1914

REPORT OF A PATROL BY ACTING ASSISTANT RESIDENT MAGISTRATE COASTWISE TO ULAU, HEAD OF COLLINGWOOD BAY, THROUGH DORIRI AND UPPER MUSA, THENCE RETURN DOWN MUSA, VISITING ALL VILLAGES ON THE LOWER MUSA TO GOBI AND RETURN TO TUFI VIA MAFULA AND ORELA.

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October.

Saturday 10th. Left Tufi in whaleboat at 8.45 a.m., with Lance Corporal OMBIGO, Constables KOROI, UNDARI, OTARI, BUKORA, BANAUA, DAMI, OUSI and IODA, arriving at WANIGELA 2.20 p.m.

Despatched 3 A.C., to inform the surrounding V.C's of my arrival. Issued weekly allowances. Interviewed the Reverend Fisher of the Anglican Mission. Remained the night at WANIGELA.

Distance travelled today 22 miles.

Sunday 11th. At WANIGELA. V.C's from surrounding villages reported in with carriers. V.C. ARIMA arrived with mail from BANIARA. Sent V.C. ARIMA to MAISIN villages and to have 30 carriers in readiness for me tomorrow.

V.C. NONUIS reported all well today.

Monday 12th. Despatched whaleboat back to Tufi in charge of Constable KUDUMA. Inspected villages of ORERESAN, RAINU and KUNUBUN, found all in order.

Left WANIGELA at 2.10 p.m., arriving at U-LAU, Head of Collingwood Bay at 3.5 p.m., where I commence inland Patrol. V.C's ARIMA and NOIDA awaiting my arrival with carriers. V.C. TEIKA of U-LAU laid up with severe illness. This man appears to have something eternally wrong with him as he is continually ill. Arranging loads etc, for an early start in the morning. Sentenced two MAISIN natives to 7 days for refusing to carry.

Paid ex Constable BARAGI wages due him, in W.N.L & D. H. A/C. Distance travelled to-day 3 miles.

Tuesday 13th. Left U-LAU village, Head of Collingwood Bay at 7.30 a.m, arriving at BORANDA village of 14 houses on the bank of the BORANDA river at 9.5 a.m. Found this village in a filthy condition, with long cane grass growing in and around the village. Ordered all inhabitants out to clean up, and gave strict instructions about keeping roads and village clean. V.C. TEIKA controls this village, which is only 4 miles from U-LAU, which accounts for its present state.

This man is useless, and quite unfit for the position he is holding, besides being continually ill. In recommending his dismissal as soon as a suitable man can be found to take his place. A strong man is very necessary to control these two villages of the MAISIN tribe, and to enforce regulations. After remaining 30 minutes at this village, I crossed the BORANDA river, about 50 yards wide, a little higher up from the village, and proceeded in W by S direction for about 6 miles along the bed of the BORANDA river where I lunched. After lunch I proceeded in a W by N direction along the beds of numerous creeks, and partly through dense scrub, arriving at BURUA creek at 5 p.m., where I pitched camp for the night. The travelling today has been mostly along the beds of running streams, with loose shingle making it very uncomfortable for walking, and all glad to get into camp. Heavy rain fell last night, and judging by the country travelled over today, it appears to have been a general heavy downpour. The scrub itch today was very troublesome. Distance travelled today about 19 miles.

Wednesday 14th. Struck camp at 7.30 a.m., proceeding in a W direction arriving at the WANIOKA river at 8.50 a.m. The WANIOKA at this point is about 150 yards wide, and almost stopped running. Halted for 30 minutes awaiting my carriers to come up. Continuing up the WANIOKA I passed the R.M.'s old camp, and lunched about 6 miles above where I struck this stream. A large stream called the DI-BO runs into the WANIOKA about 3 miles above where I struck the WANIOKA.