

Feb. 1938 Whopping cough - 120 children of whom 16 died

Mission closed at Wong. July 21, 1942 (Invasion of Bura)
opened 25/10/43 - records hidden away.

Dec. 27, 1943 " 2.30. Volcano behind Uiahu blew up. Everybody, including white staff very frightened. A great column of smoke rose to between 10,000 & 15,000 feet in a few seconds, accompanied by a great roar. Very fierce lightning was observed ransing down the smoke to the volcano. People fled to Komaban - some to Keppel Point. Later all the Uiahu people arrived at Wonigela. Twenty minutes after initial blow out small stones (compressed mud) about the size of a pea started falling. Later these gave way to grit which in its turn gave place to cokes. Ash fell all night. At Uiahu the stones were the size of pigeon eggs. Ashes fell on Tufi which also got rimes. No one was hurt."

28 At Uiahu had 1 youth & 3 old men; brought one old man back; 1 mile visibility (Hugh Andrew)

March 4 1944 - visited volcano with ADO. ↓

Nov. 26 1944 - Vicent Mor at Uiahu with Rob Roy

Dec. 2 - Friedrich reports Singoa people difficult - no

Dec. 21 ^{p. 175} 70 communicants S. T. day

- station well cared for & children disciplined
- catechumens not advanced enough for baptism, put off till later.
- people asked if they could be excused from Tufi dance.

Dec 28 "Singoa seems in a bad way. Friedrich does not have much influence with the people. Most of them gone to Tufi for the dance, including all the Church counsellors. The church roof almost completely gone. Fortunately the sanctuary end is sound. The school roof is also bad."

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Jan 1-2 Visit to Singoa and Uiahu - great trouble getting transport; people out in the gardens and those

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who were ~~at~~ around didn't want to help. Fredrich disappeared once the convoys got to Uiahu.

May 13. 11 couples married NG style to be blessed.
Donald-Tulia; Sergius Paulus - Bonaris; Edward - Chrisander;
Timothy - Iva; Winto-Evangelina; Edwin - Jessie;
Richard - Vivian; Harry - Frieda Irene; Robert - Irene;
Anstine - Rhoda; Selwyn - Cecil (sic)

18 - Sinapu agrees to build new church (more trouble with crews)

June 6 Letter from Vincent Moi setting out charges against Rob Roy
7 Charges - (1) ill-treatment of wife

(2) Sent boys out to do his fishing and to wash in his garden in school days

(3) "Took money from children who had stayed away from school. 18/- in all. It seems that from the time of Livingstone it has been the practice at Uiahu to fine all children who were absent for more than three days. This used to be paid in food, but lately they have been bringing money. Told the councillors this was not the practice rule of the mission and the practice must stop." - gave money back
- council said they would support R. R.

July 4 Uiahu - Dunston dying

St. Clai & Rhoda separated due to improper marriage

"Saw Sihama re Greta's marriage to Bogata of Yuyayu. Greta wants to marry Ansem who is willing to make the customary payment. Sihama insists on Greta marrying Bogata, a heathen man already married to Jocelyn of Wouigela. Told Sihama I would oppose the marriage and that if Greta did not wish to live with Bogata she need not do so, in spite of New Guinea custom. It appears that her brother, John Hunt, has married a sister of Bogata and he wants Greta in exchange. Sihama taking Greta to Tafi on Thursday to get the P.O.'s opinion. Why I don't know because unless Greta objects the P.O. must allow her to marry Bogata. Ansem has already slept three nights with Greta. Put his mind discipline for 3 months"

- referred to as 'mixed marriage'

- Aug 5. Jason had married Guma NG. - had married a Gona girl but she refused to go to Uiahu - oeh.
 - baptism of Daisee Frieda - daughter of Robertson and Arabella
 - Issac (and Phoebe?)
 - Alfred admitted as server
- 7 Siwapa - arithmetic test - low standard.
- 11 Uiahu tells RL to appoint new Ogababada
 * - mention of "volcano cult"
- 12 Greta's mother Kirehira doesn't care what daughter does

13th Japan's unconditional surrender.

- Sept. 18 Ida Mori PT. at Uiahu
- Nov. 14 Report that old church fallen down
- Dec. - extension put on school room as temporary church.
 Sylvanus PT. dismissed for sleeping with school girl
 Ida Mori gone and married WG
 - New Ogababada to be elected St. Thomas.

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- Jan 15 - some fight btw Louisa von and Dunstan over garden land
- Feb. 5 Uiahu - Johnson (?) reported fight
 - school standard fair - needs more help.
 "Ambrose (V.C.) come to ask if he might arrest Wilson (Oga babada) for sheltering Violet who had run away from the man the parents wanted her to marry (John Gill) with Frank Marroy (Wilson's brother)."
 - said only if he had broken the law.
- 6 Chose Livingstone and _____? (sic) as ogababada from Ganjiga
- * Vincent Mori said he would like to teach near Uiahu, Constance would not go far away
- Edward Saina - people said he was not baptised & married Prisca (Gona) under false pretenses
 - said that Fr. Randolph baptised him
- 14 Writes to Bishop suggesting Vincent be posted to Kenosasa

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March 6 Vincent begins arrangement to take me to. ; begins 11th.

