

## THE R. O. T. C. CRUISE OF 1937

**A**LTHOUGH this year's cruise was planned much after the established pattern of previous years, it has turned out to be unique, and will probably never be duplicated.

Having been planned to give the Reserve Midshipmen a general and practical knowledge of battleship routine and naval practice, it has accomplished its mission and much more besides.

The ROTC students have stood instruction watches on the bridge, on deck, and in the engine and fire rooms. They have been given a very fine course of lectures on the organization, administration, and co-ordination of the various branches of the Navy. They have been taught to fire and control the guns and, by the rules for gunnery exercises, have actually made well over an average score in the practice fired. It was an excellent performance by regular Navy standards.

A thoroughly good time was enjoyed on visits ashore at San Francisco, Hilo, and Honolulu. I think the only regret of the cruise is that the visit to Honolulu and the royal round of entertainment prepared for the students by the people of Honolulu was cut short by our dispatch in search of the ill-fated Earhart plane.

In compensation for missing the good times of Honolulu they have had a part in an historical event which will be well worth telling to their grandchildren. They have sailed through the Phoenix group of the South Seas, they have made a long cruise on one of the finest battleships of the U. S. Navy and they have been through the never to be forgotten experiences of greeting Neptuneus Rex in his own realm. Shellbacks all, they will look back with increasing pride and appreciation as the years go on, to the sympathetic, understanding and unexcelled treatment they received on the good ship COLORADO.

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### COLORADO OPERATING SCHEDULE

- 22 July Arrive San Francisco
- 23 July Depart San Francisco
- 25 July Arrive Seattle
- 26 July Depart Seattle,  
Arrive Bremerton
- 26 July - 4 August P.S.N.Y., Bremer-  
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- 5 August Depart P.S.N.Y.
- 8 August Arrive San Francisco
- 10 August Depart San Francisco
- 14 August Arrive Long Beach
- 14 20 August, At anchor, Long Beach

