

# Tail Gunner's Lifeless Hand Releases Raft From Sunken Bomber, Saves Crew

By OLEN CLEMENTS  
WITH THE U. S. AIRFORCE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, April 19 (Delayed) (AP)—Capt. L. F. Krebs, of Fonda, Ia., pilot of a big B-24, looked anxiously out the plane's window for a place to land.

Henderson field on Guadalcanal island was closed in light by rain and fog and darkness, and co-pilot Jack Nowell, Columbia, Mo., called out that there was practically no gasoline left.

Krebs had but one choice—set her down and hope they were over water. He ordered the radio antenna reeled out 200 feet as a feeler for land or water or jagged mountains that form the southern Solomons. Then he started down through fog and rain.

Every man in the nine-man crew said a silent prayer and waited for death or a fighting chance in the water, if they were lucky. They had donned life preservers and huddled together in the radio compartment amidship, ready to release life rafts and then crawl through the top hatch when the plane hit the water.

The bomber descended a thousand feet a minute. Two engines quit. Out of gas. Rain and clouds obliterated everything, even the darkness of night.

Suddenly there was a blinding flash below. This is it, thought every man. The antenna had hit something and the bomber had hit 200 feet to descend. Was it land or water? Beads of sweat broke out on every man's brow.

Krebs let her down ever so slowly, repeating to himself each foot that he would never make it. Nowell had his eyes glued to the instrument board. The men huddled in the radio room and Sgt. A. S. Hatfield, Salt Lake City, reached for the handle to release the big life raft. The tail gunner moved to release the small raft.

Then she hit with a big splash. The bomber broke into three pieces. The tail sank with a blurr. With the tail went the tail gunner and the raft for which he was reaching when last seen.

Hatfield was knocked out by the shock. The nose of the plane flipped downward and Krebs and Nowell were trapped inside the cabin while the water rushed in.

By super-human efforts they managed to crawl outside the windows and swim to the surface. All of the bomber then sunk from sight. It was black as pitch and an hour before dawn. Krebs called to the swimming men. All were there but the tail gunner. He didn't get out.

Then came the most horrible realization of all—none of the life rafts had been released. It was sink or swim and nobody knew where to or how far.

Krebs called to the men to form a circle, having read or

heard somewhere that if a group forms a circle in the water the sharks are not likely to strike.

One by one he rounded them up: Lieut. James Reed, Nashville, Tenn.; Lieut. J. D. Newman, Lake Charles, La.; Sgt. Gustafson; Sgt. M. E. Hatfield; Sgt. Sheehan; Sgt. A. S. Hatfield, and Lieut. Nowell. Only the tail gunner was missing.

There was nothing to do now but wait. Nobody said much of anything. There was nothing much to say. If only the tail gunner had managed to release his raft there might have been some hope.

One enlisted man said he saw the tail gunner almost reach the raft's release when the crash came. They mused over this for an hour, wishing but not daring to hope that dawn would bring new hope.

Finally it grew light enough to see. Nowhere was the raft to be seen. Practically all abandoned hope then.

Suddenly the water ripped and up shot a small raft from the deep. Krebs saw it first and yelled. Then they all yelled. It was the raft the tail gunner had been trying to release when he died.

The men piled into it and sighted land 20 miles away. They fought a strong current for two days and nights and reached safety on an island, where they were rescued later.

Back in the harness now, each of the fortunate eight will tell you that it wasn't fate that released that raft below water but the dead hand of the tail gunner, whose name cannot be released because the war department won't permit the publishing of the names of the war dead, except as released in Washington.

## Jockey of 1907 Kentucky Derby Winner Dies

DETROIT, May 6 (AP)—Little Andy Minder, 62, whose claim to fame was that he rode Pink Star to victory in the 1907 Kentucky derby, died here yesterday.

Friends of Minder recalled that he never had much to say except when horse racing was mentioned, upon which he would tell of bringing Pink Star, a 15-1 shot, home in front by two lengths on a muddy track.

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## CHURCH SCHEDULES MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM

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The sacrament of baptism will be administered during the morning worship period, at 11 o'clock. Parents of children to be baptized are requested to contact the pastor, the Rev. Theodore Smith, dial 5477, in order that certificates of baptism may be prepared in advance.

