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June.

24 Mon.

Continuous teaming rain  
& strong wind last night.  
Learned that to day is  
a holiday Prince of Wales'  
birthday. no work, the  
Banks closed so have  
to postpone departure till  
tomorrow. The boys wear  
only the lava lava though  
sometimes a shirt also.  
In addition to the lava-l  
the Marup wear a short  
blouse often not reaching  
to the lava lava. Unlike  
the boys' shirt this must  
not be drawn at the  
waist, a regulation of

The missionaries, the idea being that the "figure" of the Mary is not thereby apparent. The rainfall last night was  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". It beat right across the wide verandah on to an oil cloth covered table & though no rain fell after 10 am; at sundown water still stood in beads on the table, nothing will dry and this is a nuisance in respect to towels. Collected under fallen logs in afternoon.

25. Tues.

All assembled at 7 am  
1 Police boy + 12 carriers  
a number in excess of  
requirements as we got  
all packages on to the  
hand cart. Called on  
Bank Manager at 7.30  
he served ~~with~~<sup>us</sup> with 100/-  
an early hour, and in  
his pyjamas. I had to  
use Savings Bank book  
as letter of credit could  
not be negotiated. The  
map that Maj Cummings  
promised me had not  
come to hand there being  
no boat from Rabaul  
as anticipated. This is

a great disappointment  
we left at 8.30 but got  
only to Majum where we  
found a relay awaiting  
us: these boys we de-  
clined as short stages  
means much tobacco. The  
first bird shot was a  
parakeet, then a yellow  
wattled crow-like bird <sup>mino dumputi</sup> &  
+ a beeater. There flew  
across the road a bird  
with long feathers in  
the tail + I shot it. It  
fell into a thicket but  
a boy retrieved it. It also  
*Dicranochestus megarhynchus*  
is Crow like. At 10.30.

we arrived at Panapai  
(Mr. E. Deek.) who gave us

lunch and from whom  
we bought rice for the  
boys as we decided to  
send them on to Mr  
Schultz. The luluhi at  
Panapai, said all his  
boys were engaged on  
government work but  
he could send 12 maris  
to pull the wagon: this  
offered we declined hence  
decision to send boys  
further & feed them.  
On our way hither we  
had passed a number  
of dogs tethered to a  
palm left by the  
various leaflets and I  
exposed Kodak film on

them, in charge of a young boy. All the way we were in hearing of the sea & could have seen it had it not been for the dense growth. I skinned 2 birds (Yellow wattled crow & Wydah-like bird) and having rested during heat of day started off again at 3. Called at Schutky, but found no one there so pushed on to Ah Ket's (Kasalok). Decided to erect the tent and had it up by 7 pm. plenty of help. Provided most of the provisions but

ate at the Chinaman's house, very hospitable. Among incidents of the afternoon I encountered 2 Marys, one bleeding profusely from a gash in the forehead & the other squatted in front of her removing the semi-clotted blood. I found that the cut woman was sick and the other had performed phlebotomy with a piece of broken bottle & very thoroughly. She had done it. I shot 2 pigeons, but in retrieving one the boy

lifted it by the wing  
→ pulled the feathers out  
this was a brown dove  
the other had a wine-  
coloured cap. I also  
shot another Long-tailed  
"wydah like) At one  
place saw a number  
of boys shelling coo-  
nuts, driving them on  
to hard-pointed stick  
stuck in the ground.  
Several birds shot we  
were unable to recover  
owing to the dense un-  
dergrowth and this made  
us chary in shooting  
excepting where clear  
places existed and in

these few birds occur.  
Saw another tree of  
the weaver birds at  
great height over the  
road. At the top of  
another tree far out  
of shot sat a white  
headed eagle, the see-  
-oud I have seen. As  
I write facing an open  
window the moon is  
rising, wholly visible  
in a small clear gap  
in the trees which are  
silhouettes and looking  
like a transformation  
scene in a pantomime  
though incomparably  
more beautiful. The

Chinaman wears an artificial nose & says there are plenty of mosquitoes here, but during a residence of 22 years has never had fever. The negative of the boys is peculiar to our ears. I suggest, for example, that there are no flying foxes in this neighbourhood so say "No Black bockis here", he answers "Yes" confirming my statement.

26. Wed.

~~Two heads a~~ wretched  
night, we put up only  
one net in the tent and  
this was alright until  
Davis being restless got  
up when the mosquitoes  
got in and further sleep  
was out of question. It  
is said that Anopheles  
is silent, our sort were  
splendid buzzers so hope  
that the malaria fellows  
were not about. Everything  
about the place was satu-  
rated with the heavy dew  
and we had to hang  
out bedding and clothes  
to dry. 2 white-headed

hawks 'flew high over our camp. Had a swim in the sea on reaching the beach being only 200 yards distant. We did not venture out more than knee depth being uncertain about sharks and crocodiles. Having to wait for breakfast at the Chow's did not get away until 9.30. Rain fell most of the time and we got thoroughly wet. Saw another long-tailed bird but owing to difficulty of retrieving game did not shoot it. There is also question

of skinning which is a very serious one & shall to consider question of formalizing. The absence of bird life in the plantations was most noticeable, only when we entered native bush did we encounter birds & insects. Decided to push on to Capt. Maceos & consequently had nothing to eat until arrival but had a drink from Coco nut. At length we entered Maceos' plantation but had a dreary trudge of 6 kilometers through young coco trees

4 years old some of  
which were fruiting. We  
crossed several streams  
of dark brown water, the  
colour due to mangrove  
swamps in which we were  
told there are plenty of  
Crocodiles. We arrived at  
Maeco's at 3.30, having  
walked 16 miles & very  
little done. Our troubles  
were then over. The Capt  
has done things in style  
large grounds, beautifully  
laid out with a special  
guest house in which  
we were installed and  
bath room of which  
we were not long in

taking advantage of. We  
next had kai kai pre-  
pared specially for us.

Mrs. Maceo is a Samoan  
educated at Onehunga  
N. Z. & speaks English well.

She is a fine woman.

Examined a number of  
photographs of Ethnological  
& general interest. In  
the living room is a  
couple of pieces of Stata-  
-ary with wide shallow  
glass bowls. In one

were 4 } Pomacentrids  
and 2 }

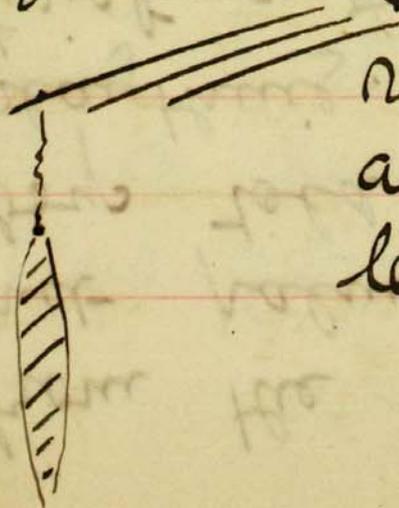
and in the other some  
young hawksbills. Din-  
ner was served on the

wide verandah, after which Frau Maeco played the piano a fine instrument but much out of tune & small wonder considering the climate. The 4 children, did the curtsy which seems ages out of date. Being tired out we retired to the guest house & to bed about 9.30.

27 Thurs

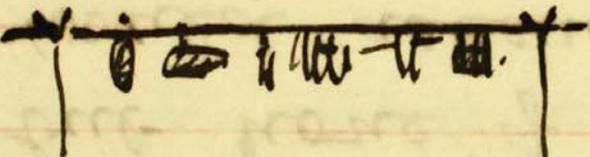
Awoke after a delightfully refreshing sleep. Found a typewriter "Ideal" & a mechanical fan in the room. Had breakfast in the big house. At all meals each calor is

supplied with a stack  
of plates one being re-  
moved after each course  
left at 8.30 with promise  
of a fine day. Early we  
saw an eagle's nest in  
the fork of a high tree  
but none of our boys  
would ascend, whether  
from fear of attack or  
the height I did not  
ascertain. Saw many  
parquets on the topmost  
branches of the highest  
trees hopelessly out of  
gun range. Along the



road side I saw  
a once-folded  
leaf suspended

from the tip of a Coco  
nut-palm leaf. The  
boys told me it was a  
plaything. The player  
twisting & otherwise man-  
-ipulating it - I stupidly  
omitted to secure it. On  
the way passed several  
villages, the <sup>residents</sup> were pre-  
paring for a Sing Sing  
to which all contribute.

 food  
was hung  
up in readiness. Some  
done in baskets. One  
of our boys made two  
baskets from palm leaves  
to contain the birds of  
which I secured many.

including Crow. Rony,  
2 wattled crows (at one  
shot) a peculiar incident  
occurred, a goana ran  
up a tree and gave me  
a profile shot. As soon  
as I fired the boys  
shouted out with glee  
& I did not realise  
why, until they produ-  
ced a ? Saered Kingfisher,  
it had flown across  
unknown to me and re-  
ceived the shot that  
passed the goana. I  
had just put in a  
new cartridge when a  
white headed Kingfisher  
flew across and was

added to the bag or basket, rather - Met a fisherman with his two hand nets and took a photograph of him. Had a coconut drink buying 10 nuts for a stick of tobacco, the ruling rate. Met Mr. Meisterfeldt & Mr. Ernst on the road. Drove up at Kapsu for lunch but the owner (Meisterfeldt) was not in. We supplied our own food but the cook gave us water etc. I had a Senii bath & got one of the Maraps to wash down my back

At Tiviroo or Lussuk  
we came across some  
masks hung up in a  
shelter ready for the  
Sing Sing. At one of  
the relays we picked  
some men who had  
dressed their hair so  
that it hung like a  
mop. Nearly all color  
their hair, mostly white,  
Some of the children who  
have the hair cut close  
show the isolated patches  
of growth & this is also  
apparent on the chests  
of the men. The men  
from here onward are  
wearing less clothing

many dispensing with the blouse. On leaving Kapsu at 2.30 rain began to fall and continued almost throughout the afternoon - at one period it was extremely heavy & we took refuge in a native home from which all females rushed as we approached. The women nearly always leave when we enter, the men driving them out. At one spot when I was far ahead of the party a youngster ran out of the house <sup>as if</sup> for his very life. & he was

followed by a dog  
& a cat. The only  
thing of interest was  
an old native adze  
to which the blade of  
a modern carpenter's  
chisel had been fit-  
ted. At Luan I saw  
a native with a long  
bamboo engaging a  
coconut palm. He pro-  
duced a large snake  
which he had almost  
killed ~~it~~ but would  
not handle, he jerked  
it on to the road as  
I came up and as  
I picked it up all  
sheared off. They do

like snakes, will not carry one even in a basket and declined to work the truck if I put the snake on to it. Consequently I had to carry it myself & the various natives I met along the road gave me a wide berth I would hazard Nardoa boa as its name. The police boys, who are game to tackle almost anything, are equally afraid or superstitious & say "we frightened". Davis tells me that he saw a small snake

on the road but in  
the absence of a stick  
would not interfere.  
We had covered the  
boxes with the tent but  
many things got damp  
with the teaming rain.  
We have had 4 lots  
of boys to day. Two re-  
cruited from Mougai  
will go through with  
us. These are additional  
to our Police boy who  
is detailed for the  
whole period. One of  
the two recruited boys  
can skin birds, having  
been taught by a  
German before our

occupation. Has skinned  
Paradise Birds in Papua.  
We arrived at Lakur-  
fanga at 6.30 & were  
hospitably treated by  
Mr. Mrs. Ostrom. He is  
a ~~Swede~~<sup>Finn</sup> & has been  
here 20 years. a friend  
Petersen is a Swede. a  
bath & dinner. Then we  
put Koriman on to  
skinning of which he  
made a good showing,  
I writing up these notes.  
We have not yet begun  
to catch lizards I have  
seen among others Lygo-  
soma cyanurum we  
are now 38 miles from

Kaewiang.

28 Fri.

Spent morning developing with Kodak tank. Davis reassembled cases & found that he had omitted to bring the formalin, so a boy was despatched on a bicycle. Benig told that there is a cave 3 or 4 miles distant containing bats decided to go, but deferred in the hope that the rain would clear off: as however it did not abate & I could not afford to lose time Mr Ostrom lent me horse & trap & a boy as guide

Tethered the horse  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles  
along the road & walked  
a similar distance through  
the bush. The boy was  
20 minutes finding the  
cave, he had picked up  
another boy where we  
left the horse. Lighted  
the kerosene lamp, left  
coat & other things with  
boy outside while my  
guide & self entered by  
a low passage, quite the  
usual cave conditions.  
Presently we met with  
the bats, small ones  
first & larger ones as  
we proceeded deeper into  
the cave, I got a number

of them in an insect  
net but think a tennis  
racket would be better.  
Water dripped from the  
roof and made sodden  
the bats' dung lying deep  
on the floor + into which  
we sank. Then by some  
mischance our lamp was  
extinguished and I at  
once realised that I  
had left the matches in  
my coat lying outside.  
I questioned the boy &  
he had been in the cave  
but once before but said  
me "find um". I took  
the handle of the net  
& foot by foot we crept

along, stumbling over rocks  
dropping into hollows &  
slithering down the deep  
covered slopes. I had lost  
all sense of direction but  
recognised certain angles  
as we negotiated them.  
The boy holding the ~~base~~  
ring of the net felt his  
way while I with bent  
back & feeling with one  
hand was content to  
follow his lead. I was  
in no sense afraid for  
I knew that relief  
would be sent if we did  
not turn up. At one place  
the boy fell into a shallow  
hole of which he warned

me, trying to avoid this  
I went plump down into  
another catching by my  
elbows with my feet  
dangling in space with  
some difficulty I got  
out, feeling bruised; it  
was not possible for the  
boy to help me in the  
pitch darkness. I found  
that although the darkness  
was complete I was keep-  
ing my eyes wide open:  
becoming conscious of this  
I closed them but the  
condition was not pleasant  
though why it is difficult  
to say. The heat, as  
usual in cases was al-

most unbearable + perspiration was pouring out of every pore. presently I was conscious of former ground + knew that we had passed the bat caves though the animals continued to whirl past our ears to and fro. "I find him", at length sang out the boy + shortly afterwards I detected a glimmer of light and a cool current of air. I had previously suggested that I should blow my whistle for the benefit of the boy at the entrance, but my guide indicated that he

was deaf. When we finally emerged we were a sorry sight plastered all over with clay from the walls & dung from the floors. A miserable tramp in the rain to the tethered horse & a rapid drive home. The folk of the house were discussing the question of sending a search out. A bath, change, kai kai and all was well again. I should have written that after leaving the cave & cooling down I again entered, as most of the bats we had

netted escaped in the  
rough + tumble. Found  
that 2 other snakes had  
been brought in, evidently  
of the same species as that  
caught yesterday. Standing  
under a coco tree a boy  
was all but hit by a  
falling nut: they are  
very liable to fall in  
wet weather and natives  
are occasionally hurt +  
sometimes even killed.  
At about 10-p.m. we bid  
adieu to 3 men going  
to the eastern islands  
in a pinnae bought by  
one of them, Vanderghinste,  
a Belgian from Oström

for \$ 6500 marks, the other two were Klett from Posen & Andersen from Stockholm. They were to sail at 3. am. Wanderghinste grows a beard. When the war broke out he said he would not shave until it was over, so they call him sae sae, which means grass (grown on the chin).

