

FATHER AND SON RESCUED ON RAFT DRIFTING TO SEA

Canoe Containing Rescuers Upset in Surf; Guards From Outrigger Save Day

The pluck and courage of William L. Rosa, U. S. court clerk; "Bobby" Kaai, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kaai, and Fred, a brother of Mrs. Joseph Murphy of Kalia road, aided later by life guards, members of the Hui Nalu and the Outrigger Club and soldiers from Fort De Russy, were instrumental yesterday in saving the lives of Capt. Herbert E. Wescott, Q.M.R.C., and his young son, when a small raft on which they had gone to gather coral became unmanageable in the surf a mile off shore from the Pierpoint hotel and began drifting out to sea.

Captain Wescott and his son propelled the raft far out to sea and anchored it in a small channel where the surf runs high on each side. As the wind, tide and surf increased, the captain noticed that the frail craft was dragging the anchor. The situation became graver when a wave caught the raft and turned it over, throwing its two occupants into the water. The captain and his son reached it again in safety, each straddling one of the air-filled tanks to keep it righted. With the anchor useless, and with the raft drifting seaward and in danger of encountering the raging surf on the channel sides, the captain shouted for help. By this time the raft was beyond the end of the Cassidy pier, and to the left of it.

Mrs. Irene Davis, who was swimming in the Fort De Russy pool, heard the faint shouts for help and notified the soldiers at the Fort, who immediately telephoned to the life guards at the Moana hotel and to the Outrigger Canoe Club.

In the meantime "Bill" Rosa, "Bobbie" Kaai and Mrs. Murphy's brother, who were on shore near the Pierpoint hotel, launched Ernest Kaai's Indian canoe, hoisted the sail and shot out to sea to the assistance of the captain and his son. They succeeded in getting near the overturned raft when a monster breaker overturned the canoe and let it down on the reef with crashing force, staving in the entire bow.

Unmindful of their canoe, the boys gave all their attention to the captain and succeeded in passing him a canoe paddle, with which he was able to gain partial control of the drifting raft. By this time two big canoes, one manned by life guards and the other by Outrigger Club members, were approaching the scene. Among those who answered the call for help from the fort were "Steamboat Bill" Keawemahi, David Kahanamoku, Tyson Norgaard, Werner Smith, James Hart and Lorrin Andrews, Jr.

Two other smaller canoes also put off from shore, one manned by E. Berry and two companions from Fort De Russy. A Japanese put to sea on a flat-bottomed boat which became unmanageable in the big surf and which all but tipped over as the big waves flung it about.

Skilful manoeuvring brought the Outrigger and Hui Nalu canoes near enough to the raft to take off Captain Wescott and his son. The captain was transferred to one of the smaller boats, while the boy was put ashore at the end of the Cassidy pier.

With the captain and his son safe, the big canoes turned their attention to assisting the men in the smaller boats who were busy battling with the big surf. The Kaai canoe was rescued and taken to shore on one of the big outriggers, and a few minutes later Captain Wescott came padding along in the flat bottom boat.