

the joints longer than broad and increasing in length and slightly in breadth to apex, first joint shorter than second, last joint not as long as the two preceding taken together; *eyes* fairly large, oval, not very convex, situated above and behind centre of sides of head. *Thorax* longer than broad, narrowed to base, broadest a little behind centre of pronotum, viewed from the side forming a regular arch, sculpture similar to that of head; *pronotum* rounded at sides, narrowed anteriorly, posterior border rounded, embracing mesonotum; *mesonotum* transverse, narrow and rather flat above; *meso-epinotal* suture not very distinct on disc and only partly so at sides; *epinotum* long, narrow, sloping to base, angle between dorsal surface and declivity not very distinct. *Petiole* furnished with a bluntly pointed node-like scale, anterior surface convex, posterior surface flat, sculpture similar to that of thorax; *gaster* oval, shining, very finely transversely striate, the outstanding yellow setæ are longer and more abundant than elsewhere. *Femora* compressed; *tibiæ* cylindrical.

*Long.* 7.5 mm.

♀. Colour and sculpture similar to that of the soldier; *head* longer and narrower in proportion and more parallel-sided, about as broad anteriorly as posteriorly; *carina* on *clypeus* more distinct; *scape* longer in proportion, reaching pro-mesonotal suture.

*Long.* 4.5–5 mm.

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Described from one soldier and three workers (No. H.1384) taken by Mr. H. E. Box on young *Cacao* (shoots). British Togo, near Flabo Falls, 1200 ft. alt., Nov. 11, 1944; and one worker (No. H.1404) taken by Mr. J. Paine on seedling *Cacao* on edge of swollen-shoot outbreak. Gold Coast, Kwahu, Nov. 25, 1944.

Ants of the subgenus *Myrmopiromis* occur in South and West Africa, Madagascar, the Mascarene and the Seychelle Islands. They are divided into three groups—the *fulvopilosus* group consisting of a few rather large ants with a thick pile of hairs on the gaster, mostly found in South Africa; the *niveosetosus* group, small or medium ants, chiefly occurring in Madagascar. They are usually furnished with outstanding setæ, or hairs, yellow, red, or white. To this group our species belongs. It comes