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PIGEON HOLE

*N.A.*



TERRITORY OF PAPUA.

JACKET No.

*433*

Resident Magistrate,

*Moslem*

DIVISION

SUBJECT:

*J. Re Police Camp at  
Morehead River*

By Whom Introduced?

*G.S.*

Date:

*13/9/13*

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Nos. (consecutive) of the Letters and Minutes enclosed:

Endorsements:

*For Visit to Police Camp  
See "Reports"*

Note.—Nothing, other than that necessary to fill in the above Headings, is to be written on this Jacket.

This Jacket is to be Returned to the above Department without unnecessary delay. — 17

Instructions issued to Corporal ARPAL by A.P. Lyons. R.M.

on his being placed in charge of the TORNDA (Morehead R)  
police camp on the 17th December, 1915

1. The police are to be kept occupied in patrolling and visiting people already in touch with the Govt. and visiting, when it is safe to do so, ~~and~~ new villages, and collating all information as to existence of new villages &c.
2. All police are to go on patrol. A policeman may remain behind at TORNDA if the Corporal thinks he is too sick to travel.
3. The Corporal is to accompany the police on patrol on all occasions.
4. The police are not to remain in TORNDA longer than one week at any one time, unless the condition of the country - owing to flood waters is such that travelling is impossible, or
5. Each policeman has been issued 20 rds of ammunition. He is not to use it for hunting for food.
6. The Corporal has been handed 10 extra rounds of ammunition for each of the police now at Tornda. These are to be kept in reserve.
7. The police are warned against interfering with the women at villages at which they may be, also with interfering with village people in such a way as to cause trouble.
8. The Corporal is to be held responsible for all stores and Govt. property in his possession.
9. The Corporal is to keep an account of tobacco expended on (1) food and (2) transport, and is to record expenditure thus ///////////////  
Paper and pencil have been supplied for that purpose.
10. When, owing to floods, the police are unable to travel about, they are to be employed constructing a house at TORNDA suitable for an Officer to reside in.
11. The police are, so far as possible, to instruct village people how to construct houses on European plan.

*A.P. Lyons*  
R.M.

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No overhead R.  
of Morehead R.  
J. P. R.  
J.P.R.*

J & P 166/16

Western  
Daru. May 16th 16

The Honourable,  
The Government Secretary  
PORT MORSBY.

I am in receipt of a communication from the Resident Magistrate, Delta Division, that some MOREBI people in the Delta Division are alleged to have been murdered by natives living on the TURAMA River. As soon as the yearly long wet season closes, so as to permit moving about in the sago country at the mouth of the Turama, I propose to despatch two Patrol Officers and police to inquire into, and arrest those concerned in the murders. For this purpose I shall require six or eight more police.

As it is possible these cannot be supplied from Headquarters, I would suggest that the police party at TORUDA (Morehead River) be temporary withdrawn for the purpose. There is no reason for thinking that the removal of the police from TORUDA will be taken advantage of by the TUGERI.

*J.P.R.*  
Resident Magistrate

W. D.

Note. The police at the  
Moorehead R. will be placed  
under the charge of D.O. hood.  
task for the purpose of carry-  
ing out the suggestions  
made for patrolling all  
parts of the town (See pocket  
NA/50/14)



N.A/33/14

Western  
Daru. 10th November, 1914.

The Honourable,  
The Government Secretary,  
PORT MORESBY.

Herewith, I forward a voucher in favour of BRIO of Mavatta, for hire of the Mavatta cutter "Papa" to take stores to Faberam (Wassi Kussa River) for the Morehead police party.

Although I took stores to the Morehead R. police party in the whaleboat and launch, on one occasion, I underestimated the risk and danger in travelling on the open sea along the Western coastline in the "S.M. season" in ~~saxsax~~ in a launch so small as the "Alert", and in an open whaleboat, both laden with stores, hence my hiring the Mavatta cutter for the purpose on this occasion.

  
Resident Magistrate.



URIO

PAPUA of Mawatta. W.D.

