

U. S. S. ITASCA

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

Mr. Abraham Piianala,
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Abraham:

It is with pleasure that I am taking advantage of this opportunity to favorably comment on the performance of your duties while you were a member of the South Sea Survey Expedition. You are deserving of considerable credit for your loyalty, honesty, and the successful performance of your duties. The following expresses my honest opinion of your activities while under my supervision:

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 South Sea Survey Expedition:

March 18, 1935, - March 10, 1936 - Member of expedition.
April 2, 1935, - June 19, 1935 - Member of Baker Island Group.
June 19, 1935, - Jan. 19, 1936 - In charge of Baker Island Group.

I wish to make special mention of your initiative, accomplishing results without suggestions, and loyalty to your duties. You can be assured that I recommend you very highly.

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