whom he acc... relation some time back, on the PO river. I inter... talk the matter was settled. Various presents were distr... purchased. Later in the afternoon a deputation requ... ask the police to fire their rifles ( apparently our return... een beasting). I therefor ordered three vo... tree. The effect was terrific. Some of the p... an, whilst some of them remained... hanging open. I think

the sight of that shattered tree will not be forgotten when next some hot blooded spirit suggests raiding. Bought a considerable amount of sago. I managed to persuade two men to come with us to Kikeri as local A.Cs. One from TEBERA and one from NEIRA, they are good specimens, I hope they stay with us. After much questioning I was grudgingly told that a road through to the SARUGI river, or KEUPI as it is called here, existed.

Sunday 20th Feb. Left camp accompanied by the major portion of the TEBERA men. We travelled West, bound for this lake which I had been told existed. Many of the Natives pulled light canoes from places of concealment along the river bank. Having followed the SEBE for an hour we eventually came to a sandy beach, here we embarked in canoes, of which, by this time, there was quite a fleet. We paddled down the easy flowing SEBE, which, in this part, is about 60ft. wide and from 3 to 6 feet in depth, the water is perfectly clear. About two and one half hours after embarking, whilst passing through limitless swamp grass, we ran out <sup>just</sup> ~~passed~~ a fair sized island into the lake itself. After the mountains and muddy streams of the past two weeks the lake appeared a thing of beauty. The surface of the water was still and black like polished jet, the several islands seeming all the more green by virtue of the contrast, whilst to the North and South long hills shielded the surface of the lake from the prevailing winds. The piping of many ducks engaged in a mere material satisfaction in the near future. I appreciate the size of the Lake to be about 4 miles long by 1 mile wide. Taken on the following day show the depth to be from 10 to 15 or eight fathoms, being deepest at the Western end. The Lake from the East, Excepting for seepage there is no outlet. I



have given the lake the name of TEBERA - called after the tribal name of the people who dwell there. Just opposite to the mouth of the SEBE is a small island upon which is built the only two houses of the Lake people. Many of the small steep points running down to the waters edge have been cleared and are used as gardens. A sketch of the lake, together with some photographs, is submitted with this report. The houses of the Lake people are 60ft. long by 18ft wide, they are built 3ft. off the ground with bark walls and a Biri roof of the upturned boat type. The canoes are shell like affairs with an upturned lip at each end, the paddles are long with a narrow blade, solid construction, but extremely light. Nothing extraordinary was observed with regard to the Natives themselves. Camped near a sage patch on the right bank of the SEBE.

Monday 21st. Feb.

All carriers and most of the police making sage.

Mr P.O. Ethell and myself set off in a couple of canoes armed with cameras and a rope and lead line. We circumnavigated the lake then paddled across its major and minor axes taking soundings all the way. There is a considerable area of swamp at each end of the lake and a lot of weed in the more shallow portions at the Eastern end. The Western end is deep and free from weed. The six or seven hundred foot hills which border the lake on the North and South run sheer down into the water. The hills decrease in and less height to the East and West. We were lucky enough to shoot some duck. No tendency of birds in any direction was observed although tests were made in all directions. Returned to our camp where we were greeted by millions of birds. Enough sage for five days had been made. One car was made.

Tuesday 22nd Feb.

Sent carriers

to go after daylight to walk

through the swamps to the TEBERA

at later, by canoe,

having waited for films to be

sent place ahead of the

carriers

The sick man was transported right to the sage village, by a small canoe, which could negotiate the upper reaches of the river. After the arrival of the carriers we all marched along the river bank, reaching the village about 1pm. Sick man quite unable to walk so made camp here for the night. As we are now going to travel over the mountains to the South to the HAHARI country our Local A.Cs expressed a desire to leave in the morning, and go back by the way we came. I paid them for their extra services in trade.

Wednesday 23 Feb. Our four ex Locals and friend GIAI left early this morning for the PURAKI - or the TIC as these people prefer to call it. The patrol left in the wake of the ex Locals except that we struck up towards the South. Following a creek called the NOU we ascended a considerable hill called ORAMINI. On the other side of this hill we came to a small stream called the BIRI, this we followed till 4 in the afternoon, when we made camp. Two carriers collapsed today. The police carried their loads.

Thursday 24th. Feb. Stayed in camp all day. Three carriers have every symptom of Pneumonia. Unable to make sage as there is none in the locality. Many of the carriers had had falls yesterday.

Friday 25th. Feb. Carriers a little better today. Decided to push on allowing the sick men to travel with a load proceeding in a Southerly direction we crossed a hill called BORD, on the top of the Magregor Peaks. At the bottom of this hill is the BORD a raging torrent - Two hours of strenuous effort were required to get a sapling across onto a large rock in the middle, without serious mishap. Having crossed the BORD we now went up a steep hill, whilst this hill I saw a large rock left - I am sure it



o river - probably the real Magregor Peaks. Descending this latter hill we arrived at the KEURI. This river is marked on the Divisional map as the SARUGI and is referred to by me on my last visit here as the KORI, I think KEURI is the correct name and shall continue to call it thus. Made camp on the North bank of the Keuri. Carriers up to the old trick of throwing away part of their load - sage arrived in camp 25 per-cent short. I had brought two TEBEMA men with me from the LAKE to act as guides across the hills and also because they said they could speak the HAHARI language. These men now suggested that they leave early in the morning to go ahead and warn the WHIMA HARI of our approach. I agreed to this. We should remain in camp tomorrow and nurse the sick.

Saturday 26th Feb. Two lake men left camp at daylight. Did what we could for the sick men - one has a temp. of 106.2.

Sunday 27th Feb. No sign of our guides, and, in addition to which, our two Local A.C. recruits have left us. We are now without guides and our sole interpreter is more dead than alive. Left camp and pushed on up the whima which entered the KEURI just opposite our camp. Wandered around in the bush and on the river bed for the best part of the day finally arriving at the site of the former WHIMA HARI village 3pm. Two years ago this was a large village, today there is nothing. As is the fashion with these people, when their village is discovered by foreigners, they leave it and go elsewhere, or split up. Five carriers now sick - all Upper PURARI men. As it is only one long day to the WAI CK from here I shall pack the whole five of them off tomorrow.

Monday 28th. Feb. Gave the sick men a knife also sufficient for their journey and and their way home. We are now without guides or an interpreter. Nevertheless I intend to push on into the NOWATE valley and get in touch with the HAHARI tribes. ~~Some~~ carriers. e. P.O. with some police made a fast trip finding some

Trace of the departed WHIMA people. They returned about dusk having found a small but deserted village.

Tuesday 1st. March. Leaving the police fly erected and packing therein every possible thing which we could do without, we left the WHIMA to find our way into the NOWATE Valley. I had been in before so had one of our carriers. Before leaving camp we tied adequate payment for the sago we had cut to a piece of sago bark. We lost our way almost immediately so I started the police cutting a compass course which must eventually bring us to the KEURI. After some stiff going we arrived at the KEURI in the afternoon. Crossed the KEURI without much trouble and made camp on the Northern bank.

Wednesday 2nd March. Left camp and again more delay whilst tracks were cut which must bring us to the SAMIA river. Reached the SAMIA somewhere about 10am. and started up in a direction slightly North of West. Carried on up the SAMIA - we were afraid to leave it for fear of losing the track - all day. I gave the word to make camp at 3.30pm as everyone had had about enough. The hot boulders and no breeze made the place like a furnace. Passed one of my former camps at about noon. More misfortune attended us this afternoon when one of our best carriers - a KIWAI named ABIAMABU - nearly cut his leg off with an 18 inch knife. The goring wound was drawn together as best as possible and the flesh stitched up with a needle and cotton, the P.O. did the work and made a right good job of it.

Thursday 3rd March. Quite impossible to move on with the KIWAI in this condition, he has a high temp and is suffering from shod. Sent scouts out to hunt for tracks. Also had the carriers bring our sago supplies up to the greatest possible amount we could transport. Scouts arrived back at dusk reporting a road



Friday 4th. March. Strapped the KIWAIs leg as firmly as possible, and leaving him to follow with a policeman we set off on the track discovered yesterday. Track led us down to the SAMIA again, however, we carried on over boulders and rocks till we reached another of my former camp sites about 3pm. Made camp here - KIWAI arrived in about an hour later.

Saturday 5th. March. Left camp and proceeded up river for about ~~an~~ an hour. We then ascended a ridge running N.W. The track which appeared good at first gradually got worse till at the end of the day it looked as it had not been used for years. We kept hacking away till, at about 4pm, we arrived at the site of an old village.

Made camp here. The day was notable only for the large outcrops of coal seen whilst passing along the South West slope of the mountain.

Sunday 6th. March. Left camp very early and without lighting any fires. Still cutting our way we reached the small creek which runs through the Valley in a Westerly direction. Shortly after striking the creek we came upon two bushmen, they vanished immediately. We spread out in an endeavour to intercept them, but to no avail.

Camped on top of a ridge somewhere at the Eastern end of the valley.

Monday 7th March. Left camp and set out in an Easterly direction, we became lost almost immediately. Sent out three parties with instructions to report back as soon as they found a track. Corporal reported back about two hours later that he had found a track leading to a sage patch in which some men and women were working. I set off immediately, leaving a couple of policemen and some carriers to await the P.O. who was to climb a tree. We passed through the sage patch without incident and continued along a ridge and over some broken ground although we saw signs of people everywhere, not

Twice the police were within actual reach of a man or woman, and, although signs of peace were made the Natives fled in panic, casting away arms, food, or whatever they had in hand. We camped on top of a small hill where we could get a good sight down the valley. I saw several very steep peaks at the South Western end of the Valley which, I feel sure, are the CRUMMER peaks. They, the peaks, were about eight miles distant. Very heavy rain fell this night - I begin to feel uneasy about the state of the rivers for our return journey.

Tuesday 8th March. After marching for about an hour we came to some large gardens in a small valley. The hills on either side were cleared almost to the top where a large house was built - one on each side of the valley. Needless to say all signs of human habitation pointed to flight. Literally thousands of arrows and many other kinds of weapon were found inside the houses. We passed on to come to another similar village about a mile further West - also vacated. Pushing on we surprised some people in a sago swamp, and, although we called out to them, they fled. We now became lost in a maze of tracks, where before we could find no tracks, now; we found too many. Continuing on in a Western direction we made camp in a clearing close to another vacated village. By this time I was in hourly expectation of an attack. It seemed hardly possible that so many people would leave everything without some show of resistance, particularly since they had such a bad name amongst the other Natives. During the day our new recruit HAVE from SIRA ran after one of the HARAHU (HAVE had not yet learned discipline) with the intention of catching him, he was met with a well flung spear which pierced his jumper.

Wednesday 9th. March. Divided the police into two parties. One to go back over our tracks, the other, to move further WEST in the hope of making contact with some. All returned during the afternoon having drawn a blank. The other, reported more villages to the West.

Thursday 10th. March Continue in the same direction with the P.O. and the fastest of the party scouring the country as we go. Although we passed through gardens and small villages we saw no sign of life. Made camp at the top of a small hill.



Ethell arrived into camp at dusk having spent the most of the afternoon sliding and slipping over limestone boulders. He reported signs but did not see any one. Several times today we have arrived at a place ~~where~~ where an outpost had been watching our movements, he had fled at our ~~approach~~ approach obviously to warn his comrades. That these people are not far away I know - for they have no where else to go. We shall never get in touch with them till we can speak to them first, or, better still, find a go-between who will faithfully carry our messages. To press these people farther West into the Broken limestone ridges, where ~~the~~ water is scarce and food scarcer, is to court hostilities and probably bloodshed. I feel it is better to come away peacefully, leaving payment for what we have taken, and to come back again better equipped for the job in hand, than to march out triumphantly dragging a couple of unwilling recruits. I suggest, with deference, that the only way to make friends with these people of the NOWATE valley, the HARAHU, is to go into the valley and sit down for probably a few months until they became accustomed to us. Then, and only then, could we hope to move about amongst them. Our time being nearly up - it will be nearly eight weeks when we return to Kikori - I have decided to retrace our steps. We shall make sago tomorrow then start back the following day.

Friday 11th. March. Making sago. Heavy storm from the S.E.

Saturday 12th. March. Left camp and set off back up the valley. Marks shew that we have been watched all the time. Payment for sago was left in the village. Having a fresh track to follow we did three days stages before making camp at 5pm. Everyone dead tired. What a relief to know where one is going. Instead of hunting round for tracks, holding up the whole column for sometimes an hour at a time.

Sunday 13th. March. Proceeding East we on our old site on the edge of the valley. Self almost crippled v t appears to be a m sprained back.

Monday 14th. March. Leaving the they we ascend to the headwaters of the SAMIA, and, after following for a couple of hours, camped on one of our old sites.

Tuesday 15th March. Deten ery rough going. A.C. behind to recover AINA collapsed on the trac

Made camp at 2pm. A.C. AINA arrived in a couple of hours later assisted by another A.C. This patrol has been remarkable for the number of casualties, practically everyone has been out of action at some time or another.

Wednesday the 16th March. A.C. AINA down with a temperature of 106.2. Put the carriers to making sago. For once the PURARI carriers excelled.

Thursday 17th. March. Moved off down the SAMIA. AINA very weak, staggering along in the rear of the party supported by another A.C. Crossed the KEURI at about 1/30pm. and ascended another river running S.W., name unknown. Camped at the foot of the line of hills separating the WHIMA from the KEURI. Most of the country here appears to run SE and N.W. row after row of steep limestone ridges.

Friday 18th. March. Ascended the ridge above our camp, and after descending the Southern slope arrived at the WHIMA again at 11/30am. Found all our gear intact but the pay we had left for the sago had been removed, a good sign but disheartening to think that these people are close and yet resist all attempts to become friendly. Had a swim in the river, some lunch, then set off to climb the hill so aptly named SORO. According to the P.O. there was nearly a mutiny at the rear of the party, everyone was feeling tired and SORO went straight up. Eventually reached the top where we made our camp for the night.

Saturday 19th. March. Broke camp and crossed the flat top of SORO. We now descended the Southern slopes to reach the HEM PAU Ck. at about 10/30am. Proceeding down the PAU we reached the WAI about 1pm. We now stumbled over the hot stones of the WAI Ck for another four hours to arrive at the PURARI at 5PM. So tired were my feet on reaching the PURARI that I walked into the River and the last few hundred yards to our camp site.

Sunday 20th March. Making rafts.