29. Sat.

The guest's house is very close to the road & when we awoke we saw an almost endless procession of native men. they

were on their way south  
to prepare for a big  
"Sing Sing". At breakfast  
the puinauce was seen  
to be only 5 miles or  
so away. This knowledge  
was possible because in  
fine weather meals are  
served in a large summer-  
house like structure on  
a bank above high water  
mark at the bottom of  
the garden. The vessel  
was evidently returning.  
We understand that there  
is some trouble with  
the plantation boys. They  
have taken me for a  
keop (English chief)

and as no flogging is allowed under English rule they are playing up. I sent Davis to talk to them & on telling them I should send all shirkers to calabush (gaul) they resumed work. As Davis was anxious to see the caves & as I appear to have but 2 examples of the largest species of bat which there are apparently 5 we set off at 9.30 am. with 3 boys none of which knew where the cave was so I became essentially leader. We walked all the way to and from

the caves. Did not go  
in so far as yesterday  
& I put matches in my  
trousers pocket. We had  
taken 2 Diety lanterns &  
I had my electric torch  
tied round my waist  
This was very useful I  
could direct its rays to  
the ground or to the roof  
of the cave as required.  
Got some more bats but  
used a cut palm leaf  
suggested by one of the  
boys, it was very effi-  
-cient but a tennis  
racket would be the  
ideal "catcher". We had  
a look at the holes

into which we has fallen  
Davis lowered a lantern  
into my pit and said  
he could not see the  
bottom so I had had  
a narrower squeak than  
I had realised. When we  
got back found that  
the punnicies had re-  
turned, the new Skipper  
not understanding the  
engine and not having  
the boy who worked it  
for Ostrom. As I write  
a Harley Davidson drew  
up with side car at-  
tached, a Chinaman  
driving a German. Took  
a photograph. At dinner

we discussed advisability  
of going to the islands if  
the pinnace returns on  
Wednesday: in meantime  
arranged to go to the west  
coast. Omitted to mention  
that in one part of the  
roof of the bat cave there  
was a cluster of young  
animals some almost  
naked: they were not  
accompanied by their pa-  
rents and this congregation  
was evidently a nursery.  
The three men left in  
the pinnace at 8:30  
after overhauling the  
engine and I developed  
2 Kodak films. Some

piccaninies brought me  
some fine larvae and  
pupa & they took me to  
the food plant, a broad-  
leaved creeper on which  
were others. The larvae are  
dark coloured with red  
spots, a pair in the  
middle of the body being  
creamy white, evidently  
a large butterfly. In the  
afternoon I went along the  
beach southward to see  
some boys fishing but  
they had left the reef  
before I could get up to  
them. Plenty of fire-flies  
on the trees, this "fly"  
is a beetle. and as it

moves across the sky which it does slowly it shows its greenish light for a moment every  $1\frac{1}{4}$  seconds.

The periodicity is the same in the trees but owing to the number of insects there congregating the effect is confusing.

30 Sun.

My arm is very stiff from the fall in the cave but the abrasions are healing.

After breakfast drove to Rev Father Peckel, in charge of Catholic mission at Lamakot. He gave me a meteorite that fell there, also names

of poisonous plants used  
by native as human &  
fish poisons

*Derris uliginosus*

He confirmed my idea  
that the large snake is  
Kardoa boa and told  
me that Pseudelaps mul-  
leri, Schleg. is found  
on the island also. He  
told me that there is  
a Blind Snake here.

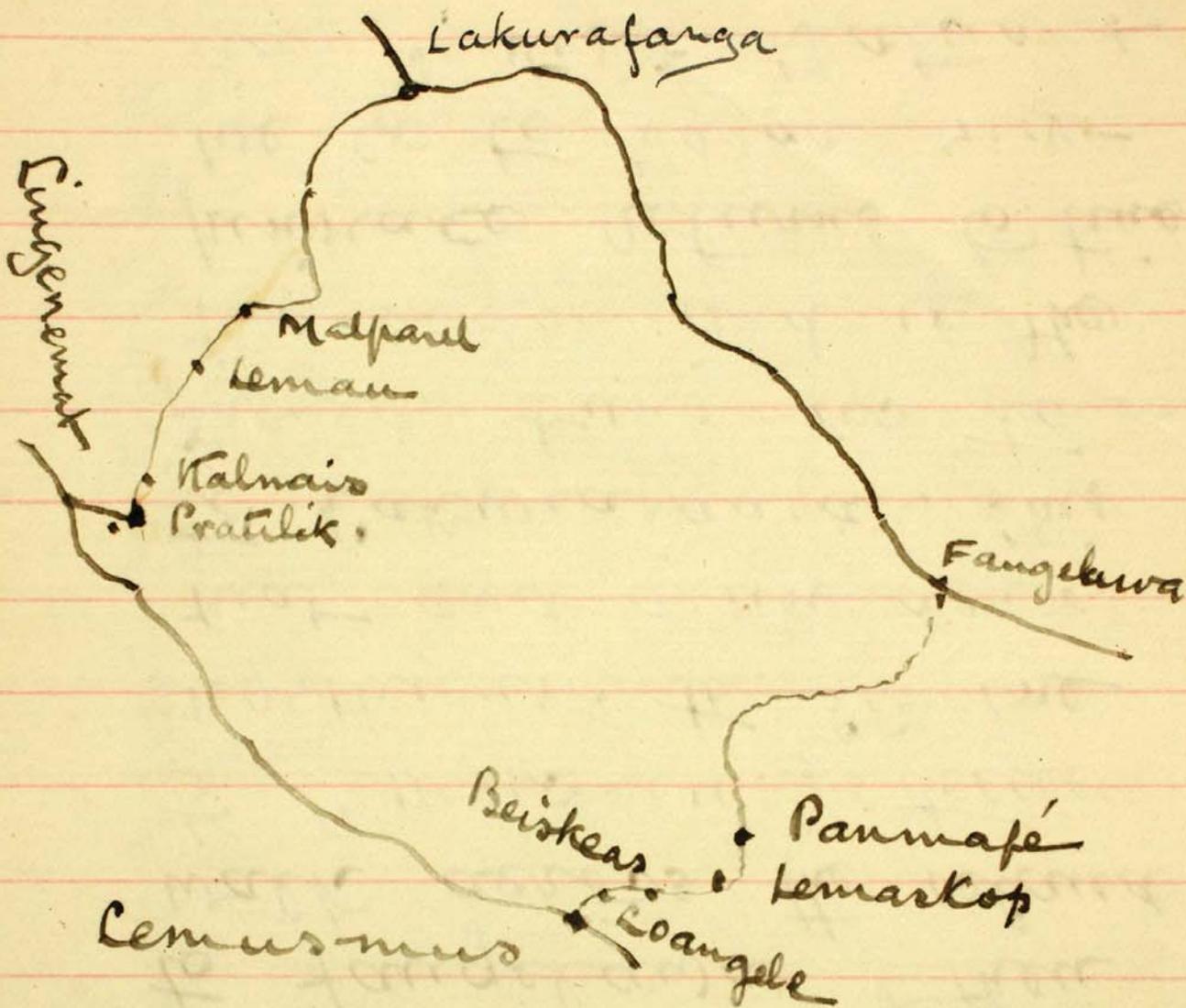
Went to collect in the  
bush in afternoon but  
had to return on ac-  
count of mosquitoes.

Took photographs of

natives on the beach in  
afternoon + developed a  
film before dinner. The  
Rev Peckel came + we  
talked broken English,  
pigeon English + German  
He has written several  
works on the language  
of the New <sup>Ireland</sup> ~~Britain~~ (New  
Mecklenburg) natives.  
+ is a well-read man.  
he is preparing a flora  
of the island. After  
wards natives brought  
two Sing Sing carving  
Olström bought one for  
a pig + gave it to me  
+ I bought the other  
for 10/- Natives who

had been on the reef  
brought in 3 Tridacnas  
which appear in one of  
the photographs taken.  
Decided to start early  
sending boys with lug-  
gage in advance Davis  
& self to go by trap  
to Faugelawa & then  
walk across the island  
to Lemusmus, thence  
northward to Singene  
mat and again across  
to Lakwafauza. This  
should bring us to  
Wednesday and if the  
pinnae returns to time  
we go to Tabar next  
day & visit Tatura &

# Timberi.



# July.

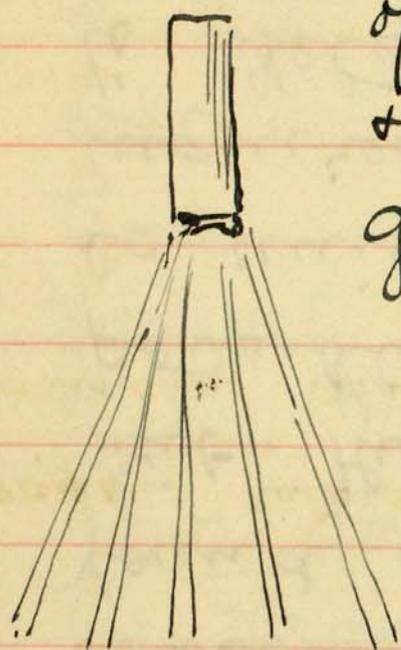
1. Mon.

Got the boys off at 7 am with the wagon & goods. We left by horse & trap at 8.45 and met at the rendezvous, Fungalawa.

Here goods were packed for carriers 20 being required for 10 packages. Left at 10 o'clock & took the hill track to the west coast. All along the track were numbers of Julus the larger being green in colour and the smaller grey. They were also taken on the palm trees, on the hill slopes

on both sides of the summit were swarms of grey tiger beetles flitting along the road. There seemed to be dearth of birds on the mountain, but I shot a roller, a yellow headed *Geoffroyus heteroclitus* parrot, & a yellow & black *Pezorhynchus chrysomelas* weaver finch. Heard a toucan of which there are said to be plenty. At Tessian one hut contained 2 baskets of dried toucan heads used in Sing Sing the lului or head man who wears a broad red band round his official cap. refused to part, but asked 5 marks for one

of the heads. So we  
passed on. At Panamape'  
on the top of the so-  
called mountain (300 mtrs)  
I bought a small gourd  
a shell coco-nut scraper  
and an adze. Here I  
saw a tree guard made



of a split bamboo  
+ in the bush  
got a water-catcher



a leaf placed  
funnel-wise in  
each hole. At Panamape'  
we had some lunch the  
natives cooking rice. We  
left the Police boy (Wanalan)

and Loriman to bring  
carriers while we pushed  
on ahead, entered a  
bush track for Remuomus  
by the sea on the west  
coast. On arriving we  
found a mission shed  
but the prospect with  
possible mosquitoes was  
so uninviting that we  
inquired how far it is  
to Heteridges who is  
known as "the sailor".  
Lik-lik way was the  
reply so we decided to  
push northward. We  
reentered the main cross  
island road and here  
had some trouble with

the boys, they declined to go further having, as they rightly said more than fulfilled their contract already. However we got 11 new boys and finally persuaded 9 of the old team to fall in & we left at 4:0. Here commenced a strenuous time, a narrow track scarcely discernable at times through the forest now across jungle with the grass above our heads, it was only when descending a slope that we could see the black heads of the boys in

advance occasionally bobbing  
up & down. then creepers  
trailed over the track &  
the ground was slippery  
with the rain & both Davis  
& self had spills. The boys  
as far as I know, though  
weighted with their loads  
retained their footing the  
bare feet gripping the  
ground. how they manage  
to retain any toes is  
a mystery. I saw one  
boy only minus a little  
toe. I should have said  
this was the worst time  
in the <sup>matter</sup> ~~manner~~ of walk-  
ing I had experienced,  
did I not remember the

unforgettable tramp to  
Doubtful Sound, N. Z.  
It was impossible to see  
more than 15 yards into  
the bush owing to the  
density of growth & I  
got so weary that it  
became a distinct effort  
to get over the many logs  
fallen across the track  
the position of the sun  
occasionally seen through  
the banks of clouds in-  
dicated that if not  
soon 'out of the wood'  
we should have darkness  
upon us. At one place  
I inquired, at 6 O'clock,  
"how far yet." One hour

more came the reply, and I pictured getting out the lanterns. In ten minutes a shout went up from the boys ahead & soon thereafter we entered a clearing of 100. acres. This was Netrich's place & Davis said this final  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile was the worst of the whole lot. The timber large & small was lying as it fell & the negotiating logs & branches piled feet deep was certainly trying & tiring when I reached the main house I found the boys already sitting on their

loads + a young fellow  
came down the steps  
to meet us he apologized  
for his poor larder but  
we got out our kai kai  
tomato soup, herring  
bread etc while he sup-  
plied native pigeon +  
tea. the latter simply  
coloured water ~~at~~ the  
rule at all the German  
houses we have visited.  
we discreetly suggested  
that we had a special  
line and Davis made  
a good strong brew which  
went down like nectar.  
after a welcome bath.  
Hetruch is unmarried

but has a native girl  
who sticks always to his  
side & is most acquisitive,  
the collapsible drinking cup.  
The electric torch & the  
Kodak being objects of  
special inquiry. H. gave  
me a native piano but  
the girl, for some reason,  
declined to be photographed  
playing it. I got a  
boy with a decorated face  
to do this but had  
some difficulty in pre-  
venting the girl going  
to a quiet place with  
us, as I wanted to  
photo. the boy, minus  
his lava lava - She

afterwards rounded up  
some women and I  
photographed them, a  
record that should be  
credited to the 3<sup>rd</sup> on  
which I am writing.

~~2 Tues.~~ I omitted to write  
that when we parted  
from the boys above  
the mission road they  
gave us a cheer. I am  
told that some soldiers  
engaged some of these  
boys a short time ago  
& then sent them off  
without payment. Owing  
to the splendid way in  
which they stuck to us  
we had treated them

rather liberally hence the  
cheer.

2. Tues.

Heltrich gave me a few  
more things & I arranged  
to go south by catamaran  
while Davis is to go back  
with the boys. The native  
description of unfamiliar  
things is characteristic

Piano

Big fellow bokis, misses  
he fight em, he cry  
too much

Circus elephant

Big fellow Ballamaow  
he got 2 fellow tail.

