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scrub encroaching on th inside row. In fact the whole area had a dirty neglected appearance. Continued round the beach and reached AIRALA(V.C. ORA) at 2 p.m. A drizzle had by this time become a heavy downpour.

Saturday. 12th.

At 6.45 a.m. the "Gili Gili" put in here on a recruiting trip. At 7 a.m I inspected AIRALA village of 26 houses and found the place clean and the houses good. Then went by canoe up GURUGURU creek for about an hour to where an area has been planted and should be cultivated by the people of MARUA, AIRALA, SINIPARA and SINAPA. The five rows in from the bank of the creek are advanced trees and most of them are bearing well. The area, narrow at first, gradually widens to about 150 yards. The whole place was very sloppy and "too much water" was an excuse offered for the neglect of the young plants near the scrub. Many nuts had missed and not been replaced, Young plants were more or less smothered by the grass and the scrub was encroaching on the inner row of trees. A number of the trees near the creek are bearing fine nuts. Copra makers were appointed by the A.M. recently and I distributed some bags. Returned to Rest House at 9 a.m. and held C.N.M. Rowed round to SINIPARA 1 (V.C.LELEBIH) of 11 houses and inspected the village. Most of the people were out in the gardens. Walked along beach to SINIPARA 2 of 11 houses, inspected village and held C.N.M."Gili Gili" recruiters were in both these villages. Continued along the beach and reached SINAPA of 6 houses in good repair. A raised track has now been constructed over the swampy ground leading to the village. Held C.N.M. left at Noon and pulled to BERIA of 3 houses and one going up. Many people shifted from here to MARUA and there are only a small number available for work. They are going to concentrate on the small beach plantation towards UIAKU. The area was reasonably clean. Went on to a small area of 200 odd trees, called DUA and worked by the people from UIAKU, GANJIGA and BOMANDO 2. The place was well cleaned, the trees cleared in rows and the grass brushed down in between. Many new nuts have been put in recently but there are still a number of misses to be replaced. A 9 ft. road was clean weeded throughout the length of the plantation. Crossed over to

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a much larger area worked by the same people and found the same conditionshere, the trees well cleaned in rows and the grass cut down low. The trees are medium and young and appear to be coming on well, although many have their roots in water, the land being low-lying and a half creek, half swamp, keeps the area moist. One small corner could have been cleaner-a remote area , the creek cutting it off from the rest of the plantation. A number of "misses" have to be replaced. The only trees bearing are close to the beach. Between this area and UIAKU there are a number of clumps of trees and the copra makers are to visit these regularly and collect the nuts. Both SESEGA Rest Houses were in fair condition. Pulled round beyond UIAKU to the GANJIGA Rest House, arriving at 2.45 p.m.The "GILI GILI" passed on her way to WANIGELA.

Inspected GANJIGA village(V.C. OBOGI) of 42 houses, built of uniform design and well aligned. Quite a number of the houses have a small movable section of the thatching propped up to serve the purpose of a chimney. The village was clean and the houses very fine,

Sunday, 13th.

Inspected UIAKU village (V.C.WEA) of 108 houses and found nothing wrong with the exception of 2 or 3 houses without verandahs. The owners, sick men, were given extra time to complete the work. Issued copra bags, stressed the duties of the copra boys and urged all the people to co-operate, as the returns would belong to them. Held C.N.M. The "Gili Gili" is still cruising about the Bay and a number of boys have put off from here in canoes.

At 9.30 a.m. walked along the beach to BONANDO 2. of 7 houses. The area between GANJIGA and this village is planted with coconuts and consists of young and medium trees. The land is low and well watered, at times just one sheet of water. Most of the very young plants are protected from the pigs and appear to be growing well. I could find nothing wrong with the houses. At 10 a.m. we pulled around to IU-AI-U (V.C. BOSARU) arriving at 11.15 a.m. Inspected the area of the IU-AI-U people along the beach towards UIAKU-4 rows deep and the whole area about 7 acres so far. The nuts are mostly very young and still have the

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protecting fence. The V,C. complained of the ravages of the rats, but was told to keep on re-planting. The ~~pxk~~ plantation straggles towards the end and many "misses" were noted and the V.C. instructed to replace. It is a typical beach area only that the inevitable creek doesn't spill over as much as most. Just inside behind the village on the BOMANDO road, a small area is planted, but it has fallen out of favour, the people admitting having neglected it. As there are very few men available and the beach area and other work will keep them busy, they were given a chance of cleaning the inside patch by the time I visit next month on my way to the Upper Musa. IU-AI-U village is comprised of 7 houses. When the R.M. was here recently he ordered many owners to put verandahs on their houses. They evidently didn't like a new verandah on an old house, so here commenced a row of new houses with provision for verandahs. The Mission School has not teacher at present. Two copra bags were appointed and 1 bag issued.

Monday, 14th

Left IU-AI-U at 6,30 a.m. and pulled along to ORUKSAN(V.C.Robert KIGO) of 34 houses.Between these two villages there is a small beach area worked by the people of ORUKSAN, KALU and LOMABUN. It was clean and the plants are coming on well. The work of repairing houses and making verandahs, ordered by the R.M., had been carried out with the exception of the house of a widow and one whose owner was sick. Walked through to KALU, same V.C., of 25 houses in good condition, much repair work having been carried out recently. The Officers Rest House is a good one, but the police building has to be renovated. Went in to KOMABUN(V.C.Allen NAKO) of 26 houses. Some are still w without verandahs. This village has a small area under young coconuts and it was dirty, the grass brushed down hurriedly throughout. There was no clean weeding of rows as instructed and the scrub was crowding many of the plants. The big company area was reached next and a little work had been carried out here. However the greater part of the plantation showed neglect, no clean weeding, grass brushed down, young plants hampered by overgrowth, nuts missing and scrub encroachi on the outer trees. The area is almost swamp and the people