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File 111B ^(641/1900) North-Eastern Division Monthly Report June 1900

"The KAILI KAILI and TEWARI people among whom the Station is situated are now exceedingly glad to have us here as in the past they have suffered very much from the raids of a cannibal (sic) tribe called the OKENE who are situated some 10 miles to the North, the OKENE are the same people whom (sic) Sir William McGregor surprised in the act of raiding the MUSA people some years ago."

"The DORIRI a tribe about whose locality some uncertainty prevails succeed in keeping the MAISENA and WANIGELA people in a state of feverish unrest by suddenly swooping down and snatching up a few people and then back to the hills again, their last exploit was to catch a woman in one of the gardens and to cut off her hands and feet. I hope however to catch them on their next visit as they usually stay a few days (looting (sic) gardens and word of their presence can be brought here in twelve hours.

I am inclined to think however that in the past the DORIRI were not altogether an unmixed evil as they exercised a somewhat wholesome restraining influence over the equally turbulent MAISENE's who were inclined to play the same game on a larger scale on small weak tribes along the coast, as it was they were compelled to, for ~~the~~ self protection, remain friendly with their neighbours and to keep their men at home instead of sending them away on murdering expeditions"

- complains that something better than a whale boat needed for patrols

Monthly Report ^{Journal} April 1900

April 18 - visit MAISENA to search for runaway carriers (Cape Vogel carriers)
- appointed son of Wanigela

April 9 Close to 200 men arrived from the south and locally to work at the station

Went to the house and ~~went~~ when came out land the police separated into groups of Taupota, Mambare and Motu, surrounded by locals, and out of it.

"The men were thoroughly stupefied by betel-nut or rather the effect seemed to be more that of a powerful narcotic the men not answering me or appearing at all to understand what I said to them, so much so that shortly after three men were missed at the camp in apparently wilful disobedience of an order I had just given that no one should leave the camp without my permission and were discovered at the boat land unarmed bathing."

- men struggled when apprehended - evident that they didn't know what they were doing

"I cannot help thinking that a root much resembling *Coccolus Indicus* in its effects much used by the natives here for the purpose of catching fish must have been introduced by the natives into the lime pots supplied by them to the police. I have never before seen betel-nut product so had an effect."

Missing reports July - ^{Nov.} ~~Dec.~~ 1900.

File 112A (291/1901) Monthly Reports, Jan. - June.

June Report

missing Feb - May 1901

- June 8 Capt. Barton in charge while Mandator absent.
 Surveyor Macdonnell came to work in district
- June 12 With Barton, visits Okein pike at Mafua - largest village
- June 17 Bishop goes to visit Okein
- June 28 "Left for Maisina to point out lands requiring survey to surveyors and to make necessary land purchases"
- June 29 "Arrived Maisina, purchased one block of land for Mission and inspected and reported on two others."

Jan Report

- Jan. 1 at camp at Apuru in "Kuviri" country
 - camp maintained by the people who were also supplying abundant food
 - a prospecting party had been landed upstream from steam launch 'President', M. goes to meet them with whale boat
- Jan 4 Uninhabited country, but signs of old gardens.

Jan. 5 Left river and cutting track to Mt Corapu

Jan. 6 Crosses area where large sago trees had been wantonly destroyed several years before by having small square holes cut into them.

Jan. 7 "The Kuviri people sent word that the Maisena had been over and made a night surprise on our abandoned camp that they (sic) had than (sic) held a dance and told the Kuviri that they were looking for the police to have a fight, they then asked the Kuviri whether we were friendly to them and on being told yee had asked the Kuviri to humbug us with pigs and presents on our return while the Maisena remained concealed in the scrub when off our guard the Maisena and Kuviri should suddenly fall upon us and kill? (sic) the policemen.

The Kuviri had told the Maisene that we were far away in the mountains and would not return for some time and had not told them where the whale boat left, on the departure of the contumacious Maisene the Kuviri had promptly let us know what to expect when we returned or met the Maisene.