Monday 21st March. Three rafts having been constructed we set off in the early morning. Arrived at the MU-AU Ck about 10am after experiencing difficulties generally encountered whilst rafting. The old man entrusted the HEM safety of our supplies had everything was in



splendid order. To my amaze and delight our man SURIBEI from the PO river had turned up and was waiting for us. We quickly launched our canoes and loaded them, then, after paying our old friend for locking after our gear, set off down the broad PURARI. We arrived at the TIDE Ck. about 3pm. Having left plenty of tinned food here on our way up, we were able to enjoy the first real meal for many days. We had been living on tea and sago lately. It was a pleasant thought to turn in to bed with the knowledge that there were no more mountains between us and Kikori.

Tuesday 22nd March. Canoeing down the PURARI.

Wednesday 23rd, March. Proceeding down the PURARI we entered the BABOI river and arrived at the Sawmill about dusk. Camped at EVERA. The best Rest House I have ever slept in.

Thursday 24th. March. Left EVERA and set off for Kikori. Met the MINNETONKA at the ERA River ( I had radioed for her from the mill). With expressions of thankfulness we climbed aboard and took the canoes in tow, arrived Kikori 8pm.

Before closing this report I should like to place on record the excellent manner in which Mr Ethell P.O. carried out his duties.

.....A.R.M.

# PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER  
No. 12 of  
37/38

KIKORI, D.D. STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by C.H.Karius, A/R.M.D.D. to  
Fort Romilly Sawmill & ERA Rvr, Dist. for the purpose of  
To interview C.Chambers at Port Romilly on behalf of Queensland Taxation  
Dept.  
To pay out wages to next of kin of deceased native labourers & general.

Left Station on 7/3/38 Returned to Station on 8/3/38  
Number of Carriers employed \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Police taken 4  
Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Minnetonka", C.H.Karius  
Villages visited EVARA, AIME, GIGORI, RAVIWANA, IMEI-A and BAWI.

- (1) Unless the patrol is a regular routine patrol in a long-settled district a sketch map of the district patrolled should accompany the report, showing, as nearly as possible, the positions of the places visited and a copy is to be made for filing on the station.
- (2) In the body of the report the name of the village should be followed by the name of the V.C. The number of houses and the population, as nearly as possible, should also be stated. The customs of the natives should as much as possible be noted and reported.
- (3) The Patrol Report is to be enclosed in this jacket, which, properly filled in, is to be sent to the Government Secretary immediately after each patrol.
- (4) The space below is not to be written in.
- (5) The cost of the patrol must be shown on the back, in the space provided.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 11th. March, 1938, 193

C.H. Karius A/R.M.1  
Officer in charge of Station



Patrol Report No. 12 of 37-38.

Kikori, D.D.

by

G. H. Karius, A/R.M.D.D.

Object of Patrol. To interview C. Chambers at Romilly Sawmill and obtain certain information for Taxation Dept. Queensland. To visit Era Rvr. Villages and pay out wages to next of kin D.N/Labourers.

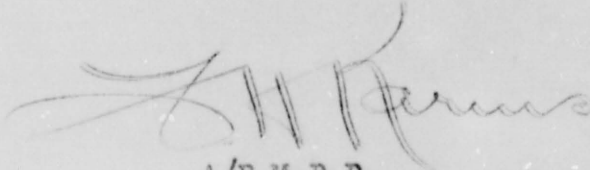
7/3/38 Left Kikori per "Minnetonka" 8.30.a.m., running straight through to Romilly Sawmill, arriving 6.30.p.m.

8/3/38. Interviewed Mr. C. Chambers at the Sawmill. A son of the W.R. Chambers about whom the taxation department making enquiries. Held Court for Native Matters at EVARA Village. Continued on down the Wame Rvr to the Timber Camp. All in order here. Left a further ten days rations by which time the required number of logs will have been cut and hauled.

At 9.45.a.m. on the move for Era Rvr. District. Arrived AIME Vill., V.C.BID, 3.00.p.m. Made enquiries for next of kin of several deceased native labourers and left word for them to report during the afternoon at IMBI-A Village. Ran on to SIGORI and left the same instructions there and then on to IMBI-A, anchoring at 4.30.p.m.

9/3/38 At IMBI-A until 9.00.a.m. Various matters for attention.

Paid out money to next of kin of deceased N/Labourers. Moved on to BAWI Village Gopi Dist. Anchored here for two hours. Attended to various native matters and purchased one ton of sago. At 1.00.p.m. up anchor and ran through to Kikori arriving 6.00.p.m. All in order on the station.

  
A/R.M.D.D.





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Patrol Officer A.L. Ethell

Kikori, D.D.

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Instructions - Patrol No. 15 of 27/38.

You will make arrangements to leave on patrol on Wednesday the 6th inst., on a visit to all the inland villages on the upper OMAI Rvr. across to the Kikori Rvr., and back to the Furara Rvr.

The general outline of the route to be followed is as follows but may be varied according to circumstances and your own judgment.

The launch "Minnotoka" will be made available to transport you and your gear to IBA Creek on the Omai. Make arrangements for two canoes to assist in the transport of your prisoner carriers. These canoes can be used for the transport of your party up IBA Creek. Two porters should be employed with each of the canoes, to act as a crew to return the canoes when finished with. Canoes to be paid for at the rate of 2 sticks of tobacco per day each, the crew the same payment.

The IBA Village Policeman will be found useful as guide and interpreter. Suggest you take him on the round trip.

From IBA travel through SARI, FURI, KIRUARA, following the route closest to the Kikori Rvr. to NAWARA and then on to the Kikori to the MBI Junction. If on arrival there you content natives well and good but it is not proposed to patrol the MBI this trip.

On return come through SOSOGA and UERO and again to NAWARA and then taking the road nearer the FURARA branch off towards SHUMORA through KIWARI to FURARA, down FURARA to Creek opposite LOSKE village then across country to MURU, KIBINI, BIBINI and GINTAKI. From this point you can send word to MALIA for canoes to bring you through to Kikori. KIKORI

The patrol is of a useful nature to the last patrol inland which you did in company with Mr. Foldi L.M. and the object is same, i.e. the establishment of friendly relations with these

inland people. The Native Regulations are but very slightly understood by these people and their observance is to be encouraged rather than enforced.

Keep a firm hand on police and carriers. Looting, in villages temporarily abandoned is a favourite practice and must be checked. Do not let them occupy any houses without the consent of the owners. If the owners are absent, the party must erect flys and shelters.

There are two V.C. - MATOKORO and KITOWI - these men have not been to Kikori for more than three years. Their pay awaits them here. If possible bring them in, but do not do so if it seems likely the action will upset the district.

It is estimated the patrol will take about five weeks, six at the most. Rations should be taken accordingly.

A study of previous patrol reports will give you useful information and Mr. Foldi, A.R.M. can also help you in this respect.

The following police will accompany you on the patrol.

A.C. KATVARI

.. KOKI

.. UGANA

.. LULUMANA

.. GILEVA

Local KAKIVE

An effort should be made to obtain two or three recruits for the Local Squad of A.Cs. These to be recruited from the more isolated districts.

If there are any matters on which you have doubts do not hesitate to ask for advice or information.

A/R.M.D.B.



R.M's Office

Kikori, D.D.

6/4/38

MEMO

The Patrol Officer

Kikori, D.D.

List of Prisoner Carriers for Patrol No. 13.

12122.	IVA-A WARI	of APIRAVI
12123.	KEKE KAIRI	KOIRAVI
12128	PIRIKA KOIVI	ONOPORAVI
12129	KOIVI AKIA	do
12131	KUMA AUWA	KAURAVI
12132	ARAU AUWA	do
12133	AVIA KAIRI	do
12134	KAIRI KAURO	do
12135	AUWERI AUWA	do
12136	PIRIKA KAIRI	do
12137	KOIVI MAMA	do <del>XXXX</del>
12140	MAIRAU ARAU	do
12158	AVAI KEMO-O	do
12184	ORERI AVAU	do
12185	KORIKI MAUA	do
12186	AUWA KO-UHO	do
12188	EVARA OMARO	do
12189	KAIRI MIRAI	do
12191	KAURAVI   KO-KHIVIRA	do
12192	KAI-EIA KAIRI	do
12193	INAUA KOIVI	do
12194	KOIVI IOMU	do
12195	BEO BIKIAI	do
12196	KAIRI AKEMA	do
12197	API KAIRI	do
12198	MAMA KAIRI	API RAVI
12234	KAIRI KAIVIRA	KAURAVI

A Total of 27 Prisoners.

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Patrol No. 13 of 1937-38

By

Arthur L. Ethell, P.O.

To

The Inland villages lying between the TURAMA and Upper KIKORI Ri's  
and EMA the villages on the HAUWOI Ri..

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Object of Patrol. The establishment of friendly relations with the  
inland people.

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To the A/R.M., D.D.

In accordance with the instructions received from  
you dated 4/4/38, I beg to report as follows:-

Wednesday, April 6th. Accompanied by A.C's UGANA, KORI, KAIVARI,  
LULUMANA, and GILEVA, the party left the station in the "MINNITONKA"  
at 10-45 a.m.. Two canoes had been hired to transport the prisoner-  
carriers to the SABUMI CK., Upper OMATI Riv., and with these being  
towed behind the launch, we made a pretty good run through to the  
OMATI Riv., via A-A Ck., arriving at an old camp site of the I.E.C  
some distance upstream from the villages of PAI-IA-A. I did not go  
down to the above village to arrange for canoes to transport the  
party home from GIHITERI, as the tide was against us, and it was fair-  
ly late when we turned into the OMATI.

Camp No. 1 I.E.C. Camp, Omati River.

Thursday, April 7th. Broke camp and left the anchorage at 7.00 a.m.,  
and proceeded up the OMATI. The tide against us, and with the drag of  
the carrier-laden canoes behind, the launch was only making about  
three knots against the current. A couple of miles upstream from the  
mouth of the UIA Ck., we approached a Kombati, and the GIHITERI V.C.,  
GEWAHI, came out in a canoe to the launch. After a short yarn to him  
we pushed on, and after passing the mouth of the UTI Ck. at 11.40 p.m.,  
we arrived ten minutes later at the old I.E.C. OMATI Base Camp, a  
hundred yards upstream from the junction of the SABUMI Ck, and the OMATI  
Put carriers and police ashore here, and after lunch went up the river  
to the mouth of the AHATI, then on up the creek by canoe to the village



of IBA. (V.C. KEVARI). Found the village deserted except for one Councillor and two other old men. The V.C., who speaks several dialects and is a useful man to anyone patrolling in this district, is at present up in the back country with some of the I.E.C. men who are making their way overland from the TURAMA to the OMATI. Asked where all the village people were, and I was told that they have all split up and gone to live on KOMBATIS and in small two or three-men villages. Returned to the launch, and on the way met Ex.-Local A.C. MAIBU of IBA. Another good man. He willingly agreed to guide the party through to the IKOBI and DIKIMA country, and taking him on board the launch returned to camp. A.C.'S. KORI and KAIVARE were dispatched during the afternoon to find two or three more canoes. I have only two medium sized canoes, and as I am told it is a three hour journey up the SABUMI, I want to avoid relaying at all costs. The two A.C.'s reported back shortly after dark with two more large canoes.

Camp No. 2, I.E.C. Base Camp, Omati River.

Friday April 8th. A very heavy fog this morning. Broke camp early, and after giving the "MINNITONKA'S" crew instructions to proceed to PAI-IA-A and arrange for canoes to transport me home from GIHITERI in six weeks time, the party turned up the SABUMI Ck, the winding course of which we followed until arriving at the IBA-SARI road at 11.00a.m.. Passed the new village of KEBARIA (three men here, migrants from IBA) shortly after turning into the SABUMI. The limestone noticed on the trip up the creek rather astonished me; the outcrops were very scattered, and in several places along either bank isolated knobs towered a hundred feet above us, broken and crumbling, rising sheer from the water's edge and being only forty yards at the base.

Lost no time in apportioning the loads among the carriers and after paying for the use of the IBA canoes, I sent the two canoes hired at the station back to KIKORI and set out. Lunched beside a dry creek, and at 2.30 came out onto the SABUMI again. Here I was surprised to find that the limestone was of a dark grey colour, and piled in huge heaps of ~~ELIA~~ slate-like formation. Spelled here, and moving on followed the course of the creek upstream, walking being excellent on the smooth bitumen-like surface. Leaving the river we

ascended what I termed "THE GIANT'S STAIRCASE", a succession of long narrow ledges running to a height of about thirty feet above the creek, then branching off in a N.W. direction crossed the SABUMI again near the source, and finally arrived at SARI 4.45 p.m.. The village consists of one dubu, the population being about nine, head man IOMO; people originally came from IBA village. Had a yarn to the village people (two men from the new village of IWEBI also here) and learned that V.C. MATAKORA of SOSOG has given his uniform and book to KEVARI of IBA. From these people I managed to obtain the story of IRUWAKI, their chief god; the tale is related how IRUWAKI, being dissatisfied with life on this earth, one day leapt aloft and built his house in the clouds. (The ground beneath his aerial home is ~~scattered~~ scattered with large stones and is known as "IRUWAKI'S LATRINE").

Some years later he fought with another man of the old village of KERAKARE, and after killing his opponent, IRUWAKI returned to the clouds taking with him two of the village women and one piccanniny. Years of war followed, but at last the inevitable Govt. Officer arrived on the scene, pitched things up, and the people have been friendly with their IRUWAKI and his off-spring ever since. According to the two IWEBI men I met here, it was acting on the advice of their god that the ~~men~~ men under IBATAKWI and IAKATO left the old village of KERAKARE and founded their new village on the ~~EX~~ Latrine.

The road today has been excellent. The only limestone ~~bed~~ encountered was in isolated patches, sometimes as much as 100 yds. apart.

Camp No. 3 SARI Village.

Saturday April 9th. A heavy mist early, and the morning bitterly cold. Broke camp and left 7.15 a.m., and after one spell came to a place called by the natives IARU. Here the road takes a bend round the shoulder of a hill, and on the corner the track is only eighteen inches wide. On the right the hill rises sheer, and on the left the ground falls away into a hole some seventy feet deep, almost circular in shape, and about twenty feet in diameter at the top. A nasty place.



Continued on from here, and arrived SURI noon. V.C.  
KAWTI away, but I found the IBA V.C, KEVARI here. He has<sup>been</sup> with Messrs.  
Ross and Stack of the I.E.C. for some time, and as he was on his way  
back to his village I immediately procured his services in addition  
to IXE. MAIBU.

SURI is situated on the crest of a small hill at the  
south-eastern end of a small valley, said valley ringed by low hills.  
Plenty of food here-- coconuts, sago, kaima, taro, New Guinea cabbage etc.  
Road today quite good. Odd patches of limestone, but it seems to end  
as suddenly as it begins. No continuity of the formation, and each  
outcrop seems to differ in strata from the previous one.

Inspected police, issued oil, 4x2 etc, and inspected the  
carriers for cuts.

Camp No. 4 Suri village, BARIGAI.