April - Fr. Randolph goes down and completes roll of Urahu
- progress 'satisfactory'

24 - Nothing had been done Sinapa Church

Urahu - arranged marriages:

Leonard - Joyce

Zacchaeus - Freida Grace

Frank Murray - Violet

"Violet married New Guinea fashion to John Gill. Marriage arranged by parents. Violet has run away 9 times & wants to marry Frank Murray. Agreed to publish banns & marry them. John Gill already married in church to a Gona girl who has left him."

May 9 - Bishop at Urahu (didn't make it - ill - this is)
Sylvanus & Bellinda married (after Burns) Andrew)

"John Hunt & Kokoriti (catechumen). Marriage to be acknowledged tomorrow & to be blessed after baptism of Kokoriti."

Jason & Christina (Guma) - latter blessed by Randolph at Easter also baptised. John Nogora & Margary Gogirou

- married N6 sexual years - now disc. 3 mo.

(- apparently R baptised their baby!)

Bartholomew & Gebora - latter had not attended girls ~~school~~

- apparently adult baptisms only to be given with Bishop's permission

June 4 - revival of Asisi cult reported at Naniu

"Mixed up with the Second Coming of our Lord. Great cleaning up of cemeteries. Neglect of Church & school. Special services, feasts & dances in the villages."

17 At Urahu with Renton (?) re examining body of small girl - foul play? but little evidence

21 Goes to Naniu: The DO has called in VC's to warn them about Asisi business.

July 15 Naniu people working on church and those who skipped school had been cared.

Aug. 25 Naniu: Speaks about the Second Coming.

Sept. 10 Urahu: Roof of church ready for thatch

- arranged banns of marriage Ida Mei and Cecil.

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Olivia a teacher at Uoahu

Sept. 12 "Sinapa people upset by the teaching of a new Second Coming prophet, Uwana, by L.M.S. mission boy. Says the Mission is no good because it does not give out rice and (parapura? or lua lua). When our Lord comes the dead will rise and bring large quantities of food, [indistinct]... that they have been making. Told the people to change their wives around, organized feasting and dancing. Carries a decorated stick which is supposed to have magical properties. Only to be seen by faithful. would not let Frederick see it. & so on. His headquarters at Bukunog (?) in the Biniguni country."

13 Gore taparoro, but few there

"... said people must make up their minds about the Church. Either get on with it or we would have to take their teacher away. Frederick is building a new school. Tested senior classes in the school, some ready for more advanced work. General standard ~~too~~ very low."

16 "Frederick still worries about Uwana. Writes the V.C. has told the Sinapa people that they must not go up to Bukunog (?)"

17 Uiahu: married Anselm and Magdaline

28 "At Kabubu we noticed a well kept house which a man said was a Tataroro House, used for Christians worship. Suspected it's used for Uwana worship..."

Oct. 2 - told off Ezekiel (teacher) for not confronting the cult.
- lazy teacher

- then to Kabubu to talk to the leader Nathaniel

"Mixed up with the Second Coming of our Lord - Resurrection of the Dead? a time of great plenty for Papuan people, with plenty of rice and trade food brought from the ground. Uwana pretends to have letters written by God and has given one to Nathaniel. It is a meaningless scribble and no one but Uwana knows what it is supposed to say. Told all the people to come to Mattins tomorrow for true teaching on the Second Coming, and about Uwana."

3 Next morning people said they would support the church after A. Told them they must chose. Leslie

gave permission to destroy the house although Nathaniel wouldn't say.

Oct. 15-30 Tour of Biniguni country. Persuaded the people to take down the Uvona houses and poles. Arranged for brown Wanigela school boys in the area to start giving services. Planned to start an evangelist through the area every 2 months, alternating Muhawa & Wanigela

31 Uvaku - married Cecil & Ida Mori; Ananias & Geroldine; 5 baptisms

Nov. 1 RR. gone 2/77- for cricket bats

5 Reports that RR mistreating his wife.

* 22 Kewansasap - Vicent Mori cleaned out the night before Andrew's arrival - left books with Fred.

29 Instructions for Fred. to use school children that the church can be finished.

* Letter from Vicent Mori. Handed in license. He has taken the Mission canoe to Tufi for trade goods. Made excuse of not enough food for his family, but real (sic) reason is that the trade store that he wants to run at Uvaku.

30 Letter that VM to report in and leave mission canoe

Dec. 5 Told off Mori; canoe to be back at Kewansasap and he is to pay back money owed in salary.

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Jan 7 Bishop & Fr Hand arrived via Kewansasap

Jan 25 Fr Gregory returns from Biniguni - no further sign of Uvona.

26 Rot very sick - brought back to Wang.

27 Hand takes over. (Very difficult handwriting)

Stopped here, but more to be done.