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My dear Dr. Emerson:

I am forwarding herewith narrative report
of the Twenty-first Cruise to the American Equatorial
Islands of Jarvis, Baker, Howland, Enderbury and Canton.

Very truly yours

R. E. Stockstill

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21ST CRUISE

to

AMERICAN EQUATORIAL ISLANDS

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TWENTY FIRST CRUISE TO THE AMERICAN
EQUATORIAL ISLANDS
of
JARVIS, BAKER AND HOWLAND
CANTON AND ENDERBURY

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The Coast Guard Cutter TANEY, Lt. Comdr. G. B. Gelly, commanding, sailed from Pearl Harbor, T. H., on 17 March 1941, for the American Equatorial Islands. The following Department of the Interior colonist personnel, all from Honolulu, T. H., reported aboard the TANEY at Pearl Harbor, T. H., on 16 March 1941 for transportation to the islands:

1. Hans Peter Jensen, Jr.
2. Albert Kelii Kaulu
3. John Gibson Kilbey
4. Henry Cockett Knell
5. William Kane Pea
6. Manley Woodrow Phillips
7. Ernest Kalane Renken

Mr. Solomon Kalama, a former colonist, was, at his own request, taken on the cruise to assist in the operations of unloading supplies from the boats and their removal to the storerooms on the islands. Mr. Kalama renders a valuable service to the Department in such capacity and the only expense involved amounts to approximately fifty-nine cents (\$.59) per diem for subsistence (food) aboard the TANEY. Except for the above expense, he made the cruise "without pay."

The Acting Field Representative of the Department of the Interior, Honolulu, T. H., reported aboard the TANEY on 17 March 1941 and was assigned the duties of the Executive Officer of that vessel for the duration of the cruise.

Four other officials of the United States Government on official business to the Line Islands aboard the TANEY were:

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1. Comdr. C. R. Eagle (SC) U.S.N.
2. Lt. Col. L. W. Ballantyne (MC) U.S.A.
3. Captain Ernest Moore (AC) U.S.A.
4. Mr. Robert L. Campbell, C.A.A.

The TANEY proceeded to Canton Island and arrived there on 22 March. The Coast Guard Light was serviced and its quarterly supply of acetylene was landed. Seven tons of cargo consigned to Pan American Airways were discharged from the TANEY to that company's barge. Took on board 2300 lbs of cargo consigned to the same company for delivery at Honolulu, T. H. One bag of mail was received for delivery to the Postmaster, Honolulu, T. H. Delivered to the Airport Manager, Mr. Harold Graves, Canton Island, nine varieties of plants (total 658 plants) shipped by Messrs. Harry Warner and Ashley Browne of the Department of Agriculture, Honolulu, T. H.

Mr. Harold Graves returned to the Department of the Interior, one mercurial barometer, one psychrometer, and one rain gauge. This equipment had been loaned to the Pan American Airways at Canton Island upon the abandonment of that island by the Department of the Interior. It will be returned to the Weather Bureau, Honolulu, T. H.

While at Canton Island, Lt. Stockstill was informed by Mr. Harold Graves that he, Mr. Graves, expected to be transferred from that island within three months. The designation of a successor to represent the Department of the Interior at Canton Island will be taken up in a separate letter.

The TANEY sailed from Canton Island on 22 March for Enderbury Island, where she arrived 23 March 1941.

Upon arrival at Enderbury, Lt. Stockstill and Dr. J. M. Wolfe, A.A.S., U.S. Public Health Service, landed for inspection of the camp and a physical examination of the colonists. The colonists:

1. Edward Mike MCCRiston
2. Henry Marble Smith
3. Oliver Kahahawai Roberts
4. David Nohoikau Hartwell

were found to be in good physical condition. The living quarters and the food cellar were in good condition. The watershed had twice been demolished by storms, on 28 December 1940, and 14 February 1941, respectively. Winds reached fifty-five miles per hour velocity on the former date, while they were about thirty to thirty-five miles per hour velocity on the latter. On both dates the roof of the watershed was blown off and slammed against the living quarters during the night, further

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frightening an already badly scared group of colonists. The four of them huddled in a back room of the living quarters, Government House, during the storms and they reported that the house shook appreciably on both occasions. After the storms abated, the wreckage was picked up and the watershed was rebuilt. The radio antenna system and the winchcharger apparatus were blown down. They were reset and reassembled.

