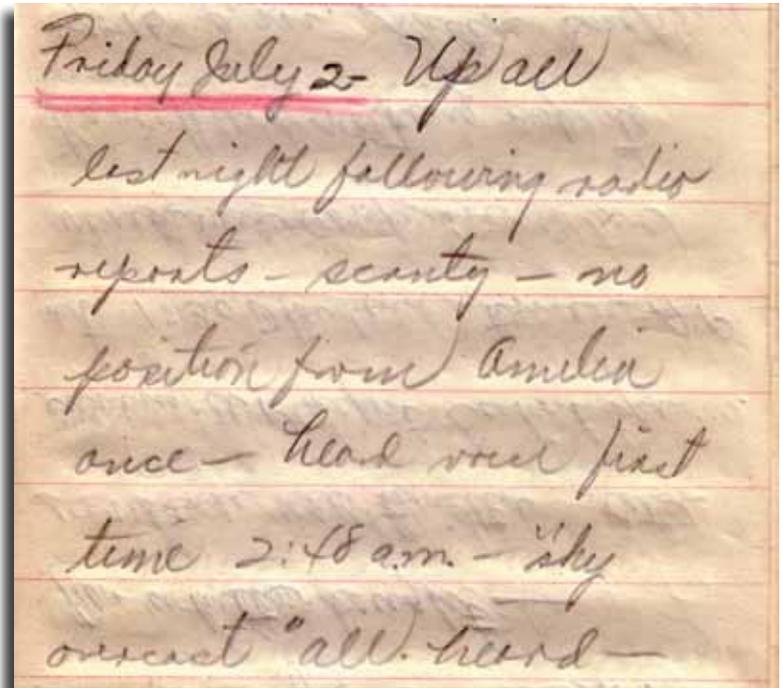


# NEW DISCOVERY

A combination of vigilance, persistence, and good luck has resulted in TIGHAR's discovery of the largest single collection primary source documents relating to the Earhart disappearance ever made. The Associated Press wire service reporter aboard the Coast Guard cutter *Itasca* during the Earhart cruise was James W. Carey, and the news stories he filed are a well-known part of the historical record. What has not been known by Earhart researchers, until now, is that Jim Carey kept a detailed personal journal and took numerous photographs during *Itasca's* 37-day odyssey. Two days after his return to Honolulu, he wrote a ten-page article describing his experiences.

Jim Carey was a meticulous record keeper and he carefully saved his collection of materials from his great adventure as a 23 year-old reporter aboard *Itasca*. Now, after seventy years, Carey's original hand-written notebooks, a transcript of the notebooks that he typed before his death in 1988, his photographs, his ten-page article, an extensive file of original *Itasca* message forms with his wire service reports and messages, and a large collection of original newspaper clippings relating to the Earhart search have come to light. The Carey Collection fleshes out the human aspects of what happened aboard *Itasca* and provides important new information. The amazing story of how this treasure trove of historical information surfaced will be told in a major Associated Press article to be released soon (maybe even before you receive this). The upcoming special issue of *TIGHAR Tracks* will feature an analysis of the new information and how it enhances our understanding of the Earhart disappearance. As soon as the AP story is released we'll have the Carey journal, photos, and article up on the TIGHAR website.



Friday July 2 - Up all  
last night following radio  
reports - scanty - no  
position from Amelia  
once - heard voice first  
time 2:48 a.m. - sky  
overcast "all. heard -

An excerpt from Carey's journal. Courtesy the Carey Collection.