

Patrol Reports National Archives A736 Box 7713 27/4/83
 "Patrol Reports (Pre War) Tufi" (collected by Rata last
 year from Tufi).

6/12/23 - 22/12/23 Maedonnell To collect taxes #6 28/24

Airara - Guruguru plantation not too clean. Warned men not to
 let grass smother coconuts

Sinapa / Sinipava - clean, are close of V.D. Paid Family bonuses

Beria - as above, paid taxes

Uialu Inspected nuts at Dua & Sesoga o.l.

U-ai-U v.c. Bosoru

v.c. Nagina of KOKOA - 10 miles inland *

- 2 cases of U.D.

Sydney H. Chance Act. R/M Sinapa & return to pay land for
 Tropicaine 6/11/33 - 15/11/33 7 of 33/34

Looking into reports of "big sick" (inlhenja) at Manigela. Hard
 to know if many in Missin villages sick or died.

Sinapa: Tried to find boundary btw village & mission. Serious
 erosion @ Sinapa on $\frac{1}{2}$ acre while Missin has $2\frac{1}{2}$.

G.S. had said "the land should never have been acquired"
 but it had. Asking for 2 wheel barrows to help reclaim
 land

- traders apparently selling dark blue sulus with red ribbons
~~one being Mr Thompson~~. Warned people but or red sashes
 didn't want to prosecute.

Mr Muller manager for Tropicaine

- after surveying Missin area one man voluntarily pulled
 down his house. Rest home on Missin land - to be
 relocation "For a Govt Rest House to be on Missin ground
 does not appeal to me."

- people worried about whether they will have to relocate

"TROPICAINES have a large clump of Fairfax Hrbr
 60 cm. light rails and steel spears (some not too good!)
 on the beach. A lot of their purchase ~~is~~ is just pure
 junk! Got all pegs ready for the narrow."

Pinned 7.2 acres (mostly in mangrove swamp), only good land being Esplanade. Explained to Singa that E. was a permanent right of way - purchased, not leased.

- 2 owners asked £10 but accepted 30/- each "a very fair (far too high!) price for such a portion of land."
Mr Reilly worried about the bridging required to link wheel site with inland area.

Mr & Mrs Reilly set up camp at Buituli
"tomatoes, cucumbers growing well and not the oppressive atmosphere of the coastal belt."

Village lining to separate Mission land.
Uiahu - village clean "and natives well behaved"

Council meeting at Wanigela

- he was worried about "small girls and boys quite 'sozzled' and stupid with the after effects of this drug."

Minutes of Council Meeting #2 Wanigela 13/11/33

LAGURU of Komabu

WAIDA of Ganjiga

KANO of Ganjiga

KASAWA of BANAIU

GEVABEVA of Uhuia

OILR of Uiahu

KIBIRIS of U-AI-U

BOBOMA of Gurube

AWAU of Oresesan

BAIROBA of Rainu

"Village Constables of GANTIGA, UIAHU, U-AI-U, ORESESAN and GORUBE present in a purely non-official capacity as POLICE work not discussed at Council Meetings"

Mr. Humphries gone, Chance acting until May when Mr R. Grist will take charge.

Village Improvements

"All agree Monday morning the best time for a 'kibi' and a general clean-up of the villages, Rest Houses and Roads. Fear too much work if left until New Moon as before."

- Uiahu good 'cause filling in swampy areas with bushes & dirt - wants a clear road behind of houses

"R. M. will try to get two wheel-barrow (out of tax) for

poor unfortunate villagers of SINAPA whose area is so little. Anglican Mission have all the good land and, for all the good they do, could do with 1/10 acre as in some places in the C.D." note "Native teachers only"

Copra prices "very low indeed" 70/- a ton or 4/6 a bag
Clothes: "The wearing of singlets and dresses prohibited. Mission and other exemptions explained in full. Councillors to discourage the wearing of clothes on the upper body and report ... village constabulary"

"A Tukha General Revenue"

"Meaning of the word 'revenue'. Told it means IN MONEY. Derived from in-part duty on food, luxuries, clothing, tobacco, guns, ~~etc~~ etc., intoxicants etc. (e.g. a P.M. watch cost)

"Not plenty of IN MONEY these days therefore Expenditure or OUT MONEY must be 'cut' in every conceivable way. Told what STRICT ECONOMY means. Uniforms only issued as required not as a specific time 'right'. Desirability of 'TROPICANE' and 'SUGARLANDS' starting was discussed. The ventures will make more IN MONEY and the natives themselves will have more spending money therefore REVENUE will increase as they pay on their purchases as I do and even the Lieut. Gornr.