I was inclined to think that the affair was a little expedient on the part of the guileful Maisene to keep the Kuviri properly complaisant in the matter of the customary payment of pigs and women."

Jan. 8 Describes gorges and rivers in back country.

- huge waterfalls, disappearing rivers
- signs of mountain slide and gigantic flood within last decade.
- carriers vaguely remembered hearing that a huge flood had drowned a whole tribe in the vicinity

Camped in gorge to 13th, then left prospecting party there

Jan. 16 Kuviri report that 14 Winigapi and 22 Maisene canoes had come on the attempted raid

"The whole coast at the head of Collingwood Bay with the exception of the Wanigela people had sent men to join in the attempted surprise."

The Kuviri had also heard a report that a track on the coast had been attacked his house looted and his wife ravished by the Maisena

Taking a low estimate of ten men to each of the large Maisena canoes between three and four hundred men must have been concerned in the affair"

Jan. 17 to Matsena to make enquiries.

- landed at small creek and stayed in three deserted houses where full paint brush, 30lbs of ~~red~~ red lead, table forks and piece of boat chair - evidence of raid on trader?
- midnight group approached but police turned them back.

Jan. 18. Bogege (calling himself Morston - with whom he exchanged names several years before) arrives at the head of large group of men. Hurries at distance and goes to speak to M. Asked where he was going. M. said he was going to Uiakhu to find out "what his people meant by coming to my camp at Kuviri to fight."

- Bogege blamed it on the Winiapi and that the goods in the house were a gift from Morston (M. notes new brush) and that the people yelling last night had meant nothing. B. said he had come to bring the police to Uiakhu where they would be given a pig.
- Sinapa deserted

"As we landed at Uiakhu beach large numbers of men were seen running about carrying spears and clubs. They however all disappeared into the scrub so soon the police were on the shore with the exception of about twenty men who remained about twenty yards away.

In the village there (sic) were many signs of the recent presence of a very large number of men the ground was also much beaten by the feet of men dancing. I spent about an hour calling to the Maisena and trying to get them to approach but with no result and in the end informed them that unless they came in I would order the police to catch them, this threat however was treated with contempt whereupon I told the police to chase them in the bush.

So soon as a move was made towards them the men in sight disappeared down different tracks in the scrub with the police in hot pursuit, several men were caught.

Constable Ekowa who became separated from the others was cut off on a track by a large body of men and narrowly escaped being speared. Constables Bia and Ape however heard him firing and calling for help and going to his assistance drove off his assailants with the loss of two killed.

The police were then recalled several of them reported having seen bodies of armed men natives hurrying

in one direction.

Upon return to the whale boat a body of about fifty men were seen hovering about the scrub and beach in the vicinity of the men left in charge of the boat, these men were chased for about a mile but none were captured.

Not a woman or child was anywhere seen.

I then released a prisoner sending him off to his people with a message that unless they laid down their spears and came in that I would in the morning drive them right away from their villages and destroy the canoes that had been used in their attempted attack on my party.

January 19 / Proceeded to Uiahu again in the morning natives all disappeared from the beach as we approached down one track, followed them down the track to a very thorny swamp where the police were extended into a long line, two of the police were again attacked but the whole party closing, into the King drove the Maisenes clean through the swamp with a loss of one killed.

The Maisenes were now thoroughly demoralized casting away their spears they batted in every direction, whereupon as I was quite satisfied that they were not likely to again make a stand I recalled the police and returned to the beach, at the beach another prisoner was released with a message to his people that when I returned again if they chose to behave themselves and cease raiding and bullying their neighbors and generally mistreating themselves that we would make peace and they could have their own police as the Kaili, Mokuru and Arifu had."

Jan. 20 at Wong. James Nogar says he saw the Winiapi canoes go by and could hear clanging - but no word of attempted attack.

