



PRESENTS PROBLEM . . . Dave Cook, general manager of International Sea Van, Inc., takes on job of decoding mail partially destroyed in fire that followed cargo plane crash in Chicago. Post office delivered mail to Torrance office of Columbia Van Lines, agency for International, with little of address remaining to direct them. (Herald photo)

Mail Goes Through on Slimmest Clues After Chicago Air Crash

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That the United States mail will get through is an accepted fact.

When this mail is partially destroyed by fire resulting from a plane crash, the addresses mostly burned away, it is above and beyond the call of duty to expect delivery, but this happened and the Columbia Van Lines, affiliated with International Van Lines, Inc., has the evidence to prove it.

Dave Cook, general manager of International Van Lines, has a letter and a package of manifest forms and bills of lading that were burned in the fire that followed a cargo transport crash near Chicago last month. His job is to try to decode these papers and see that new records are sent to their destinations.

Chicago and in part made up for other losses resulting from this airline catastrophe.

IN THE MEANTIME officials of International Sea Van will work over the charred papers and try to figure out more details than just the fact that they were bills of lading for military dependents' household goods shipped to the United States from Spain, Cook believes that the correspondents will again query his company.

Ironically, besides the charred remains of these papers, there is another local tie to the plane crash. This was the death of Aerion Lyman Auge, 35, 5601 Rugby St., flight engineer on the ill fated plane, who died in the wreck near Chicago's Midway Airport.

MOST REMARKABLE is the fact that the post office was able to recover and deliver this partly destroyed mail and that the letter and manila envelope, with all of the address burned away except —Van Lines, Inc. —Columbia Street, —nce, California, reached 2805 Columbia St., the Torrance location of the van lines company.

Delivering this mail, no doubt, represented considerable effort and time on the part of post office personnel in

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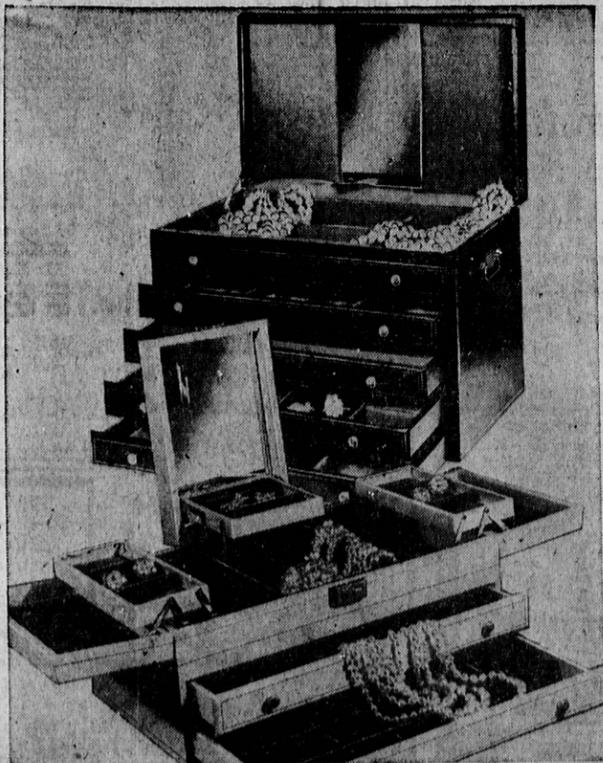


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