Sunday, April 10th. Left Camp No. 4 early, and following the road in  
a N.W. direction descended into the valley. The road excellent, and in  
places we were walking breast-high in crotons and tropical wild-flowers.  
At 9.00 a.m. we stopped at a small creek, TUWARE for a spell, and ten  
minutes after pushing on passed a low limestone high-- the first encounte  
ed this morning-- which KEVARI told me was SIRIKIVA, marking the north-  
ern boundary of the SURI country. A few hundred yards past this place  
we crossed a deep crevice some fifty feet deep, thirty yards long, and  
four feet wide which the natives call IOWAMA. The next limestone encount-  
ered was when we were within half a mile of KEMERUA, when we came out on-  
to a long formation similar to that of the SABUMI, with a small stream  
running through a ~~small~~ cleft in the centre. This place is called IOWO.  
Leaving this we climbed 200 feet up through a place which reminded me  
strongly of pictures I have seen of the works of the Ancient DRUIDS  
in Ireland, and the curious triliths of Stonehenge. The stones were  
piled in similar fashion, one supported by two on three, the formation  
being mostly slabs of greyish stone. Passages and caverns everywhere,  
giving the place the appearance of a veritable "rabbit-warren". The  
hill is known as IOWCDOWI.

On arriving at the crest of the hill we turned sharply to the left, crossed a deep chasm spanned by a crazy bridge, and ascended another knoll to the village of KEMERUA. Same consists of two long Dubus; thirteen men here. Councillor BEMU. From here a good view is obtained of the surrounding country. It appears flat, with a low range of hills to the south west, but the natives say that the country between the village and the hills is very rough and broken.

Spent the afternoon talking to the people.

Camp No. 5 KEMERUA village.

Monday, April 11th. Left KEMERUA early. The heavy rain last night made walking unpleasant, the road being either bog or slippery stones. At 8.30 arrived at a place called MOIDOWI, the waters of which are the headwaters of a tributary of the KIKORI River. The ~~KAKAKIX~~ stream is four feet wide, a foot deep, and flows out of a cavern in the hillside. Went into the cave with a torch for some thirty feet, but saw on turning a corner that further progress was blocked by a point where the roof and floor almost converged, the water literally squeezing itself out of the narrow opening. Judging by the sound of the water splashing beyond this point, there must be a considerable fall of water into another cavern larger than the one I was in. Subsequent investigations on the hill above elicited no success, though water could be faintly heard running somewhere below.

Passed through the old site of KERAKARE village, and shortly after came out onto the ground known as IRUWAKI'S LATRINE. Here the guides pointed out to me the two ~~KREEE~~ knobs on which IRUWAKI's people lived, and passing these arrived at a long clearing some four acres in area which is the sacred ground of IWEBI. Found V.C. KAWTI of SURI here.

Learnt from these people that chief BOIMABU, who for years led his FOI-I people in raids on the DIKIMA is not dead but is at present at the village of ~~KEKETA~~ on the MUBI, and his son, CITOBU, is at present V.C. of the above village. Also learned that there are some people in a village called IUXU, close to KEMERUA. However, as this place



is within easy distance of SUSUWORA, I do not intend to turn back from here. KEVARI says that the IUKU people have not been visited to date by either the Govt. or the I.E.C..

Spent the afternoon talking to the people, exchanged trade for food, and attended to several carriers who have bad feet.

Camp No. 6. IWERI village.

Tuesday, April 12th. In the few short years I spent roaming round the outback country of Queensland and New South Wales, ISIX I've experienced many bad thunder storms, but none so terrific as the one which broke about ten o'clock last night and continued unabated for over two hours. It was rather amusing to see the village people. One deputation turned up at the tent and requested me to repair to the Dubu, for, they said, if I stopped out in the storm I should surely die. They told me that IRUWAKI was angry because a white man had pitched his tent on his ground, and the best thing I could do would be quit the fly and seek shelter in their own house, where I would at least be safe. I gravely explained to them, however, that the power of the Govt. was greater than that of any of their gods, and that I would stay put. It was funny to see their faces when I awoke safe and sound this morning. I probably would have been much better off in the Dubu, because during the storm the top fly was almost blown away from its moorings during the night. Also felt a slight earth tremor at 9.25 p.m..

Left the IWERI people still gaping in amazement at 8.15; road swampy after the rain last night. Twenty minutes after leaving came to a small stream, DAWAKARI, pouring itself out of a rock, PAMU, and a few minutes passed another stream, KASURU. From here the road led over broken limestone until we were within half an hour of IAHO; deep clefts and chasms in the stone, covered by a deceptive mat of leaves and sticks made us travel warily. Passed the tree ABAI, and after walking up and down over slippery ledges of limestone, descended into a place called WAIMAWU. Climbed 100 feet out of this pit, and entered the village of IAHO. The people of this village once lived at ISIX ISISIRUBERI (Shown on the Divisional map as SUSURABERA), the site of which we passed

at 10.00 a.m., but abandoned it some years ago for the present site. Ten men living here with their wives and families, and the village consists of one long Dubu and a barracks of sorts for any visitors who may chance to come this way. Head man KEMA, Councillor FOIVI. The latter has been with the early patrols to the FOI-I country, but is now too old to travel far. His son, however, knows the FOI-I people, and is a good guide for the trip. Has consented to take me into the DIKIMA country after which I have persuaded him to accompany me back to KIKORI in order to prove to the people that those who go to KIKORI do not die on the way back, as they seem to think. This man, KAWOSSA, is evidently of some authority in the village, and as there is no V.C. here or in his district, I beg to suggest that he be made a V.C., KAWOSSA also says that he knows two more villages that have not yet been seen by the white man, SAWEDOWI and TAWEMAI-IU, and has consented to take me there. He says he knows the people.

Spent the afternoon yarning with the people, bought sago for the carriers, and dressed out feet.

Camp No. 7

Wednesday, April 13th. Left IAHO 7.15 a.m., and travelling in a S.S.W. direction passed AWEFUI Ck, at eight o'clock. From IAHO there is another road ~~IAKIDIA~~ closer to the KIKORI Riv. leading to NAWAGERA, but as my guides told me that this latter was old and had not been used for years, I abandoned the idea of making NAWAGERA my base, and headed for the more central village of SUSUWORA.

Shortly after passing AWEFUI we came to a place scattered with large boulders, on the biggest of which, SESEBI, travelling natives are in the habit of sharpening their knives and axes. An hour later we came out onto a small creek, FIUWA, the bed of which was of the flat grey limestone. This gradually gave way to sharp broken stones which played havoc with the feet of the carriers, but ended where the creek flows out of a big limestone cave. Spelled here, and soon after starting encountered a long stretch of creamy stone which continued in a gradual slope to the village.

SUSUWORA consists of two Dubus built some



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Kikori, D.D.

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MEMO

The Patrol Officer

Kikori, D.D.

List of Prisoner Carriers for Patrol No. 15.

12122.	IVA-A WARI	of	APIRAVI
12123.	KEKE KAIRI		KOIRAVI
12128	PIMIKA KOIVI		ONOPORAVI
12129	KOIVI AKIA		do
12131	KUMA AUWA		KAURAVI
12132	ARAU AUWA		do
12133	AVIA KAIRI		do
12134	KAIRI KAURO		do
12135	AUWERI AUWA		do
12136	PIRIKA KAIRI		do
12137	KOIVI MAMA		do
12140	NAIRAU ARAU		do
12153	AVAI KORO-O		do
12184	ORERE AVAU		do
12185	KOREKI MAMA		do
12186	AUWA KO-URO		do
12188	EVARA OMARO		do
12189	KAIRI MIRAI		do
12191	KAURAVI   KO-KHIVIRI		do
12192	KAI-TEA KAIRI		do
12193	IMAU KOIVI		do
12194	KOIVI IOMU		do
12195	BHO BIKIAI		do
12196	KAIRI AKIMA		do
12197	API KAIRI		do
12198	MAMA KAIRI		API RAVI
12234	KAIRI KAIVIRA		KAURAVI

A Total of 27 Prisoners.

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two hundred yards apart. Thirteen men here. Thanks to Mr. Bensted, who was in here last year, a decent barracks has been erected, and it was quite a change to sleep under a dry roof instead of a leaking fly.

This village marks the limit of the KASERE people; north of here are the IKOBI villages, and further on the territory of the DIKIMAS. Learnt here that IUKU is not a village at all, but the name of the people who live in the two villages of SAWEDOWI and TAWEMAI-JU. The head man of SUSUWORA is BAHU, the Councillor SUMUNU. One boy from here, BOSONO, has asked to be taken to KIKORI as a Local A.C.

The people encountered to date are a branch of the KASERE tribe, IBA and SARI calling themselves IOSSA, EURI, IWEBI, KEMERUA, IAHO and SUSUWORA being known as BARISAI.

Camp No 8.

Thursday, April 14th. A terrific storm last night, even worse than the one we had at IWEBI. As a result of the deluge, did not leave camp until after nine o'clock. Left quite a fair swag of gear in charge of the Councillor, who assured me that it would be quite all right, and I readily believed him. Past experience with bushmen has taught me that although some of them might take a delight in murder and fighting, they do not steal.

For the first hour the road led through a swamp, then after crossing numerous small streams that send their waters down to the OMATI through innumerable tunnels, we ascended a broken limestone ridge, and descending, came to where the waters of the WAN WANRO Cr. thunder out of a low tunnel on their way down to the KIKORI. This ground known as BUBERI.

After a spell here we passed over rough and extremely broken limestone with deep crevices and streams running in all directions, until we arrived at WISORO at 11.00 a.m.. One old house here, built in a clearing on the crest of a high hill, the head man being HEARU, of the old village of DEWATUI, close to SUSUWORA. Only three old men living here, and two younger ones who seem to have no fixed place of abode.

Looking to the north-east from here, a high chain of mountains is visible, extending by compass bearing from



25 to 52 degrees. KEVARI tells me that the name the local natives have for the chain is SUMUNI. They appear to be, by a rough guess, twelve miles direct from the village, and about 1500-2000 feet high. V.C. says they are on the eastern side of the KIKORI.

These people, compared to the other villagers encountered to date are very shy. It was amusing to watch their antics when they first saw the patrol, even though they had had warning two days previously of my approach. However, the only way to talk to them is in the one language they thoroughly understand, "beads", and after presenting the men with a few small items of trade they soon lost their shyness. Spent two hours yarning to them through the interpreters, then moved off.

First we slithered over greasy limestone into the bed of the IA Ck., 200 feet below the village. This creek is a curious place, being blocked in on both sides by sheer walls of limestone, from twenty to thirty feet in height, while in places the floor is as smooth and flat as pavement. On the left bank, a waterfall, SISIDOWI, roars as the water drops in a solid wall to the bed of the creek. The IA flows due E-W, and in one place the action of the water has cut a deep race some six feet wide in the stone. Down this natural drain the water thunders and roars at terrifying ~~xxxxx~~ speed, the force of the water being demonstrated by a carrier who accidentally slipped into the race. His feet were whisked from under him, and with a shriek he disappeared, to emerge some thirty or forty yards further down, none the worse for his ducking. His tin of rice was recovered in the pool into which the gutter flows.

Leaving this place of noise and water we ascended a steep incline, and travelling N.W. had a rather hectic time traversing a region of broken limestone, with odd patches of swamp here and there to relieve the monotony. The crevices in places were only two or three feet wide but up to thirty deep, and on occasions as little as two yards separated one crack from the other. At 2.15, however, we came out onto the BURUMENI Ck., which is just another drain worn in the stone by the action of the water. After a spell here we climbed 200 feet over rough

ground, then swinging to the left through a sage swamp arrived at TIMUKU 3.30 p.m.. Councillor SAIMOVU, head man KINA.

This village, the first of the IKOBI people, consists of one Dabu, population about thirty. All round are sage and cocconut trees, and the people have enough food here to last them for years.

~~Friday~~ April 15th. Left Timuku and descended immediately into a creek called SUDIHO, which we followed in an easterly direction for some distance then turned north into rough and extremely broken country. For an hour we picked our way over the crevices and rocks until we came out onto the SABERI CK.. Spelled here, and soon after starting came to a waterfall called KOI-URU. Half way down this there is a curious hole in the rock, circular in shape, and with perfectly smooth walls. It is only two feet in diameter, and if appearances are anything to go by, it looks as if a solid lump of rock has been blown out of the existing strata.

Seventy yards below KOI-URU is another fall known as KEIRIHAWA; here the limestone is unlike anything I have seen to date, being masses of small oval stones about the size of a pidgeon's egg, all bound firmly together to form the one solid formation. In the pool below KEIRIHAWA shoals of fish were swimming, ranging in length from one to six inches.

A little below this second fall is yet another one, KAMUKAIRI. Here the water divides and roars over the fifteen foot drop in seven separate cascades. Today the falls were beautiful, as the recent heavy rain has brought the creeks down considerably.

Leaving the falls behind us, we picked our way over masses of boulders, moss-covered and greasy, then passing under an overhanging ledge of rock ~~ascended~~ ascended a low hill, BARARUKWIDE, and arrived at the village of BAKEMAWU. Looking north from here are the mountains which form the continuation of the chain seen <sup>from</sup> WISOPO, with the gap ORKOKU separating the sections known as AKAKU and KORESI, the former joining the SUMUNI Mts.. The natives here call ORKOKU the "Flying Machine Passage".

At the foot of BARARUKWIDE is the old NAWAGERA village, a single tumble-down structure that is beginning to show its years. On deciding to quit this place, the village divided into two "dabus"



one lot under MIEKHEH NAKI, the others under under V.C. SIRIWU and KUMA, building on the present site of NAVAGERA. The latter people are at present living on Kombatis until their new Dubu is completed.

Had lunch at BAKEMAWU and spent two or three hours yarning to the people. V.C. SIRIWU arrived shortly after I did, bringing food for the carriers which I immediately purchased. He was accompanied by eight or nine of his men — tall handsome men, their skins light and clean, and free from SATOMA. They are a fine looking lot.

At two o'clock, when we left this village, the retinue had grown amazingly. The mile or so to NAVAGERA was covered in over an hour. Ahead of me were ten bushmen and the V.C., and behind me another dozen or so. They kept up a continual chatter, pausing every few yards to talk about things that had happened four years ago, last time the Govt. was in here. It was useless to try to hurry them. Crossing over small streams, every man wanted to help me over, with the result that I had about twenty pairs of hands holding on to some part of me or my clothing. In a sago swamp each man went a different way, and each wanted me to follow him. When I slipped and fell, I was mobbed, EIMEX splashed from head to foot with evil smelling water and mud from people over-anxious to help me up, and finally entered NAVAGERA on the back of one dusky lad, WABUA.

