

# Hunt Begun For Missing Army Plane

By The Associated Press  
Oregon's worst storm of the season was abating today, but the chief casualty — an army C-46 plane which disappeared off the wind-lashed southern Oregon coast with six men aboard — was still missing.

Rains which pounded coastal towns throughout yesterday eased to a drizzle this morning. Two ships, held off the Columbia river by tossing waves, were able to cross the bar; and outgoing ship traffic returned to normal. Storm warnings were ordered down.

Long-distance callers could reach all Oregon towns today, although repair crews were still working on some lines, knocked down by falling trees. Western Union reported service to Tillamook still out, broken by a slide which cut the lines.

In Portland, a thousand telephones were out of commission in the wake of high winds which sent trees over lines and water which seeped into cables.

Coast guard boats and planes were searching for the army plane whose pilot radioed at 3:15 p. m. yesterday that his fuel was almost exhausted and the crew would "hit the silk." The radio report came from 16 to 18 miles west of the coastal town of Florence.

The twin-engine plane left Oakland, Calif., yesterday for McChord Field, Tacoma, Wash. Unable to land because of overcast and heavy rain, it was ordered to Pendleton, Ore., where the field was reported clear.

Army officials did not know why the plane strayed from its prescribed course.

**High Seas**  
Lt. E. S. Klock, USCG, reported gales and high seas prevented boats from the Newport coast guard station from leaving but a patrol craft from the Empire station, near Coos Bay, took up the search last night. He said reports indicated the plane crashed at sea about 16 miles from Florence.

Elsewhere along the coast, communities cleaned up storm debris along waterfronts and checked battered small craft for damage in the wake of one of the year's worst coastal storms.

Telephone, telegraph and electric repair crews were busy throughout western Oregon restoring service disrupted beginning early yesterday.

**Craft Damaged**  
At Astoria a 120-foot steel barge was returned to the moorings from which high seas broke it yesterday. Small fishing craft in the harbor were damaged.

Earth and rock slides were reported along most of the state's highways, and state highway engineers warned motorists to be careful driving secondary roads which crews may not yet have cleared.

The weather bureau reported rainfall yesterday boosted the month's total in the Portland area to 7.54 inches—2 1/4 inches above the November normal.

Power and communication lines were disrupted in the Coos Bay and Tillamook area and phone service halted for several hours in most western Oregon communities.

# Two Men Held On Check Rap

Two young men are being held in the county jail for preliminary hearings on bad check charges. They are L. O. Noland, 20, and Kenneth L. Barker, 18, both formally charged with obtaining property by false pretenses.

Noland allegedly passed a check at Belsiger Motor company for \$278.94 worth of merchandise after telling C. L. MacDonald, Belsiger employee, he had an account in a Salem bank sufficient to cover the check.

MacDonald filed a complaint against him November 1 and Noland was returned here from Dallas, Ore., Sunday to face the charges. His bail is set at \$1,000.

In a similar transaction last Friday, Kenneth L. Barker, 18, gave a check to John T. McWilliams, employee of Rudy's men's store, for \$50 and received in return merchandise valued at \$25 and \$25 cash.

The check was on a local bank and Barker allegedly told McWilliams he had a deposit in the bank to cover the check.

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