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GOVERNMENT SECRETARY PORT MORESBY 28-SEP 1927

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PATROL REPORT.

STATION NUMBER. No.3-27/28. N. E. D.

CAPE NELSON. N.E.D. STATION.

REPORT OF A PATROL made by P.O.Rich to

UIAKU, Collingwood Bay. for the purpose of

General Inspection of Plantations & villages & etc.

Left Station on 26th August 1927 Returned to Station on 1st September 1927

Number of Carriers employed 4 (Crew) Number of Police taken Sgt & 5 A.Cs.

Name of Vessel used and of Officer in Charge District Whaleboat No.4.

Villages visited UYI, GIGORI, ANAGA, PAMERABAN, MAMANIARA, PUABA, UIAKU, SISIMOTU, GANJIGA, BONANDO, UI-AI-U, RAINU, ORRERESAN, KOMABUN, AI-AFI, GURUBI, WOMARI, LOMONIARA, GERARA, SIMUMU, AWANINA Group, KAMANI, BAGUBU TURIBI, KABUBU, SINAPAPA 1 & 2, UTUKWAPU, SIU, JEBO, TAINABUN, & LAUKURA.

(1) A sketch map of the district patrolled should accompany the report, showing, as nearly as possible, the positions of the places visited and a copy is to be made for filing on the station. The map is to be furnished whether the patrol is in a well-known district or not. If the patrol is over a route for which a map has already been sent in, a second map is not necessary. A reference to the previous report will be sufficient. If the patrol is over a route of which part has already been included in a map, a suitable sketch should be sent to enable the other places to be added to the previous map. For uniformity the map must occupy one of two sizes of paper—either the size of a half-sheet of ruled foolscap or the size of a whole or double sheet.

(2) In the body of the report the name of the village should be followed by the name of the V.O. The number of houses and the population, as nearly as possible, should also be stated. The customs of the natives should as much as possible be noted and reported.

(3) The Patrol Report is to be enclosed in this jacket, which, properly filled in, is to be sent to the Government Secretary immediately after each patrol.

(4) The space below is not to be written in.

(5) The cost of the patrol must be shown within, in the space provided.

4065/11.28.—1,500.

Forwarded to the Government Secretary.

Date 6th September 1927.

Officer in charge of Station.

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Articles.	Quantity taken on Patrol.	Quantities Issued and Value. Police.	Crew.	Others.	Total Used.	Government Cost. £	s.	d.	Returned.	Remarks.
Rice	120 lb	60 lb	20 lb	40 lb	120lb		2	6		
Biscuits	40 lb	20 lb	20lb		30 lb		16	3	10 lb	
Meat	12 lb	12 lb			12 lb		7	9		
Sugar	3 lb	3 lb			3 lb			9		
Tea	½ lb	½ lb			½ lb			6		
Soap	2 lb	1½ lb			1½ lb			5	½ lb	
Tobacco	16 lb	1 lb	8 lb	8 lb xx	11 lb	1	6	7	5 lb	xx. Includes. V.Cs, Councillors, Hire of Canoes, Payment of R.Hs, and P.N.F.
Matches										
Kerosene										
Tents										
Flies	1								1	
Lamps										
Buckets	2								2	
Kerosene Cans	1								1	
Knives & Sheaths										
Knives, 18in.										
Knives, other										
Belts										
Pouches										
Print										
Twill										
Handkerchiefs										
Beads										
Mirrors										
Axes										
Half Axes										
Tomahawks	2								2	
					TOTAL £	3	14	9		

NOTE.—When an article such as a tent is issued, but is returned for future use, the value should not be entered.

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REPORT OF A COASTAL PATROL TO UJAKU, COLLINGWOOD BAY. by P.O.Rich.
General Inspection of Plantations, Villages & etc.

Friday, 26th August 1927.

Under instructions from the A/R.M.N.E.D., I have to report that I left the Station at 8.30.am., in District Whaleboat No.4., accompanied by Sgt GAIBERI and 5 A.Cs.

Pulling against a light S.E., Hardy Point was reached at 11.30.am., and after pulling clear of the reef at this point hoisted the sails and reached the A.M.S.Station at MANIU at 3.pm.