This village of the AKOBI or KOVE people consists of the usual long Dubu divided into two sections. The people are living on temporary Kombatis, but come in to see the Govt.. They are very friendly, and readily bought food for the carriers. The village is situated close to MUKWINI CK., which at this point is about fifteen feet wide. Found a man here, KUSEMA, from the old DIKIMA village of GIRIVOKU. He is living here with these people, and says that his real home is at KOSABARI, ONIKAK on the MUBI Ri. (FOI-I)

As I go further inland the demand for beads lessens. Matches, fishlines and hooks, salt, bottles and old tins are the most prized articles of trade. A stack of sago can be purchased for one box of matches.

Camp No 10,

Sunday, April 17th. Spent the day in camp.

Monday, April 18th. Left camp early. There are two roads from here one north into the DIKIMA country, the other west to OFEHAU. V.C. KEVARI informed me that we might find some people in the old village of TUGI-IU, so I decided to take the northern route. Sent MAIBU and the IAHO guide KAWOSSA west through to OFEHAU with instructions to proceed up the DIKIMA village and bring canoes and guides down the KEIVI and meet us tomorrow, and set out. A new member of the party from here is WABUA, a recruit for the Local Constabulary.

Crossed the MUKWINI CK., the road leading north by a few points west. A few isolated patches of limestone close to NAWABERA. But after the first mile or two the road was excellent. The country is very sparsely timbered in places, is light and undulating, and almost forest land after leaving the headwaters of the SIA CK. Passed an old road which KEVARI said led down to the KIKORI Riv., and at 12.00 noon stopped beside the track for lunch; and when we moved on and gradually drew further and further away from the IKOBI country, I noticed the road becoming gradually worse, until it eventually petered out altogether, and we were faced with just forest. However, some of the bushmen had an idea where they wanted to go, and we kept on, eventually arriving at the old TUGI-IU village of the KOBERE people. It was deserted. Found an old road leading north from here, but as I did not know how far we were from the KEIVI Riv., I decided to camp. Consequently moved on another mile or so, found a good site, and made

Camp No. 11.

Monday April 18th. Left camp early, and set off N.W. According to early reports that I read before leaving the station, I reckoned we should have only been about two miles away from the KEIVI, but after walking round in circles for two hours we finally arrived at the KEIVI 9.00 a.m.. The river here is some fifty yards wide, very deep, and beautifully clear. No sign of MAIBU and KAWOSSA, and after waiting for two hours I decided to set off overland, keeping close to the river, and endeavour to locate the new village of the DIKIMA people. Started off on an old road but soon lost it, and at noon found ourselves back on the KEIVI



found ourselves back on the bank of the river close to the site of an old village which KEVARI says KAYA was once KUMISITUMI, but the people have since shifted to KUBURE. Had lunch here, then following a road southwest passed over ground on which the village of IROKI once stood; carried on until three o'clock, but the road was by this time swinging too far to the south, and though it was fair, was taking us where I didn't WESNY want to go. Consequently set a compass course, and arrived back on the KEIVI at 4.45. According to the width of the river we must be a fair way upstream, but no signs of life were seen all day, and no fresh tracks or roads crossed.

Camp No. 12.

Tuesday, April 19th. Just as I was about to send the police away this morning to hunt for a road close to the river, we heard shouting on the river, and a few minutes later MAIBU and his party came flying round a bend in a canoe. They had brought guides to show the carriers to the village. Consequently lost no time in striking camp, and collecting the scattered carriers who had all gone bush when they heard the noise on the river, I packed them off overland with the gear, and took to the canoe with one A.C. and the few DIKIMA people. The canoe, incidentally, was rather a crazy affair, and we had to stop every few yards in order to caulk up the numerous holes with mud. Travelled upstream for two hours, and finally arrived at the new DIKIMA village of KIRIKAWI, on the right bank of the KEIVI. Found V.C. MATAKORA here. Village consists of one small Dubu, new, built by the people of GERIVOKU and SOSOGO, when the last-two-named were left.

Inquired of the V.C. why he has not been to KIKORI for three or four years, and he says that last time he went down to the station one of his men died at IBA on the return journey. Since then he has been afraid to go. Quite a legitimate excuse for a bushman. However, he has consented to accompany me for the rest of the patrol.

Only eight men living here. The site of their village is good, but I was disappointed at finding no really good canoes here. It was my intention to make a traverse of the KEIVI Riv., but such is impossible

without a seaworthy canoe. The V.C. Says that there are no more villages in the DIKIMA country, the closest to the north being those of the FOI-I people on the MUBI.

Spent the day with the people. They were very shy when I arrived, but presents of salt and beads soon drew them out.

Camp No. 13 KIRIKANI village.

Wednesday April 20th. V.C. MATAKORA informed yesterday that there is no population north of here until the first village of KUSOGO on the MUBI is reached. As, therefore, it is my policy to camp close to villages (where population warrants it), rather than pay them a flying visit for a couple of hours, I decided to turn back here in order to carry out my plan of campaign in the time allowed me. The weather has been growing steadily worse the last few days, and Jupiter Pluvius has not been ~~at all~~<sup>too</sup> kind. With the S.E. season just setting in, the last stages of the patrol bid fair to be far worse than the first.

MATAKORA showed some reluctance to leave his village this morning, but I assured him that everything would be quite all right. Promise of three or four pounds pay and a little moral persuasion eventually made him change his mind. Consequently the party turned back and headed in a S.E. direction. The going was atrocious. Besides the road being difficult, every one in the party is suffering with a particularly ~~bad~~ form of itch E (the natives call it HEMA HEMA), and walking in the rain does not tend to ease the irritation in the least.

At 9.00 a.m. we encountered the first limestone since leaving NAWAGERA last Sunday, in the shape of a low hill, DO-IURI. After a fairly long spell here whilst waiting for our guides to chop a path round several fallen ~~fallen~~ trees, we left and descended the southern side of the hill into a place called NAMUTI. Here the road winds in and out among huge boulders scattered in all directions, some of the rocks being twenty feet through at the base and twelve to fifteen feet high. Eventually left this behind us, passed over a succession of miniature waterfalls known as KAHEIMA, and arrived at the village of KUBURE of the KOBERE people at 11.30 a.m.. These people are a branch



of the IKOBIS. Village consists of one Dubu and eleven smaller houses built by the people from TUGI-IU and a few from GIRIVOKU, under Councillor ITUWI of the former village. Thirteen men living here. An abundance of native food close at hand, but the people are planning a return to TUGI-IU.

Camp No. 16.

Thursday, April 21st. Leaving KUKURE, we followed the road in a general southerly direction for an hour and a half, then after a spell moved on through odd patches of boulders and scattered outcrops until we encountered the first of a low range of hills at 10.30. On the top of one of these stands a new village shortly to be occupied by some men of HIVIKU, called KAIWISITEL-IU; up to this point the road had been fair, but after leaving the new village behind us we encountered rough hilly country all the way to HIVIKU. Some patches were treacherous, but we covered the distance without any mishaps to either carriers or gear. Shortly after noon came out onto the northern edge of a long clearing, and half an hour later entered the ~~new~~ village of HIVIKU. Two long DUBUS here facing each other over a space of a couple of hundred yards, and two or three women's houses scattered about. Population about fifty, head man GUO-BO.

V.C. KEVARI brought ~~me~~ a man named SIKIWI of KUWEHERI to see me this afternoon, who gave me a good deal of information regarding the IAKORA people on the HAUWOI Riv.. He says he knows of the above tribe, but is not personally acquainted with any of them. He says that some months ago, when the I.E.C. were operating on the HAUWOI Riv., they found the village of the IAKORA people, but as they had gone bush at the approach of the white man the place was deserted. The carriers, he affirms, promptly looted the place, and when later the IAKORA men found this state of affairs on their return, they promptly packed up and shifted their village further inland to a site between the TURAMA and HAUWOI. One of the IAKORA men, KAUWA, is in the habit of walking across to TIMUKU, (IKOBI) has friends. V.C. KEVARI knows, and confirms SIKIWI's story of

the looting, having heard it from the man KAUWA whom he met one time at TIBUKU. According to SIKIWI, V.C. ABIWAI of SIGIRARI on the HAUWOI river is friendly with the IAKORA, so I intend to dispatch some presents to these ~~was~~ people per SIKIWI and ABIWAI. Thus, by a process of peaceful propaganda, and presents dispatched from different points along the route, I'm hoping to achieve something like success in this direction.

It was amusing to watch the people this afternoon as they sat listening to the Govt. talk. They were very shy at first, but on finding that I could shake hands native fashion (the first finger of the right hand is held interlocked with the ~~first~~ same member of the other mans hand, then thumb and third finger are brought into play, being squeezed and then released with a sharp click), I had to go the rounds several times and shake hands with all and sundry. My middle finger was nearly ~~walk~~ pulled out of joint before the procedure was finished. Endeavoured to secure a Local here but the people jibbed.

Camp No 15.

Friday April 22nd. Gave SIKIWI a parcel containing glass, knife beads, a kumi, and some salt and instructed him to hand it to V.C. ABIWAI of SIGIRARI, who in turn is to present it to the head man of the IAKORA people. Then, just as we were ready to strike camp, a man named BAIRAVI, of this village, came forward with the request that he be taken to KIKORI. He's rather a seedy looking specimen, but slapping his chest he said, "I'll go with you. I am not afraid. I'm as strong as a bush pig." Although he is by no means a young man, I was anxious to secure one of these men if it was at all possible, so I decided to take him with me. As we left the village, there came a howl from the congregated villagers who had come to witness our departure, and the headman screeched a string of unintelligible oaths at me. BAIRAVI advised me not to listen to him, and went on ahead of the party. Ten minutes later, ~~asxx~~ we crossed the crest of a low hill the howling was still going on, ~~and~~ fearing trouble, I advised BAIRAVI to turn back. He refused, however, begged me to hurry, ~~and~~ trotted on ahead.



After travelling for an hour over rough country, we came to the old village of WAKEMAI-IU, a single dubu on the crest of a small hill. Five men her under head man MAWITARI. Stayed in the village for an hour before moving on. MAIBU in formed me as we leaving that there are two roads from here to OFEHAU, so on finding the one that has not yet been traversed by a Govt. ~~XXXXXX~~ officer, I decided to take it. As we descended the hill from the village, a river could be heard roaring on its way below us, and KEVARI informed me that at the foot of the hill we would find the MUKWINI Ck., which at this particular spot, he said was as big as the OMATI. This interested me, as the MUKWINI at MAWAGERA is only fifteen feet wide. Nearing the foot of the hill, the roar of the water became deafening, and presently I ~~found~~<sup>found</sup> myself standing on a small bridge which spanned a gutter ten feet wide and forty yards long, through which the water raced at a terrific rate. It was like walking from a hot street into the cold of a freezing chamber, so great was the difference in temperature. The water is intensely cold, and the whole atmosphere of the place is a decided change to the humidity of the village only 150 feet above.

By sitting down on the bridge, I could see that the water poured into the race from a large pool further up. Consequently chopped a track through the dense undergrowth and came out onto the edge of a shallow pool 150 yards long and 75 wide, called KOSATI. This is fed by another race, which the natives say comes down from the hills. Retraced my steps back to the bridge, and thirty yards or so past it arrived at yet another pool, circular in shape and a good 200 yards across, called KU-IU. Here the water is very deep and clear, a miniature lake of ultramarine blue, and bounded by sago and goro palms. Ever since leaving KIKORI I have been bemoaning the fact that I am without my camera, now especially. The roar of the water in this place is so loud that it is necessary to shout to make oneself heard. The limestone here interested me especially. It is the closest approach to coral that I have seen to date. When dropped or broken, it has a ring like ~~XXXXXX~~ breaking

glass. Collected two or three samples for classification.

The road leads from here over the hills in a general south easterly direction, running parallel to the river throughout almost the entire length, and all the way the river can be heard roaring on its way ~~as~~ over a succession of miniature waterfalls and through narrow races. Shortly before noon arrived at another shallow pool, AUWERI, less picturesque than those higher up, its bottom being of a dirty greyish mud, and the shallow stretches piled with dead and rotting trees. Ten minutes later, we entered OFEHAU. I don't think, without making a thorough investigation, that there is any doubt about this stream being the MUKWINI. KEVARI says that it pours first out of a cave, DOKARI, in the hills to the north-west, but would not take me there as he says it is too rough and there is no road.

OFEHAU boasts the longest Dubu in this part of the world. The village consists of the usual long community house sub-divided, and two smaller houses for the women. Ten men living here with their wives and families, head man ALVI-IAKATARI. From here, the mountains which the natives call SUMUNI can be plainly seen, but I was unable to get a shot at any individual peaks as the tops were wreathed in clouds. One small knob, on the southern side of MUKWINI CK. is also visible, standing up in bold relief against the distant blue of the SUMUNI Mts., and is called SUMUNINI.

Four roads lead from here. One to NAWAGERA, one to TIMUKU and two to WAKEMAI-IU, the latter running one on each side of the MUKWINI. V.C. SIBIWI, who has been with me for the past week returned to his village today.

HIVIKU people readily brought sago and other native food for the carriers, for which payment was made in salt and beads.

Camp No. 16.

Saturday, April 23rd. Left OFEHAU, and taking the direct route to TIMUKU set off in a S.E. direction. Climbed two high hills, each about 800 feet, and after one spell arrived TIMUKU 11.45. The last carrier turned up at 12.50. Not surprising as the going was atrocious, being over



broken country the whole way. A.C. KAIVARI, who has a bad foot, did not arrive at the village until nearly two o'clock.

Councillor SAIMOVU and most of his people away, but on entering the DUBU, three old men met me, two of whom took my hands while KINA, the head man, embraced me native fashion, all of them crying in unison "MAREI! MAREI!" (Friend. Friend.) If I had had any doubts previously as to the success of the patrol, they were easily dispelled today.

Spent the ~~day~~ afternoon taking vocabularies of the IOSSA, KUSOKO (IKOBI) and KEMISIHARI (DIKIMA) dialects. Several ~~men~~ from here, and others who have been with the patrol lately, want to come down and have a look at KIKORI. I have agreed to take them.

Camp No 17.

Sunday, April 24th. Returned to SUSUWORA.

Monday, April 25th. Sent three men away this morning with presents for the IAKORA people. They are TIMUKU men who know and are friendly with the man KAUWO, whom they hope to find down at KUMAIO on the VAMURI Creek.

As this is the last village from which I will be able to send anyone through direct to KIKORI, spent the day in camp drafting out a report for the R.M.. Heavy rain in squalls during the day made me thankful that I was safely ensconced in a R.H. and not out under canvas.

