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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

1/27/28.

DARG. W.D. STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Wm. J. Lambden. A.R.M. to
Fly River. for the purpose of
Searching for Mr. P.O. Champion and party.

Left Station on 11/7/27. Returned to Station on 14/7/27.

Number of Carriers employed ----- Number of Police taken 1.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Minnetonka" Wm. J. Lambden. A.R.M.

Villages visited ----

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 31-7-27

E. M. Blahman

Officer in charge of station.

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Report of Patrol No.1/27/28 by
Wm. J. Lambden A.R.M. from Daru
to the Fly River undertaken for
the purpose of searching for Mr.
P.O. Champion and party of the
North West Patrol.

I returned from the Upper Fly River
on the 30/6/27 (Patrol Report No.14/26/27) and the
"Minnetonka" had to go on the slip for the hull to be
examined and to get the engine overhauled, cylinders boiled
out, etc. There being no power boats at Daru available for
hire or charter radio's were exchanged with the Government
Secretary and advise was received that the "Elelala" would
be sent down from Port Moresby. Arrangements were made for
Mr. C.H. Karius A.R.M., myself, 12 police and 30 carriers to
leave by the "Elevala" and proceed to the point where Mr.
Karius left Mr. Champion on the 1/5/27. On the 6/7/27 the
"Laurabada" arrived with H.E. the Lt. Governor and the Official
Secretary aboard. The "Laurabada" had piloted the "Elevala"
from Port Moresby. Mr. W.O.C. Will was the engineer of "Elevala".
H.E. the Lt. Governor directed that the
"Minnetonka" accompany the "Elevala" up the Fly, it was
feared that the engine of the "Elevala" might give trouble. The
"Minnetonka" can go further up the Fly than the "Elevala".
The "Laurabada" left for Port Moresby on the 7/7/27 and
the "Elevala" with Mr. Karius, 11 police, 10 prisoners and
Coxswain MARC G, left on the 8/7/27 to await me at Madiri
Fly River.

On the morning of the 8/7/27 the
"Minnetonka" was ready to go into the water but the tides
would not float her. At 10.p.m. on the 9/7/27 the "Minnetonka"
was floated. I boarded the vessel at 5.a.m. on the 10/7/27
but the engine would not start. The services of Mr. L. Luff
were obtained but he did not get the engine into running
order until 1.p.m. the tide was then unfavourable I

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could not get away until the 11th. inst., three days later than anticipated.

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Monday 11/7/27.

Accompanied by A.C. DAUPI and my cook, boarded the "Minnetonka" at 7.55 a.m. Mr. Horn a visitor from New Zealand is a passenger for Mibu. The vessel is well laden having 62 cases of fuel aboard, 2 Europeans, 5 natives and stores for 2 months. A strong S.E. is blowing and the tide is against us. After leaving the shelter of Daru and Bristow Islands terrific seas were encountered and if the "Elevala" had not been waiting me at Madiri I should have turned back. The canvas awnings and screens aboard the boat are now so old and worn that they do not keep her dry and as she is so heavily laden the seas are breaking all over her. The engine room had to be bailed out continuously. My passenger, who is a stranger to Papua remarks that his first impressions of the country is that there is far too much Eastern philosophy exhibited by the European inhabitants.

Entered Toro Pass at 10.5 a.m. and entering the Fly River at 11 a.m. found the tide running out against a strong S.E. wind. The trip to the shelter of Mibu Island was dreadful and it is a miracle that the dingy was not lost. Anchored off Mibu at 1.45 p.m. and landed passenger and mail.

Left on the turn of the tide at 3.30. had a good trip to Madiri and anchored there at 7.30 p.m. to find that the "Elevala" was not at anchor as expected. Visited Mr. & Mrs. Smith's Freshwater and delivered mail and stores. I learn that the "Elevala" arrived here on the 9th. and left the same day for BARAMUFA to recruit carriers.

Left at 9.35 p.m. -- a bright moonlight night -- at 10 p.m. found the "Elevala" at anchor off BARAMUFA and learnt that Mr. Karis had been very

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worried over my absence. He had recruited all carriers needed, had them on board and intended leaving without me at daybreak. Arrangements were made to leave at daybreak, the "Minnetonka" to follow the "Elevala".

Tuesday 12/7/27.

Awoke at 4.a.m., a disturbance on deck leading us to believe that the carriers were trying to escape. Arriving on deck we learnt that a large canoe or raft had just passed travelling down stream. Sent the "Minnetonka" dinghy after it and 20 minutes later had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. I. Champion and half his party aboard. Mr. Champion reported that he had left the other half of his party at WERIADAI with instructions to follow on. The whole party were in good health.

At 6.a.m. sent the "Minnetonka" back to Madiri to await my arrival there and left aboard the "Elevala" to look for the missing half of Champion's party. At 10.a.m. encountered them about a mile below SAPARA, their craft consisted of 3 small canoes lashed together on which was a huge stack of bananas.

Left at about 10.15.a.m. and anchored off Madiri at about 12.30.p.m. where we all went ashore and were given an excellent dinner by Mr. & Mrs. Freshwater who were delighted to see us.

Loaded 30 cases of fuel aboard the "Elevala" so as to lighten the "Minnetonka" a little. The "Elevala" left at about 3.p.m. intending to anchor for the night at AUTI but I shall delay my departure until this evening when I hope the wind will die down and enable me to get through to Fore Pass in the early hours of the morning in time to cross on the next tide.

Left Madiri at 9.30.p.m., bright moonlight night, no wind and sea fairly calm. At 12.50.am wind rose, heavy rain fell and moon became obscured so anchored off DEWARE at 1.a.m.

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Wednesday 13/7/27.

Strong S.E. blowing and heavy rain falling, vessel rolling all over the place. Under weigh at 9.30.a.m. and ran to the shelter of Mibu Island. Anchored off Mibu Creek at 11.a.m. and waited for the tide which will enable me to cross Toro Pass at about 10.p.m. Visited Mr. & Mrs. John Cowling.

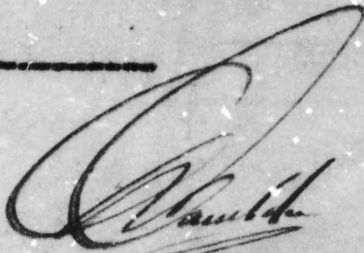
Left at 5.p.m. and turned back at 5.30.p.m. There is a strong S.E. blowing, heavy rain is falling and as it is going to be a very dark night it will be both dangerous and difficult to negotiate Sui sandbank. Anchored at 6.p.m.

Thursday 14/7/27.

The weather is vile, still raining, S.E. is strong and seas are big. At 10.30.a.m. the sky cleared a little so decided to make a dash for Toro Pass. Left anchorage at 10.45.p.m. and after a very bad trip anchored in the calm waters of Toro Pass at 1.p.m. to find that there was not sufficient water to enable me to get through the passage safely.

Left at 8.p.m., had difficulty in negotiating the passage but managed it safely and again ran into some terrific seas. On two occasions when crossing to the shelter of Bristow Island I gave the vessel up for lost, as a sea laid her over and before she could recover properly another sea caught her almost turning her completely over. Anchored at Dara at 9.50.p.m. to learn that the "Elevala" also had a very dirty trip from Madiri and anchored here at 7.p.m. last night.

*Why the heavy
in the passage
is unknown.*



A.R.M.: W.D.
15/7/27.

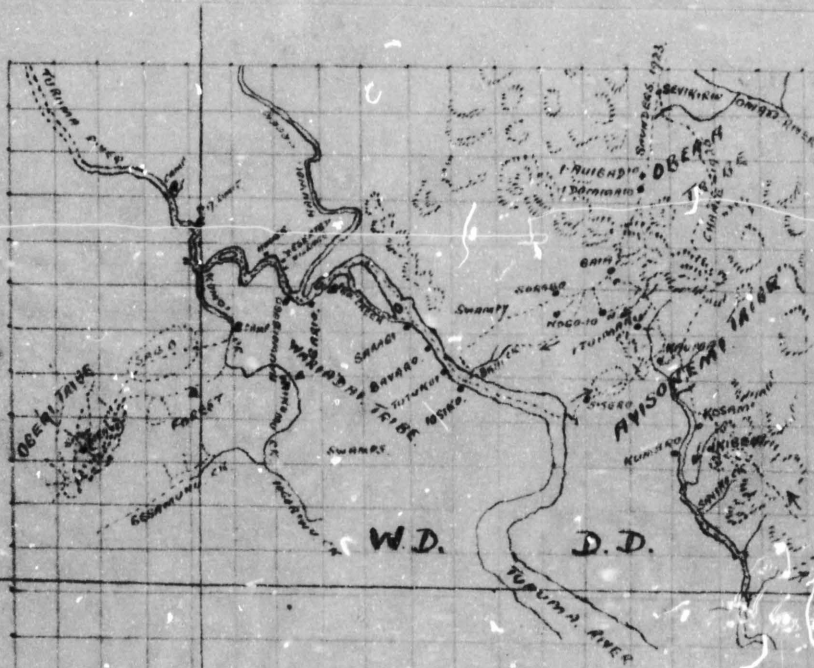
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PATROL REPORT

STATION NUMBER
3/27/28.

DARU. W.D.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by Wm. J. Lambden. A.R.M. to
Nassi Kussa, Mai Kussa, Morehead and Fly Rivers Districts for the purpose of
Consolidating Government influence, etc.

Left Station on 17/8/27 Returned to Suwami Station on 22/9/27.

Number of Carriers employed 30. Number of Police taken 5.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Minnetonka" E.R. Oldham. R.M.

Villages visited TAKARA, TUMBUGERI, SOKURUMBU, MIBENE, AGRIMOGRO, PAKUA,
KOKU, MATA, PONGALI, DERIDERI, BARAH, BEBEBEM, POSIRIKANGU, JARE,
SUMBARAI, DIDICUMAI, BELEVI, BUK, GURORO, IUR, WERIADAI, SUWAMI.

Map attached to Report No. 4/27/28.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 20/10/27.

E. R. Oldham

Officer in charge of Station.

Days run 30 miles.

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Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.					Left		Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.	Government Cost.	Returned.	TARARA.	
Rice	lbs. 650.	250.	--	++	250.	2. 6. 10.	400.		
Biscuits									
Meat	lbs. 122.	50.	--	--	50.	1. 15. 5	72.		
Sugar									
Tea									
Soap	lbs. 4.	4.	--	---	4.	1. 2	--		
Tobacco	lbs. 45.	36.	36.	5.	45.	5. 8. 9.	--	"Others" includes gifts to Chiefs & V.C.'s. and purchase of native food for police & carriers.	
Matches	boxes. 24.	24.	--	--	24.	9.	--		
Kerosene	gals. 8.	2.	--	--	2.	3. 2	6.		
Tents									
Flies	1.	--	--	--	--		1.		
Lamps									
Buckets									
Kerosene Cans									
Knives & Sheaths									
Knives, 18in.									
Knives, other									
Belts									
Ponches									
Turkey Red.	yds. 30.	--	18.	12.	30.	1. 6. 3	---	"Others" Gifts to Chiefs	
Twil									
Handkerchiefs									
Beads									
Mirrors									
Axes									
Half Axes									
Tomahawks	12.	--	12.	--	12.	1. 4. 0			
TOTAL						12. 6. 5			

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

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Report of Patrol No. 3/27/28 by
Mr. J. Lambden A.R.M. from Daru
to Wassi Kussa, Mai Kussa and
Morehead Rivers District and
across to Dausro on the Fly.

Object, :- To consolidate Government influence.

Journey, :- 312 miles.

Time, :- 27 days.

AUGUST 1927.
WEDNESDAY 17th.

Accompanied by A.C. DANPI and my cook
boarded the "Minnetonka" and left at 10.10.a.m. The R.M.
who is on board will land me at Tarara off the Wassi Kussa
River and will pick me up at Weridai on the Fly River ca. or
about the 20th. September. Had a very boisterous trip as
far as Horakara Island. Anchored off Saibai Island
(Queensland) at 3.40.p.m. and at the invitation of the Govt
school teacher (Mr. Green) went ashore and stayed at his
residence for the night. Days run 43 miles.

Thursday 18/8/27.

A very strong S.E. is still blowing
and travelling to Beigu Island by the only passage that we
know will be very dangerous. Mr. Green suggested that we
travel by the inner passage which runs along close to the
Mainland of Papua and he offered to provide a pilot.

Boarded the "Minnetonka" and left at
7.40.a.m. with a pilot from Saibai on board. Travelling
along a passage between a reef and the mainland had a very
good trip to the Wassi Kussa River which we entered at about
midday. Anchored at TARARA at 6.15.p.m. and went ashore to
camp in the Rest House.

Sgt. Paradeba reported with two of the
Tanda Detachment of police, the other two police who
complete the present strength of this force, are with Mr. F.
Williams A.G.A. somewhere in the vicinity of the Samsbach
River. V.C's. YOKUI of Tarara and BIRIKANA of Nata reported
Despatched BIRIKANA to Tabaram and Bebeben to obtain carriers
Days run 50 miles.

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Friday 19/8/27.

Unloaded the "Minnetonka" and she left for Daru with the R.M. on board at about 8.30.a.m.

Inspected the village of TARARA which consists of 6 houses and a population of 24 controlled by V.G. YOKUI. The majority of the people are away tending their gardens down near the coast. A new Rest House has been erected it is not a very brilliant structure but it is an improvement on the old one. The jetty is in fair order.

At midday 8 carriers arrived from Tabaran. Despatched them with A.G.SARINA, carrying mail and stores for Mr. Williams, A.G.A. At 3.p.m. V.G's Midea of Tabaran, Gerinani of Beldoben, Birakawa of Nata and Chief Baran of Derideri reported bringing with them 18 men from Beldoben, Goban and Derideri. Paid all V.G's. their wages to 30/6/27.

Packed up supplies for a fortnight and with 20 carriers set off at about 4.p.m. Followed an excellent road, the best in the Division, and at about 5.30.p.m. arrived at TUMBUGERI a village of 4 houses and many yam stores surrounded by coconuts. This place belongs to the people of Tarara. Days journey 5 miles.

Saturday 20/8/27.

Packed up and left at about 8.30.a.m. and at about midday arrived and had lunch at SOKURUMBU. The village is deserted, the people are at MIBENE tending their gardens. SOKURUMBU consists of 5 well built houses surrounded by coconuts, breadfruit, paw-paws and gardens of yams, manioc, taro, tobacco and bananas. The place is very clean.

Left at about 1.30.p.m. and at about 4.p.m. arrived and camped at MIBENE. The carriers are very slow, the last of them did not get into camp until after dusk. The people who occupy MIBENE also own SOKURUMBU, they are controlled by V.G.BOBORA and number 40. MIBENE is merely a garden settlement and does not boast of properly built houses. The people live under a collection of shelters that are scattered over a large area which is planted in yams, tobacco, manioc, etc.

Days journey 13 miles.

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Sunday 21/8/27.

