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OUR FOUND ALIVE ON WRECK

Ketchikan Trio Wind Up Here After Trying to Photo Wreck

Three Ketchikan men who fought heavy winds in an aircraft to get pictures of the battered wreck of the Clarksdale Victory off Hippa Island wound up their trip here last night after six hours of flying, which they were unable to reach the west coast of the Queen Charlottes.



Charles Barnes, a 22-year-old veteran of the American Army Air Force, who landed his Seabee amphibian here at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon: "I've fought rougher weather, but not for so long."



Ralph Browne, associate editor of the Ketchikan Chronicle, and photographer Walt Akins—left Ketchikan at 10:15 Tuesday morning to get a picture of the wreck of the Clarksdale Victory, which apparently has claimed the lives of all 49 of her crew.

VAL COUPLE SCOTLAND

Miss Elizabeth and Prince... ended their honeymoon... to the Scottish... the princess said that she... the prince "wish to spend... of our honeymoon ab... to ourselves."

Nurses' Home Essondale

VICTORIA—Bids will be asked... for the construction... new nurses' home for the... hospital at Essondale... estimated cost will not be... \$200,000.

NEED MORE SCHOOLS

INTERBURY, Eng., ©—Lack... accommodation and increase... birth rate may compel the... of school-entry age from... six, the county education... said.

WICH, Eng., ©—The town... clock underwent its first... since being installed 80... ago.



NEW ARMY DRIVING TEST AT CAMP BORDEN—A new army driving test is presently in use at Camp Borden, Ont., in which the driver is required to place his front bumper directly over a line painted on the ground, with his wheel upon another line at right angles to the first. With a series of tests, together with a written paper on rule of the road regulations, all drivers in Camp Borden are being checked to ensure they are good drivers. Those who fail are taken off D.N.D. vehicles. This testing is in line with the recently announced combined services accident prevention program now being implemented by the Department of National Defence. Shown above undergoing the test is Cpl. H. F. Pack of Hamilton, who is now with the R.C.O.C. school at Longue Pointe, Que. The soldier with the plumb line and ruler is Cpl. R. G. Lord of Vancouver, who is now with the R.C.A.S.C. school.

CARIBOO GETS THIRD DREDGE

VANCOUVER—The third dredge to go into the district in the past two years is now being set up on the Cottonwood River 19 miles east of Quesnel.

The Cariboo Gold Dredging Co. of Seattle has moved a two-yard dragline dredge to the Cariboo and obtained a lease along the river. The heads of the company are R.R. Moore and A. W. Richey.

BELLA BELLA BASE IS SOLD

Air Force Buildings There Are Disposed of

Sale of all surplus Royal Canadian Air Force buildings at the former R.C.A.F. station at Bella Bella, Danny Island, has been completed, War Assets Corporation announces.

The R.C.A.F. station at Bella Bella covered many phases of operations.

Sales of surplus R.C.A.F. buildings at Bella Bella have been made through the Lands and Buildings Department of War Assets Corporation at Montreal. Recent purchase included 20 buildings with electrical fixtures, and gas and oil installations, made by Wing Commander Lee Roy Brown, a Vancouver contractor.

Previous sales included five buildings, water pipe lines, water tank, pump and engines, and underground fuel oil tanks to Francis Miller & Co., Vancouver; and two buildings, booster pump house, auxiliary power house engine, fresh water pipe lines, slipway and concrete apron to A. Widsten of Ocean Falls.

LONDON, ©—More than 1-000,000 acres of land in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland are occupied by the

FUNERAL NOTICE

BILL—In the city, Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1947 Samuel M. Bill, aged 58 years, beloved husband and father. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Basil S. Prockter at St. Andrew's Cathedral at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 27. Interment to follow in Fairview Cemetery, B.C. Undertakers in charge of arrangements.

WARN SEAMEN ABOUT LIGHTS

A notice to mariners, issued by the local office of the Department of Transport, reports that the light at Work Island, at the junction of Fraser and Graham Reaches, 80 miles south of Prince Rupert, is not burning.

The light at Susan Rock, in Milbanke Sound, is burning steady, instead of with its usual flashing signal.