Tuesday, April 26th. Dispatched A.C. KAIVARE, five prisoner-carriers, and ex.-Local MAIBU to GIHITEPI this morning, where they are to pick up canoes and proceed to KIKORI. Left SUSUWORA shortly after, and set off down the IAHO road. After a quarter of an hour struck to the S.E., and followed the course of the KASITIRU Cr. for about a mile, when our way was blocked by a waterfall, SIFUMAWIKARI, where the waters ~~of the waters~~ of the KASITIRU empty themselves in to the OMATI 100 feet below. Made a detour round the head of the fall, and after scrambling over rough broken boulders eventually arrived on the OMATI. Here the river is a succession of wide shallow pools, joined by narrow races and gutters ~~in~~ The ground slopes sharply away from the water's edge, then rises ~~sheer~~ as white limestone cliffs to heights varying from 75 to 100

fact, the highest of these, KEKEFU, has a white exposed face, and the top of the cliff hangs out well over the water, the earth being held in place by matted roots, etc..

Followed the OMATI for some distance, then had to wait while our guides made a series of ladders to scale the cliffs on the right bank. My opinion of my carriers is the lowest possible, but their stock soared when I saw the way they ~~KACKAIAX~~ tackled that hundred foot climb up the ladders. Everyone reached the top safely, and fortunately there were no casualties.

Set off again over a good level road, and made good time to the first village of the IUKU people, SAWEDOWI. One house in a large clearing, but nobody home. The SUSUWOPA Councillor volunteered the information that the people were probably at TAWEMAI-IU, so after a spell we turned S.W., and continued on over an excellent road until we reached the second IUKU village at noon. The village, the typical single dubu on the crest of a low rise. This place also deserted. Although my arrival had been heralded some days ago, I was disappointed at finding that the place had been abandoned only ~~THREE~~ this morning. However, erected the fly, and sat down to wait, sending all the carriers back along the track we had come, and the bushman who have been with me for some time were sent out to try to locate the people. At the end of an hour three men came in and entered the Dubu from the rear, and a little later KEVARI turned up with four more, and at the end of ~~FIFTEEN~~ another hour I was sitting in the Dubu talking to eleven of the men. They had gone to KOMBATIS close by when they heard that I was due here today. After making friends with these men, and ascertaining that they understood the nature of my visit, I inquired after food for my carriers. Immediately five of the men went away and returned shortly after loaded with corn, pumpkins, taro, and sago, which I immediately purchased.

They told me through KEVARI that most of them have never seen a white man before, though they have heard of the Govt. from other village people. Two of the younger members of this village are in the habit of travelling to IBA on frequent occasions, and have twice seen members of the I.E.C. I counted five old steel axes in the Dubu



and a number of worn 18 inch knives, all of which have been traded for with the people of IBA and KEMERUA.

The IUKU people of SAWEDOWI and TAWEMAI-IU, come from the old village of IDUMAI-IU, about a day's <sup>travel</sup> S.E. of KEMERUA, on the OMATI River. On leaving this village, they split up, six men going to SAWEDOWI and eight more to TAWEMAI-IU. They are of IOSSA stock, and speak the IOSSA dialect.

The road since leaving the OMATI was excellent; as far as I can see, the IUKU country comprises the whole of a low plateau, and instead of being rough and broken like the country a few miles to the north, it is almost level. The plateau lies between the OMATI and the KEIME Ck..

Camp No. 19.

Wednesday, April 27th. Just as we were due to leave the village this morning, exceptionally heavy rain started to fall, the storm yielding about two inches in a little over an hour. By 9.00 a.m. it had eased sufficiently to make travelling possible, and so we set off in a S.W. direction over a fairly decent track. However, as we descended from the plateau, the further we went the worse the road became, until it eventually petered out altogether in a low range of hills. Swinging north, we encountered the BAROMI Ck. a tributary of the KEIME flowing E-W., and stopped here to enable the carriers to catch up with the main party. While sitting on a small island of stone in the creek, I noticed that the water was rising at the rate of an inch a minute. The rain had diminished to a drizzle by this time, but hearing a roaring up the creek I decided it prudent to quit the place. Hardly had we reached higher ground than a wall of water four feet high came swirling and rushing down the creek. A grand sight --- from a distance.

Continued on from here due west, chopping our track.

The pace was snail slow owing to the thickness of the jungle and the rough nature of the limestone. Crossed an underground river and here my curiosity nearly brought about my end. Hearing a river swirling away beneath my feet, I went poking about to find an opening through which it would be possible to see down below. Suddenly the ground slipped away from

under my feet, but I was fortunate enough to grab a root of a tree and thus save myself from falling thirty-odd feet to the river below. When I had been extricated from this rather precarious position, I looked below and saw a cavern some twenty feet wide, with a drop of over thirty feet from ground level to the floor, and of unknown length. A stream runs through the centre of the floor, and ~~XXX~~ below the ~~XXXX~~ hole which I had made when the ground fell away, the floor is of flat, pavement-like stone. This place is called ~~MEI~~MEITEKU.

Soon after leaving here, rain commenced falling in sheets. ~~XXXXXX~~ We were fortunate in that we found a road eventually, but even so there was no shelter from the deluge. The jungle is very thick in this part, and as we progressed it became almost as black as night, though only midday. Walked at times through swam knee-deep, followed the track up creeks that are only creeks in the wet season, frequently waded through water to the waist, and at 1.30 p.m. staggered into the village of the WAI-IEMI people, KEIME on the bank of the KEIME CK.

This village consists of one long Dubu, and four houses. Only ten men here at this time, the rest being away at ~~KOMAIO~~. Also found V.C. WAIKE of KUWHERI here.

Rain continued in sheets all afternoon, and now at 8.30, is still coming down heavily.

Camp No 20, KEIME, WAI-IEMI.

Thursday, April 28th. Left KEIME 8.00a.m. and climbed ~~up~~ to the creek of the same name, which is a drain eight feet by six deep, cut in the limestone by the action of the water. From here we climbed steadily, crossed through the KUWUHO Hills, passed another underground river IWITIBERI, and after ~~XXXX~~ wading through a mile or so of swamp entered the village ~~of~~ the KAURUWUHO people at twelve noon.

Contrary to expectations I found the place deserted. V.C. WAIKE, who accompanied ~~us~~ from KEIME, says that his people do not live here any more, some having gone to KEIME, others to KUMAIO, and the rest to KEMBATISK. Sent the bushmen and the two V.C.'s away to locate some of the KEMBATI dwellers, but after two hours searching they reported failure to find anyone.



KUWEHERI consists of one long Dubu which is a splendid example of native architecture. It is indeed a fine piece of work — the V.C. claims to have built it on his own. Inside is rather a unique carved panel which attracted my attention immediately. ~~IKAKI~~ All these bush Dubus are divided into two sections by a low partition, the men occupying the front portion, the women the rear. The partition in this particular <sup>one</sup> instead of being the usual strips of bark is a solid piece of timber ten feet long, four feet high, and two inches thick. In the centre and six inches from the floor a circular hole has been chisled out to allow dogs to pass from one compartment to another, and at both ends and on either side x small knothed logs have been placed for the convenience of the inhabitants. On the men's side of the ~~partition~~ partition ~~IKAKI~~ the figures of two men and a dog have been carved, and on the women's side two wooden women squat in silent vigil. These figures are the guardians of the Dubu. The dog is called WORIBO, the men IDORIMI, and the women ~~SUREKUPI~~ SUREKUPI.

Noticed one of the IKOBI men curing the itch on another man's leg this afternoon. First the "doctor" took a croton leaf, held it to his lips for some time, muttered a short speech which was spoken barely above a whisper, then rubbed the leaf on the patient's leg. The latter took the leaf, broke it in two, ate it, cracked his fingers, and reckoned he was cured.

Camp No. 21, KUWEHERI, KAURWOMO.

Friday, April 29th.

Left KUWEHERI and started on the long trek

through the DARAI HILLS. The road led first in a S.W. direction, then wound through all the points of the compass as we made our way through the hills. At one point KEVARI told me that we were only a short distance from the HAUWOI RIV... He said that the road runs so far west in order to avoid the worst of the hills. In places the track is quite good, but for three hours we were struggling over very rough and broken country, and skirting numerous deep pits which yawn beside the road. Several of these are over a hundred feet deep, and as much as fifty yards across at the top. , the floor piled with boulders, and the walls ~~or level~~ a mass of ~~rocks and passages~~ rocks and passages. One of these in particular

is worthy of mention. The entrance at the top is a huge cave, with a deep well running from the centre and the rear wall. The bottom is invisible. I threw a heavy peice of limestone into said well, and timed its descent with my watch. Twenty-eight seconds after leaving my hand I heard the stone hit the water. This place is known as SISOWI.

It was a hard days travelling for everyone today. We covered the distance in three lays of two hours each, with two spells of half an hour and arrived ~~at~~ KUMAIO, the village of the SUSUHAU people at 2.30 p.m.. The ~~VIKAK~~ village consists of ~~IKIE~~ 1 long Dubu, five houses, and boasts a R.H.. It is situated on the bank of the VAMURI Creek, some distance up ~~from~~ the TURAMA; V.C. KANI.

Made inquiries here re, the people of IAKORA, and was told that Mr. Foldi had been to SIGIRARI four days ~~ISIKIKIKIKIKIKI~~ ago, had seen some of the men, and managed to secure the son of the Head Man as a Local recruit. Also asked about the presents I had sent to these people, and I learnt that both batches had arrived here on Monday night, been handed to the IAKORA chief on Tuesday last, but that he refused to have anything to do with them. He said that the Govt. had bought his son, but he would accept the presents if handed to him by the Govt.. Subsequently, he left here yesterday morning, leaving a message that he would wait to see me at SIGIRARI. Knowing his feelings in the matter now, I am somewhat doubtful as to whether I'll find him or not.

A.C. KORI, and ex-Local MO of this village, dispatched to SARAGI during the afternoon to find canoes. They reported back at 10.30 p.m., with four large canoes and the V.O. of SARAGI (DUMOI) and HAUWOIBOBO (AIHA). Shot a snake in the R.H. shortly after their return.

Camp No. 22, KUMAIO, SUSUHAU.

Saturday, April 30th. Left KUMAIO in the four SARAGI canoes 6.30, ran down the VAMURI Ck. with the tide, and on arrival at the TURAMA turned upstream ~~in~~ the direction of HAUWOIBOBO. Passed the deserted camp of the I.R.O. at the mouth of the VAMURI. Arrived at the village of ETE-ERI 10.45, and on the advice of AIHA, waited here for the bore to



pass. Shortly before one o'clock there came a roar from downstream, and I saw the wave of the bore rushing up towards us. Was rather amused at the village people. All their canoes, mine included, were tied up to the wharf, but no move was made to get them off the river until they saw the bore approaching. Then there was a mad scramble and mix-up, in which everyone tried to work his canoe into the small creek first, with the inevitable result that a jam occurred. How they got the canoes into the creek before the bore smashed them to pieces I don't know.

With the tide rushing in, we left ETE-ERI, and made good time up the HAUWOI River, arriving at SIGIRARI, V.C. ABIWAI, three hours later. The V.C. is away, being down on the GAMA with MR. Foldi. SIGIRARI, another village of the SUSUHAU people consists of one Dubu, four small houses, and another of the latter under construction. Also a R.H. of sorts, but it is only a pocket edition of the real thing.

Was pleased to find here six men of the IAKORA tribe. Their names are KUWAKE, (Head Man), KAUWA, FASA, IMERI, KAINARO, and IMOI, of the village of SUTAHARIBU. They are fine big men, the chief being nearly as tall as I am. They were very shy when they first saw me, but after shaking hands with them, and presenting them with beads etc., I left them for half an hour or so to get over their fright, while I had a yarn to the SIGIRARI people. Later handed ~~me~~ KUWAKE the presents I had despatched from HIVIKU and SUSUWOPA, then proceeded to find out what I could about these people.

KUWAKE tells me that they come from the hills at the top of the HAUWOI. Originally there were plenty of men in the tribe, but at present there are only seven living. He knows the source of the HAUWOI Riv. and the limestone cave mentioned by Mr. P.O. Bensted in P.R. No. 6 of 36/37, and says it is called HAUWOIMAKU. Also says that the skeletons found by the above officer were of two of his people. Asked how he knew Mr. Bensted was making for his village, and he said that one of his men was fishing on the river, and seeing the canoes of the patrol coming

round a bend of the river, immediately gave the alarm, the people quitting the village about an hour before Mr. Bensted arrived on the scene. Later they returned and found the presents left for them. KUWAKE denies that the I.E.C. carriers looted his village. He says that they took four of their pigs, but substantial payment was left for them in the form of an axe, two or three knives, twill, and beads. The people were quite satisfied. KUWAKE and his men are friendly with the SUSUHAU people of KUMAIQ and SIGIRARI, and the IKOBI people of TIMUKU. They say they all know the dialects of these two latter people.

After making sure that they understood the nature of my visit, I proceeded to outline for them in as simple terms as possible the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ policy of the Govt.. Then I asked to be shown their village SUMASARIEU. At first KUWAKE demurred, but on being asked if he was still afraid, he became most indignant. After his fit of wrath had passed, he suggested that I stay here tomorrow, while three of his men go up to the village and round up the people, and on Monday we would go up and find everyone waiting for us. To this I readily agreed.

Shortly after dark I called up the IAKORA men for a further talk. They came across to the R.H., showing no trace of their former fear, and KEVARI, MATAKORA, and the four local recruits were in great glee over something. Inquired what all the excitement was about, and KEVARI informed that MATAKORA, V.C. of KIRIKAWI, DIKIMA, had suddenly discovered that he could talk to the IAKORA men in their own dialect. In other words, the DIKIMA dialect (KEMISIAHIRI) and the IAKORA dialect, (HASI), are the same. These two men, KUWAKE and MATAKORA, perfect strangers to each other, only knew of each other's existence by tribal lore and gossip from other villages. Evidently the people of these two men once lived in the same district.

Camp No. 23, SIGIRARI.

Sunday May 1st.

Spent the day in camp. Three IAKORA men left early en route for their village. Took a vocab. of <sup>the</sup> HASI dialect today, and compared it with the vocab, already taken of the KEMISIAHIRI. A more detailed report of this is attached to the main report.



Monday, May 2nd.

Left SIGIRARI 7.30 a.m.; KUWAKE, one other of his men and their wives, accompanied the patrol in another canoe; before leaving, however, V.C. KANI of KUMAIO, and V.C. DUMOI of SARAGI were dispatched to SARAGI to locate the defendant in a Socery case.

The HAUWOI RIV. is long and winds about through all the 360 points of the compass. The current was fairly strong, but we made good time ~~in~~ on the way, arriving at the deserted HAUWOI Base Camp of the Island Exploration Company at 3.00 p.m.. The bush people arrived an hour later, and on learning that their village is fairly close to the camp, I decided to walk up to it, leaving two or three of the police and the carriers to settle into the vacant houses. As these IAKORAS are still very shy, I am unwilling to take the patrol any closer to the village for fear of trouble arising among the carriers over food as constantly happens.

