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While waiting for ordered documents to be delivered, Ric and Lonnie researched Pacific Ocean ship disasters/missing vessels (1933-1940) and Earhart Missing articles (1937, 1938) on LOC's database. **Electronic Requests. Proquest Historical.com**

Newspaper articles of interest either were printed out or were e-mailed to Ric.

Although the primary objective was to investigate ships missing or wrecked in the Central Pacific region, information regarding products available or used during the 1930s seemed useful to note.

LS's notes from **Pacific Islands Monthly** – 1938

TK's notes from **Pacific Islands Monthly** – 1939-40

Note: LOC does not have issues predating 1938.

Bottles

Date	Vol.	p.	Product	What is it?
Mar. 24, 1938	V8, No. 8	14	Eno's Fruit Salt "gives you more energy and appetite"	Gastrointestinal product invented in 1850's For picture see: http://www.antiquebottles.co.za/Rarity.htm
Mar. 24, 1938	V8, No. 8	23	Tooheys Club Lager	Australian beer. Tooheys got into making lagers in 1931.
Mar. 24, 1938	V8, No. 8	23	Jar Chivers jam Chivers Pure Foods	Ireland's favorite brand since 1932. Dublin
Mar. 24, 1938	V8, No. 8	32	Dewars Scotch Whisky	Blended. Expanded to global market in 1896. Lord Dewar's travel journal, <u>Ramble Around the Globe</u> , publicized Dewars.

Mar. 24, 1938	V8, No. 8	34	Garden Vale Products Limited	Faceted bottles for products such as: Sydie's Tutti Fruit Sauce and Sydie's Tomato Sauce
Mar. 24, 1938	V8, No. 8	64	No. 4711 Genuine Eau de Cologne Glockengasse on bottle label (store in Cologne, Germany) "It will refresh – invigorate – revive."	scent
Mar. 24, 1938	V8, No. 8	2 nd p. ad	Resch's Long Bottle Pilsener	Tooth's and Company, Australia, beer, 1930-1940
April 22, 1938	V8, No. 9	19	Toohey's Oatmeal Stout "Here's To 'Ee in the Stout Bottle"	
April 22, 1938	V8, No. 9	69	Pabst Canned Beer	1935 – Pabst: first major brewer to can beer. At first canned only 'Export' beer.
April 22, 1938	V8, No. 9	2 nd p. ad	Resch's Export Lager Diamond Lager "protected from heat by "Spot' Crown Seal"	
May 25, 1938	V8, No. 10	47	Mobiloil "The World's Best and Biggest Selling Motor Oil"	
May 25, 1938	V8, No. 10	2 nd p. ad	Tooth's KB Lager "K.B. – to satisfy a tropical thirst"	Australian beer

June 22, 1938	V8, No. 11	19	Victoria Bitter	Australian beer VB recipe developed early 1900's
June 22, 1938	V8, No. 11	41	Holbrook's 5 Famous Sauces Worcestershire Vat 2 Sauce Tomato Sauce Anchovy Sauce Mustard Sauce	http://www.antiquebottles.co.za/Rarity.htm bottle photos, including Holbrook's Worcestershire sauce bottle
Aug. 15, 1939	V10, No. 1	52	Eau de Cologne	8-sided faceted bottom of cologne made by Sydney Perfume, bulging upper neck
Aug. 15, 1939	Vol. 10, No. 1	34	Garden Vale Products: Sydies Tutti Fruit Juice (Worcestershire flavor) Sydies Tomato sauce	Octagonal(?) bottles but round (or faceted?) necks.
Sept. 15, 1939	V10, No. 2	14	IXL Products, Tomato sauce	Octagonal(?) bottle, round neck.
Jan. 16, 1940	V10, No. 6	34	Same as Aug. 15, 1939 entry above. Sydies	Same as above. Sydies bottles were seen in numerous ads throughout the volumes we checked

Missing, wrecked, other Ships

April 22, 1938	V8, No. 9	61	<p><i>“Cutter Missing in Fiji”</i> (article written April 2)</p> <p><i>“Believed Lost at Sea with Crew of Six”</i></p> <p>-missing for over a month, presumed auxiliary cutter “Tui Savu Savu” lost with all hands. –left Suva February 25 for Gau to load bananas and not heard from since. – was sighted off Naselai before squall and hurricane scare. – lantern, boot and box of clothing washed up on Kadavu.</p>	Gau Island is located at 18.00°S and 179.30°E
Jan. 15, 1939	V9 No. 6	80	Loss of crewmembers of Pinna	Two members of the Chinese crew of the Shell Company’s tanker ‘Pinna’ disappeared Dec. 22 overboard en route from Suva, Fiji to Lautoka, Fiji
Apr. 17, 1939	V9, No. 9	7	16 drowned at Nuku'alofa, Tongatapu, Tonga	March 3, a Tongan sailing vessel bound from Eua Island to Kologa village on the eastern end of Tongatabu Island. 16 men, women and children were drowned
Jun. 15, 1939	V9, No. 11	6	Epidemic of Cruising Yachts in the Pacific	“The South Seas, nowadays, seem to be the happy hunting-ground for world-wandering yachtsmen – almost a dozen small craft from all over the world are leisurely cruising at the moment through the Pacific.”
Jul. 15, 1939	V9, No. 12	58	“Lands End”	South African yacht “Lands End” wrecked on reef in Eastern Papua on June 8. Four men got out on a raft.

