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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

1. 29-30

Kikori STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by ~~A Liston Blyth interim report~~ ~~to~~
~~only of Mr Austen's No 1 patrol. To Turam~~ for the purpose of
~~Taking the A.R.M. and party for the OBERI patrol and to try and~~
~~gain information re the IBUA people.~~

Left Station on 17th July Returned to Station on 21st July 1929

Number of Carriers employed 4 by A.L.B. Number of Police taken ~~none~~ by A.L.B.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Kismet" A.L.B.

Villages visited GIBU CAMP. Unknown place on DIBIRI Creek, KESE. HAUWA BOBOI

The map of my journey is on new Divisional map

Mr Austen will supply map of remainder of patrol

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2242/12.21.—2,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 2/8/29

A. Liston Blyth

Officer in charge of station.

Articles.	Quantity taken, on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.					Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.	Government Cost.		
Rice								
Biscuits								
Meat								
Sugar								
Tea		The Total cost including this Interim report						
Soap		will be shown in Mr Austen's report.						
Tobacco								
Matches								
Kerosene								
Tents								
Flies								
Lamps								
Buckets								
Kerosene Cans								
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.								
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks								
					TOTAL £			

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

Patrol 1 1929 30

~~Patrol 1 1929 30~~

DELTA

22/25/30

The Hon The G.S.

Patrol 1

In reply to yours No 53 of the 11th inst I have to inform you that I agree with H E but , I would say this that we cannot call them " councillors" in the meaning of the term but as I explained before I found that at the time of the Turama Police Camp, I appointed a number of the elderly men, " irreconcilables" Councillors, giving them the badge brought them on our side and materially assisted us with the work of the camp, later the officers in charge of the camp seem to have lost sight of this idea, as has been done in the matter of local Constables, as H.E. is aware, and any native possessing a smattering of Motuan etc seems to have been deemed worthy to be made a councillor irrespective of age and influence, the whole matter will be gone into when I have time to get down there again. The giving of the badge to the old men and influential men at the time I was more or less running the camp paid us well, the later appointments are merely nothing.

R. M. Blyth
R.M. 21/1/30

GOVERNMENT SECRETARY.

IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

No. 53/30.



R.M.D.D., Kikori.

Village Councillors, TURAMA.

His Excellency minutes as follows on Patrol
Report No.1/29-30:-

"App.A - I cannot think that these people are
sufficiently advanced to have Councillors."

H. Champion
G.S. 11/1/30.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE DELTA

[G.P. 8.]

IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

Memorandum

Patrol No 1 1929-30

The P.O.

Please note that I do not consider it advisable for you to undertake a bush patrol after your attack of fever, you will not therefore accompany the A.R.M. on his patrol nextw week, as perviously instructed.

It is probable that you will be detailed for other work in the Purari District when your health permits.

Please initial and return

ALB

R.M. 10/7/29

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10/7/29

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE DELTA

[G.P. 3.]

IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

Memorandum

Patrol No 1 1929-30

The A.R.M.

Unless there is a marked improvement in the health of the P.O. I fear that his orders to accompany you must be cancelled.

I am given to understand that he was very ill again last night.

Definite information will be given later.

R.M.
R.M. 10/7/29

Copy to P.O.

R.M.
Owing to the heavy rains likely to be experienced in the Ouseki patrol especially in the bush, I think it would be inadvisable to take the P.O. with me in his present state of health. Although another officer to accompany me would have been very acceptable, I feel sure with a good collection of H.C.s. I can carry through the patrol on my own.

L.A.
H.M.
10.7.29

DELTA

Leo Austen Esqre A.R.M.

Patrol No 1. 1929 1930

I will be pleased if you will be prepared to leave on the 5th prox, on th patrol to the OBERI country, which we have already thoroughly discussed.

Conditionally on the small launch being available, you will with such of your police as you wish, proceed first to the Turama tribes, and complete any local work there outstanding.

Owing to our having to wait for rice supplies the "Kismet" will follow you down immediately after the next steamer, with the P.O. Mr Champion, who will be attached to you for the period of the patrol, and the balance of your police and stores.

The objects of the patrol are as well known to you as myself.

Your police will be Corporal KAU. A Gs BATE (orderly to P.O.) A.G. AGOTI, MARIKOPI, EVARI, KANIBAIA, BEAI, MAINU, PA ARU, KOROVAIA.

You already know that MAINU and PA ARU should go ahead.

In the event of the small launch being unavailable in time the "Kismet" will take your advance party as arranged above, and will then bring down the small launch or if fortunate enough to be able to do so, she will be sent down to you for your use throughout the patrol.

You will, if you have her, make your own arrangements for the homeward journey.

You should give me a list of the stores, including oil and benzine you think you will require, I would be ready for five weeks though I hope to see you long ere that, you can easily form a base somewhere for surplus and better be safe than sorry.

FCopy Memo to P.O. attached.

Received
LA
R.M. 25/6/29

R.M.

The following Trade is being taken by me to pay V.Cs of Turama to 30/6/29
15 lbs Tobacco, 12 Tomahawks, 6 Knives, 4 Dungarees also £2 in cash
to be accounted for later.

V.C.	Amount Due
HARAGU	£1 cash
GABASIA	£1 "
AVISONEMI	£1 Trade
POIMIA	10/- "
BORA	10/- "
BUDEVO	10/- "
MAPOI.IA	10/- "
LAGIVE	10/- "
AIRAGU	10/- "
PARAVI	10/- "
NEMETI	10/- "
KEARU	£1 "
KESE	10/- "
EWAIMIA	10/- "
BANORA	10/- "
SARAGI	10/- "
HAUWOI	10/- "

La
A.R.M.D.D. 1/7/29

DELTA

C. Champion Esqre

P.O.

Patrol 1 of 1929-30

Please be prepared to leave this station immediately after the next steamer. to join the A.R.M. in the Turama district, with whom, and under whose orders, you will remain till the completion of the OBERI patrol.

You should see the A.R.M. regarding stores, and in any way in which you can assist him prior to his departure on the 5th prox, with advance party please do so.

Initial and return duplicate.

ALB

R.M. 25/6/29

R. M.

contents noted.

ALB
25/6/29

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE DELTA

[G.P. 3.]

IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

INTERIM REPORT PATROL NUMBER ONE 1929-30

Having decided that the OBERI people must be visited in order to prevent a reprisal on the HAUWABOBI people for their raid arrangements were made for the A.R.M. accompanied by the P.O. to undertake this work, unfortunately the P.O. had fever and it was thought better he should not undertake a long bush patrol until he had fully recovered. On the 17th of July therefore I left in the "Kismet" accompanied by the A.R.M. and his party of police consisting of Corpl KAU and 10 A.C, of these A.Cs MAINU and PA ARU, locals from the Turana district had been sent ahead about a week to collect carriers, and the Corpl with some of the others and certain returning prisoners had been sent ahead to the GIBU camp, in order to lighten the load on the launch, which had two months stores aboard.

We proceeded down the river and had a very good crossing at the AI IDIA passage, altho the rain made the visibility poor there was little sea and we stood straight across to the GIBU, which we reached in good time taking about 9 hours for the trip. Here I landed the A.R.M. and a portion of his stores, as it was intended that I should try to get to IBUA between the GAMA and the BAMU rivers where we had heard of a murder, and that whilst I was away he should see to local matters in Doriomo etc. In order to get a decent start round Bell Point, before the sea got up, I pulled out and ran down the river and anchored. Next morning the 18th, I went into the GAMA and tried to find guides to IBUA, however all professed ignorance, the IBUA people are no kin the BARO and DORIOMO and really belong to BAMU peoples, at last after asking many persons of BARO I found some men who said they knew the road, we went across to a small creek here we landed, and I had a most fearful walk thro' knee deep mud till we came to a few scattered huts which they told was the domicile of the IBUA people, quite deserted, from all I could gather in order to find these people I would have had to have followed right over to the BAMU, an impossible task for me, with both legs in bandages and without stores for a trip of such duration, especially as the A.R.M. was waiting for me to take him to his starting point.

I reluctantly gave up and returned to the launch getting there about 5 pm having left at about 9am in the morning. A really dreadful walk, at a small fishing place near the launch we found one man named MURU, who said he was IBUA and also said that his people were all away on the BAMU. I took him along as I intend to get all the information out of him I can and use him when an effort can be made to find these people.

Patrol 1 Interim.

On getting aboard I was unable to do anything except bathe my legs in hot water and lie down, (it will be remembered I burnt them rather badly when the Kismet broke down in the WAME). On the morning of the 19th I left about 7 15 am as I had to wait the tide to get over the GAMA bar, the weather was vile and the visibility very bad and we had to creep over with the lead going, near the mouth I picked up the Village police of BARO, and the Bell point villages, names KOKIA, SABOI and AIBARI, all having seen the launch and come out to her, I took them with me as at GIBU we had pay and clothing for them, the way these people now come out to us is very different to my first recollections of this part of the world. I got back to the GIBU camp about 11 am and found the A R M rather worried as his advance guard of police had not turned up, and that all the local V C had gone up to Umadai as they heard we were going there, however we paid those who were available, and the A.R.M. leaving certain stores here for return trip re embarked and we sailed for UMADAI at about midday towing two canoes of carriers whom the A.R.M. had engaged.

The weather continued vile and visibility got worse and worse the tide going down rapidly when we arrived off the end of UMADAI island we found it impossible to get thro the sand banks to KESE without the possibility of being ashore. at 3 30 pm we therefore anchored sending the canoes of carriers on to the village, and possessed our souls in patience in horrid rain till 8 pm when I decided it had cleared sufficientl to go on and we reached KESE at 8 35pm, where the A.R.M. was pleased to find the Corporal and his party had arrived, Next morning at 6 am ashore and the A.R.M paid more Village police selected a few more carriers and generally made arrangements the village is wonderful to what it was, and the rest house quite good.

By 9 am we were under weigh again with police party and now towing three canoes, we heard that A C MAINU was at SARAGI where the A.R.M. had sent him to get guides etc, we had a fair run up tho the weather continued wet and passed the old BAHU camp site at 11 45 am, there is nothing left of it save the clearing a little later at a sago place near Banora we picked up A C MAINU, and found that he had the men the A.R.M. wanted leaving word that the SARAGI V C should follow us up, we went on to HAUWABOBOI, where we found that the man SEREWAKA who was so concerned over the OBERI, (see Mr Auten's last report) was up at his garden, we sent a canoe up to bring him and went on, and passing my limit, on my first trip up here some year ago at 4 30 pm we anchored off the SINOVI creek from which they say the road to the OBERI starts

Patrol 1 interring cont

The police and carriers promptly went ashore and cleared sufficient bush to erect the flies, and as soon as these were up all stores and cargo were landed. The A.R.M. remained ~~was~~ aboard discussing the patrol with me till about 8 pm when he went shore.

Next morning the 21st I took the empty canoes in tow, and left from the A.R. to Kikori, and left at about 6 30 am for the long to Kikori. We dropped the canoes at their various homes going down, and except for striking a sea near AI IDIA we had a really uneventful run reaching Kikori at a little after 10 pm having travelled 114 miles, not a bad run for the Kismet as she was against the tide at least five hours of the run.

General

This patrol is really the A.R.M.'s and any cost entailed by it will appear in his report. Regarding IBUA I would refer to his remarks in patrol report 22.28/9 there is no doubt that this place can hardly be included in our jurisdiction, they are not within the line of our new boundary, and can be more easily reached by the DARU, Bamu river patrols. He says "it would be a dirty patrol thro a swamp" but if the road from BUNIKI or PIRUPIRU is anything like the track I went on he is right. Personally I am inclined to think that if the man was killed, then the IBUA have moved over to the BAMU from the DIBIRI, where there was no sign of them, as fearing they would be visited from here, they have cleared out, I have written the R.M. W D and returned him V C DAIWA's R/S as a BAMU V C should not be on our strength. I think with our present extension and only one boat we have all we can handle now. Altho I am aware of the order that boundaries are nothing when in pursuit of offenders, I could not have gone further this trip firstly because so far as we were concerned the OBERI business was infinitely more important than a mere village murder, DAIWA was killed by KOTU of his own village in an ordinary squabble the other might mean a raid. NEARU tells me today that KOTU is on the BAMU river at a place he calls GAMRUMA, a sago place. Secondly because I was unprepared and went merely to "spy out the land" so to speak, and am also very doubtful if I could stand the walking without another leave spent in hospital.

C. G. Giston 4/3/29
Resident Magistrate 4/3/29

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

2. 29-30**Kinori**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by A Liston Blyth interim only of toMr Champion's report to Kaimari for the purpose ofvisiting saw mill taking P.O. and party for work in Purari

District

Left Station on 25th July Returned to Station on 27th July 1929Number of Carriers employed none Number of Police taken nil by A.L.B.Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Kismet" A.L.B.Villages visited Aird Hill. Saw Mill. Kaimari. Karibo. Gauri.**Divisional map.**

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2249/12.21.—2,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 2/8/29*A. Liston Blyth*
Officer in charge of station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice								
Biscuits								
Meat								
Sugar								
Tea								
Soap								
Tobacco								
Matches								
Kerosene								
Tents								
Flies								
Lamps								
Buckets								
Kerosene Cans								
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.								
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks								
FUEL								
						5 0		
						TOTAL £		
						5 0		

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RESIDENT MAGISTRATE DELTA

[G.P. 3.]

IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

No.

Report of (Interim) Number two patrol for 1929-30.

When the question of a sub station for the Purari was raised and funds would not allow of it, I decided that the best thing to be done was to arrange that an officer should go at least once a year and spend three months on end in the District, this would take in the Upper ERA also, and with other short visits as well should maintain that district at a better state of efficiency. I decided therefore that we should at some good centre build a good rest house, better than the ordinary village one which would act as a headquarters for those three months.

The P.O. having got over the fever he had just before I left for the TURAMA I decided to take him down, with A.C. EBANI, who is quite a good bush carpenter, and four of the prisoners who have been employed on building here some time, and that a rest house barracks etc should be built under the P.O.'s supervision, he also to make visits to villages etc during the building.

He could also attend to various outstanding matters such as land to be bought etc.

On the 25th July therefore I left in the "Kismet" with Mr Champion P.O. A.C. EBANI. BOGERA and BATE, for his work, and four long sentence prisoners who have learnt some building, stores and tools needed for clearing and building, and two months stores for the party. Mrs Blyth accompanied the party as far as Aird Hill where she is going on a visit. Calling at A.H. we dropped Mrs Blyth, I forgot to mention that I had granted Mr Radford a passage as his own launch the "Brama" had broken down and was left at A.I. for repairs, going on from here we had a very fair run down to the PIN but after this struck a very strong tide and did not reach the Saw Mill till about 7 30 pm. Here there were various labour matters to fix up and I wished to go into them with Mr Champion that he would be able to act on them whilst in the district. We went up to the manager's house and discussed several matters with Mr McKinnon.

Next morning I took on board some timber that officers at Kikori wanted for their own purposes and had asked me to bring up and left about 8 am and ran down to Kaimari, he it was that I had decided to place Mr Champion whilst the new houses etc being built. We therefore landed him, his stores and party at the present rest house, the new one is to be nearer to Bald Head and not right in the village. We then ran down to the old trading site which had been bought for Mr Treloar and never used and which I had thought of as a possible site for the new place.

Little could be judged from a cursory inspection and I decided to let Mr Champion settle into what will be his head quarters for at least two months and could inspect the site later and better. Leaving him at Kaimari I took Mr Radfor on to his at Kanibe.

Patrol ii Interim cont

Landing Mr Radford here I got away again at about 3 pm and had an uneventful run to GAURI which I reached at 10 pm and anchored.