Called on the Missionary in Charge and signed on one N/B for the Mission and then left at 4.pm. Travelling under canvas, with a fresh S.E., on our quarter, we reached UVI an hour later and camped in the R.H. which was in excellent order.

Inspected the adjacent village, GIGORI and found it in good order and the surroundings clean.

Saturday, 27th August 1927.

Heavy showers fell during the night and early morning, these continued till 8.am., when, accompanied by the Sgt, the N.R. Plantation and following villages were inspected.:- MANAGA, FAMERABAN, and MAMANIARA. The villages were found clean and the houses in fair order. The N.R.Plantation, with the exception of several small sections, was found in good order, as the natives responsible for the neglected areas were absent at the gardens, instructed the V.C, AGESARI, to have them all brought down to the R.H, when they will be dealt with on my return journey.

Returned to the beach and inspected UVI village, finding the houses in fair order and the surroundings clean.

Moving on at 10.30.am., FUARA, V.C.KOIDUNA, was reached at 1.pm. On landing we found the village deserted, with the exception of pigs, and repeated calling failed to bring any one in.

The houses were found in good order and the surroundings fairly clean. On inspecting the small Plantation close to the village, found that it had not been cleared for some time, so will pay them another visit on my return journey when the natives responsible will be dealt with.

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Saturday. 27th August 1927. Cont'd.

Left at 2.pm., and hoisting the sails to the S.E., which had freshened up, during the morning, UIAKU was reached at 6.pm. V.Cs.WEA and BOBOGI of UIAKU and GANJIGA reporting on our arrival.

Camped in the R.H, which was quite a well built and substantial structure, a new one having been erected since my last visit.

Sunday. 28th August 1927.

Accompanied by the Sgt and V.Cs.WEA and BOBOGI, the N.R. Plantation on SESEGA Creek, worked by the UIAKU and GANJIGA natives was inspected and with the exception of 5 lines, was found in excellent order. Returned along the beach and inspected UIAKU village. Several lines of houses are practically now on the H.W. Mark as a result of erosion and permission was granted to the owners of one line, to re-build their houses further back from the foreshore

Several houses were found wrecked by the recent heavy weather, and as the rubbish had not been cleared up, issued the necessary instructions to the V.C., and villagers.

On returning to the R.H., held C.N.M, the 5 natives responsible for the negeloted lines being convicted and each sentenced to 14 days I.H.L.

Sent the whaler along to BOMANDO,whilst accompanied by the Sgt and V.C.BOBOGI, inspected the latter's village, GANJIGA, finding it in a very satisfactory condition, then walked along the beach to BOMANBO(V.C.BOBOGI), which was also found in good order,with the small N.R.Plantation adjoining well cleared.

Moving on by whaler UI-AI-U was reached at 4.pm. V.C.BOSAHU reporting on our arrival. Found the village clean and the houses in fair order, a new R.H and Police Barracks have been erected since the last visit, which were paid for.

Monday. 29th August 1927.

Inspected the N.R.Plantation on the foreshores adjoining the village and with the exception of one line found same in a very satisfactory condition and the nuts doing well. Held C.N.M., and then moved on by whaler at 9.am., and reaching WANIGELA at 10.30.pm., V.Cs. KISO and HAKO reporting.

Inspected the N.R.Plantation and found the lines all well

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cleared. The nuts in the first section of this area appeared to be doing well whilst those in the back areas did not appear so healthy, a large area of the back section being more or less a swamp. The following villages were also inspected and found satisfactory.:- RAINU, OREREBAN, KOMABUN, AI-AFI, and GURUBI.

Most of the able-bodied men were absent burning off grass country, there being a shortage of food in the district.

The bridge over KOMABUn Creek had been rebuilt as instructed and was in good order, a new R.H., had been erected since my last visit and this was paid for.

Left at 3.pm., and travelled under a light S.E., till dusk when the wind died out, lowering the sails we moved on under the oars and reached UVI at 8.pm., after experiencing some very heavy down pours. A.C.BAU-ORO who was following in a canoe with prisoners arrived an hour later, they having sheltered at PUARA.

Tuesday. 30th August 1927.