Strung camp, packed up and left at about 8.30.a.m. Arrived at the garden place of the AGRANDRO people where I camped on the 30/8/26, at about 9.30.a.m. On the way here passed through a swamp waist deep in water that was covered with a beautiful blue water lily. Arrived at AGRANDRO at about 10.a.m. to find the place deserted. The population here is 22 and they are controlled by Chief HAITI. The houses, 3, are a very poor type but the surroundings are very clean. There are a few coconut palms here and large gardens of yam, taro, manioc, etc. Chief ORIAN of TUARAN and Chief TAKUAMP of NISORI together with some of their followers came along to see the Government.

Left at about 11.a.m. and at about noon halted beside a creek and had lunch. Leaving about an hour later passed through PAKUA a large garden owned by a man who lives here with 3 wives and 4 children. I intended to go from here to TETAKUMA but learn that there are no canoes at the Tetakuma crossing of the Morehead River and that I will have to go to ROKU to cross.

Crossed the Morehead River at about 5.p.m. and camped on the other side at ROKU. ROKU is a pretty little village of 5 houses surrounded by coconuts, bananas, paw-paw breadfruit, etc. and has a population of 41 controlled by V.G.SAMBUI. The V.G. and most of the male inhabitants are absent. The village is very clean and the houses are in good repair. There is a Rest House here which is in a fair state of repair.

Days journey 15 miles.

Monday 22/8/27.

At daybreak V.G.SAMBUI arrived with a letter from Mr. Williams A.G.A. who is at SEKARI (JEKAR) Mr. Williams informs me that he will be here sometime today.

Spent the morning in inspecting the gardens in the vicinity of the village. I understand that the people in these parts have had a very good season and the yam harvest is likely to be a record one. Mr. Williams arrived at 6.p.m.

Tuesday 23/8/27.

In camp. Spent the morning discussing the

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habits and customs of natives of these parts with the A.G. Mr. Williams has been as far North as INAPROK (Garamudi tribe) not far from the D'Alberti Islands in the Fly River and while there met natives of the WIRAI tribe (Suki Creek) who were reported to be hostile (Report No. 3/26/37 p.36) All these people were found to be friendly. Mr. Williams has also visited all villages West from TAKARA through ROKU to the Bensbach River. The SYPKI people visited him at BEBEBEM.

During the afternoon issued uniforms to V.C.'s. who were appointed last year and paid all V.C.'s. their wages due to 30/6/27. The following were present.

V.C. DUNBARASI.	of KARABO.
" HARDO.	" KUNDARISA.
" SARI.	" GANDAN.
" ADOI.	" KUBIRATAR.
" KAMA.	" MEBEHE.
GARONY.	" TORO.
" TABU.	" SOXUOR.
" WAIWAI U.	" SEKARI.
" WAMBOTHA.	" YETAKIMA.
" SANSUI.	" ROKU.
" MITUA.	" TAHAKAL.
" SUAN.	" PRATAKAKA.
" BERAKANA.	" MATA.
" KOBORA.	" KIRINE.

All report that they have done nothing to improve their villages since my visit last year but now that they have uniforms they will make a start. Proper villages will be formed, tracks kept clean from village to village and Rest Houses will be built at every village where there is a V.C. Paraded all V.C.'s. and Sgt. Paradeba gave them two hours instruction in saluting, standing to attention, etc. There being over 300 natives present, representing every village within a radius of 30 miles, the parade was an impressive one.

Wednesday 24/8/27.

In camp taking and developing photos of natives of Roku and surrounding tribes and in conversing with the people. V.C.'s. SARINAP of SETAIVE, and PIBIKAI of KIRINO with about 30 of their followers reported. Both state that they have established friendly relations with

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the SERKI and WIRAM people.

During the evening a big dance was held in the village in honour of the visit of the Government, representatives from 25 settlements and villages being present.

Thursday 25/8/27.

I intended to visit all villages in the vicinity of the Bensbach but as all the V.C's with many of their people have reported here there is nothing for me to do there now, it is very doubtful if I could visit all villages for the whole country is flooded.

Struck camp and left at about 9.a.m. with SETAIVE, KIRIWO, TABARAM and BEBDEBEM carriers. Crossed the Morehead River and reached PAKUA at about 11.a.m. Proceeded to AGRINOORO, arrived there at about 1.p.m. and had lunch. Mr. Williams took a few anthropological notes and at about 3.p.m. we set off for MEBENE (V.G.BOBORA) arriving there at about 4.30.p.m. to camp. Days journey 15 miles.

Friday 26/8/27.

In camp, in bed with fever. I intended to go to TAWNDA today and travel via TUARAN, TIRITUKA and NORAM to TARARA but learn that there are no people at any of these places. TAWNDA people are scattered over the country hunting and fishing and have left TAWNDA temporarily owing to the death of a "big man" there. TIRITUKA people are down on the coast 3 days journey away and NORAM people are on the coast near Boigu Island 4 days journey away. Paid off SETAIVE and KIRIWO carriers.

Saturday. 27/8/27.

A big dance is to commence here tomorrow my carriers wish to take part, the A.G.A. wishes to witness it so I shall remain here.

Visited TANJUAVIU the place of origin of this tribe situated about 4 miles from here and learnt the story of the beginning of this tribe. The A.G.A. is reporting it in full. Arrived back in camp at dusk.

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Sunday 28/8/27.

In camp. An intelligent native named NAVANT of TUARAM reported and confirmed the report that the TUARAM people are down on the coast. NAVANT informs me that they are building a new village on the coast near the mouth of the Wassi Kussa River and the Government should make it the landing place for the police camp instead of TARARA.

SERANK, an old man, the chief of TAWNDA reported, confirmed the report that TAWNDA was deserted and stated that the V.C. (MOIWO) is very ill, has been for the past 9 months and wishes to resign. SERANK refused the appointment of V.C. last year but is now willing to accept it, he has been acting during the illness of MOIWO so I am recommending his appointment to the vacancy caused by the resignation of MOIWO.

Dancing started at 4.p.m. when a child between 2 and 3 years of age had its head shaved by its maternal uncle. Visitors to the dance arrives after dusk, they come from many villages, and dancing continued throughout the night.

Monday 29/8/27.

Dancing ceased at about 8.a.m. At the break of day a girl about 5 years of age had her head shaved and her ears pierced. The reason for shaving the head is that it is believed that the child will grow strong. The A.G.A. is writing an account of the ceremony.

V.C's. ORRIT of ASIGABARA and KAMA of NEREGE reported. The former states that his people are away fishing and hunting on the coast between the Morehead and Bensbach Rivers. Paid the V.C's. their wages and issued them with new uniforms. KAMA wishes to resign owing to ill health and WITORI an intelligent man of about 35 wishes to take his place. I am assured that WITORI has more influence with the people than any other man so I am recommending his appointment.

V.C. TONJERI of BABIRI reported with some of his followers. He informs me that all his people are down on

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the coast near the mouth of the Bensbach at a place called MARE E. I am assured that a start has been made to establish a permanent village at YALAKA between ASIGABADA and the Bensbach River. I have now seen all V.C.'s. in this district.

Tuesday 30/8/27.

Struck camp, packed up and left at about 8.30 a.m. The A.G.F. is remaining here today and will leave tomorrow for Beddeban via Tumbugeri and Tabaran. Passed through a garden place belonging to the Mibens people at 11.30 a.m. and at 1 p.m. arrived at the site of an old village of the Mibens people. There are many coconut palms in full bearing here but the place has been deserted for many years. Had lunch.

Left at about 2.30 p.m. and at about 4.30 p.m. arrived at KATA and camped in the Rest House. KATA is a pretty little village surrounded by coconut palms and large gardens. It consists of 9 houses and has a population of 47 controlled by V.C. BIRAKANA. A new Rest House has been built, it is a spacious building equipped with bathroom and kitchen. Days journey 17 miles.

Wednesday 31/8/27.

Packed up and left at about 9 a.m. At about 10 a.m. passed through a garden belonging to the KATA people and at about 11.30 a.m. arrived at PONGALI. This is a village of the YARENE tribe, consists of 3 houses surrounded by coconuts and has a floating population. The villages belonging to this tribe are DERIDERI, PONGALI and SEMENE. The whole of the people of the tribe are to meet me at DERIDERI.

Left at about noon and about twenty minutes later halted for lunch on the banks of a creek. It is a beastly hot day. Left at about 2.30 p.m. and soon after 3 p.m. arrived and camped at DERIDERI a very pretty village situated between groves of coconut palms. There are 6 well built houses here and the place is spotlessly clean. There is no V.C.

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Took a census of the YARENE tribe and find they number 63. At DERIDERI and PONGALI there are 13 men, 16 women, 13 boys and 3 girls while at GEMBERE there are 5 men, 9 women, 1 boy and 3 girls. Chief BARAI controls the people and I am recommending that he be appointed V.C. his villages are a credit to him.

Struck camp, packed up and left at about 9.30.a.m. Arrived at TABARAM at about 11.a.m. TABARAM is another pretty village surrounded by coconuts and gardens. There are 9 well built houses here and a population of 43 controlled by V.C.HITUA. Took photos of several women wearing mourning dress.

Left at about noon and at about 1.p.m. arrived at BEBDEBE controlled by V.C.GERIMANI. This is one of the biggest and best villages in the whole district, it consists of 10 well built houses and has a population of 52. Camped in the Rest House, a new building which is a credit to the the people. I learn that V.C.GERIMANI is away in the bush and that for some months past he has been decidedly mental.

Mr. Williams arrived from TUMBUGERI at 3.p.m.

Friday 2/9/27-

The following chiefs, each with at least 10 men of his tribe, came along to see the Government.

SABIAM.	Nakusu village.	Boidaru tribe.
GI DU.	Inaparok village.	Garamudi tribe.
HARUBA.	Mei e Village.	Moive tribe.
GIHO.	Dorro Village.	Karigara tribe.
SIGUNU.	Suki village.	Serki tribe.
TONAN.	Kara village.	Guridunan tribe.
EDWA.	Posirikangu vill.	Wekasara tribe.
IDABA.	Mar village.	Wekasara tribe.
POHAYWE.	Walal village.	Hata tribe.
WASAKE.	Goban village.	Keraki tribe.
KESARI.	Gembabe village.	Yarene tribe.

In camp all day talking with the people of the various tribes assembled. I learn that SERKI or SER visited by Mr. Rentoul A.R.M. in 1924 (Report No. 3/24/25.) have no connection with the SERKI people who are sometimes met on the Fly River near Cassowary Island. The Fly River people and the SERKI people here are two distinct tribes, and have no communication with one another.

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The KARIGARA, GARAMUDI and HOIDAKU people who gave Mr. Logan trouble at INAPAKI and HAUSAKU in 1942 (Report 1/21/22) were present and talked of their attack on Mr. Logan quite freely. On my last visit here these people were reported to be hostile (Report No.3/26/27) but they are now friendly disposed toward one another and the surrounding tribes and are now most anxious to keep in touch with the Government. The people request that V.G.'s. be appointed so I am making the following recommendations.

SABIAN, chief.	to control	Hoidaku tribe.
FIDU.	"	Garamudi tribe.
CIRO.	"	Karigara tribe.
HARUSA.	"	Moive tribe.
SIGUNU.	"	Serki tribe. HARUSU

If these men are appointed it will serve to continually remind the people that the Government is represented in their midst and they have protection. There seems to be an idea in these parts that the Government only protects those tribes who boast of a V.G. It is an entirely erroneous idea of course and I have gone to great trouble to explain to all tribes that the Government is the friend and protector of everybody.

I understand that it is possible to travel between Garamudi and Serki in the wet weather when the swamps are full. At present the water in the swamps is low, the depth is 8 or 9 feet but as there is 8 or 9 feet of cane or grass above the water it is almost impossible to force canoes through it. In the wet season this grass and cane is covered. From here to SERKI is about 4 days journey through the MOIVE people. From here to HAUSAKU (Hoidaku) is about 4 days journey passing through the KARIGARA and GARAMUDI people. In the wet season a round trip taking in all the above places can be done from here and returning to here in 10 days.

Saturday 3/ 9/27.

In camp taking photos of types of natives present and developing films. Paid off all carriers, selected fresh ones and made gifts of calico to the visiting chiefs.

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his evening a most regrettable incident occurred. My orderly A.O.DAUPI accused Mr. Williams cook boy of stealing his routh-organ, the cook boy denied the charge whereupon A.O.DAUPI attacked the cook with his rifle, damaging the unfortunate boys face with the butt of the rifle and broke his arm in two places. The A.O. completely lost his head and frothing at the mouth rushed about shouting "I pollosem, I fight now". The affair greatly alarmed our visitors most of whom fled. Ordered the Sgt. to arrest the pollosem and charge him with inflicting grievous bodily harm. Had the arrested A.O.'s rifle and uniform removed and this act calmed the people somewhat.

V.O.GERIKANI returned to the village today, he is quite mental. I am recommending that his resignation be accepted and that his brother be appointed to the position of V.O.

Sunday. 4/9/21.

Despatched A.O.SARUA to Daru with the prisoner, the boy with the broken arm and 4 carriers. They are to get a canoe near Teberan and go to Torji, obtain a larger canoe there and go to Kabaesuan where they will get a sailing canoe to take them to Daru.

Struck camp, packed up and left at about 9 a.m. with 45 carriers. Mr. Williams A.O.A. is with me. At about 1 p.m. arrived at POSIRIKROU a village belonging to the Wokamara tribe. The distance from Bahdeben to here is about 8 miles.

As far as I know this is the first time this place has been visited. It is a small village consisting of 5 houses surrounded by coconuts, paw-paws, bread-fruit and gardens of yams, taro, sugarcane, etc. The people are controlled by a young chief named EDVA an intelligent and energetic man of about 20 years. A census of the village shows that the population is 35. (15 men, 10 women, 8 boys and 5 girls.) 24 men from KAR (or HEK) the other village belonging to this tribe are with me acting as carriers. The total strength of the Wokamara tribe is about 100 (36 here

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.and 64 at MAR) The chief is an elderly man named IDABA his second in command is KOWA whom I am recommending to the position of V.C.

Monday, 5/9/27.

Struck camp, packed up and left at about 8.30.a.m. Halted on the banks of a creek at about 9.50. and left again at 10.30.a.m. At about 11.30. a.m. reached a small village called JARE on the banks of a wide creek which is said to flow into the stream that goes to Tabaram. Only ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ one small canoe was available and the crossing occupied 2 hours. JARE belongs to the WEKAMARA people.

Left at about 2.p.m. and at about 3.30. reached a small village called SUMBARAI where camp was made. Days journey about 11 miles.

Tuesday 6/9/27.

This village of SUMBARAI is very clean It consists of one House, several shelters and yam stores and is surrounded by young coconut palms, bread-fruit trees and bananas. The population is 17 (7 men, 6 women 4 boys) I believe they are the BUGI clan of the Wekamara tribe. The village has been in existence for about 4 years, the people came here from a place called PALAKAKU.

Struck camp, packed up and left at about 9.30.a.m. Halted on the banks of a stream at 11.a.m. and left again at about 11.30. Halted on the banks of another stream at about 1.p.m. and had lunch. It is a miserable day, dull and showery, the sun is obscured and as I have no compass with me I have only a very vague idea of the direction we are taking.

