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EIGHTEENTH CRUISE TO LINE ISLANDS

By Ned North

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Taney*, Commander Eugene A. Coffin, sailed from Honolulu on March 4, 1940, on the Eighteenth Cruise of the Federal Department of the Interior to the American Equatorial or Line Islands—Canton, Enderbury, Howland, Baker and Jarvis.

On board was Lieutenant-Commander Frank T. Kenner, U.S. Coast Guard, the Acting Field Representative of the Department of the Interior which exercises administrative jurisdiction over the islands. The *Taney* transported about ten replacements for the American colonists serving on the five islands as well as supplies and equipment.

Aboard the *Taney* were Irl H. Polk and W. F. McBride (Civil Aeronautics Authority) with the mission of making a survey of Howland and Jarvis Islands on which to base weather-observation-and-reporting stations on those two islands. Ashley C. Browne (University of Hawaii specialist in horticulture), who was visiting the islands to supervise planting he had made after a trip "down there" last October, was along. He left about 900 plants on Canton and 100 each on Jarvis and Howland. He also left about 60 young coconut palms (about seven feet high) on those three islands.

Also making the cruise were the following U.S. Army personnel: Colonel C. C. Stokely, Lt.-Cols. G. E. Arne-man and Isaac Spalding, Captains G. E. Burritt and J. P. Evans, Lieut. Francis Hill, and five enlisted men. Philip Brooks of the Bank of Hawaii also was a passenger.

After making routine calls at the five American islands, the *Taney* headed straight back for Honolulu because an Enderbury Island colonist was believed to be seriously ill. His condition improved so rapidly that a stop was made at Palmyra Island.

The *Taney* arrived back at Honolulu on March 23, 1940.

Everybody—official and other citizens—must do their share to retain Old Hawaii on the Beach at Waikiki. Let us have an Outrigger Canoe Beach as part of Kuhio Beach.

Under the Hibiscus

Will we allow Britain or Germany to occupy Iceland or Greenland? What is the Monroe Doctrine?

Our Army should build military roads on Oahu.

'Tis said that the Hawaiians had no word for weather but we surely have a lot of it.

The Kona and Kauai winds are nasty fellows.

Footpaths in Iolani Palace grounds are needed.

Everybody takes a sock at International Law.

Who are the Eight Beautiful Hawaiian Sisters?

When will Our Flag go up over Christmas Island?

How about a modern sewage-disposal plant for Honolulu?

Station a regiment of Regulars on Big Island.

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