Next morning the 28th I inspected the village V C ORO, it was in good order and the rest house good. I then went on and arriving at Aird Hill about 10 am I picked up Mrs Blyth and ran on to Kikori arriving about 11 30 am.

General

There is nothing that calls for remark I think as the foreword explains all that is being thought of and done I have since heard from Mr Champion that the Treloar site is not too good and I have told him that there is another nearer to Bald Head that would probably suit us. I told him that I would return after the next steamer and decide and that in meantime he could get on with some other work waiting there.

The Europeans in th District are delighted at the idea of having a resident officer for three months in the year instead of merely the flying trips which are all we can manage at present with the large area we have to cover in the launch.

W. H. Blyth

Resident Magistrate

2/8/29

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

3/ 29-30

Kikori STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by A Liston-Blyth to
Goarbari for the purpose of
General Inspection

Left Station on 10/8/29 Returned to Station on 13/8/29

Number of Carriers employed about thirty Number of Police taken nil

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "Kismet" A.L.B.

Villages visited DOIBO. PAI AI IA, PAI AI IA POIKA. NAGORO. GOARI. KEME
MUBUGOA. AI IDIA. KERWA. GORO. NAMA. Native Plantation. AIMAH.
DUBUMUBU. UBUA. GEBABARI. BABAI. APEWA.

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9242/12.21—2.11.29.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 14/8/29A. Liston-Blyth.

Officer in charge of station.

Divisional Map now in P.M.

1338/29

A. Liston-Blyth Esq.,

R.M.D.D. KIKORI.

Upon reading your patrol Report No 3/29-30

H.E. writes:-

"The R.M. seems to be doing really effective
work"

Signed H.W.Champion

G.S. 5/9/29.

DELTA

REPORT OF PATROL NUMBER THREE

FOR 1929-30. By A. Liston-Blyth. R.M.

It being a considerable time since I seem to have had the opportunity of seeing the Gorabari villages myself, I decided to make the trip whilst waiting for the steamer with stores etc. I left on the Kismet at noon on the 10th August, taking Mrs Blyth with me, the reason for this was that I had a prize to pay out at AI IDIA and I wanted her to present it.

Running down the river we stopped for a few moments at DOIBO store where we had to pick up some private stores. Going on we turned into the A-A creek and so through to the OMATI, anchoring at PAI AI IA at 4 15 pm.

The weather was unpleasant drizzling and occasional squalls. I landed and was met by V C KATHE and Councilors KIVAU and AIVORO, inspected the village, I had nothing to complain of, true a few repairs were needed to the platforms, but this is a standing job always going on, the houses were in good shape, from here I went across in a canoe to PAI AI IA POIKA where V.C. OGINAU and councillors PIRIKI, AMOKA and KEVAI met me, exactly the same remarks apply here, both these villages keep rest houses, and tho I have endeavoured to get them to combine to keep one between them the clan jealousy is too great and they prefer to keep the two distinct places altho only a short distance apart. The young coconuts planted here from time to time under the regulations look very sick and yellow and I doubt their ever being much good.

On return to boat I found a man with a badly damaged hand awaiting attention, the tops of his fingers had been bitten off by an aligator, a narrow escape for him, the village people killed the lligator and very proudly shoewed me the head, it was an exceptionally large one, I dressed his hand and told him to go up to Kikori for attention by the Medical attendant there. Leaving at 6 30 am next morning I towed a canoe and ten paddlers, to take me up the NAGORO creek, off which we arrived at 6 45, when I transferred to the canoe and went up to the village, V.C. KARAKESE was away, Councillor BITE reported the other Councillor AUMATI being also away, the village was quite in good order, and these people seem to have decided to keep it so, they used to cause us a deal of trouble in the past but the appointment of the Councillors seems to have had it's effect in the better general maintenance of these villages. the coconuts here look better than they did at PAI AI IA, there were no cases, I here paid out some monies from W.N.L. & D.N. A/C to various relatives.

Patrol iii cont.

The village of course looked it's worse, being low tide with acres of mud exposed, and a drizzling rain to make platforms wet and slippery the total difference of the appearance of these Goarbari villages between high and low tide, must be seen to be believed, and I think many new officers to the division, condemn the villages as disgraceful etc, when they really have never seen them at their best.

Proceeding from here we ran straight down to GOARI, to find that the sand bank in front of the village had completely altered it's position and our old passage to the anchorage was impossible, had to anchor abt a mile out and blow for a canoe, after a time V.C. VE VI I and councillors AMAKI and BAI I arrived with a canoe and I was then astonished to find that GOARI was abandoned, the village on the point which Mr Cawley, took a great deal of pains over to make a "model village" of it see P.R. 1924-5. was being encroached on by the sea and the avenues of mangoes and coconuts washed away, they have removed up the GOARI creek and are now in a sheltered spot, apparently they moved whilst I was south and no one informed me of it, the same name remains GOARI, in the time since I went on leave they have completed the DUBU DAIMO, rest house, and about half the necessary womens' houses, the site is well protected and should be a good one. . One or two minor disputes were settled, and I then returned to the launch and proceeded to KEME KEME, V.C. NAKAUSI and Councillors OROGOI. TAI I and KAMAU, only the latter was here all the people were away sago making for the Government, and the V.C had gone to Kikori, inspected the village which was good a nice rest house also has been rebuilt. The coconuts look better than I have seen them look here. There being nothing further to do here, went on to MUBUGOA V C EXPI PAIPI, taking advantage of the rising tide to run inside the beacon and anchor off the DUBU DAIMO, on landing I was met by the V.C. and Councillors DODOA. IARI. AIMOGO and UBEMARA I had every reason to be pleased here the village was really excellent, and I so told them and also told them that there was every likelihood they would get this years' prize if they maintained it at the same level they seemed very pleased, they are all coming to AI IDIA tonight to dance in celebration of the prize to be given there. KIBAU U, owner of 11 wives, murderer, sorcerer, convict and general trouble maker has removed himself and his large family to a spot some distance away on the Newberry river and built himself a mansion I think some pressure was brought to bear on him by the village to which he has long been a bane, and I am pleased that he no longer lives in it to cause dissension and strife. From here we ran to AI IDIA for the night, V.C AIKOA and Councillors KEKERU and U I IA, came off the launch and we discussed the dance etc (onight in celebration of the prize, from 6 pm onwards canoes began to come from all parts, PAIAI IA MUBUGOA. KEREW. DOPIMA. GORO and GOARI being all well represented. About 8 pm the dance started, we went ashore and watched for a time and distributed some tobacco, and had a chat with the many Councillors who

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had come over for the dance. My Crew all joined in and I gave them leave till midnight, the village dance lasted all night.

First thing on the morning of the 12th we went ashore and having assembled all the AI IDIA and most of the visitors we presented the prize of course taking the opportunity of "rubbing it in to" the representatives of other villages and trying to waken their spirit of emulation. I strongly advised that the prize be spent in useful tools for the good of the community. From now on the visiting canoes began to disperse and the creek was literally black with them, like ants crawling along they looked from a distance. I appointed ex V C BARI, a very useful man as a councillor. Leaving here we ran over to GORO going right up the creek to the village, V.C. SABORAVI and Councillors KEBOI BORNANAU and BOME reported to me, there is a really great improvement here, the rest house is good the platforms were also good and the houses well repaired. This village was very troublesome when I first took over the division, I remember there being fifty in gaol here for flat refusal to do anything to their village, and when I went down to see why this was so every one cleared out, now they all stay and the women and children made a great fuss of the "Siniabada"

From here we ran over to KEREWANA and tho it is the parent village of the so called Goarabari people (really Kerewa) I was disappointed, the platforms were bad and the state of the rest house poor, V C DAVINAU (practically new appointment) and councillors PANAMIRI, TANI and IMA were present, I reminded them of my remarks at AI IDIA and I gave them a month to get matters straightened out.

In particular I told the councillors that I would remove their badges (of which they are inordinately proud) if the village was not better kept. Going on we ran down to DOPIMA, met by V C UNIA and Councillors KAMAI I and DUDUMAI, village good, after seeing the village I obtained a canoe and went thro to the "ative Plantation considering our terrible weather it was very reasonable clean and the younger nuts are growing well, the copra shed, smoke house and the labourers' houses were all in good repair, they are now taking more interest in this place and last "Vailal" they shipped ten bags of copra. There was none available for shipment this time the rain has stopped it. It is a weary trip in soaking rain round to this place and I was very glad to get back to the boat, at 2 pm. Leaving here we ran across and up the AIMANE creek to the village of that name, here I had received a report from a recruiter that the rest house was very bad and the village dirty, I had sent for the V C MURU, and told him to get things mended, he came back only a few days ago and stated his place was now "number one" and asked for leave to go away for a month to make a canoe, granted, on arrival I found he and Councillor MABUA away and nearly all the people, was met by councillor WARIGI the V C had lied, the rest house was very bad, the platforms poor

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do nothing however I intend to dismiss MURU and I selected one KENO MIWA an ex work man in his place and told him to come aboard with me, I left word with Councillor WARIGI that he was to assemble the people who were away, send MURU to Kikori, and to tell the people that the village would be inspected again in a fortnight when punishment would ensue unless the neglect was attended to.

From here we ran over to DUBUMUBU rolling heavily and anchored for the night. V C KALO and Councillors BUBU U and EABI reported, this place was very good indeed KALO is a good man.

Ever since they received a prize, on which occasion a temporary flag pole was erected they have maintained the pole in front of the rest house and decorate it occasionally as a reminder that they did get a prize.

On the morning of the 13th I ran across to UBUA, V C HAI IA Councillors IWANI. DAIVE. KIMAVI, only the latter here all the other and all the people save old men are away getting sago etc for a big BUGURU dance, the village was in excellent order however and no occasion for any complaint. From here we went to BABAI again rolling heavily en route and on arrival were greeted by V C BAI IA and Councillors GEBERA and MAPARU, this is about the only Boarabari village where platforms are non est and it was a treat to walk round on solid ground instead of rickety platforms, as usual in apple pie order, I had one or two minor disputes to arrange for.

From here we went to APEWA V C OVIE Councillor OMAMERI V C away getting material for a new rest house the frame of which is up, the village itself was quite good, I appointed KAIVIRI also a councillor to take the place of MONU dismissed over the Doriomo raid. I also had some monies to pay out here and did so.

We then left for the run home and eventually arrived at Kikori about three thirty pm. when the sergeant reported to me all correct.

G E N E R A L

I was very pleased on the whole with these villages I had read the last reports where they seemed to have been "slipping" but I think a good deal of that is the fact of new officers not realising the difficulties here of making anything like a show of our villages as can be done for instance in the N.D.

Resident Magistrate

14/8/29

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

15/29-30**Kikori**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by _____ to _____

His Excellency. The G S the Os and**A Liston Blyth R M to Kupari**

for the purpose of

general inspection.Left Station on **16/1/30** Returned to Station on **20/1/30**Number of Carriers employed **nil** Number of Police taken **1 and Boat crew**Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge "**Kismet**" **A.L.B.**Villages visited **DOIBO. Aird Hill. KAIMARI. MURU. UKIARAVI. APITOI.****AKIARAVI. CRORAVI**

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

2242/12.21.—2,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date **22/1/30***Liston Blyth*_____
Officer in charge of station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice								
Biscuits								
Meat								
Sugar								
Tea								
Soap								
Tobacco								
Matches								
Kerosene								
Tents								
Flies								
Lamps								
Buckets								
Kerosene Cans								
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.								
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks								
Fuel						11 8 0		
						11 19 6		
					TOTAL £	11 19 6		

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

D E L T A

Patrol Report Number 15 for 1929-30

On the 16th January the "Luarabada" arrived at Kikori with His Excellency for a long promised trip to the Purarai, under his instructions I left Kikori on the "Kismet" at about 11 30 am to meet him at Port Romilly, Major and Mrs Murray being passengers. We proceeded down river to DOIBI, where I delivered mails ex the "Luarabada", and then we went on to Aird hill, here I also delivered the mails, and the Revd Butcher showed my passengers over the "Kismet". Leaving here we had a fair run down to Port Romilly eventually arriving and going alongside the "Luarabada" about 10 15 pm. On the morning of the 17th we embarked on the "Kismet" H.E. the G.S. The O.S and Major and Mrs Murray and went to KAIRU, this village was in fair order, one case of a man, in anger striking his wife, from the result of which she died, was brought before me, and I ordered the accused and all the witnesses to proceed to Kikori to await me. From here we went to UKIARAVI. (Koriki) and here the village was not so bad except that UKUNKUNUA section had neglected their platforms, as the P.O. on his last visit had ordered repairs here, which had apparently not been carried out, I gave orders for the repairs to be done within one month from date and that they would then be inspected and if not done they would be punished. From here we ran down again to Port Romilly and went again alongside the "Luarabada".

On the 18th we again left early and proceeded to Maipua, and here the village of API OPI was inspected, here also the visitors had a unique opportunity, of seeing kaiva kuku masks being made.

From API OPI we ran to IKINU the village which has started a bank a/c for copra, here the Governor presented a prize for best agriculture, quite a number of people being there to see it.

We were late getting back this evening. On the 19th we ran to the Saw Mill where Mr Wenhaus in the absence of the manager showed the party round. Mr Waldron Chief Engineer Luarabada was left here to do a machinery inspection the motor dinghy being left for him whilst the remainder went by "Kismet" to AKIA RAVI and ORORAVI, and from there to the "Luarabada" again. On the 20th we left the Luarabada about 9 am and went Vaimuru, this village is the worst we have seen the V C were warned that it was their last chance and the place will be inspected again very soon. Back to the "Luarabada" for lunch after which I left for Kikori. The visitors I think enjoyed the trip and had exceptional opportunities of seeing Papua as it is.

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I have littel to say in this report as the people to whom I send
it saw as much as I did.

On the w hole the " Kismet" behaved well. Minor matters
notised during the trip will be attended to.

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- 4/17/30 -
Resident Magistrate.

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HAWAGERA carriers. Reached the smooth flowing MUKWINI Creek at 7.40 a.m. and bridged it. Track led in a northerly direction, halted at 9.5. There is a track leading from here down to the Kikeri River. Proceeded at 9.25 a.m. in a N.W. direction and after one halt reached the DIKIMA village of TUGI-IU near the KEIVI Creek. This village is situated on a limestone hill and consists of a very fine dambu and two small houses. The village people must have just cleared out on our arrival as there was a fire in the dambu. Lunched here at 12.25 p.m. Pushed on at 2 p.m. and arrived at the KEIVI Creek at 2.45 p.m., - a fine smooth flowing stream flowing into the Kikeri River about a mile away. Only one very small canoe here. Police and some carriers out all the afternoon searching for canoes. By dusk two more very small canoes found. Camp No. 7.

FRIDAY 7/2/30.

Interpreter KINA reports that he cannot go any farther as his hip is swollen. I think that he is a little frightened as there have been on or two tales going around that the FOI.I people are waiting to fight the Government. However gave him the benefit of the doubt and told him to await our return at HAWAGERA and to look after all the rice etc. left there. Tied the three small canoes together and got all the gear etc. across the KEIVI. All across by 8.25 a.m. After a halt at 9.25 a.m. we got onto the Kikeri River at 10.30 a.m. Continued on at 10.50 a.m. practically parallel with the Kikeri River. Halted 11.45 a.m. for lunch; continued on at 1 p.m. and after one halt arrived at the new village of SOSOGO on the banks of the Kikeri (Kike) River at 2.50 p.m. The new village is now called GIROVOKU, - (V.C. NATAKORA). The dambu is nearing completion but is very small. Was

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able to buy some sage here and of course beads were demanded. I am sorry that I did not bring more beads; tobacco is not asked for. KUSEMA of this village is friendly with the FOI.I people and has agreed to accompany us as guide and interpreter. We will ascend on the same track as Mr. A. R. M. Chance descended on P.R.No. 13 of 26/7, - on the left bank of the MOBI (IKURU) River. Have managed to secure a medium sized canoe to cross the Kikeri River to-morrow morning.

