

MEETS DEATH HE MEANT TO CHEAT

Colorado Seaman Drowns at
Waikiki in Effort to Save
Woman From Same Fate.

COMRADE BARELY ESCAPES

Volunteers From Fleet Search All
Night for Body, but With-
out Success.

In an effort to rescue a woman from drowning before their eyes late yesterday afternoon, one seaman of the Colorado was drowned off the Moana Hotel and another came so close to death that for a time it looked as though he, too, was to die. The dead man is Frederick Shaffer, aged 24, a bugler on the cruiser, and his mate, who risked his life to aid him, is E. Wright, another bugler of the same ship. The woman whose danger led Shaffer to his end is Mrs. Carlson. Late last night she was reported to be recovering from the shock to her nerves and the sea water she swallowed.

Although a patrol party of twenty men, under the command of Midshipman Ealing, sent out to patrol the beach from the Seaside Hotel to the Inn, stripped and swam and dove all over the section of water between those two points inside the reef the body of Shaffer had not been recovered at the time of going to press. The work of the patrol lasted for hours under the light of the early moon, and will be resumed again this morning.

Screams for Help.

Mrs. Carlson's screams for help and her frantic efforts to lift herself out of the water when she found herself going down attracted the attention of a large crowd at the beach shortly after five o'clock. Shaffer and Wright were nearest to the sinking woman and without hesitation they dashed into the sea. She was then about one hundred yards off the end of the concrete wall that runs into the sea. A number of other bathers also made for the woman but Shaffer and Wright reached her first.

Neither of the men were good swimmers apparently, for hardly had they got their hands upon her when they all three sank. Wright, the stronger, managed to struggle to the surface, still clinging to the woman, just as Alexander Hume Ford in an outrigger canoe, came surging up beside him. Ford sprang out of his canoe into the water and swimming an overhand stroke, reached Wright and his burden in time to keep the bugler from sinking a second time.

Boy to the Rescue.

When he left the shore at the first alarm Ford had had presence of mind enough to call out to Ralph Williams, a boy who had been a member of the Outrigger Club but a month, to come out with a surfboard. Williams obeyed and paddled out to the struggling trio just as Ford was himself becoming exhausted with his efforts to support the other two.

Mrs. Carlson was still struggling wildly with her rescuers and it was with difficulty that young Master Williams and Ford managed to get her on the surf board. Then, while Williams and Wright paddled slowly back to shore Ford began the search for Shaffer's body. Even in the excitement of the moment Wright did not forget his companion and begged Ford to save Shaffer.

In the meantime Duke Kahanamoku had been summoned from the bathhouse where he had been changing his clothes, and arrived at the beach in time to aid Williams and Wright, almost spent, struggling in towards shore. He went into the water and helped them ashore with their load. He picked up the unconscious woman and carried her into the hotel where she was at once taken upstairs to a room.

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