Heltrich speaks English

well and has sailed  
on many British vessels.  
He is a sailor artist &  
paints ships, above the  
average sailor work.  
Sae-sae is the native  
name of the Saso palm  
the leaves are used for  
roofing and are much  
stronger than coconut  
which is used for paul-  
lue. At 10 am. I left  
by catamaran, in the  
deeper water paddles were  
used + I found it quite  
easy to manipulate one,  
which one I bought on  
leaving for 1/-. It has  
a knob at the blade end

This "make em plenty strong  
and make em cry" that  
is it strengthens the blade  
for use in poling, it  
also makes a noise (cry)  
so that if in a crew  
one paddle makes no  
noise it is an indica-  
tion that the oarsman  
is not pulling "strong."  
a paddle without the  
knob "he no cry." In the  
very shallow water, paddles  
were discarded for poles  
carried on the rods con-  
necting canoe & outrigger.  
We passed along mangrove  
swamps, alternating with  
rocky shore & sandy beaches

on the latter I saw a  
wader + on a tree a pair  
of white headed kingfisher  
but my gun was ashore.  
Hetchuck had given me  
a 3 note piano and I  
photographed a performer  
he sat, another stood  
holding the instrument  
between his legs, the boy  
who played the one at  
the Aust. Museum knelt.  
The hands are moistened  
with the sticky juice of  
a paw-paw. The low  
note is struck first, the  
high note when properly  
played is quite piercing.

Shortly before reaching our destination about 1 mile short of the Mission house, which we declined yesterday, the natives paddled close in shore & waded into shallow water on the beach, here they drank, it appears that a spring of fresh water rises thro' the sand and is in sufficient quantity to neutralize the salt water into which it ~~flows~~, rises several times I saw a fishing eagle flying with a fish in its talons. On beaching<sup>11.20</sup>, quite a number of boys were

awaiting me with articles  
for sale but as all the  
'trade' was going over-  
land I made them ac-  
company me through the  
bush, soon we reached  
the main track at the  
point where we had left  
it for Heteruchi's yester-  
day: a boy offered me a  
leaf full of dog's teeth but  
when I said they were  
no good he chucked them  
into the bush. When the  
carriers arrived with Davis  
(12-45)  
we made some purchases  
including an armlet of  
Clam shell (hilli = armlet)  
said by all to be very

old, at least 3 generations  
the man accepted 57-  
but parted with it al-  
most in tears but he  
wanted money to pay  
missionary. These Swine,  
mostly Westyan, bleed  
the poor wretches. in  
our case it was the  
parting with the amulet  
that troubled him not  
the amount, with which  
he was quite satisfied.  
Several Coconut beetles  
strung together by their  
legs. alive. were also of-  
fered & butterflies tied  
round body at end of  
a long fibre, but all

these were naturally da-  
-maged. From this point  
we traversed the road  
tramped yesterday &  
reached the main east  
road at 3.45. having  
previously despatched 2  
peccaninies with a note  
to Oström. Goods were  
taken off the poles and  
transferred to the man-  
wagon which we had  
left here yesterday. Both  
Davis & self were tired  
but trudged on in hope  
of meeting the trap I  
had written to Oström for  
but the 2 little rascals  
had evidently lingered

for it was not until we reached the cave road that the vehicle met us. However we were glad to be picked up & reached Oström's 5.50. Morgan from Kaeweing stayed the night.

3. Wed.

Spent the morning developing films and packing specimens obtained to date.

Morgan assuming the rôle of an authorized official. He sent for the boss boy (Lulu) who played us false yesterday, he told him that he had contracted for 8 boys &

2 monkeys to go to Lemmus, At Tangalawa, he refused to go further and we had to engage other boys. He next threatened him with 10 lashes and one Xmas in Calabush. all this rendered forcibly in Pigeon English which however I quite understood he then turned to me & asked if I would "make court". he informed the now frightened fellow of my leniency & giving him 2 sound smacks on the face sent him away.

The afternoon was devoted to the exhumation of two skeletons a man & woman. All bones were recovered & the boys were evidently impressed when I told them, for example, that 5 more bones were wanted & these & no more were found. In digging I was greatly pleased when a Typhlops was turned up. It was green with a blue head & salmon coloured belly. Another body is to be unearthed tomorrow. The boys dug down to another in my absence but

they said it was not yet finished, meaning that the flesh was not yet rotted off. Returned to house & found that a boy had brought in a frigate bird which he had caught, the bird being unable to rise from the water.

At 4.0 van der Gheste returned in the pinnace in which we are to go to Tabar. As we are running short of some supplies decided to send Davis to Kawiang tomorrow by trap & I wrote to Dr. Bray for

formalin or alcohol -  
4 Thurs.

"Monkey" awoke us at  
4. am, when Davis got  
up for his drive, Rain  
pouring down, so lent  
him my mackintosh.  
Oström & Van der Shuiste  
still on the Veranda  
of the main house, with  
no doubt, the whisky  
bottle or bottles in full  
swing. The beer has run  
out. The fire flies still  
illuminating the trees  
& sky despite the rain  
When a coconut becomes  
detached it may drop  
sheer to the ground, or

falling on to the base  
of a leaf, roll along its  
length & thus be projected  
several yards from the  
tree. Spent morning when  
rain moderated on the  
reef collecting fishes etc  
In afternoon I disintegrated  
another skeleton from which  
all the flesh had not  
disintegrated. The work was  
more unpleasant than that  
done yesterday. Davis  
was expected back from  
Kawring about 4. pm  
but not returning and  
feeling tired I lay down  
at 8.0. fell asleep. and  
when I awoke it was

midnight. Having left some films washing, which I had developed after dinner. I went to the bathroom when Davis walked in. He brought me letters from Rose and Adams, and for Osborn £350 mostly in shillings + marks. Knocking him up we stayed over an hour counting the silver.

5. Fri.

Recounted + rolled up the silver. Davis having given me a turtle shell, which had been given to him we got a boy to polish it. After breakfast Osborn took me to some

of the adjacent villages  
where I got some things  
new to the collection, a  
shark catcher, comprising  
float + noose + rattle -  
a fish-trap + float. In  
early afternoon I wrote  
labels while Davis + boys  
packed the latter also  
cleaning somewhat, the  
bones of the last skeleton  
we had disinterred. Then  
Oström again took me  
out in his trap + we  
visited the village of Ko-  
laja, where the shelter  
of a Mullinger had fal-  
len + been left thus.  
Took some carvings

which however had suffered more or less. We had arranged to sail in the Sak Sak at 8.0 and were carried from the shore to a rowing boat by the boys, whence we rowed to the puniaee with Van der Ghyuste the new owner in charge. Owing to difficulty in starting the kerosene engine we <sup>did</sup> not weigh anchor till 8.30. From the first it was evident that we were in for a very uncomfortable trip, said to occupy 14 hours, there being no cabin

we had to sprawl on  
the hard decking over  
the engine & drizzling  
rain drove under the  
awning. We slept but  
little and were glad  
when morning dawned  
about 5.30. We had  
taken our 4\$ boys, viz:-  
WANALAU. Police boy.  
LAURIMAU. ~~Dave's~~ boy.  
MASSILAI. My boy.  
BASSAI. Ex Police boy.  
also 2 "Monkeys" BURONAI  
and BOKAP.

6. Sat.

As we approached the  
Gardner islands the long  
line of New Ireland

appeared with a low line  
of ~~which~~ white cloud  
stretched along the whole  
visible length. This re-  
minded me of the Maori's  
name for New Zealand  
Te aotea, the long white  
cloud. In the distance  
we saw a canoe with 2  
natives in it. Van der  
Ghinste, through a glass  
said they were Kauakas  
who were lost on the  
Ocean waste when one  
of the boys said it was  
two birds on a log &  
so it later proved, the  
birds being boobies.  
Later a booby attempted

to alight on the pinnacle  
but the boys scared it  
away. 10.0'clock arrived  
& we could make out  
the islands in the dis-  
tance, afterwards they  
were lost in the mist  
which gradually lifted.  
Steered for <sup>Tatus</sup> Tabar Is. the  
middle island and after  
a tiresome journey ar-  
rived at 3.10. We were  
carried ashore & walked  
to Van der Schuitj's house  
in Maragat Bay, a  
harbour with 21 faths.  
We had a stroll, and  
a bath in the river  
& returned to Kai Kai.

7. Sun.

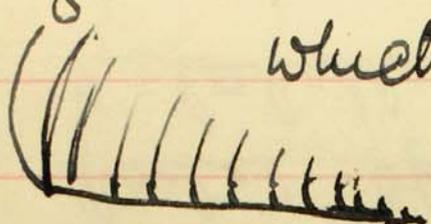
This day of rest is generally observed, but we arranged for a crew to take us to a burial case. At 10 O'clock we set off in a catamaran and beached near the Anus Rock walking to it through Mangrove Swamp where numbers of *Periophthalmi* skipped over the surface and the mud, like lizards. We turned over many rocks both in + out of the water and got fishes and *Rygosomi* the latter very quick,

dodging from stone to  
stone & sometimes es-  
caping in the roots of  
the mangroves. We then  
ascended some rugged &  
sharp coral rocks to a  
considerable height in  
search of the burial cave.  
I am convinced that the  
natives knew where the  
cave is but being adverse  
to revealing its situation  
led us to several blanks  
in the hope of turning us.  
but being determined I  
told Vander Ghunty that  
we wanted no 'gammon'  
he conveyed this to the  
boss boy who thereupon

led us through a narrow opening into a space & thence to the mouth of the cave. Here we entered and at length found bones. The bodies are placed in niches and cavities and either covered with stones or stones have fallen afterwards. It was quite impossible to secured associated bones but I got 2 tolerable skulls minus mandibles and some teeth, but large & males. On a humerus Davis found a ~~bone~~<sup>shell</sup> armband of which he

told me afterwards, but as he did not take the bone I suggested he should return for it. It + the amulet (malot) must be very old, so said the natives, as they knew of no such amulet belonging to any of their ancestors. The bodies are placed in the cave + a great feast is held, the remains of which are placed on the (a) nus rock for the ghost of the deceased. I got 3 of the bats frequenting the cave. Descending the rugged rocks, not without

difficultly and wondering how bodies are carried up, we went further round the beach from which we explored another balcony, we could hear the bats chirping far up the dome evidently in large numbers, but the light of our kerosene lamps did not penetrate far enough. I fired 2 shots but no bat came down, so we had to leave empty-handed. I shot a tern diving for fish and when we got back to the house found a Porphyrio shot to bits.

Van der ghiesty showed &  
gave me a Seylla claw  
which I recognized as  
 such. He told me  
that when a  
native leaves his house &  
suspects that he may be  
robbed, he plants several  
of these claws so that the  
teeth may enter the feet  
of the robber. Telling V. d. G.  
that I wanted an Opossum  
he told some boys to catch  
them. As we dined (midday)  
4 boys brought 7 Ringtails  
strung on poles, alive, as  
they carried their pigs.  
As the rain poured down  
all the afternoon we could

x Phalanger orientalis [84]

do nothing in the bush  
so remained at V d G's  
skinned some Opossums  
two of the boys making  
very fair work under my  
finishing directions. The  
hills here are conical &  
are treed to the very top;  
even coco nuts growing  
at the summits. a stream  
of fresh water flows past  
the house & here the pig-  
washing, clothes washing etc.  
is conducted. Transferred  
our various captures, in-  
cluding some Coco beetles &  
foetal opossums, to spirits  
& labelled various objects  
purchased and collected.

Torrential rain all night  
v. d. G. has fever so do  
not know if we can carry  
out programme tomorrow  
I am to go into the hills  
to native villages while  
Davis is to go to the bone  
cave to recover the humerus  
from which he took the  
armlet. In afternoon pro-  
pose going to Semberi in  
the ~~cut~~ pinnace. v. d. G.  
showed me a letter written  
to him by Klett and on  
request gave it to me. The  
Wesleyan missionaries, so the  
traders say, do all they can  
to prevent them from em-  
ploying native labour and

even incite them to revolt  
This ~~etc~~ letter cites a  
recent case. The "boy"  
raped his master's wife  
cut the pubic hair wore  
it in his hat as a sign  
that the girl now belongs  
to him. He also refused  
to fire the mangrove wood,  
the work assigned to him  
The reference to kai-kai  
rope possibly means that  
he went to prepare poison  
from Deris uliginosus.  
The missionaries utilise  
the natives to build their  
own houses + churches and  
never pay them. All done  
under guise of religion.

Send back please  
for the Campaign.  
In turn to Mackinac  
reasoning

The Note  
Probably I will  
with the next

Dear Saksak,

I suppose you heard already that one of my boys cut about 15 coconuts and then disappeared in the Bush or as I believe Kai Kai rope. This boy pulled my girl first. I never said to him one word etc. He don't want to make fire in the mangroves. - Kamiti the Chief Bastard is still in Tatan. You know what he did? He cut the grass from the cunt of Woreng + put this grass on his hat, you know. Many belong master, stop finish long coconuts belong me. Don't talk about this. From day to day it will be better here.

Take notice of that! I don't wish you the same experience! H. R. Tuto

8 - 11/11/11

8. Mon.

I left with V. d. Ghinsky at 8.30 for mountain villages all paths sodden with last night's rains + the stream swollen some had to be crossed on a single tree trunk bridge from one of which I all but fell in + to cross others I was carried over. Was shown a large tree with a piece of wood grown into it. from this a man was hung previous to being eaten. At one of the summit villages we came across 3 men

all had killed and eaten humans - They had their death spears but I did not know until later that one of the men was about to spear me when checked by my boys. We lined up the 3 men + I photographed them as they stood against the sky line with a view of the ocean as a background and a bread-fruit tree trunk in the foreground with the men. We obtained the spears one of which was shafted with a human bone. I also

got photos of 3 narys -  
they wore only a pubic  
rag. Obtained various  
articles, at different vil-  
lages, included an old  
Malagan, estimated to  
be over 80 years old.

For this and a shark  
float I paid £2. for  
a pig net £1. for odd  
articles 7/- and "trade".  
Had a coconut drink, but  
nothing more until long  
after our return @ 2:45.  
Davis reported that he had  
revisited the cave & got  
the required humerus, also  
8 more bats. He then  
got a boat and visited

villages to northward of  
the Bay arriving 10.20  
he also succeeded in ob-  
taining ethnological speci-  
mens. By the time we  
had lunched & labelled  
all the specimens it was  
5 O'clock & then we had  
to have a box made by  
v. d. G's Carpenter (Chinese)  
in which to pack fragile  
& smaller articles cost £2.  
v. d. G. gave me a set of  
Celebean cock fighting knives  
one of which he fixed to  
a rooster and I attempted  
to photograph it. Visit  
to Semberi to be made  
tomorrow.