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Sept 58 To hire of Mawatta cutter "Papua" to convey  
stores for the Police Party at Tornda (Morehead  
River) from Daru to Taberam (Wassi Kusza. River)

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*27/10714*

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA.

IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE

Government Secretary's Department,

Port Moresby. 19th May, 1914.

No 829/1703/14.

The Resident Magistrate,

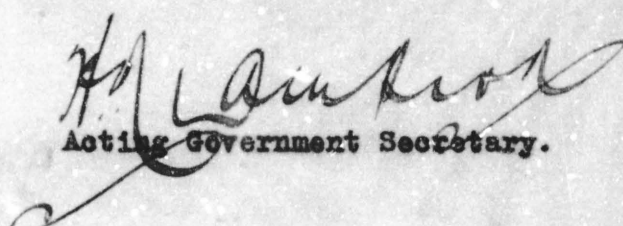
Western Division,

D A R U.

re Morehead River Police Camp.

With reference to your letter No.

N.L.33/14, I understand that you requisitioned for all the stores you required for your Station (including those needed for the Morehead River Police Camp) under the current votes on the Estimates. All that appears to be required, therefore, is a book entry here crediting the latter and debiting Extension Government Influence.

  
Acting Government Secretary.

No. F.A/33/14

Territory of Papua.

Resident Magistrate's Office. F.D.

Daru. 10th May, 1914.

The Honourable,

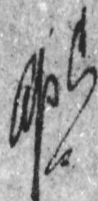
The Government Secretary,

Port Moresby.

Re Moreshead River Police Camp

In answer to your letter No. 635/1763/14 of the 8th ulto, I have to advise that I contemplated either visiting the Moreshead River Camp personally or sending an officer, at the beginning of April last, but it was found impossible to do this for reasons which no doubt you are aware of.

However, I expect to be able to visit the Moreshead river police camp this month, now that there is another Govt. Officer on the island.



Resident Magistrate.

R.H.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA.



IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE

No. 633/1703/14.

Government Secretary's Department,

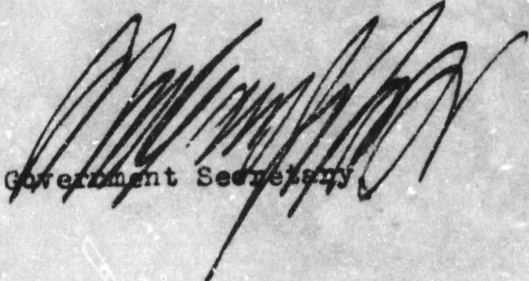
Port Moresby. 8th April, 1914.

The Acting Resident Magistrate,

Western Division,

DARU.

I have to request that you will be good enough to inform me what arrangements you have made to supervise the police at the Outpost on the Moorhead River and also for the supply of rations etc.

  
Government Secretary

No. N.A./33/14

Territory of Papua.

Resident Magistrate's Office. W.D.

DARU. 31st April, 1914.

The Honourable,

The Treasurer,

Port Moresby.

Re Moreshead Riv. Police Camp.

In reply to your letter E.14/490 of the 25th ultimo, I have to advise that the Police Camp at the Moreshead River is in H.M.'s scheme for the spread of Govt. influence. Accordingly, as requested by you, I have furnished the G.O. with a statement of actual expenses incurred in connection therewith to date.

The expenses of the Fly River station shall be kept separate from those of the rest of the Division, as desired.

  
Resident Magistrate.

No. N.L/33/14

Territory of Papua.

Resident Magistrate's Office. W.D.

DARU. 31st April, 1914.

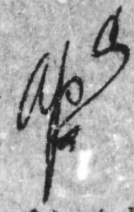
The Honourable,

The Government Secretary,

PORT MORREBY.

Re Morehead River Police Camp.

The Hon. the Treasurer has written to me to state that if the Morehead River Police Camp is in His Excellency's scheme for the extension of Government influence, ~~and~~ it will be necessary to inform you from time to time of the actual expenses in connection therewith. His Excellency the Lt. Gov. when recently here stated that the abovementioned police camp was included in his scheme for the spread of Govt. influence. Accordingly, I forward herewith a list of goods expended from the Daru stock to date. Should<sup>not</sup> the Daru store ~~not~~ be reimbursed with stores requisitioned for out of the vote to cover expenses in connection with stations &c. for the spread of Govt. influence?

