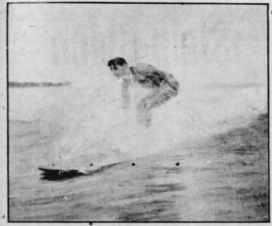


FREETH COMES HOME WITH LAURELS FOR LIFE SAVING

Arrives in Morning, Organizes Water Polo Team in Afternoon and Issues Challenge to All Corners.



GEORGE FREETH, HAWAIIAN LAD TO WHOM CONGRESS AWARDED MEDAL FOR LIFE SAVING

George Freeth, the champion life saver of the United States, arrived here on the steamer Lurline yesterday morning and yesterday afternoon he had a water polo team ready to challenge any team on the island. The Hawaiians have been talking a good deal about water polo of late and have suggested a water polo league.

A. H. Taitien, an old water polo shark, has been training a young school of Hawaiians of which Roger Mayne is captain and as Freeth used to be a member of the Hawaiian Fleet and Boat Club it was thought that Freeth and his water specialists might splash up against all the ginger of the raging Mayne, but the captain of the Hawaiian water polo team is just now in training with his aquatic colleagues on the shores of the lagoon preparatory to pulling up a series of small and large rafts and so will counteract that if they let up on the stroke and get into the swim it would be all off with the rowing.

If Freeth is only here on a visit, however, Mayne declares, and it would in any way enhance the pleasure of his day the Hawaiian article would accommodate him with a game of water polo but they would rather wait until they get their race under way.

Freeth is accompanied by two other life savers from the Coast, one of whom is Japanese, Saburoon, from Honolulu in a stern off the California coast which equipped their crew. It was this daring and arduous feat which won for the Honolulu lad the congress medal and as the champion life saver of the United States. A. A. Quinn is the third man of the party. They had been here before from the Lurline long when they braved themselves to Waikiki beach for a swim. There Freeth has several of his old friends who turned up to him most heartily, for one of his former companions said, "He is the dandy kid."

When a friend in the surf and a race from the reefs in which he beat the waves to the reef and then swam home to greet some more of his old acquaintances who had heard that he was back again to his old haunts, the sea was stirred. His water polo team had told the Advertiser man he would try his best in the Islands one week, from Saturday. The six men are George Freeth, captain, Louis Hammet, Archie Robertson, Frank Paine, Jack Watling and A. A. Quinn.

Ford Says Hold Him.
"Now that we've got him back," urged up Alexander Hammet Ford as he announced the former surfering instructor, "we want to keep him here. To say the Territory ought to employ George as the official life-saver and surfboard riding instructor of Waikiki beach. He is known all over the world now and is so surprising known in the Hawaiian native sport and it would be a great stroke of promotion here."

It was afterward suggested, however, that the Marine Hotel engage Freeth as a "man to hold" that would benefit the hotel by his services.

Freeth used to come home thinking that he would connect as a diver at Pearl Harbor along with the government divers construction work, but he would not act next for the deep end of the bay, he would probably have to stay again for three weeks. He is not an old man, who could possibly be a danger that might bear up on a shark. This mighty master of the deep has been thinking for months that the club in connection with his life saving and giving aquatic instruction. He has gone down as deep as one hundred and fifty feet, he said yesterday.

George Freeth left his home in Honolulu in July three years ago to guard the lives of the thousands of tourists who frequent the surf and beach resorts, every summer and every day there are thousands of people of all ages, both the able-bodied and the feeble, who seek safety in the water. Freeth is a man of skill and courage, and he has been in the water since he was a boy. He has saved many lives, and he has been in the water for many years.

game won in his play with the brook. The medal awarded him by the congress of the United States for rescuing the Japanese fishermen only specified seven, because, he says, he hauled in the other four so quickly that he would not permit the full number to be counted. The medal itself is made of twenty-four-carat gold and is as large as a new silver dollar. Freeth said that only twelve congressional medals had ever been awarded to the army and navy got four of them.

Not One Life Lost.
During his two years at Venice not one life was lost by drowning, while the season before the ocean claimed seven and the year after he left eight persons were drowned in the breakers. He went from Venice to Honolulu Beach, where he maintained his remarkable record.

Freeth was director of aquatic sports at the California beaches. He coached the water polo boys in the tank, taught swimming and introduced surfboard riding to the surf on the Coast. He certainly handled them roughly for a while until they got better acquainted. The beach doesn't extend out as far as Waikiki, and there are no reefs to start the breakers rolling. The surf itself extends a short way from the beach, and the big waves roll in in rapid succession. There is a strong back sea, Freeth explains, and that makes surf riding very different than it is at Waikiki. "When he first took it, he said, the big ones would come up behind him and swirlge him up, and wouldn't more than rise to the surface when another one would haul on and haul, and I had to double up right to avoid being pounded to pulp before after a while I got used to their ways and could ride them without any trouble."

He taught a lot of the boys to come in shelling up on the beach, and now there is a bunch of them who have become quite expert. Freeth complained yesterday that the ocean here was too warm, so he had become accustomed to a much lower temperature far eastward. Alexander Hammet Ford says that Freeth is the best surf riding instructor he ever saw, and something ought to be done to make him stay home and teach all the mollusks.

KID CREWS TO RACE NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The kid crews of the Heianai and Myrtle clubs have decided to row their race next Saturday afternoon, instead of waiting to launch a series of events. They are working hard every evening and they are afraid they will get over-trained if they put it off any longer. The Heianai got out another shell or a large every night, and soon they will have six crews pulling holes in the ocean. As soon as a shell gets fixed up a crew is assigned to it. They have two Australian lap-stroke shells and the Olympic shell and three horses, and when they get them all out there is going to be every kind of a race that ocean rowers know about.

The general gossip is that the proposed race between Bert Halliday's shell crew and Ned Crabbe's four oared former regatta days has again been called off. Members of the Myrtle Club say that Ned Crabbe is not a member of their club at the present time, and furthermore, Will Loh is captain and the Heianai did not come in him with the proposal for this race. On the other hand, the Heianai declare that the Myrtle wished to race this time with Crabbe's crew and they don't see why the Myrtle object now to having Crabbe's crew race because two of the four were rowers and members of the Myrtle club.

TELL BARRY'S BEAUTS TO GET REPUTATION FIRST

The Pukaha alumni football team declines to accept Sergeant Barry's challenge for a game at Athletic Park next Saturday. They say: "Let the Beauts go out and get a few firsts, we shall play under their right name, that of Loh's alumni. In the Military League games they were way down the line."