"Taxation money (barring the actual cost of collection) nothing whatever to do with GENERAL REVENUE, this point stressed and all the benefits pointed out to the assembly. The TAX IN MONEY box (or Bank) is kept separately and used on the natives who contribute.

"Rubber industry very hard hit. SOBERE and TIKI etc. may be forced to close, very 'no good' if they do as whites and natives lose their spending money."

Councillors are not VC and are not to pursue cases. Tell VC and he can handcuff the defendants and take them to Tufi. VC to assist travelling whites & or Medical Asst., not Cllrs.

Read in Uhir: "Councillors are supposed to be men of

importance and standing in the tribe, and, as councillors, are to have nothing whatever to do with visiting traders, etc. Already there have been complaints re Cllr ABERA of SINAPA and any Cllr so forgetting himself as to further his own ends by 'cadging' tobacco will be dismissed with ignominy.

"It is most annoying to hear the general public refer to the badge as the 'cadgers' or 'beggars' badge."

Sinapa land is JUMBEI land.

Ordinance: natives not to cut timber to 20 feet of H.W.M.

Oita of Uliaku asks: "Are we to prohibit the eating of betel nut by the very young boys and girls?"

"Answer: - 'I think it is wise taravatu you have made.'"

Little said by Cllr, but a good meeting.

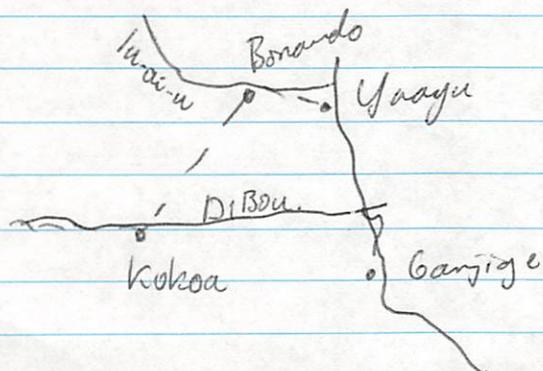
Cases at Ailala

① Begging for tobacco ABERA of Marua
Oro of Ailala

② Insolence - trying to cause disturbance at Airava rest house
Tomu of Marua
(He was apparently "laughing and jiving" in the area)

S E Reilly was "staff surveyor"

(Another patrol at home Kokoa further inland from Bonando - only 4 houses on Dibou Creek



Patrol by C Healy A.R.M. to Eastern Bardry
10 of 33/34 Top-collecting \emptyset

R. W. Crist 20-30 Sept. 1934 (damaged badly) #3 of 3-4/35

Ureku - large quantities of food brought; hurried clean up
 - Council meeting, asking that notes be kept
 Maisin o.k. but calls Leuga a clean little village
 of 12 houses "Quite a good type of dwelling as soon as one
 leaves the MAISIN group."

Installing water pumps in several villages, including Ureku

Apparently supplying books of council notes (?) in Ubir and
 wants to use to southern boundary. 16 youths capable of using
 & wants to give some to the Mission to teach with:

(Close to know what the book is about - he suggests that
 some be made up in Note for northern side - Mission near
 Buna where Mission influence is greater).

Wants improvements in the dwellings. "Building material is
 close to hand and plentiful, it is ~~so~~ simply a matter of
 overcoming the conservatism and natural inertia of the village."
 - cases brought forward were mostly about payments for
 women or pigs and could be settled out of court.

C Healy to collect tax 5 of 1934/35
 Dec 10-16

Case over a pig at Airava settled out of court when the people
 of the man who killed it brought a large gift of food to
 owner by rest house.

Ureku - large no. of defaulters. 4 men refused to
 work on Monday and were charged to pull out submerged
 coconut stamps near R.H. & brought 70 Tefi by V.C.

Tax collected up to Uve:	£ 131	0	0
Family bonus	27	10	0
Defaulters	286	with 2 months to pay.	

A.F. Cridland R.M. 13/3 - 21/3/35 6 of 34/35

Bonando (5 houses) and Banjiga (36 houses) under control of V.C. LOWOGO

- girl had been taken by a crocodile 2 weeks before as she tried to cross bridge - in broad daylight, seen by children. No trace of the girl.