Camp No. 8.

SATURDAY 8/2/30.

Broke Camp 7.30 a.m. and began shipping the gear across to KUBIROWI Island. After all gear etc. had been transported to the island sent A.C. MAINU with three carriers in the canoe to meet us on the other side of the island. We walked across the muddy island and arrived at the crossing place at 10.30 a.m. Lunch finished when the canoe arrived at 12.15 p.m. Began immediately to ship gear to the north bank which was completed by 2 p.m. Issued all with tobacco and inspected Police etc. V.O's KUMA & MATAKORA are with the party. Carriers cooking sage for the road to-morrow as I am told the limestone is waterless. A very distinct earth tremor felt at 3.44 p.m. which lasted for about three seconds. Everyone very alarmed as the tremor was so great. Camp No. 9.

SUNDAY 9/2/30.

Broke camp in rain at 6.50 p.m. and began ascending almost immediately. It was not long before we could hear the MOBI River thundering down below us. After a few halts to enable the carriers to catch up lunch was partaken of at 11.30 a.m. - I was not able to have mine till the Sucker boxes arrived at 12.40 p.m. However they can be excused for their lateness as the going was atrocious and the

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slippery limestone very treacherous. The climbing is finished. Continued on at 1.10 p.m. and arrived at Mr. Chance's camp near the Beaver Falls at 1.45 p.m. Had I known that the camp was so close would not have halted for lunch. Guards Posted. Camp No. 10.

MONDAY 10/2/30.

Broke camp 7.35 a.m., lateness due to heavy rain, after good going got on to the Mabi River not very far above the Beaver Falls at 8.50 a.m. continued along the bank of the river and bridged the AI-IO creek at 9 a.m. We then began to go through a lot of sage and as I anticipated we were getting near to a village. At 10.30 a.m. I noticed a canoe in the distance coming down the river, it had one occupant in the canoe and as the person was sitting down I knew it to be a woman. The canoe came to within fifteen yards of us and the old woman did not see any of us. Several canoes could be seen coming round the bend. I then told our guide and interpreter KUSEMA to speak to her and tell her not to be frightened as it was the Government coming to make friends and not to fight or to make any arrests. Of course when KUSEMA spoke to her she was very ~~frightened~~ ^{startled} but did not seem to be the least afraid. She gave the alarm to the other women in the canoes. We continued along the bank and the old woman in the canoe kept apace with us and later on came into the bank and had a talk with KUSEMA & MATAKORA. It was not long before a few men were on the scene. There was much shouting by the FOI.I people and our guides until we reached the first FOI.I village of KUSABARI on the left bank of the Mabi River. We received a very warm welcome by the few occupants. It was very interesting to see the FOI.I people greet KUSEMA and one or two others of our party. They catch each other by the third finger of the right hand, pull hard for a second or two and then let go sharply with a click of their fingers; while doing this they repeat each others names.

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A piece of sage and a leaf(stinging nettle) was then passed to MATAKORA, POIVI and KEWARI and this was blown on and rubbed on the stomach and as I was told by KEWARI that it was a sign of friendship. The stinging nettle must have been rather painful,- I was rather amused but I did not laugh at them. Late in the afternoon sage was brought to me and they were delighted to receive beads in payment. A large pig was presented to the party and the donor received a tomahawk and looking glass in payment for same. Everyone very friendly indeed. Guards posted. Camp No.II.

TUESDAY II/2/30.

Heavy rain all night. The FOI.I people said that there was only one more village up the Mobei River, so I decided to go and have a look at it and to see if there were any more. Interpretation is very difficult indeed;- I speak to KEWARI(JOSSA) to POIVI (BARIKEMA) to V.C.MATAKORA or KUSUMA (DIKEMA) and then to the FOI.I man and by the time I get the answer to my question it is generally twisted a little. At 9.30 after the rain had eased a little left in a very small canoe with one A.C. and three carriers,- two other A.C's were in the other canoe. Went up the Mobei River and when we reached the rapids DUVE (FOI.I) informed us that this was the canoe limit, I knew it was not so; however I did not wish to proceed in this small craft so we landed and after an hours walk on a good track arrived at a deserted sage place & DUVE informed me that this was a village. I knew that he was lying and told him so. He was then ordered to go and get the people ~~from~~ belonging to this "village". He came back in about five minutes with about fifteen people. I asked these people where their proper village was and they informed me that it was further up the MOBI but informed me that we could not ascend by canoe as the current was too strong. After we had been talking to them for some time and they became more friendly

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they said that canoes could go a long way up the river. Went back to camp by canoe and found that the rapids are navigable though it would be hard work going up the river.,- arrived KUSABARI (Camp) at 1.30 p.m. Three small canoes tied together and a small "pata-pata" (platform) made on it for the journey up the river to-morrow. More sage brought by the village people. Guards posted 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 12/3/30.

Left camp in charge of the L/Cpl. and three A.C. while self and A.C's BATI, VELU and MAINU accompanied by FOIVI, MATAKORA (V.O.) and some FOI.I carriers, including DUVE,- we left at 4.30 a.m. in our craft. Reached the first rapids at 5.30 a.m. and after hard work pulling our raft along the bank got through them by 7.45 a.m. gave the carriers a spell and all had breakfast. Another twenty minutes brought us to the new village of FORU on the left bank. The dubu has not yet been completed. We saw the occupants of this village at the sage place yesterday. Proceeded on and at 8.45 a.m. ascended the second rapids off BANIGAWU Island. At 11.15 a.m. we arrived at the village of SATUGI also on the left bank. Four men were here and they were very frightened but MATAKORA reassured them that everything was alright. They told us that the other people of SATUGI were at KIKIMASI village up the river. They agreed to accompany us and we arrived at KIKIMASI village on the right bank at 11.45 a.m. There were quite a number of people here and they were a little nervous at first but when I told them that we had come to make friends and not to arrest anyone they became most friendly. I should say that there were quite 50 people present. Through my host of interpreters I talked to the people for some time re the objects of the visit etc. I warned them that if there was any more fighting they would go to gaol at Kikeri. KUSUMA (Not my interpreter) of this village is their chief and was the spokesman. He told me that their fighting days are over and that

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they are now friendly with the DIKIMA people. By the welcome that V.C. MATAKORA received this seems very true; - however one never knows with these bush people. I gave old KUSEMA a mirror and he was delighted with it, - all the village people surged around him in no time to see their faces; I can imagine what a shock some of them got! They brought us a huge pile of cooked sage and cabbage which was very acceptable. I endeavoured to get a V.C. for this village but was unable to do so. They said that they wanted the Government to come often and would be welcomed but it was too far for the V.C. to go to Kikeri. I then tried to get a local constable from here but again failed. I told them the advantages etc. of getting a local from here but they were very nervous at the idea of going to Kikeri, and stopping there. Gave a few more presents to the village people and when parting at 1.30 p.m. Chief KUSEMA insisted that I shake hands with him, as I did, in the approved style. They gave us a hearty send-off. This village is just below the TSORO River and is the last village of the FOI.I people. Arrived at Camp 3.50 p.m. where the L/Cpl. reported all well. KEWARI came and told me that RITOFI of KUSABARI wanted the V.C. clothes. I interviewed this man and told him all the duties of a V.C. and also told him to get all the village people who were living at sage places to come to KUSABARI and make a new Gubu, - the old one having fallen down. He says that he can do this and is not frightened to come to Kikeri. He has been to Kikeri before, having been arrested by Mr. Chance on Patrol No. 13 of 26/7. He is very young but he was the only person who was willing to take the V.C.'s clothes and I hope that you will recommend his appointment. I was unable to give the clothes to Chief POIMABU as he met a natural death some months ago. I told the V.C. designate to come to Kikeri in three months time. V.C.'s MATAKORA (DIKIMA) and KUMA (IKOSI) will bring him to Kikeri. Another FOI.I man WAMUNUMENA will also come at the same time and he says that if he is not frightened he

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will sign as a local constable. I hope that they will come. I thoroughly explained the necessity of having a FOI.I man as a local. Have decided to move off on the morrow. Guards posted.

THURSDAY 13/2/30.

Made several "rafts" out of canoes and at 7.30 a.m. the whole party with some FOI.I people left for down stream. Left the canoes at AI-IO creek just above some rapids. Arranged loads and bid good-bye to the village people and went our way. Sent the L/Cpl. and three A.C.'s with the carriers to our old No.10 camp while KEWARI guided self and three A.C.'s down to the Beaver Falls. They are truly wonderful falls but could not get a very distinct view of them as there was so much spray. The ground was very slippery and we did not like to go too near the edge as a slip would mean a fall of a few hundred feet. Returned to our No.10 camp by a different route which is very much better than the track which we descended by. Arrived camp at 10.30 a.m. As it was so early decided to have an early lunch and push on. Left at noon and walking fast arrived at the Kikeri River at 3.30 p.m., - the carriers arriving very shortly after. Made Camp No.12. A.C.GIGA caught some very fine fish here.

FRIDAY 14/2/30.

Broke camp early and began shipping the cargo across to the island by canoe which we had hauled onto the bank previously. Am now unable to state times as my watch has ceased to function. Walked across island while canoe with six carriers was sent round to meet us. When we had crossed the island two small canoes were seen at the village opposite and we told the village people to bring them over to us. Canoes tied together and ^{gear} shipped across to the other side. The canoe which was sent round to meet us arrived some time after. Made our No.13 camp at about noon.

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SATURDAY 15/2/30.

Broke camp and made good time to KEIVI Creek, got all gear across by canoe and had lunch. Decided to push on to NAWAGERA. After half an hour passed TUGI-IU, - again deserted. Going strongly reached NAWAGERA at 4 p.m. - the carriers arriving a quarter of an hour later. Found all our gear intact under the supervision of Int.KUMA. Camp No.14. Raining Heavily.

SUNDAY 16/2/30.

Resting at NAWAGERA. Have decided not to go to the DIKIMA village of HIVIKU as there is no one there. Getting loads ready for the road to-morrow. More sage bought.

MONDAY 17/2/30.

Left NAWAGERA accompanied by V.C.KUMA and five IKOBI carriers. We followed the SAVERE Creek up stream for some distance and then went S.E. arriving at the IKOBI village of TIMUKU at 11.30 a.m. We have come through very broken limestone country to-day and the going has been very hard. Very few people at this village. There are two huts but there is a big dambu in course of construction. As a lot of food was brought to us decided to stay here for the night. Salt and beads were given for the food. Paid off the IKOBI carriers and said good-bye to V.C.KUMA. This V.C. has been very useful to us and was responsible for the great quantity of food brought to us while we were at NAWAGERA. Camp No.15.

TUESDAY 18/2/30.

Left TIMUKU with six local carriers and after crossing BURUME and IA Creeks arrived at the KOBERE village of SUSUWORA at about 12.30 p.m. A fine dambu here but very few people. Rough going to-day, but an improvement on yesterday's walk. This is one of the new tribes

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visited by Messrs. Austen & Faithorn on Patrol No. 22 of 28/9. Paid off TIMUKU carriers. Camp No. 16.

MONDAY 19/2/30.

Left SUSUWORA with five local carriers and arrived BASOROMAI (WAIEMI) at 11.30 a.m. The ōbu here is falling down. Sent out for the village people while we had lunch but they could not be found.

Proceeded and arrived at KIWHEHRI (KAURUWOMO) V.C. WAIKE at 2 p.m. Only one man here so sent him out to bring the V.C. and village people in; they arrived about an hour afterwards. The V.C. seen had a quantity of sage cooked and brought to me. He seems to be a very intelligent V.C. with plenty of "ge" in him. I had a look at the huge carving in the doorway of the ōbu which was done by the V.C.; - it is truly a fine piece of carving. (Reported by Mr. Austen P.R. 22 of 28/9). These people are building a new ōbu as the old one has just about fallen down.

Paid off the SUSUWORA carriers. To-day's walk has been ever quite a good track. Camp No. 17. Arranged for two local men to leave at daylight tomorrow morning for the WAMURI Creek and get some canoes from SARAGI village (Tarama River).

THURSDAY 20/2/30.

Broke camp at 7 a.m. accompanied by V.C. WAIKE and three local carriers. The going was fairly good until we reached the DARAI Hills where we began to climb ridge after the ridge and the going was atrocious. Though these hills are only about 500 feet high it is very hard work crossing them as there are so many ridges, - waterless. We were a very tired party when we arrived at KOMAIO (SEWOMO) on the WAMURI Creek at 2.30 p.m. V.C. BAUBA of this village died some time at the end of last month. Paid his relatives in trade to the 31/1/30 and recommend that TAVATAVA be made V.C.

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KOMAIO is a fair sized village and is in good order. Have told the V.C. designate that he will have to build a Rest House and that he must report to Kikori every three months. Only one canoe brought from saragi so have decided to make use of all the small canoes that are at this village. Camp No.18.

FRIDAY 21/2/30.

Left in canoes down WAMURI Creek and arrived SARAGI(WARIADAI) V.C.GAI at 11 a.m. Getting loads ready for to-morrow's journey to DUGEME.

Camp No.19. R.H. here in shacking condition,- have ordered a new one to be built.

SATURDAY 22/2/30.

Arranged for a SARAGI canoe in charge of Int.KINA to go to Kikori with tucker box and a quantity of empty bags. We all left together in canoes down the Furama River and after an hour arrived at track which went to the new village of SOROBO(DUGEME) quite near the Furama River. Instructed the L/Cpl to take canoes and carriers to HANIRO creek and wait for me there. We went along the SOROBO track for a short distance when it came to a sudden stop. A.C.MAINU was with me but after an hours search for the track we gave it up and returned to the river to try and get a SARAGI man to show us the road. Our luck was out, as when we arrived at the river all our canoes were over at BANORA and one canoe could be seen going up the river on the tide without any one in it. The L/Cpl rescued the canoe and they all came over to me where the L/Cpl reported that when the SARAGI canoe went over to BANORA to get some more paddles a crocodile had tried to get into the canoe. Int.KINA fired two shots at it but missed; everyone in the canoe then jumped on to the bank and cleared for the bush. We crossed over to BANORA(V.C.KAMENA) but the SARAGI carriers could not be found anywhere. There were a few very old men at this village so could not get a crew here.

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We had lunch here and after a halt of about two hours decided to push on. Left A.C.'s AGOTI and VELU, two reliable men to get a crew from SARAGI and as soon as possible ~~xxx~~ leave for Kikori. We went up the NANIRO Creek just below BARI Creek and arrived at the new village of KAUMA, - now called MASUSU (V.C. BAWDO). All the people are living in small shelters while the dubu is being built. Their reason for moving the village is that the sago at KAUMA has been exhausted. V.C. issued with new uniform and paid in trade to 30/6/29. Camp No. 20 - millions of flies!

SUNDAY 23/2/30.

Broke camp 7 a.m. and arrived at a new village called MUKWINI at ~~11~~ 11.30 a.m. A fine big dubu in course of construction, - only five men and their wives will live here. They are from KIBENI. Arrived PAIBUNA River at noon and crossed in very small canoe; reached KIBENI (V.C. GOAI away at Kikori). This is the first village of any size that we have seen since the patrol started. I am now in the locality where I can enjoy the comfort of a R.H., - quite a good one here. It will not be very long before the dubu will fall down, - this was ordered to be rebuilt. Village in good order. Self down with fever. Camp No. 21.