9. Tues.

Sorted out our collections and labelled them. At 8.0 we went aboard the pinnace and sailed at 8.20. As soon as we got outside the reef we met a heavy roll and got a regular tossing, just one of those experiences when aboard a large steamer, passengers remark "a good thing we're not on that boat." a N.W. wind and adverse current piling one wave on the top of another & drenching us. We got to the Straits at 9.30

and strangely enough  
the sea moderated con-  
siderably, but previously  
to this v. d. G. talked  
of returning owing to the  
danger of swamping. As  
soon as we got across  
we again met bad seas  
which continued to the  
reef making it difficult  
to negotiate the passage.  
Chas Pettersen, brother  
of Willie, before mentioned  
met us on the beach,  
we had lunch and a  
-yarn, not the only one  
listened to for the rest  
of the day for Chas  
took a few drops and

having been a sailor with wide experience was certainly entertaining. Here I got some fresh milk and when I asked what animal supplied it, he said he had Singapore Cows, goats but didn't know what had been "pulled." He is a Swede & speaks, Swedish, German French, English and Pigeon English, but gets mixed a regular "Irish Stew." I chafed at what seemed a wasted afternoon but we prepared the ground and arranged to disinter some skeletons to -

morrow. Davis found  
an old acquaintance in  
the shape of an ex-police  
boy, and several things  
came in including an  
exceptionally large "amu-  
lot" (armlet) from the  
islands of Tjunga. This  
is the largest that ap-  
pears to be known here  
and "Charlie" offered £3  
and would give it to  
our Museum. This of  
course, I declined. Then  
about 20 "monkeys"  
brought coconut beetles -  
some hundreds. I had  
to try and explain that  
we wanted, not 1000

of one kind, but a few  
of different kinds. It  
was not possible to  
unearth the skeletons  
to-day for no native  
would dare to enter the  
burial ground without  
permission of the boss  
boy: he had to be sent  
for some distance but  
it transpired when the  
boy returned that the  
boss was not where he  
was thought to be and  
the messenger was des-  
patched anew. It was  
getting dark when the  
Boss boy appeared &  
"Charlie" told him what

was wanted & obtained  
the required permission.  
The Timberi boys are  
said not to be afraid  
of snakes but I could  
not ascertain that they  
knew of Blind snakes.  
Pettersen has planted  
Moolies (Citrus) round  
his house as a pre-  
ventive against mos-  
quitoes. - Citrinella  
Oil is a recognised spee-  
-ific - Not being satisfied  
with the account of the  
would-be spearing epi-  
sode I made inquiries  
& found the facts to be  
as follows; - It was

explained to the men that I wanted to make a spearing picture that is to take them in the act of spearing. The short man "Lovingin" whom I put in the middle is half-witted and thought he was required to make a "true spearing". As the price was for my benefit he not unnaturally concluded that it was the "master" who desired the entire experience. In Pettersen's bath-room there are 37 baby Hawksbills on Zostera; they feed on this & also on small pieces of shell-

fish with which they are supplied. The turtles breed on the small island off the coast here and also on a large sandbank some distance further off. This bank is growing in size but there is no visible vegetation on it yet. If I can get ashore there it will be interesting to ascertain what plants are the first to arrive. Mrs Pettersen, a native and comely woman produced her 6<sup>th</sup> child on the 6<sup>th</sup> and within a few hours was engaged in her usual work. Pettersen says that

childbirth or "shelling-out"  
is assisted by another wo-  
man clasping the prospec-  
tive mother round the loins  
& placing the head a-  
gainst the abdomen pres-  
sing forcibly to assist  
expulsion.

10 Wed.

Rain & wind during last  
night & had to get up &  
put up the shutters to  
the windows of my room  
everything movable being  
swept off the verandah.

Sae Sae was anxious for  
the safety of the Pinnacle  
so we walked down to the  
beach & found the little

vessel had dragged her anchor & was partly on the sand. Much time was absorbed in firing up, getting a safe position & putting out an extra anchor while a dozen boys or so were engaged up to their necks in water we were penned up in the copra shed watching operations through the driving rain. This had driven us to move the table at breakfast time, the rain driving right across the verandah. Davis told me that Peterson had supplied each of his visitors with a

mary according to German custom but he hinted that he had better not make such suggestion to me - It had been our intention to unearth a skeleton to-day but apart from the wet morning all the available boys were engaged in making the punice secure. As the rain moderated somewhat v. d. G. Davis & self went for a stroll to a native village but 2 sick marys alone remained all others being at a big kai kai. Patterson gave me a girdle which had been taken from the body of a girl

who had been washed ashore dead. He had paid £5 for it. As the girl had long hair it was variously surmised that she was a native of Caroline Is. Samoa or German New Guinea. Boys brought me 2 Brown Tree Snakes and some lizards L. smaragdinus others. also some beetles. The afternoon broke fine but threatening clouds still hovering.

11 Thurs.

Rose at 5.30 and after the boys had been lined up got away at 6.15 & walked  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles to secure a skeleton the boss boy of the village took me through the bush where we came across an open shed & just within the threshold the place of burial was indicated. Within 4 inches of the surface we came across a palm spathe immediately beneath which were the bones occupying a space  $18 \times 10$  inches. It was evidently a reburial & in reply to inquiry was

told that the body had been buried in a box - afterwards reinterred. We gathered all the bones we could but I did not tally them. I amused the boys by placing against their own bodies various bones in their relative position. I raised a hearty laugh all round at the expense of our Police boy, Waualan, by serving him with the coccyx. On returning one of the boys brought me a Dipsadamorphus, caught by means of a fibre noose. Returned to breakfast, after which, with

Petterson + some boys went  
2 miles south to unearth  
the body of the girl referred  
to yesterday. It could not  
be found so P and I  
walked further south to  
Bill Petterson's, leaving  
the boys to continue the  
search. Saw a very large  
goana which jumped into  
a stream and swam a-  
mong the mangrove roots.  
Arrived we found Davis  
+ v. d. Ghursty who had  
gone there previously by  
arrangement, but they  
did not anticipate seeing  
us. Here some good  
things were secured in

cluding the skulls of 2  
men, a sword and a  
Samoaan murdered in 1894  
together with the axe with  
which the latter was killed  
I will write the story later.  
The place Semberi of the  
island of the same name  
is rich in low forked  
dead trees, from each  
limb of which it was  
the practice to hang a  
human victim prior to  
roasting him. I was  
introduced to an old  
man, a cannibal, the  
house boy to be referred  
to in the tale. I took  
a photograph of the

man against a hanging  
tree which latter I brought  
away. The victims were not  
hanged on the trees but  
simply hung there after  
death. Shot several par-  
rots also some weaver  
birds which nested in  
a high tree on the road  
side. W. Petterson has an  
amulet which he will  
not sell for less than £10.  
I made a sketch of it.  
Caught a brown tree Sn.  
lying along a branch +  
when I returned along  
the road found that  
the boys, detailed by  
Chas. Petterson, had

several more, including  
two very large ones  
measuring  
respectively - also two  
Pseudelaps mulleri ??  
and Hydrophis  
a Coconut Crab + some  
lizards. One of the Pseu-  
delaps had bitten its  
captor so I treated the  
torn wound with Potass.  
permanganate crystals.  
As we passed the spots  
where we had left the  
boys digging we learned  
that their search had  
not been successful  
though I expect their  
efforts had not been

very strenuous after our  
backs were turned. Photo's  
3 girls at Will Pettersons  
including Petterson's Mary  
also one of her and P.  
both togged up for the  
occasion. In the evening  
"Mrs P." told us in her  
Pigeon English a dream &  
how it came true. V. d. G.  
translated for me and I  
want her to repeat it so  
that it may be written.

12 Fri.

The following is account  
above referred. The dream  
of Singdo ("Mrs Petterson")  
and how it came true  
(interrogatively).

sleep long night <sup>on</sup> you look  
devil

Q. Missus he true you dream  
before you look him lik  
lik tortoiseshell (Misses,  
tell the true dream before  
you searched for the little  
turtles.

A. Yes. <sup>sleep 'long night etc.</sup>

Q. You dream all same what  
name? (What did you  
dream about?)

A. We look him one fellow  
mama tortoiseshell. he go  
'long lik kik island na  
well long all dee why.  
I saw a mother turtle  
on the small island  
(Maravio, off Simberi)  
among the trees or ropes  
(creepers.) He go sit down

(na well = among)

'long keo helou' him [She  
went + sat down on the eggs  
that were hers.] 'long morn-  
ing time he go back 'long  
solora and go kai-kai.  
Then we look him all  
lik like tortoiseshell walk  
'bout long white sand.

(end of dream)

In the morning the mother  
turtle went back to the sea  
or salt water (solora) to  
feed then I saw all the  
little turtles walking about  
on the white sand.

What follows actually  
occurred -

Long morning time Kong  
Kong he like so shoot

passing long island, we  
speak him we sell him  
one fellow boy 'long you.  
(best morning the station  
Chinaman wished to go &  
shoot pigeons on the island  
I told him I would send  
a boy (blackfellow) with him]  
Boy he come an' we speak  
him you go one time 'long  
number one. [The boy  
came + I told him to go  
with the Chinaman (No 1)]  
and you go kiss him  
lik Kik tortoiseshell we look  
him long night (and go  
& catch (fetch = kiss) the  
little turtles I saw last  
night (ie in her dream)

Boy he go an' he look him  
road belong big-fellow tor-  
toiseshell. } The boy went &  
saw the old turtle's tracks }  
He go he-eyen (ie he fol-  
lowed the tracks) an' he  
find him all lik-lik  
tortoiseshell (pron? toroussell)  
run 'bout long white sand.

end of narrative.

The Burgis brought last  
night was tied up with  
cane or bamboo but in  
the morning had disap-  
peared. When the boys  
(~~now~~ were lined up at  
~~beam~~ the monkeys were  
told to find the cooker  
(Crab.) native name of

Coco crab (neets). They had a long search but surely enough returned with the crab about 10.0. They found it in the same hole in the ground whence it was taken yesterday. This hole is more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from the house - What about the homing instinct of a Coco Crab? All the morning was occupied in labelling our various acquisitions and in taking photographs of Petterson & the N<sup>rs</sup> and of the station girls. As I find that the cost of chartering the pinnae

with cost of Kerosene & oil  
has run up to £22. 10. 0  
decided to accept Petterson's  
offer of his ketch free,  
for further operations -  
Of the young hawks-bills  
found, following the dream,  
34 were put into a wash  
tub with salt water &  
Zostera. Petterson gave  
them to me. Davis gave me  
a green turtle shell he had  
left with W. Patterson on  
a previous occasion. The  
longest Dipsadomorphus I  
have obtained is 7' 4".  
Petterson gave Davis &  
self, each a Russian  
Cossack's cap. In the

afternoon C. Pettersson took  
me to the island ( )  
when one of the boys  
found the track of a  
turtle, in the sand, just  
at the edge of the bush  
he found the nest in  
the sand and digging  
down about 20 inches un-  
earthed 155 eggs. They were  
quite fresh + considering  
the clear tracks were  
possibly deposited only  
last night. I sucked  
one + found it to be quite  
pleasant as raw eggs go.  
Took photographs of the  
eggs + the turtle's tracks.  
Shot 3 herons + a white-

headed Kingfisher. Leaving the island saw 2 turtles in the water, one watched us for some time with its head + the crest of the carapace out of water until we were within 60 feet when it dived. In evening packed heavy goods had them placed aboard the pinnace.

13. Sat

Rediscovered plans + decided that I should walk ~~the~~ the northern end of island to Pigibout, Davis going with the pinnace south and meeting me at Pigibout where I am to join the

'Sak sak' for Soss. on Tabar.  
As I write, before breakfast,  
the boys brought in a  
boar and one of the  
dogs was badly torn. He  
laid down whilst Frans  
balsam was poured into  
the wounds, just wincing  
as the string came, but  
otherwise quiet. Photo-d  
the boar alive swung  
over a pole. Boy brought  
letter from Goet Meyer  
Pigibut + we sent reply  
that we would see him  
during the day. (Writing  
5.15 am 14<sup>th</sup>)  
I started off at 7.30  
with Wandalan, Marsilea  
Barei + (the monkey) Bokap,

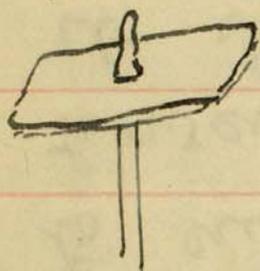
weather clear & fine. Soon reached village Largulip where I had disinterred the skeleton. at Roombio I photographed a strong enclosure about 7' x 4' in which a wild pig is kept until wanted. It was erected at the base of an enormous tree, so dark that I had to try a time exposure. Here I got one of those charms the "grass" (hair) of a parent used to ensure a good catch of fish etc. The women who are generally naked to the waist make no ado when met

but one to-day at my  
near approach picked up  
a large dead leaf (Bread  
fruit tree) and held it  
in front of her breasts,  
as she passed. Walking  
was now troublesome owing  
to the heat and I got a  
boy to obtain a "cooler". He  
disappeared in the leafy  
top of a 90 foot palm. After  
I had had a drink, I  
put the nut down when  
Wanalanau picked it up  
asking "Finis". Yes! "he  
belong me now" and he  
finished the milk + "copra".  
As we passed an enclosure  
I asked if it belonged

Kong Kong (Chinaman)  
but was told "plenty  
same belong Kanaka."

