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Oct-30 <sup>1910</sup> Marriage of Ambrose Parra & Vivien Utoro at Waningela by S Tomlinson.

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n entries Oct. 31 1910 - March 16, 1911

July 6 John Hunt temporarily in charge.

July 12 Went out hunting with the men. 2 pigs & 20 wallabies btw 200+ men.

15th At Piraga. Samuel said there were 120 coconuts, 8 limes, 3 mangoes & several ganadilla (?) growing on the station.

- problems of theft

- Hunt had long talk with some men, some who asked him to stay with them.

- school poorly attended but Samuel not keeping good figures

- about 100 at Sunday taparoro, but he has doubts.

16. Hunt has Mattins and Eucharist in Wedauan. Afterwards he reminded Samuel to make an offering (give 1/-).

- fish brought and one crew wouldn't eat certain kinds

"Peter did not eat Shark, it being his Totem, as is also a small sea bird & Coral. He said if he ate Shark, his flesh would waste away & he would have much sickness. Mr. Hunt tried to explain to him that Bariawas did not eat Shark, because, sometimes it ate men, not because they were afraid of wasting sickness, if they did so."

- in afternoon, using Samuel as interpreter, lectured the 100 people who had gathered for taparoro

- not to steal coconuts

- forbid those who died from sending children to school

- encouraged training for baptism.

Notes that largest village (Aicava?) is across the bay & probably accounts for bad school attendance

- told Samuel to build an altar

- Sam's wife is helpful

17 Uiahu: "Ambrose preached & took service very devoutly, but did not seem nearly so competent an interpreter as Samuel."

67 coconuts, several guavas, 1 mango, 1 lime on station.

20th Peter tells him that howling of dogs is a sign of oncoming death

Mr Hunt making soda bread "the most economical and satisfying bread known"

- also outlines the various fish and crabs he ate daily

23th Mr Robertson came in by native canoe, recruiting for mining.

Stayed for native Evensong. Next day to Uiahu.

29th Some signed-off boys arrived board for Maisina

Mentions putting service at "Uiau" or "Yaiyu" which could be Yuayu. Regular. Frank did it on Aug 13.

24 men 15 women.

Aug. 15 Chignell, Nurses Pottigan & Miss Winterbottom arrive

(mentions Aug. 3 that Peter fired £3 for breaking Alauira canoes (2) and firing at them. At Tafi's gun confiscated. Potabated for a speared catfish. Also return of "David Tattoo" who had been 11 years in the south; on the UK).

Aug 20 Frank going to Yuayu. (note celebrations in Uhir, English & Wedau). 7am. ACK at 10am & 3.30pm. Peter Bitoman Giu at 9am.

Aug 27 "The Celebration was in Wedauan, not only for the sake of the visitors ..., but also because the Wanigera Christians themselves had suggested that the better-known Wedauan Eucharist was not desirable than the unfamiliar Uhir."

Sept. 8 Uiahu station in poor repair. Benjamin had built himself a new house. White ants had attacked the main timbers of the church and they were unsafe.

Benjamin's house cost 4 tarahawis labour

3lb tobacco, material

Almost all the children had left school. 30 & 40 little ones, all new, at school.

- asked for 12 to be sent next week to Wanigera as boarders.

Sept. 11 Process of building boarder's house & plans for hospital Kauwi - school girl of Uiahu, staying with friends at Raxine while she gets medical treatment.

\* JAMES BOGEGE of Yuayu too.

14 Supplies: Ambrose 2lb tobacco building material

1lb station boys' food.

Benjamin 1/6. for his new house

Samuel 4/6s repairs at Sixopa

Sept. 15 Among other supplies at Wanigala, received an argon.

19 At Tafi was a Mr Hutchinson, operating Vivian's store  
Pete at Okein.

24. William did Yuaya service and then inland to "the Maisin  
village where Yuaya people are living"

Oct. 1 Marriage of Frank Giger & Margaret Tobon. The  
heathens were allowed to attend behind a barrier separating  
them from the Christians.

12 Mr Hutchinson arrives up from Uvahu via whaleboat  
James Bugege went down to Yuaya and found that the people  
refused to send their children to school anymore. Distance problem.  
Letting them go.

