

UIAKU LOG JULY 1907 - JAN. 1920 BOX 25: ALC 563  
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- Aug 8th - Mr. Money building boats, fixing station, acting as interpreter for government party - jack of all trades  
- don't know who the author of these short entries is - Chignell?  
- new P.M. Capt. Moore
- Aug. 15 (Thurs). - court held and Awaita sentenced to 3 mo. for striking wife with knife.  
- 18th & 25th - "usual class and services" undertaken by Money then Samuel & Ambrose on these 2 Sundays.
- Aug. Sept. 5th - message from Moore, ill at Tufi  
- Chignell and Pearce and Money arrived; Money to Tufi
- Sept. 15th - Chignell administers Holy Communion.  
Chignell visiting (usually walking) 3 or 4 times a week, rarely on a Sunday. Walk through interpreter (who?)

1908

- April 22-30: MAMATO, GEBARA, BIDA, DODI, VAUEISI, KODUA warned about bad behaviour; MAMATO, GEBARA and DODI sent away from station by Ambrose (but could reapply for readmission when Money returned)  
Reason: "they are in the habit of sleeping off the station, of shirking afternoon work, and of absenting themselves from school & taparoro."
- Oct. 23rd - Money arranging for Church to be built at Sinapa, as services have been held there now for some time  
- describes high garden out-put
- Oct. 25th - Teachers and Money share Church  
"The girls of the Hearers' Class told Mr. Money that they were being troubled by the advances of young men and asked him to write and ask for a lady to be sent as that (sic) they can come and live on the mission station; they do not wish to stay in their villages."
- Nov. 13th & 14th - a great commotion in the village (cause not given): "spears, clubs, fighting sticks & shields were very much in evidence". Seems to have been intonal thing, because the principal parties were prevailed upon to discuss the dispute with Money. Vicor General came in the morning to talk with the traders. Then left for Sinapa
- Includes a copy of station report for 1907 - Made 51 1908.  
- Uiaku, dedication: S. Thomas  
25 miles of coast  
- Gewola, Guruguru, Baitebaita, Marua, Sinapa, Uiaku, Elirara  
- only Uiaku with services  
- pop. est 1300; no visits to interior



Staff: A.K. Chignell Sept. 1907  
 P.J. Money July 15 1901  
 Samuel Sira July 1905  
 Ambrose Perera March 30, 1907.  
 Benjamin Gonai June 1907.

- permanent church accommodating 520
- 12 boys resident; 4 hrs. "field work" (daily?).
- Scholars on roll 70 b. 66 g. 136  
 attenders 48 66 84

Cultivation: 2 1/2 A. - coconuts 214 of them  
 Sinapa: 3A - 60 nuts.  
 - some livestock for station use.

1909

Jan. 24 - Strong R.M.  
 July 18th - TAWU(?) UIAKU. dies; people of this own accord agree to hold back waiting until after afternoon service "This respect for our service from heathen villagers was very remarkable." - cried after the service

July 20th - "Buna" - lunch in to recruit labour

Sept. 23: With R.M. Shue, GERE GABA - one of the boarders - charged MOSE with witchcraft - case dismissed for lack of evidence

Oct. 31 Mentions people going into interior to get bark for tapa  
 - attendance so small at service

1910

Nov. 1 - no school as children in bush Ambrose to bring back  
 March 22 KA RARA, FAKEISI & GOMARA told they can leave station  
 Aug. 5th "KUSI, AITARA & GABADI were formally dismissed to-day & it having been decided to abolish boarders during the absence of the white staff.

"Pupil teachers NAMA & KORI were paid up to the end of the present year (Dec. 31). to-day. There being a possibility that Ambrose would have had some trouble in getting them to help as long as that."

Breaks off at this point. Then article in A.B.M. Review  
 March 1, 1917 pp. 229-30 by "G. R."

