

U. S. S. ITASCA

Honolulu, T. H.,
March 10, 1936.

Mr. Herbert Hooper,
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Herbert:

I am taking advantage of this opportunity to express to you favorable comment on the performance of your duties while you were a member of the South Sea Survey Expedition. You are deserving of credit for your loyalty, honesty and the successful performance of your duties. The following expresses my opinion of your activities while a member of the Expedition:

1. Living in peace and harmony for months on Baker Island, an isolated island near the equator.
2. Faithfulness in recording weather observations.
3. Maintaining the highest degree of health and morale - no sickness - no accidents and no unpleasant occurrences.
4. Interest and zeal in the collection of scientific specimens and material.
5. Ingenuity, resourcefulness and initiative in the construction of a livable home and camp.
6. Enthusiasm in compiling maps, digging wells, recording daily log and studying bird and marine life.

The following is your service record while a member of the Expedition:

Sept. 9, 1935, - March 10, 1936 - Member of expedition.
Sept. 19, 1935, - Jan. 19, 1936 - Member of Baker Island Group.
Jan. 19, 1936, - March 1, 1936 - In charge of Baker Island Group.

I recommend you very highly.

W. T. MILLER,
Airways Superintendent,
Bureau of Air Commerce,
Department of Commerce.