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ROUND THE WORLD.

MISS EARHART AT DARWIN

EASY TIMOR CROSSING

FLIGHT TO NEW GUINEA TODAY

DARWIN, June 28.—With another long sea crossing to her credit and a further stage of her world flight behind her, Miss Amelia Earhart (Mrs. G. P. Putnam) landed her lockheed Electra plane at the Ross Smith aerodrome at Darwin at 11.25 o'clock this morning. Miss Earhart, who is accompanied by Captain F. Noonan as navigator, left Kupang (Timor) at 6.30 a.m. (Kupang time) this morning for the hop to Darwin across the Timor Sea.

Miss Earhart plans to continue her flight at daybreak tomorrow. She will fly direct to Lae (New Guinea). After her arrival at Darwin she said that she had intended to wait only to refuel her machine, but the time of her arrival made it impossible for her to cover the next stage of the journey in daylight. There was no necessity, she added, for risking a night landing.

Tonight, Miss Earhart said that she hoped to cover the final stages back to America in four long hops. She planned to leave Lae on Wednesday morning for Howland Island in the Pacific and the next stage would take her to Honolulu, after which she would fly to Oakland (California). Miss Earhart commenced her venture from Miami (Florida) on June 1.

Assisted by almost perfect flying conditions, which only yesterday replaced high head winds, the Lockheed Electra took the town by surprise, but immediately the sound of the plane's powerful twin engines was heard, people went flocking out to the aerodrome in cars, on bicycles and on foot. A squad of the Northern Territory police, held specially in readiness for more than a week, quickly formed a cordon round the machine as it taxied to rest, and sightseers had little chance of catching a glimpse of Miss Earhart or Captain Noonan until the craft had been cleared by medical and Customs officials. The flyers were officially welcomed by a party from the Residency.

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Although Captain Noonan appeared to be little affected by the long flight, Miss Earhart looked tired when she appeared smilingly before the crowd. She was hurried away to a quiet room in the Civil Aviation Department's administrative block to discuss with her agents arrangements for her short stay. One of her first actions was to ask for the local representative of the Civil Aviation Department (Mr. Alan Collins) and inquire whether two parachutes had been delivered from America. Fully tested and ready for immediate use, the parachutes were waiting in Mr. Collins's office. As a safeguard against any emergency, they will be carried on the hazardous final stages of the flight across the Pacific to the United States.

Miss Earhart expressed a wish to meet Mr. Dwyer, who has charge of the meteorological station at the aerodrome and she thanked him for the guidance and assistance which the station had afforded her.

When she was invited to dine at Government House, Miss Earhart smiled and pointed to the brown slacks and blue and brown check blouse she was wearing and asked to be excused. "These are the only clothes I have," she explained. During the afternoon, with full apologies for her informal dress, she did call on the Administrator (Mr. C. L. A. Abbott) and she impressed him with her knowledge of Australia. She told Mr. Abbott that she was very disappointed at not being able to see more of the Commonwealth.

All day Miss Earhart has been busy hurrying backwards and forwards to the aerodrome because she insisted personally supervising the refuelling and servicing of her machine. She is staying tonight at an hotel which has housed almost all of the many distinguished aviators who have visited Darwin.

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