Left at about 2.30.p.m. and at about 3.30 arrived at a village called DIDIFUMAI, a collection of shelters and yam houses surrounded by young coconuts and gardens of bananas, manioc, yams, etc. There are no people here, I understand that they are all away at BELEVI Days journey about 11 miles.

Wednesday 7/9/27.

Struck camp, packed up and left at six

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.about 8.a.m. Halted at a creek at about 9.15. Left at about 10.a.m. and at about 11.a.m. arrived at BILEVI and camped. Most of the people were absent and did not return until dusk. The village consists of 6 large houses built on piles and is surrounded by gardens and a few coconut palms. The Government has not visited here before.

Thursday 8/9/27.

In camp. Took a census of the population and find that it is 43. (15 men, 15 women, 8 boys 5 girls) An old man named MAIABA is the chief. Took a vocabulary of the language and compared it with one taken by Mr. Lyons which is published in the Annual Report 1914/5. I am told that the tribal name is NIKADUB, not JINDABIRA. The villages of the people are BILEVI and SEBIDIRO and they originally lived at NIKUDAL and TALBERHAL. The village of DEMRI belongs to a different tribe.

The people of SEBIDIRO came along and a census of them shows the population to be 71. (23 men, 23 women, 15 boys, 10 girls) SEBIDIRO is situated on the Hai Kussa River, the people moved there recently from TALBERHAL. The people are controlled by an intelligent native named MALUNGA. I am recommending that he be appointed V.C.

Friday 9/9/27.

Set out at 9.a.m. with Mr. Williams and several old men to visit NIKUD (or NIKUDAL) the place of origin of these people. After a 5 mile walk arrived at the place and sat down to hear the story of the beginning of things as these people know it. Mr. Williams is writing a full account of the story. Returned to camp and arrived there at about 4.30.p.m.

Saturday 10/9/27.

Struck camp and set off at about 8.30. The journey took us through open grass and scrub country as it was a blistering hot day all hands and the cook were weary when camp was made at 5.30.p.m. The days journey was 16 miles. We are camped near a creek and the place is called WAKUMAI.

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Sunday 11/9/27.

Struck camp and left at about 9.a.m. At 12 noon arrived at the village of BUK to find it absolutely deserted. Some of our carriers set out and caught up to some of the people who were on their way to a dance at a place called KARE. Most of the people returned at 4.p.m. Our visit has caused considerable excitement and the people insisted on presenting the Government with a pig for they say that this is the first time the Government has visited them.

The village is very neat and clean, it consists of 6 houses built on piles and is surrounded by large gardens of bananas, taro, etc. The people are in communication with DANARO, SUWAMI and KEOA on the Fly River and trade there for calico and other articles manufactured by the civilized world.

Monday 12/9/27.

In camp. During the morning took a census of the population and find that it is 70. (29 men 18 women, 14 boys, 9 girls.) I am informed that the people belong to the TARE tribe and speak a slightly different language to the BELIVI people. Took a vocabulary.

Tuesday 13/9/27.

During the night the people of the following tribes and villages came in.

BUN A.	Village.	BAHANG	Tribe.	Chief.	HANU.
WABUAB.	"	MINIHOMANG	"	"	SONGA.
KARE.	"	YEDMABG.	"	"	WALUMBI.
GUGU.	"	TARIPALUG.	"	"	?

Took a rough census of them and found the population to be as under.

BUN A.	47.	10. men.	13 women.	21 boys.	3 girls.
WABUAB.	18.	12. "	5 "	1 "	- "
KARE.	59.	19. "	17. "	21 "	2. "
GUGU.	29.	10. "	8. "	5 "	6. "

The people of KARE and GUGU speak the same language but it is slightly different to that spoken by SERIDIRO, BELIVI and BUN A. I am told that Mr. Erius A.R.M. passed within a days journey of WABUAB. (Report No. 7/24/25.)

Struck camp, packed up and left at about 10.30.a.m. At about 11.30 reached a swamp about a mile wide

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which would be very difficult to cross in the wet season. Halted at a creek at 1.p.m. and had lunch. Left at about 2.30.p.m. and at 3.30. halted at a delightful spot near a creek and camped. The country passed through is undulating and lightly timbered with gum and wattle.

Wednesday 14/9/27.

Struck camp and left at about 7.30.a.m. Passed through some glorious undulating country, the highest altitude being roughly between 200 and 300 feet. Halted at about 8.30.a.m. and left again at about 9.a.m. The country is still a series of ridges, valleys and swamps and one can see for miles. It is quite easy to picture this part of the world as a prosperous and peaceful agricultural centre.

Halted at about 10 am. Our carriers and their followers who number over 100 asked permission to hunt for wallabies. It was an interesting sight to see over 100 men armed with sticks, formed into a half circle advancing in open order over the ridges. The hunt occupied over an hour and netted 5 big wallabies all of which were killed with sticks. The view of the surrounding country from here is magnificent. Grassy and lightly timbered hills to the East West and South and to the North a huge swamp, about 5 miles in width studded with islands and extending to the East and West as far as the eye can see.

Left at about 11.a.m. and halted on the edge of the swamp at about 11.30. I am informed that there is no dry land ahead of us so decided to have lunch here. The carriers quickly cooked their wallabies over roaring fires and as some women brought along about 5 owt. of yams from WABUAB they had a great feast.

Left at about 1.p.m. and commenced to cross the swamp. The crossing occupied 2 hours, the distance being between 4 and 5 miles. The water was almost waist deep throughout. It would be impossible to cross here in the wet season. At about 3.30.p.m. entered a belt of timber which is subjected to inundation from the Fly River and being

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informed that there was no place to camp between here and DEWARO, ordered camp to be made.

Thursday 15/9/27.

Struck camp, packed up and left at about 8.30.a.m. After plodding through thickly timbered country ankle deep in mud and crossing many small creeks we eventually arrived opposite the village of GURONO at about 10.a.m. to find it utterly deserted. DEWARO Creek separated us from the long house which is the village.

Before setting out this morning I SONGA the chief of Minkomang tribe, ahead to warn the people of our approach. SONGA tells me that when he arrived here there was one old man in the village who promptly fled when SONGA called out to him. Search parties scoured the surrounding bush but not a native was to be seen anywhere. Found a small canoe and sent the Sgt. in it to SUWAMI to tell the people there to bring canoes here. Returned to some open grass country and pitched camp at 2.p.m.

Friday 16/9/27.

The Sgt. returned at daybreak and reported that SUWAMI was deserted and there were no canoes at the village. Sent him to WERIADAI to tell the people there to bring canoes and food, the last of my rice was used up last night and the police and carriers have nothing to eat.

The Sgt. returned at 2.p.m. to report that when half way to Weriadai the canoe capsized and broke up and that he did not reach the village. Cpl. Kaumi discovered another old and very small canoe in a small creek and a canoe in course of being made. Put all hands to work repairing the old canoe and completing the new one. As I have no food for either police or carriers paid the latter off.

Saturday 17/9/27.

Sent Cpl. Kaumi and A.C. Gariba in the old canoe to SUWAMI, if the people are still away he is t:

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to go to KEMDA and if necessary go as far as SAPARA to obtain food and canoes. Sent Sgt. Paraleba to WERIADAI in the new canoe, he is to bring food and canoes from there.

The Sgt. returned at 5 p.m. with the dreadful news that WERIADAI village has been destroyed and that there are no people there. He reports that the long house has been burnt to the ground, canoes smashed up, arrows stuck all over the Rest House that I had built there and 4 rotting bodies with arrows stuck in them were arrayed on a platform.

The Opl. returned at 8 p.m. bringing with him V.O. BARUA and several men from SUWALI, a man from WERIADAI and some of the DEWARO people. The V.O. reports that all the villages down the river as far as SAPARA are deserted for the people fear a raid by natives from further up the Fly River. The following appears to be a fairly accurate summary of events at WERIADAI.

About a month ago, when the moon was in about its present position in the heavens, the people of WERIADAI were sleeping in the long house. Just before daybreak a man went outside to relieve himself and saw swarms of men disembarking from canoes. The man raised the alarm and simultaneously the men from the canoes rushed the long house. The people rushed from the house but those who got out safely found the bush full of men who were lying in wait for them and the massacre commenced. A number of men and women broke through the cordon and escaped (2 of these wounded). They made their way along the bank of the river to DEWARO and with the DEWARO people went on the SUWALI. V.O. BARUA of WERIADAI and several others went on to KEMDA where they are at present.

A week or so after the raid, several men went up to WERIADAI, found the house burnt to the ground and discovered that the raiders had disembowled the victims and scattered the entrails about the bush. These were

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collected and placed on platforms and food was left for the spirits of the deceased. The Sgt. was in error when he stated that he saw 4 bodies, all the bodies were removed by the raiders. NAKANG of WERIADAI, who escaped the massacre is my informant. He hands me the midrib of a coco palm leaf in which are stuck sticks, each stick represents a person killed or missing, they are as under.

HIPAU.	man.
BAKAU.	"
KARITA.	"
YAMBAN.	"
SOBON.	"
NEA A GAU.	"
WARED.	"
IWIA.	"
GARI U.	"
MAI RA.	"
KAWAN.	"
KARHO.	"
GAWI.	woman.
SAHET.	"
KAROS.	"
AWE.	"
AMIN.	"
GODAD.	"
YAHED.	"
GO H.	"
BAN.	"
KAISUS.	"
KADIAE.	"
OROPAT.	"
HANJAB.	"
KOWIM.	"
JIMINAH.	"
JIMO AR.	"
KAIPIUS.	"
HOMAR.	girl.
WUPIAR.	"
SIDAR.	"
HOAG.	"
ANBAI.	"
KEHAN.	boy.
IMINDS.	"
AWIS.	"
KARHO.	"
NUM.	"

The missing are reasonably supposed to be killed for it is argued that if they had escaped they would have made their way to SUWAMI before now. It is believed that the raid was carried out by natives who are usually met on the Fly River in the vicinity of Suki Creek and whom my informant calls "DIRIKUM people". The arrows brought to me I recognise as being very similar to arrows I have seen in the possession of those people who are called Suki Creek natives and the same arrows I have bought around BEBDEBEM

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MATA and ROKU. The arrows bought at these places are said to come from SIRKI, GARAMUDI and BOIDARU people who obtain them from the WIRAM people who live North of them somewhere. They killed number 12 men, 17 women, 5 boys and 5 girls, a total of 39.

Sunday 18/9/27.

In camp all day mapping and waiting for V.C. MARUAM and the male survivors of Weriadai to come along. They should have been here this afternoon but did not put in an appearance until 8.p.m.

Monday 19/9/27.

Questioned the V.C. and men of Weriadai concerning the raid but could not obtain any fresh information. The V.C. states that the people who raided them are called WIRAM people and their village is called WURAI A. Yesterday I was told that the raiders were called DIRIKUM. WIRAM is a term applied by Morshead River people to an alleged savage tribe living to the N.E. of them so it seems that the V.C. has been prompted by the Sgt. to name the raiders WIRAM. It seems unlikely that the WIRAM people did the raid for during July Mr. Williams A.G.A. met many of them at INAPAROK.

It is said that none of the WERIADAI or SURAMI people have ever visited the place where the raiders come from, they do not know their usual whereabouts and none of the raiders or middle Fly River people have visited WERIADAI before. The latter statement is difficult to believe for the raiders seem to have had a perfect knowledge of how WERIADAI was situated. I intended visiting WERIADAI today but there are no canoes available for the trip. The "Minnetanka" is due here tomorrow so I shall wait and go up in her.

Left camp by canoe at 9.a.m. and after a journey of about 3 miles along Dewara Creek entered the Fly River. Posted the Sgt. on the bank of the river to keep lookout for the "Minnetanka" and returned and inspected the

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village of DUR. The village is situated on the banks of Dewaro Creek about a mile from the Fly and consists of 4 long houses. The population are at present living at SUWAMI, ADURU, KENOA, and SAPARA. I should say they would number about 80.

These people have high gardens of bananas along both banks of the creek and there are many coconut palms in full bearing. Returned to camp arriving at 2.p.m. and during the afternoon took vocabularies of the SUWAMI and WERIADAI languages.

Tuesday 20/9/27.

The R.M.: W.D. with the "Minnetonka" was to meet at Weriadai today. Went up to the Fly to wait for the "Minnetonka" but waited in vain.

Wednesday 21/9/27.

Still waiting for the "Minnetonka". Sent the Sgt. out to search all the creeks about here for canoes. He returned during the afternoon with 3 small canoes and the WERIADAI people brought along one large canoe from SUWAMI. I shall go to Weriadai tomorrow and if there is no sign of the "Minnetonka" on the following day I shall make my way overland to Daru. I am just about out of all stores and cannot wait here indefinitely.

Thursday 22/9/27.

Went down to the creek at 8.a.m. with the intention of going to Weriadai in the large canoe obtained yesterday but discovered that the boys who were to take us had cleared out and taken the paddles with them. I cannot understand these people, their friends and relatives have been brutally butchered and eaten but instead of being anxious to avenge their deaths the SUWAMI and WERIADAI are very reticent in giving any information, dread going back to WERIADAI and will not help to try and find out who the raiders were.

At about 10.a.m. that he and the Weriadai V.C. had rounded up 6 natives with paddles so with them set out by canoe for WERIADAI. Then near the mouth of the

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the creek heard the throb of an engine and on entering the Fly encountered the "Elevala" towing the "Minnetonka" up to WERIADAI. Boarded the "Elevala", met Mr. Champion P.O and received a copy of a letter from the Government Secty. instructing that I was to attach myself to the North West Patrol which is in charge of Mr. C.H. Farina A.R.N.

Boarded the "Minnetonka" and with Mr. Williams A.G.A. proceeded to WERIADAI. Instructed Mr. Champion to take the "Elevala" to SUHAMI and await me there. Anchored off WERIADAI, went ashore and found that the long house had been burnt to the ground. On the charred stumps of the piles was hung bunches of bananas placed there by the Weriadai people to satisfy the spirits of the slaughtered. On a platform was a mass of dead leaves which covered the entrails of the victims from which a vile odour was emanating.

The V.C. and Weriadai natives with us were again interrogated and from their remarks and demonstrations the attack seems to have been well staged. It appears that the attackers dis-embarked in 3 parties almost simultaneous a party at each end of the village and a party in the centre as per sketch hereunder.



The information given on pages 16, 17 and 18 of this report was verified but no other particulars were obtained. Undoubtedly the raiders either came from the vicinity of Suki Creek or from further up the Fly River so I can do nothing further in the matter at present. Boarded the "Minnetonka", proceeded to SUHAMI, tied up to the "Elevala" at 5.30 p.m. and joined the North West Patrol.

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It will be observed that on the accompanying map the villages of the Karigara Tribe have been moved to the North. I have never been to any of these places but Mr. Williams A.G.A. who has visited some of them assured me that the location as shown on the attached map, is more or less correct. On other maps they are shown too far to the South. The tribal divisions are only very approximate but they serve to give some idea of the location of the various tribes.