"The R.H. at BANJIGA had been gaily festooned with flowers set in native made baskets, and bunches of bananas and strings of fish were hung at intervals along the verandah, giving the place a most festive like appearance. One could not but appreciate the gesture of welcome to a new Magistrate. A similar custom is observed in Milne Bay at tax time, even the approach to the R.H. being gaily festooned with shredded coconut leaves and garlands of flowers, so that one has the feeling of attending a wedding, and this feeling is intensified by the presence of the entire population standing nearby to observe the effect on me."

Uikur had own R.H! - also "festooned"

V.C. Wei & Gebari

- m/4 complained that some children were attending school. Inquired and found that one little girl had yaws on the butt & kids made fun of her. Told mother to take her to Wanigela.

- pump still going

Sinapa (10) houses. Tons of steel rails resting on the sand, at spot covered by high tide. VC LELEBIN

Witnessed papa making cut Marua. Some strange words.

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| ① paper - mulberry | "WATURA" | } Wbir? |
| ② beating log (my <u>foam</u>) | "BEBERATUTUTA" | |
| ③ narrow mallet | "KAISISIPA" | |
| ④ heavy round mallet | "KWABUGA" | |
| ⑤ black palm charcoal | "MIRI MIRI" | |
| mixed in mouth with leaf - KWAREWA | | |
| ⑥ Brush | LELEBA | |
| ⑦ red pigment - 2 trees | NAURA & MAMANA | |
| ⑧ sizes ♂ A'PA ♀ | BEBERA blankets SASABUA | |

Crid's description of tapa making - with the possible exception of the chewing of charcoal & leaves into a paste - is the same as today so not recorded here.

Cridland 14/11 - 30/11/35 Tax 5 of 35/36

At Wanigela: Adultery case. During recent trip to area the Bishop had advised two Christians who were married N.G. to separate until they could be married in the church. While the beans were being published the woman, who was staying with her mother, eloped with a former sweetheart. "A Magistrate is careful not to interfere unduly with native marriages, yet the Mission is apparently quite at liberty to do so. One also hears stories of Christian natives committing Adultery, and the husband being advised not to prosecute because the adulterer had confessed his sin and would be punished by the Mission. Of course such stories may or may not be true."

Green light lit up the sky for a moment. Later realized it was a meteorite.

Uwaya - BOSAI Village had been wiped out by a change in Lu-ai-in creek and had been built anew.

"Such is the philosophy of the Papuan that a calamity of this nature leaves him apparently quite unconcerned; he immediately sets to and builds a new village." (!)

Tax £ 1/10/0 F.B. 14/- 15 tax defaulters with 3 months to get £.

Bonando & Ganjiga Tax £10

- told each adult male to plant 10 new coconuts within 3 months - area still silking up

IAW061 died 3 weeks ago - pneumonia

Uialu - largest village in N.E.D. £ 29/10/-

F.B. £ 3/7/- B.A.D.'s

One VC died at Uialu. Will leave other part of 502 (!) Ganjiga v.c. to be SOKA

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Distributed "Council Notes" in Wedau to 3 literates
- appointed one new councillor

Sinipara F 10/101- F.B. 241-

At Sinipara the Councillor complained about *paripuri*
- sat with them "but I regret to say that in the end
I could do little or nothing to help them. Their fears
seemed to me to be entirely without foundation: they could
give me no concrete instance of any particular person having
practised sorcery - their fears were all vague and intangible,
and existed apparently only in their own imagination. Told
them I would punish any native against whom they could
produce evidence of sorcery. I think I left them feeling better
as a result of having unburdened their fears to the Govt."

Lots of yaws in area. Not fault of medical people. People
just don't think of having these treated as they are so used
to them. When pointed out to them that a shot will help their
children they eagerly take advantage.

Toa F 1761-1- F.B. F 29/181- 134 defaulters.

Says that it should be easy for everyone to pay tax making
cynna - 1000's of nuts wasted in N.R. Pltns.

Plantations are all doing well - credit to MacDonnell's good
direction and planting. Regular industry at Uewonsasap.

"As with every new innovation connected with the conservative
Papuan, one has to persevere and encourage and even threaten
in order to convince him that a certain thing or suggestion
is going to be of benefit to him."

