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Inland from Dako and then up to the Mambare

- only point about Maisin:

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"I landed at Dako at 2 p.m. of that day [12 April 1894] and found there three young men from the Maibira district, who had arrived about an hour before me with a note from Mr. Guise to indicate there they were (sic.). There could be no better proof than this of the beneficial influence of the party on the natives of that part of the country, for these three young men had come alone, halfway nearly to Maisina, their hereditary enemies, to meet me at Dako, having had no communication with me for nearly six weeks."

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- notes that the people had recently learned about smoking tobacco

"On the 14th the steamer towed the boats to Phillips Harbour, and a party was sent to visit Maisina and to warn them not to interfere with their neighbours in future. It appears that they repudiated the idea of making war on others, but the warning does not seem to have made a deep impression on some of them, as one man stole something from the boat and shook his spear at a constable that went after him. The men of the constabulary have been so frequently admonished not to use their weapons except in case of urgent necessity that this bravo chief was suffered to escape, which very probably would not have been the case had I have been there myself. It would have been profitable to Maisina to witness the example then that will surely have to be put before them sooner or later. We were visited at Philips Harbour by the chief and people of probably all the villages of that neighbourhood. Some very remarkable pottery was obtained at Maisina for the public collection. The pieces are bowl-shaped and have on the outside raised designs, as if a small cord had been half inserted into the clay and left there. This raised form of design is the only example I have seen of relief ornamentation in Papuan pottery."

- expedition to top of Victory from the Musa side