

CAROLE LOMBARD IS BELIEVED DEAD

**Air Corps Men Also Feared
Killed in Crash of
Air Liner.**

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ous roar. Flames from the burning wreckage could be seen for miles.

O. E. Saylor, purchasing agent at the Blue Diamond Lead Mine, said he heard the plane overhead a few minutes after it left Las Vegas.

"Then we heard an explosion and saw the plane after against the mountain," he said.

D. Houston, an employee at the mine, said he failed to hear the crash but joined other onlookers five minutes later and still could see the glow against the mountain.

Clark County peace officers recruited Tweed Wilson, step-grandson of the mine, to lead the search. Army officers ordered trucks and "jeeps" into the area.

Tractors Used
A dozen horsemen and a powerful tractor were pressed into service. The snow-covered mountain is an 8000-foot elevation at the lower end of the Charleston Range, which separates Nevada from Death Valley. It rises almost 5000 feet from the valley on either side.

Willard George, Los Angeles furrier who owns the ranch where Tweed Wilson works, said he saw the plane passing in the twilight and that its tail appeared to be bobbing up and down in a peculiar manner.

"It seemed to be out of control for a time," he said, "as though someone was fighting in the cockpit."

Maj. H. W. Anderson, executive officer of the Air Corps Gunnery School at McCarran Field, was in charge of the searching party.

The Victims

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Jan. 17 (U. P.).—The 22 persons aboard the air liner which crashed last night were:

PASSENGERS

AFRINE, M. B., corporal, Air Corps.

BARHAM, JAMES C., second lieutenant, Air Corps.

BELECKAK, A. M., sergeant, Air Corps.

BROWN, HAL JR., second lieutenant, Air Corps.

COOK, FREDERICK P., sergeant, Air Corps.

CROUCH, ROBERT E., first lieutenant, Air Corps.

DITTMAN, FREDERICK, Air Corps, rank undetermined.

DONAHUE, K. T., second lieutenant, Air Corps.

GABLE, MRS. CLARK (Carole Lombard), Hollywood.

HAMILTON, LOIS, Detroit, Mich.

NYGREN, ROBERT F., first lieutenant, Air Corps.

NYGREN, EDGAR A., sergeant, Air Corps (brother of Lieut. Nygren).

NELSON, CHARLES D., second lieutenant, Air Corps.

PETERS, MRS. ELIZABETH, Mrs. Gable's mother, Hollywood.

SWENSON, STUART L., second lieutenant, Air Corps.

TELLKAMP, MARTIN W., private, Air Corps.

TINCHMAN, DAVID, sergeant, Air Corps.

VARSAMINE, NICHOLAS, private, Air Corps.

WINKLER, OTTO, movie press agent, Hollywood.

CREW

WILLIAMS, W. C., pilot.

GILLETTE, MORGAN A., co-pilot.

GETZ, ALICE F., hostess.

JAPS LAUNCH FIERCE PHILIPPINES ATTACK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (U. P.).—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces today fought stubbornly against a fierce Japanese attack by infantry, artillery and aircraft directed by superior enemy forces against the right wing of their northern Bataan province lines.

The American and Filipino troops, the War Department communique admitted, are greatly outnumbered by the Japanese assault troops.

A heavy Japanese attack against the right flank of the American and Philippine troops in the Bataan peninsula is now in progress, the War Department reported. "This attack is well supported by aircraft and artillery."

"The assailants greatly outnumber the defending troops. However, our soldiers are stubbornly contesting the attempted advance."

The Japanese are supporting their frontal operations by sending small infiltration groups into the hills and jungles in efforts to get behind the American lines and also have claimed their forces have made new landings on the Bataan shore in Gen. MacArthur's rear.

STAMP CLUB SETS DATE FOR EXHIBIT

The annual stamp exhibit of the Indiana Stamp Club will be next Saturday and Sunday in the Hotel Antlers ballroom.

The exhibit, which will display 200 large frames of stamps and covers from all nations, will be open to the public. A banquet and stamp sale will be on the program. On the exhibit committee are Mrs. Albert Eiteljorg, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coburn, Mrs. Floyd Shockley, Mrs. W. H. Wheeler, Mrs. Horace Currier and Mrs. Lillian Meeker.

Stamp Club officers are Sheldon Book, president; Dr. A. W. Fray, vice president; Mrs. Meeker, secretary; and Charles T. Coy, treasurer.

Carole and Her Mother

This picture, probably the last taken of Carole Lombard and her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Peters, was taken in their suite at the Claypool Hotel a few minutes before they attended the Indiana War Rally at Cadle Tabernacle Thursday night.



Fleet Taking Toll of Subs, Pacific Eye-Witness Says

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possibility of a mid-ocean trap in which the Japanese might, learning of the presence of an individual force of ships, concentrate a fleet in strength.

It is necessarily a secret business. American policy is based on the idea that it is best to keep the enemy guessing and waiting, for instance, for overdue submarines to return. That is one reason why it can't be said how many Japanese submarines have been sent to the bottom.

On Guard Against Surprise
The Japanese will not be aided, however, by the news that the destroyer force, working closely with patrol planes of the fleet, has accounted for its share of Japanese submarines since the sneak attack on Hawaii Dec. 7.

