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HONOLULU, Nov. 9 — The Coast Guard's newest Loran Transmitting Station located on the Island of Yap in the Caroline Islands, was commissioned recently amid the pagentry of military customs and native ceremonial dances.

Dedicated by Rear Admiral Theodore J. Fabik, Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District and witnessed by members of the Yap Congress, Trust Territory representatives, Naval military leaders from the Marianas, and Coast Guard personnel, Yap became the 26th Loran Station operated by the Coast Guard in the Western Pacific.

Under the command of Lieutenant (junior grade) Stanley F. Powers, USCG, Yap will operate with other Coast Guard Loran Stations located at Marcus Island, Okinawa, Iwo Jima and Hokkaido, Japan, providing navigational assistance to travelers of all nations over a large portion of the Western Pacific.

Loran, which means Long Range Aid to Navigation, is an electronic transmitting system through which surface vessels and aircraft may determine their position accurately under all conditions.

Most of the supplies for the construction of Yap were transported to the site by the Honolulu based Coast Guard Cutter Kukui, and Coast Guard

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aircraft based at Barber's Point and Guam.

Built by the Dillingham Corporation of Nevada at a cost of over a million and a half dollars, the Yap station is manned by 27 Coast Guard personnel who will remain on the Island known for its stone money for one full year before reassignment.

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