"Work at Uiahu"

- from Ganugandiana  
 - stayed at Mr Fisher's rest house - "a little brown box of sago and bamboo, unbearably hot in the middle of the day" - Ambrose still there  
 - accompanied by COPLAND - the young "chief" of the Anjabs - who at 16 or 17 was a  
 OGA - BABADA - church canceller



Did of a lot of medical work, it seems  
Even song heralded by a conch shell

"and later, when the moon rises, we go to the beach and watch the children play and the girls and men dance to their strange haunting songs. Sometimes a young father will dance a few steps with his little child, and then send it back to the watching mother. The people are so fond of and proud of their children, and when they bring them to me for dressings they soothe and put them while I am doing them. Never forget to pray for them that they, with us, may learn to love and serve God. GODS. I often think that they will make for better Christians than we are. Heathens as they are, they certainly can teach us good manners and courtesy."

1917 - June

26 Bishop arrives with Revs AP Jennings and JET Fisher; introduces Jennings as new Priest in charge of Uiahu District - including Sinapa & Waiuan(?)

June 28th - High Celebration at Uiahu

July 1st - Mr Jennings begins ministry; 4th Sunday after Trinity: 7am Holy Communion, 38 communicants

10am Tapaoro and Simon - again at 5pm.

July - building house for new priest (AMBROSE interpreting)

July 8 - at 10am T & S nearly everybody late - lectured by Ambrose. 5pm everybody 1/2 hr early!

July 10 - Miss Robson dies at Wanigela

July 11th - T away "Native police raided the village this evening." (?)

July 12th "Early this morning the Government officer took several men to Tafi, among them being Augustine, who brutally beat (sic). The ~~police~~ native police used obscene & insulting language re missionaries."

July 14th - SIKO dies - tetanus from tornotawh wound

20th - VINCENT's father dies "more heathen waiting."

- "heart failure" probably

Daily: services at 7am (Matsins), 5pm. Tapaoro & Eirong

Aug. 2 Mother of ALWYN (Christian boy) dies; waiting starts and T. goes to ask them to keep it down; 1/2 they start again. Finally brings boy home to sleep with him. Ambrose interpreting. "It is a hard time for a young Christian boy"

Aug. 3 Father sends for ALWYN and he is allowed to go. Father asks for him until mother buried, later as mourning seemed to have ceased he was allowed to go



ALWYN

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- over the next few nights, ~~Augustine~~ sleeping with Jennings
- Aug 5th - "Barnabas appeared at morning Taparoro with face & body blackened [for the funeral?]. This is the second occasion. He was warned to go & wash immediately, or serious measures would be taken. He appeared clean at 5 o'clock."
- Aug 6th - arranged with ~~Arthur~~ ALWYN's father to let the boy stay with the mission for two years.
- 7th - Christians to Waniwela for Confirmation and Anniversary celebration "Uiahu almost deserted" - boasting?
- Aug. 11 Sat. "Waniwela whaleboat arrived for coconuts & food. Uiahu people refused to send food."  
(Jennings away at time)
- Aug. 14 - meeting at school to decide what action to take on refusal to send food. "The people decided to send a present of food on Thursday morning as a token of goodwill & expression of regret at their conduct."
- Aug. 16 People did not deliver food, but left it on J's verandah. In the evening, J & A went through the village and got a promise of delivery Friday.
- Aug. 17th - Food taken & Augustine back from Tufi (AMBROSE seemed to go out shooting most days)

- From Aug 9th 10am. Children's Service
- Sept. 24 Alexander RORON from Waniwela arrives as mission teacher
- 25 - J. moves into new house - still incomplete
- Sept. 26 "Six girls had to be punished today for fornication. One of the guilty boys was Louis, Mr Jennings's houseboy. He was caned, and will be sent back to his home at Waniwela. The six girls will be suspended from Communion for a time, probably till Christmas."
- Sept 27 - ARTHUR - declares he'll go back with Louis

- Oct. 1 "This evening Dodi and Gebadi came and requested that Augustine should punish them for sleeping with girls, which Augustine accordingly did.  
- VINCENT MOI and FRANK BOYVE - mission boys.
- Oct. 2 Fibu arrives  
"The girls concerned in the recent cases of immorality were ordered to have their heads shaved and to remove all ornaments from their persons."



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Nov. 5 - Clement suspected of VD - the case - sent to Tufi  
(but apparently allowed to work on)

Dec. - canoe built and paid for - apparently pagan in  
"holiday dress"

Much of time seems to have been taken up with building  
and repairing the station - e.g. fence, kitchen, etc.

