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② Chester R. Muscutt A.R.M. 25 April - 28 May

Census and tax for 1920/21 (also done in 1919/20 apparently)
- problems of multiples names for census

May 1 Marua 13 houses 77.

2 Airara 23 " 137

3 Family houses of 6/- given to mothers with 5 kids.
- sees plantations, Enthusiastic. Pts out that the former plantation workers know that with these coconuts, "they have a good opportunity to being independent in a few years' time". It is the stay-at-homes who don't understand who are the most trouble.

3rd Sinapara 16 houses 122

KAKAMA and wife BABA with 12 living children, 8 under 16 and 4 married in village 9/- to BABA
- points out mother could get bonus of 5/- for 10 years

Sinapa 4 houses 46

- Court at which 2 sent to 6 mo. for adultery - only court on patrol.

4th BERIA 4 houses 33

- members of family of KAPULI (d) survived by 2 wives, 7 sons married w/ children or grandchildren.
+ brother of KAPULI

5th UIAKU - plantation now of 240 cleared acres.

- 200 working on it at arrival

Rest House far too small - new one built by next day

Bonardo #2 4 houses 33

Canjiga 36 207 9 family houses

6th Ordered Rest house for boat crew & police

- 8 villages strung out make up Uiahu (?)

7th Fish visited

"... he admitted that missionary work along this coast has been at times very disheartening on account of the slow progress the natives were making with regard to the school church and school teaching. On being taxed he admitted that probably the Missions were going the wrong way to work or had started in the wrong years ago, in that they should have tried to teach the natives English and Motuan, in preference to trying to teach them their own

language, which is quite useless outside of their own district, also that they should have taught the natives something practical in the way of improving their houses, canoes, gardening etc, afterwards they could attend to their souls. These are also my views. As I informed Mr Fisher, by improving the physical state of the native. First, like the Government was trying to do, in impressing on the natives that they had to keep their villoges clean, houses in good repair, protect their wells, clean roads, and make their plantations, all of which in time must make some improvement in their physical life, something that the native may appreciate, whereas he apparently has not discovered what benefits he will derive from learning one of the many whiteman's religions, which may be alright, but doesn't (sic) help a great deal to fill his tummy. If all Missionaries were as candid as the Rev Fisher in expressing their opinions, then there may be hope in the future that all the Missions in this country will, more or less, combine, to carry out the same method of "educating the native physically and, if possible, spiritually."

8 Uiahu 87 (8 groups) pop. 477; 16 FB

9 Borondo #1 10 54 3 FB.

10 Yuaya - *mission school 13 65 3 FB

11 Harley at Wanigela

- Census: usual problem of names (* where can I get ahold of the lists ??)

Lots of diseased dogs at Uiahu and ved killed.

59 villoges pop. 3803

Ton 404 at 101-head

- claims that most of these could have paid L Maesin have the largest families.

"Several natives have taken a second wife on the plea that the first has not borne any children."

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① R. L. Dick ARM 4 - 18 Nov. 1921.

9th Yuayu - buying land for mission site
- plantation land & forested.

10 Bonjiga pop. 208 UC BOBOBI
Uliabu 471 GAITU

- some people gone inland "I understand they after do this,
i.e. leave the coast for a time and make a more or less
temporary home a few miles inland where the garden ground
is good."

- plantation dirty; Monday set as working day

11 Plantation others good

② A. M. Macalpine P.M. (acting) 12 - 25 Feb. 1922
- collecting tax & licensing native plantations (?)

Yuayu & Uliabu plantations poorly maintained
- apparently Sesega flooding & killing trees

③ Macdonnell (with Mr Murray - plantation inspector)
9 June - 19 June 1922.

12 Plantation being made at Kewansasapa by Moibiri
and Woiaon
- had moved there, now a good sized village

14. Visited Curuguru plantation - all working hard.

15 29 sentenced for 1 mo. NPC. at Arara
Sesega - had to abandon $\frac{2}{3}$ of area - below sea level
and now water logged - only 10 acres left
- now looking for good land

BOBOBI - one good small block east of SESEGA
told to clear it - would give total (with Barada) 20 acres

16 Yuayu - trees also dying because the ground is
unsuitable

- 1 ♀ with VD.

- Sesega quite far down the list of plantations
Kewansasapa top.

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① Macdonnell 12-19 Aug '22

16th Uiahu Bobogi complains that 10/- p.a. receives is not enough; wishes to resign to work outside & earn more
- GAITU - had bitten by wild pig and wishes to resign
- M. Says the Maisin are doing good work; credits Bobogi

Map showing Vayra River as 'Mogasi Creek.'