Reached Samat at 10 am  
and in a house found  
a tuft of dried "grass".  
was informed that this  
is held in the mouth to  
make a man fight plenty  
strong. asking the owner  
to get a spear & gammon  
he entered into the spirit  
of the thing. put a  
smear of Cambang (lime)  
across his forehead &  
posed for the camera.  
natives like to be photo-  
graphed & are very vain  
Here I got a dried Coeo

nut used as a receptacle  
for bone-taro scoops. In  
many places where coco-  
nuts are planted I find  
oblong pieces of palm -  
spathes propped on  
to a bamboo - these are  
to ensure a good supply



of nuts. At Bonda  
I took a couple. At  
Matavea I found  
some sharks' eyes strung  
on a reed but did not  
learn that there was any  
significance in the objects.  
At Matua I got some pig-  
nooses + kai kai hangers.  
At Pombuk reached 11.30  
I entered a house in which

cooking stones were being heated. About 8 women were seated around feeding the fierce glowing hot fire, the heat was so intense in the house, which had only the usual small low opening, that I had to make a rapid exit, however the women stand it I don't know. Why don't they cook outside? I have perhaps referred to the natives reply to a query. I ask Wanalan emerging from inspection of a house, 'Nothing there?' 'Yes', he answers, meaning nothing there. As I

had to meet the pinnace  
at Pigibut there was no  
time for midday rest, so  
I pushed on in the broiling  
heat anxious to know  
how far I had still to  
go. At 12.0. I was told  
"long way, lik lik, too  
much." Very enlightening!  
I finally arrived at 1.30  
finding Davis there before  
me. Owing to the rough  
sea, the pinnace had  
put in at  
whence Davis had walked  
At Kai Kai we were  
waited on by a girl who  
had two deep sulci in  
the forehead, she is

from Siar, S. New Ireland  
& the indentations are  
made in the bone by  
sharp stones, in infancy.  
I took a photograph of her  
& another girl. Went to  
the coast to see the "Sae  
Sae" which v.d. Ghiesbreght  
had brought round but  
he could not anchor in  
the pounding seas and  
beat out again making  
scarcely any progress in  
the course of an hour.  
We found a 12 ft plank  
which we had bought &  
put on board, floating  
in the surf so G-meyer  
sent in a boy who swam

I retrieved it. Visited a grotto <sup>from</sup> under which the river flows. At 'Abendessen' we learned that Mrs G-M had to cook herself because the cook Mary had run away. Why? because I had photographed the other two Marys. I naturally thought that she had bolted lest I should make picture of her too, but the trouble was otherwise. She had gone, out of pique, because I had not taken her also. G.M. gave us several things & natives brought others which we purchased. I

paid G. Meyer 13/- for  
Bird of Paradise coins  
5. 2 + 1. mark. Had a  
dip before retiring-

14 Sun.

Up a daybreak, 5. am  
had a dip + commenced  
to write the foregoing 5.15.  
Received a note, by boy,  
from Tatatara from v.d. G.  
where the pineapple is ly-  
ing. Replied + told him  
we would leave as soon  
as possible. Packed up  
specimens including a  
porcelain flower dish, will  
do for developing given  
by G. Meyer and got  
away at 10. am. Said to

be a 2 hours walk. but  
delay at villages retarded  
arrival to 12.30. The road  
is very beautiful some-  
times inland, sometimes  
skirting the coast. Got  
a few things including  
a canoe baler, which  
I had not seen before.  
Sent all goods aboard  
in the dinghy which re-  
turned with a bottle of  
beer, one-third of which  
was consumed each by  
G-Meyer who had ac-  
companied us thus far,  
Dasis & self. As. v. d. G.  
was waiting for higher  
tide, the boys had Kai Kai

after which I scrambled  
some tobacco. The natives  
had made our departure  
a kind of picnic for  
the number of bearers was  
largely augmented several  
men joining the train  
and bringing the kai kai  
wrapped in leaves I had  
a delightful bath both  
in the sea & the stream  
of fresh water, most  
refreshing after the hot  
pad from Pigibut. Davis  
& self, went aboard at 3,  
but owing to trouble  
with the engine we did  
not start till 3.45.  
we had a rough time

in the straits but as soon as we rounded the n-west corner of Tala<sup>u</sup> we got into smoother water to Kopo arriving at 6.10. Davis got a square cupcup, <sup>(werwer)</sup> a cannibal skull ~~at~~ at Tatarata<sup>ra</sup> & a lili (arulel) at ~~Bofare~~.

Boare during his walk from Tataratara to Pigi but on previous evening.

15. Mon.

Photographed a lapoon (old man) wearing the werwer, while I was to visit Klett, Davis was to pack & visit some villages a little inland

from Kopo. I started the first stages of the journey by Catamaran the sea being smooth & the weather cloudy. Left at 9.0 and skirted mangroves, the water where shallow being a mosaic of many coloured corals whereon lived a most variedly marked starfish of which I took some specimens. Waited at one point on shore, it taking an hour for two men to drag the catamaran over the shallow reef to where we waited. I had with me Wanalan, Marsiba & Bokap white two of v.d. G's

boys managed the canoe while waiting a couple of Ibis searched the reef & a fishing eagle gave me a long shot with the .410 as he returned from his fishing excursion. The only effect of the shot was to make him drop his catch which the boys failed to recover. Fish spearing was attempted from the canoe but the boy was not successful. However, later, we met a man on the road who had Balistes (red band) Hyporhamphus large with black spots, the beaks being broken

a Murāena & a Labroid.

Started off again in the  
canoe and in half hour  
reached <sup>SABASABATAT</sup> Sigaragara, a  
magnificent harbour where  
I understand the 'Warreg'  
anchored. It is so well  
shut in from the sea  
that Wanalan remarked—  
"good fellow place, no  
see him ship him stop here."  
I exposed a film from  
our landing place, the  
landing among the man-  
groves being made com-  
fortable by the boys  
pulling down 2 bamboo  
rafts which they found  
in the village. We left

at 12.30, the canoe being  
taken back by the two  
boys. At first we used  
a bush track, this led  
to the government road  
wide and well-kept  
women brushing it with  
wisps as in N. Ireland.  
In places it is really  
beautiful, Crotons, Bana-  
nas, palms, Coco and  
Betel. Scarlet & yellow  
blooms, the whole too  
splendid to describe.  
Now the road left down  
into a valley, now to  
a hill top leading ever  
over the mountains.  
At a village - MAREI.

on the summit, I had  
a cooler. The boy climb-  
ing the cocotree without  
the usual ankle strap or  
as a native said "He go  
up nothing". Ascending a  
hill we suddenly had  
a view of Klett's house  
across ~~at~~ a planted plain  
in half an hour we  
had traversed this as-  
cended the hill on the  
top of which Klett has  
built his house and  
was greeting<sup>ed</sup> at 4. pm.  
a cup of cold coffee &  
a biscuit was very ac-  
ceptable as I had not  
eaten since 7. am. A

bath + a yarn and at  
sundown I despatched a  
boy to Kopo with a note  
to Davis asking him to  
leave in the Pinnace on  
Wednesday morning +  
come here. We can then  
leave the same evening  
+ W.P. be once more in  
Lakurafangi on Thursday.  
Netto's house faces a  
mountainous country, a  
narrow stream, almost  
as I thought dividing the  
two areas, I was sur-  
prised to find that I  
was looking at Tabar  
the "stream" being the  
narrow passage between.

Tatua and Tabar, I am reduced to 2 films. that is 12 pictures, the last taken being of coco & betel trees round which were plaited palm leaves this is to denote ownership on behalf of a (or more) native(s). Coming along the road I found one of those spiny stick insects which must be closely allied to the Lord Howe Island insect. the native of whom I asked whether they were found on Dee Why (trees) or in holes in Dee Why. said "on Dee Why, in holes in

See why " I could arrive  
at nothing further.

16. Tues.

After breakfast some of  
Klett's boys set off with  
dog to kill a wild pig  
but they had only got  
200 yards from the house  
when they attacked one  
of the domestic pigs which  
squealed as only pigs can.  
It was rescued with some  
difficulty. At 9.0 Klett +  
I set off in catamaran  
but put back owing to a  
leak, the tree being split-  
this was caulked up. In  
the map the passage be-  
tween Tataa and Mapua

is marked as a wide one but no one could detect the entrance from this side, or having found it would suspect its nature. No where is it wider than the canoe route. In places the boys had to get out to clear it from the mangrove roots, the water is quite shallow & the trees meet overhead. In fact the first half of the passage might have been cleared by man excepting that it would have been straight, it is very tortuous & at the many bends, the

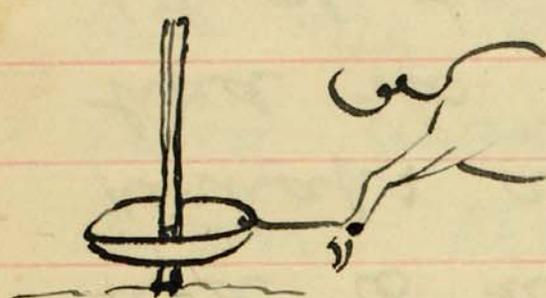
canoe had to be dragged round by the boys. At one spot where the trees parted somewhat & let in a little light I attempted a photograph. In due course we emerged into a magnificent wide channel of deep water which would harbour a fleet of war ships. Shot a Grey pigeon and after paddling for some further time landed on Mapua and walked across sending the canoe round to meet us at an arranged place. The vegetation on the whole is less luxuriant than

on the main island  
but the rugged scenery  
of the coast is very fine  
enormous undercut rocks  
overhang the beach and  
the hanging parts are  
perforated to the sky. Suc-  
culent plants grow in  
the crevices and creepers  
trail over their irregular  
faces. Stalactite-like  
columns of iron stone as  
thick as one's body de-  
pend from the rocks as  
though metal had been  
poured over and congealed.  
Searched the houses of  
several villages. I had  
not previously seen a

spider's web used for fishing. the web is carried wound across the limbs of a forked stick & when used is unwound & attached to a line like a bait. the teeth of the fish are entangled in the web. as far as I could make out it is garfish that are taken in this way. On a very high naked tree we came across a colony of black weaver birds and above one patch a sea eagle alighted, evidently nesting. The small birds fluttered off when his

Majesty arrived but re-  
turned as soon as he  
was seated. The bird  
stayed only half a minute  
having possibly arranged  
a stick or two. We could  
not induce the Mapua  
natives to climb the  
tree which had plenty  
of foot holds though they  
do not hesitate to go  
up a straight palm of  
equal height, swinging  
yards out of perpendicular  
by their added weight.  
Having entered a shut-  
up house said to be  
the property of an elderly  
though obliging spinner

We found a squeaker pig tethered by a hind leg to a stick by means of a perforated half coconut, so that the pig did



not twist up the rope. This seemed to be so interesting that I had pig & appliance carried outside. We quieted the gyrating porker with some kikai when I photographed the pig and appliance returned the former but commencing the latter for which I left a stick of tobacco. The owner was said to be a particu-

larly tall woman but she did not put in an appearance. Having crossed the island we re-entered the waiting canoe & as it was now high water we had no difficulty in crossing the reef though on the outward journey the canoe had to be dragged for perhaps a mile. As we had no "trade" with which to pay for various articles taken two of the Mapua natives accompanied us in a raft made of 5 bamboos, 21 ft. in length. the

middle one the longer  
at both ends. I got it  
to range alongside and  
photographed it. It is  
intended for one man only  
but the weight of the  
extra man made it well  
awash. Klett translated  
my remark to the men  
thus: - "Arse belong you  
he get water". This word -  
vulgarly English - is commonly  
used instead of "bottom"  
to put anything into a  
canoe is: - "put etn long  
arse belong canoe". It is  
also used to express "melody"  
as "arse belong Sing Sing"  
means the tune peculiar  
to a particular Sing Sing. [148]

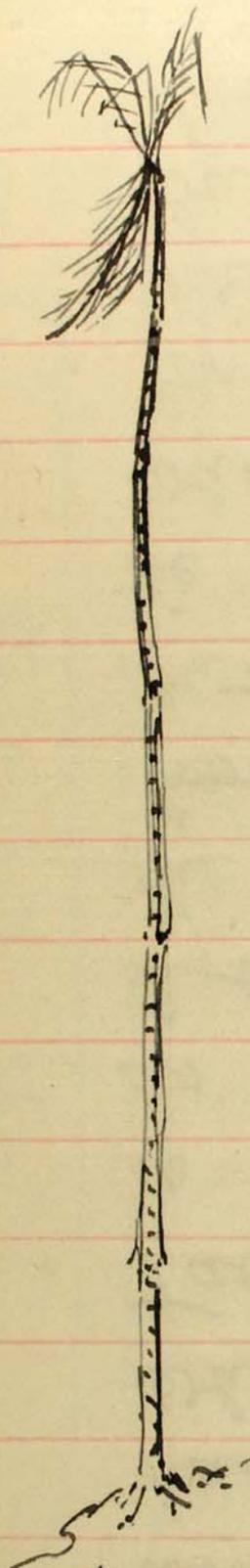
We landed at Foualabat  
at 3.0. Climbed the hill  
to Klett's house and had  
first a bath, then some  
kai kai. Messenger had  
brought letter from Davis  
owing to much packing  
he would not be able to  
be ready to come in the  
pinnace tomorrow, but  
would send it for me  
so that we could sail  
from Kopo on Thursday.  
As this meant an extra  
day's charter I sent ano-  
ther messenger with note  
to effect that I would  
walk & canoe to Kopo  
so that we could leave

on Thurs for Rakurafanē  
There was also a note  
from C. Peterson, now at  
Terapax, to Klett. It is  
astonishing how news is  
carried long distances by  
the natives, in short time.  
A boy had brought in  
some birds for food. I  
commandeered a "bush  
<sup>Megapodius reinwardti</sup>  
fowl," & sent it to Marsi-  
lea who is with me to  
skin. Klett gave me some  
objects & I purchased others  
from him. I remarked that  
on the clearing extending  
from the house a solitary  
tree left standing. This  
Klett told me is tabu

\* now becomes a particularly prominent object. As the "Company", (New Guinea Compagnie.) has not supplied Kletto's house with a tank, every drop of water has to be carried up the hill from the river, girls do this swinging a couple of cans on a stick carried by two; a clump of leaves is placed on the water to prevent splashing out.

17 Wed.

Photographed 3 girls, "gam-morning" the phlebotomical incident seen at N. Ireland the two girls concerned



being from there.  
Klett detected some  
trouble with one  
of them and on  
examination it was  
seen that on each  
side of the upper  
part of the vulva  
was a callous as  
large as a broad  
bean: it was treated  
with silver nitrate.

"Under the shade of the sheltering  
palm" — A specimen on Klett's  
agency at Tomalabat. Better  
than Katishaw's tooth, it

stands entirely alone.  
Ascended the hill on  
which the palm stands &  
took a picture of the  
passage between Tatuva,  
whereon we stood, and  
Tabar. While there we saw  
a canoe on the passage &  
as we reached the house  
Peterson was climbing  
the hill; he had come  
from Marakan in his  
own boat. At "Bello"  
ie. bell time. 11 O'clock  
when hands knock off  
for kai kai, some boys  
previously sent into the  
bush brought me tree  
lobsters which they had

MAPUA ISLAND  
18 miles distant.

Island  
18 miles distant.

Talbar Island.

18 miles distant.

Sea



MANgroves.

PLANTATION

MANgroves cut out.  
PLANTATION cut out.

Mangroves

cut out.

Road.

Road



A entrance to passage  
A' uher entrance.

Verandah  
Corner post.

Verandah - Rail w/ Shutter.

according to my hazarded  
description in a hollow  
tree exactly as in the  
Lord Howe Island species.  
They also brought me an  
orchid from which yellow  
colour is obtained for  
painting Malagans. C.  
Peterson left for Topinda  
promising to meet us  
with his boat tomorrow at  
the passage from Marei.