  
Resident Magistrate.

List of stores expended from the stock of the R.M.W.D.  
for the Police Camp, Morehead River.

18 singlets	9	-	0
42 yards T. Swill	1	-	1 - 0
10 trade belts	10	-	0
4 trade pouches	3	-	0
24 yds Print	12	-	0
7 zinc mirrors	1	-	9
8 lbs T. Tobacco	8	-	8
1 - 18" knife	2	-	0
200 lbs rice	1	-	11 - 3

\$4 - 18 - 8

The above represents trade paid to carriers, and food expended for them in connection with the establishment of the camp. It does not represent food expended for the police.

350 lbs biscuits	5	-	2 - 1
720 lbs rice	5	-	5 - 0
96 lbs meat	2	-	8 - 0
64 lbs sugar	19	-	4
5 lbs tea	4	-	7
4 1/6 gals. kerosene	6	-	6
1 large Fly	3	-	10 - 0
1 small fly	2	-	5 - 0
1 lantern	3	-	6
1 large enamel billy can	3	-	0
5 bars soap	2	-	6
2 tomahawks	6	-	0
2 - 18" knives	4	-	0
3 swag bags	6	-	0
15 lbs T. Tobacco	16	-	3
1 large fish line	3	-	6
2 bottles rifle oil	6	-	0
440 rds .303 ammunition	<i>0 3/8</i>		<i>3. 0. 2</i>

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To the above freight from Port Moresby to Dar. should be added.  
The sum of £28/11/- represents cost of stores actually expended  
on the police party stationed at the Morehead River camp.



Resident Magistrate.

Daru. 21/4/24.





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TERRITORY OF PAPUA

IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE

Department of the Treasury,

NO. T. 14/496.

PORT MORESBY, 28th March, 1914.

The Resident Magistrate,  
WESTERN DIVISION.

In connection with the opening of the New Station on the Fly River, will you please note that the expenses of same should be kept quite separately from those for Daru and the rest of the Division, as it is necessary to keep a special account of the expenses of the new Station.

2. I do not know whether the Police post on the Morehead River is in His Excellency's scheme for the extension of Government influence, and I shall be glad if, while he is in your Division, you will ask him, and, if such is the case, see that the Government Secretary is advised from time to time of the actual expenses of this police post, so that the vote "Extension of Government Influence" can be debited with its cost, and the necessary credit given to the general votes in the Estimates under which the expenditure is made.

*ng*

*H. G. Lambson*  
Treasurer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA.

Government Secretary's Department.

ARMED CONSTABULARY.

Port Moresby.

5th March 1914

IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE  
No. Daru/14

The Officer - in - Charge

A - N - C

Daru

W.D.

Re, Police Post on MOREHEAD River

By direction of His Excellency I have to inform you that Senior-Sergeant GERA is to be sent to ~~relieve~~ relieve Corporal BAGIRI as the N-C-O in charge of the above-mentioned Police Post. Corporal BAGIRI is to return for duty at DARU,

*W. H. Halford Thompson*  
Headquarters Officer

N.A/33/13

Western  
Daru. 9th January

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Establishment of Police Camp at Tornda (Morehead.R)

The Honourable,

The Government Secretary,

Port Moresby.

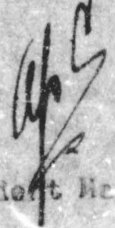
On the 6th inst I received the following radiogram from Thursday Island-

"Lieutenant-Governor wants to know why you have disobeyed his instructions to establish a police camp on the Morehead such instructions being first issued many months ago. An immediate explanation is required"

To which I replied on the 8th inst as follows-

"Police camp has been established Morehead River"

I now confirm my radiogram, and advise that in accordance with the instructions contained in your letter No. 1704/1750/13 of the 27th October last which was received here on the 6th November 1913, I proceeded to the Morehead River as soon as circumstances permitted after the receipt of that letter and established a camp at the site of the old TORNDA village on the East bank of the Morehead River. The police party comprises Corpl. BAGIRI and 7 A.Cs. Full details are furnished in the report of the patrol No. B/50/14 which goes forward by this mail.