Attached to Report No. 3/26/27

I am of the opinion that there is now no necessity for the Tawnda Police camp. The districts patrolled and the surrounding tribes are quite law abiding and the police who have been stationed at Tawnda would be better employed elsewhere in more unsettled districts of this Division. During the past year none of the police have done anything except eat and sleep at Tarara and Tawnda, they have not visited any other place. (See Report No. 3/26/27. page 36.)

Vocabularies taken are being forwarded separately also recommendations for the appointment of Village Constables to certain tribes. I strongly recommend that these appointments be approved.

Further reference to the massacre at TRIADAI is contained in Report No. 4/27/28.



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Report of Patrol No.4/27/28 by
Wm.J.Lambden A.R.M. from SUWAMI
to a point 536 miles up the Fly
River, thence returning to Daru.

Object.:- To land the North West Patrol as far up the
Fly River as possible and to investigate
the Weriadai massacre.

Distance covered.:- about 11,00 miles.

Time occupied.:- 26 days.

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Thursday 22/9/27.

At mid-day, when on my way by canoe
from Dewaro Creek to Weriadai (Report No.3/27/28) I met the
"Elevala" towing the "Minnetonka" and 2 canoes. Boarding
her I received a letter from Mr.Karius A.R.M. and a copy of
a letter from the Government Secretary intimating that I
was to join the expedition to the North West and accompany
it to Mt.Blutcher in the Mandated Territory or to a point to
be decided on by Mr.Karius. Mr.Champion P.O. was on board
with Engineer Ritchie 10 police and 66 carriers.

*Do not allow
Champion to take
any of the carriers
to the village
at Weriadai*

Instructed Mr.Champion to take the
"Elevala" to SUWAMI, put the carriers ashore and await me
there. Boarding the "Minnetonka" I proceeded to Weriadai
completed my investigations concerning the massacre of the
people at that village and returned to SUWAMI where I tied
up to the "Elevala" at 5.45.p.m. Until midnight I was
engaged on reports and mail to be despatched by the "Elevala"

Friday. 23/9/27.

*No. Ritchie's boat
which is
Hamm*

Up before dawn and instructed Engineer
Ritchie to take the "Elevala" to Daru. The vessel left at
about 6.a.m. with Mr.F.E.Williams A.G.A. as a passenger.

At 7.a.m. went ashore, camped in the
Rest House and took charge of the 10 police and 66 carriers.
Mr.Champion left in the "Minnetonka" with 6 police to visit
villages between here and Madiri to try and buy canoes.

The village of SUWAMI is ankle deep in
mud. During the day carriers were employed making duck board
tracks, erecting latrines and lashing together and decking

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two single log canoes which were bought by Mr. Karius from Strickland River natives last June.

Saturday 24/9/27.

Police and carriers employed as yesterday and in laying in a stock of timber to deck canoes that Mr. Champion is buying.

Sunday 25/9/27.

During the afternoon Mr. Champion returned in the "Minnetonka" with 10 canoes he purchased.

Monday 26/9/27.

Police and carriers lashing together and decking canoes purchased and erecting shelters on them made of sago leaf. Five structures are in course of erection they will be towed by the "Elevala" and the 86 carriers will travel on them.

Tuesday 27/9/27.

Completed the erection of the "house boats", 12 canoes have been made into 5 spacious rafts and erected on each is a shelter to give the passengers some protection from the sun.

The "Elevala" with the balance of the police and carriers arrived at about 2.p.m. and Mr. G.H. Karius came ashore. A letter from the R.M.: W.D. cancelled my previous instructions. Instructions now are, :-

1. To accompany the N.F. Patrol as far as possible up the Fly River and after landing then return with the "Minnetonka" to Suki Creek for the purpose of making a full enquiry into the raid on the Weriaids
2. To do my utmost to have the persons concerned arrested and brought to trial.
3. To prevent the possibility of any other Lower Fly River villages being attacked.
4. To recruit Upper Fly and Suki Creek natives for the A.C.

To enable me to carry out the foregoing I am allotted a Sgt. and 4 A.C.'s. 500 rounds of ammunition 24 mats of rice, a case of meat and a spare rifle.

Wednesday 28/9/27.

All hands and the cook at work at day-break and by 10.a.m. the 5 "house boats" loaded with sago, firewood and natives were taken in tow; 4 by the "Elevala"

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and 1 by the "Minnetonka".

At about 10.a.m. both vessels were under weigh but before we had gone a hundred yards one of the canoes swamped, completely overturned and deposited its cargo and 20 passengers in the water. The passengers were rescued, the canoe cut adrift and another start was made. Until 11.a.m. we tried all sorts of ways of towing the canoes but none of them were successful. One after another they filled up and eventually all were cut adrift. Carriers and police were distributed over the "Elevala" and "Minnetonka" and at about 12 noon we started the journey up the river. The party consists of 5 Europeans, 17 A.G's. 10 boat crew, 4 cook boys and 86 carriers, a total of 122 souls. Needless to mention that both vessels are terribly overcrowded.

Passed WERIADAI at 1.15.p.m. and anchored in the D'Alberti Group of Islands at 4.p.m. when all natives were sent ashore to make camp. Days run 45 miles.

Thursday 29/9/27.

Under weigh at 6.a.m. Took the "Minnetonka" in tow at 9.30.a.m. as she kept dropping well astern of the "Elevala". Just before reaching Cassowary Island the river bank for over a mile was a maze of deserted camps. I have a theory that the people who raided WERIADAI assembled here ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~fighting~~ went down the river raiding and returned here to dance and feast. From the size of the camp I should say that between 400 and 500 people have occupied it. On my way back I shall search this place and endeavour to procure some evidence.

Anchored at 4.p.m. at a point about 4 miles below Ellangowan Island where all natives went ashore to camp. We passed many deserted camps on the way up, probably used by natives who took part in the massacre.

Friday 30/9/27.

Under weigh at 5.45.a.m. and at 7.a.m

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net crowds of natives camped on the left bank of the river. Slowed down and stopped. I counted 23 large canoes and 102 fighting men and then gave up, canoes and men were coming from all directions. The men, most of whom were painted oiled and decorated, wanted to sell arrows for knives, tomahawks and mirrors. We had none of these articles but bought a few arrows for tobacco. One man, a well built arrogant fellow of about 38, boarded the "Alavala", swaggered about as though he owned the vessel and had to be forced to get back into his canoe. It seems that he was searching about for knives or other articles that might be of use to him. Mr Chapman informs me that when he was rafting down the river last July he met a crowd of people about here who boarded his raft, stole several articles belonging to his boys and had to be forced off his raft at the point of the rifle.

Mr. Karius did not wish to be delayed, and as men were coming from all directions and many were trying to get on board we got under weigh full speed ahead and in the congestion many canoes were swamped and their occupants tipped into the water. The arrows bought from these people receable in every way the arrows left behind at Weriadai by the raiders. The V.C. and a native of Weriadai whom I have with me could not identify any of the men that we saw. Some days ago they told me that the people who raided them had raised scars on their bodies but I noticed that the people whom we saw did not have scars.

At the old village site just above Ellangowan Island another 15 canoes and many men were seen. Along this 6 miles of river we have seen at least 50 canoes and between 200 and 300 fighting men, certainly not less than 200. The standard dress seems to be the public shell, arm bands of pigs tusks, a skull cap made of plaited grass plastered with mud and stuck on the crown of the head, the fore part of the head closely cropped or shaven and long grass plaited to the hair at the back of the head. This

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Proceeded up stream at 7.30.a.m. and at 4.30.p.m. anchored at a point about 6 miles below Everill Junction when the carriers went ashore to camp.

OCTOBER 1927.
Saturday 1/10/27.

Under weigh at 6.a.m. Passed Everill Junction at 7.30.a.m. and anchored at 4.20.p.m. when all police and carriers went ashore to camp. Have not seen any natives of the Fly River all day. Days run 47 miles.

Sunday 2/10/27.

Under weigh 5.45.a.m. Sighted a party of about 20 men women and children at about 10.a.m. but did not stop. Anchored at 4.45.p.m. Days run 55 miles.

Monday 3/10/27.

Under weigh at 6.a.m. At about 9.30. encountered a large party of men women and children camped on the left bank of the river. A canoe put out and as we saw that one of the men was dressed in white we slowed down. The personage ~~xxxxx~~ in white trousers, singlet and coat was not a Chinese or Malay bird shooter as we thought he was one of the cheekiest natives I have met on the Fly. Boarding the "Miznetonka" he demanded knives and tomahawks and started to search the ship for the articles he required while this was going on his canoe dropped astern and we had to stop. He ignored an order to call for his canoe and get off the boat and immediately started calling and beckoning his male friends on the river bank to come out to us. A dozen canoes put out as we got under weigh again. It was demonstrated to our friend that if he did not get into the

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Tuesday 4/10/27.

Under weigh at 5.50.a.m. During the day we passed many villages on the Dutch side of the border but very few natives were about. Anchored at the Southern end of Reggi Island at 5.20.p.m. Days run 64 mile

Wednesday 5/10/27.

Under weigh at 6.15.a.m. At 9.15.a.m. passed D'Alberti Junction (Alice or Todd River). Passed Elevala River junction at 5.55.p.m. and at 6.5.p.m. anchored opposite the red bank where the "Elevala" anchored last December (Reports Nos.7/26/27 and 10/26/27) There is a large sand bank here which is called Turtle Bank. Saw several small parties of Alice River natives during the day. Days run 60.miles.

Thursday 6/10/27.

Dumped ashore all surplus gear and a quantity of fuel from the "Minnetonka" and loaded over a ton of stores from the "Elevala". Took a large canoe in tow with 15 natives aboard and with Messrs. Champion and Brien and 31 natives aboard the "Minne tonka" proceeded up stream at 8.30 a.m. At 11.30.a.m. passed the place where I landed the N.W.Patrol last December and as the river appeared to be higher than it was in December and February, I continued on up stream.

On the sand bar where I grounded in December and again in February, 2½ fathoms was registered and at the entrance to the East channel around Macrossan Island 2 fathoms was obtained. At noon anchored just below the North end of the Island and landed stores and cargo on the left bank of the river at the North West Patrol's No.2. base camp. The large building erected here last December by Messrs Karius & Champion is in good repair

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down stream and tied up to the "Elevala" at Turtle Bank at 3.5.p.m. Days run 30 miles.

We have decided that as the river is so high I shall pilot the "Elevala" to Macrossan Island and will then proceed up the river in the "Minnetonka" and try and reach one of Mr. Karius' old camps about 4 miles below the junction of the Fly and the Palmer. A launch has never been that distance up the river before, the chart shows several rapids that will have to be negotiated but as there is now plenty of water in the river there is not much danger.

Friday 7/10/27.

Under weigh at 6.30.a.m. and piloted the "Elevala" to an anchorage on the East side of Macrossan Island. Tied up to the "Elevala" at 9.50.a.m. Loaded about a ton of stores and 12 natives and accompanied by Messrs. Champion & Ritchie proceeded up stream in the "Minnetonka" at 11.a.m. The river is very high, the lowest depth recorded was $2\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms. At the places marked on the chart "Rapids" the waters race at a terrific pace and at times we were almost at a standstill. Many large whirlpools were also encountered and the vessel groaned and rolled as she ploughed through them. Saw 3 villages around about Conical Hill and several natives waved to us.

At 2.45.p.m. anchored close in to the left bank in 7 fathoms and put Mr. Champion ashore with his stores and police. This place is 3 or 4 miles below the junction of the Fly and the Palmer and about 3 miles above the highest point reached by the steam launch that Sir William MacGregor used when he ascended the Fly some 40 years ago.

Left at 3.30.p.m. and with the engine running slow made very rapid progress and tied up to the "Elevala" at Macrossan Island at 4.30.p.m.

Saturday 8/10/27.

We have decided that it will be safe to take the "Elevala" up to the place where I landed Mr.

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Champion yesterday.

Loaded 32 natives aboard the "Minnetonka" and left at 7 a.m. Mr. Brien with 50 carriers proceeded overland. The "Elevala" which was to follow me was delayed with slight engine trouble. Proceeded upstream and at 9.35 a.m. anchored and disembarked 32 passengers at the camp where I landed Mr. Champion yesterday. "Elevala" arrived at 11 a.m. with Mr. Karius and disembarked cargo and passengers. It is possible to take the "Minnetonka" further up the river but if the waters were to fall suddenly we should be left stranded until the next flood. As I want to get back to investigate the Heriadal massacre and Mr. Karius is quite satisfied at getting this far up the river I shall not run the risk of being stranded.

Wishing Messrs. Karius & Champion the best of luck and health on their arduous trip, waved them farewell and proceeded down stream at 2.45 p.m. The "Elevala" preceded me by a few minutes. Travelling at half speed reached Macrossan Island at 3.30 p.m. and picked up 6 police. There were between 30 and 40 local natives assembled on the river bank. Left at 3.35 p.m. and continuing down stream tied up to the "Elevala" at anchor off Turtle Bank at 5 p.m. Turtle Bank as it is called, is now completely covered, and the kerosene that I dumped ashore is only a few inches off the waters edge. 3 days ago it was about 12 feet above the water. The river now is between 15 and 18 feet higher than it was last December and February.

Sunday 9/10/27.

At anchor. Removed every portable article from the "Minnetonka" and had the ship scrubbed inside and outside, she was in a filthy state. During the afternoon reloaded the vessel in readiness to proceed down stream tomorrow.

I am sorely tempted for many reasons to take the "Elevala" down stream with me. She will be

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lying here in idleness for at least 5 weeks and during the time I might be able to use her to advantage in apprehending some of the people who raided Weriadai. The only means I have of apprehending any of these people are a Sgt. and 4 A.C.'s, 4 unarmed boats crew, 2 Weriadai natives and my cook. As the party I am likely to meet number between 200 and 300 the proposition is rather hopeless. All I can do is to run the canoes down with the launch, shoot a few of the occupants if they show any signs of fighting and hope to take a few prisoners from out of the water. Even if I can do this I cannot carry more than 8 or 10 struggling prisoners aboard the "Minnetonka".

If I had the "Elevala" with her 2 A.C.'s, 7 boats crew and European engineer to augment my party the odds against me would be lessened and if I managed to meet the raiders I should have the means of getting anything up to 40 prisoners to Dara. On my own with the "Minnetonka" I shall not be able to leave her. If Mr. Ritchie and the "Elevala" were with me and we do not meet the party on the river I could leave Ritchie to look after the boats while I and the 7 police searched inland for the people. There are many reasons why I should take the "Elevala" but unfortunately I cannot for she has not sufficient fuel for a trip down and back up the river and will not be able to get fuel from Port in time to get back here to meet Mr. Brian on or about the 18th. November. I shall have to do the best I can without her.

Monday 10/10/27.

Left at 6.50.a.m. Total on board 12 natives and myself. The "Elevala" is remaining here. At 8.30.a.m. saw 2 canoes loaded with men women children and dogs but they fled to the bush as we approached them. At 11.50.a.m. passed the mouth of the Alice River. At 12.50.p.m. passed Reggie Island. It is 60 miles from where the "Elevala" is anchored to here so we are doing 10 miles per hour. At 2.30.p.m. passed another small island. At 3.45 passed a village the houses of which are on both banks of

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which are on both banks of the river but no natives were visible. At 4.20.p.m. passed a village on the right bank of the river (D.N.G.) it also is deserted. At 5.5.p.m. anchored and sent police ashore to camp and prepare food. Days run 102 miles.

