

July 21 - Aug 11

Fr. Rancolph visited the outstations and the villages of the Benigiani hills. He went as far as Bibitan. He was well received. Sister Lombino was to have gone with him but the war situation made this inadvisable.

21st. This was the day of the bombardment and invasion of Gona & Buna.

28th. Warrent's office Robinson placed on guard at Taylorfield

30th. Felijeli arrived with benigians for Taylorfield. He had an escort of fighter planes. On board were the Hojjud, Bented, and Beharel and 3 canoes at the same time.

August 2nd Fr. T. visited Vanis. Returned the following day.

16th. Rev & Mrs R. H. Newman arrived from Eroro having walked via the Mura R. The Newmans had to leave their station owing to the threat of Japanese interference. Their station was later ~~recovered~~ recaptured on two occasions. It was decided that Mrs Newman should remain at Wanigela while

Mr. Newman returned to work in his district.

- 19th. Fr. Newman, J. Schymer left with D.F. 5 in the Adelaid for Navin. D.F. 5 returned to Wanigela.
- 23rd. Sunday services better attended today than for the last few weeks. No fighters pursued over. The first one at Wanigela.
- 18th. Sister left for a medical trip to Linape.
- 25th. Heard that Japs had landed at Fona, 10 miles north of Lufi.
- 26th. Closed the school and made preparation for evacuation. Sent extra stores out and ladies prepared to sleep out in bush huts. Later heard that Japs barges were destroyed and immediate threat to Wanigela was lessened. Ladies decided to remain.
- 27th. Heard that Jim Behrend & L. Newman were on the Olusa. In the afternoon Sergeant Tom Riley arrived. He had parachuted from a B.26 and had been 19 days in the bush. He had sore feet & legs.
- 27th. Ladies visited the dump. J.B. & L.N. arrived

Heard news of the Sangara and Ivisito  
missionaries, Capt. Custer, & W.O. Pitmead  
They were reported to have been betrayed to  
the Japs by natives and led, by force  
to Buna. Capt. Custer was then killed.  
Sisters Branchley & Lachman imprisoned,  
no definite news of Rev. V. Reddick, and  
J. Duffell & Pitmead.

On hearing this news it was decided that  
it was essential for Mrs. Taylor & John St.  
leave the country, as 'hide out' might be  
betrayed. Mr. Newman decided to leave  
also. Sister Tomkins wished to remain.  
Mr. Newman decided that it was unwise  
to return to the Croco district as it would  
probably involve the native people in  
trouble. S.J. decided that in the event of the  
Japs coming further down the coast his  
remaining would also involve the Dani people  
in trouble. It was therefore decided to  
that the white men & S. J. should  
retire to the hills if events got worse. Mr.  
Salymann would join them there. It was  
decided that Mr. Newman should take

stores four days journey and established a  
camp, then return to Wainjela and assist  
in the work there.

J. B. sent a runner to Port Moresby asking  
for transport for the ladies & T. Riley. In the  
event of a plane not arriving on Friday,  
it was decided that D.J. should take the  
party inland to Abau. J. B. offered to arrange  
for 35 carriers for the party. One or two days.

28th. D.J. & Sister S. went to dump for stores.  
Heard of Jap landing in Milne Bay. Later heard of  
Jap about to advance on Lupi and that  
all white men. Also that the Government  
were leaving Lupi for Collingwood Bay. D.J.  
advised Sister S. to leave with the other  
ladies. No plane arrived. D.J. gave teacher a  
supply of tobacco. It was decided that all  
white people should leave Wainjela in  
order not to embarrass the Government  
Officers. J. Belyman joined the party.

29 Party, including D.J. Mrs S. & John, Mrs L.R.N.  
& wife, Sister S., J.B. and Sergeant Riley,  
left Wainjela at 7 am. with stores & baggage.  
Picked up extra carriers at Yu-an-yu.

1.30 pm arrived at: Kokoou and stayed the night.

30th (Sunday). Had celebration. Had a difficult walk to the next rest-house Avari 8 am - 4.30 pm.

31 Walked to next rest house 7.30 - 1.30 pm.

Sept 1st. Walked to Ubo, 6 am - 9 am. Later Ubo to Obea 1 h. 30 min.

2 Remained at Obea sorted stores.

3. Celebration. 29.9. R.L. N. & J.S. left for 2 hours with stores. Rest of party proceeded to Ubo.

Arrived at Sapia 8 am - 10.30 am.

4 Left Sapia at 7.20 arrived Bofedi (via Bibia) 10.30. Left at 12. for Okeu No 2 3.30 pm. no rest house.

5th. Left Okeu 8 am. arrived Okeu 10.30.