MONDAY 24/2/30.

Got away about 6.30 a.m. and after fast going over an excellent road arrived at another good village ^{at} 11 a.m. GIBIDAI (V.C. VIRJAU), the first of the KAHAMOI villages. A good R.H. here and the whole village in very good order. A good V.C. with plenty of life in him. Self down with gastric malaria in the afternoon. Camp No. 22.

TUESDAY 25/2/30.

Left GIBIDAI after about twenty minutes walk arrived at the small village of PIWARIYAMAI (V.C. KAIHA). A R.H. is being built here.

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Village rather dirty, ordered to be cleaned;- there is no building up of ground needed here as the village is about sixty feet above sea level. On to KUROPAM (same V.C.),- a small village but in good order. After another twenty minutes walk arrived at the UIA Creek and proceeded to GIHITERI (V.C.NABERA) by two canoes which were very overloaded. On arrival at GIHITERI was informed that the V.C. was away at a sage place but would be returning soon as someone had been sent to tell him that the Government was coming. This village was in very good order. The new Rest House is rather unique;- it contains one room about eighteen feet long and about five feet wide, it reminded me of a sheep dip. Proceeded down the UIA Creek and meeting the V.C. hired his big canoe and some paddles. Another hour brought us to the OMATI River at noon. After a fast, though very tiresome journey arrived Kikori 9 p.m. and reported to the R.M. who was down at the wharf preparing to leave in the Kismat to meet me on the OMATI River.

WEDNESDAY 26/2/30.

Paid off all carriers and returned them home.

C. Champion

P.O. Kikori D.D.

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Patrol Report No.16 of 29/30.

General Remarks.

Discipline.

The discipline of the police on the whole was very good. A.C.MAINU was fined for disobeying an order given by the L/Cpl. Though L/Cpl PURUSA is very steady he is by no means brilliant;- I would like to see A.C.Velu with a stripe. This man though very young has initiative and plenty of "go" in him.

Health.

A.C.EVARI had to be returned from Camp No.4 owing to a swollen hand and leg. Int.KINA was returned from Camp No.7 to await our return to NAWAGERA. Carriers health on the whole was good. Of course the usual sore shoulders and cut feet were in evidence.

Native Affairs.

Very few native^s were seen until we reached the IKOBI village of NAWAGERA. We were told that the village people were away at sage places, generally a long way from the village. In Mr.Austen's P.R.No.22 of 28/9 under entry of 1/5/29, he mentions that a pig was seen at IOTHAU or KUWEHERI with five toes on each foot and that it was bought from the BARIKEWA people who breed them. POIVI of IAHU told me that this pig was bought from the NAWAGERA (IKOBI) people and this I found to be correct. V.C.KUMA of NAWAGERA tells me that many years ago while his grandfather, KE-AWI was hunting in the bush a wild pig killed his dog. KE-AWI then killed the pig and nearby found her two "offspring" and noticed that the three pigs had five toes on each foot. The two small pigs were taken back to the village where they multiplied. The village people say that these pigs must have come down in a Guba as they

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have never found any more pigs with five toes. The NAWAGERA people say that this is their true village pig (SISIKINI) and not a bush pig (KON KAI-IAU). I did not have the good fortune to see any of these pigs with five toes though some of my carriers saw them.

The population of the MOBI River basin was not as large as one would imagine. There is sago in abundance, some cabbage, taro and sugar cane. Of course the main diet is sago cooked in bamboo.

The dress of the FOI-I men is practically identical with the KEREWA people. The women wear a small covering in front made out of grass and also wear a long tapa cloth covering from the head to below the knees.

The physique of these people cannot be compared with that of the SAMBRIGI, - of course one might term the FOI-I as "river people" which would account for the difference in physique. I could not help noticing the prevalence of sipoma on the men.

ROUTES.

There is a new route from NAWAGERA to TUGI-IU near KEIVI creek and then to GIROVOKU (V.C.MATAKORA), this is quite a good track. Mr.Chance mentions on map No.13 of 26/7 that KIWA, MATAKORA's brother knew of a road to the KIKISURU Tribe. I did not see KIWA as he ran away when he heard that the Government was coming. MATAKORA says that KIWA was never seen by Mr.Chance and that he(KIWA) does not know the road to KIKISURU. The DIKIMA people say that they have never heard of this tribe. I offered two tomahawks and two large knives to anyone who could guide us to the KIKISURU tribe;- a rather expensive present but I thought that it would bring forth someone, it did not do so. Mr.Chance also reports another village SISIWUGI, to the north of the FOI.I. I could not get

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any information about this village from the FOI.I people who say that they have not heard of this tribe or village. Interpreter KINA says that he has heard of the SISI'UGI and KIKISURU people when he was living in the SAMBRIGI Valley but had never heard of the FOI.I while there. Perhaps these villages are a little more to the north than that indicated by Mr.Chance. Mr.Chance's maps were a great help to me and enabled us to cover greater distances than if we were without a map.

CURIOS.

Nothing of interest seen.

Trade.

The most important trade which one should take is BEADS(white & some red). I unfortunately only took 6 lbs. Of course red calice, knives of any description and tomahawks are always in demand.

GEOLOGICAL SPECIMEN.

One specimen quartz outcrop limestone found just before descending southern slopes of DARAI Hills. Am unable to state time as my watch was broken; - this ^{specimen} will be sent to the HON.G.S.

VOCABULARIES & ETYMOLOGICAL SURVEYS.

All previously taken.

Champion

P.O.Kikori D.D.

10/3/30.

OBSERVATIONS.

It is extremely pleasing that at last an opportunity presented itself of following up Mr Chance's patrol. No 13 of 26/7. Still more that the people who gave that officer the trouble on that patrol should have met Mr Champion in so friendly a spirit. Was the number of the former officer's patrol ominous or is it, as I am much inclined to think, that the death of Chief POIMABU and the resulting loss of his influence, most probably had a deal to do with the new feeling.

It is a pity the aneroid again went wrong and better check of previous heights could not be taken.

It will be an excellent thing if we can get a "local" from this district, as there is no doubt Mr Champion must have been much handicapped with interpretation. Every effort will be made to try to induce some lad, if necessary, for the sake of companionship, two, to sign on for this.

On the 20th the P.O. mentions a V C (BAUBA) as having died, there is no record here of his ever having been appointed, doubtless Mr Austen chose him and omitted to send a recommendation.

As soon as possible, we will endeavour to send an officer through here again, in order to induce the peoples to make more permanent habitations and stay in them. This patrol has shown us that the distances are not so great as one would have thought from the original patrol, this of course is easily accounted for, the first officer there has to find his way, the following officer has the advantage of the first one's maps and can plan his daily journeys ahead, instead of guessing.

Mr Champion has apparently carried out his duties well and has relieved the station of one worry, which used to remain at the back of one's mind, the possibility of a raid by POI -1 on the SOSOGO, which was threatened by POIMABU when the first V C was placed there his message being, " that he did not want government clothes so close to him, that he would kill the V.C. and any government man who came up to punish him". This has meant a source of some anxiety here, as to whether he would raid or not. Now it seems that all are friendly, and doubtless this visit will help to consolidate that.

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

17/29-30**Kikeri**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **A Liston Blyth** to**KORIKI**

for the purpose of

investigating alleged murderLeft Station on **30/1/30**Returned to Station on **3/2/30**

Number of Carriers employed

nil

Number of Police taken

nilName of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **"Kismet" A.L.B.**Villages visited **KAIPO. URIKA. KANIBO. KAIWARI. SAW MILL**

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2242/12.21.-2,000.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date **4/2/30***A. Liston Blyth*

Officer in charge of station.

DELTA

PATROL REPORT NUMBER SEVENTEEN

BY A. LISTON BLYTH R.M.

On my recent trip in attendance on His Excellency, I was informed of an alleged murder at KAIRU, I left orders for all concerned to come in, they did not do so and I decided to go up and get the people.

I left then on the "Kismet" at 9 pm on the 30th January with the usual crew, one or two time expired prisoners to take home, and Mr Blyth and Miss England, who wanted the chance of seeing the Urika Mission station.

Having a fair run thro the night we reached "Kaimari" for breakfast, and here we found the "Tamate" with the Revd and Mrs Butcher on board at anchor with engine trouble. Going ashore I found all the V.C away, two had gone up to Kikori with cases and the other was canoe making, however the village was excellent, and the rest house still good. We went aboard the "Tamate" for morning tea. Whilst here the "Brana" arrived from Kanibe with Mr Radford on board on his way to see the G.M.O. he having been very ill for some days, I felt rather liathe to let him go up alone but he said he was all right. When we got away from Kaimari we ran over to Kanibe and anchored for the night, here I met the MARIA KAKARI V.C. and did some native work with him.

Next morning, we left early about 9 am for KAIRU, and on arrival here here I found that none of the V C had even dreamt of taking the alleged murderer to Kikori, and further that in the APIRAVI section V C MAMA BAKIA there was a man who had been in handcuffs for two months. V.C. PAIMURU and KAIRI MAMA were away at their gardens. The village was fair. PAIMURU should not have been recommended really as he is an ex A of rather bad record. MAMA BAKIA I gave 14 days to for keeping the man in handcuffs, I recommend that OMARO be re appointed, and I set him to get PAIMURU and KAIRI and bring them to Kikori. I dealt with the alleged murder case and some other. Leaving we reached URIKA at afternoon tea time and found the Butchers had arrived here, during the afternoon the "Houri" arrived with Mr and Mrs McKinlay from the saw mill, they left again later. On the Sunday after attending Divine Service we left and went up to the saw mill where I had some business to transact and which we got thro during the evening.

Left the saw mill at 8 35 pm and running thro the night reached Kikori in time for Office work.

A. Liston Blyth

Resident Magistrate

4/2/30

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

21/29-30**Kikori**

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by **A Liston Blyth** to
Turama and Gama for the purpose of
enquiring into alleged raid and making arrests

Left Station on **14/3/30** Returned to Station on **17/3/30**

Number of Carriers employed **twenty** Number of Police taken **5**

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge **"Kismet" A.L.E.**

Villages visited **DADEBI. MAPOIA. BUREVO. GIBU CAMP various koomabatie's**

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3987/11.23.—1,900.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date **19/3/30**

A Liston Blyth

Officer in charge of Station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Government Cost.	Returned.	Remarks.
		Police. Crew	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.			
Rice	200	45	10	5	60	8 9	140	
Biscuits	25	5			5	2 6	20	
Meat	10	10			10	10 0		
Sugar	5	3		2	5	1 4		
Tea								
Soap								
Tobacco	10	2	8		10	1 1 8		
Matches	2 ds	1 ds			1 ds	4		
Kerosene	2 gals				2 gals	3 10		
Tents								
Flies								
Lamps								
Buckets		Only launch gear used.						
Kerosene Cans								
Knives & Sheaths								
Knives, 18in.								
Knives, other								
Belts								
Pouches								
Print								
Twill								
Handkerchiefs								
Beads								
Mirrors								
Axes								
Half Axes								
Tomahawks								
Fuel.						4 11 9		
					TOTAL £	6 19 2		

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

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GOVERNMENT SECRETARY

747/30

R.M. D.D.

Investigation of raid by BARO
people on the OBERI

I forwarded your patrol report No 21/29-30 to His
Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the remarks
" this was a smart piece of work ", to which His
Excellency replied :

" Yes, very. The R.M. is to be congratulated"

sgt H.W. Champion

G.S.

2.5.30

D E L T A

PATROL REPORT NUMBER "21 of 1929/ 30

by A. Liston-Blyth R.M.

On the Morning of the 14th inst. we received in the Office a report that the BATO people (Bell Point) had raided the OBERI (bushmen) up the Higher GAMA and killed several. Reports stated that certain V.O appointed during the police camp were implicated. As the other matters connected with this district had not been dealt with, (Austen P/R 21) and I was waiting to hear from DARU for concrete action re G S letter.

I decided the best thing to do was to leave at once to enquire into this latest report and if necessary re establish the police camp.

By midday we had loaded the launch and at 12 30 pm I left on the " Kismet", within four hours of receiving the news. I took with me A.G. VIANO. GEGA. NAKATI, GOMUA, and the usual crew except Cox TAI-I still on the sick list. We had to call at DOISO to pick up mechanic ANIANI, who had gone there with a message first thing in the morning.

In tow we had the three canoes which had brought the news. Delayed by the call at DOISO we did not reach AI IDIA till abt 6 pm when as we were about to cross the bar we hit a heavy GUSA and sea, it blew and rained so hard that I ran back for shelter behind the sand bank. We were anchored here till 11 pm when the moon coming up and wind and rain stopping we started again, we had a fairly good roll all the way across to DAMBI, (Morigio), which we reached about 3 a.m.

Councillor HAVOKA came aboard even at that hour and had a fighting case to report, by 5 am the R.M. went ashore and was met by V O KARUAMI, the place was quite clean, the case reported was dealt with, unfortunately, and as the rest will show, my luck was out, and I had forgotten the full moon meant a big bore, this hit the launch and one anchor and chain went by the board, the end of the chain not having been made fast, however this can be got by these people at low tide, we went ahead again and straight across to the BARO village of MAGIVE

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15/3/30 cont. This with the neighbouring villages of BURAVI and MAPOIA

was found to be deserted. From accounts of our informants who so far towed safely the people knowing they had done wrong had cleared off to the GAMA gain, knowing that if I took the launch round by sea she would be seen and I might not find the folk, I went up to the GIBU camp, here I was met by V C EDGA, SOGOMA and DAMAI, I am glad to say the Doriones have nothing to do with this trouble and are calling their neighbours the BARUS fools.

Spent considerable time in rest house making enquiries and was given names as under as raiders, V.C. HANAERI. V.C. SABOI. V C AINU GENABU. POROMA. GAIKA. BAIABA. GAGOA. CEGESI. AKIRI. GAUGI. GOGA. MAGHI. AGARO. SOKAI. WAIDI. DOGI. I was told that they said that previously when "fight he come" the government had come and put some men in gaol, but they had killed no one for the dead men i.e that the Government had not paid "blood for blood" and that they therefore were not frightened and having built new canoes, they would as was their custom get blood to launch them with.

Having some idea where they might be I decided to try the canoe passage thro the WAIWE, used before by camp, and attempt to surprise their hiding place, I and the police with the above V Cs left in two large canoes at 1 30 pm, the launch remaining at anchor.

A horrible trip by canoe thro these snafly ridden creeks and at 11 pm we tied up to the bank a short distance below what my guides told me was the koomabati where we might find these people, Telling the police we would raid this place at first streak of day I told them also to rest all they could, there was a tumble down house on the bank where we tied up and they went to that whilst I stretched myself on the floor of the canoe to wait for day, sand flies- the heat of the day travel in an open canoe and other joys prevented sleep, at 4 am we moved again and we raided koomabati named BOGARI, we arrived quite unheralded and arrested GENABU and Councillor IRAPI, also by now implicated, thro them we had a deal of corroboration of our previous knowledge, and they also told us where V C HANAERI and others were. this was about an hour later

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16/3/30 cont, and with them a number of BA U people. both V C denied emphatically that they had gone and fought but admitted some of their people had, and names given agreed with those I had, also it seems that one OBERI man only was killed, the others running away, and that GENABU (incustody) was the actual killer, which he admitted, however the evidence re V Cs and hiding place of others was so contradictory that I decided to return to the launch, enquire further and then act as seemed best, we started to return in canoes at 12 noon, the heat was intense the water unfit to drink, it took us till 1 15 am to reach the launch again, by which time I felt at least 100 years old and was nearly dead with headache and thirst the police seemed allright they had been issued with ration biscuits to carry in their sling bags and at BORAGI had got a meal of eggs I personally had had one tin of sardines and two sandwiches since midday y'day. Next Morning I was ashore again at GIBU making further enquiries, and the result was that we left there at 11 30 am and proceeded to the GAMA river mouth, off here a DORICOMO boy told us of a creek which lead right to the back of the place where the offenders were alleged to be, we anchored the launch and left in three canoes, we rounded up with great luck every man on my list the police were stripped and to see an A C come waist deep thro mud (as Nature made him) with nothing but a cartridge belt round his naked waist, and bringing in a prisoner as naked and muddy as him was a sight for the Gods. I had by this time got used to mud, heat and lack of water, and it was with great joy I embarked on the "Kiamot" again at 4 pm, with so far as I could find out every reason. A long confab then took place with the DORICOMO V Cs etc who had come with us as to folly of these actions and then we steamed for home, rolling heavily we reached KIKORI at 11 30 pm and landed the prisoners.

