

RONALD HIGGINS BACK WITH FLEET; WELCOMED BY OUTRIGGER "GANG"



Here we have a snapshot of Ronald Higgins, one of the charter members of the "Outrigger gang," who is now in Honolulu once more, visiting his old stamping grounds at Waikiki.

The photo, taken during the war, shows Midshipman Higgins in his sailor's uniform, when he was an enlisted man. He is now an Annapolis cadet. Higgins was a member of the Naval Militia of Hawaii and served on the cruiser St. Louis here during practise cruises.

SIAM LEADS IN AVIATION PROGRESS SAYS EXPERT

NEW YORK, June 14.—The commission, organizing the first aerial derby around the world, has so far appointed 26 special commissioners in different countries and colonies to assist in the operation of the derby to form aero clubs and generally promote aerial navigation. Maj. Charles J. Glidden, who arrived in New York yesterday, says that when the list is completed 60 colonies and countries will be represented. He is of the opinion that Siam is leading most of the countries in aeronautical development.

641,900 WAR PENSIONERS

Dr. W. C. Rucker, chief medical advisor of the bureau of war risk insurance, reports, as discharged from the army and navy with disabilities, 641,900 men who are dependent upon the United States for future existence at an annual cost of \$325,000,000. The committee for aid to disabled veterans and referendum on the bonus have made these figures public, and say they represent the first authentic tabulation.

NAVY TO HAVE BIGGER GUNS

Future battleships and dreadnaughts will have 18 inch guns in their turrets. These huge guns will have the longest range of any naval gun in the world, and the projectile will penetrate the heaviest armor. New loading devices will make it as easy to work as a nine-pounder and there will be, in connection with it, the most modern devices for training and firing. Airplane spotting has made this weapon possible, and it is expected that tests will be made in the early autumn.

He was too young to sail with the cruiser, but got into the transport service later and made two voyages before the war ended.

Midshipman Higgins' parents are now residents of Manila, having left Honolulu a couple of years ago. He is spending most of his spare time at the Outrigger in his bathing suit.