Vigilance in the fleet could hardly be intensified, but it was made known today that Allied forces throughout the world, including the mid-Pacific area, were taking extra precautions against a possible surprise Axis move, timed to coincide with the current Pan-American conference at Rio De Janeiro.

In connection with these precautions, foreign broadcasts heard here reported Japanese concentrations in the Marshall Islands, 2400 miles south of Hawaii.

Belief was that if the Axis made any move at the moment, it would be intended to lower American prestige in the Rio De Janeiro meeting, and that simultaneous Japanese and German thrusts might be made.

Poised for Midway Blow
From the Marshall Islands the Japanese could strike at Midway, Johnston or Palmyra Islands or at Samoa, south of Palmyra and nearly 3000 miles south of Hawaii. They might strike at Free French Tahiti in the Society Islands 1430 miles east of Samoa, which is in the Panama Canal route to the Far Pacific.

Johnston and Palmyra have naval and air stations. Midway is the key to the defense of Hawaii.

Japan has strong bases in the Marshalls and in the Carolines to the west. It is believed that planes based on the Marshalls attacked Wake Island. The Japanese have established themselves in the British-mandated Gilbert Islands, 500 miles south of the Marshalls, and are believed to have seized bases in the Ellice Islands, 250 miles south of the Gilberts.

Silent always, and by night, ghostly, the United States fleet with its thousands of American men, pursues its steady zig-zagging course, maintaining a constant watch on the approaches far outside Hawaii and to the Pacific Coast of the homeland.

Like Firemen Awaiting Alarm

To put it in the words of one officer of the action-hungry American fleet: "We're like a bunch of firemen sitting around playing checkers while waiting for the alarm to go off."

What they're itching for, waiting for, is the signal for a head-on, hammer-and-tongs set-to with the Japanese fleet.

And they have some sleek powerful ships to ride with when the alarm sounds. They are stripped and primed for action.

As they scout the Pacific, their decks and interiors are cleared of all unnecessary equipment, planes are poised on their catapults, and guns stand ready for firing.

Action Quick if Sub Is Seen
Occasionally a sharp-eyed lookout shouts out: "Usually because he has sighted a plane—mostly ours. Sometimes because of a hostile submarine."

If it is a hostile sub, the action is swift. Secondary batteries cut loose. Then destroyers rush in.

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CAROLE NATIVE OF FT. WAYNE

Born Carol Jane Peters on Oct. 6, 1908; Preferred Name Lombard.

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 17 (U. P.).—The world knew her as Carole Lombard. Her friends called her "Pete." Her husband called her "queen." But she was born Carol Jane Peters, in Ft. Wayne, Ind., on Oct. 6, 1908.

She dropped the "Peters," added an "e" to Carol and substituted "Lombard" because she thought it sounded more like a movie actress.

Legend says Miss Lombard took the advice of a numerologist when she added that final "e," but she always uttered raucous laughs when accused of consorting with soothsayers.

At any rate, her greatest successes came after that one little letter was added to her name.

Shot the Injuns

As one of Mack Sennett's bathing beauties, she made the male movie fans look goggle-eyed. As a rip-snorting queen of the horse opera, she took many a pot shot at the injuns and found herself rescued from fates worse than death more times than she liked to remember.

In the 20's, when safety glass was only an idea in the head of an engineer, she figured in an automobile wreck which sent slivers of glass into her face and almost disfigured her permanently. Plastic surgery finally removed the scar.

In 1931, when the movie makers looked upon her as a dramatic actress, she married Bill Powell. She still was his wife a year later when she first met Clark Gable, who was cast as one of her leading men.

Wed Gable in 1939

She divorced Powell on the conventional charges of mental cruelty and on March 29, 1939, she married Gable, who already had a house built to her specifications. She furnished it with easy chairs and ankle deep rugs and a bathroom lined with mirrors. In this country house she spent most of her spare time, while Mr. G. tinkered in the barn with his temperamental tractor.

Between pictures they took hunting trips, wasted entirely too much energy denying they were about to be divorced, and managed to live the most normal lives possible in abnormal Hollywood.

Nobody here ever had known a girl with such energy as hers, nor talked with a woman who spoke so frankly on any subject, profane or otherwise.

JAPS GO 'ALL OUT' IN PHILIPPINE DRIVE

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port of Fernando Po and "stole" three Axis vessels, one of them an Italian ship, in a quick attack while the enemy officers were ashore.

RUSSIA—Dispatches to London said that fighting was in progress in the suburbs of the great Ukraine industrial city of Kharkov, which the Red Army was believed to be encircling. The city of Orel also was said to be about to fall to the Russians who were driving back the enemy in the entire central area, including the Moshaisk sector.

BATAVIA—Japanese planes again bombed the Ambona naval and air base and struck at an air-drome in Celebes, but the Allied High Command now organized under Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell and Admiral Thomas C. Hart was described as ready for a finish fight against any new invasion thrusts in the East Indies.

CAIRO—British captured Halfaya Pass in eastern Libya seizing 5500 prisoners and releasing many forces for their attack on Gen. Rommel's army 350 miles to the west.

CLAIM MISSIONARIES SLAIN
CHUNGKING, Jan. 17 (U. P.).—An official Chinese communique reported today that the Japanese had murdered American Presbyterian missionaries, including the Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Thomas and Miss M. Burkwall on Hainan Island, off the southern coast of China.

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