The track led in a S.W. direction, and a brisk walk of ~~the~~ three quarters of an hour brought us to the village of SUMABARIBU. All along the road I noticed signs of fresh activity, where the people had been felling new trees to make passage through a small swamp all the easier, and they had even cleared a large area of grass close to their house.

The village consists of a single dubu, rather on the small side, in a cleared area on top of a low rise. The ~~YANK~~ three men who had come through from SIGIRARI yesterday to bring tidings of my presence in the district came to meet me, and shaking hands with them I repeated the one word "NAFU" ( friend) several times, to which they replied in the same strain. Then KUWAKE led me upstairs and introduced me to his brother KU-IERI, after which I went the rounds and met all the men. Those who had not already seen me sat staring at the floor, but presents of beads and salt gradually drew them out, until finally they were clustering round me, feeling the texture of my clothes, (my hat interested them especially), and when I rolled the sleeve of my shirt up and showed them where the brown of a sunburnt arm merged with the white of the unexposed skin, they gasped in wonder.

There are two <sup>haka</sup> men here, KUWAKE and KU-IERI. Besides the six men I met at SIGIRARI on Saturday, I counted five more younger men of approximate ages ranging from twenty to twenty-five years, and nine young boys, the eldest being about twelve. The men are all tall, light-skinned and handsome, well-built, and only two have SATOMA.

Before returning to camp, I inquired about purchasing some feed for my carriers. Immediately I was shown a stack of sage, bananas and tare, brought in in readiness this morning, and for the feed I took I paid beads, salt, and a mirror. Left the village amidst much shouting of "NAFU! NAFU!", and returned to camp, arriving just at dusk.

Camp No. 24 I.E.C. Camp, HAUWOI River.

Tuesday May 3rd.

Spent the morning up at SUMAGARIBU talking to the people. Today I was introduced to the women folk, who, one being presented with beads and salt made friends readily. They wear diminutive rams of a greyish colour, and long cloaks which cover them from head to feet. Learned in the course of conversation that a daughter of KUWAKE is married to a TIMUKU (IKOBI) man, and another IAKORA woman is at SUSUWORA.

After much pumping and talking round in circles, KUWAKE gave me the history of his people, or rather as much as he knows of it. He says that, according to tribal lore, the IAKORA people once lived in a village known as AGIWOBUI at the head of the KEIVI CK.. The name of the tribe was AFU.. Then the people split, one lot moving east and calling themselves DIKIMA, the others taking the name of IAKORA and moving south. The man who led the latter people across the DARAI Hills to HAUWOIMAKU was BUIDA, and acknowledging him as their chief, the people built the first village of SUMAGARIBU close to the headwaters of the H HAUWOI RIV.. When BUIDA died, he was succeeded by SOWAI, who moved with the people further downstream and founded the second village on a site about half a mile away from the present one. After SOWAI came PAI, in whose time the IAKORA people made their way downstream and first contacted the SIGIRARI and later the KUMAIO men, trading dogs, pigs,



women, string bags etc., for steel. FAI died, and was followed by KIFIMAI-IV, who moved the village to the present site. This last named was father to KUWAKE and KU-IERI, and at his death his two sons automatically shared the title of Head man. The first chief that KUWAKE remembers is FAI. He says they only know of the DIKIMA people by hearsay, and until meeting V.C. MATAKORA the other night, were not personally acquainted with any of them. As KUWAKE is by no means a young man, I think I am pretty safe in saying that the date of migration was somewhere between 1870 and 1880.

Left the village shortly after noon, and invited the people to come down and see me at the camp later in the day. They all arrived about four o'clock, and after further Peace Conference which lasted five hours, the IAKORA men all shook hands with me, and shouting "NAFU! NAFU!" disappeared into the bush.

Wednesday, May 4th.

Left Camp in the pouring rain this morning, and returned downstream to SIGIRARI. Rain eased off during the afternoon.

After lunch despatched A.C. KORI and several prisoner-carriers to HAUWOIBOBO per canoe. They have instructions to sleep at the above village tonight, then proceed up the OMATI tomorrow as far as the old village site of IBANIO, and wait there for me. I am setting off overland tomorrow to visit the new villages of MUSARO and NUMAWU.

CAMP 25, SIGIRARI.

Thursday May 5th.

Left SIGIRARI and followed the road in a S.W. direction. After a few hundred yards found ourselves struggling through a sage swamp, and all morning the track alternated between bad patches of swamp — three feet of ~~xxxx~~ ooze in places — and stretches of good ground. Unfortunately, the latter were all too few and far between. Shortly after leaving SIGIRARI we passed over ground known as ITOITEKIMU, where the SIGIRARI people lived before moving on to the HAUWOI. Arrived new village of MUSARO, noon.

This village was built by the people of IBANIO, (SUSUHAU, KASERE tribe), when they left their old village on the TURAMA. There is a V.C. here, SERAWAKA. The village consists of two new houses

rather small, on the crest of a low hill. Surroundings very clean and tidy. The v.c. says that he left IBANIO some years ago, because the alligators were getting away with too many of the village dogs and pigs. On leaving the river the people split, one lot under the V.C. founding MUSARO, the others under Councillor SAWEKI founding the village of NUMAWU. The Cr. has been dead some time.

Had lunch at MUSARO, spent a couple of hours talking to the people, and moved on to NUMAWU. The road through filthy swamp the whole way, except for a stretch of a hundred yards or so, and the hill on which the first village of MUSARO was built. Forty minutes walking brought us to NUMAWU, which is a single long Dubu on the crest of a hill. Five men here, and three young boys.

In the V.C.'s book, under date of 5-11-32, there is an entry by Mr. C.F. Champion, then stationed at KIKORI as P.O., to the effect that this man knows the IAKORA people. Asked if he was still friendly with them, and he told me that several of the IAKORAS are in the habit of coming down to these two villages, as well as SIGIRARI. Also he told me that several of his people quite frequently travel up to SUMAMARIBU overland. He says there is a good road leading N.E. from NUMAWU, which runs practically straight to the IAKORA village. It leads over a succession of low hills, and undulating country, with no swamp to make travelling irksome. A native can make the journey in one day, but a patrol would take about two days on the trip.

The people of MUSARO and NUMAWU are a branch of the SUSUHAU, KASERE tribe.

Camp No. 26 NUMAWU.

Friday, May 6th.

As a contrast to yesterday's heat, today has been wet and chilly. Left camp at 7.30 and retraced our steps to MUSARO, from where we followed a road in a general southerly direction. Spent the first forty five minutes plugging through a swamp, then passed over a stretch of good ground, arriving at the old village site of IBANIO on the left bank of the TURAMA at 9.10 a.m.. Found A.C. KORI and V.C. AIHI waiting here with the canoes so lost no time in leaving the place; ran down the river with the tide, and reached SEIRE-SERI 1.00 p.m.



This village populated by people of HAUWOIBOBO, who on leaving their village founded the two villages of SEIRE-SERI and ETE-ERI. The former consists of 1 dubu and one house, the latter one DUBU. They are situated some three-quarters of a mile apart, opposite the mouth of the HAUWOI. Raining heavily all after-noon so made use of the new R.H. at ETE-ERI.

CAMP 27 ETE-ERI.

Saturday, May 7th. Left camp early, and travelled downstream to ~~XXX~~ SARAGI. (V.C. DUMOI). Village consists of one ~~small~~ Dubu, one other house, and a R.H.. Spent the afternoon inquiring into a sorcery case. Subsequently arrested one man, WEREI, on a charge of having brought about the deaths of two KUMAIO men by means of Sorcery.

Camp 28, ~~XXX~~ SARAGI, WARIADAI.

Sunday, May 8th. Left SARAGI early, and set off downstream. Met the Bere (IBURA) on the river, but were fortunate that it was only small, then had a pretty hard time travelling against the incoming tide. Soon after passing the mouth of the ASUKU Ck., KEVARI told me that there is a road through from KUMAIO to SOROBO and HOMAVU, and thence on to MUSUSU. Consequently sent the prisoner and witnesses for court on to BAHU in charge of A.C. KORI, with instructions to travel back overland to the OMATI and thence to KIKORI per canoe, and turned ~~me~~ back myself to the ASUKU CK.. Left the canoes some distance up the creek at 9.30 a.m., and set off on foot. The road led in a N.E. direction up the right bank of the creek and was firm underfoot. Passed a big deep pool called ASUKUMAKU, similar in size and shape to KOSATI at the headwaters of the MUKWINI Ck.. Arrived a little later at a small village called BARINIMAWU, which KEVARI says is a sage village of the SOROBO people. Our guides pointed out the KUMAIO road leading west, then turning S.E. along a good road, finally swung N.E. and arrived SOROBO 12.00 noon. Same consists of one Dubu, which ranks second only to KUWEHERI as far as architecture goes, and is situated in a grass clearing, some five or six acres in extent.

Unfortunately, this village was also deserted. A SOROBO

man who has been with the patrol for the past week, says that his people have probably gone down to BAHÍ to see me, not expecting me to come through the "back door".

After lunch moved on. The road led in a southerly direction from the village, gradually swung east, then N.E. and finally north as we approached ~~KMA~~ HOMAUVU. Two Dubus here, one old and the other fairly new. Village is situated close to the headwaters of the BAHÍ Ck., behind the village is a low range of hills some 300 feet high, and extension of the DARAI Chain. Road from SOROBO to HOMAUVU excellent, the only limestone encountered being in scattered patches of surface outcrops.

Inquired of the whereabouts of the SOROBO<sup>people</sup> and was told that some of them had gone down to BAHÍ to see me, and that others were on KOMBATIS. Despatched two men to locate the above people and get them all down to BAHÍ.

Was surprised to find on reaching here four of the IUKU men whom I had seen at ~~KAKI~~ their village (TAVEMAI-IU). KEVARI told me that there is a road through from here to KEMERUA. It appears that the IUKU people come here quite frequently, travelling via KEMERUA. Then I received another surprise, for two members of my party, BOSONO of SUSUWORA and KAWOSSA of IARO informed me that they know these HOMAUVU people well, having been here for a dance on previous occasions. Owing to the rough nature of the country between here and KEMERUA, the natives say it takes them two days to make the trip.

Five roads lead from here. One to KEMERUA, one to MUSUSU, one to KIBENI, one to KUMAIO via SOROBO, and one to BAHÍ. It is also possible to reach BAHÍ by canoe.

The name by which the SOROBO and HOMAUVU people is known is DUGEME. Twenty men at the former village, fifteen at the latter. They say they have been once visited by the Govt.. Probably Messrs. Chance and Healy who were through here some years ago. They ~~KKKA~~ are of IOSSA stock, and speak the IOSSA dialect.

Camp No. 29 HOMAUVU.



Monday May 9th.

Broke camp and left HOMAVU early. Retraced our steps back along the road followed yesterday, and half a mile away from the village turned S.W. At nine o'clock came to a KOMBATI of the HOMAVU people where I met two of the SOROBO men, and after a spell here moved on S.W., crossed numerous small creeks, and after passing through a small stretch of swamp arrived at the mouth of the BAHU Ck, left bank of the TURAMA. Crossed the creek per canoe KHA to the village of BAHU.

When Mr. Bensted was here last year, BAHU consisted of one long Dubu, and population over fifty. Since then the dubu has collapsed, and a mere handful of the former population are living in the village in temporary houses. No effort has been made to rebuild the dubu. Learnt that the V.C. (MEGANI) had had his cloth stripped from him about a fortnight ago when Mr. Feldt was here; asked the few men here where the rest of the BAHU men were, and they replied that they were all away living at KOMBATIS. The older men don't want to leave the place. They say they lived first at IRUSIKO (marked on the divisional map as IOSIKO), moved further upstream to BANORI, and later to BAHU. When the Dubu collapsed some eight months or so ago, some of the people set to work and erected new temporary houses, the others went to Kombatis. Consequently went off in a canoe after lunch and visited the Kombatis, and ordered the people back to the village where I could talk to them as a body. Later in the afternoon, when I had assembled about thirty men in the village, I had a long yarn to them, and ~~in~~ when they agreed to rebuild on the present site, I set them to work clearing away the debris of the old dubu. Recommended the appointment of a man IGHI, as BAHU V.C.

Found seven of the SOROBO men here. They are all tall, light skinned, and goodlooking. Had a long yarn to them and presented them with salt and beads.

Camp No 30. BAHU,

Tuesday, May 10th.

Left BAHU per canoe and ran down the TURAMA to the NANIRO or GEBEMIRI Ck, turned up the creek, and arrived MUSUSU, V.C. BAWDO, at nine o'clock. Village quite good and clean. One Dubu, and five women's houses.

Met here five of the IUKU men of SAWEDOWI. They say they have been living in this village now for over two years. They go back periodically to their village, stay a couple of months, and then return here. All of them have been to KIKORI at some time or other with the V.C.

As it was so early in the day, I decided against camping here. Accordingly left at 10.30. Road for the first hour boggy owing to the recent heavy rain, but by noon we had reached the first of a series of low hills, BORAMARU, and from here on the road was excellent. Had lunch beside the track, then travelling in a S.E. direction arrived at the PAIBUNA Riv. at three o'clock, ferried our gear over, and after passing through the DASIBU Hills arrived at KORUMARU on the left bank of OLE Ck. at 4.45 p.m.. (V.C. GO-AI). Also met here V.C.'s ABIWAI of SIGIRARI, HAUWOI RIV., and KEIDARI of EKEIRAU, Lower TURAMA, who are returning to their separate villages after a visit to KIKORI.

KORUMARU, formerly known as KIBENI, is situated in the heart of the DASIBU Hills on an excellent site and is easily the best village I have seen since coming to the DENIA. It consists of one DUBU and seven women's houses perched on the crest of a hill some 150 feet above OLE CK, on the left bank. The village is clean and in first class condition. V.C. says that some years ago fifteen men moved upstream and founded the village of DISIREI-IU, and shortly ~~KMK~~ after another batch broke away and founded ~~KMK~~ SARIMIDI down on SOVINO Ck. The name now given to these three villages as a whole, and to this part of the country is KIBENI.

Camp No. 31, KORUMARU.

Wednesday, May 11th.

Carriers and police spent the day in camp. During the morning I went up the OLE Ck. per canoe to ~~KMK~~ DISIREI-IU, and found same to be a single dubu village. Nobody here. The V.C. says that the people are at present making new KOMBATIS a short distance down the creek, but intend to return here within a couple of months.

Thursday, May 13th.