Dec. 22 Sat Many of the people danced on Vicenslau's (?)  
promontory till nearly midnight. Mr Jennings went  
down and reminded those who were Christians of the  
duty of preparation for Holy Communion. The Christians  
immediately ceased and went home. The heathens  
continued dancing till the small hours. The incessant  
monotonous noise was very disturbing."

Dec. 23 "Mr Jennings forbade the late dancers to  
communicate."

1918

Jan ~~16~~ 16 or 17 - Mr Fish married to Miss Jessel by  
Tomlinson at Wanigela.

Feb. 4 COLEMAN & ALBERT mission boarders. <sup>(arranged with parents)</sup>  
- later GREGORY, OWEN, KASAVA, MORRIS, SYDNEY, OUI  
Monthly trip to Woinan & Sinapa

March - SAMUEL, FREDERICK, B BUNDER, BAURE - Mb.

May 18 - death of STEPHAN GAMETI at Conjaga  
- Christian service and burial ~~at~~ in new grounds,  
"singing suitable hymns."

June - 3 Sinapa boys arrested; JOSHUA <sup>"brutally treated"</sup> ~~brother~~ - J.  
reports matter to Tufi.

- ERNEST PIPITOU - mb. + people from Woinan & Sinapa.

Aug. 18 "News brought of arrival of Mr Macdonnell,  
Government Officer, at Wanigela, on his way to Uiatu.  
Police raid in advance greatly feared by the people. Most  
of the men have fled."

- 27 - goats arrive from Taugota.

Oct. 15 - MR BARNES - Patrol Officer

Nov. Boarders sent home due to food ~~store~~ shortage

1919

Feb. 8 - Church apparently had on again!

March 14 - Visit to Sesega with Macdonnell, who  
thinks it a suitable site "for 10 villages the size of  
Uiahu"

March 23 "During Communion Service most awful howling  
in Simon's house, where his brother (?) <sup>[sic]</sup> died this



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morning. Repeated messages failed to quieten them. Later in the morning Mr. J. went over and quietened them with a stick. There was no more howling afterwards."

May 19 "Chief went mad today, so dancing has ceased - which is a blessed relief."

~~East time~~ - J. catching school kids dancing late in moonlight and sending them home.

June 16 - "Giligili" signing on - hetch

- 18 Frederick Uiaku confesses to fornication; askand and wishes to sign on to Giligili - J. thinks it a good idea - twice with Lena & 2x with Marian.

August - Note that attendance quite low at Church.

24 - J. buried at 7am. Service

- now Ambrose Tagaroro at Ganjiga & Borando

25 - "Fakesi took Eleanora to marry her. He already has two wives. Being told to separate, they agreed."

27 "Fakesi took Eleanora to Beria. Mr. J. sent policeman to bring them back."

29 - Fisher & J. warn the slops of extreme measures

Dec. 16 - Shortage of food at mission again - all larders sent home

Breaks off on January 9th, 1920 - last entry on washing & painting whakewat - no reason given

1907-10 - mostly (I assumed) in Money's hand; partly Chignell's. - when M. away

1917-20 - Mr Jennings

## on Mission Estate

List of Sago Palms (Money's hand) - includes these names:

|                    |                |                    |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| ARIMA (at Wandago) | KITORE (Sa)    | former owners      |
| IO "               | FOYA "         |                    |
| ODIO (- Kara yogi) | FOYA (Uiaku)   | species: Wate Sun  |
| VEGOGO (Sa.)       | DOBURA "       | locations: Wandago |
| IFO "              | OROROGO (TOJO) | Kara yogi          |
|                    |                | Sa Uiaku           |
|                    |                | Tojo               |

SOVERA "

BA YABE "

IFO "

KAWA "

OIRA "

MONPOGO "

FAKAI "

## Staff List (1917?)

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Rev. A P JENNINGS | 1 July 1917               |
| AMBROSE DARRA     | SSI teacher 1907          |
| FREDERICK UIAKU   | mission taunda            |
| GREGORY           | pupil teacher 14 Jan 1918 |
| BEN JAMIN CANAE   | SSI teacher in charge     |
| REUBEN MOTLAV     | SSI " " "                 |