

Two Babies Missing as Pan-American Clipper Dives Into Puerto Rico Bay

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Oct. 3—A giant Pan-American clipper, enroute from Miami to San Juan with 21 passengers and six crew members, "water looped" as it landed in the seaplane channel today and overturned. Pan American Airways officials reported that 19 of the 21 passengers were saved and all members of the crew. Two babies were reported missing, but hope was expressed that they may have been picked up by one of the many small boats in the harbor.

Among the passengers, who was rescued from the stricken ship and taken ashore, was Lawrence T. Ritchie, 29, Boston wool company executive. Another New Englander was Lawrence Keating, a Franklin, Mass., engineer.

The accident occurred as the giant sky liner was making a routine landing. Just as the ship struck the water, it suddenly tipped and overturned, but did not sink.

A Coast Guard cutter, the Unalga, stationed in San Juan harbor, sped to the rescue and hauled 15 of the 27 passengers and crew out of the water. Other boats also rushed to the scene of the accident and it is believed that everyone may have been saved.

A hasty checkup on shore revealed all but the two children had been reported saved. The infants were Marie and Zuzzie Russo, who were brought aboard the clipper by their mother, Mrs. Angelina Russo at Port au Prince, Haiti.

Although a complete passenger list was not immediately available, the rescued crew members were identified as Capt. Charles A. Lorber, pilot; H. Breux, first officer; V. P. Donnelly, flight mechanic; W. Mahony, radio operator; J. Gatala and A. Calliguirri, stewards. All are Miamians.

Ritchie was identified as the head of the L. T. Ritchie Wool Co. Summer in Boston. He was on

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Father of two small children, Patricia, 5, and Lawrence, Jr., 3, he lives in Melbourne ave., Melrose. He is a native of Somerville and a graduate of Maiden High school.

Cause of the accident was not immediately determined. Pan American Airways officials, however said that the plane apparently swung sideways as it hit the water.

The crash occurred at exactly 6:54 p. m. The plane left Miami at 7 a. m on its 12-hour hop across the Caribbean.