

MR. MARSMAN RETURNS FROM NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES



Shortly after KNILM plane landed in Manila, this picture was taken. Left to right: J. B. Stapler, Major A. Beckerleg, Mr. Marsman, Flight Master J. Schot, P. C. van Houten, manager, Eastern and Philippines Shipping Agencies, Ltd., Wittert van Hoogland, Flight Superintendent. Dr. Huender, Dutch Consul in Manila, is at the right with his back turned, while at the extreme right is J. M. E. Nikkels, manager, Nederlandsch Indische Handelsbank, N. V.

J. H. Marsman, head of the organization, returned to Manila from Sourabaya on Saturday, November 18, from an extended personal inspection of various properties under development in the Netherlands East Indies. Accompanied by Major A. Beckerleg and J. B. Stapler of the executive staff, and M. L. Francisco, his secretary, Mr. Marsman arrived by chartered air liner at the Nielson airport at 6 p. m., after an all-day trip which covered 1700 miles. Stops were made at Banjarmasin, Balikpapan, and Tarakan.

Mr. Marsman reported a pleasant trip in the KNILM plane, and expressed the wish that a connection be made between the Philippines and the N. E. I. so that regular air service could be maintained. An outlet to Europe through Singapore would thus be available, he told the Manila press on ar-

rival, while the Philippines could also develop considerable new business with Australia if such a contact could be made. The air trip to the N. E. I. from Manila takes but 9 hours, while by ship at least nine days is consumed.

The charter was made possible through the courtesy of the office of the American High Commissioner in Manila in securing a special permit from the State Department at Washington, and through KNILM officials here and in Sourabaya. The plane left on its return trip to the N. E. I. the day after arrival.

Mr. Marsman and his companions visited the Mangani plant in Sumatra, which is nearing completion, and also inspected a placer property at Atjeh, also in Sumatra, which has shown considerable promise.