# Traveling Journals: Hawaii

*GOING*

Date

S.S. City of Los Angeles

Line: Honolulu

Captain’s Autograph H Paulson

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Chief Engineer

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The “City of Los Angeles” was formerly a German liner, it was taken over by US during the war and later sold to Pa Steamship Co. It is 22000 Tons – the largest ship in the Pacific.

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*ITINERARY*

Left LA Harbor at noon Sat Oct 11-23

Out of sight of land about 4 pm

Sat night – heard KHJ Radio concert and Uncle John’s message to delegates of Chamber of Commerce Excursion.

Sunday morning –

Church Service

Radio concert in evenings

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*ITINERARY*

Monday – 10/13/24

Ship committee met to plan deck games, Dan Miner – Chairman – G.P. secretary – After we all got thru outlining the games I prepared copy for ship printer to print our programs

Community singing and musical concert at night

*~~SIDE TRIPS~~*

Tuesday – 10/14/24

People beginning to get acquainted much more- Games going on deck nearly all day – Fine musical concert at night. A crowd of fellows formed who they called the “steerage chorus” and tried to out-do the rest – Lots of fun-

*~~SIDE TRIPS~~*

Wednesday – 10/15/24

Everybody lively and lots doing all the time. People getting well acquainted with each other. All assembled on deck for evening program of community singing, stories and other stunts. I told a few stories and recited the “Californian’s Version of Creation”

*~~HOTELS STOPPED AT~~*

Thursday 10/16/74

People getting anxious to see Honolulu and saying “Tomorrow morning we will see land”

Captains formal dinner at night

Everyone advised to get up early next morning for 6:30 breakfast

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Friday AM 10/17/24

I was out on deck soon after day light and lots of others were there about same time. Could see land in distance and it looked good to everybody. As ship neared harbor we were given royal reception. Several plans circled around and around the ship, Harbor boat met us carrying officials and their band played “I love you California” Hawaiian ladies came aboard with “lais” of flowers.

Great crowd on dock to meet up and their band played then we all sang “Honolulu queen of the Paradise Isles”

*AUTOGRAPHS*

Everything indicated that people were surely glad to welcome a big delegation from La. Newspaper men were on the job before we got into the harbor. They took pictures of the boat and also inquired of different one for news items.

*INCIDENTS*

Before reaching Honolulu we were assigned certain numbers for position on auto trips. I felt [unreadable] and honored to find I would be car #1 with Mr. Farrel, the spokesman of the party, on all auto trips in each of the islands. This assured me of the best driver and a fine ear on all trips. Mr. Farrel formerly lived in the islands so the trip were doubly interesting by being with him, as he knows all points of interest as well as Hawaiian language. I listened to Mr. Farrell and our different drivers chatter I picked up a little of the lingo.

Of yes – my book of pickets was “no 1” and Mr. Mierir next “no 2”, so we felt like honored guests.

*PLACES VISITED*

Date Friday, AM Oct 17-1924

Place Honolulu

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Date: Oct 18 Sat

Place: went bathing in beach at 7:00 Am

Made business calls, investigating store locations, visited bankers in forenoon.

Attended Chamber of Com. Luncheon at noon where our people were guests of honor. Acting Governor Brown gave address of welcome – followed by several other Fine speeches by Honolulu and Los Angeles people.

Hawaiian music was very fine.

Visited Governers palace heard lecture on early history of Hawaii – then auto ride around diamond head.

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Date: Oct 19 - Sunday

Place: Went in bathing at 7:30 am

All day trip around Island of Oahu. A most wonderful trip then tropical scenery – pine apples, sugar cane, cocoanuts, bananas- etc. visited mormon temple grounds where church was 8000 acres of land at headquarters of Hawaiian mission.

The Hawaiian Pali is a most unusual sight. Wonderful view over fields below wind at top is so strong one can loudly stand up or walk against it.

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Date: Oct 20 – Monday

Place:

Made further attempts to get store location and made other business calls in am and attended PAN: pacific club of luncheon other addresses of gap. – counseled and a Korean went through Hawaiian museum in afternoon. A marvelous collection of historic and pre historic Hawaiian relics and exhibits.

Mailed about 160 folders of Hawaiians views to all our store mgm and other friends.

Attended Hawaiian tourist exist and met and went to ship afoul 11:30 PM.

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Date: Oct 21 –Tuesday

Place: On way to Kahului, Maui

Out on deck of 6 AM. One of the most beautiful sunrises I ever saw. Sun came out like a big ball of fire then dark clouds arawned the pint of Molokai island. About 7am sighted village of sepere banished on Molokai. About 600 people living there. They have their amusements, radio, etc. boats take them foud and mail tunes a week.

Very high and beautiful cliffs along much of coast of Molokai. Avowed of Kahului about 10:30 auto trip up day valley goes then tropical jungles. Joak- perused Kodak pictures luchaty ground hotel. IN affection we took lovely trip them.

