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in his comments on the report, G. Linsley (District officer) notes the high absenteeism of men from Kewansasap, Ailala, Uiaku, Oeresan, Naukwate and Uwe and suggests that effects of this upon villages be investigated. "I should say that it very probably is a factor in the slow response by these people to the efforts that have been made to induce them to grow cocoa and coffee and to improve their output of copra." Notes also a low birth rate and suggests that villages may need to be closed to recruiting.

Purposes of the patrol included collection of tax and updates to census, administrative work, "to do banking work for those who required it", to explain the Ex-servicemen's Land Settlement Scheme, "To give talks to all natives seen to encourage their children to attend the Mission schools in their area.", talk about Local Government Councils; medical officer included on patrol

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"these people have made no effort to prepare ground for coffee culture - they think their copra work is enough - advised people to think in terms of multi culture rather than in mono culture."

Ganjiga – 180, 25% absence; no copra made; vc resigned and suggested submitted for a new one; 800 bearing cocoa trees – L50 from Utan. Notes that a great deal of work focused on getting cocoa done – Native Agricultural Assistants present and working closely with the people on this.

Uiaku – 428; 50% absent; -- ordered that the bridge connecting Uiaku and Ganjiga be replaced within 2 months – no copra, some cocoa sold – advised to work on copra as well

Iu-ai-iu – 94, 26% absent; made only a few baskets of copra, sold to Mr. Willis' store in Ailala

Bentinck notes that Kewansasap people were saving money to purchase a boat. "Everywhere, in the Tufi coastal villages, people are talking about buying boats, so that they can travel and take their copra to Smarai free of charge. The ADO on this patrol and at the office, is constantly explaining

business principles to natives who talk about boats etc. Some Milne Bay natives are telling these Tufi people that for small sums of money they can buy boats and that done, all their troubles are over, because these boats would carry people and cargo free of charge to Samarai. ... Could the District Officer, Milne Bay district (sic), please be informed of the stupid native talk emanating from his district and causing this feeling in the Tufi sub district." (then names two natives in particularly to be spoken to)

gun permits - approximately 1269 Maisin; 8 guns among the Maisin as a whole

Sinapa/Sinipara – 146; 20% men away; copra = L100; no effort on coffee