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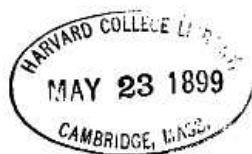
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PREFACE.

Sailing directions for the islands in the Pacific Ocean are in course of preparation in the Hydrographic Office. They are being prepared from reports of United States naval and consular officers, the sailing directions of the British Admiralty covering this region, and such late information as has become available.

For convenience it has been thought well to publish in advance, under separate cover, that part of the directions covering the Hawaiian Islands. This has been compiled by Mr. R. C. Ray, U. S. N.

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NOTE.

The bearings, courses, and trend of the land are true; but for convenience the corresponding magnetic bearings, to the nearest degree, follow in parentheses. (Variation in 1900.) The directions of the winds are given for the points from which they blow; the directions of the currents for the points toward which they set. Distances are expressed in nautical miles. Soundings, unless otherwise stated, are reduced to mean low water.

U. S. HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE CHARTS TO BE USED WITH THESE
DIRECTIONS.

No.	Title.
1216	Hawaiian Islands, with the Islands and Reefs to the westward.
1268	Hawaiian Islands.
1788	Port of Honoipu, and Mahukona Harbor.
1096	Hilo Bay, East coast.
1257	Harbors on the West coast of Hawaii: Kawaihae, Kailua Bay, Keauhou Bay, Kealahou Bay.
1244	Harbors in Maui: Kapueokahi (Hana) Bay, East coast; Napili Bay, Northwest coast; Makena Bay, Southwest coast; Kahului Harbor, North coast.
132	Lahaina Road, West coast of Maui Island, and Maro Reef.
887	Southern part of Oahu, including the whole of the South coast, and the East coast to Kaneohé Passage; with Pearl River and Lochs, Honolulu Harbor, Hanauma Bay, Kaneohé Bay, and their approaches.
1281	Honolulu Harbor.
1141	Pearl (Ewa) River and Lochs.
1252	Harbors of Oahu: Northwest coast, Waimea Bay and Waialua Bay Southwest coast, Barbers Point; and Northeast coast, Laie Bay.
1264	Port Waianae and adjacent coast.
1251	Harbors of Kauai: North coast, Hanalei Bay; South coast, Waimea Bay; East coast, Hanamaulu Bay; and Southeast coast, Nawiliwili Harbor.
2	Islands in the North Pacific to the westward of Hawaiian Islands: Bird Island, Necker Island, French Frigate Atoll, Gardiner Island, Maro Reef, and Laysan Island.
4	Islands and Reefs WNW, of Hawaiian Islands: Pearl and Hermes Reef, Midway Islands, and Ocean (Curé) Island.
5	Seward Road and Welles Harbor, Midway Islands.
1571	Smith, Johnston, or Cornwallis Island.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.—ISLANDS, ROCKS, AND SHOALS WESTWARD OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

(H. O. Chart No. 1885.)

The Hawaiian Islands, situated between the parallels of $18^{\circ} 56'$ and $23^{\circ} 7' N.$ and the meridians of $154^{\circ} 49'$ and $161^{\circ} 59' W.,$ lying in a NW. by W. and SE. by E. direction, consist of eight islands and some small rocky islets; the entire group having an area of about 6,000 square miles.

These islands were first made generally known to Europeans by the third voyage of Cook, in 1778, but it appears probable that they were previously known to the Spaniards, as in some charts, taken by Anson from a Manila galleon, there is a group of islands called Los Magos, placed between latitude 18° and $22^{\circ} N.$ and longitude 135° and $139^{\circ} W.,$ the different members of which are named La Mesa, La Desgraciada, Los Monges, etc.

The Spanish word Mesa, signifying table, probably refers to Hawaii, the summit of which, unlike those of most volcanic islands, appears flat; also the position as regards latitude would seem to point to the conclusion that the group is identical with what is now known as the Hawaiian Islands.

On the 18th January, 1778, Cook sighted Kauai Island, and on the 20th January he anchored in Waimea Bay, on the SW. side of the island; he named the group the Sandwich Islands in honor of the Earl of Sandwich, the first lord of the admiralty.

After visiting the coast of North America, Cook again returned to the Sandwich Islands, anchoring at Kealakekua Bay, on the west side of Hawaii, on 17th January, 1779.

The natives were found to be friendly and hospitable on this occasion, and Cook took his departure on 4th February, but during a gale on the 8th, the *Resolution* being disabled, the vessels returned to Kealakekua Bay on the 11th.

On this occasion, from some uncertain cause, a chief was killed, and several petty thefts being resented, a misunderstanding speedily arose which led to a conflict with the natives, in which the distinguished navigator was killed on 14th February, 1779.

The vessels left Kealakekua Bay on the 22d, and an examination was made of the group, leaving finally on 15th of March, 1779.

The next visitors were Captains Portlock and Dixon in the *King George* and *Queen Charlotte*; they anchored in Kealekekua Bay on