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Pine apple and sugar cane pleasurelious. Visited pineapple county. An interesting sight to see cans of pineapple going them machines which put labels and grind out finished product like sausage. Got photo out in pineapple filed holding up pineapple. The nest impressions scene was the “luau” on beach of primitive Hawaiian lord served to me in a big hall in the Maui fair grounds at 6:00 PM by Maui woman’s club the food courtesy of

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Date:

Place:

The music was genuine Hawaiian by six Hawaiian men. Afterward the ladies of the club – about 25 or 30, nearly all back Hawaiians, sang songs in their language, one large all lady about 75 years old had a particularly melodious voice and could occasionally be heard about the rest. Addiso of welcome by pres of Maui chamber of commerce. Other speakers by Mr. Farrell Mr. Hardacre and Mr. Bayer.

The natives of the island seem almost overjoyed to how “Haoles” on white people visit them and did everything paradie to made welcome.

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Welcome, they seem to be a most genuine, sympathetic and responsive people, giving “Leis” of flowers and paper ropes to may of the party.

Col. Layton suggested that as a token of appreciation for the fiend deeds of the Maui womans club, we pass the hat white the task song was giving sang. The newer was a affection of 108 for the ladies club.

After this Hawaiian entertainment pair on a fine program foreverof very fine music and singing. Dwine the singin Hawaiian ladies passes them the croud pleasing “leis” of flowers,

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Of sixty-five people should be so repedl becoming extinct. They are poetic, musical, and peace-loving, but not very aggressive in business. They lauds, business and inductive have gradually, passed into the hands of whites, Japanese and Chinese and others diving the last 100 years until they are nour or downtrodden people and greatly mixed with japs Chinese Korean Philippines and others.

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My Trip Abroad journal about voyage to Hawaii, 1924

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Hilo band was playing when he arrived. We immediately took train for scenic trip, then tropical scenery, sugar cane fields and over deep gorges, one thing that impressed me was their manner of getting cane from field to mill. All of the mills were on low land and the cane was not hauld from but floated down boroughs of small board funnels around hills and over gorges. There seemed to be no shortage of water so the water wasted is floating cane down to the mills does not matter. The only cloud in the way of a perfect day was the train wreck. Our train had been stopping on some of the high bridges over deep convoys for us to see the sight and take Kodak pictures. At the time of the wreck our train was standing on a trestle about 1/4 mi long and 190 ft high, in center. The rear of our train was about 300 ft from the tunnel and the track is curved the other train came thundering out of the tunnel and before they could stop they smashed into our train.

There was evidently confusion of order and our workman was not on the job-

I had been out on the walk by the rail of the trestle taking a Kodak picture and had just

climbed up the steps between the two rear cars when I heard a loud noise like a

locomotion and then the crash. I had to hold on to the rods between the cars for dear

life. I realized immediately what the trouble was. The trestle built on a curve to the right

the new car naturally swinging outward to the left and tipped to the left. If I had slipped

to the left I would have fallen off the platform

into space as there was no rail on the left.

I quickly climbed down to walk on right and noticed rear end of car was hanging over

trestle, two wheels dangling in the air. It looked scary but I did not think the car would tip

off so I ran back to see if any people were hurt. They were carrying one body out into a

car ahead. She had some bad cuts from broken glass about head and shoulders but not

serious. Another lady had bad cut in forehead.

Upon further inspection it was found that rear trucks of rear car had slid down and

caught on the reinforcement rail just inside of main rail. The auxiliary rail was probably

all that saved the entire train from going over for it looked as if the rear can had fallen

over the leverage would have tipped the next one, for the cars were light weight. The

engineer of the approaching train, after he saw us, succeeded in

slowing down manually so that the crash was not great enough to telescope our cars or

pile them up. All realized what a narrow escape it was but all were very calm except a

few ladies showed signs of nervousness and one fainted. Many of the passengers in

rear car were severely shaken up because 11 chains were not attached to the floor of

car and they were badly piled up. The 2 bodies that were hurt were very brave and were

soon discounting the extent of their wounds as all rejoiced because they had escaped the jaws of death.

After the excitement had cooled down and the people were walking to the forward end

of the trestle I went to the rear and climbed out where I could take a picture of the car

hanging over.

The “cow catcher” and front parts of locomotive that hit us was smashed up and it took

about an hour to remove the dangling parts. Then all our people were ordered to board the rear train which then backed up to Hilo. The Laupahoehoe River is a very scenic outlook over many deep gorges where numerous water falls and picturesque places are found. After lunch at Hilo Hotel the 28 car loads of as started up to

Halemaumountain is 3000 ft across and 1400 ft deep. The stream is constantly boiling

up from the bottom but no fire shot out while we were there. Some time before it

bubbled over and molten lava ran down the mt for some distance. The lava tubes are

underground channels running down the country in various directions from the volcano.

There are many miles of them. It is thought that they were formed by molten lava

running down the mt. constantly in streams and the top crusting over,

leaving the lower part flowing when crusted the lava is like stone and when the inner

part flowed out it left long irregular tunnels. We walked in one for about 400 ft, carrying

flash lights to find the way there.

We then visited a big bulk of sulphur where the stream was setting then in some

places it was so hot you could not hold your hand on the sulphur our party staid all night

at the Volcano House Hotel which is near the edge of the Kilauea Crater. Live stream is

coming out of the