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GENERAL

It was a great disappointment to me that these people should have broken out again, more especially that V C should be with them, all seemed so quiet last trip down to the Turama, and I really think so far as Doricmo are concerned will stay so, they helped me every way and kept calling these people fools for not settling down. Bell Point natives (BARU) have always been truculent, and they are difficult of access having homes on both the Turama and Gama, and whichever way a launch goes they see and evade her. I thought I was in for a long job, but luck favored me, I would say that to ask Officers to spend the hours in canoe journeys, which could be done by small fast launches) is almost cruelty to animals, today after two nights in my own bed I can hardly move for stiffness and my skin feels like and over fried wizened apple. When I hear from DARU their intentions re the OBERI I will make arrangements for an officer to put in a month down here again and settle these BARUS.

I think however that our prompt arrival so soon after the news of the raid and these arrests will be yet another lesson to them, to those the police camp already taught. My police behaved splendidly and VEANO does stand out as Mr Champion said P.R. 16.

This gentleman had had warning from me that the result of my enquiry might mean him going down to camp there again, and he met me on arrival at the wharf, quite prepared to hear the worst, that a camp was again necessary, I don't wonder it seems horrifying to imagine another six months, with the awful canoe work and worse water. I have not got rid of the taste of that yet.

C. J. Blunt

R.M. 19/2/30

PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER.

DD 26/29-30

KIKORI

STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by J. Austen A.R.M. & C. Champion P.O. to
AWORRA or GWAVI River district Western Division for the purpose of
rescuing Kaeere children captured by "Oberi" and arresting
murderers concerned in a raid of DOETA Turama River D.D.

Left Station on 5th May 1930 Returned to Station on 1st June 1930

Number of Carriers employed av. 30 incl Number of Police taken 13

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge Chartered launch "ADA" and canoes
paddlers (3 from Daru)

Villages visited DUBUMUBU; PIRUPIRU; BURIKI; WAKAU; SOGRI; KURIA; IOWA; PIRUKWAI;
IAKANI; MATAKAI; MASIKI; BIBISA (Sipoi); GIRI (des); AKWAHA (des); TAU (des)
OI.I; BUWO; BORA; AI.IDIA.

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2987/11 23—1,800 Sketch map attached

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 8/6/30

C. A. Kistner Blyth
 Officer in charge of Station.

Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	QUANTITIES ISSUED AND VALUE.				Returned.	Remarks.
		Police.	Carriers.	Others.	Total Used.		
Rice	1000		500		500	3 12 11	200 to Daru to Kikori
Biscuits	100 70		70		70	1 15 9	
Meat	12		12		12	6 6	
Sugar	10		10		10	2 4	
Tea	2		2		2	1 10	
Soap							
Tobacco	43		43		43	4 19 5	Carriers & Canoes & P.N.F.
Matches							
Kerosene	4				3	6 . 1	
Tents	1						1 to Daru
Flies	4						4 (1 to Daru)
Lamps	4						4
Buckets	4						4
Kerosene Cans	12						12
Knives & Sheaths							
Knives, 18in	6		6		6	14 . .	
Knives, other							
Belt	Cart. 3.0. 2 Bxs				1	3 . 1	
Pouches	Batteries 12 cells				9	5 . 3	light work
Print							
Twill	24 yds		12		12	9 . 12	
Handkerchiefs							
Beads	5 lbs		3		3	3 3 2	
Mirrors	10		3		3	1 6 7	
Axes	2						2 to Daru
Half Axes							
Tomahawks	11		2	2	11	1 6 6	Canoes & carriers & lost
TOTAL £						14 7 .	

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

TOTAL Cost of Patrol

DD 26/29-30

Transport stores, Rations & Carriers Pay etc (as per Patrol Report Jacket)	14...7...0
Fare G. Champion & orderly & person attend. (say)	2...0...0
Charter of launch "LGA"	10...0...0
Freight on L. S. Sage to Daru (say)	2...0...0
Half cost of "Minnetonka" Fuel Daru to Awarra ("Minnetonka" filled up with sago on return journey to Daru)	2...5...0
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A.R.M.D.D. 9/6/30

Patrol Report D.D. 26/29-30.

REPORT OF A PATROL TO THE AWORRA DISTRICT OF THE WESTERN DIVISION
TO RESCUE A KASERE CHILD FROM THE DIWAMI & ARREST MURDERERS
OF KASERE WOMEN ON THE TURAMA.

1930

5th May.

Instructions from the Hon the G.S. through the R.M.D.D. that Mr. L. Austen, A.R.M.D.D. and Mr. C. Champion, Patrol Officer, were to proceed to the Bamu river in the Western Division and rescue the children belonging to the Kasere tribe of the Turama River, who had been captured months ago on a raid by the Diwami tribe of the Aworra and Wawoi rivers. Also to arrest the murderers of some Kasere women who were killed on this same raid.

Owing to the breakdown of the Kismet engine the patrol had been put back a month.

During the early part of April the R.M.W.D. visited the Bamu and managed to obtain one of the children NOIKE by name, from the Sipei group of villages on the eastern bank of the Bamu. This lad was obtained from BIBISA by the V.C. IBIGE of PIRUKWAI, and handed over to the R.M.W.D. The R.M.W.D. also reported that 4 of the Diwami people were living at Bibisa.

There still remained the other child AMAI to be rescued. The R.M.W.D. went into a deserted village on the western side of the Bamu but the people had gone off no one knew where. The whereabouts of the Diwami were shrouded in mystery. Such was the position, when the patrol was ready to leave Kikori.

The R.M.D.D. arranged to charter the L.M.S. launch "Ada" to take the patrol as far as WAKAU on the Bamu. As it was necessary to obtain the child NOIKE from DARU, the P.O. was sent by the Papuan Chief to Daru to pick up this lad and also 3 A.Os from the Daru detachment, and any guides or interpreters who might be at Daru. The R.M.W.D. was asked to place the Kismet at the disposal of the P.O. to take him to meet the A.R.M. at

PIRUKWAI

12th Mr. C. Champion P.O. left for Daru on the 3rd April in Payuan Chief.
 Mr. L. Austen A.R.M.D.D. left Kikori in chartered launch "Ada" for the
 Bamu with L/Opl DEWA and 8 other A.Cs, and stores for five weeks.
 "Ada" left Kikori at noon anchored for night at DUBUMUBU at 3.30 p.m.
 V.C. NAKAUSI of KEM came along and asked to be allowed to accompany
 patrol. Permission was granted. I have also with me V.C. SERAWAKA of
 IBANIO (father of the two children captured by Oberi) and two other
 men of his village who will act as carriers.

A.C. BAWSE who comes from IBANIO is also accompanying the patrol as
 part of the detachment, as I think it possible he will be valuable for
 interpretation purposes.

13th May "Ada" left DUBUMUBU at 6.20 a.m. arrived PIRUPIRU on the eastern side
 of the Bamu estuary at 3.30 p.m. On to ~~BUKIKI~~ BUNIKI village reaching it
 at 4 p.m. Thence to WAKAU anchoring at 6.15 p.m.

At BUNIKI sent L/Opl DEWA and A.C. NAGATI ashore to obtain carriers
 and canoes. Learnt there that Mr Zimmer A.R.M.W.D. had gone up the Bamu
 in "Minnetonka" about two weeks ago and had not yet returned. It was
 alleged that he had gone to the Oberi.

14th May Unloaded "Ada" at daylight, which left on turn of tide at 8.15 a.m.
 A.R.M. busy all morning breaking up 100 lb bags of rice into carriers'
 loads for canvas rice packs. Raining heavily. L/Opl returned about noon
 with 31 carriers from BUNIKI, PIRUPIRU, BANIO and UPATI villages, also
 three canoes - 1 each from the first 3 villages; later obtained another
 from SOGERI.

1.40 p.m. sighted "Minnetonka" on far side of Bamu, and fired many
 rifle shots, made smoke signals but all to no purpose; the "Minnetonka"
 passed on down the SISIMI channel. Sent a canoe after them as I thought
 they might stop at OROPAI.

4 p.m. "Minnetonka" returned up stream with Mr. Zimmer A.R.M.W.D. on
 board. He did not see our signals from the far side. Found that the
 A.R.M.W.D. had been up the Aramia river and had not been to the Oberi.
 Spent several hours with A.R.M. discussing the Oberi patrol and the
 country to be traversed. Learnt that the Orione Oil Co had made a fine
 traverse of the Aworra river which placed it further to the eastward
 asked him to send me a copy. A.R.M. wanted to take me up stream but

declined his offer as I wished "Minnetanka" to return as soon as possible to Daru and bring back the P.O.

8th May

Left WAKAU with A.Cs and all stores and carriers in the 4 canoes, at 6.20 a.m. Very strong tide running up. Passed SOGRI 6.35 a.m. arrived KURIA 8.25 a.m. and stopped for breakfast. Left at 9.10 and some time after tide began to ebb. Passed IOWA at 10.20 a.m. reaching PIRUKWAI at 2.15 p.m.

Practically no village here now. V.C. IBIGE states that there is little sago or goru in the vicinity and most of the people have moved northward just passed the WAWOI junction. Canoes pulled up on shore out of way of the bore.

8.5 p.m. Strong bore of three waves passed about 4 to 5 feet in centre. Took 4 minutes between the first and last waves and the river was very choppy for several minutes afterwards. Impossible for any canoe to breast a bore like this one.

Sent to GAGORA village on the WAWOI river and to MATAKAI on AWORHA for sago, guides and information. Today fine and sunny.

9th May

8.10 a.m. bore passed and rain came for a while. Flies and shelter inundated by high tide. 18" of water under rest house.

During afternoon MATAKAI people came in with sago. Asked them about BIBISA. They know BIBISA. Said it was a long way from MASIK the village visited by R.M.W.D. last month. V.C. IBIGE said it was from the former village that he had obtained the small boy NOIKE. also that there were four Diwami men living there.

GAGORO people came in with a very little sago. V.C. told me that the DAUSAMI people living inland from GAGORO and the DIWAMI are not friendly.

As a matter of fact reliable information at present is difficult to obtain. Though the R.M. did obtain certain information from NOIKE, it cannot yet be taken as being accurate, for the boy is but 6 or 7 years old, and I believe the R.M.W.D. would interpret it difficult. I shall not visit BIBISA with the special intention of arresting these 4 DIWAMI men there, as I understand all the BIBISA are very timid, and I cannot chance any of the DIWAMI getting away over the west side of the river and possibly lose

all chance of rescuing ANAI the other small boy, whose rescue I look upon as being the main consideration of this patrol.

10th May A.R.M. down with a dose of fever.

A.Cs and carriers put on to building a new rest house so that A.Cs can occupy the delapidated one and I shall have somewhere to leave certain stores behind.

11th May A.R.M. still with fever. Moved into new temporary rest house. V.Cs of WABUDA and IOWA called today. Gave V.C. of IOWA several sticks of tobacco to bring back sage, as I cannot afford to use too much rice for carriers.

Repacked tucker boxes in readiness for overland journey.

12th May A cold wet miserable day. A.Cs and carriers trying to make old rest house more rainproof.

Bore passed 9.50 a.m.

13th May Still no sign of "Minnetonka". Cannot stay here indefinitely as we are eating too many stores. Will go to BIBISA without seeing NOIKI first and make friends with them

14th May Waited for bore to pass at 10.45 a.m. started off in canoes with all A.Cs and carriers at 11.20 a.m. Passed IAKANI and NATAKAIA villages and as heavy rain came on camp at an old NATAKAIA camping ground on the east bank.

Left certain stores behind for use when we return down stream again when the patrol is completed. IOWA people brought sage owed before I left.

Handed a note to a PIRUKWAI to be given to P.O. if "Minnetonka" comes along.

Find that one of SERAWAKA's carriers from IBANIO is a lad who was stolen from the KOMIWU OBERI many years ago and who has been brought up as a KASERE. He can speak the language of the KOMIWU and makes himself understood with the NATAKAIA.

Sandflies here in myriads.

15th May Left camp at 8.20 a.m. and reached the landing place on the east bank from where R.M.W.D. went to MASIKE last month.

L/Cpl and 2 A.Cs and most of carriers left here to build camp. A.R.M. with rest of A.Cs and a few carriers left at 10.20 a.m.

along road to MASIKE, with V.O. IBICHE and MATAKAIYA guides. Took another road to ~~xxxxx~~ that which R.M.W.D. took as MASIKE people have moved to a new site a little farther away. Reached the MASIKE village in about 1 1/2 hours. Found there IORA, the chief with whom R.M.W.D. made friends. Had lunch.

Found that BAWSE, SIRAWAKA and the two IBANIC carriers can speak quite well to the MASIKE, apparently ^{formers'} their language seems to be a mixture of KASHE and OHIRI.

Left at 1.10 p.m. through swamps and over small ridges until we came to an old village of the MASIKE. Here I interrogated guides and they told us we could not possibly reach BIBISA before nightfall. As a storm was threatening. Camped. Torrential downpour came before camp was completed.

Learnt that the Government had never visited the villages round BIBISA, though of course they had heard much about the Government from the MATAKAIYA. Sent IORA and another MASIKE man to BIBISA to tell them I was coming and to stay in their villages.

Leeches very bad along road today. Mosquitoes and sandflies made dinner at night, intolerable.

16th May

After breakfast broke camp and began the journey to BIBISA. Road through swamps knee and waist deep and over a few clay ridges. Reached village at 11 a.m. but it was deserted except for MU. IE and two boys whom we met on the road. MU. IE is the guide the R.M.W.D. used on his last trip. The village consists of a large dubu not yet completed and a large tall ~~xxxxx~~ house.

Sent MU. IE out to call the people in and by the time lunch was ready there were over thirty men of fighting age in the village. Found that the so-called SIPOI group consists of four subgroups (? clans), each of which has its own house~~s~~ or houses on various hill-tops. These subgroups are named AUMO, SIPOI, IAKANI, and APURAI. Where we are at present the house belongs to the APURAI. Although all the first three ~~xxxxx~~ subgroups were well represented, I learnt that none of the APURAI were there as they had fled early this morning and all the people alleged they had no idea of their whereabouts. However two youths - GUNORU and IWEKE - of APURAI came in

The villagers all said that neither of them had gone with the raider so I arranged for the two of them and MUIE to guide me to the deserted village visited by R.M.W.D. on 5/5/20 (W.D. P.R.9/29-30)

The villagers present were very timid, but if visited by the Government again during the next six months, I think it will not be long before they could be brought under Government influence. Of course the road to the Sipoi villages is rather difficult during the rains but in October or November it could be done quite easily from MATAKAIA in three days sleeping one night at least in the Sipoi villages. On this visit the Government should try and get hold of a lad as a local A.C. not from MASIKE who are outside this group but from one of the Sipoi subgroups. Again I think the NATAKAIA should have a V.C. There are a number of men there who can speak Metu and these people have been under Government influence, to my knowledge, for over seven years, and numbers have been to work. The MASIKE, of course, are not yet under control though I think they were once met by Mr Oridland in 1924 on the west bank of the Aworra when they had a ~~fix~~ number of fishing shelters there (see Vocabulary app.V attached A.R.1923/24).