A howling gale from the S.E. in the early hours of the morning accompanied by torrential rain which continued unabated



until 8.00 a.m.. As soon as the weather had cleared sufficiently to make travelling possible, we set off down GIE CK. per canoe, called at ITU the new KOMBATIS of the DISIREI-IU men, and at 9.00 o'clock turned into the PAIBUNA. It was uncomfortable travelling in the rain, but we made fairly good time to the mouth of the SOVINO Ck.. Sent the other two canoes on from here, and ~~MYSAI~~ turned up the SOVINO Ck. to SARIMIDI. Same is situated fifteen minutes paddle up the ~~XXXX~~ creek, being ~~on~~ a high knoll some three hundred yards in from the right bank. Only five men living here in one Dubu. This is the third village of the KIRENI people. Stayed here for some time. The old head man had expected me to travel overland, and had a huge stack of sage and other native food ready for the carriers. After drying our clothes before a roaring fire, we moved on.

Returned to the canoes, ran back down the creek and out onto the PAIBUNA again, and half an hour later turned into the DEWATI Creek. Paddled upstream for twenty minutes, then leaving the canoes set off N.W. on foot, arriving at DEWATI ten minutes later. Carriers and police already here. This village a new one (single DUBU) built by ten men from GIBIDAI, under head man KEKEBAI. They say they have been living here for about a year, having left their village because they wanted to be near a sage patch. There is a road from here to GIBIDAI, and another one to KORUMARU via SARIMIDI.

Heavy rain all day, and at 9.00 p.m. still raining.

Camp No. 32 DEWATI, PAIBUNA Riv..

Friday May 13th.

Left DEWATI 8.00 a.m.. Rain still coming down in a slight drizzle, but the weather cleared towards noon. The road was flooded on the low stretches, but I'm of the opinion that it would be a good dry-weather track. Waded in places through water waist-deep, and for the first three quarters of an hour things were none too comfortable. However, by the time we arrived at the GIBIDAI-KORUMARU road at 9.00 a.m., the ~~weather~~<sup>rain</sup> had stopped, and half an hour later we entered GIBIDAI in brilliant sunshine. Decided to take this opportunity of drying the gear, and accordingly ensconced myself in the new R.H.

This village is situated in the KOSARI HILLS on a tributary of the TAIBUNA Riv., MOINAU.. The V.C. is BAU-NUA . Village clean and in decent condition at time of this visit.

Five old friends turned up from PAI-IA-A this afternoon; they had walked across from GIHITERI to inform me that they had four canoes waiting to take me back to KIKORI.

Camp No. 33 GIBIDAI, TAIBUNA River..

Saturday, May 14th. Left ~~KAHA~~ GIBIDAI early, and turning north ~~through~~ through the hills arrived TIWARI-AMI at nine o'clock. One dubu and three houses, but the place in a frightful state of neglect. To all appearances, it is the reef which is holding the Dubu up, and the state of the other houses beggars description. Only three men living here with their women. They say that when the other KAHAMOI people left this village to settle at KURAPAM, several men stayed behind in TIWARI-AMI. Gradually the other members drifted away, some going to work, others to KURAPAM, and others still to Kombatis, until finally there were only three men left in the village. They say they intend to build a new single Dubu village, and showed me a stack of timber cut ready for the new structure. I suggested that it would be better if they moved across to KURAPAM, but this they are unwilling to do.

Left the village at 9.30 a.m. and turning east followed a good road across to KURAPAM. V.C. KAIHA reported. Village consists of one Dubu and three houses, and is very clean and tidy.

Found the PAI-IA-A men here. They had come to meet me, and said that they had the canoes ready for me at the head of the UIA Creek. Set off on the last <sup>work</sup> of the trip, and the carriers came along the road at a jog trot. I had my work cut out to keep in front of them, and when they saw the canoes, they set up a howl that was almost deafening.

Set off down the creek, and arrived GIHITERI (V.C. KE-WAHI) shortly after noon. The village is perched on a high hill on the left bank of the creek, and consists of 1 Dubu and two houses. A neat flight of steps leads up from the water's edge to the new R.H., and the village itself is also decent and clean.

Camp No. 34 GIHITERI, UIA CK..



Sunday, May 15th.

Left GIHITERI early, and though it was fine when we set out, a light misty rain commenced falling shortly before eight o'clock, and continued intermitantly until early in the afternoon. Before leaving, I managed to procure a man from GIHITERI to ~~KAK~~ act as guide and show me the hot spring at the head of the BOMO Ck.. Subsequently left the main body of the party at a KOMBATI on the ~~left~~ <sup>right</sup> bank of the OMATI, and walked through the swamp to the spring which the natives call TABERU. ~~KE~~ A report on this spring has already been handed into this office, ~~IXSXXIIXKAKKAKIIXSXX~~ by Mr. OSBORNE, geologist of the I.E.C.

Returned downstream to PAI-IA-A. On the way passed the site of Camp No. 1 on the I.E.C. camp, and I was surprised to find that the place has been occupied since I left here six weeks ago. Finally arrived PAI-IA-A 4.45 p.m.. When last at this village, (P/R No 10 of 37/38) it was necessary to arrest the entire village for neglecting to do specified work. The stretch in gaol must have done these people good, for both PAI-IA-A No. 1 (V.C. KARAU) and PAI-IA-A-POIKA (GOROHA) are now in first class condition.

Camp No. 35, PAI-IA-A, GOARIBARI.

Monday, May 16th.

Waited until the tide had come in sufficiently to fill the NAGORO-MOINAMU passage, then crossed ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> to NAGORO. V.C. MAROA away, but the village in fair order. Arrived TATANA, (V.C. ~~XXXX~~ <sup>XXXX</sup>) 3.30 p.m., and found here a letter from the R.M. requesting me to look into some trouble at ATEAWA. Sent the police and carriers on to KIKORI, then returned to ATEAWA, and arrested the entire village for neglect to ~~XXXX~~ obey <sup>orders</sup> ~~orders~~ re. village reconstruction. Gave the V.C. orders to bring ~~in~~ the defaulters to KIKORI tomorrow, and returned to the station arriving 9.45 p.m..

End of Patrol.

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*Arthur [Signature]*  
.....P.O..D.D....

GENERAL

PEOPLE. The people encountered on the patrol are of four tribes, viz. KASERE, IKOBI, DIKIMA and IAKORA. The tribes and districts are as follows:-

KASERE

This tribe is divided into the following;

<u>SUSUHAU</u>	SIGIRARI, NUMAWU, MUSARO, SEIRE-SEPI, and KUMAIO.
<u>VARIADAI.</u>	SARAGI, BANI, MUSUSU.
<u>DUGEME.</u>	SOROBO, HGMAYU.
<u>KIBENI.</u>	KORUMARU, DISIREI-IU, SARIMIDI.
<u>KAHAMOI.</u>	GIBIDAI, TIWARIAMI, KURAPAM.
<u>IOSSA.</u>	GINITTEI, IBA, SABI.
<u>IUKU.</u>	SANEDOWI, TAWEMAI-IU.
<u>BARIGAI.</u>	SURI, KEMENUA, IWOBI, IAHO, SUSUWOBA, WISORO .
<u>WAI-IEMI.</u>	KEIME. <u>KAURUWOMO</u> . KUWEHERI.

IKOBIX

IKOBI.

The IKOBI or KOVE people have only one off-shoot, the KOBERE.

<u>IKOBI.</u>	TIMUKU, BAKEMAWU, NAWAGERA, KAIWISINEI-IU, HIVIU,
	WAKEMAI-IU, OFEHAU, .
<u>KOBERE.</u>	KUBURE, TUGI-IU.

DIKIMA.

These people in only one village;- KIRIKAWI.

IAKORA.

These, too, have only the one village:- SUMAGARIEU.

In the above, the name underlined in the left hand column is the district, and the following names the villages in that district.

The people as a whole are very friendly, though on first being contacted they are apt to be rather shy and reticent. However, presents and peaceful propaganda soon draw them out, and they mingle freely with the police and carriers. This latter does not apply to the people of the Upper TURMA, who have had more visits from the Govt.



than the people further inland. The TUBANA crowd are rather cheeky, and two or three of them almost insolent; hence it is well to handle them gingerly. The IAOBI men were the finest encountered on the trip. They are of medium height, light-skinned, of splendid physique, and possess an intelligence rather above the average as far as bush-men are concerned.

Food. The chief diet is sago and coconuts. About forty rounds of wet sago can be purchased if ordered in advance. Native corn, taro, pumpkins and occasionally kaima can be had if ordered. No supplies of food are kept on hand. The people make it or collect it as they need it, and then only sufficient for one or two days.

Village Customs and Native Life. The women, naturally, are the workers. They make the sago, while the men sit in the Dubu and chew betel-nut. Although in close contact with the people the whole of the patrol, I saw no signs of activity other than this constant chewing of betelnut.

Trade. The chief articles of trade are beads, fishlines and hooks, matches, twill, steel. Tobacco is seldom asked for, as the people grow their own. A pile of ready cooked sago can be purchased for one box of matches.

Dialects. Vocabularies of the dialects have already been taken by previous officers. However, here follows a few words of the KEMISI-HAHIRI (DIKIMA) and HASI (IAKORA) dialects:

	<u>KEMISIHAHIRI.</u>	<u>HASI</u>
Mountain	ICIBU	IGI.
Sago	ASIWA	ASIWA
Island	HGGU	HEGU
Canoe	KASU	KASU
Friend	ABINAFU	NAFU
Mother	HUA	HUA.
To make.	AI-IESSIA	AI-IESSIA
Big.	MOGADAKARA	MOGADAKARA.
Small	ABABURUDIABU	RUDIABU.

*Ruthven Elliott* F.O. D.D.

## PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER

No. 14 of

1937/38

KIKORI, D.D.

STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by C.H. Karins. toRodilly Sawmill and Purari Rvr. for the purpose ofVisit to the logging camp on the Purari Rvr., and to endeavour totrace a native at KAIASU Village, wanted for obtaining money under false  
pretences.Left Station on 13/4/38 Returned to Station on 17/4/38Number of Carriers employed ----- Number of Police taken ThreeName of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge C.H. KarinsVillages visited GAURI, EVARA, KAURI, KIPI, HOMABAWI & RAWI.

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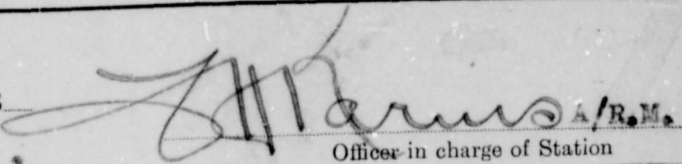
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Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 19/4/38, 193  
A/R.M.  
Officer-in charge of Station



Patrol Report No. 14 of 37/38

KIKORI. D. D.

by

C.E. Marius, A/R.M.D.D.

Object of patrol. Visit the logging camp on the Purari R.R., in charge of Cpl. DE-BA and to endeavour to trace a native who had collected wages of KAIVERA KOIVI under false pretences.

13/4/38 Accompanied by three A.Cs left Kikori per launch "Minnetonka" 8.30 a.m. At 9.30 a.m. developed engine trouble and anchored off Aird Hill. Lubricating oil filter not functioning. Two hours here and then another start made travelling less than a mile when the filter blew out and oil sprayed everywhere about the engine room. Disconnect the filter and ran the oil direct to the engine. Arthur Martin, the engineer of the "Minnetonka" worried and not inclined to continue the trip without first consulting Mr. Foldi. Returned to Kikori, arriving 3.30 p.m. Mr. Foldi advised that quite safe and in order to run the engine without the filter so at 4.30 p.m. made a fresh start. Ran through to GAURI Village and anchored for the night 8.15 p.m.

14/4/38 Inspected the village of GAURI. Several houses in a deplorable condition. Ordered them to be pulled down and new ones erected. Several native matters attended to and a claim for marriage payment adjusted.

Ran on to KWANA, arriving 3.15 p.m. Anchored.

15/4/38 Up anchor 8.00 a.m. and ran to the Sawmill. A stack of timber, 4" x 6" x 4" and 4" x 2" ready for transport to Kikori. This timber cut under arrangement with the Manager in return for logs delivered. A very satisfactory arrangement in view of the immense building programme at Kikori. Pit saws with an ever changing prison gang of sawyers could not possibly keep up with the demand. An hour spent at the Sawmill and then ran on to KAIRU Village, Purari District. V.C. MAMA RAKKA. The whole day spent making enquiries re the native who claimed the wages of KAIVERA KOIVI under false pretences. No success. Feel sure the V.C. knows something about the matter but quite unable to find any evidence to support my suspicion. Can do no more at present but may get some clue at a later date.

Patrol Report No. 14. cont.

16/4/38. Up anchor at 6.30 a.m. and ran to the Logging Camp on the Parari. 2 1/2 hours run up stream from KAIHU. Found all in order here. Some fine big logs cut and hauled and ready to be lashed into rafts to be ~~ready~~ floated downstream to the Sawmill. Checked up rations on hand and issued a further months supply. Exchanged A.C. KANANA with A.C. KARIKI, the latter being required by A.R.M. Foldi for his TURAMA and GAMA Patrol. Checked prison roll. All present and well. Returned to the sawmill, two hours run and then on to the GOPI District. Anchored at BAWI Village, Gopi Dist. 5.00 p.m.

17/4/38. Inspected BAWI, HOMAEAWI and KIPI Villages. Purchased a small quantity of sago. Arranged for canoes for transport of timber from the sawmill to Kikori.

Up anchor 10.00 a.m. and ran through to Kikori.

*A.R.M. D.D.*  
 A.R.M. D.D.  
 19/4/38.



Articles	Quantity taken on Patrol	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE					Returned	Remarks
		Police	C. P. S.	Others	Total Used	Government Cost		
Rice ... ..	50				30	3 2	20	
Biscuits ... ..								
Meat ... ..								
Sugar ... ..								
Tea ... ..								
Soap ... ..								
Tobacco ... ..	14				9	1 2 0 5		(Payment 2 R. House 7 lbs. Tob.)
Matches ... ..								
Kerosene... ..	1 gal				1 gal	2 0		
Tents ... ..								
Flies ... ..								
Lamps ... ..								
Buckets ... ..	3						3	
Kerosene Cans ... ..								
Knives and Sheaths								
Knives, 18 in. ... ..								
Knives, others ... ..								
Belts ... ..								
Pouches ... ..								
Print ... ..								
Twill ... ..								
Handkerchiefs ... ..								
Beads ... ..								
Mirrors ... ..								
Axes ... ..								
Half Axes ... ..								
Tomahawks ... ..								
<u>Running Costs "Mi notonka"</u>								
	30 gall. Fuel oil @ 5c					1 2 6		
	1 pt. Lub. Oil					8		
					Total £	2. 0. 10.		

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

18 of  
1937/38.

KIKORI, D.D.. STATION

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Arthur L. Ethell, P.O., D.D. to  
GOPI and LOWER ERA River Districts for the purpose of  
General Inspection

Left Station on 6/6/38 Returned to Station on 17/6/38

Number of Carriers employed Average 12 Number of Police taken Five.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "MINNITONKA" to BAWI in the GOPI Dis.

