

with the garbled transmission from the plane that Miss Earhart and Noonan were approximately 281 miles north of Howland.

From San Diego, Cal., swinging down the great arc toward the tropic waters, the navy's fastest vessels hastened to the Howland island area. The rescue fleet was led by the \$400,000 airplane carrier Lexington, mothering 57 pursuit planes. Accompanying the carrier were the destroyers Drayton, Lamson, and Cushing.

From Honolulu the battleship Colorado, bearing three navy planes with great cruising range, was speeding southward.

Ration Drinking Water.

As the vessels draw near the search area, planes will leave the decks to take up their own pursuit. The Colorado also carries fuel and water supplies for the cutter Itasca, which is so short on both that drinking water has been rationed to the crew.

Previous efforts at getting a direction bearing from signals which may have come from the missing plane, placed it at widely separated points in the general search area. One Pan-American airways bearing indicated the transmission was coming from a point 400 miles northeast of Howland, far from any land.

At Los Angeles, Lieutenant Commander Clarence S. Williams, who plotted the Earhart course, suggested the search be made within a cone-shaped area, 300 miles wide at the base, extending westward from Howland.

Lindy Predicts Rescue.

At Paris, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was quoted as predicting Miss Earhart would be found. A reporter asked him: "Do you believe she is lost?" and his answer was "How should I know? Nevertheless, I should say 'no.'"

In support of a Pan-American Airways suggestion, based on bearings from the faint signals, that the plane may be in the Phoenix island group, the coast guard at San Francisco suggested the state department request British cooperation in an examination of uninhabited parts of the islands.

On every ship and in every shore station, a constant watch was kept for signals from the Earhart plane. The ceaseless vigil brought small reward in definite information, but endless rumors came from amateur listeners over half the world.

Freighter Hears Message.

Coast guard listeners said, however, that probability was lent the "281 North Howland" report by the fact that the freighter Moorby, itself north of Howland island, reported at 6:30 a. m. (Chicago time), it had heard a strong continuous carrier wave on the Earhart frequency.

A message from the commanding officer of the aircraft carrier Lexington said the vessel expects to reach Lahaina roads, in the Hawaiian Islands at about 2 p. m. (Chicago time), July 8. She will refuel at that point, which is about 75 miles southeast of Honolulu, before proceeding to the Howland island area. The Lexington was averaging 25 to 26 knots, virtually her top speed. The carrier likely would wait until she leaves Lahaina to release squadrons of her planes to aid in the hunt.

Adviser Hears Signals.

Paul Mantz, technical adviser to Miss Earhart when she was making her globe-circling flight plans, said three long dashes, as requested by the Pan-American station at Honolulu, had been heard by him early today in Los Angeles.

"We heard the dashes here," he said, "and this is the most hopeful sign yet."

Pan-American radio men estimated the Earhart ship might be in the vicinity of Gardner and McKean Islands in the Phoenix group, which is from 150 to 200 miles south of Howland island.

Intercept Faint Replies.

Searchers reported they were heartened, also, by what appeared to be wireless replies to instructional broadcasts sent the missing flyers by station KGMB at Honolulu. The faint signals were intercepted by the navy, coast guard, and Pan-American stations at Honolulu, and by the coast guard at San Francisco.

The flyers were told to send a series of two long dashes if they were on the water, and a series of three long dashes if they were on land. Apparently in reply, on the 3105 kilocycle band assigned to the Earhart plane, came a number of high frequency whistles from a carrier wave, but most listeners could not be certain what the senders were trying to transmit. Mantz interpreted them as three long dashes.

Through commercial stations here, Miss Earhart's husband sent frequent encouraging messages.