Another interesting feature of the Sipoi group is that the two subgroups AUMO and SI-UI live between the SIPOI group of villages near the Bamu and those villages near the Komiwa (or Komei) which flows into the Turama near Hawoi Junction. These latter villages were visited at various times by Delta Division officers but they were always found deserted, and no trace of the occupants could be discovered. The reason of course was that they had returned to their Bamu home. Previously we had always been under the impression that the bush people of the Komiwa and the people of the Sipoi villages on the Bamu were two distinct tribes.

It was learnt that some months ago our two Kasere carriers had visited the Bamu-SIPOI villages and made peace with them ("maina karaia") but though they found that NOIKE the small boy, was there the APURAI subgroup (otherwise called the DIWAMI) would not hand him back to SERAWAKA, pointing out that the lad had been captured during a true and correct raid and it was not playing the game to

expect the victors to return the lad. However later when V.O. IBIGE appeared at the APURAI house, the V.O. just took hold of NOIKE and when threatened with bows and arrows told the APURAI that the Daru Government was down on the Aworra with a large number of police and if the APURAI killed him then the Government would come and ~~kill~~ shoot them. Of course the V.O. rather overstepped the mark, but his bluff had the desired effect and they let him go with NOIKE. I also think the V.O. knew very well that the APURAI would not kill him, for if they did, it would mean the closing down of a most important trade route, for it is through PIRUKWAI and MATAKAI that the SIPOI group and of villages obtain their knives and axes, pieces of European cloth.

Apparently there are four of the APURAI men that went with the Oberi raiders, when one WALISWE captured NOIKE. I did not deem it advisable to waste time on the offchance of finding these APURAI at present for I thought^t if we stayed at SIPOI, the APURAI might cross over to the west bank and let the main body know of our presence. It should be ~~an~~ ^{not a} difficult matter later on to arrest these APURAI once the SIPOI group come under Government influence, if it is considered necessary.

Left BIBISA in pouring rain and took another track southward which was alleged to be less swampy. The first half of the journey was quite good, but on coming close to MASIKI country had to travel over logs through great sago swamps in which were old MASIKI tall houses, in practically impregnable positions as far as raids were concerned. Reached camp after dark, the last part of the journey being by means of torchlight.

17th May

Broke camp when rain lessened at 11.20 a.m. and continued upstre^m until after 4 p.m. Camped. At 5 p.m. heard "Minnetonka" engine in the distance probably some 5 to 6 miles away.

18th May

"Minnetonka" arrived from Daru about 7.30 a.m. Mr C. Champion P.O. on board with NOIKE the small boy rescued from SIPOI and three extra A.Cs. Broke camp and on upstream ^{7.40} at 8 a.m. Reached the DIWAMI road on the west bank at 9.15 a.m. Camped and arranged carriers for next day. The P.O. had also brought along another 12 carriers so decided to move all gear to the tall house which R.M.W.D. visited 5/5/30.

19th May

All carriers loaded and away by 7.15 a.m. Travelled along the track previously traversed by R.M.W.D. on 5/5/30. Reached a village of 5 houses (afterwards known as GIRI) at 9.10 a.m. Found a tobacco garden had been visited within the last week. Sent two A.Cs to scout out a road from here ~~eastward~~ south to southsouthwestward. Continued on to the large house on tall trees mentioned by R.M.W.D. as the point from where he had sent out his A.Cs. Learnt later that this village is called AKWAHA, and as such it will be referred to.

On arrival at AKWAHA left a note for P.O. to pay off all but 17 of the best carriers, the paid off ones returning to the landing place and they will go back to their villages in a canoe towed by "Minnetonka" tomorrow.

A.R.M. went off with 6 A.Cs to search for recent native marks, but after some hours returned to AKWAHA.

Camp was made inside the tall house in order that flies should not be seen from roadway by any curious DIWAMI native.

The tall house holds our 15 A.Cs, cooks, and all carriers as well as having the front portion allotted to our two selves.

The party now consists of the A.R.M. and P.O. 13 A.Cs 1 A.C cook and 2 personal cooks, 17 carriers, V.C. SERAWAKA and 2 Kasere carriers and KOIEN, and the guides MU.IE and AIWKE from ~~SEKKE~~ BIBIDA. I dispensed with the MATAKALIA carriers as they seemed loath to continue with the patrol owing I suppose to some kinship with these DIWAMI. V.C. IBIGE also returned as he was keen to return. As a matter of fact I thought the more sophisticated carriers from the Bamu estuary would be of greater help and this was proved later, when heavy work was undertaken.

20th May

Sent out scouting parties to find the next camping place. P.O. and 6 A.Cs sent N.W. to N.W.; A.C. MAIBU and KASERE carriers westward; 2 A.Cs NW. All parties took midday meal. During afternoon the various scouts returned unsuccessfully, having found no recent marks. MU.IE the R.M.W.D.'s old guide denies all knowledge of whereabouts of

DIWAMI and so ~~xxxx~~ ^{does} the APURAI guide. Having listened to the various reports of the scouts, and from what I had seen of the country yesterday, I decided to trek northward for a time and throw out scouts westward and try and get past the swamps that lie to the westward of AKWAHA.

31st May The whole party left camp at 7.20 a.m. Out in a NNW direction, crossing the AIWORA creek, then through swampy country to the DEMOWI ^{down}. Here some time was spent cutting/a tall tree to form a bridge.

On again until we reached the road to TAU, along which the A.R.M.D.D. had gone on the 1st August last.

Camped near TAU at 12.40 p.m. Heavy rain in afternoon.

22nd May Instructed P.O. to take half the A.Cs and cut and follow tracks W.N.W. to N.W. ~~xxxx~~. A.R.M. took rest of A.Cs and cut S.W. to attempt getting road to the swamps west of AKWAHA. Carriers sent back for another load of stores.

A.R.M. took guide MU.IE with him, and P.O. the APURAI guide.

A.R.M. found great swamps to the S.W. and travelled through them breast high in water for several hours eventually sending MU.IE up a tree to look out firm ground. This attempt was unsuccessful and an A.C. was sent up, as we had no doves. A.C. reported gora palms to the NNE so we knew firm ground lay there. Returning we travelled Northward and came to a sago swamp through which we tried to cross eastward but got into difficulties until A.R.M. noticed that MU.IE seemed to know the way. He made no remark but bade A.Cs follow him, and we crossed, and came to a hill on which was a coconut tree from where signs indicated that the P.O. had lunched and had returned to camp. Followed P.O.'s track for a while then lost it and came by another route. Dusk approaching fired shots to find how near camp was. Answered and found camp to the east. Hearing horn met by P.O. and some A.Cs who had thought we might be in difficulties. Arrived camp at 5 p.m. A terrible day.

Was certain now that MU.IE knew more about this place than he had said. Tackled him again about the whereabouts of the DIWAMI people and as apparently he was fed up wandering through swamps he eventually

that when he visited the ~~runaway~~ village of AKWAHA being sent there by R.M.W.D. he met several DIWAMI people who told him they were removing ~~runaways~~ southward from AKWAHA. He said he had never been there, which I afterwards found out was a lie. He has a number of relations among the DIWAMI so one cannot blame him for not wishing to give their whereabouts away.

SERAWAKA and his carriers have been very unsettled for the last couple of days, so I had told him if he wished he could return home via the Kosarani creek as ⁺ could not provide him with sage. ~~KHAKH~~ I told him however NOIKE must come to Kikori for Central Court if we obtained any prisoners. He does not think we shall get in contact with the DIWAMI and rescue AMAI his other child.

23rd May Waked at 5 a.m. being told that Kasere people and the sipoi guides had slipped away during the night. Did not really mind about the Kasere going as I knew they were disgruntled. I suppose too SERAWAKA did not like the idea of NOIKE coming back to Kikori so soon after he had been returned to the father.

As well as long as MU.IN has crossed over to the eastern side I don't care, as he has been a hindrance.

Sent scouts out at 5 a.m. to find the road they returned along.

Decided that now I had what seemed more definite information I would return to AKWAHA, for we seem to have explored the country as far north as the DIWAMI might have gone, and these swamps westward impede progress and any hope of finding tracks until we can get past them.

Returned to AKWAHA and found the runaways had gone along our old track to the GWAVI and crossed by bamboo raft to the DOTABEMO creek.

On arrival at AKWAHA found two dogs in the dubu. This seems to ~~put~~ point towards some inhabitants being somewhere in the vicinity of AKWAHA. As usual torrential rain.

24th May Empire day. Rained torrentially all day. The whole of the lowlands are in flood. Carriers returned for the balance of stores and were fortunate in crossing DEMOWI before it had risen. Two bags of rice wet crossing the DEMOWI, but we placed it on a fly over a fire and saved most of it.

25th May

All these days we had been studying the nature of the native roads, and the various types of houses we were liable to meet. I had also picked up valuable information regarding what was likely to happen if we reached a village. It was now known that the Oheri tribes on the advent of undesirable visitors usually stayed in their houses if the only means of descent were closed, thinking them impregnable, so they are more or less if the attacking party is armed merely with bows and arrows and other primitive weapons. The R.M.W.D. in his patrol report 6/29-30 state "Once inside, I could appreciate the fact that the height of the house above the ground made attack from outside a difficult proposition."

There is however, only one ladder leading to the ground, and this was a factor greatly in our favour, for we now knew that once the house or houses were surrounded in front the visiting party would be in a very favourable position of besiegers, if the visitor took care to keep behind cover. For then the villagers could do but little damage with their arrows. I had previously discussed these facts with the A.Cs, and warned them that ^{case of} any firing of rifles would be severely dealt with, as it was unnecessary. BANSE my A.C. from IBANIO who I had found out was a fluent speaker of the Bibisa dialect ~~was~~ possibly could also make himself well understood in those parts, where I expected the dialect had not changed very much as the people were closely related to the SIBOI group. Time and time again I had spoken to him of the necessity of telling these people not to fire arrows if we came to a village.

Having discussed these matters with the P.O. I decided to let the P.O. go in a S to SSW direction and see what he could find. But if he found tracks recently marked, he was to return, unless he felt certain of being able to close round any village he found in the vicinity. Although I hoped he would return early, I did not want to bind him hard and fast, as I wanted to give him a chance of using his initiative, if he felt so inclined. His results of this journey are embodied in his report (appendix A). The P.O. is to be congratulated on his work.

The carriers and some A.Cs were kept behind to have a spell which they badly needed, and I spent the day preparing for a hurried journey southward for I felt sure that we were now on their tracks

Soon after the P.O. left ~~it~~ ^{the rain} came down in torrents, one of the heaviest downpours we have yet had. On this account, it showed the P.O.'s initiative. Had he returned and we all went on the next day, we should have lost a chance that comes up only once in a patrol. Had it not rained so heavily the villagers would have been away scattered in various parts of the bush, instead of being cooped up in their houses.

At 3 p.m. 2 A.Cs came back to the AEWANA camp with a note from the P.O. stating shortly ~~what~~ what he had done. I asked A.C GIGA how many prisoners had been taken and he answered "At least 20 and none had been handcuffed." At this I set things in motion and within 15 minutes was on the road with carriers ready for all emergencies. I jogged trotted the whole way so as to reach the P.O. before nightfall and arrived there shortly before dusk.

I found that 5 village men were in the house, and were more or less contentedly sitting down. After making a few enquiries I arrested them on a charge of being concerned in the murders at DOZATA and placed them in handcuffs for the night. I also learnt the whereabouts of ANAI the other small boy.

There was very little sleep for all of us, as we were cramped in the house, and one and all were on the qui vivo, in case the prisoners might manage to get away. 3 A.Cs sent at midnight to the next house over the hill and they stayed there until daylight in the hope of some one returning.

24th May

A.R.M. and 6 A.Cs rose at 4 a.m. and after a cup of tea set off to get ANAI. We took with us one of the prisoners as a guide. About 7 a.m. came to a sago swamp where the guide said we were close up. We made a great noise trying to get through this swamp over the dead leaves of the fallen sago, I being the worst with my heavy boots. Sighting the house close by, I took the prisoner and motioned the A.Cs to surround the house. However the crashing

26th May

through the swamp aroused the one man who was sleeping in the house and he had flown by the time the A.Cs got to it. BAWSE however had been instructed that his job was to get AMAI, and as soon as he reached the house he called out and AMAI came out of the bush and recognized him. AMAI is not more than 6 years old.

In the meantime as soon as the A.Cs had left, our guide thought it a good opportunity to try and get away. But I was not going to have this, so I pushed him down into the slimy sago swamp and rolled on him, until the A.C. cook boy who thought I was being killed came up. When the A.Cs heard the noise one or two came back but by this time the guide was quiet except for a bleeding nose. We ate a frugal breakfast at this house in the middle of the swamp, and found we had been led slightly astray by our guide, for we had left the true road, and there was a firmer one round the swamp to the western side of it from the north.

Anyhow we had AMAI, the second of the small lads, so I did not see any good could come of wandering round looking for a bushman who had got away, and whose tracks had been lost in the water of the swamps.

Returned to camp and discussed the position. Learnt that the balance of these people were scattered in small villages to the northwest towards the WAWOI, about three days journey away. Apparently our prisoners belonged to AKWANA, but had fled leaving no trace after the R.M.W.D's visit last month. AKAI, being the most sought after, was taken to the sago swamp by his adopted father SAISOME, so that his whereabouts would not be found.

The prisoners now being under restraint, were very frightened and expected us to kill them any minute. One of them had already managed to slip his handcuffs off, so they required constant supervision. As much sago as we could find in the houses was gathered, but there was sufficient only for two or three meals. The prisoners would not look at rice, and I knew we were going to have as difficult a time as I had had with GEJAVE if we could not get them food. Our carriers from the Bana estuary, who were mostly

young men who had been away at work, stated they could not make sage. This was probably true, as it is women's work as a rule in these parts. I also learnt that the two men who got away yesterday would probably make for the WAWOI, and our advent would not be a surprise as was most necessary for the success of a visiting party here. Again, AMAI was more or less useless at present, as being so young he was scared out of his wits at the presence of white men and could give us very little information about the raiders. Taking every thing into consideration, I decided to be content with our present prisoners and the rescue of AMAI. Once our prisoners can understand the Government we shall be in a position to get in contact with the whole of this so-called DIWAMI tribe, but in our present position, we stand to lose most of what we have gained if we take these prisoners further into the bush where there will be greater chances of them escaping. Included in our prisoners is the chief man of the village - UKIWA - and one said to have been one of the principle murderers, and some who cut off the heads. This I learnt after from AMAI, but at the present time, I was no better off for information than when I had started, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ except that I had learnt that our prisoners had all formed part of the raiding party. It seemed to me, and to the P.O. too, that our wisest course was to consolidate our influence with these people and they could then be used to extend our influence not only with the other groups of this tribe, but with the DAUSAMI also, for it would appear that those latter belong to the great language group of HAI. (See App.B)

Returned through the swamps and over the hills to AKWAHA.

27th May

Am anxious now to get these prisoners to Kikeri as soon as possible. They are most restless and none sleep, watching every opportunity for escape. The P.O. and self waked at various times during the night to see guard was not asleep and also examine handcuffs and legirons.

First load sent down to "Minnatonka" landing, and then travelled down with second load and prisoners. AMAI still will not fraternise with us. Told guard at night to watch AMAI in case he takes it

clear away. AMAI slept inside a rice bag. P.O. and self little sleep.