Held C.N.M., UVI and PUARA natives, for neglected sections in their respective Plantations. Inspected SISIMOTU, V.C. AGESARI and found the area well cleared and the houses in good condition. Moving on by whaler WONARI.V.C.WAIMANI, was reached at noon. Found the N.R.Plantation in excellent order, the best that has been inspected so far, and the nuts doing very well.

If these natives keep the area in the condition it is, and I think they will, they will have no difficulty in winning the prize for the Best Plantation for 27/28. The V.Cs villages, WONARI and MOMONIABA, which are in the area, were in keeping with their well kept Plantation. Moved on to GERARA.V.C.WAIMANI, and found the village clean and the houses in good order, from here sent the boat on ahead to AWANINA, and travelling up SIMUMU Creek inspected the small village at the head of the Creek. This comes under the control of V.C.WAIMANI, and like his other villages was found clean and in good order. Reached AWANINA at 5.pm., V.Cs.ARI and BAGA of AWANINA and MAMANI reporting.

Heavy rain commenced to fall shortly after our arrival and continued into the night.

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Wednesday. 31st August 1927.

Held C.N.M., a minor assault case that V.C.ARI reported and then sent the whaler on to KABUBU.

Inspected the Plantation and found the area clean and the nuts doing well. The AWANINA group of villages under V.C.ARI, consist of the following:- ITONAMATA 1 & 2, FORAFORA, KARAWAUN, FAKU, FOWIBAKU, TAUBENANA and GURIBUNA, the majority consisting of two or three houses, the villages being scattered through the Plantation, all these were found clean and the houses in good repair.

The climb from the Valley to KAMANI, whilst not so very long is stiff the whole way, althought the view from the top is well worth the climb. From KAMANI the track led down the ridge and passing through BAGUBU and TUBIBI we reached KABUBU, on the point at noon, all these villages are under the control of V.C.DAGA and were found in good order and the track connecting them up well cleared. Crossing the small fiord in the whaler SINAPARA 1 & 2 were inspected with a small area between the villages, everything being found in fair order, these being under the control of V.C.BIRI who reported.

Moving on against a fresh S.E., UTUKWAPU, V.C.ISIVI, was reached at 4.pm. Found the Plantation in splendid order and the nuts looking very well, quite a number are just coming into bearing.

Crossed the fiord to the V.C's village, SIU, and as on previous visits found the area nice and clean and the houses all in good repair. Reached JEBO, R.H., at 5.30.pm., and camped, V.C. GORTOR reporting. Heavy rain commenced to fall shortly after landing.

Thursday. 1st September 1927.

Inspected N.R.Plantation and found all lines well cleared and the nuts looking well, the V.Cs village was also inspected and found in fair order. Moving on with a fresh S.E., a call was made at TAINABUN and LAUKUBA and the Station reached at 11.am., both of the latter villages are under V.C.GOROTOR, and were in good order.

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General Notes on Patrol Report No.3-27/28.N.E.D.

PLANTATIONS.

All of the N.Reg Plantations between Tufi and UIAKU were inspected on this patrol, and all were found in good order with the exception of the small 'company' at PUARA, the natives responsible being convicted and sentenced to 14 days I.H.L.

The nuts on the majority of the area appeared to be doing well, quite a number of the trees on the UTUKWAPU area are begining to flower and some are already bearing.

The area at WONARI was the best kept one found this trip, with UIAKU, AWANINA and UTUKWAPU next, there being very little difference between these three.

R.Hs.

All Rest Houses and Police Barracks were found in good order, New R.Hs have been erected at the following villages, UIAKU, WANIGELA, and UI-AI-U,a new Police Barracks also having been erected at the latter village.

V.Cs.

All these men appeared to be carrying out their duties in a very efficient manner, V.Cs.KISO, BOBOGI and WAIMANI of RAINU, GANJIGA and WONARI, being the most conspicious in this respect.

VILLAGES.

All village area were found well cleared and the majority of houses in real good order. A number of houses at UIAKU had been wrecked in the recent heavy weather and permission was granted to the owners to re-build further back from the foreshores, which are suffering badly from erosion.

Cape Nelson. N.E.D.
6/9/27.

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