18 Thurs.

A very strong wind came  
up last night and I had  
to get up + put shutters  
to the windows (openings)  
Started at 6.45 am and  
walked <sup>along</sup> ~~only~~ the road &

traversed on Monday for  
Marei arriving 20 mins  
in advance of the boys  
who had lagged behind  
At 9.15 they came up &  
Wanalan explained that he  
was lame, I found large  
scabs on the sole, but on  
bathing & bandaging up he  
was able to proceed. C.  
Peterson joined us at Marei  
and told us that at  
Terapax last night a boy  
had climbed a palm to  
steal nuts and fell from  
the crown 60 feet. He broke  
his ankle, the bone pro-  
truding through the flesh.  
It was set, bandaged and

the boy was sent by boat  
to Kawring. We left the  
Marei village at 9.45 &  
walked through the bush  
to the coast arriving at  
10.0. we had to be sup-  
ported by natives in  
crossing a swamp, the  
boys pulling bamboo  
down in front of us. I  
photographed Peterson in  
the act of crossing. On ar-  
rival we had to reach  
Peterson's boat by means  
of a bamboo-raft taking  
one white, but several  
natives on one trip. I  
got Klett to 'press the but-  
ton' on the camera's set

for me on the raft.

Aboard & the sail set we  
bowed along with at 7.  
knots with a S.E. breeze.  
Arrived at Kopo at 11.0  
the last 20 mins being  
occupied in rowing, the  
wind not being favourable  
for running in. I under-  
stand that there are any  
number of good harbours  
on this west coast, ~~HALF~~  
SABASABATAT, being the  
name of the one visited  
on Monday. SIGARAGARA  
is another. Fine anchorage  
Spent afternoon packing  
and labelling. Davis re-  
ported his doings during

my absence as follows:—  
July 15. " Made an ex-  
cursion to mountain &  
obtained a tortoise-shell  
cutting tool, lizards etc.  
returned 2.30 and packed  
Vandergheniste had trouble  
with his boys, I lined  
them up. I used the re-  
volver in the air. v.d.g  
lined up his dogs when  
the boys returned to work.  
16<sup>th</sup> worked villages towards  
Soss returned and packed  
remade insect net." (Davis)

19. Fri.

Rose at 4:30 & got goods  
together & put on pinnace  
the boys having been paid

spent their money at  
v. d. G's store many of  
them buying little boys  
straw hat with names  
of Australian gunboats: -  
'Pioneer' 'Mildura' 'Warrego'  
also 'Drake', 'Nelson'. etc.  
The boys carried us to  
the dinghy whence we  
went to the 'Sak-Sak' &  
cleared at 6.30 am. Saw  
some small whales. As  
we had a strong current  
against us, v. d. G. de-  
cided to run to a near  
point of N. Ireland coast  
& catch the S.E. breeze.  
We had intended making  
direct for Rakurafanga

but the skipper's decision to hug the coast gave me the idea of going ashore as a point S. of our previous operations, so we headed for Fusioa. Smoke at different places all along the coast where natives are cooking Taro. Passed a sailing boat all the boys wearing shirts, a sure indication of a mission boat. We now got into smoother water under the lee of the land and beached at 3.30 pm. Walked up hill to the N. G. Co station house in

charge of Adolphus Jahn who gave us kai kai & then took me round the station. The copra is dried artificially under proper temperatures and all the plantation is laid out in numbered blocks so that the boys may be given definite work which can be readily checked. For the first time I became acquainted with "crew", the name given to the bulb of the coconut formed in the shell after the nut has begun to sprout, which sprout is developed outside the shell, but

within this husk, the crew  
is light and porous of  
the consistency of a  
sponge cake + is therefor  
more toothsome than the  
copra part of the nut.  
Cocoa is also grown, the  
flowers are very insigni-  
ficant and grow from  
any part of trunk or  
branch whence the fu-  
ture pods depend. Kapoc  
trees are also freely  
grown. Went in Fesoa  
village + saw a crema-  
torium with some burnt  
bones + ashes still in  
the cradle - or boat-like  
structure. Corrugated iron

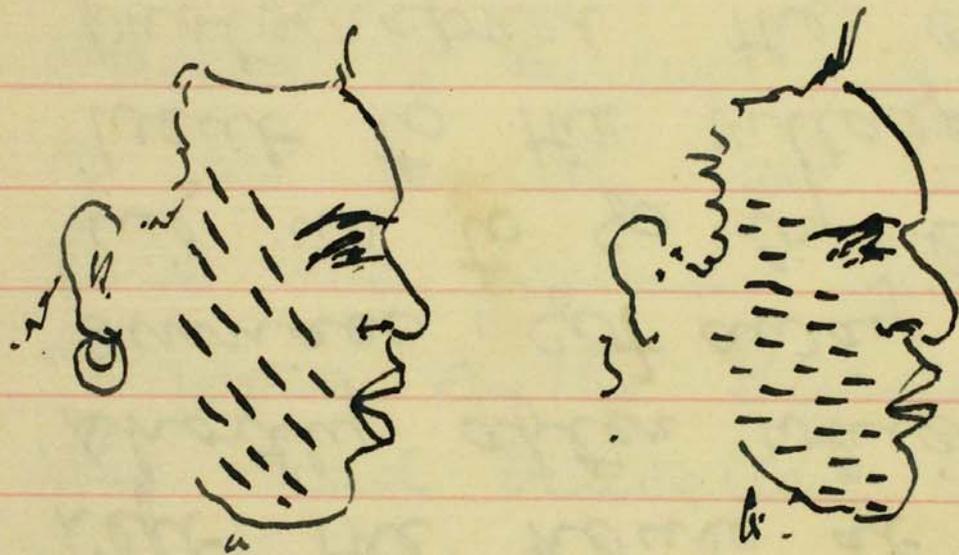
had been used to line  
the structure which w<sup>d</sup>  
otherwise have been all  
burnt. the basket-work  
structure is raised 3 ft  
from the ground. Saw  
some hospital cases &  
after tea Jahn gave me  
a few things. He had a  
clayed & painted head  
but did not want to  
dispose of it as he says  
it is useful if things  
go wrong with the boys.  
he had only to take it  
out of the house, when  
all & sundry scatter &  
become amenable. He  
would however, accept

£5 for it, a sum I did not feel inclined to give. As chartering the pinnace becomes very expensive I engaged it to carry cargo hence to Kawieing, that it to carry goods now on board, pick up our accumulated stores at Lakurafaua for £9 liability to cease at Kawieing.

20. Sat.

At "Bello" 6. am I went with Jahn to see the laborers line up for examination & roll call. all from Mokolong could

be detected at once, in place of the usual non-incised tattoo they have lozenge-shaped cuts on on the face, all in the same line though their direction may be different in different individuals thus:— They



are from the S coast of N. Britain - Examined the eyes of a girl who is blind at night &

cannot see at all after  
dusk. The eyes are so  
black that I could  
not detect the pupils.  
Left the house at 7 am  
shortly after which the  
punniase got away leav-  
ing us to go by land.  
Went to the village +  
photographed the crema-  
torium, bought some  
things + got away at  
8.15. One of our boys  
gave me from memory  
the names of villages  
through which we had  
to pass en route to  
Lakurafaua. At  
Medinia we got a

'piano' with 5 keys: the ones previously obtained having but 3. The larger instruments are called Lonō, the smaller Arō at Medicine. Reached Panafan at 11.40 and Munawai, Constantine's station at 1.0 having walked 15 miles and glad of the lunch we got here we found Cutler + Moore of the Survey, who had travelled with us in the "Marsena". As I had exhausted all my Kodak films. Moore lent me 3. As it is a further 15 miles to Lakurafanua

and as we were somewhat  
fagged we discussed the  
question of conveyance  
Constantine has placed  
his car at the disposal  
of Moore but suggested  
that we should send a  
note to Euders asking for  
his motor car, in 25  
minutes our boy brought  
reply to the effect that  
he had guests. Constantine  
said the refusal came  
because Euders is anti-  
English. Here news was  
current that W. Peterson  
had been lost in his cutter  
As Constantine has a couple

of bikes they were requisitioned and we left at 3.0. Mine was a 'Speedwell' but as the wheels were wobbly. I had to adjust them occasionally, & the free-wheel was usually 'free' so that I had to walk up-hill and coast-down. The saddle was of the oscillating nature, but as Mark Twain said of his horse, it had some good points, so I sat on one of them. However it was a change ~~from~~<sup>for</sup> tired legs. Davis had trouble with type but passing.

a Chilianus got a  
new valve tube & this  
left him, for trouble  
only a loose cotter pin.  
we did the 15 miles in  
3 hours arriving at  
Lakurafaua at 6.0.  
The boys came along  
with baggage, on foot,  
and arrived during the  
night. Tanderghuisty  
had arrived with the  
pinnace at 3.30 and  
he & Ostrom were much  
surprised when I & I  
rode up the garden  
road, they had not  
expected us before the  
morning.

21. Sun.

Commenced to develop the films at 6.0 and put through 7 before dinner. As the water warmed the results got thinner so I knocked off at Kaikai time. Packed all loose things lying here + put aboard the "Sak Sak". Learned that the old man "wow wow" I had photographed here on the had died & been burned. Ostrom had delayed the cremation for 2 days in the hope that I might turn up but I was unfortunate

is being absent at the  
time. News of death of  
W. Petterson had also  
reached here & doubtless  
all along the coast but  
as we had seen him  
as late as the 11<sup>th</sup> the  
rumour is discredited.  
Heard that the ex Jar  
has been assassinated.  
Rain fell and cooler  
conditions resulted so I  
put through 4 more films  
with good results. Ar-  
ranged to send Davis  
to Kaweing tomorrow on  
various errands also to  
transact business for  
Ostrom. As v.d.g. has

a little fever he did not leave for Kawieung. I should have mentioned that on Saturday night he imbibed freely and Ostrom wanted to get off his <sup>v. d. g.'s</sup> heard but Davis intervened & prevented what might have led to trouble. The whole of Sunday was occupied in developing films, packing goods and writing my notes.

22 Mon.

Rained all night & replenished the house tanks. I had used river water for developing yesterday. Put through the final

3 films exposed to date  
all satisfactory. Davis  
left at 6 am. for Kawiang.  
wrote to Stirling. Went  
to Father Peckel in the  
afternoon & copied list of  
snakes of Bismarck Arch.  
by Otto Meyer. Thence to  
Engelke, at Bava, he  
has some interesting ethnō  
including a stone - axe  
head 9 1/2" in diameter  
and two hafted adzes -  
also a handled chisel  
and a ring 'knuckle-  
duster'. He also has some  
St. Mathias bodies in  
the ground and I may  
go to unearth one to-

morrow, the natives of that island will not I am told, countenance removal of the bodies so that this will be a good opportunity to obtain the type -

23. Tues.

Commenced to catalogue the photo films and after breakfast walked to Baia. (F. Eugelke, a naturalised British subject.) Our first object was to dig up a skeleton of Matthias & natives but as all the boys and men employed by Eugelke are from that island we met with

initial difficulties. The boys professed that they did not know where any named individual was buried and I lost  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours before they would yield. They then put in the spade exactly on the spot and in advance indicated the direction of the body & where the coconut (head) lay. The method practised by St Matthias natives is to wrap up the body in a mat and lash it to a stick by which it is lowered, the body is then covered with stones

and one, or two, lengths  
of bamboo or other pole  
are placed over the stones.  
Striking the bamboos at-  
once indicated the lay  
of the body. After burial  
the carrying stick & all  
property of the deceased  
is burnt. We opened 2  
graves and secured the  
bones, both skulls having  
the 32 teeth intact. The  
first was of MUITOKEI,  
aged about 18 & buried  
20. Dec. 1916. The second  
ROTAZIN. aged about 20  
died 19. Dec 1916. Both of  
Beri-beri. the latter  
of relapse & heart failure

In Rotaziu's grave I  
got a Typhlops and in  
both a Lycoroma, this  
species is heavier and  
more sluggish than the  
usual members of the  
genus. None of the boys  
would touch the bones  
so I had to collect  
them myself. This had  
the advantage that I  
got them seriatim in-  
stead of haphazard.  
Photographed a tree in  
Engelke's grounds described  
by C. Lauterbach as

*Diospyros peekelii*, after  
the Rev<sup>d</sup> Father Peckel. I  
had previously noted it

on account of its large  
apple-like pubescent  
fruit. On the road I got  
photograph of Buffalo  
in wagon. Ranched with  
Engelke and photographed  
boys & Marys with weals  
on body due to cutting.  
Smaller cicatrices which  
I had seen on most of  
the natives are the result  
of "cures" by burning.  
If a patient has pain  
in body or limbs a bit  
of the mid leaf of the  
coco palm is charred &  
pointed, the point is  
heated & driven into the  
flesh, the belly being

a common place owing  
to prevalence of belly-  
ache. The free end is  
then lighted and owing  
to the tender condition  
of the splinter it is  
burnt out and it is  
claimed that the pain  
is cured, I think that  
I would prefer the "pain"  
Returned to Lakurafanga  
by horse & trap & then  
went out with Oström.  
After much cajoling we  
succeeded in inducing a  
Mary to bring us a  
plant, the like of which  
is eaten to produce a-  
bortion. Went to sea

of cremation of the old  
man "Lebasine  
but all had been burnt  
out. Saw the boss boy  
who brought me some  
of the charred bones in  
a leaf sachel. He was  
willing to let me have  
them, but desired to  
retain some of the cau-  
bang (fine powder. the  
name of chewing-lime)  
when he no doubt put  
up in another sachel.  
On the road we met  
Davis driving in from  
Kawieung. He brought me  
a long letter from Rose  
which included news-

cuttings, a photograph  
taken by Cutler on the  
"Marsena" + another let-  
ter from Defence Dept.  
Davis learnt that a boat  
("Dee Why") is to leave  
for New Hanover on ~~Wed.~~  
~~Thurs.~~ or Friday. He  
also brought letter from  
Whiteman, Rabaul, with  
list of his Ethnological  
collections. Returned to  
Oström's and continued  
Catalogue of negatives. As  
I write these notes (it  
is quite dark outside)  
our Monkey. Bokap.  
brought me a Sun-  
bird. (Cinnivris?) ~~He~~

got it asleep on a tree  
however he found the  
little thing in the dark  
is known only to him-  
self. Replied to letter  
from Naval Department,

24. Wed.

Took photographs of the  
Police posing for Sing.  
Sing, he is always up  
to antics of this kind.