② Dick 13-23 Nov. '22 Inspecting venereal disease

16 - 2 V.P. at Upogun

Uiahu & boy. - some cases "we have heard there is still quite a lot of it being concealed"

- 5 girls & 1 boy; girls 12 & upwards

- all along the coast people saying 'It is at Uiahu all the trouble is.'

Note on cover says Dr Bellomy will soon visit area.

No work done at Curugwai & locals hiding. Some arrests.

- heavy rains & a food shortage.

③ Macdonnell 21/1/23 - 28/1/23

26 Uiahu Bobogi Ganjiga Wea (sic)
- everything o.k. ✓

④ Mac April 9-22, 1923 Tax.

- costs of patrol charged to Native Taxation, Trust Fund.
+ R.M.'s wages for period.

"The KUBERI (sic) are a weedy lot, and suffer a great deal from ulcerated sores, and other diseases. In physique (sic), there is a vast difference, compared with their neighbours, the MAISIN."

Not much demand for labour - scheming to get the men to work harder on the plantations in ~~the~~ lue of taxes.

14 Arara area wants Curugwai under Native Plantations Ordinance (??)

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Airora - no defaults on tax but some left supposedly to get work. Mac calls them a "sneaky cunning lot"

15 VC. GEROTOR of Sinipara

- requested bags for copra & would pay back.

"The idea is to gradually have the whole breast of Collingwood Bay, planted with coconuts."

at DUA - acre of coconuts in - Uiahu/Banjiga

Sesega - went under NPO

- more work needed before exempt from taxes

- few men at work - refused a recruit saying they would wait until tax time and go in one lot

"I know that not one man will actually go away until he actually knows the tax is about to be collected."

At Rest House overwhelmed with food:

said "Buy at any price; we have acres of taro and bananas in our gardens and we simply dying for a smoke."

Since April 1921 16 died & born pop. 480

- suspects some births not given.

17th "The natives do not attach as much importance to a birth as they do to a death, especially when the diseased is a young man." Asked Ambrose Darra to keep pop. records.

Ganj. 7 deaths 5 births

Uyayn VC BOSARU 74 pop.

1 ♀ weevil.

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Aug 15 - 27 1922 Mac

Sesega 30 acres - trying to make Maizi feel proud of plantations 5 acres marked off to do in 6 days

- most Uiahu have worked at Bitigili

- 9 bags copra ready for Sarawai

Dec. 6 - 22, 1922 Mac

Tax collecting.

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(missing 1923-24)

Aug 27

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③ Dich Feb. 1923

2 plantations along coast south of Arara 500 palms.

14th Sesega - problems with rats eating shoots of young coconuts
All villages o.k. ✓

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④ M ① 8/12/24 - 20/12/24 Mocalpine.

Sinapa VC. Lelebin

Uiahu - plantation bad order

- rh at Sesega; ordered bush to banjiga 'too far from village'!

Council: appointed WOIDA, GARE of banjiga
SIMBORO, OIRA, IARI & EBUNE of Uiahu
WARIPA of Bonando

Yaaya VC Bosoru

⑤ AC Hall 5-20 March 1925

Morua moved closer to Arara

- now gurugu plantation

- work days now Monday & Friday

Recruits there, but not able to get mag @ 5 years.

13th Sinapa - Ben left station dirty - told to clean up
& report given to Thompson

14th Suggests Banjiga might get the £5 prize for the best village

- letter from Thompson about a couple made up of a girl Madeline BILKA previously married to Holman IWE. Holman went insane so Bishop gave permission for them to live apart. The girl now wishes to marry OIRA, a Village Councillor. Told her to go to Bonando #2 until ruling given.

About the plantation: "I think the Councillors will have a good effect and perhaps on next village visit we shall see a marked improvement. The Village Councillors are apt to take their job a bit too seriously which is perhaps a good thing in a way, but they sometimes over-rule the Village Constable and upon an offence being

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committed by a person, instead of handing the offender over to the Constable to take to T.M.F.s, do the job themselves."

18 June - 24 Macalpine

No work done on Sesega so ordered all Maisin men up to Tufi (able bodied) for prosecution.

Ganjiga very neat. "The councillors here are apparently trying to get the people to improve the style of their houses, as it was noticed that they and the village constables have each built their house after the European pattern"

- Ganjiga protested prosecution but no go.

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① Macdonnell Nov 16-30,

Airora V.C. Ora
Selecting men whose job is to make copra
Ords some verandahs built.