Tuesday 11/10/27.

Heavy rain fell all night and the engine room was the only dry place to be found anywhere. The swings on the "Himnetonka" are rotten and useless.

Under weigh at 6.55.a.m. Passed 2 more canoes containing 6 men and 4 women at 10.30.a.m., slowed down but they would not come out to us. At 1.25 p.m. saw a canoe near the right bank with 4 men in it, they left their canoe and disappeared into the bush as we slowed down. Passed 3 canoes containing 15 men and boys at 1.45 slowed down but they also would not come out to us. At 3.30.p.m. saw another canoe containing 3 men. Slowed down and stopped but they declined to come alongside, they held out their hands for knives but I have none. Anchored at 5.10.p.m. Days run 95 miles.

Wednesday 12/10/27.

Had a dreadful night last night, millions of mosquitoes invaded the boat and this morning the whole place is black with them. Under weigh at 7.30 a.m. and the whole day was fruitlessly spent in trying to rid the boat of mosquitoes.

Passed Everill Junction at ^{3.30} ~~4.30~~ p.m. and at 4.10.p.m. passed our camp site of the 30th. ult. At 4.30.p.m. slowed down and stopped opposite a camp on the right bank. There were 4 canoes here, 8 men 5 women several children and many dogs. The people declined to come out to us but invited us ashore to buy bird of paradise plumes. Proceeded down stream and anchored at 5.p.m. at a point about 12 miles below Everill Junction. Days run 74 miles. Time 9.hrs. 30.min.

Thursday 13/10/27.

Under weigh at 3.a.m. At 8.25.a.m.

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saw 3 men 3 women and several dogs in 2 canoes, when they saw us they went ashore to a camp on the left bank. Slowed down and stopped and one man eventually came out to try and sell a bird of paradise plume, he keeps slapping himself on the chest and says "GOUHAKA". I interpret his remark as meaning that he belongs to the GOUHAKA tribe. (See "Preliminary Notes on Three Men of the KOBIAK Clan Middle Fly River 290 miles from mouth, brought to Daru on a month's visit by A.C. Rentoul A.R.M. 30/9/24".)

This man has his body scarred. The Meriada V.C. informs me that the people who raided them had similar scars. I believe that these people come from the villages which are situated about 2 miles from the right bank of the river just above Everill Junction, or from further up the river. The BOIDARU, GARAMUDI ~~WIRAN~~ WIRAN and some BETAIVE people have their bodies scarred in the same way that this man is scarred so the fact that the people who raided the Meriada were scarred is not of much assistance in identifying the actual raiders. The women of this party are naked except for a thin strip of bark tied between the legs and they wear a hooded bark cape similar to that worn by the "KUKU-KUKU's" of the Gulf Division.

As we started to continue our journey down stream a canoe containing 5 men put out from the opposite bank. Going down to them I found that the camp consisted of 10 shelters under which were about 20 men, 15 women, 10 children and many dogs. The men in the canoe descended knives and tomahawks and offered a bundle of arrows in return. Tobacco was refused so having nothing else to offer them business was at a standstill. I tried to get 3 of them to come down the river with me and join the A.C. but as soon as they understood what I meant they pushed their canoes away from the boat and would not come back. The leader of the men in the canoe was a fine type of native with his body blackened and his face painted yellow, red and black.

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Proceeded down stream at 8.30.a.m. At 11.45.a.m. reached the North end of Ellangowan Island and at 12.15.p.m. passed the camps where we met between 200 and 300 men on the 30th.ult. All the camps were deserted and there was no signs of natives anywhere. At 12.40.p.m. passed our camp site of the 29th.ult. Passed Suki Creek at 1.35.p.m. Passed North end of Cassowary Island at 1.45.p.m. and the South end at 2.5.p.m. At 2.25.p.m. reached the place marked on the chart "R-1 Bank". Could not anchor here owing to current and whirlpools but succeeded in landing the Sgt. and 4 police to search the camp that extends for over half a mile down stream. Proceeded down stream and anchored at 2.45.p.m. in sight of Minnetonka Island.

The Sgt and police reported at 3.30.p.m. and brought with them the following articles found in the camp.

The spine of a man.
Portion of a girls grass petticoat.
A tin plate.
An iron kettle.
A small piece of canvas.
A bow.

The Werladai V.C. recognises the kettle as one given to him by the Katatal people for some sago. The canvas also belongs to the V.C. and was given to him by one of the police who accompanied Mr. Karius down the river last June. The plate belongs to a Werladai man. The portion of grass skirt is of Werladai manufacture. The bow does not belong to the Werladai so it must belong to the people who occupied the camp. The spine is probably that of a man from Werladai.

There is another camp further down stream which I shall examine later. I intend to go back upstream, see if it is possible to get into Suki Creek and find out if there are any people there.

Under weigh at 4.p.m. travelling up stream. Turned into the South Channel around Cassowary Is. and anchored at 4.40.p.m.

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Friday 14/10/27.

Under weigh at 7.25.a.m. and proceeding up stream went aground in $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet of water when trying to get into Suki Creek. Got off safely, anchored at 8.10.a.m. and sent the dinghy to search for a passage. Under weigh at 8.30.a.m. and entered the creek by a passage which contains from 2 to 3 fathoms. The creek is very narrow and full of drift wood but there is a depth of over 3 fathoms. All along the banks for about a distance of a mile from the Fly, there are shelters that appear to have been used by the people whom we met near Ellangowan Island.

At 9.a.m. we entered swampy country and one could see for many miles. At 9.20.a.m. anchored opposite a grove of coconuts. This has been the site of a village but it has been abandoned for many months. We cannot get further up the creek for it is blocked with heavy timber, grass and bamboo. From the mast-head there is nothing to be seen but endless swamps in which are dotted low grassy hills. The Coxswain informs me that he was here with Mr. Lyons R.H. some years ago and they saw several small villages and many people. The villages are not here now and there is no sign of any natives.

It is possible that the natives who have been referred to as "SUKI people" were mixed up in the crowd of between 200 and 300 whom we saw on the river a fortnight ago and who have occupied all the camps that I have seen. I believe that these people are now scattered around Everill Junction and the Strickland River so it is rather hopeless for me to continue in search of them at present. I have not sufficient fuel for a journey back up the river.

Under weigh at 9.45.a.m. Entered the Fly River at 10.25. and continued on down stream. At 11.45.a.m. anchored alongside the right bank of the river opposite Minnetonka Island. This is the first deserted camp that we saw when coming up the river. Went ashore and searched it

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but nothing in connection with the Weriadai massacre was found. If the raiders did leave anything behind them, the flood and tidal waters have swept everything away.

Under weigh at 12.35.p.m. Left Tidal Island astern at 1.23.p.m. Alligator Island astern at 2.20.p.m. and entered the D'Alberti group of Islands at 3.p.m. Anchored at a red clay bank opposite Sturt Island at 5.p.m. where police went ashore to prepare food and camp. Days run 72 miles. Time 8 hours.

Saturday 15/10/27.

Under weigh at 6.30.a.m. Passed WERIADAI at 8.30.a.m. and at 9.35.a.m. landed the Weriadai V.G. and one native at SUWAMI. Continued on down stream with wind and tide against us, engine continually mis-firing. Anchored at Madiri Plantation at 3.p.m. The "Dogai" and the "Delta" are both at anchor here. Went ashore and met Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Freshwater and Messrs. Harvey and Hall. Days run 57 miles.

Sunday 16/10/27.

Spent the day at Madiri.

Monday 17/10/27.

Under weigh at 4.30.a.m. carrying Messrs. Harvey & Freshwater and 2 native girls as passengers. Passed SIWIRINABU at 6.55.a.m. Passed DEKARE at 8.45.a.m. Passed SUI at 10.15.a.m.. Off GIBU at 10.40.a.m. Entered Toro Pass 11.15.a.m. to find that the tide was too low to enable me to get through the passage. Anchored at 11.45.a.m. The "Delta" which left Madiri last night is at anchor here with engine trouble, a broken magneto chain.

At the request of Mr. Freshwater took the "Delta" in tow and left at 2.15.a.m. Towed the "Delta" through the passage and then let her go to sail to Daru. Anchored at Daru at 4.15.p.m. Days run 60 miles.

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It seems to be certain that the large party met near Ellangowan Island were the people who raided Veriadai but it is impossible to say definitely where their villages are or if they reside in permanent villages. At all the camps seen none of the shelters had a roof, apparently the people carry about with them the sage or birch leaf that forms the roof. This might indicate that they are nomads. I have seen birch leaf lashed together, being carried on many canoes along the middle Fly.

It was unfortunate that when we met the crowd of natives on the 30th. ult., we could not attempt to apprehend any of them. They probably do not know that cannibalism and head-hunting are against the law but if they do they will now have the idea that the Government is not going to punish them for they have seen a large party of the Government who did not take any action against them.

I am now of the opinion that the natives whom I saw on the 12th. and 13th. inst. just below Everill Junction (pages 10 & 11) were the tail end of the raiding party getting back to their usual places of abode and that the original party consisted of fighting men drawn from different clans and tribes inhabiting the Strickland River, Lake Murray, and the Fly above and below Everill Junction. I am doubtful if the natives usually seen about Suki Creek were implicated.

In June and July Messrs. Karius & Champion both rafted down the Fly, the former also rafted down the Strickland and met a large party of natives just above Lake Murray. Mr. Karius stated that he believed that these people had been raiding further up the Strickland for when coming down he saw recently deserted camps all along the river bank and many human bones that indicated a cannibal feast. It is possible that the people whom Mr. Karius met in June, followed him down stream and it is possible that they were the same people whom Mr. Champion saw near Ellangowan Island in July. If this is so it is easy to

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assume that the people continued on down the river after Messrs Karius & Champion and their respective parties, reached Weriadai about the middle of August, imagined that that their quarry were in the long house there and raided the place. This is the first occasion in the history of Weriadai that it has been raided. The place has never before been visited by natives from further up the Fly so it is unlikely that the raiders knew of the existence of the village before they attacked it. This leads me to believe that the raiders were after Messrs Karius & Champion's parties and the knives and tomahawks that they possessed.

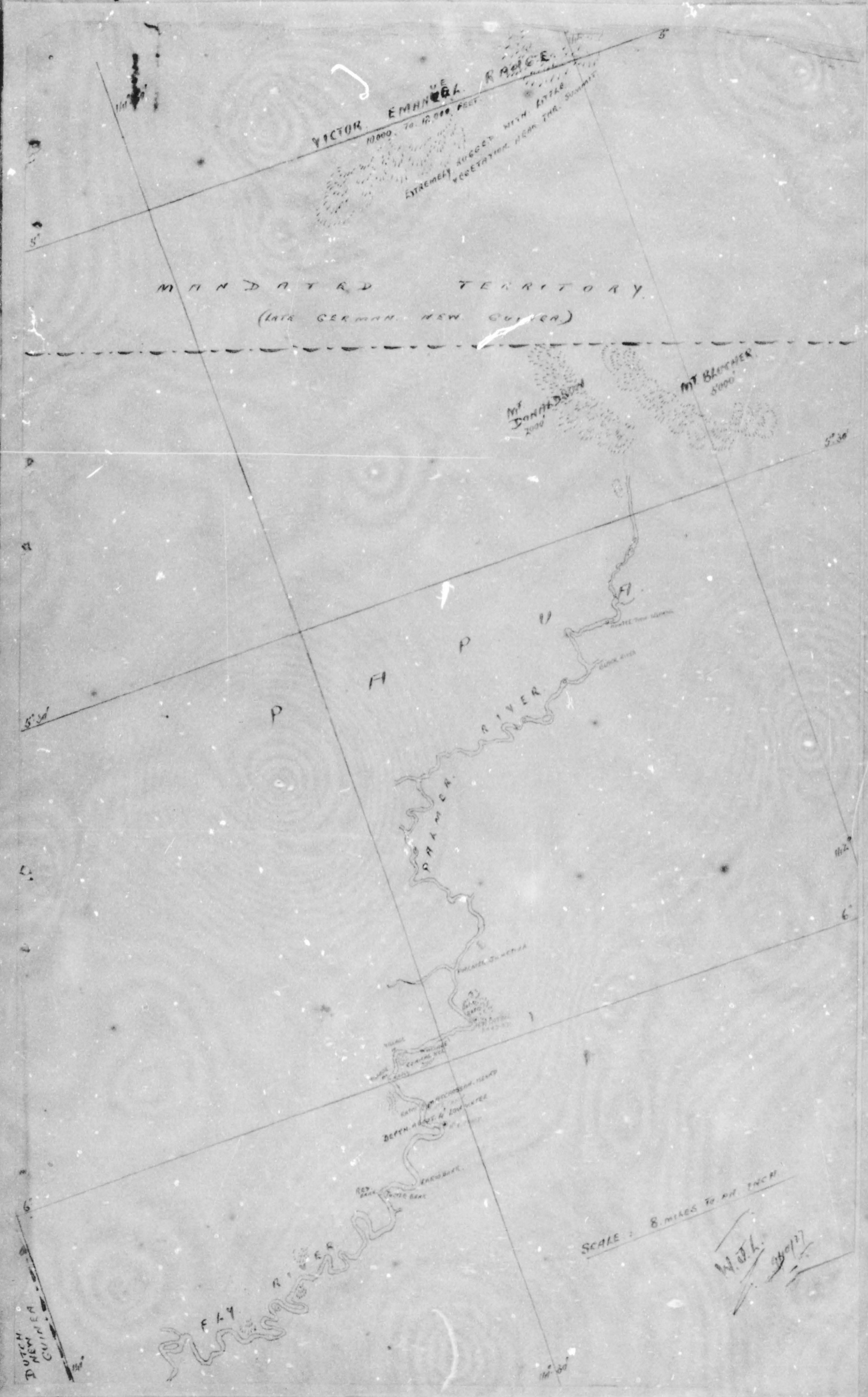
I am afraid that if the raiders are to be brought to trial it will be a long weary and costly job. It will be necessary to establish a police camp or sub-station somewhere in the vicinity of Everill Junction and the population between Suki Creek, Dutch Border, Lake Murray and Strickland River, brought under control. This will mean that the camp or station will have to be in existence for at least 2 years. It will be impossible to bring the people under control by patrols from Daru.

If a camp or sub-station is established I am of the opinion that the personnel should be not less than 2 Europeans, 15 or 20 police and about 20 long sentence prisoners or Crown Servants. A launch and canoes would also be needed. The "Minnetonka" would be a suitable vessel for getting about the rivers, the creeks and the lake but if she were stationed there the R.M.: W.D. would need a vessel larger than the "Minnetonka" to enable him to carry on the ordinary work of the Division and to enable convey fuel and stores to the camp at least every 3 months.



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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

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4/27-28.

DARU, Western Division

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by E.R. Oldham, Resident Magistrate, to
MASINGARA, Coastal District, for the purpose of
inspecting village, collecting tax, and paying Family Boms.