28th May Left camp in the four canoes at 7.30 a.m. Reaching MATAKAI took on extra paddlers. At PIRUKAI picked up stores left there and on to IOWA reaching it after dark about 7 p.m. Strong bore about 9 p.m. V.C. of MAIPANI and Councillors here trading. Village people most helpful. Double guards still set at night.

29th May The three Daru A.Cs KIMAMU, SALUPA and BOREGI sent back from IOWA in SISIMMI canoe. The canoe really is owned by a SOGERI man, whom I paid for the loan of it. SISIMMI carriers paid off, and extra tobacco given them to take the three A.Cs to MAIPANI. Gave KIMAMU 1 lb tobacco to hire canoes to get across to Kiwai and down towards Daru. Rice and flys borrowed from Daru to be left at SISIMMI and picked up by "Minnel nka" later. 2 axes returned to Daru with A.Cs. 7 tins Voco kerosene from Kikori, to be left at SISIMMI, and returned by R.M.W.D. later. There appears to be no chance of the Kismet coming, for which the kerosene had been originally taken.

On to WAKAU where OROPAI carriers paid off. Thence to BUNIKI reaching it just at dusk. Big dance in connection with Muguru ceremony on. Had to pay off all WAKAU and IOWA carriers immediately, as they were frightened of hearing the songs which are different in their community.

Told V.C. of BUNIKI to send a messenger to PIRUPIRU for carriers and I would take none of the dancers.

30th May Found V.C. had not bothered to send for carriers so dispatched a messenger at daylight. No carriers forthcoming so started off with BUNIKI ones. Soon after starting met some PIRUPIRU canoes and changed. Called at PIRUPIRU for some more carriers but they ran away and I sent A.Cs out and got requisite number.

Left about 12 a.m. and reached BORA on the Turama about 9 p.m.

Last night the chief of the prisoners asked L/Cpl DEEA through BAWSE if he would not take the handcuffs off him and he would give DEEA permission to kill whichever other prisoner he wished. None of the prisoners have slept a wink since we have ~~seized~~ ^{arrested} them. AMAI still refuses to have anything to do with us whites but is getting more friendly with A.Cs.

Paid off PIRUPIRU paddlers and continued on with BARU ones. Heavy tides at present and practically no sea running. Decided to cross Turama estuary. On to HARAGU and lunched. Thence to AI.IDIA arriving about 9 p.m. We can sleep soundly tonight, as it is doubtful if prisoners will want to run away now we have crossed the wide estuaries of the Bama, Gama and Turama. Once more told prisoners they would not be killed but would return to their homes later. Prisoners slept for first time since arresting them. Special messenger sent to R.M.D.D. advising our return.

1st June Left AI.IDIA by canoe at 6 a.m. Met R.M.D.D. in private launch "Houri" about 11 a.m. P.O. and self transferred to launch and arrived Kikori about 1 p.m. Canoes arrived about 2.30 p.m. We have done some 200 miles by canoe on our return trip.

REMARKS

It was unfortunate that the "Kisnet" was out of action, for a vessel would have been very handy on the Bama. Had we had a boat, I could have transferred prisoners to it, or sent it south for a supply of sage, but as it was our hands were tied. The R.M.W.D. certainly would have sent the "Minsatenka" for us could we have given him some definite time, but at the outset it was impossible to say whether the patrol would come in contact with the Oberi in one week or in one month. As a matter of fact the general impression was that our trip would be a washout, and we would not come in contact with the Oberi, let alone rescue the small boy ANAI.

I have found the P.O., on this trip, a good assistant, resourceful, and with plenty of initiative. To him and A.C. Bawse is due the successful arrest of the prisoners, and the former is deserving of congratulation in "winning without his spurs", for there is no doubt that this patrol although short, was much more arduous and difficult than any during the Turama Police Camp. This of course was partly due to its being undertaken at the wrong time of the year. Between October and January or February is the right time for a bush patrol on the Bama. I have not attempted to give any idea of the wetness of the patrol from heavy rains, and great swamps. Still some idea of the latter may be gained from the map.

The Oberi were perhaps the most unsophisticated of bushmen I have yet met. Had I taken them further into their bush country, they would have

used every possible loophole to escape. I think personally, and the P.O. agrees with me, that we did the correct thing in returning after having rescued the second child, and after making several important arrests. With these Oberi, when they have learnt not to be frightened of the Government, we shall have a number of friends who will be instrumental in bringing under Govt influence, the whole of the Oberi district, between the Wawoi and Turama rivers; thus stopping any further raids. Not that further raids on the Turama are likely to occur at present, for the Bibisa people thoroughly understand the reason of our presence on the Bamu, and they will no doubt visit some of the people to the west when we have left the district. OREJAVE, the man I let go last year, also seems to have informed the Oberi of the reason for the Government visiting their villages.

These swamp-dwellers, unless they live on a long connected ridge, as at OI.I where the prisoners were arrested, are difficult of visiting for purposes of making arrests, owing to the fact that in most cases, they either build their villages in the middle of sage swamps, or else on a hill protected from unwelcome visitors by a sage swamp. Probably there are very few other tribes in Papua, more difficult of approaching when it is necessary to surround a village silently, and unbeknown to the inhabitants. In future when we have friendly guides (not, of course, like MU.IH of Bibisa) we shall be able to approach villages openly and in a friendly manner, and making of arrests should be easier; but without friends of the Oberi, contact with these bushmen is difficult

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A.R.M.D.D. 8/5/30

Maps and Anthropological notes attached.

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Appendix H

On the morning of 25th May 1930 Mr. Austen A.R.M. gave me nine A.C.'s and instructed me to proceed in a general S.S.W. and S. direction in the hope of locating the whereabouts of the DIWAMI.

We left at 7.30 a.m. and after slow travelling through sago swamps and cutting our way we arrived at a large swamp at 9.20 a.m. Here A.C. AGOTI noticed that a twig had been bent over and a little further on one or two more twigs had been freshly cut. It was very difficult trying to follow this "track" and consequently our progress was very slow.

We picked up a fairly good track later on and followed this until 10.30 when we heard a sago tree fall. I sent the A.C.'s out to see if they could see how many people were making sago but told them not to go too close as I thought it would be better to make for the village. They returned half an hour later and reported that they had not seen anyone. We then set off on a good track which as we anticipated led to a village. We travelled fast in very heavy rain and at 11.20 a.m. we suddenly came to a clearing and saw a high house on the same ridge as we were on but on the other side of a dip in the hill. Sent 5 A.C.'s round to the far end while self and four A.C.'s took the main door of the house. Gave the A.C.'s time to get round the house before we made the rush. As soon as we got in to the clearing we were seen. The house was soon barricaded and there was much shouting and hitting of walls with sticks. Soon after we heard some more shouting and hitting of walls very close from another village. Had I known that there was another village I would have sent some A.C.'s to surround it but it was too late, so decided to concentrate on the house we had surrounded as "sk a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush". One man came out of the house with his bow and arrows and using A.C. BAWSE as interpreter I told him not to fire any arrows but to have a look round to see how many police I had with me; this

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he did and by the look on his face he must have thought that the odds were too great. I tried to get the people to come down onto the ground but they would not emerge from the house. I then decided that I would stay here till they did come down. I sent A.C.GIGA and EVARI back with a note to the A.R.M. telling him what was going on. At the time of writing the note/I did not know how many people were in the house and it was not surprising that the A.C's told Mr.Austen that ~~there~~ there were about twenty people in the house;- there was enough noise for about fifty! After some time we managed to get two men down from the house. I told the police not to handcuff them yet as it would ruin our chances of more arrests. While these two DIWAMI people were having a smoke with me I told MAINU to have a look in the house. To my ~~my~~ astonishment he reported that there was only a woman and her small daughter in the house. A few minutes later two men came running from the other village and when close one of them was taking aim at A.C.SALUFA, I called to him not to fire but to get behind one of the many fallen trees. He did not lose any time doing this but he had the presence of mind to put up his hand and motion to the man to put his bow and arrow down. The whole time A.C.BAWSE was calling to him not to start a fight. The DIWAMI man put his bow and arrows down and after a lot of coaxing managed to get both of them to sit down with self and the other two men for a smoke. Decided to go up into the house with the four DIWAMI men and await Mr.Austen's arrival. I did not handcuff them as I thought that we could manage to get some more prisoners before they became too suspicious. As there was no sago in the house and one of the bushmen said he would go and get some I thought that I would risk it and let him go but told him to bring the village people in. He returned half an hour later with sago and another man. He wanted to return again for sago but I knew

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that if I let him go again he would never return so refused his request. We had got five men and they informed me that there were only two men left in the other village as most of the DIWAMI people had gone over to the WAWOI. Mr. Austen arrived just before dusk and took charge. I might say that had it not been for the very heavy rain we probably would not have caught these five men as they would have been out at the sage places. We were not able to catch the other two men.

Austen
P.O. Tikori. B.D.

Attached PR 5/2/20
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M.D.D.
8/6/20

DELTA


Patrol 26b

OBSERVATIONS

I have already reported the return of this patrol and the fact I consider it a success.

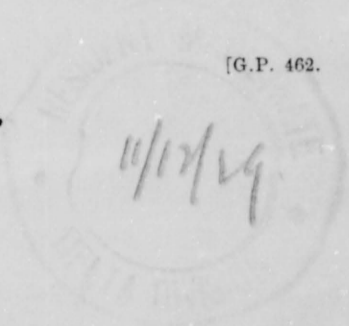
I would like to add now I have the report that

- i The question of transport must be considered one boat liable to breakdown is insufficient.
- ii 200 miles in a canoe is over the capacity any officer.
- iii Mr Champet appears to have fulfilled all we expected.
- iv. I consider both officers should be congratulated


R.M. 10/6/30

JOURNAL.

[G.P. 462.]



Station: KAIMARE Police Camp Delta Division

Period ~~from~~ 25th July to 31st August, 1929.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary

Date 12th Sept 1929

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Officer in Charge.

Referred to H.E. the Lieutenant-Governor

Date: _____

Government Secretary.

Journal Report to be enclosed in this Jacket and despatched as soon as possible after the end of each Month.

(No covering letter required.)

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE DELTA DIVISION

260/25/29

The Hon. The G.S.

Kaimari Camp.

I have your letter No 1733 of the 11th inst re the above, the cause of the camp was really a letter from the Mission and the sawmill, asking for greater attention to that portion of the division, we then decided to get a good rest house, built that we could use for future stays in that neighbourhood.

Ordinary visiting patrols do not seem enough in the Purari, and an officer spending two months at a time there, working from a base seems to be the most satisfactory solution.

R.M. 27/11/29

GOVERNMENT SECRETARY.

IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

No. 1733/29.



R.M.D.D., Kikori.

Upon reading your report No.2 KAIMARI Police Camp, His Excellency asks whether it was worth while to keep the camp in existence.

It is noticed that the A.R.M. is said to have closed the camp on the 23rd September, but, I think previous correspondence shows that the closing is only temporary.

*Accidentally
missed letter to*

H. Champion
G.S. 11/11/29.

JOURNAL 25/7/29 to 31/8/29.

By C.Champion P.O. Kaimari D.D.

THURSDAY 25/7/29.

Acting upon instructions received from the R.M.D.D. I left in the "Kismet" in charge of the R.M. with three police and five prisoners for the purpose of establishing a good Rest House and the necessary buildings for same on a site near KAIMARI known to the natives as MARISI; see ^{Land} Application Station No.19. Arrived Sawmill 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 26/7/29.

Left Sawmill 7.30 a.m. and arrived KAIMARI 10.15 a.m. Stores etc. put ashore and the Kismet left for Kanibo at 11.30 a.m. ~~xx~~ arriving back here at 2.30 p.m. Went down in the Kismet to see the land which I am to build on, - did not go ashore. Kismet left for Kikori at 3.30 p.m.

SATURDAY 27/7/29.

Left KAIMARI with A.C.EBANI and carriers in canoe to have a look at the land MARISI. The carriers thought they would take a short cut to the place; however they went to the wrong place so returned to KAIMARI at noon.. The village people under A.C.BATI have repaired wharf and put new steps for same, - a new latrine is nearly completed also. Intend building a new Rest House here as the present one is inadequate to accommodate self and all stores etc. Timber getting to-day for that purpose. I expect the new Rest House to be completed within a fortnight. checking stores etc. in the afternoon.

SUNDAY 28/7/29.

Spent the whole morning looking over MARISI the land on which I am to build. Ground very unsuitable for buildings, in fact quite useless. Am sending in a special report to Kikori in regard to this land.

MONDAY 29/7/29.

Spent the morning looking for some high ground in this vicinity but did not meet with any success. Practically every inch of land about here is covered by water at high tide. Portions not covered by water are generally mangrove swamp. Scow "Vailala" arrived at noon with Mr.Radford's launch "Brana" in tow. Mr.Higginson signed on thirteen

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labourers for the Anglo Persian Oil Coy. Police and prisoners building new Rest House.

TUESDAY 30/7/29.

"Vailala" left at about 7 a.m. for Port Moresby via POPO. Self supervising Rest House. Many V.C.'s here to-day and a few cases.

WEDNESDAY 31/7/29.

Was just leaving ^{for} URIKA per canoe to see Mr. Moir-Smith about some land on the Pie River which he wishes to obtain, when Mr. Radford called in his launch and said that he was going over there to-morrow and if I cared to come over to Kanibo to-day he would run me over to Urika to-morrow. Left at 9.30 a.m. and arrived Kanibo at 10.30 a.m.

THURSDAY 1/8/29.

7.30
Left Kanibo ~~11~~ a.m. for Urika, land question settled and returned to Kanibo at dusk.

FRIDAY 2/8/29.

Left Kanibo at 11 a.m. per canoe and arrived KAIMARI 1 p.m. Found that the Rest House had progressed rather favourably in charge of A.C. EBANI. V.C's visiting all the afternoon, bringing in huge quantities of sago and other native foods.

SATURDAY 3/8/29.

Mail arrived from Kikori. Self in C.N.M. Building continued.

SUNDAY 4/8/29.

No building to-day.

MONDAY 5/8/29.

Mr. Radford arrived 8.45 a.m. I intend leaving on patrol to-morrow. Told A.C. BATI to take my canoe with gear to Sawmill this-afternoon and I would meet him there to-morrow. Instructed A.C. BOGERA and two KAIMARI V.C's to proceed to PAKAMUBA next Saturday and arrest the 15 boys who deserted from Port Romilly Sawmills some time ago. Left A.C. EBANI in charge of the building operations. Left at 11 a.m. with Mr. Radford for Kanibo.

TUESDAY 6/8/29.

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Left Kanibo per launch at 8.20 a.m. and arrived Sawmill II a.m. Got my water supply from here and left at 2 p.m. per canoe for Koriki. Arrived Airavi (Ukiaravi) V.C. BAI-IA 4 p.m. and UKUNU-KU.A. A good R.H. at former village but neither kitchen nor latrine. Ordered to commence building to-morrow. All platforms in absolutely shocking condition, - to be totally renewed. Given three months to complete this work otherwise all will receive two months gaol. People lazy and insolent.

WEDNESDAY 7/8/29.

