

# To Jarvis Island and Back

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SADNESS and bereavement filled the Hawaiian air as the Coast Guard Cutter *Taney* arrived at Honolulu at half-past eight o'clock on the morning of October tenth. Carl Kahalewai came home aboard the cutter from Jarvis Island but his soul had joined his ancestors.

Information came to Honolulu that Carl, with symptoms of appendicitis, required medical attention. He was one of the four American-Hawaiian colonists on Jarvis Island. Commanded by Commander Eugene A. Coffin, the Coast Guard Cutter *Taney* sailed almost immediately, at 3:00 a.m.,



Carl Kahalewai (third from left) on Jarvis

October 4. In addition to the Public Health Service physician (Dr. J. H. Wolfe), regularly assigned the *Taney*, there went along Dr. D. W. Patrick. Richard Blackburn Black, administrator for the Interior Department for the American Equatorial Islands, accompanied the cutter. Jacob Haili was aboard the *Taney* as a replacement, if one should be required. Jarvis Island is about 1,310 nautical miles approximately south of Honolulu.

Fellow-colonists (Freddie Lee, Alexander Wong and George Akana) followed instructions from Honolulu by radiophone in administering emergency treatment to their ill friend. Dr. Harold D. Lyman, U. S. Public Health Service in Honolulu, was in constant contact with the Jarvis



Landing Lumber on Jarvis



Building Houses on Jarvis

Island boys. The *Taney* maintained regular communication with Jarvis during the cruise. With "remote control" advice from the three physicians, the patient was cared for by his three friends.

The *Taney* arrived at Jarvis at 5:45 a.m. October 7. All information at that time was that Carl had improved and was not in immediate danger. He was taken aboard the cutter at 7:00 a.m. and by 9:20 a.m. the *Taney* was under way at full speed for Honolulu.

Carl died at sea at 6:40 p.m. October eighth. His death ended a brave fight which the youth had maintained up to the end. Shortly after the *Taney* docked at Pier 12 the body, shrouded in white canvas, was transferred ashore. Samuel



Landing Supplies at Jarvis

Wilder King, Hawaii's Delegate to Congress, Mrs. King, and her brother, Thomas K. Evans, were among the group that met the *Taney*. Carl was a second-cousin of Mrs. King and Mr. Evans. He was a former Kamehameha School pupil and a graduate of McKinley High School.

A plan to send a Navy plane to meet the *Taney* at Kingman Reef and bring Carl on to Honolulu speedily, was discarded because little time would be saved, and because the patient's chance of surviving a flight was not good.

Richard B. Black expressed high praise of Carl as a man and a colonist. Carl's was the first serious illness suffered by any of the colonists during the period the American Flag has flown over the five islands.

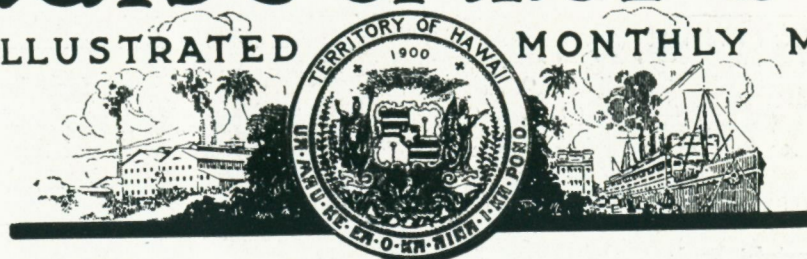
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## Thanksgiving Day

November 27th will be Thanksgiving Day. Blessed by nature and environment, Hawaii has much for which to be thankful.

## Espionage

President Roosevelt's recent public interest in combating espionage in the United States should encourage every loyal resident of Hawaii to do his or her share.

## Radio Congress of the United States

Would it require an amendment to the Constitution for the members of the House and Senate to sit at home and "assemble by radio"? Will television and radio make traveling to Washington unnecessary?

## Splendid Hawaiian Products Show

For five days starting September 27 at Pier 11-A the Hawaiian Products Show for 1938 was a splendid success. The Junior Chamber of Commerce, as well as all Hawaii, is to be congratulated upon the expected success.

## "Black-Out" Honolulu

When will Honolulu have its first "black-out"—its initial rehearsal for safety from enemy airships? London's steel cables suspended from balloons to ensnare airplanes like flies in a trap, created a controversy; however, there is no doubt but that London needs protection from enemy aviation. Will Honolulu? And how about bomb and gas proof shelters for the noncombatants?

## Aviation Hospital Service

How about the Federal Government supporting a Flying Hospital Service at Hawaii—capable of flying to Canton and other islands where its personnel is serving far from all medical facilities?

## Docks of Hawaii

Are the docking facilities of Hawaii adequate for National Defense in case of a major war in the Pacific? If not, where will the additional wharves be located?

## Sugar Day

"Once a year American citizens of Hawaii should bow in worship and thanksgiving for Sugar of Hawaii," urged this magazine editorially under the above heading on September 1, 1937. "It should be a day of rejoicing, of recognition, and of public celebration. A Day of Splendor equal to any 'Day' in any 'Country' in the world." And under the same heading on October 1, 1938, *Paradise* suggested in a brief editorial: "Sugar is an important part of the foundation of Economic Hawaii. Let us recognize that fact with a Sugar Day."

## Aggressive and Non-Aggressive States

It is not Democracy vs. Undemocracy, but Non-Aggressive vs. Aggressive states, in the world today.

## Ban On Photographs

A news flash from London, September 27th, informs us that Great Britain has banned photographs of military and naval things, which suggests the absence of a similar prohibition we expected to receive from Washington many moons ago.

## Capital of Great Britain in Canada?

How long would happy peace continue between the United States and Canada if London (of England) was moved to Ottawa, Canada?

## Elections

Everybody eligible must vote on the eighth of November.

## Public and Private Views of Statehood

Just as in Prohibition Days there were many who voted dry and talked wet, today there are those who urge Statehood publicly but are against it privately.

## Merchant Marine in the Pacific

Few activities are more important to the United States than an efficiently adequate Merchant Marine in the Pacific—in both war and peace. Joseph Sheehan and William Gibbs McAdoo may create one.