Left Station on 3/11/1927

Returned to Station on 9/11/1927

Number of Carriers employed 6

Number of Police taken 4

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Minnetonka", E.R. Oldham.

Villages visited MAWATTA, MASINGARA.

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Date 9/11/1927

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REPORT OF A PATROL TO MASINGARA, COASTAL DISTRICT, BY E. R. OLDEAM,

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE.

8.11.27 to 9.11.27.

Object of Patrol.

1. Collect Taxes and Pay Family Bonus.
2. Inspection.

8th November, 1927.

Left DARU 7.10 a.m. in "Minnetonka" with 4 A.C., and anchored at MAWATEA 9.15 a.m. Village Constable BOSUN of MABADAUAN reported, and informed me that at a meeting of the Councillors and other influential men recently held at his village it was decided to buy a cutter, and that he was on his way to DARU to deposit the sum of £100 in the Commonwealth Savings Bank.

After inspecting houses, and three large well fenced areas being prepared for planting with bananas at the beginning of the N.W. season, proceeded to MASINGARA (V.C.WAIDA) which was reached at 10.45. Road to village in good order.

Checked census, collected eleven outstanding taxes, and paid Family Bonus to six persons amounting to £1.70. Population on 1/7/26 - 201, now 199.

During the afternoon inspected village and found same, with the exception of three houses which require re-roofing, satisfactory. Also inspected a large well fenced garden planted with bananas and taro, and a large area being prepared for planting at the beginning of the North West.

Purchased bananas and pumpkins for Daru Gaol.

9th November, 1927.

Returned to MAWATEA. Left at 9.40 and arrived at DARU 1 p.m.

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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

6/1927-28.

DARU, Western Division, STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by E. R. Oldham, Resident Magistrate, to
EVERILL JUNCTION, Fly River for the purpose of
establishing a temporary Police Camp.

Left Station on 22/11/1927 Returned to Station on 1/12/1927

Number of Carriers employed 20 Number of Police taken 10

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Elevala", Mr. Engur. Ritchie,

Villages visited SUWAMI, ADURS, EVERILL JUNCTION, MADIRI and NIBU
Plantations.

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Date 4/12/1927,

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Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol. lbs	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Total Used. lbs	Government Cost.		Returned. lbs	Remarks.
		Police. lbs	Carriers. lbs	Others. lbs						
Rice	320	135	75	---	210	1	15 0	110	Left at P.C.	
Biscuits	---	---	---	---	---					
Meat Sago	240	---	90	40	130		5 5	110	Left at P.C.	
Meat	40	9	10	4	23		16 3	17	" "	
Sugar	20	4	5	2	11		2 6	9	" "	
Tea	1 1/2	1	-	1/2	1 1/2		1 7	Nil		
Soap	6	2	2	1	5		1 4	1	Left at P.C.	
Tobacco	10	-	-	5	5		11 7	5	Returned Daru. P. of	
Matches	4 Dz.	1 1/2	-	1	2 1/2 Dz		1 11	1 1/2 Dz.	Bananas & Pumpkins Etc. Left at P.C.	
Kerosene	4 Gls.	2 Pt	-	2 Pt 1/2 Gl.			2 9 3 1/2	Gl	" " "	
Tents									A.R.M.	
Flies									A.R.M.	
Lamps	3	1	1	1				3		
Buckets	2							2		
Kerosene Cans	1							1		
Knives & Sheaths										
Knives, 18in.	2							2	A.R.M.	
Knives, other									A.R.M.	
Belts										
Pouches										
Print									A.P.M.	
Twill										
Handkerchiefs										
Beads									A.R.M.	
Mirrors									A.R.M.	
Axes 1/2	1							1		
Half Axes									A.R.M.	
Tomahawks	1							1	A.R.M.	
TOTAL						3	18 4			

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

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REPORT OF A PATROL BY E.R. OLDHAM, RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, TO EVERILL
JUNCTION, FLY RIVER, FOR PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY
POLICE CAMP.

22.11.27 to 1.12.27.

November 22nd.

Left Daru in "Elevala" 5.20 a.m. with Mr. A.R.M. Zimmer, 8 A.C.'s, 9 Prisoners, and three months supplies for Police Camp to be established at EVERILL JUNCTION in charge of Mr. Zimmer. Mr. J.B. Freshwater also a passenger for MADIRI. The launch "Alele" to leave at 6.30 a.m. for MADIRI via TORO PASS with 8 A.C. and 11 Prisoners. Arrived at MADIRI 7.30 p.m. and found the "Alele" at anchor.

November 23rd.

Left MADIRI 5.10 a.m. with the "Alele" in tow, and anchored off SUWAMI Creek at noon. With Mr. Zimmer visited the new village of SUWAMI which is situated about a mile and a half inland from the head of the creek in sparsely timbered country. Village Constable SARUA reported, also V.C. MARUAM of WERIDAI who is now living here with his people. Inspected village, which consists of six well built houses, and found same very clean.

The site of this village is a great improvement on the old one at the mouth of the creek, but the track leading to it is anything but pleasant. V.C. SARUA is to have same cleared of timber and lawyer vines and where necessary the swamp through which it passes is to be bridged.

Left at 1.30 p.m. with V.C. MARUAM and four men who asked to be allowed to accompany us to Everill Junction, and reached the "Elevala" at 2.30. Continued up river and anchored for the night at 7.20 p.m., a mile below STURT Island.

November 24th.

Left anchorage at 5 a.m., and anchored five miles below Cassowary Island 7 p.m. Many shelters seen but no natives.

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November 25th.

Left anchorage 5.20 a.m., and anchored for night at 6.30 p.m. 10 miles below Everill Junction. No natives seen during the day.

November 26th.

Left anchorage 6 a.m. Passed Everill Junction 7.45 and continued up river for a short distance looking for a suitable site for Police Camp, but not finding one returned to Everill Junction and proceeded up the Strickland. A site was selected seven feet above river level 400 yards from the junction on the left bank of river from which a good view could be obtained of the Fly and up the Strickland. Anchored at 8.30 a.m.

Shortly after anchoring six young men in a canoe visited the "Elevala", who, after trading a few arrows and stealing a hat, returned to the Fly.

At 9 a.m. work was commenced clearing the site selected. No more natives were seen until the afternoon when 46 men in six canoes paid us a visit, and as several assisted in the work of clearing they received payment in tobacco.

Before these men left for the night I was successful in getting four of them to promise to visit Daru, but they would only do so on condition that when I returned them home I visited WAM and took the hand of a girl.

Three snake signals were noticed during the day above and below the Junction.

November 27th.

Several men who visited the camp yesterday arrived during the morning and helped the police and prisoners to clear away the scrub.

By signs we gave them to understand that we wished to purchase food and wanted roofing material for houses. When they understood what was required six men went away in two canoes, and

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returned an hour or so later with a little sago, two or three bunches of bananas, a few coconuts, and a supply of sago leaf ready for use. Late in the afternoon a very indignant old man arrived with four men in a canoe, and pointing to one of them, said something whereupon the person spoken to produced the hat stolen yesterday from the "Elevala" wrapped up in leaves which he handed to Mr. Ritchie.

All natives left the camp at 6.30. Mr. Ritchie overhauled the "Alele" engine.

28th November.

Early this morning several men arrived with a small quantity of sago, and several banana suckers for sale which were purchased for tobacco.

At 8.30 a.m. with Mr. Zimmer and five local natives went up the Strickland a short distance in the "Alele", but did not see any natives. One of the men we had with us, however, gave us to understand that there were two villages a short distance inland about a mile above the camp. Returned to Camp 11 a.m.

At noon 50 men, including three villainous looking persons wearing cassowary feathers on either side of the head, who were pointed out to us as men of importance, arrived in four canoes from the Fly. Several of the young men set to work clearing the scrub, but the three decorated gentlemen after a stroll round the camp sat down and invited Mr. Zimmer and myself to take a seat on the ground beside them.

After showing them many things of interest, and giving each a present, they returned to their canoes, but all the young men, with the exception of three, did not leave until 6 p.m.

These three men made known to us that they wished to accompany the four men who on the 26th promised to visit Daru, and on being informed they could do so handed over their necklaces and other articles of adornment to friends.

As Mr. Zimmer is now settled I have decided to leave at daylight tomorrow for DARU.

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29th November.

Left Police Camp with seven local natives, and the five WERIDAI men picked up at SUWAMI on the 23rd, at 5.30 a.m. After a good run without seeing any natives anchored at SUWAMI Creek 9 p.m., and sent the WERIDAI men to their village.

30th November.

Left SUWAMI 6.30 a.m. and anchored at ADURA (V.C.KAPUSA) 6.50. Inquired into the death of an old man alleged to have been murdered, and found that death was due to natural causes. Purchased a small quantity of sage and left at 9.20.

Anchored at MADIRI 12.5 p.m. Left at 1.20 p.m., and anchored at MIBU 6.30 p.m. for night. Went ashore but found that Mr. and Mrs. Cowling had left for Australia five days ago.

1st December.

Left MIBU 5.15 a.m., and anchored at DARU noon.

Mr. Zimmer who is to bring the tribes in the vicinity of Everill Junction and Lake Murray under control, recruit for the A.C., and if possible arrest those who took part in the raid on the WERIDAI, will not be able to do much until the arrival of Mr. Speedie, as it would be unwise for him to leave the Camp for any length of time in charge of either Cpl. NADA or Lance Cpl. KAU who are both inexperienced men. A senior N.C.O. is necessary, and I would ask that Sgt. TARO or SGT. JINGA be transferred.

I do not think there is any doubt about the Everill Junction people being concerned in the raid on the WERIDAI, as not only did three of the men I had with me appear to recognize the shelters mentioned in Patrol Report No. 4, but a WERIDAI man recognized a belt and pouch worn by one of them as belonging to him.

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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.
7/1927-28.

From Western Division STATION.
REPORT OF A PATROL made by Enocham RM to
Tachia, Beaba River District for the purpose of
insuring that the deer of Cameron BEARR
Country which have been numbered.
Left Station on 18/10/27 Returned to Station on 21/12/27
Number of Carriers employed — Number of Police taken 5
Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge 'Mammoth' Enocham.
Villages visited DAMIROKOROM, BUNINT, TIRIBINA.

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Date 3. 1. 28

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Officer in charge of Station.

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REPORT OF A PATROL TO TORABINA, BEABEA RIVER DISTRICT, BY
E. R. OLDHAM, RESIDENT MAGISTRATE.

18.12.27 to 21.12.27.

Object of Patrol.

1. To inquire into the death of Councillor BEARU of TORABINA who is alleged to have been murdered.
2. Inspection.

18. 12. 27.

Left DARU in "Minnetonka" with 7 discharged prisoners to be returned to their homes, 5 A.C. and 1 personal attendant at 4.55 p.m. Entered TORO PASS 6.5 p.m., and anchored for night 6.55 p.m. The following Village Constables reported on their way to DARU:- DOWERI of PAGONA, APUE of DAMARATAM, IBINA of GAIMA, WOI-OBII of OROPAI, GUGAWA of URADU, WAIDA of SISIAM, and WARIGI of KEWA. Informed them that I would hurry back from TORABINA and attend to the various matters they wished to see me about.

19. 12. 27.

Left anchorage 5.20 a.m. At 12.30 p.m. went on sandbank off DAMARATAM, WABUDA ISLAND, and remained fast until 5 p.m. As all the DAMARATAM people, with the exception of fifteen old men and women, have gone to DARU, continued on to DAMIROKOROMO, BAMU District, and anchored off village 7 p.m. for night. Village Constable KIAKI and Councillors reported all in order, and informed me that they proposed to leave for DARU tomorrow with several other V.C's and many people to hold a dance. I arranged, however, that the visit be postponed, and told KIAKI to send word to the other V.C's not to come for their wages until the end of January.

20. 12. 27.

Left DAMIROKOROMO 6.15 a.m., and anchored at BUNIKI 9.30 a.m. Village Constable MEANI, carried by two men, reported, and informed me that about a month ago a crocodile grabbed him by the heel of the foot and that he was unable to walk about. I examined the wound and found although same was healing satisfactorily it still required a great deal of attention, and suggested to MEANI that he accompany

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me to DARU to be treated but he would not do so. Gave him a supply of lint, bandages, and ointment, and showed the Councillors how to dress the wound and keep same clean.

Inspected village and found same very clean. The old 'long houses' have been destroyed and two new ones of a better type built. The Rest House is in good order, also the landing stage.

V.C. NIAME of TORABINA reported and stated that a month ago Councillor BEARU of his village was killed by twelve TORABINA men because he was going to report to the Government that one GAIRI had assaulted his wife SAIRAU.

Left BUBIKI 2.5. p.m. and anchored at TORABINA 2.45 p.m. Inquired into the death of Councillor BEARU and arrested twelve men named KOAI, AUBA, SAIDA, SOGOI-I, AUGOA, GAIRI, MASAI-O, GIO, WAWO, IAGE, BANOA, and MEGE on a charge of Wilful Murder.

Inspected village and found same far from clean, and the 'long house' and Rest House in a bad state of repair. Last year TORABINA was the most improved village in the BAMU District, and on asking the V.C. why he had failed to keep same in good order he said that during the past few months all his people had been living at the sago making village about a mile inland. Informed him that I could not accept this as an excuse, and told the people that before my next visit in about six weeks time a new Rest House must be built, the long house repaired, and the village surroundings cleaned up, otherwise they would be dealt with under the Native Regulations.

V.C.'s BUDOR of UPATI, INI of BINA, and DAI of ANIADAI reported all in order at their villages.

Left TORABINA 4.5. p.m. with the twelve men to be charged with Wilful Murder and three witnesses, and anchored at a SISIAMI sago making village 6.45 p.m. for the night.

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21. 12. 27.

Left sago village 6.25 a.m. and anchored at DAMIROKOROMO
(V.C.KIAKI) 8.5. a.m. Inspected village and found same
very satisfactory. Left 8.45 a.m. and anchored DARU
8.30 p.m.

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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

8/27-28

DARU, Western Division.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by E.R. Oldham, R.M. to
Everill Junction Police Camp for the purpose of
taking Mr. P.O. Speedie and stores to Police Camp, and returning
seven local natives to their homes.

Left Station on 9.1.28

Returned to Station on 15.1.28

Number of Carriers employed ---

Number of Police taken 4

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Minnetonka". E.R. Oldham

Villages visited FUIVA.

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Date 20.1.1928

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Officer in charge of Station.

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REPORT OF A PATROL TO EVERILL JUNCTION POLICE CAMP BY

E.R. OLDHAM, RESIDENT MAGISTRATE

9.1.28 to 15.1.28.

Object of Patrol.

1. Taking Mr. P.O. Speedie, stores, and roofing material to Police Camp in charge of Mr. A.R.M. Zimmer.
2. Returning seven Everill Junction natives to their homes.

Mr. Zimmer requires a load of roofing material which is unprocureable near the Police Camp. As I cannot carry same on the "Minnetonka" with all the stores and passengers, Mr. Blyth, R.M., D.D., very kindly consented to carry same on the "Kismet" which was at DARU undergoing repairs.

