

Diary Reveals Newsman's Faith In God While Lost 32 Days In Jungles

BRISBANE, Australia. (NC) — "Dear God, help me to make it." "We pray to God for safety." "Only a miracle of God can help now." . . . "Dear God, help me to keep my strength."

These are among extracts from the diary of Vern Haugland, American war correspondent, who survived a terrible ordeal when he was lost for six weeks in the jungles of New Guinea. Mr. Haugland hauled out of a bomber into mountain jungle, and each day recorded in his diary descriptions of his struggle to retain life and sanity.

It is a record of incredible hardships almost superhuman endurance and touching faith in Divine Providence by a man dropped into jungle without food, and lacking any experience of the tropics.

Felt of Hauling Out
The first entry in the diary bears the date Aug. 7, and gives the bare statement of how he bailed out at 14,000 feet. The next few days tell of the uneventful hiking up and down precipitous mountain ranges, by Mr. Haugland and his mate, "Mike" (Lieut. A. D. Michael, bomber pilot, who bailed out shortly after him, and who is still posted as missing).

Some of the most striking entries follow:
"Aug. 12 Through God's grace Mike and I still together, forded river near fork. Spent last night on chuto on hillside, rain starting at four under small rock. Third night under brush shelter. Fourth day little progress until look to river. Fifth day at fork. Forded another river, waded down an other. Spent night on broad clay shelf over river. Rained early. Saw wallaby."
"Aug. 16 Very weak, feet bad.

Must take to river. We may get separated or drowned, but pray to God for safety. Mike went up over the hill. I started down the river. Saw I couldn't make it. Came back to dry clothes and will try to follow him tomorrow."

Miracle of Death

"Aug. 17 Can see now must take to river. Dear God, help me to make it. Plane came over early, but too far away. Very weak. Evening—got into river, couldn't make it. Awful climb up mountain. Absolutely no hope. Terrible mountains ahead. River absolutely impassable. View on top convinced me only miracle of God can help me now. All I can do is lie and wait for miracle or death."

"Aug. 19: Second day lying on rocks, chewing grass and weeds, praying a great deal, getting so weak that hardly any hope. Lost life preserver. Watched vainly all day for plane. Only hope is plane dropping food or ground aid arriving."

"Aug. 20: Worst rainy night since Mike and I spent two terrible ones. Just lay in mud, soaked and stinking. Somehow stronger today. Fog, healing too. Seems too bad to die, when maybe could struggle to village."

"Aug. 24: Had a warm dry night. Two and a half weeks with nothing to eat. My body looks terrible. If someone comes today I can still live, but I need food. Head clear, disposition good."

"Aug. 25: River flooded me out. Had to climb into rocks and sit

shivering. Yet somehow today though almost sleepless I have more strength to walk around than for several days."

"Aug. 29: Drenched and cold may not survive. If I do, feel my chance of getting out alive is better. Can see the river for miles. Whatever happens God has been good to me."

"If I Don't Die" All done in my feet are very bad, too. If I don't die tonight, I may push on along

shore tomorrow I don't know why. There is no chance for me now in this mist-filled jungle. I know that.

"Sept. 1: For first time saw great valley not too far away and not impossible to reach. Dear God help me to keep my strength."

"Sept. 2: Example of how Lord shepherd me. Led me to each crevice right by river where avoided heavy storm then brought out sun."

"Sept. 6: Answer to prayers. Dozens and dozens of bramble berries. Slept under great log. Perfectly dry. Mosquitoes not bad."

"Sept. 7: he records finding more berries, spent most of day sleeping and eating."

"Sept. 8: Found three native huts, one with floor, also table

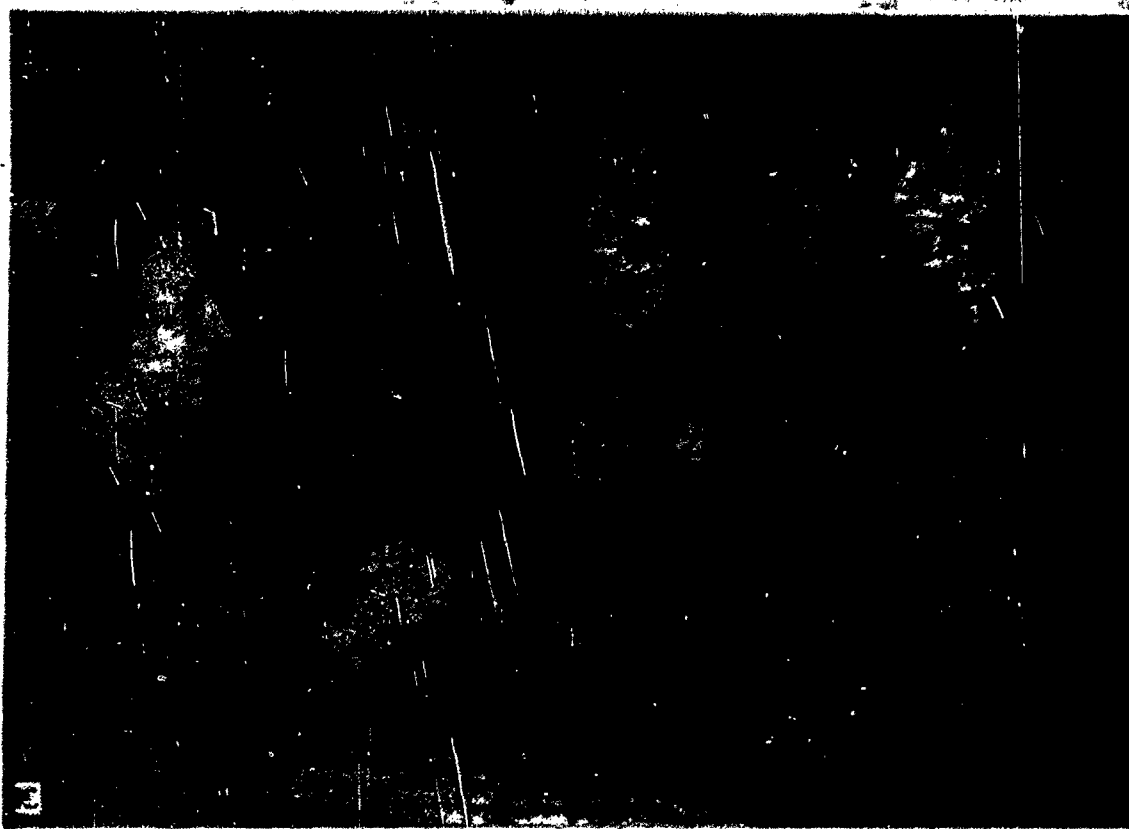
cages, surrounded by stinging weeds. By creek with fish. Sick at night, first time probably with stingers on hand and mouth."

