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Feb. 9 Mrk. arrives with Miss Tomkins, Hayman & Gibbons

(D) Taylor came during March. ?)

March-April Whooping cough on station & through villages.

Trying to isolate station cases. Dysentery too.

120 children infected, 16 died

June 26 Man died of pyaemia in Oreresan.

"In the evening Ezechiel and Michael went to the people to comfort them & remind them that they are Christians (sic) & that Christians do not mourn as heathen. The people listened to the teachers and there was no further wailing or trouble."

29. St. Peter's Day. Big dance of 80 men. Mission provided 1 bag of rice & 40 sticks tobacco "as usual"

July 28. Crocodile killed on the beach.

Aug 1 Uiahu teachers report school closed because of whooping cough

17 6 deaths reported from Uiahu by teachers, so Miss Tomkins to go there

18 "Michael Uirai is in trouble with everybody at Uiahu" no details!

19 Michael off to Tufi with 2 policemen. Clement of Uiahu sends a letter asking for him back

20 Michael & teachers back to Tufi

- whooping at Uewonsaaf & Livingstone closed school & asks for medicines

"He also reports Asisi business at Uiahu - the people wanting to spirits & making feasts to them."

27 Taylor with Miss Tomson & Miss Kent arrives to take over station.

Sept. 4 Holiday for hunting on the station.

Oct. 5 Miss Tomkin Febering Guild.

Nov. 3 Olga Ivoroba died of whooping cough

Dec. 11 Bishop installs Taylor as priest in charge

With Jennings they go to Uiahu. There a deputation requests that village people be allowed to buy in Mission stores. Bishop says no.

12. New church dedicated at Siraqa.

Dec. 21 St. Thomas 165 Communicants.

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Monday 30th Teachers:

Uwonaesaf: Livingstone & Copland

Sinapa: Frederick Uvahu, Sinclair

Uvahu: Ezechiel, Hubert, Cyprian

Wanigela: Fred. Boya there.

* no station at Eroro then. Did they have a church even?
(check the record book for baptism times).

- week's course for teachers at Wanigela

March
Aug - beginning of month Randolph Nanuri joined as assistant priest

- John Livingstone Yaciri (of Raiu) ordained priest
(after this Randolph visits South the most!)

May 25 June 25 (trouble on the 19th)

Local councillor of Kororua went to Yuayn and brought back news that the people were preparing a raid and had shouted insults. The "quonh" at Oreresan was blown & all the men got into war paint with their clubs & prepared to fight. As they marched towards Yuayn Taylor who was working on the beach saw them & gave chase in the "Tono". About a mile above Yuayn he drew a line along the beach and promised government punishment to anyone who crossed it. The crowd was excitable and hard to restrain. Allowed V.C.'s and Councillor to go to Yuayn to sort things out. Someone hit someone and the crowd surged. About 14 got through while Taylor, his cook boy, & 2 councillors held the rest back. The trouble was over at Yuayn by the time they reached there.

- reported 14 men. Court on June 22 and 87 men convicted. 14 - 2 months; 53 - 1

Dec. 2 J Saltzman arrives on 9th goes to Eroro with Taylor
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March 31 Cold. retiring as P.M. in June (30th) and will start a plantation at Uve

May "Uve school has closed ~~the~~ owing to lack of assistance from the people" no details.

July 1 Uve plantation now 'opened'

Sept. Jack Saltzman administering Wang while Taylor is on short leave.

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Sept. Drought conditions with gardens in bad shape & people making
sago.

Dec. Fr Randolph preparing confirmations at Uiatu

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Oct. Dorothy Tomkins returns as nurse

Randolph & two parageists went into Musa for 2 week trip
to 'Porici'

Dec. Good crowd St. Thomas Day Tomkins, Randolph & teachers
went down for it

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Jan 20 "Bishop arrived. Meeting with the Ogababada in which
he laid down the law about Sunday. In no circumstances should
Christian people garden, fish or hunt on Sunday."

"-18 Mr Anderson collecting taxes.

Feb. 27. Bishop arrives and tells of emergency precautions etc.

Teachers put on 1/2 time & wages Sunday & 2 1/2 other days.
(Before Jan 26 information that complete evacuation ordered &
Samarai deserted)

27th Radio from Bishop - young women should leave

28th " " " Mission to carry on at all costs.

29th Taylor goes to Tufi to arrange passage for his wife.

30 Pt Wanigela helping Government dry sago for returning
plantation workers.

March 2 Fr T. collected Solomon from Noniu and they go to
Tufi. Agree on possibility of emergency evacuation, P.M.
to put store of supplies in Musa area.

10th News that Bishop machine gunned & bombed at Bena

11th Mrs. Taylor gave birth to a son

14th Natives don't want to build refuge at Kivia (?), but own
country

15th Sili selected as refuge and house built there. Stores
mostly shifted there.

April 13 P.M. arrives looking for crew of plane force landed
near Tufi - Americans

14th Taylor etc looking behind Uiatu - later learned about
landing was near Foru

17th Arrived at Seba in time to see Tufi bombed!

June 7th "visited ? Uiatu spotters who are to make
headquarters near Wanigela"

19th. Hudson Broker made a forced landing near the Koraif track

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crow was alright.

22 Village cleared a runway of 200 yds.

- later second Hudson landed & talk about an emergency airstrip.

July 5th standard added to the school.

Last days of July several fighters landed or tried to.

21 "This is the day of the Japanese invasion of Buna & Buna."

"(This book, together with other books of importance, is now to be kept in a place of security and the log will be kept elsewhere and later entered up here). 25/7/42 DJ T.

25/10/43 "This book and others were brought back to the station from the 'hide-out'."

Great deal of movements during these months. Patrol carried out. School off and on. Once closed because backfire of passing bomber frightened the children. Bishop there 2 times; once to baptize the child, John.