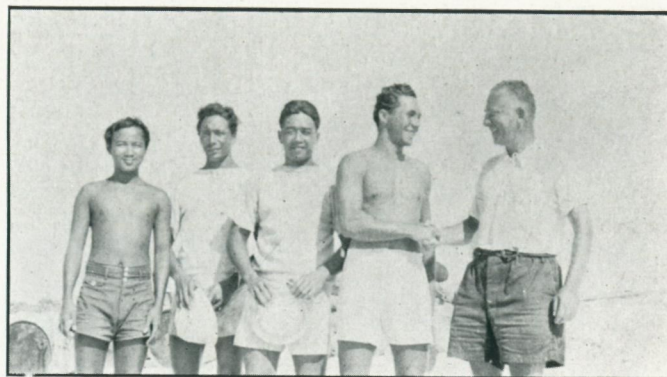


The Eleventh Cruise to American Equatorial Islands

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THE ELEVENTH CRUISE to the American Equatorial Islands, sailed from Honolulu on October 23, 1937, aboard, the Coast Guard Cutter *Roger B. Taney* (Commander E. A. Coffin). In addition to the personnel of the ship, the Department of Interior Field Representative, and Hawaiian replacements for the Islands, the following officials and guests made the cruise: Dr. Ernest Gruening (Director, Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of the Interior), Governor Joseph B. Poindexter of Hawaii, H. E. Warner (Director, Agricultural Extension Service, Department of Agriculture and University of Hawaii), Lieut. Com. F. T. Kenner, U. S. Coast Guard, Lieutenant E. T. Gorman, U. S. Army, of Luke Field, Peter Gruening and Alexander Budge, Jr.

Kingman Reef was the first stop, but no landing was made there. A day was spent at Palmyra Atoll where a number of cocoanut seedlings were gathered for transplanting at Jarvis Island. A stop was made at Fanning Island where mail was delivered to the Cable Station at the request of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company.



The Doctor Greeted Jarvis "Colonists"

have been placed during the past year and a half, are thriving well on Baker and Howland Islands, but on Jarvis Island the conditions are much more inhospitable.

Late on the seventeenth of November a course was laid from Baker Island for Honolulu where the Expedition arrived on the twenty-third.

Rizal Day

Rizal Day was well commemorated in Hawaii on December 30th.

PIECES OF PARADISE

BY ETHEL GREY

Visitors, from less lovely lands,
Come to Hawaii with eager hands,
To gather its beauty for Memory's sake.
Pieces of Paradise, they take—
A tapa cloth, a lauhala mat,
A band of bright feathers to wear on their hat;
A polished leaf carved from koa wood
That in a king's forest once proudly stood:
Recorded disc of Hawaiian song
To play back home, the whole night long.

Of Hawaii, they fancy, they've taken a part,
But Hawaii, the Trader, is keeping their heart!



Earhart "Light" Ceremony, Howland Island

Stores and changes of personnel were left at Jarvis Island on the thirty-first of October, and a course was laid for Pago Pago in American Samoa. A courtesy call was made upon the U. S. Naval administrator at Pago Pago and there were several visits to the outlying islands.

Sailing north from Samoa, the *Taney* stopped at Swains Island which is administered under the government of American Samoa. A cocoanut plantation is operated on Swains Island by Mr. Jennings, a grandson of the original owner of the island. Cocoanuts and other plants were picked up in Samoa and at Swains Island for transplanting on Baker and Howland Islands.

Baker Island was sighted on the sixteenth of November but because of a heavy swell and dangerous surf the ship proceeded to Howland Island where unloading was completed by nightfall. The following afternoon Baker Island was worked in rather heavy surf. All material was landed without serious damage before sundown.

The palms, ironwood, hala, milo and other plants, which



On Baker Island