

the Flemings. No boats could work after dark, so had, perforce, to accept hospitality in the hotel.

Managed to settle differences between Fleming & Tione. The former does not seem to have been too tactful & the latter has certainly been behaving outrageously. Went on strike for a week on one occasion because he alleged that Fleming had spoken "rudely" to him. Actual words were "Hurry up Tione" - Tione has most certainly heard much ruder injunctions from myself! Cautioned Tione that, right or wrong, refusal to obey orders in future will involve his immediate dismissal. No stores arrived for Canton, so we handed over 200 lbs. rice & 50 lbs. flour from Corp stores.

Friday. 24th JANUARY.

No weather information.

Settled accounts etc. with Fleming, who then came out to ship for a chat, drink & change of atmosphere. Think it did him good. Ship sailed soon after noon.

SATURDAY, 25th JANUARY.

No weather information.

Returned to Hull Island to send repaired wireless engine ashore & collect timber. Just got ashore after being badly upset in boat passage when strange vessel, flying no ensign or marks, was sighted inside 3 mile limit off South end of island. Returned hastily to "Niinanna" & offer