The green light on the government wharf at Bella Bella is reported not burning.

These lights all will be attended to as soon as possible, Department of Transport Agent Keith Dixon reports.

PROPOSALS PRESENTED

Mayors and Reeves Get Good Reception from Provincial Cabinet

VICTORIA—Members of the delegation representing municipalities of British Columbia expressed themselves as well pleased with the reception they received yesterday by the cabinet to which they presented proposals to have the cost of education in British Columbia borne entirely by the province, possibly by a specially levied sales tax. The proposals, originally sponsored by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, had been supported Monday by a meeting of more than sixty British Columbia mayors and Reeves.

Mayor William Mott of New Westminster stated after the meeting that members of the cabinet had promised to consider the proposals but gave no indication of what their final attitude might be.

PROMOTIONS AT OCEAN FALLS

P. A. Frattinger and P. Harold Falls, Pacific Mills officials stationed at Ocean Falls, have been promoted. The former, who has been serving as plant engineer, is now assistant to the resident manager, C. W. E. Locke, and will have under his supervision, construction and plant maintenance, paper, warehousing and shipping. The duties of Mr. Falls are enlarged to embrace all town-site affairs including the new hotel and community department store.



PAYS RENT IN NAILS—Old customs die hard. For example, here is Anthony Pickford, lawyer, of London City Corporation, counting out 61 horseshoe nails, part of the rent paid by the City to the King for rental of a piece of waste land in Shropshire and the site of a smithy in the parish of St. Clement Danes. The rest of the rent consists of six horseshoes, a hatchet and a bill hook. The custom has been in vogue since 1211. The site where the ancient smithy stood is now believed to be occupied by Australia House on London's Kingsway.

70-YEAR-OLD WOMAN ESCAPES BURNING HOUSE

Mrs. Jennie Brentzen, 70-year-old crippled Port Simpson woman, managed to save herself, despite her handicap, when flames destroyed her five-roomed home at the coast village 20 miles north of Prince Rupert at noon Tuesday.

Fire fighting efforts by Port Simpson men failed to halt the flames which had gained considerable headway before they were first noticed. The fire, of unexplained origin, started in a bedroom. Mrs. Brentzen was barely able to save herself. With Mrs. Brentzen, who is the mother of Mrs. Bertha Scherk of Prince Rupert, was a small child, Janice Wahl, who also was uninjured.

SEE END OF UN DEADLOCK

LONDON ©—American authorities at the foreign ministers' conference said today that they expect an early break in the Big Four deadlock over the timing of work on the Austrian peace treaty. State Secretary Marshall met for two hours with the United States delegation in preparation for the second council meeting. Russia may agree to the case of Germany being dealt with first. Foreign Minister Molotov was reported by western diplomats to be anxious to make a major Russian speech on Germany at the earliest opportunity.

FRENCH EXPEL 19 RUSSIANS

Meantime Strikes and Disorders Continue—Lyon Scene of Trouble

PARIS ©—The Interior ministry announced today the expulsion from France of 19 Russians for "interference in French affairs" during the current labor crisis which erupted with new violence as police and strikers battled in the streets of Lyon.

VIOLATED ANCIENT LAW KINGSTON, Eng., ©—Rag and bone collector William Findlay was fined for violating an 1892 act banning the ringing of handbells in the street.

Three Bodies Found; Little Hope Is Held For Remaining 44

Presumed to Have Been Lost in Fierce Storm After Stranding on Queen Charlotte West Coast

KETCHIKAN ©—The United States Coastguard reported here today that it had found four men alive and three dead on the bow of the Army transport Clarksdale Victory which smashed on the rocky beach of Hippa Island Monday night and became a total loss in the pounding by mountainous seas. Capt. Nels Haugen, commandant, said that the searching party did not reporting finding any trace of the other 44 members of the ship's crew and prospects for their survival "do not look very good." He said that a combing of the beach and wooded section of the rugged little island failed to disclose any trace of survivors ashore despite the report of aerial observers that three men had been sighted on the beach yesterday. The search is being continued with two more ground parties going ashore today from the coastguard. It was learned here today that the Denali had been unable to get landing parties away from that ship yesterday, one lifeboat being smashed on launching and the seamen being picked out of the ocean.

