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TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW

My father Kupuri Lelewa was a *Hanua* [village] policeman. He was recruited to be a Policeman when the war came. At that time Tamata was their Government Station. That was where he was assigned his tasks to work for the Government- he was reporting to the government office namely Yeoman.

He patrolled all the battle zones prior and during the war assisting the Allied Forces with the rest of his other colleagues. In recognition of his very dedicated services he was awarded a medal. But his medal was burnt when one white man came and burnt the houses in our villages.

When the war came here my father together with the rest of the men from Papuan Waria assisted the Allied Forces in very trying conditions.

He was a carrier - his job was to carry cargo for the soldiers.