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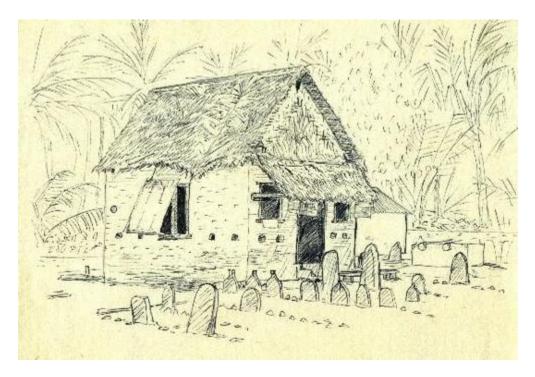
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Description **English:** A celebration in Gen Miskit, a mosque near the northernmost point of Fua Mulaku. Formerly island people used to pay homage to saints buried in ziyaraiy (tombs with a roof and white flags) by visiting the place in a group. A few of the old men said prayers burning incense sticks. Meanwhile the remaining people, including women and children, prepared a picnic which was shared afterwards by all participants. The practice was discontinued as Wahhabi influence beginning in the early eighties did away with traditional customs. Date 1980

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Description **English:** Maa Miskit, the main mosque located by the Rasgefanno anchorage on the eastern shore of Fua Mulaku. This two storey coral stone mosque has a tiled roof and was built at the site of the former Friday mosque that was photographed by HCP Bell at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The shed on the right is where the last traditional sailing merchant vessel (vedi) of the island was being refitted for the journey to Colombo. Date 1979

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