13 Uvahu. Vivian's child born. Baptised James and it died  
Hutchison says 10 of Uvahu & 4 of Yuaya (including  
James) are signing on for a year

14. Bate dies. Ach walked down & did the burial.

At Yuaya the 4 now wanted to pull out of the agreement at  
the urging of their friends. "Attempts were made to induce  
them to hold to their bargaining not because the missionaries  
desire the boys to sign on, but because natives must keep  
faith with the white man, as the white man with them"  
Eventually Hutchinson took them up to see the R.M.

25-26 Some Yuaya boys coming to school. Ambrose &  
Vivian insist on returning to Uvahu after recuperating at  
Wanigera

Nov 8. Ach returns from a trip during which he discussed with  
the R.M. opening a station at "NANIEW" and also  
scouted up to 3 or 4 miles of the Mt. Victory summit.

Nov 11 Anni flogged for stealing 2 tons of meat (seems quite  
unusual treatment).

Nov. 20 Mission boarders at Uvahu:

SIRO	TAIMU	PASSI
INONI	BERUA	FOYA
FAUNA	KIMANU	BABI
GABADI	DOBURU	KAMEKA

- one stick per boy per week fixed as the food price  
- Maisin boys helping with building at W.

Dec. 3 From this time to be a daily HC.

4 Ubiro man asks if he can be a Tufi police. There are Maisin & Bindndere in A.N.C., but no Ubiro

9 Mr Hughes ~~was~~ A.R.M.

10 Women and girls kept away from services because they are afraid of being examined for V.D. Many cases in Maisin, but only one in Wanigera so far.

11 Samuel Siru & Bobogi brought up prisoners and A.R.M. held court, sentencing one L.W.U. to 14 days for stealing Mission coconuts.

17 Class begins for 12 Maisin children. Ambrose brought up ~~prisoner~~ Had girl for 5 years.

Compare with 942 Doburu, Kapuru, Riri, Gomara, Madara, Beruapi's Pauna, Gabadi, Kimanu  
Girls: Dopu, Kosira, Ambu.

Dec. 21 No special celebration.

21 Big baptism - only briefly noted.

25 109 Christians at a choral celebration

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Jan. 21 Alice daughter of Peter and Melita died and buried in new cemetery on Mission ground. Recently established by ~~the~~ permission of Bishop & Strong

Feb. 1 28 boys on station. No Maisin.

Feb. 2 8 Maisin Christians up with Ambrose & Ben  
Bishop came a couple of days later

8 News that Strong has left for medical appointment at P.M.

16 Benjamin up with 500 lb. of food grown on Mission land & destined for Dogura

19. Paul & Alexander of Uialu leave for Dogura School - 2 years. Others wanted to go but parents stopped them

March 2 Ambrose up with 2 Uialu boarders

Regular visits from Samuel, Ambrose etc who often came with a party of Christians and stayed the night.

19 Letter from Tomlinson came along coast and up by 3 Maisin boys

Miss Winterbottom holding classes for newly baptised & heathen.

April 4. Chignell finds that all of the timber in debt to Money for stores. They had said nothing about it.

Samuel £4/4/2 Ben £5/6/2

Ambrose £4/14/2

April 12 Tupe A.N.C. Bogitogi come through with various prisoners including 2 Yuayu women. "The husbands of these women come to the missionaries to protest; but after interviews with them & the police we ... only decline to interfere in "Gov business". ANC Dori dies.

18. Hayes & 9 police come in, march to the grave of Dori, H. makes a speech and 3 volleys shot off.

20 "Five Mission boys from UIAKU (INONI, GUY, WAVEKU, BAGO, BARTHOLOMEW) came during the morning & drew their money."

May 17 "Nurse Rattigan was surprised to find that VIVIEN PARRA had received former medical treatment today, a KOMARIBUN man having extracted several pieces of wood from the patient's leg. The S.S.I. teachers, especially Reuben, are quite satisfied as to the bona fides of the business."

18 Meeting of S.S.I. Ambrose without permission had started rebuilding of Uiahu church. Some talk of whether at Uiahu as at Wanigela the natives ought to keep the church repaired. Payment to 18 "signed on" men:

12 No. 1 Tomahawks, 12 10" knives; 6 lb beads,

18 Jew's harps, 18 mirrors, 2 lb tobacco

- Benjamin has left? C. said he would send down a Wanigela boy to help Ambrose out. (Apparently B. to go to Naniu)

June 15 Ambrose gets 5 lbs tobacco for roof with protest "it has been the custom for people in these villoges repair church buildings at their own expense."