- Maisene had told him they looted a trader at Caiowe and ravished his wife. (near Cape Vogel)

Dec Report

Dec. 24 On way to Fir Tree pt to escort the prospectors.
- Mr De Mohynes

Dec. 25

Kuviri reported that they had been attacked by Ucinana and Maisin for some time - that they

bribed the Maisin to lay off with pigs and women

- begged the police to protect them

- describes as numerous, occupying very rich agricultural land, "non hunting"

- visits Bonarua - (a Kikinana village?) with strong stockade and attached it - Kuviri?

- then to Apuru - evidence that Kikinana were advancing into Kuviri country

- Kikinana people said that the reason they were killed by Kuviri was that they ~~they~~ themselves were being squeezed out by mountain people

Believed good land for plantations:

"Large blocks of waste and vacant land could now be obtained and much more bought the one time owners having all been killed or else driven away in the past by raiding parties either from the Maisine or the hills and the land being now quite abandoned. Laku Creek is navigable for whale boat for a distance of seven miles from the coast at Fir Tree Point and with a little clearing the creek could be ascended for another five miles!"

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July 1 purchased 1 acre at Uiahu for burial ground and explained burial Regulation

July 6 One Maisina prisoner escapes from Station, police pursue

Aug. 8 Bogege and other Maisina prisoners discharged and left for own village

Sept. 3 V.C. Bendu brings in escaped Maisina prisoner.

Oct. Report. Maisina 4 murders
- all other places at most 1; Okain 10.

Missing Jan - June 1902 Reports.

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December 1902

17 - visits Maisina and purchased mission land already in use
- found several Doriri visiting - large group camped 4
miles away but Monclton had no time to visit.

Nov. 29. Letter from Money received to effect that Ibinamu,
Doriri and Maisina had arranged a great spear-breaking
ceremony to take place at 'Maisina' to make peace.

Aug. 1 Remanded Maisina prisoners on charges of murder until further
evidence.

2 Sends assistant RM and 7 police to Kwogila
to line up evidence and witnesses about alleged Maisina
raids which involved the M. village constable.

4 returns

6. Case against Maisina - Kwogila badly treated (wounded)
- VC Bandu and 3 Maisina men were sentenced on two
separate charges to total sentences of 20 months imprisonment
VC Kakatu (?) to 2 months for extortion

19 Maisina to 6 months for larceny and assault

1 " for 1 month larceny

5 " for theft

- was seen by locals as government raid, under the leadership
of Lance Corporal Peter Abi, since transferred to P.M.

- looking and pittance paid for pigs.

" Village constable Bogege who though implicated in the
raiding had been instrumental in effecting arrests and causing the
guilty men to surrender themselves and also gave evidence was
dismissed" Warrant for arrest of Peter Abi

Aug 7 Heard adultery case from Maisina

24. Visited Uialu, Sinopp & Marua

25 Kwogila people satisfied government not to blame for raid

July Received letter from Money about Doriri 'outrage'
on Maisina (tragedy). Doriri had been under leadership of
Ipi the Ibinamu VC and Pipirama, an escaped
prisoner. Lioetras Raid from Doara, 12 miles
from Maisina

- unspecified investigation led M. to believe Money's

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letter was the work of too vivid an imagination, although murders had been committed 'by persons unknown'

- Money wrote another letter "outrage"
- "a number of Maisina natives under the leadership of 'all' (sic) the Collingwood Bay village constables and Lance Corporal Peter women being ravished houses destroyed and immense amounts of native property stolen."
- decided to come down and check it out.

29 July - found that the murders of Maisin committed by Pauma tribe, hostile to Ibinamu Daviri

At Uiahu surveyed land applied for by mission
Money given report of raid on Kwagita by VC Bundu, Maisina and Peter through Constable Ajara

- calls Money's info 'wild assertions'
- Maisina and Kuriri VC. had stolen from Kwagita

arrested Kakatu of Kuriri
Bundu of Uiahu
25 Maisina, 7 Kuriri

- the men at once surrendered selves.