  
Resident Magistrate.

Resident Magistrate's Office

Daru

Western Division

PAPUA

6th January 1914

R A D I O G R A M.

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The Government Secretary

Port Moresby

POLICE CAMP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED MOREHEAD

RIVER.

~~RESIDENT MAGISTRATE~~ collect.

*Resident Magistrate*

Form 2 - Received Message Form

*Readed down 26/11/38*  
*for H/W meeting line*

# RADIO TELEGRAM.

Forwarding Charge \_\_\_\_\_ Debt Date \_\_\_\_\_

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
DEPARTMENT OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL

Office of Origin	Words	Office Received from	Time Received
<i>Pennochy</i>	<i>11 350</i>		
Message			

*Yours. Saw for the time  
 I understand you are to be  
 in a camp in the mountains  
 such as you are in  
 Government Secretary*

James G. Pollock Journal

March 18. Camp

Ge Rasai (the dog)

" SAUDI

" GAWANI

" MADON

" GAWANI

" KURAI

" NADIRBURU

" KAMUSI

James G. Pollock  
RM

Plan left at Fonda  
 to Cpl BAGIRI 3/1/44

10 tons Beans	350 lb
18 Bori Rice	750 "
48 tons Meal	95 "
3 " Sugar	94 "
1 " Tea	5 "
1 " Kerosene	45 gal
1 large Fly	
1 Small "	
1 Ball Bore Lead	
1/2 Box Cps on Sells	
1 Bottle J's Band	
2 Boxes Q Ammunition	
1 Lantern (low)	
1 large 8 mm Photo Cam	
3 Box Soap	
2 " matches	
3 " 15" Knives	
3 " Sw of Bags	
12 traps tobacco for 8 police	
4 lb. Tobacco for buying food	
1 large fuel line	
2 Bottles Keros Oil	
2 Oct AC including Cpl. 40	
Par. 303 ammunition	
and Reserve 7,100 Rs. needed	
to Cpl BAGIRI	

Pencial Writing

The mountains in the hills of the ...  
the ... of the ... of the ...

- 1. To make, with a little delay, ...
- 2. To ... from time to time ...
- 3. To ... from ... of the ...

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- 4. The ... of the ... is necessary for any purpose ...
- 5. The ... must be kept ...
- 6. The ... must go ...
- 7. All food & other requirements must be ...
- 8. The police collectively ...
- 9. All matters ...
- 10. The hope to ...
- 11. The police must not ...

5 (Pencil) ...

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N.A/33/13

Western  
Daru. 26th November,

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Police camp on Morehead River

The Honourable,

The Government Secretary,

Port Moresby.

Adverting to your letter No. 1704/1780 of the 27th ult., I have to report that amongst other objects of my recent patrol of the Morehead River country was to choose a suitable site for a police camp.


Although I walked over a considerable amount of country on both sides of the Morehead River, I only saw one suitable site for the purpose, and it even is rather too high upstream. In choosing a site, I was guided by (1) its proximity to water (2) its being out of reach of the highest flood waters, and (3) its position as regards surrounding villages. A site on a high scrubby terrace near the river and within 15 minutes walk of the village of Perem was the only one seen which would be at all suitable, but it is rather far too far to the North of TORNDA and other villages near Tornda to be within effective range should any of these villages be attacked by the TUGERI, a contingency which has to be considered when choosing a

At many places where the banks of the river appear high at the present time marks of past floods were noticed on the trees fully 12 feet from the ground. *Course* plenty high ground may be found in parts inland some distance from the River, but unfortunately there is no water supply within reasonable distance of them, so they cannot be considered.

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I propose therefore to establish the police camp near where the  
-ornda people are camped, so that the police can shift with those  
people to higher ground when the rainy season sets in and forces  
them to leave their present position.



Resident Magistrate.

H.A. 35/13

Daru, Western

11th November

13.

re Police Camp on the Morehead River.