"Sept. 9 (Last entry): Thank God keeping near roads. Got on to faint animal track. Crossed stream on log at berry place. Trail grew plainer, definitely track through forest. Made more distance so far than for weeks, and sun still high. All creeks logged, no vines, all cleared."

From this date until Sept. 19,

when Mr. Haugland was found in an isolated native hut by missionaries, he was apparently delirious. His first rational words were spoken at the Port Woreby Hospital on Sept. 23.

STUDENTS SIGN-OFF 'BOMB' IN STAMP SALE



Catholic schools and colleges throughout the country are promoting the sale of war stamps and bonds and sponsoring student defense activities. A feature of the Victory Variety Show, at Dunbarton College, Washington D. C. was this make-believe bomb, on which students who purchased stamps, were allowed to write their names. Left to right: Mary McAllister, Terry McQuillan, and Eileen Mudd, Student Council president. (N.C.W.C.)

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ST. JAMES, Waverly

Rites For Mrs. Mary Gorman

By ELLEN T. FALSEY
WAVERLY. — Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Gorman of 422 Clark St. were held Monday, Nov. 23 at the home and in St. James Church.

Mrs. Gorman who had been a resident of Waverly for 62 years died Nov. 20, 1942 after a lingering illness.

High Mass of Requiem was offered by the Rev. Edward J. Lyons, Pastor.

Bearers were: Dr. L. S. Betowski, J. J. Higgins, C. F. Murphy, H. J. McDonald, Luther Hardy and Frank Lounsberry.

A member of the Altar and Rosary Society, Mrs. Gorman is survived by two daughters, Anne and Nellie at home; one brother, Michael Barrington of Ireland, two sisters, Margaret of Ireland and Mrs. Susie Hogan of Waverly several nieces and nephews.

Thanksgiving Masses

Two High Masses were to be celebrated in St. James Church on Thanksgiving morning. At 7 there was a Requiem High Mass for all the souls remembered. All Souls Day. At 8 o'clock, a High Mass of Thanksgiving was offered in honor of Thanksgiving Day.

McCarthy-Guiles

The marriage of Miss Ruth Eleanor Guiles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Guiles of 112 Elm Street, Waverly, and Richard McCarthy of Elmer Avenue, Sayre, son of Daniel McCarthy of Hazelton, Pa., took place Nov. 18 at 10 o'clock A. M. in the rectory of the St. James Church. Rev. Edward J. Lyons performed the ceremony.

Miss Jean Henley of Waverly was maid of honor, and Gerald Conroy of Sayre was best man.

A wedding breakfast for members of the immediate families was served at the Jenkins Inn, after which the couple left on a trip to New York City. They will reside at 434½ Waverly Street. The bride is a graduate of Waverly High School. Mr. McCarthy is a graduate of Hazleton High School and is employed by the Lehigh

Patrick Normile Dies

Patrick J. Normile of 47 Warren St., South Waverly, died at his home Saturday, Nov. 21, 1942, after a long illness. He was born in Binghamton and moved to South Waverly 60 years ago. He retired in July, 1937 as a Lehigh Valley switchtender. He was a member of St. John's Church and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen with which he had been affiliated for 40 years.

He is survived by two brothers, Matthew at home and Frank of Owego, a sister, Elizabeth, at home. Funeral services were conducted at the home Tuesday and at St. John's Church with the Rev. J. J. Golden officiating. Burial was in St. James Cemetery, Waverly.

John W. Leahy Rites

John W. Leahy died Friday evening, Nov. 20, 1942 at his home in Ridgebury after an extended illness. He passed away on the farm on which he had lived for 33 years.

Surviving are two brothers, Thomas J. of Brooklyn and Michael D. of Ridgebury. The funeral was held Monday at the family home and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Ridgebury. Burial was in Ridgebury cemetery.

Chaplain Promoted

Westover Field, Mass. The Rev. David C. Sullivan, chaplain here since 1940, has been appointed to succeed Maj. Paul J. Giegerich at the Air Force Headquarters, Mitchell Field, L. I. A native of Worcester, Mass., he was curate at Our Lady of Hope Church, Springfield, Mass., until 1935, when he joined the Army. He served for five years as district and area chaplain. In 1937, Father Sullivan was chaplain of the Massachusetts Reserve Officers' Association, and in 1938 was elected vice-president of the Army and Navy Chaplains of the United States.

The Kingdom of Heaven is not only in the future and beyond the grave, but on this earth and in the present time, and the Kingdom after death shall be his who die