It is now feared that forty-seven members of the crew of the United States Army transport Clarksdale Victory, which ran ashore on a reef off Hippa Island, west coast of Queen Charlotte Islands, Monday night and soon pounded to pieces under the violence of mountainous seas lashed by a fierce ocean

storm, perished. Four men have been rescued from the bow left clinging on the reef. Yesterday a United States Coastguard rescue plane was thought to have sighted three survivors on the beach of Hippa Island. Landing parties from Coastguard vessels which reached the scene of the disaster yesterday afternoon, were reported to have made shore late in the day after braving the seas with great risk to themselves, but found no trace of any survivors. What were at first believed to have been men might have been stumps, it is now thought. There were also reports last night of men having been sighted clinging to the wreckage, this being confirmed today.

With two United States Coastguard surface craft reaching the scene of the wreck since last night and further aircraft joining in the quest, the reconnaissance of the disaster scene in the hope of possibly locating and rescuing survivors continued today. The steamer Denali left Hippa Island in continuation of her voyage to Seattle after the coastguard vessels arrived.

The Clarksdale Victory ran ashore at 9:58 p.m. Monday and a few minutes later sent out an SOS message which was picked up by United States Coastguard headquarters at Ketchikan. A radio silence then engulfed the stranded vessel. Later the Coastguard was advised that the Clarksdale Victory had broken up or was partly submerged on the reef off the west coast of Graham Island.

The fate of the crew was not known immediately but, as the hours passed, the outlook for their safety became blacker and blacker until today when the four were located alive.

The Coastguard at Ketchikan and local authorities were receiving their reports on the wreck from the steamer Denali which had reached the scene at 9:30 yesterday morning, an hour later than scheduled time, after a race which started immediately after the Clarksdale Victory sent out her "SOS." The Denali radioed soon after that only the forepart of the stricken transport was visible, the rest being broken up or submerged. Heavy sea swells were running at the time.

Provincial police officers from Queen Charlotte endeavored to approach Hippa Island today in the fishing vessel Bumper Catch but roughness of the sea forced them to turn back. The police pinned in the belief that there was little hope for the safety of the re-

mainder of the Clarksdale Victory's crew. The fisheries patrol vessel Sooke Post also endeavored unsuccessfully to get close in to the wreck scene.

Two Royal Canadian Air Force planes from Vancouver were due to arrive at noon today at Sandspit from Vancouver.

SURVIVORS ARE FOUND ON WRECK There was confirmation today of reports from Seattle that survivors had been seen clinging to the broken bow of the Clarksdale Victory which crumbled to pieces on Hippa Island, west coast of Queen Charlotte Islands, where she ran aground on Monday night while southbound from Whittier, Alaska, to Seattle.

Lifeboats from the rescue ship Denali were unable to reach the beach of Hippa Island to pick up three survivors believed to have been sighted thereon by reconnoitering aircraft. Provisions had been dropped on the beach by Coastguard aircraft.

The Denali reported last night that two United States Coastguard vessels had reached the scene of the wreck to join in the search. It was believed that little, if anything, could be done in the murky and stormy darkness of night so no further word was expected until morning.

There had been some abatement of the storm Tuesday night but there is always a heavy swell on Hippa Island, particularly at this time of year. The island was once the headquarters of a salmon trolling area but was abandoned years ago when the fish disappeared from there.

The Canadian Pacific Airlines Canso flying boat, leaving here yesterday afternoon on its regular run to Sandspit, had intended going out to Hippa Island to reconnoitre the wreck scene but did not go after being advised that other surface and aircraft were already there.

LOCAL TIDES

Thursday, November 27, 1947		
High	0:20	19.3 feet
	12:20	22.2 feet
Low	6:13	7.1 feet
	18:59	2.5 feet

New Telephone Directory

A new Telephone Directory is about to be published. All changes of listings must be in by December 8, in writing at the City Telephone Office. CITY TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT. (280)