

## HIGHLIGHTS

**T**HE 1937 Naval R. O. T. C. cruise in the U. S. S. COLORADO began on Tuesday morning, 15 June, in a normal manner when the University of Washington unit embarked at Seattle. Little did we anticipate the unusual events which were to change our plans for completion of the cruise on 13 July in Seattle and on 17 July in San Francisco.

The trip from Seattle to San Francisco was occupied with general drills and lectures for the Washington unit. Most of this time was devoted to getting settled in the new routine. On Friday, 18 June, the ship anchored in San Francisco Bay and the Washington unit was granted liberty until the following morning. The California unit was embarked on Saturday morning, 19 June, and we were underway for Hilo, Hawaii.

The following seven days were largely occupied with gunnery drills for Short Range Battle Practice, with lectures on various activities aboard ship interspersed in the daily program. As the ship neared Hilo, the gun drills became more important and were emphasized until the crews worked with machine-like precision. Entertainment was not lacking on this leg of the cruise. After dinner on Sunday, 20 June, University of Washington and COLORADO talent entertained on the quarterdeck before the movies. On Wednesday night, 23 June, three orchestras, one from each of the Universities and one from the COLORADO, played their respective songs while the audience sang them. Boxing and wrestling followed to complete a fine smoker. The night of 25 June, the "Haywire Orchestra" broadcast over station COLO.

Hilo was reached on Saturday, the 26th of June. Here we were entertained with true Hawaiian hospitality. Several dances were given in our honor, and organized tours to Kilauea volcano were made. On Monday, 28 June, the COLORADO played the part of host at a reception on board, before our departure the next day for our Short Range firing.

The ship left Hilo on Tuesday, 29 June. After a day of practice runs for Short Range we anchored in Lahaina Roads at Lahaina, Maui. Here we were entertained before the movies by a group of local musicians and Hula dancers who had been aboard the COLORADO on our last cruise to the Islands. The program gave us a good impression of the Hula as it should be danced, and will be long remembered.

Short Range Battle Practice was fired

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