

Ex-Duck Finds South Seas 'Like Movies', Minus Lamour

By BETTY LU SIEGMAN

Movies of the tropics, excluding those of Dorothy Lamour, come close to accurately picturing conditions in the South Seas, believes Al Hunt, '42, now an army technical sergeant, who returned to the campus recently after a period of six months spent in action in the South Pacific.

Because of censorship rulings Hunt could not disclose many interesting but specific items such as surrounding scenery and names of towns.

His idea of native girls isn't so complimentary. "They are practically all large and fat, and a Dorothy Lamour type is non-existent," Hunt explained.

"Bubbles" is the universal name applied to the native girls by the service men, while 'Charley' or 'Joe' is the universal name given to the native men," said the former Phi Delt president.

1-A Physicals

Explaining that these natives are mostly all perfect physical specimens, Hunt continued, "One

thing about the natives, they always salute us service men—and men of the lowest rank—and, of course, we all salute back."

"The natives have beautiful harmony in their songs; although their speech is unintelligible to persons who speak only English," he said, while speaking of the different chants which the jovial natives frequently sing.

Admitting that the country is especially beautiful, Hunt gave a picture of the uncomfortable side of life in the South Seas. "It's good to be home and away from the heat and mosquitoes. Even though we have mosquito netting, if we happen to get one of our bare arms near the netting we find it is raw the next morning."

Pow-wow

Uninvited, he and a fellow service man attended a native "pow wow," including the remains of a native wedding. "We ate out of tortoise shells; and the tortoise meat, itself, was a pasty tasting concoction with different kinds of roots added to it," said Hunt, admitting that he didn't enjoy it very much.

Speaking of mosquitoes again, he said, "For some reason they don't bother the natives at all; and it would be interesting to know if the Japs are immune to them."

Grateful for some real American food, he said, "Army food in the South Seas is all dehydrated, and it does get tiresome. We had no refrigeration, either."

One of a limited number recently selected for officers training, Hunt started at the bottom



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Robert Hale Ballard, former University student, graduated from the United States naval air training center, Corpus Christi, Texas on April 7 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States marine corps reserve.

Lt. Ballard was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He volunteered for flight training in January, 1942, and received preliminary flight instruction at the Oakland, California naval air station.

He completed his training by taking specialized instruction in the navy's torpedo planes at Corpus Christi.

Lt. Ballard's home town is Portland, Oregon.

as a private and worked up to his present rank in approximately seven months.

Officer

Leaving the campus recently, he said, "Now I will go to Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, for a three-month period of officers training."

"It's sure good to be back on the campus again," he said. "But even though I was glad to come home, it was kind of hard to leave the rest of the servicemen that I knew so well."

There is a closer association in the army than in a fraternity, Hunt maintains.



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