

FIND A RUBBER LIFE RAFT AT HAWAII; MAY BE A CLEW TO AMELIA

HONOLULU, Oct. 7.—(P)—A possible clew to the fate of Amelia Earhart or some other Pacific ocean aviation mystery was uncovered today with the finding of a deflated rubber life raft tube on the shore at Hawi, small town at the northwest tip of the Island of Hawaii.

Lieut. Thomas G. Richards of the United States navy flight base indicated there was a possibility the raft was one carried by Miss Earhart.

The Earhart plane was believed forced down near Howland Island, about 1,500 miles south of Hawaii. Another possibility the raft was one carried by Miss Earhart and Frederick J. Noonan, her navigator, when they started July 2 from Lae, New Guinea, was seen in a report from Albany, N. Y., that Air Cruisers, Inc., of Hammondsport, N. Y., had especially constructed a raft for Miss Earhart.

George Palmer Putnam, husband of Amelia Earhart, said in Los Angeles the aviatrix carried a two-place yellow life raft which he believed she had purchased in New Jersey. The raft found was a two-place one.
