

# 9 Year Old Spans Bay in 37 Minutes

## *Instructor, Dad Along*

A 9 year old San Carlos boy, who took his first swimming lesson less than two years ago, yesterday battled against strong ocean currents and swam the icy waters of the Golden Gate.

He was Dick Poe of 136 Rogers Street and he immediately made claim to the title of being the youngest swimmer ever to cross the mile wide channel from Fort Point on the San Francisco shore to Lime Point in Marin.

The youth was accompanied in the swim by his father, Rupert Poe, a wartime "frog man," and Mrs. Zada Taft, 36, a swimming instructor, of 57 East Fortieth Street, San Carlos.

**"I'LL GO AGAIN."**

Young Dick had little to say after climbing out of the water other than "I wasn't afraid," and "I want to do it again."

As a reward he'll get a new bicycle promised him by his dad when the adventure was planned about six weeks ago.

"The hardest part of the whole thing was the shivering we did after we got out of the water," said Dick's 40 year old father.

Starting out in an outboard motor boat from the ocean side of the Golden Gate, the trio jumped into the water about ten feet from the shore.



**YOUNGEST** — Dick Poe, 9 years old, of San Carlos, who learned to swim less than two years ago, claims to be the youngest person ever to swim across the Golden Gate.