

Cold, Shaken Survivors Of Plane Crash Fished Out Of Choppy Sea

(Editor's note: Following is the dramatic account by the captain of the fishing vessel Cape Perry, the crew of which performed heroically in heavy seas to rescue 10 of 17 B-36 survivors from a rain-lashed British Columbia island.)

By Capt. Vance King
Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 16—(via ship-to-shore radio) — We came across three survivors off shore and fished them out of the water. They were pretty shaken, cold and wet. They didn't look too good.

I was about to turn about when we noticed the smoke flares on the island. We headed the Cape Perry toward land. The waves were pretty choppy even in the bay.

Seven On Beach
On the beach seven guys were huddled around a fire. They said Staff Sergeant Vitale Trippodi of Brooklyn was on a snow-covered ledge. They had taken the poor, screaming fellow down from a tree after he dangled from it by his ankle for hours. They said they covered him with a parachute and hoped a ground party would be organized immediately to rescue him.

I figured we better get the seven aboard first, feed them and get them warm then look for

Trippodi. We got them into a lifeboat and started for the Cape Perry. I was worried about the big rollers. Then it happened. A roller capsized the boat tossing everyone into the drink. But it really didn't matter anyway. Those guys were already wet from being in a steady rain for more than 36 hours.

Could Hardly Talk
I felt pretty good about finally getting those guys out. They could hardly talk. We had a bottle of rum and a bottle of scotch aboard and we gave them some drinks. They livened up enough to tell us about hearing shots from several sections of the island.

They felt sure the other six men were okay. We gave the 10 rescued some ham and eggs and put them to bed.

The survivors compared notes when they got aboard the Cape Perry. From what I can gather after they hit the ground, some were hung up in trees, some landed in slushy lakes, and God knows what else.

I never saw a guttier bunch of men. I know I wouldn't bail out of any ship—let alone in a gale at midnight.

Defenders Dig In For All-Out War On Invaders In Yukon Army Game

Donjek River, Y. T., Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Canadian and American army units dug in today along the frozen Donjek river here in the ice-bound Yukon before launching an all-out attack on "invading" forces rolling down out of Alaska.

American reinforcements arrived in Whitehorse by plane from Colorado Springs, Colo., as air support forces began major operations in "Exercise Sweetbrier," joint Canadian-American winter war games.

The "allied" forces face the "aggressor" just 1½ miles across the river here.

Newsman "Wiped Out"
Yesterday, most of the news correspondents covering the maneuvers were "wiped out" when four F-82 twin-mustangs of the U. S. Alaskan command, flown by aggressor pilots, strafed a vehicle carrying the newsmen to the "front."

This apparently was an extra lick for the fighter pilots, for a few miles farther up the highway a Canadian ambulance unit was found to have been strafed, also.

Lt. Col. C. B. Caswell, chief

of the 37th field ambulance unit from Camp Borden, Ont., estimated that the fighters wiped out about 25 per cent of his mobile hospital. He conceded that his Red Cross markings were not too plain but still considered the strafing a violation of the Geneva convention.

Camp Made
A newly tent settlement was headquarters for a gasoline supply detachment of American Negro troops, commanded by Lt. Lewis H. Williams of Sunflower, Ala. He said he and his men rolled in at 2 a.m., Tuesday, and went straight to work unloading their trucks and making camp.

Williams lost six of his 21 men within the first 24 hours because of frozen feet. He blew his breath on his chilled hands in the 30-below-zero weather and said that as far as he was concerned, the Arctic has proved to be a far more formidable enemy than the aggressor.

Overtime Pay Denied Tax Bureau Workers

Salem, Ore., Feb. 16—(U.P.)—The state civil service commission, in a decision handed down Wednesday, denied a request for overtime pay for five employees of the state tax commission.

The board ruled that the employees are in salary brackets of more than the \$280 monthly limited permittee for receipt of overtime pay under civil service rules and regulations. Tax Commissioner Ray Smith had asked for extra pay for auditors working Saturday to help the state catch up on delinquent income taxes that would come under the statute of limitations unless collected soon.

AWOL Soldier Should Be Thankful For Arrest

La Grande, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—La Grande police think army recruit Robert D. Schultz, 19, of Halfway, Ore., should be thankful they arrested him.

Schultz admitted to officers that he had been absent without leave from Ft. Lewis, Wash., since Dec. 23.

"We picked him up when he was loitering around a hotel—just in time to save him from a charge of desertion," Police Chief Lester Sater said.

Sater explained that army regulations allow a 60-day AWOL period before the more serious charge of desertion is preferred.

More than 90 per cent of Oregon's traffic accidents involve a violation of law by at least one driver.

Federal Farm Plan To Be Discussed At Meeting Here

Government farm price support programs, now in operation or proposed, will be discussed at a series of meetings throughout the state in late February and March, Robert W. Schmidt, chairman of the Oregon State Grange agricultural committee, announced this week. One such meeting will be held here March 18.

The public will be invited to the meetings, which are being called as a result of action taken at the last State Grange meeting. Delegates refused to take a stand on the Brannan plan and

recommended instead that the State Grange sponsor a series of conferences for discussion of that and other farm programs.

Discussions Set
Vern Livesay, Portland, former member of the State Grange agricultural committee, will present the Brannan plan at the meeting. The agricultural act of 1949 will be discussed by Jay Wescott, state PMA fieldman. Ben Buisman, editor of the Oregon Grange Bulletin, will explain the National Grange farm program. Discussion from the floor will be invited.

Initial meeting will be at Salem February 17, in the Dairy Co-op plant auditorium. The following day, a southern Oregon meeting will be held at the courthouse in Medford.

Other meetings have been scheduled at Bend February 24, The Dalles February 25 and La Grande March 11.

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Medford Man Fined For Auto Skirt Theft

Ashland, Feb. 16—Keith D. Sullivan, Medford, pleaded guilty in Ashland municipal court yesterday to a charge of larceny from a vehicle, police reported. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail, fine \$25, and assessed court costs of \$2.50. The jail sentence was suspended on condition that he make restitution for the stolen property.

Sullivan was arrested by Ashland city police Tuesday evening near the armory with stolen fender skirts in his possession, officers reported. The articles were reported stolen about three months ago, and the theft had been under investigation since that time.

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Philippine Patrol Searching For Vessel

Manila, P. I., Feb. 16—(U.P.)—The U. S. 13th air force and the Philippine naval patrol joined the search today for the American 40-ton schooner Volador which is reported a week overdue in Hong Kong with 15 persons aboard.

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