

## MY SECOND VISIT TO THE "OUTRIGGER"—NOV., 1910

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As the U. S. Army Transport *Sheridan* steamed around Diamond Head on Saturday, November 12, 1910, I again saw the beauty of Waikiki. From the deck we could see dimly the Moana and Seaside Hotels with the Outrigger Canoe Club in between. It was 6 o'clock in the evening. Our arrival was several hours behind time.

### HAWAIIAN HOSPITALITY

It was not long before the *Sheridan* was alongside the Oceanic Wharf. Once again I was thrilled with a happy, hospitable Hawaiian welcome to Paradise. leis of fragrant flowers, alohas, music and pure perfection of the lure of Hawaii was our enjoyable environment. A little chickenpox aboard placed the transport under partial-quarantine but first-class passengers were allowed ashore.

We were docked about 8 o'clock in the evening and it was not long before some of us left the ship to renew acquaintance with Honolulu and Waikiki.

After a quick look at downtown we hopped on a Rapid Transit trolley for Waikiki. Out King Street—across what used to be called Waikiki-Plains—to McCully and then on Kalakaua Avenue (the name of Waikiki Road had gone). The swamps, rice-paddies and duck-ponds were there but drainage and filling-in of the area were under discussion.

Although it was getting late in the evening, we found a gay and dancing Moana Hotel despite the disappointment caused by the canceling of the usual Army-Transport "Hop" forced by the delayed arrival in port of the *Sheridan*. After a few dances we walked out on the Moana-Pier and then made a brief call on the Outrigger Canoe Club and Seaside Hotel. The Seaside was about the same as in July of 1908 (when I last saw it) with its group of cottages and coconut trees on the *mauka* side of Kalakaua Avenue (no longer Waikiki Road), the

Big Pavilion with the bar on its *makai-waikiki* corner, and the Big Lanai at that same end of the pavilion where, as we recall, the orchestra usually was stationed.

#### O.C.C. IMPROVEMENTS

We observed many improvements and additions at the Outrigger Canoe Club. The freshwater stream of Apuakehau (forming the Lagoon) still was there. New structures, however, including the Big Lagoon Lanai had appeared.


Worries about the sand of Waikiki Beach disappearing were expressed to us. The *Hawaiian Annual* was quoted. That splendid *Thrum's Annual* described the "scouring effect of the ocean currents and tides which, without storm-influence, have made serious inroads on nearly all the best beach-frontages, washing away the desirable sand beach and, in places, encroaching on lawns and up-rooting trees venerable with age." This had been particularly noticeable this past year.

After our little visit to the Outrigger Canoe Club and the Seaside Hotel we returned to the Moana to end a rather late evening. The Big Banyan Tree (not so big in 1910 as in 1950) and the Moana-Pier—300 feet out from the Banyan Tree—still were pleasantly present; but the two concrete wings of the Moana had to wait for the year 1918 to be added to the wooden central main structure of the hotel. It was very late when we turned in aboard the *Sheridan* after this pleasant visit to Waikiki and the Outrigger Club.

#### PRINCE KUHIO, DELEGATE

Next morning we read all the newspapers — *Advertiser*, *Bulletin*, *Star* and *Gazette*. It seems that on the afternoon of our arrival more than five hundred Republicans had assembled at *Pualeilani*—Waikiki Beach—Home of Prince and Princess Kuhio—to commemorate Republican victories at the recent election, with a *luau*. In those elections Republican Prince Kuhio (Cupid) easily had defeated Democrat "Link" McCandless in the race for delegate,

Although the chickenpox quarantine of the *Sheridan* stopped liberty for the enlisted men, they were allowed to swim in the harbor. This was not unusual



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since for many years swimming-races had been held in harbor-waters. Indeed, as "Dad" Center recently explained to me, Hawaii "discovered" Duke Paoa Kahana-moku as a real swimmer about 1910 when, in a relay race in the harbor between the Healanis and Myrtles, Duke—

swimming anchor against "Dad" — had won by a touch. (And, it was in the harbor on August 12, 1911, that Duke startled the world by breaking world swimming sprint records.)