Aug. 15, 1939	V10, No. 1	22	Ketch "Connella," 43' long, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Briggs & 2 friends, in Sydney.	Proposing to establish model colony in Marquesas. Governor of Marquesas says won't be allowed.
		56	"Lands End," ketch-rigged yacht, Capt. Jeffrey, wrecks in E. Papua.	Mrs. Jeffrey & daughter, crew members row to safety, find ketch "Gitiana" with Mr. and Mrs Moffat aboard.
		28	Photo of "Lands End" on reef	Yacht was from S. Africa.
Sept. 15, 1939	V10, No. 2	47	2 Tongan men drowned when small craft capsizes off Eua.	
Nov. 15, 1939	V10, No. 4	29	Mrs. Bruce Fahnestock, 55, American stockbroker's widow, with 2 sons, on scientific expedition to central Pacific on 3-masted schooner "Director II" to collect rare birds, geological specimens, and record primitive music.	Plan to travel "from Fiji in the east right across to New Guinea in the west."
		59	Ketch "Volita," 30' long, sailed from eastern U.S. via Panama to Sydney. Stopped at Tahiti, Samoa, New Caledonia, New Hebrides	Left E. coast 11/38, arrived Australia end October '39. 2 American men with 2 English girls given a lift from New Hebrides.

Jan. 15, 1940	Vol. 10, No 6	45- 6	Near loss of cutter "Fetu'uaho" near Vavau.	Recalls disappearance of cutter "Janet" in same area, Nov. 1918, with 6 Europeans and "large number of Tongans." Storm blamed for wreck; ship was "within sight of Vavau." (962 miles from Nikumaroro)
Feb. 15, 1940	Vol. 10, No. 7	15	Wreck of Tutuila	Ship was fulfilling its Apia-Pago Pago rounds when it struck a reef off Leone Point 11 miles eastward of Pago Pago harbor. Adults all saved, but 2 native children were drowned. No bodies were ever recovered.
Feb. 15, 1940	Vol. 10, No. 7	32- 3	"Yachts and Yachtsmen" column. Brief notes on yachts in area	Refers to Johnson's schooner "Yankee." Schooner "Schen," Mrs.Fahnstock and sons. Mentions cruise through Societies and Fiji in 1936-37 in "Director," which they sold in Manila. "Te Rupunga," German yacht with "a New Zealand girl aboard," is in San Francisco, wants to go to Tahiti but will be interred if goes there. Went through S. Pacific 6 years ago, NZ,Sydney, Fiji, Tonga, to Vancouver. Alaain Gerbault "still cruising" in Society Islands. "Mr. Kelley of Baltimore," with party of 4 in "Fidler's Green," in West Indies, expected soon in Pacific.
Mar. 15, 1940	Vol. 10, No. 8	35	Yacht "Satanella," under Lt.C E. M. McCansland (RN ret)	Left Papeete 11-6-39 bound for Panama. Broke down, unable to sail upwind, wound up in Samoa.
		59	Cutter "Toutou Noa"	"Several Tongans lost their lives" when cutter swamped between Naapai & Vavua.

Lost Airplanes

Aug. 15, 1938	Vol. 9, No. 1	4	Pan-American flying boats Hawaii Clipper, Samoan Clipper	<p>Hawaii Clipper was lost between Guam and Manila July 29, 1938. A large search was conducted by American and Japanese ships. As in the loss of the Earhart's Electra, no wreckage was ever found.</p> <p>The Samoan clipper also lost in Jan. 1938, when it exploded over Pago Pago, American Samoa.</p> <p>Article mentions Hawaii-Auckland service would stop over in Canton Island.</p>
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Shipping Representatives

June 22, 1938	V8, No. 11	2	<p>Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd.</p> <p>General Merchants, Shipowners, Tourist Agents</p>	<p>http://www.dunoongazette.org/%E2%80%9Cburns-philp-and-company-ltd-pacific-islands-%E2%80%93-part-four-first-move-pacific</p> <p>Early 1900's, move into the Pacific</p> <p>See above website for shipping information, wrecks...</p>
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Amelia Earhart