(I wonder if as a result of reading reports like this,
Murray come to express a consensus of opinion regarding
Papuan?).

Cridland 26/3/36 - 4/4/36

10 of 35/36

The trials of the missionary: A man at Noniu had a decayed
bone which meant that the leg had to be amputated. Mrs Toy Co.

asked by Hullett to do it. So with aid of morphia she did - though she had never done this type of operation before. The man was calm throughout and after. Crid. wondered at this "One can only conclude that natives do not possess nerves of the same texture as a European."

Complains that women rarely fell the least of beatings by their husbands out of fear or simple acceptance of their lot. Papuan men rarely come to blows. In their raids they usually kill women & children.

Urugu - partly destroyed again by flood. Third time R.H. rebuilt & V.C. paid 1 stick tobacco for it (!!)
 "V.C. WEA of UIAKU died about one month ago apparently from pneumonia or some other chest complaint - he had a very distressing cough when I saw him in November - but apparently the village councillors decided that the cause of his death was 'puri-puri', with the result that on my arrival at UIAKU I was presented with an assortment of tins, bottles and packets, all of which I was assured contained poison. Got the owners of the several packages to come along and claim their possessions, and at the same time went thoroughly into the question of the alleged 'puri-puri'. With the exception of one tin, I was assured that the others contained love charms, medicine for the cure of various ills, charms for use when fishing, hunting and gardening, and for rain making; all quite harmless in themselves and a necessary part of native life. The exception, however, according to the owner's own admission, contained a poison 'masi mura-mura' prepared from the leaf of a tree which he intends to use later to 'pay-bach' for the death of his wife. He said he was only waiting to hear some 'tali' before administering the poison to the person responsible for the death of his wife. Pointed out (destroyed) ways, and sent him to goal for three months, likewise that of an accessory. One could almost hear the sigh of relief that went up from the assembled villagers at the casting out from their midst of one addicted to such evil practices? Successor to WEA appointed.

Gridland 6/12/37 - 15/12/37 7 of 37/38
tax & inspection.

Football still the rage - 18 balls issued & kept in repair.
People want a flag as in Hampshire's time.
"The flag" at present held by UIAku village, but I am
told it is rather a ragged condition."

Wanigala - a big cheer for a mother of 9 healthy children
all under 16. 5/- prize suggested (how barren
women must have felt at this sort of thing!)

19 convictions at Iu-ai-u for gambling.
People eagerly coming to the N.M.A. on the patrol teams.
SOKAI had died 5 months before. Some trouble getting a
replacement as the people thought that sorcery was killing the
VC's.

Compensation case for a man whose garden had been
destroyed. "It appears that his brother-in-law died, and in
an excess of grief the widow requested all her female
relatives to destroy her late husband's garden, not realising,
or in her grief not caring that half the garden belonged to
the complainant (sic). The women of course set to work with a
will and soon destroyed bananas, taro, etc." Settlement reached
no details.

Tox F 2281-1- K.B. £31 T.D'S F

J.B. McKenna 22/4-4/7/38 (sic)
Med. Patrol to deal with whooping cough & dysentery epidemics
(very chewed copy)

Of interest during very long patrol. Cases cured.
49 labourers signed on for Mr. Spiller at Uikaha/Konijaga
29 for mining surface & underground.
-took time to explain underground but so that they would
know what they were getting into

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Centre was definitely Wanigela with 112 cases, 9 deaths
Uiahu 29 discharge + 1 death = 30
Sinapa 52 + 2 = 54
- no dysentery outside of Wanigela.

J. B. McKenna, P.O. 14/12/38 - 20/12/38 5 of 38/39
for census.

No work on WOWO Pass Rd. for 8 months. Mer warned
& for defaulters gaoled from Uiahu/Garjige

John B. McKenna P.O. 17/3 - 26/3/39 7 of 38/39
Threats to Sinapa people to fill in swamp.
Mostly routine. - brief.

39/40 - ~~at~~ almost all Baniara, N.F.D. (!)
(Seems to have been under the charge of Tufi from 1938
Baniara A.R.M. forwarding copies to R.M.)

Diary of W.R. Hampres
8/19/31 - 18/19/31

Land Buying Colbywood Bay

Argument between H. & local owners. The owners did not know
he would be taking the grass - which they distinguished from
land. The grass they wanted.

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Angam Boxes 6402 & 6403 don't check out.

Mr DAIRI