Morgan who stayed the  
night with Ostrom, invi-  
ted me to Lussok. in  
the hope of seeing +,  
if lucky, getting a puk  
puk. (Crocodile) Pigs are  
frequently taken by these  
creatures. Developed a

film & warmed all the finished ones in the kitchen as they are sticking together, put toilet paper between them. The dampness is responsible for much loss in this equatorial region. The leather of the cameras is leaving the wood and metal, and is mildewed as are also boots, linings of hats covers of books etc. Then clothing will not dry and feels always clammy. Guns, keys, even in the pocket, locks & hinges all get rusty. Outside everything is

dripping + coconuts fall  
with a thud throughout  
the night. Obtained some  
plants used by natives  
but have to pack them  
green. Sent on my tent +  
bedding by carriers and  
left for Lussok in a  
sulky at 2.20. Passing  
the village Monowai where  
I had photographed the  
albino boy I essayed  
again but he bolted into  
the bush + the natives  
said they would not be  
able to find him - a  
little further I met a  
"Monkey" + suggested that  
he should try. He was

successful so I returned  
and found him held  
between 2 adults screaming  
for his very life. I did  
expose a film but it  
is not likely to be a  
success. Driving along I  
saw on soft rock on the  
road side at Collopete  
a carving of a shark +  
on jumping out saw 2  
more. I photo'd them on  
2 films. The driver said  
they were kauaka work  
+ when I asked him why  
he had not drawn my  
attention to them said  
he had not thought of  
them though knew they

were there. Here a boy  
on a bicycle overtook us  
& handed me a note  
from Ostrom asking me  
to sign an enclosure to  
the effect that money  
brought by Davis from  
Kawceig (see  
was £12.10.0 short. I  
added & signed separate  
note to the effect that I  
was present & assisted to  
count the money twice  
& found it to be £12/10/0  
short of the amount stated  
to be in the bag. Arrived  
at Russok at 4.45. Rain  
commencing to fall; on  
the way we overtook

The carriers & I suggested putting the loads on the sulky but possibly being afraid to disobey Morgan's declined. Two girls brought it along later, having sheltered from the rain. The river at Russok is a dark murky stream winding out of the mangroves, passing under the road bridge and diving seaward, a sandbank forming the delta and upon which Crocodiles bask on their way to and from the ocean. Morgan has a wretched hacking cough

which he says results from fever. Harry Lauder would say "this is the whisky cough I think. His abode is a single roomed Sae-Sae dwelling, but it is water proof. He gave instructions to have a dog tied up in a spot convenient for observation & within proper range of a service rifle the bullets of which were split. As I am uncertain what stock of Kodak films I have in Kawieng I am using the Reflex with film packs but do not feel certain of exposures

I am now fairly confident  
with the Kodak & have  
very few exposure failures  
or indeed failures of  
any kind. After Kai  
Kai had a stroll & saw  
the place on the road  
where last night, a  
crocodile had crossed  
it & taken a pig. Called  
on the Chinaman who  
had prepared and sent  
our meal. Returning I  
wrote down, as far as  
I could make out, the  
following words used at  
Lussok & supplied by Mor-  
gan's Mary, an intelligent  
girl. The 'a' is the article  
but is scarcely heard -

water	a' larum
fire	a' tatet.
wind	a' ei
tree,	dee why, a' ka up
sky.	he mut aba tak
sun.	a' has
moon	a' a lun
ground	a' kan uk
head	a' butura
eye	a' matara
ear	a' talangara
nose	a' sura
mouth	a' ngwarura
hair	a' qui
teeth	a' sira
arm	a' mitira
fingers + toes	a' pinga
leg.	a' raja.
bum.	a' tira
vulva.	a' put.

25. Thurs.

Our slumbers were not disturbed; though tied up, the dog did not "cry" so there was no alarm of Buk buk. Had a stroll while Kai Kai was being prepared and obtained pupae of *Ornithoptera* Morgan's many wears a handkerchief on the head, this is because her "brother" (= sister) had a child to a man of a tribe which was tabu to the tribe to which she belongs & the "bar sinister" is to be worn by all

women of her family,  
no man of her tribe  
must associate with any  
female member of the  
family but for how long  
I could not ascertain.  
The man in question  
told me that she had  
covered her head for  
"four fellow Christmads"  
Soon after I returned  
Mr. Kettneris drove up  
& told me that he had  
a large turtle alive &  
invited me to see it  
and breakfast with him  
we therefore returned  
along my route of yes-  
terday to Katiu, which

I recognised as the house  
we had visited during  
the owner's absence on  
and prepared  
our own food in the  
kitchen having the meal  
on the verandah. Mrs  
Keltner, a Brisbane girl  
told me that on return-  
ing that day she had  
discovered evidences of  
our visit & on making  
inquiries learned that  
the house<sup>boy</sup> had not given  
us, even bread. His ex-  
planation was that he  
was afraid of getting  
into trouble. I found  
the turtle to be a

Greenback (*C. mydas*)  
1 metre along the shell  
I attempted to photo-  
graph it on its back &  
also walking. The boys  
"commenced" to kill it  
while we breakfasted  
& I found the method  
was simply to detach  
the plastron & carve  
out the meat. The poor  
creature was still strug-  
gling when we went  
out so I put a knife  
into the heart & also  
severed all neck vessels  
but the limbs still pad-  
dled and reflex action  
continued a long time.

On the way back to  
Morgan's put into the  
bush in an effort to  
find a scorpion-like  
animal that Kettus  
described and which  
I am sure is the Tree  
Phasma.

There were numbers of  
Ornithoptera flying  
low about the food  
plant, a creeper &  
in "netting" one with  
my helmet I fell  
getting badly scratched  
with the big thorns  
it bears, one such  
scratch extends from  
wrist almost to elbow.

Obtained some pupae  
These butterflies are  
leisurely flyers and  
sail about rather than  
fly = there is no dif-  
ficulty in catching  
them when at the food  
plants which are no  
doubt visited for egg  
laying. Morgan drove  
me to Capt. Mace's  
where we lunched. The  
little tame bird, with  
yellow cere has grown  
+ is so tame as to  
be almost a nuisance  
to the Capt. Here  
rain fell, a regular  
deluge + I had to

wait until after 3 O'clock  
before a horse could  
be put in the trap -  
we had however not got  
far before rain again  
came and as there was  
no cover to the sulky  
clothes and belongings  
were soaked. The rain  
was evidently too much  
for the horse for it  
suddenly swerved off  
the road into a bush  
tract & pulled up at  
a native house. Tak-  
ing the hint I removed  
property under cover  
until rain ceased. I  
got netting needles

from the fisherman.  
We had other showers  
along the road. I shot  
a long tailed "paradise  
bird" of the kind I  
previously wrote of as  
"Wydah-like". Finally  
reached Kawieung at dusk  
and drove to the Keops  
Capt Webster was out  
but Lieut. Forte explained  
that as Mrs Webster and  
her daughters were now  
at the house, I had  
perhaps better go to the  
hotel. On way thither  
I met the assistant at  
the hospital and he  
invited me to remain

Had a meal, fixed up  
stretcher + net + then  
learning that Davis had  
arrived on a bicycle I  
went to the hotel, but  
he had gone in search  
of me. Met him on the  
road when he handed  
me a note from Capt  
Webster inviting me to  
the house + a similar  
one from Mrs Gillies. Saw  
Capt + Mrs Webster and  
two daughters + after  
some explanations etc.  
put up at my former  
room, now with Dr +  
Mrs Gillies. Was told  
that my presumed

long absence had created some anxiety and as the rumour of the loss of W. Petterson was current in Kaweng it was presumed that Davis & I had also gone down. I was told that a boat had been sent in search of us, but must make further inquiries on this subject.

26 Fri.

Found everything in the big trunk left at this house, is damp, & the boots etc. green with mould. Wrote Rose & Adams. Paid to Sam,

burgische Südsee - Ak-  
tien-gesellschaft, sum of  
£79. 17. 3 Credit of  
Vanderghuiste £62. 7. 3  
C. Oström. 17. 10. 0  
withdrawing £90 from  
Savings Bank He. En-  
gaged motor car for  
Lakurafanea, inviting  
Dr & Mrs Gillies to the  
Suis Suis tomorrow. All  
our goods removed from  
New Guinea Co. to the  
Government Store. Packed  
letters to Stirling, Adams  
Naval Dept. and Rose  
getting 11 stamps for 1  
mark. Hung up the  
Ornithoptera pupae in

my mosquito net. After lunch overhauled, by permission of Capt. Webster some German literature & took such papers as might be of use. They were being used for the 'little house' at the rear. Left by Ford Car at 3.15 and reached Lakurafanga at 4.45. The only stop being at Lussok, where Morgan had a crocodile, already skinned, the one that should have fallen to my lot on Wed. night I had wanted the skeleton but the flesh had been

Kaikaid,

27. Sat.

Dr. Gillies sent a note to Euders asking him for his motor car to take us to Kawing. He is the man who refused me the car on the . . . .

Davis + self sent off for the Suig Suig at the rest to follow in conveyances. We arrived at 9. am but learned that the dances would not commence until "Sun be come up true" = noon. In meantime I took photographs - food on platforms cooking food, Malagaus

Some natives. Eugelke  
who had seen us pass  
his house came along  
and pointed out that  
the bunch of leaves in  
front of each figure was  
a missionary feature, he  
was told that the three  
front figures were men  
the two hender ones Mary.  
Eugelke drew attention to  
an artful dodge, the  
sign of the male had  
been transferred to the  
bird of the headdress  
& indeed formed a perch  
of ample dimensions so  
the missionary was done  
after all. At about

11. 30 We noticed some of the Lului's watching shadows of several trees & it appears that they were taking true observations. At about 12.10 the first batch of dancers girls - appeared. The dances of the men are more interesting and more energetic & some of them I photographically recorded. We saw several men minus a hand or fingers, result of dynamite. Engelke told me that owing to trouble concerned with the fact that he had

two wives? he decided  
to dispose of the 3 of  
them. One escaped from  
the house in which he  
shut them. The other  
grappled with the lighted  
charge in the man's hand  
The man was not killed  
but was badly mauled.  
The woman escaped with  
what Engelke took to be  
a superficial wound in  
the throat; it refused to  
heal however and, using  
a probe he recovered  
the terminal joint of  
one of the man's fingers.  
Some time later a tin  
a flour? was opened

when decomposed flesh & bones of other fingers were found, they had been driven right through the tin into the contents. Eyselke also showed me a girl who had many weals on different parts of the body, being the daughter of a chief. I photographed the best of the series which formed a regular pattern from hip to knee. At about 1. O'clock Gillies received a message from Euders to effect that the car would be at Lakura-fanga at 1. 30. So we

took leave, the ladies going by trap to Ostrau while we went with Eugelke to his house to await the car. Whilst there I bought Eugelke's collection, previously mentioned, for £12.10.0. The car did not arrive till 2.45, it having broken down twice: it is an old German 5 seater "M.A.F." and it is 5 years since it has been on the road, the more modern "Ford" being at present out of commission. The M.A.F. is air-cooled and we had

trouble on the road. We  
picked up Mr. Gillies at  
Lakurafanga, she had  
just sat down to a  
belated lunch, the D.O  
(Webster) + staff also  
refreshing. With the aid  
of a number of "pushing"  
boys, we got started,  
then later the cooling  
fans' belt broke + we  
continued at reduced  
speed with the bonnet  
tied up to expose the  
cylinders to draft. On  
two other occasions we  
had to requisition ex-  
ternal aid, the starting  
handle not giving

sufficient "revs". Finally reached Kawcing at 6.0 pm the journey having taken twice as long as the outward on in the Ford owned by . . . . .

Old men are venerated and allowed to die a natural death. Formerly the women who could no longer work & only cost food & attention were strangled, 2 young men operating the rope between them. This is still done if it can be secretly managed & I understand it is fairly common at Jabar.

I failed to secure a strangling rope, which is similar to those used in connection with the shark float and of which I have several. Sitting by the roadside I saw a boy amusing himself by blowing bubbles, which he detached & which floated away in the breeze in quite approved style: he chose the young shoot of a viscid plant, cut two clean ends & blew into one, a bubble appearing at the other, this was done several

times with the same  
section of stem. Seeing  
that I was interested  
he obtained a fibre  
of coconut leaf and  
made a small loop



He smeared  
some of the sap over  
the ring and blowing  
at it, produced a bub-  
ble.

28 Sun.

For 30/- Davis bought  
an Ernemann camera  
adapted for roll films  
or plates. Owing to  
the damp, one of  
mine, a "Cameo" is

suffering somewhat. -  
Spent the whole day,  
with respite only for  
meals in numbering the  
Kodak films and in  
entering them in the  
register. So far I have  
developed 1 gross of  
films and discarded  
5 only, leaving 139  
entered of which not  
more than 6 are only  
second rate. Davis sent  
along Acid Hypo fixing  
Anti-therm fixer, Hypo  
Killer and a packet of  
Seltona, post-cards.

29 Mon

We unpacked some of the boxes not opened for some time & found one saturated, a  $\frac{1}{4}$  pl. camera some books, photo. of Rose etc. spoiled. Intending to develop 3 films I had left some water under the house overnight to cool. I developed one & on going for more water discovered that one of the house boys had found the jug & emptied the contents. I could not therefore do more. Visited all likely people of photo. supplies but with no

success. Later Davis told me that he had sold the damaged camera for 70¢. Owing to difficulty in finding an engineer the boat for New Hanover cannot get away. The next best is the ~~Govt~~ chartered boat, which however will not leave till August 4<sup>th</sup>. Davis suggests that, being able to obtain a motor cycle and side car, that in the meantime we run down the coast, even to Namalanai if possible, and collect over new and possibly more

profitable ground. At night I developed the two remaining Kodak films, quite satisfactory. Mrs Webster Doris Vera wife + daughters of the D.O. and Lieut. Forte to afternoon tea.