The Honourable,

The Government Secretary

Port Moresby.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No-1704/1750/13 of the 27th ulto: and would state that the matter of establishing a Police camp on the MOREHEAD River will have early attention.

  
Resident Magistrate.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA.

IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE

Government Secretary's Department.

No. 1704/1750/13.

Port Moresby, 27th October, 1913.

The Resident Magistrate,  
Western Division,  
D A R U.

Re Police Camp on Morehead River

With reference to your letter No. M'A' 33/13 of the 7th instant relative to the above, I have to advise you that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor states that he cannot understand how you formed the idea that the scheme was abandoned.

His Excellency directs that you be instructed to carry out the formation of this Police Camp without delay as the North-West season is not the best time to visit this District.

*ARM*  
*not to state the*  
*matter by establishing*  
*a camp on the*  
*Morehead River will*  
*have only attraction*  
*Ap C*  
*+ RM*

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Government Secretary.

N'A' 53/15.

Daru, Western

7th October

15.

Re Police camp on the Morehead River.

The Honourable,

The Government Secretary

In answer to your letter 1494/1750/13 of the 13th ult: I beg to state that I cannot find any records in the Office that written instructions to form a Police camp on the Morehead River were given. However I understand that verbal instructions were given to Mr G.H.W. Baker by the Lieutenant Governor to make certain preparations to do so, and that His Excellency proposed to accompany the party to select suitable sites on the Morehead for the camp. This was in February or March last.

The arrangements were not carried out as planned, His Excellency proceeded from Port Moresby to the Morehead via Thursday Island. I learned from him on his return to Daru on the 29th March last that he had been up the Morehead River for a distance of about one hundred miles, and that he saw no suitable site for a camp. From the conversation I had with him, I understood the idea of establishing a Police camp on the river mentioned had been abandoned.

However if this was not the case, I certainly could not visit that river under the

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conditions which obtained here up to 1883 last month.

I shall be glad to know His Excellency's wishes in  
reference to the water works next season & by far the best time to  
visit is either of the two next winter rivers.



Resident Engineer.

CPH



TERRITORY OF PAPUA.

IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE

NO. 1494/1750/13

Government Secretary's Department.

Port Moresby, 13th September, 1913.

The Resident Magistrate,  
Western Division,

D A R E.

By direction I have to inform you that His  
Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor desires to know if  
any steps have yet been taken to form a Police Camp  
on the Moopahad River, as instructed.

  
Government Secretary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA.

Resident Magistrate's Office,

Division

IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE

1st April, 1918.

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The R.M., W.D.

In view of the possibility of smallpox entering the Territory from across the Dutch boundary, it will be desirable to vaccinate the natives in the villages along the coast and up the rivers to the West of DARU. I understand that this has been done, to a great extent at any rate, as far as BUGI. There will be no difficulty in doing the coast villages. With regard to the natives on the Morehead and West of the Morehead towards the boundary, it will probably be necessary to establish temporary police camps in the neighbourhood of the old village of DONDA, about a mile and a half from the left bank (shown on Mr. Beaver's map). This need not be undertaken until the dry season.

*J. W. R. M.*

Lieutenant-Governor.





Pencial Writing

4/11/43 <sup>1943</sup> Return for 7 Men

Meat	28 lbs	9 lbs	✓
Bacon	28 lbs	20 lbs	✓
Butter	84 lbs	12 lbs	✓
Flour	28 lbs	1 lb	✓
Tea	2 1/2 lbs	1 lb	✓
Tobacco	54 lbs		
Alcohol	28 lbs	28 lbs	
Soap	5 lbs	20 lbs	
Kerosene	1 tin	1 tin	✓
Tools	2	2	✓

Total Recd

2 bags back to store

- GENAMI
- NADERI
- KUHAID
- KAMUSU

- BAGIRI
- GENAMI
- SAUDI
- MADDOO
- NADERI

- GERA
- KAMUSU
- BENENI
- KUBALLO
- BAWCA
- MAWORA
- MADUN
- DIDUN

to get clothes  
to get clothes  
"

New men Received Cigs from old  
T. 10 extra to make up each 40 Pk