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August Report.

30 Maisin charged. 26 to 6, 4 to 12 months

- reports severe drought; villages deserted no water
- drought ran mid-April to Sept. 20th.
- in October, living off sago - nearest water 3 miles away

Oct. 12 - sentenced Maisina woman to 14 days in goal for "loitering within a goal compound"

"These women were in the habit of bringing small quantities of Sago, etc. to the MAISINA prisoners, of which there are thirty. They were allowed to stay two days, not longer, as I found that the prisoners became unsettled. This particular woman refused to leave with the others when told to go, and went so far as to go up to the goal and hold communication with the prisoners."

Oct. 20 While cutting timber on other side of the harbor one Maisin bolted; in the confusion 8 more ran

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and couldn't be stopped. Oelrichs didn't blame the warden
VC Kambo caught one while he tried to steal a canoe.

21st - heard that Sisi moto people had given the escapees
food. Went there and arrested 7 - 2 imprisoned
and rest reprimanded by the R.M.

29. VC's Nunis and Opa (?) brought back 5 arrested
in own villages
- VC Begege reported in bush after other 3

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March

5 At Marua - met a party of bird collectors^(?) camped
there including Mrs Morley, Carruth and a man
who for some reason hid himself away at the approach of the
R.M.

- Morley reported a South Sea Islander in his employ had run
away he thought to the mission at Uliaku - but he was
not interested in following this up.

- M. not satisfied and stated that he couldn't find the man
in a week and the party could not give a better account, he
would send down his police to arrest them.

(Morley apparently had been harassed the year before in Milne
Bay by locals - M. knew him)

M. visited the Maisina villages. When he got to Bogege, the
VC told him that Carruth had told the Maisina to make
sago for his party. He was a friend of M's and this was
M's order. The Maisina had some doubts, but decided not
to take any charges & a party of 6 went to make sago

He at once forbade the people to do this and told them that
"I did not even send messages to them through the mission
much less traders, that they need therefore never bother to obey
any order brought in my name unless brought by a policeman
who they know belonged to my detachment or one of their
own village constables."

- Carruth wanted to sell the sago for the high price it
would fetch in Samarai "There is not nearly enough native
food in the district for the natives themselves," "making
food from a starving coast is one of the most despicable
acts I know of in New Guinea."

"Unfortunately the Natives Regulation dealing with
Extortion does not apply to white men."

Still, he did not return to the traders.

Found Mr Money very ill with malignant malaria at Uiahu. "prevalent on the coast so frequently mistaken for blackwater" Took him to Cape Nelson to recover "where he could receive better attention from my cook than a New Guinea boy could give him."

- Money had been nursing another bird collector Y. Brown who had come down with the same fever. Brown recovered and returned to his camp as the men left.

13th Prisoner brought in from Kosiragu (?) - "a tribe not as yet visited by me"

15th Constable Agara brings VC Kakatu from Kuviri

- charged with extortion, larceny and assault 8 mo.

- Bogege brought up missing SSI who was sent to his employer

April Report.

"A very large dance to celebrate the breaking up a crisis the drought has been held at Maisina, it is remarkable for the fact that it is the first occasion on which Doriri and Baruga, Mbesa and Ge wadyra with the Cape Nelson and Vogel tribes have all met on friendly terms at one place at one time"

- report that fish by the ~~hundreds~~ ^{hundreds} dying in streams; notes that a particularly malignant type of malaria prevalent along with numerous mosquitos - Kingsley's 'West African Studies' noted the same occurrence previous to an epidemic on coastal Africa.

May

Shipping sago to Mupawa where starvation threatening

- other Collingwood Bay people doing this voluntarily.

June 11 - visited Uiahu - parents sending children to school regularly

ordered a body buried in the village to be exhumed and buried outside

12 - at Marua - met Marley & Brown sick with malaria, collecting birds

Note: In these reports the mission teacher at Uarigela frequently complains of sorcery. No such cases for Maisina.