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Bairiki.

4th. October, 1931.

Dear Capt. Holland,

we got back with nothing more eventful than a large westerly drift which made us twenty-four hours late. I was not sorry to increase my distance from our passengers aft!

Had a splendid time on Ocean and thanks very much to both Mrs. Holland and yourself for looking after me so well. Sorry things got a bit muddled on the last afternoon. No doubt I ought to have made inquiries in the early afternoon as to the movements of the ship.

The sudden rush down the hill plus a spill and a bruised knee and hectic sweating after my luggage put me somewhat out of humour. The Triona's large cocktail did nothing to alleviate matters and I fear I was somewhat brusque with you. Sorry if it was so. If I remember rightly I resented your handing out "ship" instructions while I was the Captain's guest and in front of him and the others egg.

Hope things will go better in future. Everything on Bairiki seems in fair order.

I sent Navahine and Iete down to Young for examination yesterday. Navahine failed to pass the test. I have sent you a copy of Young's letter together with notification that Seanoa has been sent in Navahine's place. (This last if no reply received to my telegram asking for instructions). I remember your suggesting that this arrangement might be made in the event of rejection on medical grounds of either of the selected students.

There is nothing else I think. Kindest regards and best wishes to you both.

Yours sincerely

(Sgt. Donald J. Kennedy)