

GUAM.

HEROES OF YESTERDAY?

SITUATED - at the southern extremity of Marianna ARCHIPELAGO.

DISCOVERED - Magellan in his historic voyage round the world 1521.

FORMALLY - annexed by Spain 1565. Century following marked by native rebellions. Final conquests of Islands took place 1696.

GUAM - ceded to U.S. by Treaty of Paris on conclusion of Spanish-American War 1898.

GUAM - is largest of Marianna Group. 32 miles long, 4 to 10 miles wide. Area - 225 Sq. miles.

DEC 41 - became a Jap possession.

NATIVES - number 21,199. Almost all Chamorros - found only in Guam and are of Spanish-Polynesian mixture. (See Dozardust on Micronesians) U.S. did not encourage Karakas to remain on island.

LANGUAGE - English official language. Spanish spoken by Chamorros.

ORIGIN - volcanic. Subject to severe earthquakes and severe typhoons.

LAID - Costs from \$3 to \$10 an hour. Cannot be bought by aliens.

GOVERNMENT - GOVERNOR a naval officer who is appointed by U.S. President and has rank of Admiral. He is also military commander and Naval Commandant of Naval Station.

CHIEF TOWN - Agaña, seat of Government.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS - mountainous, fringed with coral reefs. Heavily wooded. Southern half broken by hills rising to 1300 feet. Well watered. Northern half mainly a plateau, 500 feet high.

EDUCATION - public school system. 4000 pupils. Education compulsory. A special school devoted to agriculture.

INDUSTRY - copra, coffee, cocoa, sugar cane.

COLUMBUS - Discovered America.

CONTEZ - Conquered Mexico.

PIZARRO - Discoverer of Peru.

BALBOA - Discoverer of Pacific.

MAGELLAN - Explorer of Pacific.

CAMOENS - Soldier & Poet.

" HEROIC eras are never sentimental. Little gratitude did the Kings of Spain and Portugal show to these bold conquistadors who added whole worlds to their dominions. Columbus brought back to Seville in chains; Cortez fell into disgrace; Pizarro was murdered; Balboa, the discoverer of the Pacific, was beheaded; Magellan, who explored and made the discovery more than a name, was murdered by natives and his name consigned to oblivion. Camoens, Portuguese warrior and poet, like Cervantes, spent months in a jail that was little better than a dungeon. Amazing was the unthankfulness of the age of discovery. The soldiers and sailors who had fought to secure the jewels of Montezuma and the treasures of the Incas for the Emperor, wandered as beggars & cripples, lousy and neglected, in the alleys of Cadiz, Lisbon and other sea ports - the few of them, that is to say, who did not leave their bones in the Colonies, but returned home to be kicked hither and thither like maffy dogs. What interest in such achievements had the courtiers who never left the safe shelter of their palaces, where they lived as drones, where they spent the time in gambling until they could secure appointments as governors of the new provinces? Then they filled their money bags, thrusting aside as vaexatic intruders, the colonial fighters, the frontier officers of these days who, after years of sacrifice and exhaustion, were fools enough to return "

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The story of Magellan.

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We look back on the period 1450 - 1550 as the Great Age of discovery and romance: great in extending man's horizon it was. Europe discovered the world; subsequent ages made the "romance"