Visited BAROIRAVI, KARARARAVI (V.C. KIMILI-AUWA), AKIARAVI, MIRAIRAVI (V.C. IPAI-AKO), NAVARAVI, KAIRIMAI (V.C. MAI-ARI.E). Extensive repairs to platforms. Village in mud swamp, as clean as could be expected. Left at 10.25 a.m. and arrived ORU (V.C. KERA-AVIA) 10.45 a.m. This village consists of three small houses, about twelve men and a few women. V.C. says that all the people have gone to live at the big village of KAIRU. Suggest the services of a V.C. at this village should be dispensed with. Arrived APIRAVI (KAIRU) (V.C. MAMA-RAKEA) at 11.40 a.m. Rest House good also Barracks, latrine to be built. NAVARAVI (No V.C.) is in good order. As instructed selected a man, - PAEMURU for V.C. Left 12.15 p.m. and arrived AKOMA (V.C. KOIVI-MAURU) 3 p.m. A good R.H. here, kitchen and latrine to be built; wharf to be extended also and steps made. Three gangs put on to this work ~~and have given them three days to complete same.~~ Many cases here.

THURSDAY 8/8/29.

Left AKOMA 8 a.m. and arrived IARI 12.15 p.m. Inspected RAVIKOPORO (V.C. BAI-I-KAIRI), KAIRIRAVI (V.C. AMOKA), ONOPURAVI (V.C. AKIA-AUWA), AIKAWARAVI (V.C. KAIRI-AUA). All villages in good order. Platforms on the whole were excellent except a bridge over a small creek. This with my weight and a few V.C.'s gave way and we had a swim. I then inspected RAVIKEVAU (V.C. KAIOPA-ARIKI), village disgraceful. Dismissed V.C. as per instructions. Nearly all the people away at a kombati. Gaol seems to be the only remedy for these lazy people, - it had a wonderful effect on the

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other villages of IARI. Many cases at these villages.

FRIDAY 9/8/29.

Left IARI 7.45 a.m. in heavy rain arriving HAVIKVAUVA.
 (V.C.KAIRI-AUWA died a few days ago. Collected V.C.'s equipment.
 Village fair, very few people here, most of them I am told are sick
 waiting for me at one of the MAIPUA villages with cases. Suggest
 BAI.I-AUWA be made V.C. of this village. Arrived AIVEI (V.C.KIRI.A.A.)
 12.50 p.m. R.H. and Barracks good. Platforms very poor, ordered to
 repair at once. V.C. warned re not visiting Kikori or Kaimari
 every three months. Left 1.15 p.m. and arrived APIOPI (V.C.DOBE-KUMU
 V.C. away. Councillors and people say that he is always away and
 that the councillors look after the village. Whoever looks after the
 village and the Government quarters it is a credit to them. The R.H.
 and barracks are some distance from the village, - an excellent
 idea. It is a pity the other villages would not follow this example
 instead of building the R.H. in someone's backyard. I have never
 seen the V.C. of this village but if he were to be changed I would
 strongly recommend the appointment of Councillor AINAKA-KAVE, - I
 think that he would make a brilliant V.C. No cases here. Left at
 2.10 p.m. and visited KEREWI and KAPAI (V.C.AIMAI.I). Both villages
 good. R.H. ~~and~~ barracks at latter village and are well away from
 the village, - another man with some initiative. There is a remark
 in the V.C.'s register made by another Patrol Officer that the
 Government buildings are too far away from the village, - they are
 not more than fifty yards from the village. I would be pleased to
 know what is the general principle in regards to the situation of
 Rest Houses etc. A few cases here.

10/8/29.

SATURDAY 10/8/29.

Left KAPAI 6 a.m. called at URIKA Mission Station and ~~left~~
 left for IKINU at 10.15 a.m. arriving there 11.15 am. V.C.EVO.O.
 Everything in good order. Received mail here from Kikori. Went
 along a track to the village of KIMIRI (V.C.BAI.I). A good village
 though very small. Many cases at these two villages. Left IKINU
 2.30 p.m. and arrived KAIMARI 6 p.m. The Rest House at KAIMARI is

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completed with the exception of the kitchen. It is quite a large building containing 2 bedrooms, dining room, office, front and back verandah, bathroom and kitchen. It is a pity that it is in such a filthy place but unfortunately there is nowhere else to build.

SUNDAY 11/8/29.

A few V.C's in to-day with sago etc.

MONDAY 12/8/29.

Self in C.N.M. all the morning. Purchased site for Urika Mission in the afternoon. Building continued.

TUESDAY 13/8/29.

In C.N.M. practically all day. Have decided to go to Kikori at daylight to-morrow to get some stores and see the R.M. about the site which I am to build on.

WEDNESDAY 14/8/29.

A.C. BOGERA and the two Kaimari V.C's arrived back at I amn. and reported that they had not seen any sign of the Port Romilly Sawmill deserters. Self with A.C. BATI left at 4.45 a.m. per canoe for Kikori and arriving there at 10.15 p.m. We met with some very heavy seas crossing the several open waterways, especially the PIE and ERA rivers. On many occasions I thought that we were in for a swim.

THURSDAY 15/8/29 to MONDAY 19/8/29 at Kikori.

TUESDAY 20/8/29.

Left Kikori ^{8 a.m.} per Kismet with small launch "Veru" in tow and arrived Kaimari 6.30 p.m. Landed all stores etc.

Wednesday. 21/8/29.

R.M. left this morning. Launch Veru left with me for the purpose of patrolling this division. BADU, engineer and KOIVI, deck-hand left with me also. A few odd jobs being done to the Rest House etc. BADU and KOIVI cleaning launch.

THURSDAY 22/8/29.

Ten prisoners and ten casual labour cutting timber for new Barracks and Store which are to be built here.

FRIDAY 23/8/29.

As yesterday. Self in C.N.M.

SATURDAY 24/8/29.

Went down to the beach in the launch which gave us a good deal of trouble. Prisoners and casuals getting timber.

SUNDAY 25/8/29.

Took the launch out for another trial but it was even worse than yesterday, - we had to row home. On arriving back at Kaimari found mail awaiting me from Kikori with instructions to proceed to GORAU and inquire into the alleged murder there.

MONDAY 26/8/29.

Questioning V.C. POGA re murder. He is the V.C. of EBEGAU on WAI creek and says that his brother IMUBAI. I went to GORAU to buy tobacco and on returning from there was killed by some GORAU people. The body has not been found and the evidence seems very vague. An arrow is said to have been picked up, with blood on it, near the track leading up to the village of GORAU. Will leave to-morrow morning. BADU working on VERU; am a little dubious as to the reliability of this launch. Many V.C.'s here to-day bringing with them about two hundred people.

TUESDAY 27/8/29.

Left at 7.55 a.m. in Veru with A.C.'s EBANI and BATI together with crew for Sawmill, - canoe in tow. Launch ran fairly well for about an hour and then began to give trouble. Was compelled to cut away the canoe at a kombati and asked the natives there to look after it till I send for it. Launch making very little headway against strong tide. After continual breakdowns, one of which was for three hours we eventually reached the Sawmill at 7.45 p.m. I had hopes of reaching the Mill before noon. Stayed night at sawmill.

WEDNESDAY 28/8/29.

Mr. Mc. Kinnon worked on the Veru for about three hours

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just 4 p.m. at 2.5 p.m.
was heard and
moving when I
left - see*

this morning; managed to start her once but after that there appeared no sign of getting her to go. Decided to go by canoe so sent A.C.EBANI down to IVARA village to get a canoe and carriers. Mr.Mc.Kinnon in the meantime offered me the use of the Hourie which I gladly accepted. Leaving the Veru on the slip at the Sawmill got away in the Hourie at 11.30 a.m. Hourie loaded down but running beautifully. Struck a very heavy sea in the Pie river and had a ~~rough~~ rough time of it for about an hour. Arrived at IARI (GORPI) at 5.30 p.m. after a non-stop run. There is no doubt that the smaller propellor on the Hourie has increased her speed a great deal.

THURSDAY 29/8/29.

Left IARI 8.10 a.m. and arrived EBEGAU (V.C.POGA) at 10.5 a.m. Left at 12.15 p.m. per canoe up the WAI creek for GORAU (V.C.TONAI) arriving there at 2.50 p.m. We took them by surprise, - all the people were in the big dubu; there were only a hand full. V.C. tells me that they people are away making sago. After making enquiries into the alleged killing of IMUBAI. I arrested EGAU of GORAU. Stayed night here.

FRIDAY 30/8/29.

Sent A.C.EBANI and KAMAIA to a kombati at daylight to bring in all the people. They arrived back at 10.30 a.m. with some people but they said SO.O, whom I am after, had gone into the bush and could not be found. Just as I was preparing to make my departure I noticed a face peeping at us from behind a bush some distance away. Sent A.C.KAMAIA to arrest him, - it turned out to be SO.O who is connected with the murder. Another man SOBE is also connected with the murder and is reported to be somewhere in the vicinity of the headwaters of WAI creek. Information seems too vague so have instructed V.C.TONAI to proceed there at once and arrest him. I doubt if this V.C. will arrest this man. When the handcuffs were put on EGAU three of my carriers from EBEGAU began wholesale looting and had there been a few more GORAU people present things would have looked very ugly for us. Gave them 3 months gaol each.

I am led to believe that IMUBAI.I met his death through stealing and wanton destruction of the gardens at GORAU. Left 11.50 am. and arrived EBEGAU 1.30 p.m.

SATURDAY 31/8/29.

Left EBEGAU at 7.45 a.m. with canoe in tow and arrived LARI 9.30 a.m. Spent most of the morning trying to get canoe and carriers to go to Kikori, all the people away sago making. Managed to get a canoe and sent the two GORAU prisoners ~~under~~ to Kikori under escort of A.C.KAMAIA and V.C.POGA. Left in HOURI at noon with canoe in tow containing three prisoners. Lost an hour by taking the wong river, - found it later only to lose it again. Looking for the road until 9 p.m. and decided to anchor as it was very dark and raining heavily. Spent a very wet night in the launch.

To be continued:

Clarendon
P.O. Kaimari D.D.

7/9/29.

Observations

- 1/ The P.O seems to want to look at farms reports -
- 2/ Best houses here can only be put where we can find a site - I may call P.O. in time to see the village if possible.
- 3/ The murder case has been dealt with. Do not see how trouble will be brought out.
- 4/ Just was handed 7 names will when I left Kaimari should judge BAGO been interesting with adj. ment.

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continued from former report.

by C.Champion P.O. Kaimari D.D.

SUNDAY I/9/29.

Picked up track and went on to PAKEMUBA (V.C.KEMIBAVA) 9 a.m. to arrest Port Romilly Sawmill deserters. V.C. informed us that some of them were in the dubu,- made a thorough search of dubu and only two old men were found. This together with several other remarks makes me convinced that the V.C. is a little queer in the head. Got canoe and went down small creek and thence through sago swamp making for the village of MAILAWANA. saw two men making sago but as soon as they saw us they ran away; was informed that they were two of the deserters. Did not catch them. After an hour's frightful walking we came to a creek and seeing no log across asked the V.C. how he crossed and he quietly informed me that they got a canoe and went down stream to the village of MAILAWANA. sent the V.C. and his carriers to get a canoe. In the meantime my two A.C.'s built a very flimsy bridge with Nipa palm. We crossed the creek but here the track ended. Decided to go back to a couple of tumble down shelters that we had seen in the swamp and await the canoe. Canoe arrived at 7 p.m. but as it was raining very heavily decided to spend the night in the swamp. We spent a very uncomfortable night without bedding of any sort and were nearly eaten alive by sandflies and mosquitoes.

MONDAY 2/9/29.

Was pleased to get out of the swamp at daylight. Decided to go to the village of AURAWAPA instead of MAILAWANA and arrived there at 9 a.m. V.C.AUWA. Arrested 10 deserters here. Arrived PAKEMUBA 10 a.m. Instructed A.C.EBANI to proceed to Kaimari per canoe with deserters and three prisoners. Left in HOURI at noon and arrived Sawmill at 5.5 p.m.

TUESDAY 3/9/29.

I intended inspecting the Sawmill and Logging Camp to-day but Mr. Mc.Kinnon asked me if I could put it off for a few days as his assistant was away and Mr. Mc.Kinnon was very busy. I agreed to this. Left Sawmill at 4.15 p.m. in Hourai for Kaimari. Tide very low in Baroi River and tide running out very strongly. We must have been doing nearly ten knots; hit two sandbanks which nearly overturned the HOURAI. Raining heavily and as it was getting dark decided to spend the night at Kombati.

WEDNESDAY 4/9/29.

Left Kombati at 8.15 a.m. and arrived at Kaimari 9.35 a.m. Barracks have not progressed as much as I had anticipated.

THURSDAY 5/9/29.

V.C.'s in to-day with cases.

Friday 6/9/29.

As yesterday.

SATURDAY 7/9/29.

Attending to mail for Kikori. Mail arrived from Kikori 7 p.m.

SUNDAY 8/9/29.

Writing mail for Kikori.

MONDAY 9/9/29.

Sent canoe to Kikori at daylight. Left in Hourai at 8 a.m. for Sawmill. Sent canoe to Sawmill to take me over to meet Mr. Downs at KARU-UA. Arrived Sawmill 11.15 a.m. Left with Mr. Mc.Kinnon in HOURAI for logging camp for the purpose of inspecting same. Inspected Logging Camp and returned to Sawmill at 7 p.m. and inspected same. See Report No. I of 29/30.

TUESDAY 10/9/29.

Left in canoe at 7.20 a.m. for KARU-UA to meet Mr. Downs and buy this land from the VAIMURU natives. Arrived there 11.20 a.m. VAIMURU people did not turn up. We had great trouble in finding the boundary posts.

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WEDNESDAY 11/9/29.

Left at 8.20 a.m. and arrived Kaimari 2.40 p.m. with an attack of fever. VAIVIRI at Kaimari.

THURSDAY 12/9/29.

VAIVIRI left for Kikori at daylight. Lent boatscrew Koivi to Capt. Burns to pilot the vaiviri to Kikori. Typing sawmill Report and getting mail ready to send to Kikori per Mr. Mc.Kinnon.

FRIDAY 13/9/29.

Sent canoe to sawmill with mail for Kikori. V.G's in to-day with sago and a few cases.

SATURDAY 14/9/29.

Prisoners getting biri and goru for barracks.

SUNDAY 15/9/29.

No work to-day.

MONDAY 16/9/29.

Prisoners getting timber for barracks. All the villages must have heard that I am returning to Kikori as several canoes arrived to-day with many cases.

TUESDAY 17/9/29.

~~Thurs~~ Self in C.N.M. all day. Prisoners putting down goru floor.

WEDNESDAY 18/9/29.

Re-surveyed Mission Site to-day and put all the necessary posts in.

THURSDAY 19/9/29.

Prisoners sewing biri for roof. Self in C.N.M. Convict No.6752 ARAUWA who has been sick since Monday is very ill to-day. I think he has pneumonia. Have been attending to him daily and am giving him bovril and bread in addition to his ordinary food.

FRIDAY 20/9/29.

Prisoners putting roof on barracks. Prisoner ARAUWA very much improved to-day. Kimet^S arrived at 8 p.m. in charge of the A.R.M.

SATURDAY 21/9/29.

Roof of barracks completed to-day. Prisoner ARAUWA died at 3.15 p.m. to-day. I was astounded when his death was reported to me as last night when I saw him he was practically better. He must have caught a chill. Sent A.C. BOGERA to AKOMA to bring the deceased relatives to Kaimari to take the body away.

SUNDAY 22/9/29.

AKOMA people arrived at daylight and I gave permission to the V.C. to remove the body. Self checking and packing stores in readiness for our departure to-morrow.

MONDAY 23/9/29.

V.C.'s of Kaimari have been instructed to attend to the completion of the barracks and to keep the Rest House in good repair. Mr. Austin arrived this morning. I reported the death of the prisoner to him and he hold an enquiry here. The A.R.M. closed the Camp and the Kismot was under weigh at 12.15 p.m.

B. Brandon

P.O. 1/10/29.