GERTRUDE EDERLE IS READY TO MEET OUR MERMAIDS; OCTOBER

Arrives Feeling Fit And Takes Early Morning Dip At Waikiki: Tea Fight In The Afternoon At Outrigger

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WE received a shock yesterday. We met Gertrude Ederle, world's champion woman swimmer, and blooey went all our preconceived notions of how a woman swimming champ ought to look and act.

We rambled out to the beach with a cameraman and J. Walter Doyle, candidate for Supervisor (Advt.) expecting to meet an upstage young woman who would sneer at we country yokels. You see we've met these champions before and have had the lofty eyebrow shaken at us.

What we really met was a quiet and unassuming girl about Sophomore-year-in-high-school age who didn't even make the old stall about not wanting to have her picture taken. It was a relief after our dealings with a lot of these male champs.

She stated, it is claimed, that she would like to live here, and that she thinks the place is wonderful. She could hardly do less when asked the usual reporter's bromidic questions. We kind of wish that she had said no, she'd rather live in New York and that Honolulu was the bunk, but that of course would not have been a polite thing to do, and Miss Gertrude Ederle is nothing if not a considerate and accommodating young lady.

The girl star is accompanied by her chaperon, Miss Elsie Viets, of the board of governors of the New York Women's Swimming Association. The pair have made a 6,000 mile trip in order to compete against local talent in the October swimming meet at Honolulu Harbor.

The first thing the visitor did was to make a flying trip to the beach for a swim. Afterward, later in the afternoon, she attended a tea at the Outrigger Pavilion where she met—not in competition—the best women swimmers of Hawaii.

Miss Ederle will go through daily training schedules in preparation for the big meet. She will probably compete both in the distances and sprint events, as her performances in both departments have always been excellent. She holds most of the existing swimming records for women at present.