Villages visited IARI, BOPT, UBUO, BAWI, TURI, ODAI-AI, HOMOBAWI, MEAGOMA,  
WIPI, GOIRAVI (in the GOPI Dist), and IMEI-IA, RAVIWANA, GIGORI  
VAIAMU, TAUNAMATUA, AIME, MAHOROMERI, AIBIGAI, GWOIRAVI, BARAVI,  
KORI, BA-A. (in the ERA River Dist)

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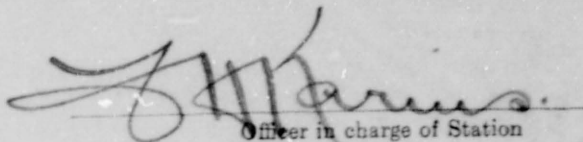
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Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 20/6/38., 1938

  
 Officer in charge of Station



No.154/25/36

R.M's Office

Kikori.D.D.

2/6/38.

The Patrol Officer

Kikori.D.D.

Instructions - Patrol No.18 of 37/38

You will make arrangements to leave on patrol on Monday the 6th.inst., to the GOPI and ERA Districts. The patrol is an ordinary routine one of general inspection. You now have your appointment as M.N.M. and can deal with such native matters as crop up, on the spot. The observance of H.Rags, to be enforced but keep in mind that the Government policy is to help the natives, not persecute them.

REST HOUSES. Do not forget our recent conversation on this matter. The building of unnecessary R.Houses is to be avoided. Some of the poorer and older rest houses in districts where they are numerous and closely grouped, could with advantage be pulled down, the natives responsible for same to be instructed to do their share in the maintenance of a selected and centrally situated house.

Both the GOPI and ERA Districts have big sago supplies. SAGO is urgently required at Kikori. Please arrange for supplies to be brought through to the station without delay, to be purchased on arrival here.

It is expected you will be away about two weeks, rations to be taken accordingly.

The "Minnetonka" will be at your disposal to take you to the GOPI District, from which point she is to be returned to Kikori.

The following police will accompany you:-

L/Cpl. AIKAI; A.Ch.UGANA, DAMO-O. Locals KAMANI-AI, PIRIKA.

A/R.M.D.D.

Patrol No 18 of 1927-38.

By

Arthur L. Ethell, P.O..

To

GOPI and UPPER ERA River Districts.

Object of patrol; General Inspection.

To the A/R.M., D.D..

In accordance with the instructions received from you dated 2/5/38, I beg to report as follows:-

Monday, June 6th; Accompanied by L/Cpl. AIKAI. A.C's UGANA and DAMO-O, and L.C's PIRIKA and KAMANI-AI, I left the station in the launch "MINNITONKA" at 9.00 A.M.. Heavy squally rain all morning, and a nasty sea running on some of the crossings. Passed GAURI 11.40 a.m. and experienced some difficulty in rounding the point into the TORO RI., but eventually turned upstream and headed for the GOPI District, arriving IARI, (V.C. AIBARU) 1.40 p.m.. Went ashore and inspected village, which is a new one. The people moved from the old IARI site about twelve months ago, and when I was last in this district the work of constructing a new village was still in progress. Now, however, the work is finished and the houses are all in a straight line facing the water. Also a new bendora wharf has recently been erected. Gave the V.C. a few orders re keeping the undergrowth cleared from the rear of the village, and moved on to GOPI after purchasing about 200 lb. of sago. V.C. MIRA reported. Did not delay here, but left instructions for the people to come across to BAWI tomorrow. At UBUO I was informed that V.C. PEREMA and several men were away in the ~~brush~~ bush collecting a certain gum for Mr. Hinds of BAGEMBA, so I ordered three men away to find him and bring him in to see me at BAWI. Crossed from here to BAWI, V.C. AMAI, and anchored. Went ashore and inspected the village which is in fair condition, but not much evidence of recent activities re. village cleaning, as the people have been (and still are) busy making new canoes. Counted fourteen new ones under construction. Set the people to work cleaning the long grass from the



village area, and ordered a new logged track from end to end of the village. Spent the afternoon buying sago. Purchased about 1000 lb. to send back to KIKORI on the launch tomorrow.

Had a nasty fall in the Rest House tonight, and injured my right knee when I fell through the floor.

Tuesday, June 7th.

MINNITONKA left at 10.00 a.m. en route for KIKORI with a cargo of 2,800 lb of sago.

Unfortunately, today I am temporarily a cripple, owing to the fall late last night. My knee is so stiff and swollen that walking is an impossibility. However, I sent word round that I wanted to see all the GOPI people together at BAWI, and they all arrived during ~~the~~ the morning. Spoke to them as a body, and came to an agreement re. Rest Houses. It has been decided that the ~~xxxx~~ people of FURI, IARI, GOPI, UBUO, and BAWI will maintain a R.H. and Barracks at BAWI, and that HOMOBAWI, NEAGOMA, and GIPI villages the same at GIPI.

In C.N.M. this afternoon.

Wednesday, June 8th.

V.C. IDUA of ODAI-AI (once WAITARI in the ANUGIPI Dist) reported to me at 8.00 a.m. this morning, and brought one of his men who wished to lay a charge against a GOIRAVI man of adultery. Subsequently sent the V.C. to GOIRAVI to collect the defendant and the complainant's wife, and told him to bring them up to ODAI-AI. Left soon after and went up to ODAI-AI.

This place disgustingly dirty. Only a few men here, the rest being away with the V.C. at GOIRAVI. The village is about twice as bad as APEAWA in the GOARIBARI Dist., which isn't saying much. Waited some time for the V.C., but as he did not show up set off back to FURI, telling the few men in the village to go down to BAWI where I could ~~ix~~ talk to them as a body. Shortly after leaving encountered a canoe load of ODAI-AI men, who told me that ~~the~~ IDUA had taken the people wanted for Court down to BAWI. Ordered the men back ~~to~~ to BAWI to await my arrival, and continued on to FURI. Half a mile further on I encountered two more canoes, with the people wanted on board. Sent ~~them~~ them also back to BAWI, and continued on, arriving FURI 11.45.. V.C. KAI-I away at BAWI where he and his men are starting the erection of a new barracks; the village in excellent condition, and for once the roads are quite good.

Ran on to GOPI, V.C. MIRA. Village quite

good. Shook the people up about their roads which need repairing in one or two places, and moved on to UBUO. (V.C. TEREMA). One or two orders entered in V.C.'s register re. roads etc., but the place much improved in recent months. Crossed to BAWI, and spent the afternoon in C.N. Matters.

Thursday, June 9th.

Left BAWI 8.30 a.m. en route for the ERA RI. Dist., calling first at HMOBAWI, (V.C. AMAI of BAWI). Village fair. Moved on to MEAGOMA, V.C. KOI-IOWA, and on inspection found this village to be in excellent condition. After a yarn to the people and requesting them to keep up the good work proceeded to GIFI, (V.C. AMANIA). This village is not in four different sections, namely KAI-ARAVI, KUPORO, GIFI, and BABARUA. Orders entered in V.C.'s register re. roads, bridges and wharves throughout the entire length of the village, each section to keep their respective parts in order. Left GIFI 11.30 a.m. and ran through to the ERA River, stopping at IMEI-IA 1.30 p.m.. V.C. AIWAMU reported. Village fair, but the new wharf ordered six months ago has not yet been started, and most of the men are away on KOMBATIS. Sent the V.C. away to collect his people, and he reported about dark with his men.

V.C. WAHE of GIGORI reported here tonight.

Friday, June 10th.

Sent the IMEI-IA men away early to cut bendora for their new wharf, and when they had gone crossed to RAVIWANA. The men were all busy sleeping after their dance last night, but the V.C. woke them when I arrived and set them to work cleaning the grass from the village. On inspection, this place proved to be quite good. Several new houses have been erected since I was ~~last~~ there in December of last year, also a new DUBU for single men. Leaving an A.C. in charge of the work in hand here, I went on to GIGORI. (V.C. WAHE is the V.C. of both these villages). Agreeably surprised to find GIGORI in first class condition, though four men were proceeded against in C.N. Matters during the afternoon for neglecting to repair their houses as ordered over six months ago..

At VAIAMU found that the village and adjacent roads were in a bad state. Inspected both VAIAMU and TAUNAMATUA (V.C. KARIBAI) but was not satisfied with the state of these places. Although repeatedly ordered to clean their villages and to keep the main road and ~~bridge~~ bridge in good order, the work has been constantly neglected, which left me no option but to proceed against the people in C.N. Matters under N.R.O.

38.4. Returned to GIGORI, and spent the afternoon in C.N. Matters.



Saturday, June 11th.

Spent some hours this morning giving the people hints on housebuilding, then moved on to AIME. Only a small village but in very decent condition. V.C. BEO seems to be a good man, and is certainly keeping his people up to the scratch. Moved on to NAHOROMERI, but found a very different state of affairs here. The village is in a bad way, and when I arrived, the place was practically deserted. Besides the V.C. EE (IBIAI), there were only three old men and a few women in the village when I arrived. These I immediately sent out to contact the other people who were said to be on Kombatis, and to bring them in. Late during the afternoon when a fair number of the people had assembled, I asked why they never seem to make any attempt to keep their village in decent order. The V.C. complains that the people won't stay in the village to help him, and the people say that the V.C. does not make any attempt to hold them together, so it cuts both ways. However, I gave them their last chance to do something, and to get the work started, and entered the necessary orders in the V.C.'s register. Gaol does not seem to worry these men; indeed they don't seem to mind it in the least. They have all been in at some time or other for neglecting the village work, and seem to look on it as an honour to work for their KBAKBAH Govt. for a few weeks in gaol. However, I told the V.C. that when he had collected his people, if they still refused to stay and help with the work on hand to bring them to KIKORI.

During the afternoon I walked up to AIBIGAI, (V.C. KOIVI). This place is improving. Quite a good effort put forward this time to have the place presentable for the Govt.. The V.C. showed me a stack of sago that he has on hand in readiness to take to KIKORI when he goes in to collect his pay at the end of June.

Sunday, January 12th.

Left NAHOROMERI early in order to have the benefit of the tide on the journey upstream. Called at KOIRAVI, or GWOIRAVI as it is now known, (V.C. EE GIRO-U). The village is a comparatively new one, and fairly clean. Issued on or two orders in houses, then as no C.N. Matters, moved on to BARAVI. V.C. HA-AI away on a Kombati. Inspected the village which is in first class condition, and the cleanest I have seen since coming on this patrol. C.N.M. continued on to MAITVA or KORI (V.C. KAITA). Village fair. Also inspected BA-A, (same V.C.), which is also in good order.

Was somewhat surprised to find here two men who had been with the II L.P.M. and myself to TERERA and the UPPER TURARI. One of them, SIKIWI, is from URI village on the Upper TURARI, and the other SE-EVI, who tells me now that he is not a SAKI man but is a member of the SA-A tribe of the Upper ERA.

Monday, June 13th. Returned downstream to MAHOROBIKI (V.C. IRLAI), and spent the day advising the people with the work of cleaning their village.

Tuesday, June 14th. W.C. ANWANI reported at MAHOROBIKI today that there had been a fight in the village of RAVIWANA, in which all the young men had been implicated, and that some of the combatants were more or less seriously injured. Packed up immediately and returned to Raviwana to inquire into the alleged fight, and found that it had been only a minor disagreement between the young men over the damage done to a new canoe. The people themselves had patched things up after their own fashion, and as everyone appeared to be satisfied, I did not pursue the matter further.

Grouping of Rest Houses in the Era Pi. district to be as follows.

RAVIWANA	}	at	RAVIWANA.	AIBIGAI	}	at GWOIRAVI
GIGORI				MAHOROBIKI		
IMEI-LA				GWOIRAVI		
VAIAMU				EA-A	}	at KORI.
TANHAMATUA				HARAVI		
AIME				KORI		

With reference to the paragraph in the instructions re Rest Houses. This matter I did not worry too much about in the ERA Pi. District. When in this district in December of '37, (Patrol No 8 of 37/38) I had the people building new Rest Houses then. However, I mentioned that there is no need for the members of each village to build a R.H. in their village, but to combine as above when the present R.H. and A.C. Barracks at RAVIWANA, GWOIRAVI, and KORI need renewing.

Wednesday, June 15th. Left GIGORI early and crossed to IMEI-LA. Was pleased to find that in the last few days the men of this village have built a good, substantial wharf of bendora, the structure being all well above high-water mark. Also, they have cleaned their village satis-



factorily. Continued on from here to the GOPI District; called at GIMI (V.C. AMANIA) and MEAGOMA (V.C. KOI-IOWA), and was pleased to notice that in both these villages there are signs of activity and that the people are busy in an endeavour to clean their places up before the wet season starts.

In C.N. Matters during the afternoon at BAWI.

Thursday, June 16th. Waited until the rain eased off this morning, then went down to GOIRAVI. (V.C. AUPEA). Inspected the village which is quite good. One or two orders entered in the V.C'S book re. repairs to roads and houses, and warned the xasia men about using bamboo and other inferior material in their new houses. Also ordered the married men to repair their dubu or build a new one. Returned to BAWI in the pouring rain, and spent the afternoon inquiring into a case of Furi-Furi. Defendants acquitted.

Late this afternoon I made another inspection of BAWI. Repairs to the village road are well under way, and the new police Barracks is gradually taking shape. Order entered in the V.C'S register re the use of bamboo in new dwellings.

Friday, June 17th. The A/R.M. arrived here in the launch during the morning, and after a short wait, I accompanied him back to KIKORI on the "MINNITONKA", arriving 5.30 p.m..

End of Patrol

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*Arthur J. Hall*  
..... P.O., D.D. ....

Articles	Quantity taken on Patrol	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE					Returned		Remarks	
		Police	Carriers	Others	Total Used	Government Cost				
Rice ...	421b	321b			32	3	4	101b		
Biscuits ...										
Meat ...	12	10			10	6	-	2		
Sugar ...	81b	2			2		3	6		
T <del>ea</del> Fish ...	12	7			7	2	4	5		
Soap ...	41b	2½			2½		7	1½		
Tobacco ...	151b	1	6½	2	9½	1	3	9	5½	Purchase sago, trade smoke to V.C.'s & O
Matches ...	2dz	15		5	20			6		
Kerosene...	1gal	½g			½g	1	-	½ gal.		
Tents ...										
Flies ...										
Lamps ...										
Buckets ...										
Kerosene Cans ...										
Knives and Sheaths										
Knives, 18 in. ...										
Knives, others ...										
Belts ...										
Pouches ...										
Print ...										
Twill ...										
Handkerchiefs ...										
Beads ...										
Mirrors ...										
Axes ...										
Half Axes ...										
Tomahawks ...										
Running Costs of "MINNITONKA"						10	-			
Total £						2	7	9		

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