The shed housing the refrigerator, cook stove, and mess gear, etc., sustained minor damage during the first storm. Repairs can be completed by the colonists.

The refrigerator and cook stove were out of commission. Both were repaired temporarily by TANEY personnel. A new stove for this island is required.

Weather observation equipment was found to be in fair condition.

Radio communication equipment was in very poor condition. It should be noted that this island had been "off-the-air" since 16 December 1940. Their receiver failed, therefore reception at Jarvis Island of transmissions sent from Enderbury was indefinite, consequently the transmitter was silenced on the above date. A new transmitter and a reconditioned receiver were set up at this island and both tested satisfactorily from Jarvis Island. Replacement of equipment for radio communication will be the subject of a separate letter. A quarterly supply of food, medical, weather observation, fresh water, gasoline, and kerosene supplies were landed without difficulty.

Hans Peter Jensen, Jr., John Gibson Kilbey, and Albert Kelii Kaulu were transferred from the TANEY to Enderbury Island, replacing colonists, David Nohoikau, ^{Hartwell} Oliver Kahahawai Roberts, and Edward Mike McCorriston. The latter three men reported aboard the TANEY. Business was completed and the TANEY sailed on 24 March for Baker Island.

Arrived 25 March 1941, off Baker Island and drifted in the vicinity during the night. Worked Baker Island 26 and 27 March, landing supplies, which had to be done on the south side of the island due to rough seas from westerly direction. Dr. J. M. Wolfe found colonists

1. Waldron Henderson
2. John Kauwe Toomey
3. Karl Emil Jensen
4. Joseph Kepoo

to be in good physical condition. The camp buildings were in

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good condition. Weather observation equipment was in fair condition. Radio communication equipment was in very poor condition. Replacement radio equipment will be taken up in a separate letter. A new cook stove is required for this island. The refrigerator was in fair condition. The Coast Guard Light was serviced. A quarterly supply of food, medical, weather observation, fresh water, radio, gasoline, kerosene, and acetylene supplies were landed.

Ernest Kalane Renken and William Kane Pea replaced Waldron Henderson and John Kauwe Toomey as colonists on Baker Island. The latter two men reported aboard the TANEY. Business was completed and the TANEY sailed from Baker Island on 27 March.

The TANEY arrived at Howland Island 27 March and drifted in the vicinity during the night. Worked the island on 28 March, without difficulty, landing a quarterly supply of food, medical, weather observation, radio communication, fresh water, gasoline, kerosene, and acetylene supplies.

Dr. J. M. Wolfe found colonists

1. Thomas Wright Bederman
2. Dominic Paul Zagara
3. Joseph Keliihananui
4. Louis Suares

to be in good physical condition. The camp buildings were in very good condition, neat and clean in appearance. The radio equipment was in very poor condition. The camp cook stove requires replacement on the next cruise. The refrigerator was in fair condition. Weather observation equipment was in fair condition. The Coast Guard Light was serviced. Personnel from the TANEY checked over and made temporary repairs to the stove, refrigerator, and radio communication equipment. Henry Cockett Knell replaced Louis Suares as colonist on Howland Island. The latter reported aboard the TANEY. Business was completed and the ship sailed from Howland Island 28 March 1941 for Jarvis Island.

The TANEY arrived at Jarvis Island 1 April and promptly started landing supplies which continued through 2 April. Landed a quarterly supply of food, fresh water, gasoline, kerosene, acetylene, medical, weather observation, and radio communication supplies. In landing subject supplies three drums of gasoline and seven drums of fresh water were lost at the entrance to the channel on the coral reef. The drums caught on a coral head endangering the boat and crew. The coxswain of the boat, thinking fast, let go the towline and the drums sank beyond recovery. The action of the coxswain of the boat was justified. The reserve of fresh water at Jarvis

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Island is ample for six months. The coral heads have grown to such extent in the channel as to make landings dangerous except during high tide. The TANEY supplied mines for blasting the heads away, which was done with partial success. Time did not permit extensive blasting operations. During the next cruise, the channel should be cleared by similar method.

Dr. J. M. Wolfe found colonists

1. Henry Kong Lee
2. Lawrence Mao Hua Ching
3. David Heakoelekaui Kalama
4. George Christian Lappe Stillman

to be in good physical condition.

The camp buildings were in excellent condition, very neat and clean in appearance.