#### POLO AT WAIKIKI

After performing a few duties aboard the *Sheridan* we left the transport on that Sunday, the thirteenth of November, to return to Waikiki for my first swim, outrigger and surfboard pleasure at Waikiki since July of 1908. At the Outrigger Canoe Club we learned a lot about what had transpired in the Sports-World. Polo was in the air as Walter Francis Dillingham was expecting three new polo ponies to arrive from California aboard the *Lurline*. Subscriptions were being taken for the construction of a Polo Field at Kapiolani Park, so that polo could be moved to there from Moanalua.

#### AINAHAU

After luncheon at the Moana we walked to Kapiolani Park. We saw the race-course where, on October 16, 1910, the mare *Lizzie Moore* (ridden by the native jockey Opioopio) had nosed out the mare *Mary Winkelfield*, in a half-mile race. We took in Makee Island, the Aquarium; we viewed Sans Souci, Saint Augustine Chapel, Waikiki Inn and Prince Kuhio's beach residence, Pualeilani. But it was the beautiful *Ainahau*—lovely home of the late Princess Likelike, Princess Kaiulani and her father Archibald S. Cleghorn, that gave us the greatest thrill. Governor Cleghorn had died on November 1, 1910 at *Ainahau*—"one of the most beautiful showcases" in Hawaii. In the *Hawaiian Gazette* of November 11, 1910, we read that Governor Cleghorn had donated "*Ainahua* to the Government of Hawaii" on condition that it would be continued in the style it had hitherto been maintained.

So, when I was at Waikiki in 1910, it appeared pretty certain that *Ainahau* would be turned into beautiful Kaiulani Park with Kalakaua's former home of *Uluniu* included. But, as the world knows, the plan fell through and *Ainahau* and *Uluniu* were cut up for building-lots.

#### ON TO OLONGAPO

After seeing all these interesting spots

we arrived back at the Outrigger Canoe Club—our host for swimming, surfboarding and outriggering. Body-surfing was frequently mentioned but I never observed it in 1910.

Next morning — Monday the 14th — I visited Camp Very—Post of the American Marines. I enjoyed meeting its Commanding Officer — Major Charles G. "Squeegee" Long. Major Long's relief—Lieut. Col. Wendell C. "Windy," or "Buck," Neville—arrived while we were at Honolulu. We ran out to Waikiki to give a parting-*aloha* to the Outrigger Canoe Club, had luncheon at the Moana and were back on the *Sheridan* early in the afternoon. Several welcome passengers joined us at Honolulu, among them, Lieut. Cmdr. Victor S. K. Houston of the Navy and Mrs. Houston. We sailed about 5:15 p.m., November 14, 1910, for Guam and Manila. Our last view over the stern of the transport was Waikiki and the Outrigger Canoe Club—which I would not see again until August 8, 1913.

#### JUNE DINNER DANCE

While the attendance at the June seventeenth Dinner Dance was limited by the number of members serving in the National Guard and attending the annual Punahou Luau those who came declared it to be the most enjoyable event of the year.

Chef Naga prepared an epicurean menu and, as usual, the service under the direction of Maxie was perfect.

Sam Alama and his Serenaders again put on an excellent show aided and abetted by members Mabs Fox, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kaupiko, Sally Hale and Mrs. Nancy Walton, a visitor from Seattle.

#### M E N U

French Onion Soup with Croutons au Gratin	
or	
Fresh Hawaiian Fruit Cocktail	
Hearts of Celery	Carrot Curls
Grilled Island Mahimahi with	
Sweet Pepper Sauce	
Filet Mignon with Fried Bananas and	
Horseradish Sauce	
Chicken Fricassee with Rice and Dumplings	
Cream Corn	Baby Lima Beans
Whipped Potatoes	Steamed Rice
Mixed Green Salad	
Strawberry Sundae	Pineapple Sherbet
Petit Fours	Coffee