

BLACKWOOD on Bridge

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Crisis Reached in Second Trick
As Finesse Assures Nine

Mr. Masters considered his hand a shade short of a two no trump opening. However, when his partner was able to respond to the one club opening, he properly jumped to game at no trump.

Mr. Champion led the six of spades and at first glance it appears that the accumulation of nine tricks will be easy. Further study indicates that if both red kings are wrong, the contract will not only be difficult, it will be impossible unless declarer makes a fine and sensational-looking play at trick two.

Of course, Mr. Masters figured out the winning play. Winning the first trick with the king of spades over Mr. Abel's jack, he promptly laid down the nine of hearts.

Here was his reasoning. If he finessed the queen of diamonds at trick two and lost to the king, undoubtedly the defenders would continue spades until his last stopper was knocked out. In that situation, he would be able to run four diamonds and these, with two spade tricks, one heart

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable
North
(Mrs. Keen)
S-9 4
H-J 10 6
D-A 10 7 6 3
C-10 5 3

West (Mr. Champion) East (Mr. Abel)
S-Q 10 8 6 5 S-J 7 3
H-K 5 2 H-8 7 4 3
D-8 2 D-K 5 4
C-Q 9 2 C-K 7 4

South (Mr. Masters)
S-A K 2
H-A Q 9
D-Q J 9
C-A J 8 6

The bidding:
South 1C West 1D North 1D East Pass
3NT All pass

and one club, would total only eight tricks.

To pick up the ninth trick it would be necessary to take the dangerous heart finesse toward Mr. Champion. If Mr. Champion got in with the king of hearts he would probably be able to cash enough spade tricks to defeat the contract.

To eliminate that threatening prospect, Mr. Masters was good enough to look ahead and try to eliminate the king of hearts from Mr. Champion's hand at the start. If it turned out that Mr. Abel had the king of hearts, a trick would be lost but that would be practically nothing compared to the safety of the contract itself.

As a matter of fact, the nine of hearts held the second trick although it would have made no difference if Mr. Champion had elected to win with the king.

Mr. Masters now took the diamond finesse and lost to the king. However, nothing could prevent him from winning nine tricks in all.

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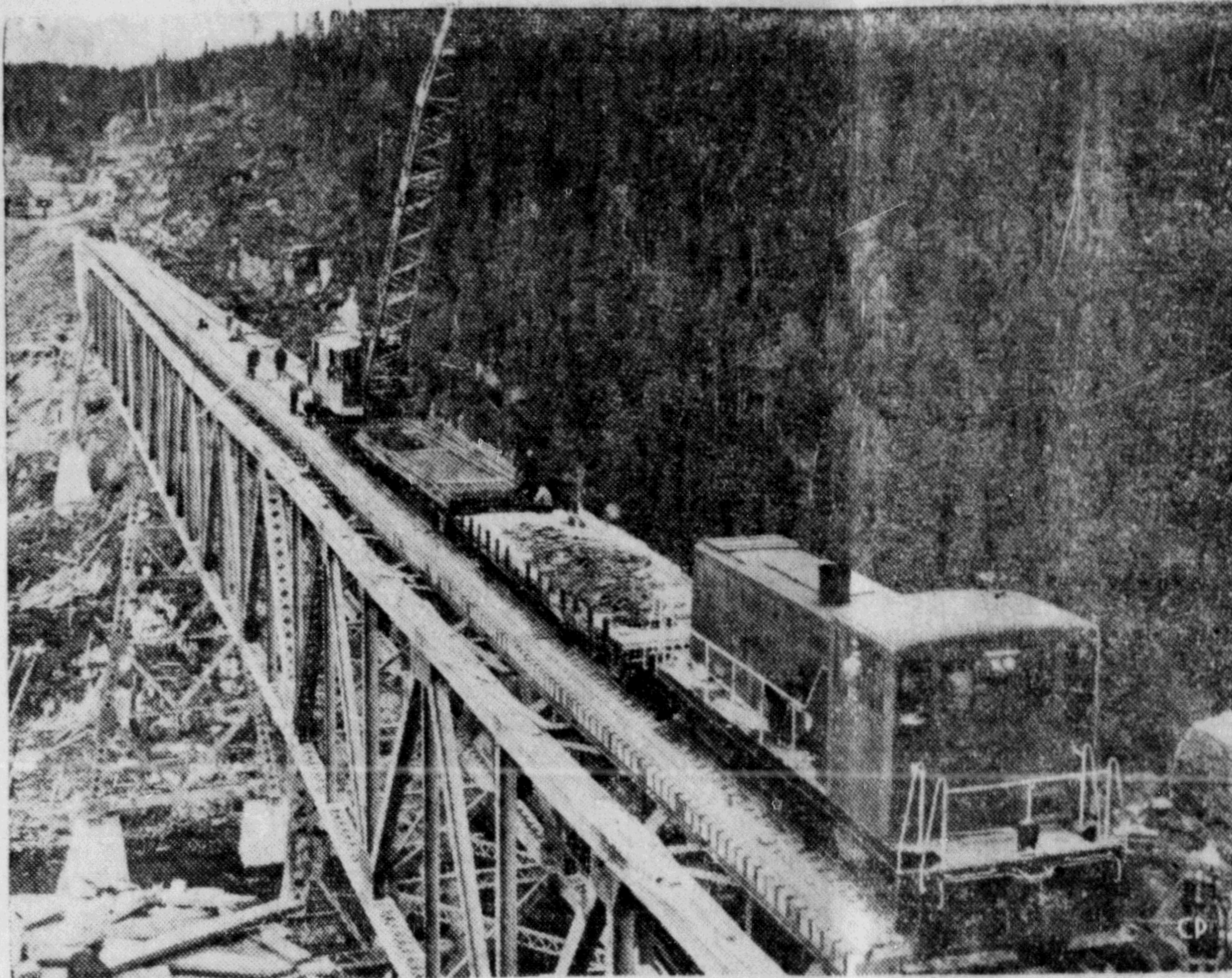
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British Sub Travels 2,875 Miles Underwater From Bermuda to Britain

