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MICRONESIAN SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT AT PHILIPPINES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING

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Palau

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, June 21 . . . Micronesian scholarship student Lambert Aafin of Pulap, Truk District, returned to the Territory in May after completing two years of basic training at the Merchant Marine Academy in the Philippines. While in the Trust Territory, Cadet Lambert Aafin will serve one year aboard the M/V Guaner's Knot. After this shipboard training, he will then be detailed back to the Merchant Marine Academy for his final year of study.

Among the Micronesian scholarship students at the Merchant Marine Academy is Third Officer Ywao Elanzo of the Marshalls who graduated in 1966, but decided to spend an additional year of intensive training in shipping operation, management, and marine terminal operations with various Philippine companies. Upon his return to the Trust Territory Elanzo is expected to serve with the Ponape Transportation Company.

Other Micronesian Merchant Marine students at the Academy include Cadets Hideo S. Tell of Palau and Robert Weilbacher of Ponape who are taking the Naval Reserve Officer Training Cruise as part of their second year term.

Henry Anien from the Marshalls, also a Trust Territory scholarship recipient, and Vicente Pangelinan from Saipan who has a partial scholar-

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ship from the Government have just arrived in the Philippines for their first year at the Merchant Marine Academy.

Candidates from the Trust Territory to the Merchant Marine Academy in the Philippines are selected on the basis of an entrance examination from the institution, graduation from secondary school; moral character, age (not less than 17 years of age and not more than 22), and physical fitness including a height of at least five feet three inches and not less than 110 pounds in weight. Other criteria are also taken into consideration for the final selection.

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