The radio equipment and weather observation equipment were in "fair to good" condition. Subject equipment was in better condition generally, on this island, than any of the other three. Credit is due to the ability and perseverance of Henry Kong Lee, the leader, who is the most competent man now employed on the Line Islands.

Manley Woodrow Phillips, David Nohoikau Hartwell and Waldron Henderson replaced Lawrence Mao Hua Ching, David Heakoelekaui Kalama and George Christian Lappe Stillman as colonists on Jarvis Island. The latter three men reported aboard the TANEY, and the ship sailed 2 April 1941 for Palmyra Island. Enroute to Palmyra the TANEY sighted Christmas and Fanning Islands. The vessel was kept well clear of the territorial waters of those islands and it did not stop and drift in their vicinity. No vessels were sighted in that area.

On April 4 1941, the TANEY arrived at and anchored off Palmyra Island. Some food supplies were landed for the U. S. Navy. The Department of the Interior colonist personnel and enlisted men on the TANEY, except motorboat crews, were not permitted to land at Palmyra Island.

Business was completed and the TANEY sailed in the late afternoon of 4 April. The cruise was completed upon arrival of the TANEY at Honolulu, T. H., 7 April 1941.

SUMMATION OF INSPECTION

1. The continuation of communications with the Line Islands requires replacement of the present radio equipment.

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2. Watersheds should be walled on four sides to prevent winds from lifting the roofs off.

3. Cooking equipment requires renewal. Three camp stoves are required.

4. Greater care should be exercised to maintain weather observation equipment in proper condition.

Respectfully submitted

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General
Radio

FOOD SUPPLIES - 21ST CRUISE

<u>Item</u>	<u>"E"</u>	<u>"B"</u>	<u>"H"</u>	<u>"J"</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Apricots, halves, 24/2s, Libby's, tins	24	24	24	24	96 tins
2. Beans, pork &, with tomato sauce, 16 oz. Star	24		24	24	72 tins
3. Beef, corned, 12 oz., Holly, tins	72	72	72	72	288 tins
4. Beef, dried, sliced, 3- $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., Star, jars	24	24	24	24	96 jars
5. Beef, stew, 24 oz., Dinty Moore, 24s, tins	24	24	24	24	96 tins
6. Beets, sliced, fancy, 20 oz., T&M, tins	24	24	24	24	96 tins
7. Bisquick, 40 oz., pkgs	12	12	12	12	48 pkgs
8. Butter, peanut, fancy 24/16 oz., jars	6	6	6	6	24 jars
9. Candy, assorted, 24/5¢ size, bars	48	48	48	48	192 bars
10. Catsup, 14 oz., Heinz, btls	10	10	10	10	40 btls
11. Chili Con Carne, 11 oz., Star, tins	24	24	24	24	96 tins
12. Chocolate, 8 oz., ground-Ghiradelli's, tins	4	4	4	4	16 tins
13. Coffee, Reg. & Pulb., Mayflower, 48/1#, pkgs	8		8	8	24 pkgs
14. Corn beef hash, 10 oz., Star, tins	36	36	36	36	144 tins
15. Corn, fancy, 2s, cream style, S&W, tins	24	24	24	24	96 tins
16. Corn on cob, 4 ears, fancy, Golden Bantam, tins	48	48	48	48	192 tins
17. Corn flakes, Kellogg's, 8 oz., pkgs	12	12	12	12	48 pkgs
18. Crackers, saloon pilot, 9 lb. cans,	5	5	5	5	20 cans
19. Extract, vanilla, Schilling, 2 oz., btls	2	2	2	2	8 btls
20. Flour, wheat, 4.9 lbs., Pillsbury, bag	6		6	6	18 bags
21. Fruit salad, fancy 8 oz., Exquisite, tins	96	96	96	96	384 tins
22. Garlic, lbs	1	1	1	1	4 lbs
23. Ginger, root, lbs	1	1	1	1	4 lbs
24. Jam, guava, 12 oz., Island, jars	12	12	12	12	48 jars
25. Jello, assorted, flavors, 36/3- $\frac{1}{4}$ oz., pkgs	9	9	9	9	36 pkgs
26. Jelly, guava, 12 oz., Island, jars	12	12	12	12	48 jars

