

# Spectacular Destruction of Giant Dirigible Is Caught by Associated Press Cameraman



Before hundreds of horrified spectators, the giant Zeppelin Hindenburg exploded with a terrific roar over the Lakehurst, N. J., airport last evening at the completion of a trans-Atlantic flight from Germany. This remarkable picture was taken as one of the explosions sent giant balls of flame spurting from the descending bag. (Copyright, 1937, by News Syndicate Co., from the Associated Press).



The burning wreckage of the Hindenburg is shown on the ground a moment after it crashed with nearly all of its passengers and crew members. This spectacular picture was taken by Murray Becker, Associated Press cameraman. (Copyright, 1937, by the Associated Press).



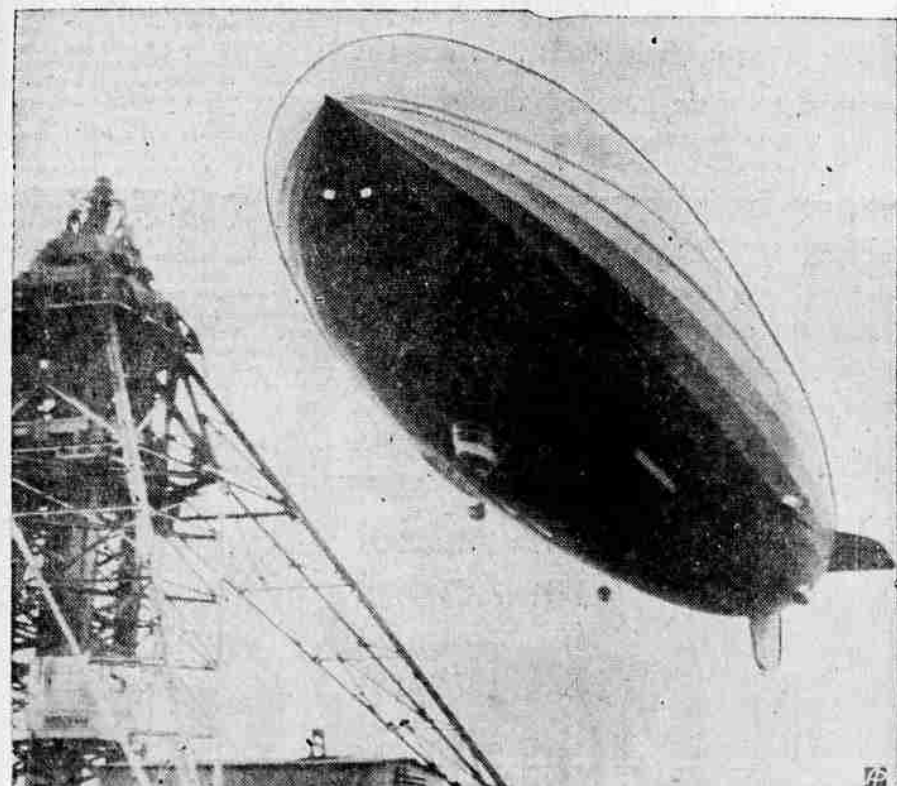
Capt. Max Pruss (above) piloted the Hindenburg to its blazing fate at the naval airport at Lakehurst, N. J. Pruss succeeded Capt. Ernst E. Lehman as commander for the first Atlantic crossing this season.



Livid sheets of flame burst from the wreckage of what a few minutes before was the silver queen of the skies, the German Zeppelin Hindenburg. Skeleton steelwork of the big bag can be seen through the flames. This picture was taken by Murray Becker, Associated Press staff photographer. (Copyright, 1937, by the Associated Press).