30 Tues.

During the night, in a strong wind, one of the drying films got adrift, I had a long hunt under the house and in the garden and in the latter I eventually found it, undamaged. Catalogued all up to date. During

The morning the motor  
cycle + car was brought  
round and I made my  
first essay in driving  
a combination. The  
engine was alright but  
the controls were shocking  
secured!! with nails +  
wire. "A "metro" with 3-  
speed gears + clutch -  
twin "J.A.P." engine. I took  
Davis as far as Beck's  
and returned the map  
of New Ireland, he  
had lent to me. As  
the cycle frame was  
shockingly sprung +  
the oil feeder loose I  
decided to return. Had

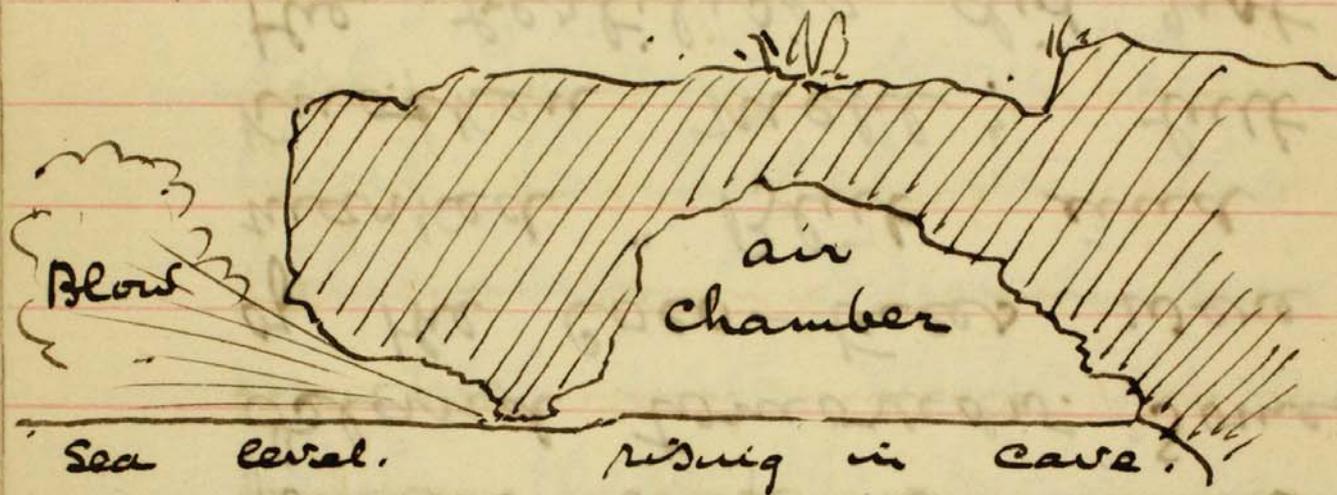
dinner with Davis at  
the hotel & afternoon  
tea at the house (D<sup>o</sup>)  
not being able to oc-  
cupy our time on the  
coast, the next move  
is to visit the island  
of Suoh, if possible &  
so attempt to put in  
a day or two with  
profit. As before the  
main difficulty is to  
obtain a boat, a sailing  
vessel will do. The  
vibration of the motor  
had the effect of  
making me disinclined  
for work and though  
I had travelled only

ten miles, the feeling  
in my back made me  
thankful that I had  
not gone further, on  
the jigger.

31. Wed.

Awoke this morning with  
my old enemy, lumbago.  
and though somewhat  
helpless went to wireless  
station and made fitment  
for the Kodak - tank to  
hold pack films, which  
however I did not finish.  
In the afternoon took  
the police boat & went  
to Musa Island where  
Davis got some Ethno.  
material. Visited the

"blow-hole". Unlike that at Keama it does not communicate with the land but throws out its spume at sea level.



It probably works as above, the water rising in the cave compressing the air, pushing out <sup>the</sup> air, pushing out <sup>at</sup> the orifice through the water drives the latter also, in the form of fine spray like a cloud. The

state of the tide and the condition of the sea, will, of course influence the amount of blow. In calm weather with a low tide it probably does not blow at all. I understand that arrangements are complete for us to go to Enoch Island tomorrow. Some of the Coco-trees were marked "Blüt und Knoppen mehl" but the fertiliser did not appear to improve nuts or leaves, the latter looked yellow & sickly.

August.

1. Thurs.

Finished fitment for the pack-films, but doubt if Kodak tank is large enough for 5x4. films. Not hearing from Davis went to hotel in the afternoon & found him in bed with slight fever. While there the motor car with the keap returned from the south, much later than was expected, it having failed three on the road. As the chauffeur was also the engineer for our boat to the islands, it was

impossible to get away  
this day. During con-  
versation with Cpt Webster  
he told me that he had  
decided to visit the west  
coast of N. Ireland before  
going to N. Hanover. This  
upsets our plans alto-  
gether. We were waiting  
for the government chartered  
boat and the alteration  
may mean abandoning  
N. Hanover entirely.  
The Ostrom family also  
came to Kawring in a  
car for the purpose of  
Ostrom consulting the Dr.  
They returned in the  
evening. A red dragon-

fly is very common here, it flies slowly & is easily caught. It feeds upon mosquitoes, for which its flight is sufficient for their capture.

2 Fri

When I got up - at 6 - this morning one of the *Ornithopteras* ( $\sigma$ ), the pupae of which I had got at Lusok, had already given up its glorious image. The butterfly was drying its wings when I removed it to the confines of the mosquito net.

After breakfast went with Davis & the boys to the north end of the island the extensive reef being wholly uncovered. As many small fishes were in the pools, arranged for the boys to collect some "rope" and give a demonstration on fish poisoning tomorrow. This portion of the shore is tenanted by fishermen, their small huts being in the bush just above the shore. Their nets were everywhere hung out to dry. At one point 3 miles from Kaweing we

cut into the bush &  
struck a good road  
that lead to Omo, the  
village I had visited  
to see a crocodile. Saw  
Schomberg who expects  
the "De wai" from Tobar,  
tomorrow & which will  
sail for New Hanover on  
the following day, or  
say Monday. I had  
previously interviewed  
the D.O. & asked him  
if he could adhere to  
the original intention  
of visiting N. Hanover  
forthwith, but he said  
all arrangements for  
going down the west

coast were complete.  
In the afternoon I as-  
sisted D-filles in an  
operation on the diseased  
jaw of a native girl.  
On returning to the house  
Morgan came & inquired  
about the Crocodile, I  
gave him £1. for his  
trouble.

3. Sat.

After breakfast we were  
attracted to the front  
verandah by firing &  
saw a number of canoes  
crowded together. On way  
to the rocks pools  
I was told that the  
natives were "after" a

Crocodile but as the  
canoes drew into the  
shore we learned that  
2 turtles had been seen  
in Coitui and that one  
had been caught. It  
had been snared by  
women who dived for  
it after it had been  
shot. When brought a-  
shore, I found it to be  
a large female Green  
back, and photographed  
its plastral aspect. We  
then went to the rock  
pools but on opening  
up the Chloride of Lime  
found the tins rusted  
through and the lime

useless. However as my  
real object was to have  
a demonstration of the  
use of native rope, the  
loss of the line was  
a matter of small im-  
port. The roots of the  
Derris are used & are  
bruised with a stone,  
a milky juice exuding  
this readily mixes with  
water and the effect  
is precisely the same as  
the liberation of Chlorine.  
A comparatively small  
quantity of the "rope" is  
required and the fishes  
soon feel the effects.  
A gallon bottle was fil-

led with small fishes in  
formaline most of which  
I know, at any rate,  
generically. Returning I  
saw a woman collecting  
fresh water from a hole  
she had dug in the  
sand. This was scooped  
out with a  $\frac{1}{2}$  coconut  
& put into nut carriers  
5 or 7 being contained  
in a short length of coco-  
nut leaf spathe. One  
with 7 bottles I purchased.  
The Dewai has arrived  
but I am told that a  
boat is expected in a  
day or two from Rabaul  
If this eventuates we

cannot afford to miss  
it as there may not  
be another for four or  
even six weeks. In the  
afternoon I went to the  
hotel and saw to the  
proper preservation of  
our captures photograph-  
ing the little fishes  
laid out on a square  
of canvas. Rain came  
on & trying to dodge it  
on my return I got  
pretty well wetted and  
changed. In the evening  
I got a shivering fit  
& went to bed feverish  
wet feet on the reef &  
the subsequent soaking

no doubt being responsible  
4 Sun.

Awoke with bad head-  
ache but no fever. I  
learned that Gillies had  
been called up last even-  
-ing to attend to Davis  
who had been knocked  
down in the dark by  
a native on a bicycle  
& cut over the eye.

Later he came along  
bandaged and the Dr  
put in some stitches:  
the latter took a blood  
swear from me but did  
not find any indication  
of malaria, which might  
have been suspected as

the cause of my sickness.  
Among the German books  
in the Medical Dept. I  
found "Anleitung zu  
Wissenschaftlichen Beob-  
achtungen auf Reisen"  
herausgegeben Neumayer  
Berlin 1875 \* on request  
Gillies gave it to me. At  
the invitation of the D.O.  
denied at the D.O. House.  
It transpired that this  
is Capt. Webster's birth-  
day. Speaking to my  
toast (health of Mrs W.)  
I referred to the signifi-  
cance of the date, it  
being the anniversary  
of Britain's entry to the

war. 13 were to sit down  
when Mrs Gillies said  
she could not dine un-  
der such circumstances  
the youngest daughter  
of the websters therefore  
stood out.!! Two of the  
invitees had sent apolo-  
gies for absence. The  
following were present:-

Amelia V Gillies  
Severester  
M. Webster  
John Gaus  
W. King  
H. Hallam  
C. C. Fiske  
Y. Penn  
W. Webster  
Telous

5. Mon.

Developed 2 films, all negatives quite satisfactory. A terrific rain storm came up at 9. am, it was accompanied by violent wind. Saw the D.O. + Dr. Gillies off for an inspection down the coast in the "Boia" + removed my camp to the hotel. Van der Zwenst had just come in and told me that on there was an enormous coconut crab, the terror of the natives one or more of whom had been bitten in an attempt

to secure it. it lives  
between 2 rocks on the  
sea shore. Told Davis  
to arranged for us to  
visit the island in the  
afternoon & stay over-  
night at Tusa. V. d. G.  
gave me photograph of  
a native woman, since  
dead, with breasts greatly  
enlarged with Elephantiasis.  
In the afternoon I again  
developed shivering and  
went to bed with high  
temperature, took quinine  
and induced excessive  
perspiration. Davis did not  
turn up understood he  
had gone to Monowai.

6 Tues.

Discovering me in bed,  
last night, v. d. G. took  
my temperature C.  
dosed me with quinine  
and empuin. Better  
this morning, a warm  
sponge down + change of  
clothing. Learned that  
Davis had gone south  
in side car. I kept  
quiet to day and at  
night Davis reported  
his return with good  
results. A message came  
through that the Siai  
will be here tomorrow  
& may leave the same  
day for Tabar, Namato

-anai and Rabaul.

In this case we shall have to take passage by her, together with all our goods, including Eugelke's collection, now on the road to Kawing.

A message also came to hand instructing D<sup>r</sup> Gillies to proceed at once to Kamatanai; as however he left yesterday for Lemusmus it will scarcely be possible to communicate with him in time to catch the "Siar".

This however is an official matter."

7. Wed.

Arranged to visit some adjacent islands but as it is uncertain if the "Siar" will sail again today or tomorrow we had to await definite news. The vessel arrived about 1.0 + the Captain said that he would leave at 7 am tomorrow + would not call at Tabar. We had to get a bustle on and pack all loose + accumulated material. The Engelke collection arrived. In the evening Capt. Colquhoun came to the

house with Lt. Whitkopf  
who is relieving Forte,  
due for furlough and  
who will also travel by  
the "Siar". In another  
part of Kaewing where  
some soldiers, who are  
also going south, were  
celebrating the occasion  
spirits ran high (or  
low in the bottles) &  
as Davis participated,  
I had to attend to  
official matters myself.  
& was at the Wharfinger's  
Office as late as 11 pm.  
The ship being "worked"  
in view of the early  
departure tomorrow!

Drew £40 from Bank &  
paid all A/cs. pretty  
well reaching the limit  
of my allowance for  
the entire expedition -

8 Thurs

Rose at 5.30 and walked  
to the hotel but found  
Davis' bed unruddled,  
I discovered him asleep  
at the Police master's  
got him up & made  
him rouse the boys  
Returned to the house,  
had breakfast, com-  
mandeered a hand-  
truck returning empty  
from the wharf and  
sent down personal

belonging Picking up  
kit bag and a few  
precious sundries I  
found that a second  
of the Ornithopteras  
was hatching. This I  
left behind for Mr  
Gillie's. Was greatly  
relieved when I saw  
our local cargo on  
a large hand cart  
on the road to the  
Wharf and learned  
that everything was  
en route, excepting  
the goods obtained by  
Davis, which will have  
to be sent along later  
After a bustling time

and with Bill of Lading  
only half completed, we  
moved away at 7 am.  
Made a detour of the  
many islands for sake  
of the deeper water &  
rounded the North Cape.  
Smooth sea & gathering  
clouds & bowled along well.  
passed near enough to  
Lakurafanga to recognise  
Ostrom's buildings. Our  
first port of call was to  
be Filiba, but as the  
captain had not been  
on this coast before &  
as the chart is on a  
very small scale, he  
undershot the mark &

anchoring & sending a  
boat ashore discovered  
that we were off Laku-  
raman. By the time  
the anchor was inboard  
we had lost an hour  
though Filiba is not  
charted I was able to  
indicate its position  
from my knowledge of  
the sequence of the  
villages and I went  
ashore in the first boat  
in driving rain. I  
met our old friends  
the surveyors, Cutler  
Gillett, Holland etc. who  
had made camp here.  
Ender's copra shed, is

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a mile, from the vil-  
lage & as the Captain  
said the stay would  
be short and the rain  
copious I did not go  
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only 3 boats, also the  
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in the 'Ford' car, that  
engaged by Dr. Gillies on  
our return from Lakura  
fauegi. Discovering whom  
I was he made himself  
agreeable, mentioned that  
he had been called to  
Kawieing in respect to the  
refusal to lend me the  
when requested (among  
other matters) & said  
that Davis' statement  
that Euger's reply claim-  
ing that the car was  
wanted for use of guests  
was a mere subterfuge  
was quite untrue. I  
made no comment. We  
anchored for the night

The next port of call  
being but a short dis-  
tance & for which a  
start will be made at  
or before daybreak to-  
morrow. Owing to the  
reefs night calling is  
unsafe.

9 Fri

Rose at daybreak, 5.30  
when we were within an  
hour of Fissoa, having  
started in the very early  
morning, on the horizon  
was Tabar Group, above  
which the sun rose. I  
went ashore in the first  
boat at 6 O'clock &  
met Jahn. The natives

remembered me, my name  
here is "Master belong  
firewood" in allusion to  
the Mallagans destined  
to be burnt. Remembering  
that I had photo'd the  
cremation pyre, the men  
took me to it and soon  
I heard the wailing women  
a child was being cre-  
mated & I exposed films  
but the light was poor  
& the foliage dense. Went  
south as far as the river  
& exposed film on a boy  
swimming beneath the  
surface. Jahn asked me  
to photograph himself &  
the boys. all the 20 tons

of copra were got aboard  
by 8.20. notwithstanding  
the long pull from shore,  
16 bags make 1 ton. We  
renewed<sup>sum</sup> the voyage at  
8.30. Spent morning at  
ops with Davis but, as  
expected was long way  
off balancing. Torrential  
rain in afternoon. It  
was intended to make 2  
calls before Namatanai  
but now the Captain  
decides to go there at  
once + return to other  
places for copra before  
continuing south. I  
developed 2 films; they  
are printable, though,

as I had suspected,  
rather thin. Owing to  
the uncertainty of making  
Namatanai in the dark  
spent the night with the  
propellor just moving &  
the vessel rolling. Am  
reading Weininger's "Sex  
and Character" which I  
found on board.

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