May 25, 1938	V8, No. 10	42	<p><i>"Postal Mystery"</i> <i>"Unclaimed Letter for Amelia Earhart"</i> Jaluit, March 17</p> <p>On November 27, 1937 in the Jaluit post office in the Marshall Islands, an unclaimed mail attracted the writer's (<i>unnamed correspondent</i>) attention. The return address was Hollywood- Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood, CA (postmarked Los Angeles, October 7)</p>	
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Razor

March 24, 1938	V8, No. 8	16	<p><i>"Use a Rolls Razor"</i> (1927)</p> <p>English make</p>	<p>Patent for attaching blade to handle issued in US 1930</p> <p>-came in metal box</p>
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Comb

May 25, 1938	V8, No. 10	11	<p><i>“Superior Quality Brushes”</i></p> <p>Prouds Pty. Ltd.</p> <p>Sydney</p> <p>2 brushes and a comb pictured. Chromium plated.</p>	Founded as Prouds Pty. Jewellers Ltd. In 1903
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Zippers

May 25, 1938	V8, No. 10	63	<p>Fashion Hints for Women</p> <p>“Zipp fasteners in diamante and brilliant colours are sometimes the only splash of contrast on coats, and those same fasteners have ousted buttons from their favoured position. Every second frock one sees...boasts one or more of these fasteners.”</p>	
June 22, 1938	V8, No. 11	65	<p>Fashion Hints for Women</p> <p>“All sorts of clothes are zipped up with lightning fasteners.”</p>	

Watch

June 22, 1938	V8, No. 11	21	<p>Angus & Coote's indestructible lever watch</p> <p>"Designed for Action"</p> <p>"The indestructible lever"</p> <p>"What a watch for the tropics."</p> <p>"No moisture whatever can gain access."</p>	<p>Diamond and watch specialist</p> <p>Founded 1895 Australia</p>
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Canton Island

March 24, 1938	V8, No. 8	9	Friendly Rival Claims for Canton Island	
May 25, 1938	V8, No. 10	14	<p>"War" on Canton Island</p> <p>Joint occupation by British and Americans. Chief disaster to date is shortage of "spuds"</p>	
Oct. 14, 1939	V10, No. 3	p. 32	Article: "Who owns little islands:?" Anglo-American Inquiries in Central Pacific	Cooperation, amity resulting from joint missions stressed. U.S. settlement of Canton mentioned. "Poker games between Brits and Americans."

June 22, 1938	V8, No. 11	14	Central Islands' Future/Britain & USA Have 'Share Control' Plan Great Britain will shortly colonize the Phoenix Islands, including Canton and Enderbury, by transferring natives from the Gilbert and Ellice groups.	
Dec. 15, 1939	V. 10, No. 5	10	Impressive U.S./ PAA development of Canton "within last 6 months"	5/17/39: SS North Haven arrived with construction material. 6/39: USCGC Taney arrived In last 4 months, radio station, barracks, warehouses built. "A score of permanent buildings" now in place Mid-Sept. 39, SS Thor arrived with partially pre-fab hotel – modern and attractive. Dynamite used to clear coral heads in lagoon.

New Technology

May 25, 1938	V8, No. 10	46	Increasing Use of Teleradio	
May 25, 1938	V8, No. 10	71	A.W.A. Teleradio No. 3A Portable radio Telephone-telegraphic equipment	
Aug. 15, 1939	V9, No. 2	51	Wunderlich Durasbestos	"Indestructible" building material.

Jan. 15, 1940	V10, No. 6	15	Champion Radio, "Ultimate."	Ad implies can get voice reception from 126 stations, incl. European.
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Other Stuff

Feb. 15, 1939	V9, No. 7	45	Mosquitoes – The Pervading Pest of the Tropics	This and numerous other articles in the PIM collection we surveyed detailed the hazards of disease spread by mosquitoes and ways to stop their propagation
June 15, 1939	V9, No. 11	34	Mosquito Pest – Some common breeding places	
Aug. 15, 1939	V10, No. 1	79	Full page ad for Guinea Airways, with Electras flying around	Same or similar ad in other issues
Jan. 15, 1940	V10, No. 6	35	Reports launch of Viti	Discusses grumbling at fancy ships for officials, not only in Fiji but elsewhere
Feb. 15, 1940	V10, No. 7	5	Reports formation of 2 battalions of Fiji Defense Force	
Apr. 16, 1940	Vol. 10, No. 9	20	Transfer of population from Gilberts to Phoenix Islands	Article describes a portion of the Phoenix Islands Settlement Scheme (P.I.S.S.) "Gardner is 2 miles long, fertile, unoccupied, and carries large coconut plantations."