9.1.28.

At 10 a.m. the "Kismet" with the R.M., D.D., myself, and stores, and the "Minnetonka" with Mr. P.O. Speedie, 7 Everill Junction natives, a A.C., and a quantity of stores left DARU.

Running against a strong tide all day SEWERIMABU was not reached until 7.45 p.m. 9 hours 45 minutes to do 40 miles. Village Constable KAINA and Councillors reported, and I arranged with them to have 50 bundles of nipa palm on board the "Kismet" by 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

10.1.28.

Early this morning "Kismet" loaded with the roofing material required. Left at 8.30 a.m. with tide and anchored at BUCEROS Island 5.30 p.m.

11.1.28.

Left anchorage 5 a.m. and anchored above Ellangowan Island 6.40 p.m. No natives seen during the day.

12.1.28.

Left anchorage 5.45 a.m. and arrived Everill Junction Police Camp 3.15 p.m. Lance Corporal reported and informed me that Mr. Zimmer had gone to a village called ABUAKARA and would be back this evening. Banded all stores and roofing material.

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Mr. Zimmer returned at 5.30 p.m. and reported the natives all friendly, but that so far he had not been able to do much. He did not think it wise to leave the Camp for any length of time in charge of an N.C.O. Now that Mr. Speedie has arrived Lake Murray and villages above and below the Junction will be visited.

13.1.28.

With Messrs. Blyth, Zimmer & Speedie I visited the lagoon mentioned in Mr. Zimmer's report (forwarded on 16th inst.), and returned the seven locals, from whom no information was obtained re the FURIDAI massacre, to the village of PUIVA which is situated on a small island. Crossing the lagoon several canoes were seen leaving the village with the women and children, and although the returning locals called out to them to come back they would not do so. At the village the men were friendly but we could not get them to bring in their women, although half a dozen small boys between 5 & 10 years of age came along, but they only remained a few minutes and then disappeared.

The village consists of nine married houses, or to be more correct shelters, and a single men's ~~shelter~~, all very poor structures. The single men's shelter, which appears to be called MAMIFA, is separated from the married quarters called ATITI, by a rough fence. In all the shelters a great many old blackened arrows were seen which the owners would not sell, although they were willing to trade new ones, stone adzes, and clubs for tobacco, knives, tomahawks, and looking glasses.

In a basket containing arrow heads and other articles which a middle aged man was showing Mr. Zimmer a pair of handcuffs were noticed. On being questioned the owner gave us to understand that he had obtained them from further up the FLY, and as he did not want them we could have them. As he had probably bought them he was given tobacco in exchange. Some are probably part of the equipment (2 rifles, 2 bandoliers, 2 pairs of

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handicuffs and ammunition) stolen by the two Upper FLY natives recruited for the local A.C. by Messrs. Austin & Thompson some years ago, but who ran away during the night.

Before leaving the village Mr. Zimmer was successful in getting three more natives to visit DARU who returned with us to the Camp. I hope to get those men to join the A.C. None of the seven returned would engage.

14.1.28.

The "Kismet" with the R.M., D.D. left at 5.15 a.m. for KIKORI. At 6.15, after receiving Mr. Zimmer's report to date, I left in the "Minnetonka" for DARU with fourteen prisoners not now required at the Camp, 3 A.C., and the 3 local natives who wish to visit DARU.

On the way down river the locals pointed out two small creeks on the left bank of river, about 25 and 55 miles below the Junction, and gave me to understand that a short distance inland the villages of GESIVI and KWIMA were situated, which with FOYAMU situated inland from SUKI CUMBERA Creek, are controlled by Chief WAMASI one of the three villainous looking persons who visited the camp on the 28th of November last mentioned in Patrol Report No. 6/27-28. These villages are to be visited on my return. The shelters mentioned in Report No. 4 were also pointed out as WAMASI'S property, and I would not be at all surprised to learn that this man is the one responsible for the WERIDAI massacre.

Anchored BUGEROS Island 7 p.m. "Kismet" also at anchor here.

15.1.28.

Left anchorage 5.15 a.m. Parted company with the "Kismet" off TERIO at 1.55 p.m., and anchored DARU 10.30 p.m..

Mr. Zimmer's report for the period 20/11/27 to 13/1/28 was forwarded under cover of my letter No. 12/21/28 of 16th inst.

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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.
9/27/28.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. M. Mahan to

Major J. M. Mahan, The Town of ... for the purpose of

...

Left Station on 8-2-28 Returned to Station on 22-2-28

Number of Carriers employed ... Number of Police taken ...

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Motorboat J. M. Mahan

Villages visited DAMAROTAI, AI-IDIA, JABEI, GABODI, AMRACO, JURING, NEMEDI and SERIE.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 25-2-28.

J. M. Mahan
Officer in charge of Station.

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REPORT OF A PATROL TO KIKORI GOVT. STATION, TURAMA, AND
GAMA RIVER DISTRICTS BY E.R. OLMIAN, RESIDENT MAGISTRATE.

8. 2. 1928 to 22. 2. 1928.

OBJECT OF PATROL.

1. To discuss with the R.M., D.D., recent murders committed by W.D. and D.D. natives, and arranging a joint visit to the TURAMA District.
2. Pay Village Constables wages due.

8. 2. 1928.

Left DARU at 9.15 a.m. in "Minnetonka" with 5 A.V.O., and anchored at DAMARATAM, WABUDA ISLAND, 7.10 p.m. Village Constable AFUE and Councillors reported all in order. Village Constable DUOI of BIMARAMI, BAMU District, also reported and informed me that he has on his way to DARU with a man and a woman to receive wages due two deceased native labourers.

9. 2. 1928.

Left DAMARATAM 4.30 a.m. and arrived KIKORI 6 p.m. Discussed TURAMA River matter with the R.M. who informed me that about two months ago the DORIONO people invited several D.D. natives from KERENWA, DORIMA, and GORU to a feast at their village, and that nine of the party who accepted the invitation were killed and eaten. Mr. Blyth also informed me that during his absence in the Western Division the GOARIBARI and MORIGIO people raided DORIONO and killed several men, women, and children as a "pay back". The GOARIBARI natives concerned have been arrested, and I arranged to leave with the R.M. on Monday the 13th for MORIGIO Island to arrest the others who took part in the raid, also the DORIONO's.

10. 2. 28 to 12. 2. 28.

At KIKORI preparing W.D. Estimates for 1928-1929.

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13. 2. 1928.

With the R.M., D.D., and Mr. Littlechild, E.M.A., left KIKORI in the launch "Kismet" 6.30 a.m. The "Mimetonka" with 12 A.C. on board left at the same time. Anchored AI-IDIA at 11 a.m. Mr. Littlechild held a medical inspection. Left at 12.5 p.m. for MORIGIO Island, and anchored off DADDEBI village at 2.15 p.m. The party went ashore in two canoes, and without any trouble arrested six persons who took part in the raid which they state was against the BARU tribe and not the DORIOMO. Several others who also took part are away at their sago village. V.C. absent.

Left at 4 p.m. At 4.15 met V.C. MANERE of DADDEBI who was taken on board and questioned regarding the raid. Anchored at GABADIA, V.C. INU, 4.30 p.m. Eight men arrested here.

14. 2. 1928.

Left GABADIA 7 a.m. with two canoes in tow and crossed to mainland. At 8.30 the canoes in charge of two A.C.'s and the V.C.'s of DADDEBI and GABADIA were sent to KIKORI with 14 prisoners. Proceeded up river with the intention of visiting the UMAIDAI and WARIADAI villages. Found all the UMAIDAI villages deserted. Anchored at KOA noon, a small village where the R.M., D.D., saw V.C. PASIKAI of EWALMIA on his last patrol, and found same deserted. Left at 1.15 p.m. for the WARIADAI villages. At 3 p.m. compelled to anchor as could not proceed any further owing to neap tides.

15. 2. 1928.

As the visit to WARIADAI is not urgent left at 4.30 a.m. and proceeded to HARAGO, V.C. INAI-I. Anchored off village at 9 a.m. The V.C. informed us that the DORIOMO people are now living at the head of WAWI Creek which can only be reached by launch via the GAMA River, and that the UMAIDAI people are up SIDIKOROMO Creek sago making. None of the HARAGO people are implicated in the raid on the BARU.

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15. 2. 1928 (Cont.)

Left at 11.30 a.m. with canoe in tow, and anchored at the mouth of GIBU Creek 12.45 p.m. At 2 p.m. accompanied by the R.M., D.D., and five police left in canoe and went up Creek as far as it was possible to get at low tide. No people seen. Returned to "Kismet" 3.30 p.m. and discussed matters. Tomorrow the R.M., D.D., will proceed up river in "Kismet" and visit SIDIKOROMO Creek, and I will leave in the "Minnetonka" for the GAMA River and WAWI Creek, returning to GIBU again on the 17th.

16. 2. 1928.

At 5.15 a.m. I left in the "Minnetonka" with 6 A.C. Entered the GAMA River 8.30 a.m. Passed GEMERUA, V.C. KIOMAI, 8.45 a.m. Village deserted. Passed UBUA, V.C. DAIWA, 9 a.m. This village also deserted. Passed PARAVI 10 a.m. and KEARU 10.8 a.m. At 10. 20 a.m. a great many people were sighted at a temporary village on the right bank of river canoe making. When near the settlement V.C. KAIHA of DORICOMO of DORICOMO came out in a canoe with several people. Inquired into the murder of the nine GOARIBARI natives, and found that the DORICOMO people had nothing whatever to do with it. The V.C. and others inform me that the GEME-I people (BARU Tribe) who live up WAWI Creek killed them at EREBIA on the TURAKA River, and that the GIWOI people, a section of the BARU Tribe, were raided at GEMARU village, near EREBIA, by the GOARIBARI and MORIGIO natives as a "pay back", and not DORICOMO.

Village Constable KAIHA also states that the Bell Point (Baru Tribe) people are preparing to raid HARAGO, DADEBI, and GABADIA on MORIGIO Island as a "pay back" for the killing of the GIWOI people. Several others state that on several occasions men and women sent out to make sago and catch fish have failed to return. They say that the men have been killed by the MORIGIO or GEME-I people and that the women are now the wives of the men who caught them.

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16. 2. 1928. (Cont).

At 10. 30 a.m. with V.C. KAIHA and four of the leading DORIOMC men on board, and three small canoes in two, left for GEME-I. At 11 a.m. passed NEMEDI and entered WAWI Creek. At 11.15 picked up V.C. SOGOME and a canoe crew of eight. SOGOME, who is a BARU man, corroborates KAIHA'S statement re the GOARIBARI murders and the threatened raid by the Bell Point people on the MORIGIO Island villages. Anchored at 1.25 p.m. as the V.C.'s say if I go any further with the launch the GEME-I people will hear us and run away. Will visit the village daylight tomorrow morning.

17. 2. 1928.

At 4.45 a.m. left in canoe for GEME-I. Coxswain DARADAMEA is to follow an hour later with the "Minnetenka". Landed on left bank of Creek a quarter of a mile above village and reached same at 5.30. Caught eleven men and four women, but unfortunately none of them had anything to do with the murder of the GOARIBARI natives. One WARAVI states, however, that all the murderers are at the main village which can be seen on the right 300 yards further on. With the six A.C., WARAVI, and three other men left immediately for this village. About fifty men dancing and waving the heads of the murdered GOARIBARI'S called out to us to hurry. We did so but when about 150 yards from them they stopped dancing and stood with drawn bows, and when we got a little closer they all disappeared inland and went up a small creek in canoes. Gave chase and just missed arresting two men who in the hurry of getting away left the decorated heads of two GOARIBARI'S behind in their canoe. Searched round for an hour but could not find anyone. V.C.'s SOGOME and KAIHA state that the people will not split up into small groups and live in the swamps until we are gone. Returned to GEME-I and met the "Minnetenka" at anchor in a fathom and a half of water. WARAVI states that BANIGI, ADIMU, KURIGO, GAIRI, NAUNI, KOKOMA, KASE, AIKAI, and

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17. 2. 28. (Cont.)

MUNUI all of GEME-I killed the GOARIBARI people. In order to effect the arrest of these men a Police Camp will be necessary. Left on the turn of the tide, and anchored at HEMEDI, V.C.SOGOME, 12.35 p.m. Inspected village and found same very satisfactory.

18. 2. 1928.

Left HEMEDI at 6.5 a.m. with Village Constable KAIHA and native KIEA of DORICOMO as passengers who state that the DADEBI, MORIGIO Island, people captured their wives at HARAGO some months ago. Sighted the "Kismet" off Bell Point at 9.5 a.m. Transferred to the "Kismet" and left for HARAGO which was reached at 1.45 p.m. The R.M., D.D. states that on the 16th and 17th he searched various creeks for the UMAIDAI people without success, and that early this morning he visited the villages of GEMARU and EREBIA but found them deserted. Left HARAGO at 2.15 p.m. At 2.30 p.m. No. 2 pump of the "Kismet" carried away, and as same could not be repaired the "Minnetonka" took her in tow to KIKORI.

19. 2. 1928.

SUNDAY. At Kikori.

20. 2. 1928.

At KIKORI. "Minnetonka" engine overhauled and cleaned. Discussed TURAMA River matters with the R.M., D.D. and arranged with him in view of the recent disturbances and the possibility of an attack by the BARU tribe on the MORIGIO villages, that he send Mr. F.O. Middleton to DADEBI with a squad of police as a means of protection. "Kismet" left for MORIGIO with the R.M., D.D., Mr. F.O. Middleton, and 10 A.C. midnight.

21. 2. 1928.

Left KIKORI 5.5 a.m., and anchored off MAIPANI for the night at 6.30 p.m.

22. 2. 1928.

Left anchorage 5.40 a.m. and anchored TORO PASS 2.45 p.m. for tide. Left 8.40 p.m. and arrived DARU 10 p.m.

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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

10/1929-30.

DARU, Western Division. STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by H.R. Oldham, Resident Magistrate to

Lower Fly Villages for the purpose of
forming a Police Camp at SJWANI and general inspection.

Left Station on 29/5/1929 Returned to Station on 9/6/1929.

Number of Carriers employed NIL Number of Police taken SIX.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Ketch "DOSA" - L. Inff.

Villages visited KADAMI, WEDERILIANU, BORA, W'RIADADORA, PANERA, BACHERA,
GESOA, FURUWU, TIRIO, SARABA, KARAKARANA, KENGA, KOASU, SAMARI,
MADIRI and HIRU Plantations.

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Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 12/6/1929.

H.R. Oldham

Officer in charge of Station.

