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Knowing full well the hard, unremitting work required of the ship's company to make the Presidential Cruise a success, the Commanding Officer takes pleasure in quoting to each officer and man the following excerpt from a letter written by the President:

"Our cruise from San Diego to Charleston has been a splendid one. I have enjoyed it tremendously. I have noted with satisfaction the quiet, orderly, and efficient manner in which each member of the ship's company has performed his allotted task. I request that you express to all hands my thanks and best wishes for many more pleasant cruises."

The Commanding Officer desires that each and every member of the ship's company shall feel that his own efforts contributed toward the success of the cruise and that the praise bestowed by the President belongs to all.

G. E. BAKER
Captain, U. S. Navy
Commanding

Friday afternoon, at 1400, Bunnell V. L. S2c of the 2nd. was operated on for acute appendicitis, and is now resting easily. Good luck, Bunnell.

"NAVY DAY"

On October 27, 1775, there was introduced in the Continental Congress the first resolution to authorize American Warships. October 27th is also the birthday of one of the United States' greatest Presidents—THEODORE ROOSEVELT. This President, needing a "Big Club" and ever ready to use its' threat as a means to call the bluff of other Nations, exerted his utmost endeavors to make our Fleet into a real "First Line of Defense". His influence is felt to this day and whenever Navy men foregather, his name is mentioned as the one whose influence predominates in the building up of material and morale of our modern Navy. For these reasons, the 27th day of October has become known as "NAVY DAY". In view of

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HOUSTON VISITS PORTO BELLO

During the forenoon of 17 October the HOUSTON made a short visit to Porto Bello, R. P. In the early days before the Panama Canal was started Porto Bello was the chief sea port of Panama. This spot abounds in history and romance. It was originally established and heavily fortified by the Spanish during the latter part of the sixteenth century.

The remains of Fort San Fernando on the north can still be seen in a fair state of preservation. Lead bullets can, to this day, be dug out of dungeon walls of this Fort. There is another fort to the westward of the village

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PRESIDENT VISITS SAN BLAS INDIANS

Late Thursday afternoon, 17 Oct. 1935, the HOUSTON dropped her anchor in San Blas Bay. Immediately the boats were in the water, the President and small party made an excursion trip to the near by island Indian villages. Two of the nearer islands were circled by the boats but the short tropical dusk made a landing unfeasible. However, the islands and their inhabitants appeared so picturesque that it was decided to make a more thoro visit the next day for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the indians and obtaining souvenirs.

The next day about ten, three boats bearing the President, his party, and a group of ship's officers and men left the ship on a most interesting excursion of the villages. The first island visited was about five miles from the ship. After a brief visit to this Island during which time everyone browsed about to see how the people lived and bought or traded for souvenirs and various trinkets, some six or seven other villages were visited. At each island the indians came down to the boats to barter and sell their wares.

More information on this subject will be featured next week.

HOUSTON TO VISIT NEW YORK

After leaving Hampton Roads the HOUSTON has been ordered to proceed to Navy Yard, New York for upkeep leave and liberty.