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Village, the most Easterly of the MAISIN Villages, carrying a population of 116. Classified:- Male Adults 36, Female Adults 32, Children Male and Female 48.

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MAHUA Village is built on a strip of sand between the saltwater swamps, and there is no room on it for coconut planting. I have instructed the men to clear the point between MAHUA and AIRALA (MAISIN) and plant this with coconuts. In time I expect to have a miniature coconut plantation on this point, as I think there are ~~some~~ 100 acres available for planting on this point. Of course it will not be completed for a long time, but I hope to see it done some day.

I next visited AIRALA Village of the MAISIN Tribe, with a population of 130 natives, made up as follows:- Male Adults 46, Female Adults 37, Children male and female 51. The people of this village are to clear the point from their side and in the near future meet the clearing being carried on from the other side, by the MAHUA people. Selected SIWANI of AIRALA for Village Constable. There is no V.C. nearer than UIAKU, and the villages of SINARA, SINIPARA (2) AIRALA and MAHUA need a man .

Leaving AIRALA, I pulled across to SIMIPARA -2 small villages- with a population of 119, made up as follows:- Male Adults 39, Female Adults 32, Children Male and Female 58. There is a woman in this village with 7 children. She says they are all her own, and is rather proud of it. SINARA, on a sandbank, was next visited. This village has a population of 43. Male adults 10, Female Adults 10, Children male and female 23. Coconut planting is being carried on at all villages visited today, but very slowly, and the natives must be continually reminded of this regulation. UIAKU (MAISIN) which is the largest village visited today has made the poorest attempt at coconut planting. On my arrival at this village at 4 p.m. today, the only male natives to be seen were the two Village Constables (both ex Constables of A.C.) . I asked them where all the men were, and was informed that they had all gone to the gardens to live until I went away, as they were afraid they would be put in gaol for not cleaning their village and not planting coconuts; also for wilfully disobeying my orders, and refusing to listen to the V.C. The MAISIN people are really the most troublesome on the coast, and this

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is the second time in six months they have gone into the bush on the approach of the Government whaleboat, and remained there until it left. I was unable to make a census of the population of UIAKU, owing to so many being away from the village. Camped at UIAKU.

Saturday 7th. Spent the greater part of the forenoon, getting in a few men who, I straight away, started on felling scrub. Left L.C. KURIRA, and Constables OUSI and MIKI to supervise the work of clearing the scrub. I have instructed them to arrest every man who comes into the village. The whaleboat will return to UIAKU on Friday next to pick up police and all natives arrested.

Walked along to GANJIGA and found very little has been done towards clearing land for coconut planting. Started a number of men on clearing, and left a constable to see they do something.

I next visited BUNANDO Village and found a better attempt has been made in the direction of coconut planting. The next village visited was IU-AI-U, where I found that instructions previously given by me, were completely ignored. V.C. TRIKA informed me that he could not get the people to work. Arrested 8 men, and started all other men on felling scrub, and again warned them that they would go to prison if they did not plant coconuts.

Went on to ORRHESAN, then inland to RAINU, KUMARABUN, AI-API, MURIN and AIRAM. The Reverend J.E.J. Fisher accompanied me to the last five mentioned villages. Census of AI-API:- Male Adults 10, Female Adults 9, Children male and Female 8, making a total of 27. MURIN: Male Adult 15, Female Adults 16, Children Male & Female 13. Total 44. AIRAM:- Male Adults 30, Female Adults 21, Children Male & Female 23, Total 74. After visiting the last six villages, I instructed V.Cs. NONUS and IAGIRU to clear more land and put in more coconuts. Good progress is being made with coconut planting by the natives of the WANEGELA District.

The Rev. J.E.J. Fisher has kindly consented to take the census of ORRHESAN, RAINU, KUMARABUN, IU-AI-U, UIAKU, and GANJIGA.

When taking the census of a village every house has to be gone into by myself. The V.C. is not to be depended upon, and do^{es} not seem to care whether I get a correct census. An instance:- "I sent IAGIRU into a house to see if there was anyone in it. He returned and

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said there was no one there. Mr. Fisher went into the same house and found a very old woman there. She was too old to come down. I asked IASIRUA why he said there was no one there, and he replied:-"Oh! I knew there was an old woman there, but what's the use of counting her, she too old to do anything, so why include her." He then asked me if I wished to count all the very old men and women too. I replied that I did, and was informed that we would have to start again, as he had left out a number of old people.

Issued V.O's and Village Papers to Village Constables, and instructed them to report all births and deaths to Mr. Fisher, who is keeping a record of same.

The KUMARABUN, AI-API, MURIE, and AIRAM people, encouraged by Mr. Fisher, have done very good work in road making, and I have promised to let them have some tools (old ones) to work with.

Very heavy rain during the night.

Sunday 6th. At WANIGHELA, compiling vocabularies with Rev. J.E.J. Fisher.

Monday 9th. Left WANIGHELA AT 9 a.m. and first called at PUARA of 14 houses and a population of 46 natives made up as follows:- Male Adults 18, Female adults 19, Children male & female 9. A fair sized area has been cleared around this village, but not many nuts put in owing to the shortage of seed-nuts. I am arranging with the WANIGHELA people to let the PUARA people have 200 nuts for a start. Village clean and no cases for hearing. The next village visited was IOMORIPA of 4 houses and a population of 10, made up as under:- Male adults 4, Female adults 4, Children male & female 2. A little clearing has been done at this village and 35 nuts put in. I next visited UVE of 12 houses and a population of 45, made up Male Adults 15, Female Adults 15, Children male and female 15. Arrested two men for not planting coconuts after having been warned to plant. Left UVE and proceeded to AWANINA (groups of from one to five houses along AWANINA, a fresh water creek, flowing through a very fertile valley between two spurs of Mt. FRAGALGER.) The rainfall here appears to be good, and there is generally a fair supply of native food to be had. The island of WANIVA, leased to the Anglican Mission, is just outside the mouth of AWANINA Creek.

The population of AWANINA is as follows:- Male Adults 35, Female Adults 33, Children male & female 29, making a total of 97. V.O. BOGARI