

First trip of new flying boat

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Note: Text is broken into sentences based on punctuation. Some punctuation removed for clarity. Text in square brackets indicates supplied information, or (if marked with a question mark), my conjecture about faded or damaged text.

Para.	Text	Features
Head.	News of People FIRST TRIP OF NEW FLYING BOAT.	Section heading and headline
1	Mr. Osineru Dickson writes about their return to Port Moresby in the new Flying-boat :-	Metatext: "writes", colon identifies the individual author (The following text is also enclosed within quotation marks.)
2	We had a wonderful trip. It took us exactly two hours from Samarai to Moresby.	Personal voice: "we" [Dickson and his wife]. Setting of the narrative
3	Tea was served at 2.30. We sat in the same cabin as the Samarai Doctor and his wife. and family.	Narrative of journey links air travel to the world of white colonial settlers, e.g. tea service, clock time, sitting next to the Samarai doctor, yet as an aspiration for Papuan readers
4	The plane had a huge space for air freight cargo right beneath the upper deck. There were lots of rooms with beautiful chairs fitted with cushions, eight in each cabin. It had good space for walking which ran [f]rom for[w]ard to aft (behind) the cabins were on both sides of the passage. The rooms were beautifully furnished. It had cooling air and lights for your own use whenever you needed them, also folded tables. If you wanted a steward or anything you just pressed the button beside you. It also had a kitchen and toilet rooms. It had beautiful light cream paint inside it.	Impersonal voice to convey an objective evaluation. Gerund, generic you make the actor ambiguous, allowing one imagine one's own travel. Parenthesis used to gloss an unfamiliar word.
5	It was easier to take pictures from where you sat in your room than the Catalina where it was so cramped and had such small windows.	Infinitive, generic you allows readers to aspire to travel Comparison to the previous seaplane service situates the story in a frame of progress and improvement.
6	The whole service in the plan was excellent, there was no discrimination whatever, which is a wonderful thing to see take shape.	Summary evaluation, linking the improvement in technology and service to social change.
7	(Ed. Thank you Os, for a most interesting description of the Sandringham Flying boat.)	Editor's voice marks the end. Nickname links the report to a specific set of social relations.