

# NAVAL MILITIAMEN NOW PLAN CRUISES

When They Take Possession of  
Cruiser St. Louis Sea Prac-  
tise Will Begin

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From landlubber to a deep-sea sailor. This will be the transition of citizens who are members of the naval militia of Hawaii, when they will step on board and take formal possession of the U. S. S. St. Louis, its training ship, about July 16.

In all circles of the naval militia, yesterday, there was enthusiastic comment upon the unlimited possibilities of the militia's future with a training ship such as the St. Louis.

"It is certainly welcome news," said Lieut. Comdr. R. E. Lambert, who is acting in command of the citizen naval forces.

"Week-end cruises, in which preliminary drills will be held, will be the inauguration of our sailor duties. We hope to have the militia recruited up to 400 men in a short time. After the Oahu compliment has been obtained, we will enlist a division from each of the other islands, and with the St. Louis we will be in a position to cruise to the different sub-stations, taking on board the detached division, and after a short cruise for instructions return them to their posts, and steam for Honolulu."

The naval regulations specify that a cruise of fifteen days, inclusive, must be made by the militia forces once a year. During these trips the militia officers, according to their stations and ranks, are placed alongside the regulars.

The ship remains in command of a regular naval officer. The men and officers of the militia are instructed in their various duties, by the regulars. Gun drills will be held in which the militiamen will man the secondary battery, which consist of three-inch guns.

After several cruises are made and the men acquaint themselves with their respective duties, the ship is manned and commanded by the militia, and runs including battle practise, preceded by subcaliber, will be held.

Examinations will be held during this month. The various ratings will be distributed and the organization equipped with its petty officer strength.