July 11 Dancing been going on 6 or 7 weeks.

The people asked to dance in the station on rice & 1 lb. tobacco for doing so. 15

for evening and toparoro at 10 p.m.

Mr Westwood & Miss Sanelus visiting

14. All down at Yuayu where Ambrose p  
Naiuin (103 m + 78 w = 181)

- Aug 11 Vivian has a child. Visited next day by C & Rattigan.  
 Sept. 13 Maisin returned with boys wanted to buy calico & tobacco.  
 Told not a slave but allowed to buy 5/- of tobacco at 6 sticks  
 a shilling.  
 14 Benjamin now at Sinapa, Samuel at W.  
 15 "The mother of Agnes asked that SOSON might stay at  
 home to be tattooed. Leave & absence from school for one month  
 was granted."

VC's passing regularly to and from Tufi provided the mail  
 service.

20 First 7 Oryst boys to be signed on.

25 Ambrose's baby Henry dies.

30 Ambrose reports that the 12 "boarders" are simply sleeping  
 in the village.

Oct. 1 Miss Winterbottom finished Class IV and will do no more  
 teaching - her own desire (?!) Some sense of tension here  
 (some pictures in log book of teacher & boarders Very faint now)

Nov. 26 Bishop interviews Samuel who is fed up and wants  
 to leave the Mission & Reuben who felt that £25 p.a.  
 was not enough for a teacher with children.

Gregory Anui off to Samarai as home boy to Mr Ransley

Dec. 7 Ambrose says that 17 Maisin have been taking  
 Gin 1 year. Mr Chignell promises to visit after Xmas  
 and begin preparations for baptism.

- now gin for baptised and those preparing for 1st communion.

Dec 21 St Thomas at Wanigela. No note of Uiatu.

28 Slave had been broken into. ACK set traps to ring  
 bell in his house. Found that it was Missia boarders

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Jan 11 Ambrose asks for 2 lbs tobacco Missia use.  
 Refused as one is seem as sufficient for repairs etc.  
 Ambrose formerly was not keeping good control.

13 Joshua convicted in court of theft of Missia stores. The  
 children involved in the scheme (8) were "whipped by  
 policemen"! ages 8-12.

14 Samuel Sirai & Orererson villoger committed to trial  
 by Huges p.p.m for a series of thefts. Samuel accuses his

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wife of having an affair was a Sinaga man. All parties ordered up to Tufi

15. Chignell records a talk he had with Hughes re the above cases which is a good e.g. of problems of justice etc. pc.  
needed

Feb. 14 Ben has 40 children at school. "but AMBROSE, at Uluatu, was in his usual condition of semi-idleness, & there appeared to be no regular school hours, or considerable attendance of scholars, spite (sic) of impressive entries in the role book."

19 At Soaga Ben with 55 scholars. Quite by himself so he has left leave to take 4 boards. Given slates & pencil. Ambrose sick for a month. Station neglected. Agreed that church would be finished for £2 tobacco

March 3 Panic at Komaban because of deaths. Noses heard at night and leaves put on houses to ward away evil spirits.

31 Bishop takes station for one month while Ach inspecting & photographing Ambasi.

April 7 Dismisses Samuel Sira. Can work for the Mission only as a workman now.

15 New church at Uiahu dedicated. 10 communicants including teachers, Waniyelans etc. - any Muisi, who knows?  
42 children in school.

Series of marriages to decide on pc.

27 Chignell returns.

May 4 Engagement of Ach to Nurse Rattigan announced to the station.

Sept. 9. Samuel visits. Refuses to receive H.C. Apparently working as stove man at Tufi.

(I didn't record this but Chignell had previously complained of S's laziness on the Station and put it down to having been on his own too long at Sinaga).

Dec. 12 Samuel returns to Waniyela hired by Mr Prosser who thought S lazy and didn't trust him. Sara had a baby at Tufi and they left soon after for Sinaga. S refused to have baby baptised.

27 Uiahu boys home from Daywa for a holiday