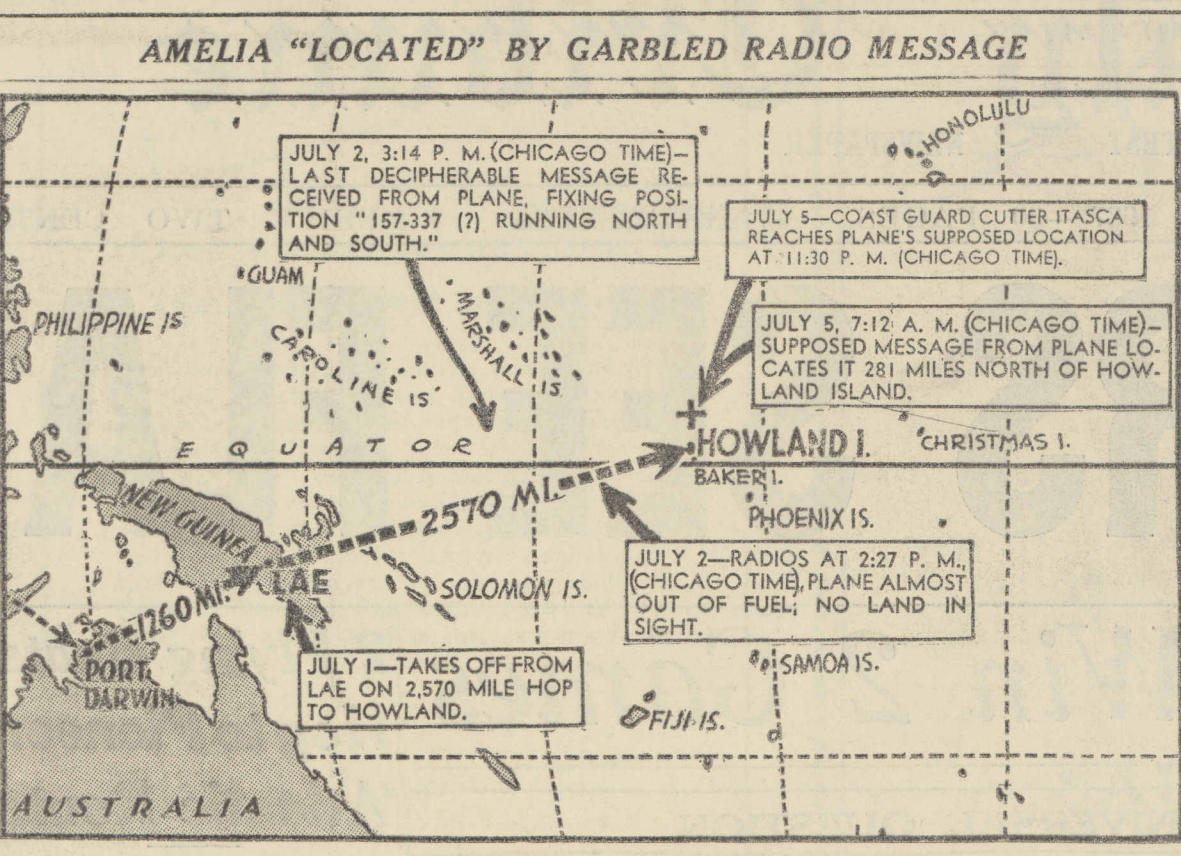
"Help is on the way," he told her. "Signals have been heard."

Amelia's Messages Disclosed.

The last decipherable message received from Miss Earhart's plane while it still was in the air, was at 13:14 p. m. Friday, Howland time, 13:14 p. m. Chicago time. The coast guard disclosed that this message said "we are on the line of position 157-337. We are now running north and south."

Forty-seven minutes earlier, Miss Earhart had radioed "we are circling but cannot see island; cannot hear you."

The coast guard service at Washington.



Ships last night raced for a mystery spot in the Pacific 281 miles north of Howland Island in hopes of rescuing Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Fred J. Noonan. Search for the missing aviatix was concentrated in that area upon receipt of garbled radio message supposed to have been sent by Miss Earhart.

ington was told by the Itasca's commander that as the Earhart plane wings toward Howland on the flight from Lae, the flyers neither acknowledged nor complied with repeated instructions from the Itasca to transmit on 500 kilocycles.

The Itasca explained to them that it was essential they use the 500 kilocycle band in order that the cutter's direction finder could function. The finder could not cut in on the higher frequencies.

Later, the Itasca said, "a high frequency direction finder was set up on Howland island," and the coast guard manned it throughout Friday night, "but never was able to secure bearings due to Miss Earhart's very brief transmission and her use of voice."

The message that Miss Earhart and Noonan were "running north and south," followed by about an hour a transmission from the plane saying: "We must be on you but cannot see you. Gas is running low. Have been unable to reach you by radio. We are flying at 1,000 feet." One hour and 45 minutes earlier the Earhart plane had signaled: "About 100 miles out."

Tokio Appeals to Japanese Vessels to Hunt Amelia

TOKIO, July 6.—[Tuesday.]—(P)—The Japanese government today radioed an appeal to all Japanese vessels in the South sea region of the Pacific to join United States naval vessels in search for Amelia Earhart. Professional and amateur radio operators throughout Japan kept constant vigil for a signal from the missing flyer, believing that she may be marooned on one of the Phoenix group of islands south of Howland island.

American Leaps Into Seine; Saves Beauty from Suicide

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PARIS, July 5.—John B. T. Campbell Jr., 25 years old, picture editor of the Los Angeles Daily News, leaped into the Seine today and rescued Miss Antony Bartl, 22 year old Viennese beauty. She had tried to commit suicide. The young woman was revived by artificial respiration.

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Must Rely on His Foes to Help Form Regime.

BY DAVID DARRAH.
 (Chicago Tribune Press Service.)

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, July 5.—As the results in Ireland's most important general election since the formation of the Irish Free State continued to flow in, it became apparent that once again Irish politics had provided the world with a fresh paradox. The Fianna Fail party of President Eamon de Valera was in top place in the voting. His followers had gained 64 seats of the 138 in the new dail (parliament) and observers predict the party ultimately will win five more. Should his party gain this total of 69, De Valera still could form a government, but he would need help from another party or parties. The United Ireland party of former President William T. Cosgrave, now has 41 seats—Labor 11 and Independents 8. Eleven constituencies remain to be heard from.

Vote for New Charter Close.

Despite the practical assurances that Irish voters have given governmental control back to De Valera, they came near to refusing to give him his new constitution, which he had made his election issue and which he said he would rather see approved than be elected himself.

The new constitution, which is designed to cut all ties with Great Britain, has received 514,080 affirmative votes to 404,661 against it. Fianna Fail party leaders were dismayed that the majority was only 109,419. It seems that the women, the

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