## Quartz Mt.

Lewis Robbins has resigned the position as logging superintendent for the Bly Logging company, which is a subsidiary of the Ewauna Box company. As yet no one has been named to take his place.

Mrs. Lucile Barnes of Oleno, visited her son Jimmy Barnes, and his family in Quartz mountain last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McMurren and family and Eddie Frances were weekend visitors in Klamath Falls this week.

Mrs. Peggy Barnes and Mrs. Ruth Daves entertained at a birthday party for their husbands, Jimmy Barnes and Dave Daves. Present besides the guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hertzog.

Mrs. Vera Real went to Klamath Falls Monday of this week for medical attention. Mrs. Real has had a severe ear infection for the past three weeks. Her condition is now much improved. She was accompanied to town by her daughter, Mrs. Barnes, and her grandson, Jimmy Dean.

## HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment

By ANITA GWYN CAMPBELL  
Sunday, May 16, is the date set for baccalaureate services at the high school. The program follows:

Major W. C. Curry, presiding. Scripture reading—Rev. R. C. Johnson, First Covenant church. Message—"The Hour Is Come," Rev. Cecil C. Brown, First Baptist church.

Benediction—Rev. A. Theodore Smith, First Presbyterian church.

The high school orchestra, directed by Mrs. David Burgoyne and the mixed chorus, directed by Andrew Loney Jr., will furnish the music.

Mitchell Tilton of the First National bank will be the speaker at commencement on May 19.

Gifts were presented to the club advisors at the Girls League meeting Thursday morning. Jean Underwood and Donna Brotherton entertained with a piano and vocal solo. Twenty-seven new Pep Peppers were presented with a corsage of lilacs, tied with red ribbon.

The Senior Follies seemed to be quite a success if it can be judged by student reaction. One hundred and thirty-five dollars was cleared after deducting the



government amusement tax. The participants all did a fine job and credit should also go to those who worked backstage.

Alleen Dyer, representative of the State Council of War Nursing, spoke to girls interested about the definite need of student nurses. Advantages were told and questions asked and answered.

Paul Landry spoke to the home management classes about the insurance of personal property.

Dick Vallanceour, broad jumper, and Jim Bocchi, discus thrower, and high jumper, and Ralph Foster as extra, traveled to Eugene today with Paul Deller, coach, Frank Ramsey and Joseph Peak, to enter the state track meet Friday.

## Courthouse Records

Marriages  
SPOONEMORE-COPE. Dalton Charles Spoonemore, 22, soldier. Native of Texas, resident of Greenville, Texas. Rosemary Cope, 22, teacher. Native of Louisiana, resident of Palo Alto, California.

DENNIS-REDIFER. William Bert Dennis, 19, mill worker. Native of Oregon, resident of Klamath Falls. Shirley Jeanne Redifer, 19, bakery worker. Native of Oregon, resident of Klamath Falls.

JACKSON-CLARK. Arthur Wilburn Jackson, 45, carpenter.

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## Oregon News Notes

By The Associated Press  
Adna W. Leonard, Methodist bishop who lost his life in the Iceland crash of a plane Monday with Lieut. Gen. Frank M. Andrews and 12 others, was at one time a trustee of Willamette university, Portlanders recalled. . . Benton county's Oregon Trail Centennial committee will be headed by John C. Burtner, Oregon State college extension editor . . . Two youths escaped from the Oregon City jail by climbing up the chimney, ruining it, officers said, by knocking out many bricks.

The Right Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, bishop of Oregon's Episcopal diocese, and Harold Wendell, also of Portland, were named to the Reed college board of regents . . . A federal court jury at Portland returned a verdict for Harold and Olive Allison, Salem, defendants in an automobile accident damage action brought by Max Werbofsky, a soldier . . . The Oregon Fraternal Congress, meeting in Portland, will observe the Oregon Trail Centennial Saturday

## OBITUARY

**JOE SCALETTI**  
Joe Scaletti, a resident of Klamath county for the last 17 years, passed away in this city on Wednesday morning, May 5, 1943, following a brief illness. The deceased was a native of Sondrio, Italy, and was aged 56 years, 1 month and 17 days when called. The deceased is survived by relatives in Italy. The remains rest at Wards Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

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