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Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.		
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.					
Rice		All rations for passengers supplied by Master of Ketch "Dugai". Passage money R.M., S.A.G., & 1 Personal Attendant. DAHU to KEBGA. 22 each.								
Biscuits										
Meat										
Sugar										
Tea					16 0 0					
Soap		Passage money V.C. MARUAN OF VERIDAI and 7 natives to DAHU. 10/- each.								
Tobacco										
Matches										
Kerosene		Passage money V.C. WARIA OF KARANA KARANA to DAHU				10 0				
Tents										
Flies										
Lamps		Note:- The Veridai natives are witnesses in Case Rex v TOMASA & Others - Vildai Murder. V.C. WARIA Interpreter in above case.								
Buckets										
Kerosene Cans										
Knives & Sheaths										
Knives, 18in.										
Knives, other										
Belts										
Pouches										
Print										
Twill										
Handkerchiefs										
Beads										
Mirrors										
Axes										
Half Axes										
Tomahawks										
TOTAL £						20 10 0				

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

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REPORT OF A PATROL TO THE LOWER FLY RIVER VILLAGES BY E.R. OLDHAM,
RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, 29th of May, 1928, to 10th June, 1928.

Object of Patrol.

1. Forming a Police Camp at SUWAMI.
2. Inspection.

Not having a vessel in which to carry out patrols I made arrangements with Mr. L. Luff to take myself and party of police in Ketch "Dogai" to KENOA or SUWAMI calling at as many villages as possible on the way, and returning via SAMARI, Kiwai Island. Mr. Luff would only undertake the trip on the following terms. Passage money DARU to KENOA or SUWAMI, myself, police and personal attendant £2 each. Passage money natives from any village to DARU 10/- each. Rations to be supplied by Mr. Luff.

29/5/1928.

Left DARU at 10.30 a.m. with 6 A.C. and a personal attendant. Anchored at TORO PASS for tide at 3 p.m. Left anchorage at 6.15 p.m. and anchored inside Pass for night at 8.30 p.m.

30/5/1928.

Left anchorage daylight and visited the following villages :-

MADAMI. V.C.SAUWURI absent and only a few old men and women present who informed me that the V.C. and the remainder of the people were away sago making. Found the village clean, but many houses including the rest house are in need of repairs. Told the people to inform the V.C. and Councillors that the houses must be repaired immediately they returned from their sago making otherwise there would be trouble.

WEDERIHIANU. V.C.ABAI and Councillors absent. Only two old men and a woman here who informed me that all the people were away sago making and would not be back for a week. Inspected village and found same satisfactory.

Left WEDERIHIANU 8 p.m. and anchored off MADIRI Plantation 10 p.m.

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31/5/1928.

As there was no official business to attend to at the Plantation left at 8 a.m. and visited the following villages :-

BORA. V.C. EGIA and Councillors with many people absent. Inspected village and found same very dirty, and many houses including the rest house in a bad state of repair. Told the people present to tell the V.C. and Councillors to have the village cleaned and houses repaired immediately they returned, and that I would be along again to inspect same when the "Mimmetonka" returned from Port Moresby.

WARIABADORA. V.C. UWABI. Only six people in village which was found to be clean, although many houses including the rest house are in urgent need of repairs. People to inform V.C. & Councillors to have houses repaired before my next visit.

DAMERA. V.C. GIDAMA. Only three men and four women here who informed me that the V.C. and remainder of the people were away sago making and preparing for a big dance. Village clean, and houses, with the exception of the rest house which requires re-roofing and a new floor, in a fair state of repair.

SAGERA. V.C. WASESI. Arrived here at 6.30 p.m. only to find as at other villages the V.C. absent. The Councillors reported and informed me that the V.C. had that early this morning for KOWAWISI which is only a short distance up SAGERA Creek. Sent for him. Inspected village and found same clean and the rest house in good order.

1/6/1928.

V.C. WASESI and V.C. SOREGE of KOWAWISI reported at 6 a.m. No Court Cases.

Left at 10.30 a.m. and proceeded to GESOA, Wabuda Island. Village Constable DARD and majority of people away sago making. Village inspected and found to be satisfactory.

Left for PURUTU 5.30 p.m. and anchored off village at 9.15 p.m. One Councillor reported who informed me that the V.C. and all the people excepting ~~two~~ two old men and two old women were away sago making.

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2/6/1928.

Inspected PURUTU village and found that the 'long house' had recently been re-roofed and repaired. The Rest House is in good order and the village surroundings clean.

At 11 a.m. Village Constable HAI WA U of WAPI reported all in order at his village. As there is no wind and the tide is against us we are compelled to remain here. Late in the afternoon V.C. KESAVI arrived with several canoes laden with sago, but he would not sell any as same he said was required for a big dance and feast to be held in four days time.

3/6/1928.

Left PURUTU 9 a.m. and arrived at TIRI, V.C. MEAURI, 4.30 p.m. only to find that all the people were at BARAMURA attending a dance. Inspected village and found the surroundings clean, but the 'long house' and rest house need repairing.

Left at 5.15 p.m. and proceeded to BARAMURA which was reached at 7.15 p.m. Found that all the people were further up river at their sago making place holding the dance. Continued on and anchored off the dancing place at 7.45. Village Constable BOSOME of BARAMURA reported and informed me that his village was clean and rest house in good order. Informed him that I would be along again when the "Minnetonka" returned from Port Moresby for the purpose of collecting tax and paying family bonus. V.C. MEAURI I find has gone to SUWAMI. Issued the BARAMURA Councillors BUDRU and ADAGI with badges.

4/6/1928.

Left at daylight and anchored off SAPARA, V.C. KIWO, 11.45. Inspected village and found same very dirty, and the 'long house', womens houses, and rest house all in need of extensive repairs. Told the V.C. and Councillors if they did not see that the people kept the village clean and houses in good repair they would be punished and dismissed.

The PISARAMI people arrived in several canoes and reported the death of V.C. KAGAI about one month ago. Selected one KUIA to take his place.

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4/6/1928.

Left SAPARA and crossed to a sago making village belonging to the KARAMA KARAMA people. Village Constable WARIA reported. As this man is required as an Interpreter in case Rex v. Tomasa and Others who are charged with the murder of thirty nine WERIDAI natives ten months ago he is returning with me to DARU.

Left sago place at 3.30 p.m. and anchored off KENOA, close to ADURA, V.C. OHA, 5.30 p.m. V.O's MARUAM of WERIDAI and SARUA of SUWAMI reported, and informed me that they had left SUWAMI and settled here permanently, but that they would go back to SUWAMI now that a Police Camp was to be formed. Questioned the WERIDAI people regarding the raid on their village last year, and asked them if the people who attacked them left anything behind. A broken paddle, wooden club, a bow and a few arrows were produced which they said was all that was left behind. On examining these articles I found them similar to those used by the SUKI Creek and other Upper FLY River natives. I also found that two canoes had been left behind. One is broken and useless, but the other which is in fair condition I tried to get on board the "Dagai" but it was too long. Village Constable MEAURI of TIRIO who is here is to take same to KADAMI, and the V.C. at that place is to send it on to DARU. The canoes were similar to the ones purchased from the DAVINIBU people by Mr. A.R.M. Zimmer when at the Everill Junction Police Camp and which are now at DARU.

As the WERIDAI people now intend to settle at SUWAMI, and as there is no one living above this place, there is no need to proceed any further. I accordingly instructed J.M. SIMOI to proceed to the mouth of SUWAMI Creek with 4 A.C. tomorrow and form a Police Camp as a temporary protection against the possibility of any further attack.

Of the men questioned eight are to come to DARU and appear as witnesses in Case Rex. V. TOMASA and Others who are charged with Wilful Murder.

Inspected KENOA and found same clean and the two 'long houses' in good repair, but as there is no rest house one is to be built.

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5/6/1928.

After explaining the object of the Police Camp to S.M.SIMOI and police detailed to remain with him, and issuing three months rations, left at 8.30 a.m. for MAHU with the following passengers:- V.C.MARUAM and 7 WERIDAI men, and V.C.WARIA of KARAPA KARANA.

Arrived at SAPARA noon and after remaining here for two hours left for MADIRI Plantation which was reached at 8.30 p.m.

6/6/1928.

Left MADIRI 6.45 a.m. and anchored off KOAHU, V.C.KUMUA, 8.45 a.m. Inspected village and found same dirty, and many houses including the rest house, and the landing stage in need of extensive repairs. Informed the V.C. that if he did not pay more attention to his duties he would be dismissed. As tide coming in and no wind compelled to remain here all day.

7/6/1928.

Left KOAHU daylight and anchored off MIEU Island 6.15 p.m. for night.

8/6/1928.

Left anchorage daylight and proceeded to SAMARI, V.C.KERA, which was reached at 3 p.m. Inspected village and found same satisfactory. Visited Mrs. and Miss Pothier and obtained their signatures to documents required in connection with the administration of the Estate of L. Pothier deceased.

Left at 5.30 p.m. and anchored off MIEU Island midnight.

9/6/1928.

Left anchorage 5.30 a.m. and anchored off MIEU Creek 7.30. Visited Mr. and Mrs. Cowling. Left at 10.30 and arrived DARU 2 a.m. on the 10th.

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R.M., W.D.
12/6/1928.

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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER

11 of 27/28

Barru, W.D.

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by G.P.W. Zimmer A.R.N. to

IAMIGA, PODARI and GAMAIBA Districts

for the purpose of

General Patrol

Left Station on 11th June 1928

Returned to Station on 16th June 1928

Number of Carriers employed 6 (8 prisoners) Number of Police taken 6

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Oriemo launch under charter

Villages visited WONIA, IAMIGA, FU-ANI, PODARI and GAMAIBA

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2927/11.28.—1,500.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 22-6-28

E.M. H. H. H.

Officer in charge of Station.

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Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice	80 lbs		80 lbs		80	15	111	
Biscuits								
Meat								
Sugar								
Tea								
Soap								
Tobacco	15 lbs		5 lbs			12	1	10 lbs purchase of native food included
Matches								
Kerosene	1 gal				1 gal	10		
Tents	1						1	
Flies	1						1	
Lamps	1						1	
Buckets	2						2	
Kerosene Cans	1						1	
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.	1						1	
Knives, other								
Belts	Charter of Oriome launch for 2 days @ 25 per day ---					10	-	-
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks	1						1	
TOTAL						11	7	11

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Report on a Patrol to the Villages in the Oriomo District.

June 11th In accordance with instruction from the Resident Magistrate, I left Dara at 7.45 A.M. in the Oriomo launch, which had been chartered for the purpose, taking 6 A.Cs and 8 prisoners to act as carriers. As we were towing the punt and had the tide against us we did not reach the WUROI landing until 5 P.M. where Mr Royle was waiting for us with the motor truck. Mr Royle very kindly conveyed my camp gear, some of my police and myself to headquarters which was reached just after dark. At the mouth of the Oriomo River I landed A.C. BAMBURU and two long sentenced prisoners, with instruction for them to walk overland to headquarters, so that the two prisoners could get acquainted with the road, as it is intended by the Resident Magistrate that these two boys shall act in future ^{as} runners to connect the wireless station at Oriomo with Dara.

June 12 As Mr Royle offered to take me and part of my camp by motor truck to Wonja, sent most of the police and prisoners forward on foot at 7 A.M. the rest of the party leaving at 7.30 A.M. Wonja was reached at 9 A.M. where I met Mr C. Marshall who expressed a desire to accompany me on the patrol, in order that he might make a rough survey of the surrounding country for the Oriomo Oil Ltd. I readily assented to his request. The roads being exceptionally dry Mr Royle was able to take the car a further 8 miles along the road to IANIGA, which meant that the patrol started ^{on foot} fully twenty miles from headquarters. Lunch was cooked while we waited for the boys to catch up, the party leaving on foot at 2 P.M. for Ianiga (V.C. GANUMI) which was reached at 3.5 P.M. It being now too late to proceed further, besides which most of the boys had been walking since early morning, camp was pitched. The village of IANIGA consists of 12 houses beautifully clean and well laid out. The houses being in two lines and all with the same length piles and the same dimensions and is as good an example of a native village as I have ever seen and a great credit to the Village Constable. Camp was pitched at the end of the

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village, there being no Rest House. Tried to get some information of a wandering tribe known as the KAU-AMS, a small party of whom had visited Wonia some weeks earlier, but the V.C. and Councillor as well as the older men of the village all stated that they knew nothing about them, but inferring that perhaps the PODARI natives might know something about them. A.C. Bamaru and the 2 prisoners reached Ianiga camp at 7 P.M. having missed the road to headquarters on the previous day.

June 13th

Left Ianiga at 7.30 A.M. taking three rather unwilling local carriers with me. The road passing through undulating grass and ti-tree country. Stopped at noon for lunch, leaving again at 1.15 and reached the village of PU-AMI at 2.35 P.M. the last of the carriers getting in at 3.30 P.M. The Village of PU-AMI would seem to be an off shoot of the PODARI natives, and consists of 9 well built houses situated in the middle of a large banana and pau-pau garden. Only two elderly men were found in the village, who stated that all the rest of the men were away at work for the Oriomo Oil Ltd. This village was again spotlessly clean. Tents and flies pitched. Was again unable to get any information about the KAU-AM natives, the two old men in the village appearing to be very nervous, after a lot of questioning they stated that they only knew two roads, i.e. to Ianiga and to GUMAIWA. Told one man that he would have to show me the road to GUMAIWA in the morning gave him a couple of sticks of tobacco and told him that he nothing to be frightened about..

June 14th

Broke camp and was ready to leave at 7.30 A.M. but found that the guide had slipped away, although I had seen him the first thing in the morning. Sent Lt/Cpl. KAU and the V.C. from IGUNI to find him. After waiting for half an hour, and as they had not returned started on a track leading in a Southerly direction, which was the general direction of GUMAIWA village. Fortunately we had not travelled for more than 10 minutes when the IGUNI V.C. caught us up, having found the guide, and it was found that we were on a garden road. Retraced our steps back to the village and made a fresh start

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June 14th After two hours walking we reached the village of PODARI, which was also remarkable for its cleanliness and the well constructed houses. The only native seen was met just outside the village, he stated that the women were away making sago and that the men were away at Oriomo working. After a short rest continued on over much the same kind of country, grass and tree, stopping at a creek at 11.45 for lunch, very little water had been seen. Continued on at 1.20 P.M. reaching the village of GUMAIWA at 4.10 P.M. having walked fully 17 miles. Village clean and fully occupied, The village constable, JUNG-ITA reported and helped to erect the tent and fly. Village very clean, and the village constable had no cases, stating that he had not yet received his pay told him to come into Daru with me. During the afternoon we passed a well defined track which our guide stated led to BUJI.

June 15th Paid off yesterday's guide after giving him a warning about running away. The party left at 7.15 A.M. in a general Easterly direction, which direction was kept up until 11 A.M. when we reached MARAMASAB, the site of one of the Oriomo Oil Ltd. bores. The last of the carriers coming in at noon, gave them a rest and a feed of rice and continued on to DOGWA at 1.30 P.M. reaching headquarters half an hour later. During the afternoon signed on some labour for the company and discussed matters in general.

June 16th Left at 7.30 A.M. by motor truck for the landing at WUROI, owing to a heavy shower the road was so slippery that the landing was not reached until 9.20. Left at 9.50 A.M. towing the punt with the police, prisoners and two weeks supplies for the timber camp. About a mile N.W. of the village of IGUNI the punt with police etc. was dropped, being in charge of L/Cpl. KAU whose instructions are to make camp and start on Monday cutting goro palm for building purposes in Daru. Reached Daru at 3 P.M.

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