<u>Item</u>	"E"	"B"	"H"	"J"	<u>TOTAL</u>
27. Juice,grape, 12/qts, S&W,btls	12	12	12	12	48 btls
28. Juice,grapefruit,sweetened, 2s, btls	24	24	24	24	96 btls
29. Juice,pineapple,24/18 oz., Libby's,tins	48	48	48	48	192 tins
30. Juice,tomatø, 15 oz., Exquisite, tins	24	24	24	24	96 tins
31. Macaroni, dry,assorted,24/8 oz., pkgs	8	8	8	8	32 pkgs
32. Milk, evaporated, Alpine, 14/½ oz., tins	96	96	96	96	384 tins
33. Olives,ripe,extra large,9 oz.,Albers,tins	12	12	12	12	48 tins
34. Milk, powdered, 5 lbs., Klim, cans	3	3	3	3	12 cans
35. Oil, salad, 12/qts, Mazola,qts.	3	3	3	3	12 qts
36. Peaches, cling,sliced,fancy,16 oz.,Exquis.	48	48	48	48	192 tins
37. Peas,tiny sugar, #1, tins	24	24	24	24	96 tins
38. Pickles, sour chow chow,Heinz, jars	2	2	2	2	8 jars
39. Pickles, mixed sweet, 24 oz., Heinz, jars	2	2	2	2	8 jars
40. Pineapple, fancy, sliced, 2s, tins	24	24	24	24	96 tins
41. Poi, canned,fancy, 1s, Haw'n Royalty,tins	240	240	120 (240)	240	960 tins
42. Powder, baking, Royal, Calumet, tins	2	2	2	2	8 tins
43. Prunes, dry, 1#, fancy, 24/2 lb., pkbs	6	6	6	6	24 pkgs
44. Rice, extra fancy, 100# bag, California,bags	1	1	1	1	4 bags
45. Salad dressing, Miracle Whip, French, qts	6	6	6	6	24 qts
46. Salmon,pink,48/16 oz., Sunny Point, tins	24	24	24	24	96 tins
47. Salt,table,Iodized,2#, Pyramid,pkg	1	1	1	1	4 pkgs
48. Sauce,tomato, 7-½ oz., Exquisite, tins	24	24	24	24	96 tins
49. Sausages, Vienna, 8½, Wilsons, tins	36	36	36	36	144 tins
50. Shortening,vegetable, Crisco,1#, cans	6	6	6	6	24 cans
51. Soda,baking,1#, Arm & Hammer, pkgs	1	1	1	1	4 pkgs
52. Soup,chicken Gumbo, Campbells, 1s, tins	48	48	48	48	192 tins
53. Soup,vegetable, Campbells, 1s, tins	48	48	48	48	192 tins

<u>Item</u>	<u>"E"</u>	<u>"B"</u>	<u>"H"</u>	<u>"J"</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
54. Soyo bean sauce, in gal containers, gals.	1	1	1	1	4 gals
55. Spaghetti,prepared,24/17 oz., Heinz,tins	24	24	24	24	96 tins
56. Starch,corn, 1#, pkgs	2	2	2	2	8 pkgs
57. Sugar, granulated, 100#, white, bags	1	1	1	1	4 bags
58. Tapioca, instant, 24/8 oz., Alberts, pkgs	6	6	6	6	24 pkgs
59. Tea, black, English, 8 oz., pkgs	2	2	2	2	8 pkgs
60. Tomatoes, solid pack, fancy T&M, tins	24	24	24	24	96 tins
61. Tongue, cooked, Lunch, 6 oz., Star, tins	24	24	24	24	96 tins
62. Tuna, Coral, 7 oz., tins	24	24	24	24	96 tins
63. Vegetable for salad,fancy,8oz.,Del Monte	36	36	36	36	144 tins

TO BE PACKED FOR CHILL ROOM

64. Ham, sweet pickled, cured	2	2	2	2	8 each
65. Onions, dry, bag 100 lbs	1	1	1	1	4 bags
66. Potatoes, Irish, 100 lb.	1	1	1	1	4 bags
67. Sausage, Salami, dried, 3 to 4 lbs	1	1	1	1	4 each
68. Bacon, sweet pickled, cured, slabs	4	4	4	4	16 slabs
69. Beef, jerked, lbs	2	2	2	2	8 lbs
70. Cheese, processed, American, lbs.	2	2	2	2	8 lbs
71. Yeast, lbs	1	1	1	1	4 lbs