(Sun) 6th. Left Okeu 7.20 arrived <sup>Aimari</sup> 1 pm. Saw the wreck of ex 'B' of 'D'.

7th. Left Aimari 7.20. Climbed over the range at about 5,000 ft. arrived at Detarna 4.20.

8th Left Detarna 7.30. Camped at small native 'lean to' on the track at 5 pm.

9th. Arrived Aman Phosion Station Sat 3 pm.

Received by the natives in charge and were given about 2000 hospitality.

- 10th. Arrived at Suram on the coast in Hissor  
whale boat. too late to go on to Abou.
- 11th. Sailed to Abou. Shift on same boat a  
mile from station. Station launch came  
out. Arrived 2 p.m. Met by Capt. Lambert.  
D.J. developed dengue fever.
- 12th. Left Abou in station launch for Port Moresby  
D.J. still very sick.
- 13th. Arrived at Kapa Kapa.
- 14th. " " Port Moresby. Ladies went  
on board the Montoro. Met the Bishop. D.J. I  
stayed with the Bishop at Government House.
- 17th. D.J. went to Corp H.Q. met General Russell  
& Intelligence officers. In the evening had a  
meeting of press reporters. Decided to suppress  
all news with reference to missionaries.  
Spent afternoon on board Montoro.
- 18th. Montoro sailed at 2 p.m.
- 19th. D.J. left on board 'Cairado' for Abou.
- 20th. Arrived Abou & met G. Vassan and  
J. Salpicaeus.
- 25th. Took up temporary residence at  
Robinson River Plantation at the invitation  
of Mr. F. L. Clarke, manager (not in  
residence).

( Rev. R. L. Nasson's account of events from  
Sept. 3rd to Sept. 23rd. That is from the time  
that S. J. left for Port Streeby with the ladies  
until S. J. & R. L. & J. E. met again at Abau.)

Sept 26th. Decided to live with simple rules as  
a community. Rules were that we say  
the daily offices, have silence for a few  
minutes at 12 noon (Wed & Fri. to say Letany)  
and to say complines at night.

Sept 29 Sunday. Masses & Mass at 6.30.

1 28th Daily routine.

1 29th S. Michael & All Angels Mass 9.0. Daily routine.

1 30th 5th Oct. Moved back to Abau with the hope of  
meeting the Bishop.

Oct 11th. Returned to Robinson River to collect our  
possessions.

12th. Luggers proceeding to Melas Bay called.  
Newman decided to go to Melas Bay but  
later changed his plans & remained.  
W/o Moses proceeding from Port Horeby to  
Tupi arrived at Abau. It was arranged  
for D.P. & J.S. to accompany him. Inefficient  
carriers for Newman to proceed also.

17th. Left at 5 am for Butogwein Plantations.  
Later proceeded to a camp eight miles  
inland.

18th. Proceeded, contacted by falloway. Slept  
in the bush.

19th. Again contacted Sgt. J. Camped at  
Kisari.

20th. Camped on creek.

21st. Camped on Waveren creek.

22nd. Reached & camped at Hilimisi

23rd contacted W/O Robinson at O-bea and  
proceeded to Ufo & camped with him.

24th Passed ~~the~~ Bernando's rest house  
and camped at W/O Robinson's  
heavy ruin.

25th Camped on Bernando's creek.

26th. Reached Wauyala after walking through  
flooded country.

Found Wauyala station occupied by A.S.G.A.  
and H.Q. of American Battalion. 2nd/10th  
A.S.G. occupying Aerodrome. Huts <sup>now</sup> being  
used as Hospital, Hissis House as H.Q.  
and Dispensary as Sergeants Mess.  
Schools housing native labour. All  
the Hissis property properly preserved.

S.J.F. & J.S. invited to stay in Hissis House.

27th. S.J.F. & J.S. visited 2nd/10th Bn H.Q. & met  
Col. Hobbs.

28th. J.S. proceeded to Nanis. S.J.F. started

to prepare living quarters in the vestry  
of church but Col. Hal. of U.S. Army  
invited him to remain in Mission House.  
20th. Collected & looked school property.  
Nov. 2nd Newman arrived. D.J. visited people  
in the gardens.

6th. Newman & remaining Americans left  
for Pongani.

Lt. Pollard joined the Mess at the Mission  
House which now consisted of D.J., Lt. G.  
Andersen, Capt. Lemphy & Lt. Pollard.

D.J. worked on the Acllaidia.

17th. D.J. went to Nauru in the Acllaidia. He collected  
there on Wed. & returned to Wenzels with J.S.  
brought fish weighing 55 lbs.

Very Sammanan (Lt.) Fuller & Pilot office  
Scrip stayed on their way to Suva.

20th. Fuller & Scrip returned.

26th. Took Salyman back to Nauru.