LONDON (Reuters)—The first British submarine ever to cross the Atlantic without surfacing blew its tanks and popped above water in the English Channel after a 2,875-mile voyage from Bermuda.

"Snort" (snorkel) breathing apparatus made the underwater trip possible for the 1,600-ton Andrew. She was built in the final days of the Second World War when the Nazi navy was pioneering "snorkel" developments for its U-boats.

Most modern navies, including the Soviet submarine fleet, now employ the device which sucks in air and blows out exhaust fumes from below the ocean's surface.

On June 2 the crew "spliced the mainbrace" and toasted the health of the Queen as she was crowned. A double tot of grog was issued all around.

The Andrew surfaced before dawn off Britain's southwest coast and headed for the royal naval review at Portsmouth 5

miles to the east. Time for the Atlantic crossing was not announced but the Admiralty said the sub arrived "well ahead of schedule."

"It was a trip carried out for normal experiments and to test the snort apparatus," he Admiralty announced. "The submarine carried normal supplies of food. The crew were not given any special rations to keep them going."

Lt.-Cmdr. William Scott, the Andrew's skipper, said the submarine had behaved well in rough seas.

He said there had been some breakdowns on the way over and the sub had to settle for underwater repairs. Once they went down for eight hours to fix some diesel engine auxiliary equipment.

"On two occasions we had to make sudden deep dives to avoid collisions with merchant ships. This was at night when we were about halfway across the Atlantic," he said.

Colonel Stone to Become Instructor at Camp Borden

OTTAWA (C)—Lt.-Col. James Riley Stone, 44, is leaving command of the first Canadian unit to fight in Korea just before it sails for overseas again, this time for Germany.

The army announced that an October shift will see colorful Big Jim from Salmon Arm, B.C., relinquish command of the 2nd battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, to a 33-year-old paratrooper, Lt.-Col. S. C. Waters of Edmonton.

The unit, now in Calgary, is scheduled to sail for Germany late in the fall to serve with the 7th brigade under the banner of the Atlantic Pact. With it will be other units of the original 25th brigade in Korea.

But Col. Stone will be left behind as chief instructor at the Royal Canadian School of Infantry, Camp Borden, Ont., to

teach officers and NCOs what he learned in winning the Distinguished Service Order three times and the Military Cross once in Italy, northwest Europe and Korea.

He rose from private to commanding officer of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in the Second World War and his 2nd Patricia's were the first Canadian unit to fight in Korea starting in the fall of 1950. They came home a year later to become a paratroop unit.

Col. Stone commanded the army contingent in the London Coronation parade.

Col. Waters now is a member of the directing staff at the army staff college in Kingston, Ont.

A graduate of the University of Alberta, he did his second war fighting with the Canadian-American special service force and the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion. He enlisted originally in 1941 in the ranks and was sent home from England to take officer training.

Another shift arising out of these two will take Lt.-Col. R. M. Bourgeois, 38, of Montreal from the chief instructor's job at the Borden school to the staff of the army staff college.

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The announcement said the eight told the others everyone would be forced to go to North Korea when the five-nation repatriation commission takes control of reluctant prisoners under the armistice agreement.

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