② D. L. Pullen 8/12/25 - 17/12/25

Airora 25 houses	"Giligiti" recruiting
Marua 12 "	
Siripora 1 "	Siropa 6
2 "	Berea 4
Uiake 108 (20% without verandahs!)	Sesega @ Ganj. R.H's now!
Ud (Ganj?)	
Boranda 2 7	- plantations in very clean, good order
U-A-U 7	

- ordered verandahs previously - now making new houses
- no mission teachers.

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① A. C. Rentoul R.M. 16/1/26 - 25/1/26 'Tax'

Yungu 85 - messy esp. mission buildings - new rules that each man responsible for own two lines appeared to people; Must clean up rubbish each new moon.

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Arranged for individual working of this plantation.

"It will thus be possible to centre the responsibility upon actual offenders, instead of penalising the whole village for the sins of the few."

16/11 Purchased 3 acres for trading site for Messrs Handley & Cloy Ltd.

Airara pop. 156 VC Ora

"These MAISIN people have had a rather bad reputation in the past for slothfulness, but personally I have no fault to find with them in that direction. Perhaps their allotted tasks have in some instances been too much for them, for it is quite easy to overload such people and leave them insufficient time for their own tasks."

Morua 88

Fond Kubiri "lethargic" next to Maisin

Uialu (Wea) 513

Gonjiga (Botogai) 226

- few defaulters for taxes; Still Family Bouses.

"The Mission are (sic), very unwisely I think, re-naming all their own congregation with scriptural or English names, not half so pleasing as their own much more musical names. However their original names are on record in the Census."

② P.O. Rich Feb 16 - 25 1927 ✓

③ Rentoul 7/5/27 - 15/5/27

At Sinapa from 47 deserters from MAIMAI plantation on South coast

- stated that Overseer had been severe and Airara native had died not body found along a creek on plantation - told to Magistrate at Samarai who told them to return while he made an inspection, but they decided to tell Tuffi; Rentoul unsure whether to believe them.

Uialu - 3 minor domestic assaults; Maisin - praise for.

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① PO Rich Aug 26 - 1 Sept. 1927.

- new rh good.

Uiahu - several houses at the high water mark and
one line given permission to rebuild further back.
(line village?)

- 5 sentenced, not eating coconuts.

② Mat Alpine 12/10/27 - 25/10/27 Tax

- some kind of disease infecting some coconuts called
"pokis" by MAISIN - think that it like VD!

- trees with "cabbage pore" - had them destroyed.

③ MCW Rich March 22 - 31 1928

- Humphries now in charge?

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① Humphries 21 June - 18 July 1928

Uiahu in 5 sections; no complaints
- trouble of rats eating coconuts.

② Humphries 24 - 28 Nov. 1928

With Mr T. Nevitt went and inspected lands back of
Sinapa

- at the SAVAI river, about 8 miles in from coast

- well drained, no hills

- Nevitt thought good for rubber but not coconuts or coffee

- Sinapa good one-way & plantation could be 3 miles in

③ Hides P.O. Dec 22 - 5 Jan 1929

- taking Cape Nelson football team to Baniara - 1/10

Woman mauled by crocodile at Uiahu - 2 women ^{prisoners}
with her, pulled her away but she soon died.

- big preparations all along the coast for festivities at
Tufi at New Year

- Sinapa & Arara making plenty copra. (Jack Hides)

④ OJ Atkinson 30 May - 12 June 1929

- collected tax; latrines being repaired at Yuayn

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Agaiharbo villages (Hides 1928): Jere pude

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Humphries 4/6/30 - 23/6/30

Ganjiga - new area on beach for coconuts 660

Uiahu - (Wea) - sea encroaching badly

- people being pushed into the bush, but they don't want to go, bad mosquitos

- selected a new block in from the beach for coconuts - describes Sesega as a "dreary place" "stiff, muddy soil, often underwater" - Back of Uiahu is better locality

"Not a nice lot of people, these MAWIN - inclined to be contentious and truculent. It may be that they are backward. I think they are when compared with others along the coast here. A few generations ago they were living in the bush and hills inland. The V.C. has a trying job. Randolph (sic) the Mission teacher came along to see me, ~~and~~ said he wanted to say how sorry he was for the V.Cs. He talks with a sigh in his voice. He said he "was sorry, sorry sorry for the policemen because they people never, never, never hear their talk. They will not do it, they please always themselves. It is their fashion. They are lazy, lazy, lazy and so on. Oh, I am sorry for the policemen." I thought he was going to sympathise with me, but he didn't, perhaps he thought I needed more."

Siraya - graves between some houses.

Marua got £5 as best village in 1928

Bad floods in the area in general - Guguguru almost destroyed

- men and women had cleared up the plantation at night for his visit & Humphries upset.

Trying to arrange football games.

(* * It seems several reports are missing and special inspections of coconuts must have been made).