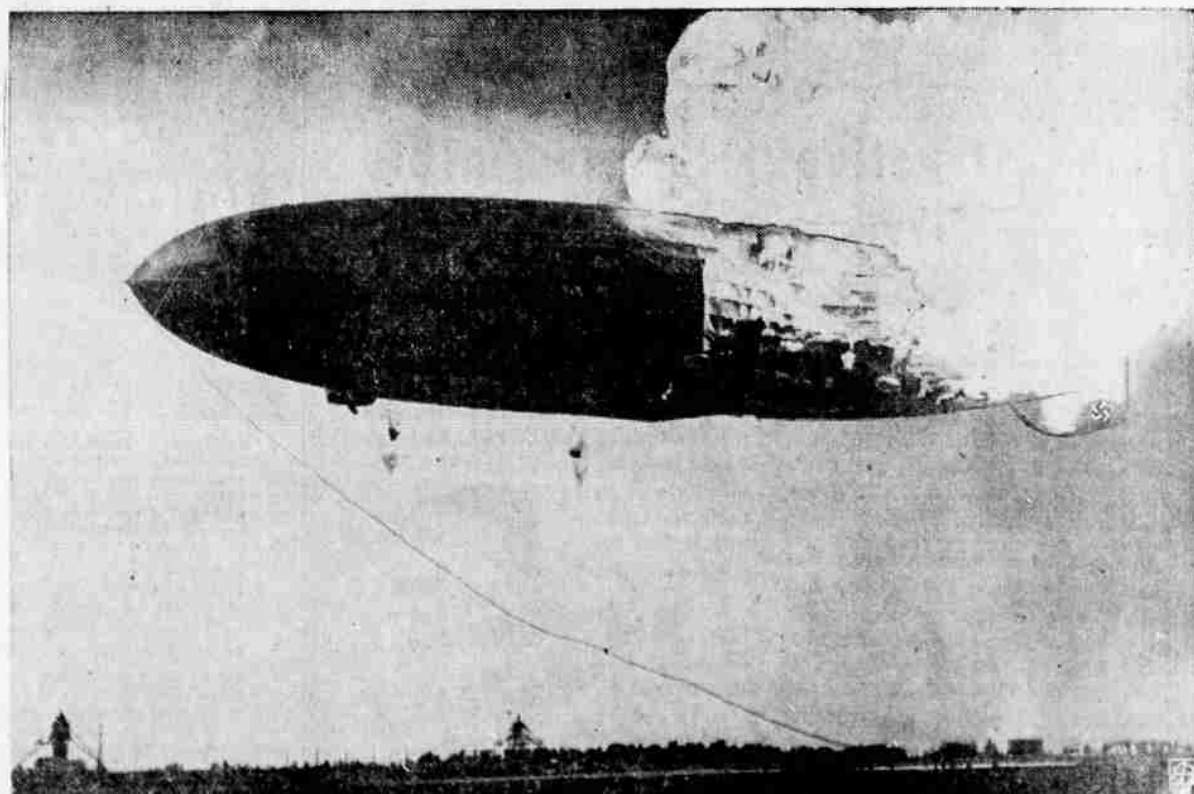
This unidentified passenger on the Hindenburg had his clothes burned from his body as he leaped to safety as the giant dirigible plunged to earth a flaming mass. Suffering from severe burns, he is shown being led to safety by rescue workers. This is another picture taken by Murray Becker, Associated Press staff photographer. (Copyright, 1937, by the Associated Press).



The giant Zeppelin Hindenburg was approximately in this position when it burst into flames and crashed at Lakehurst. It carried 39 passengers and a crew of 61. This picture was taken at the end of a flight last year.



Billowing clouds of smoke arise from the Zeppelin a short time after it crashed, a burning tomb for most of those aboard. The steel skeleton of the big bag is shown, a tangled and twisted mass, with flame and intense heat preventing rescuers from approaching it. (Copyright, 1937, by News Syndicate Co., Inc., from the Associated Press).



The giant Zeppelin Hindenburg is shown in this spectacular picture at the moment it burst into flames over the airport at Lakehurst and began its swift descent to earth, where it crumpled into a blazing mass of debris with heavy loss of life among the passengers and crew. This picture was taken by Murray Becker, Associated Press photographer. (Copyright by the Associated Press).