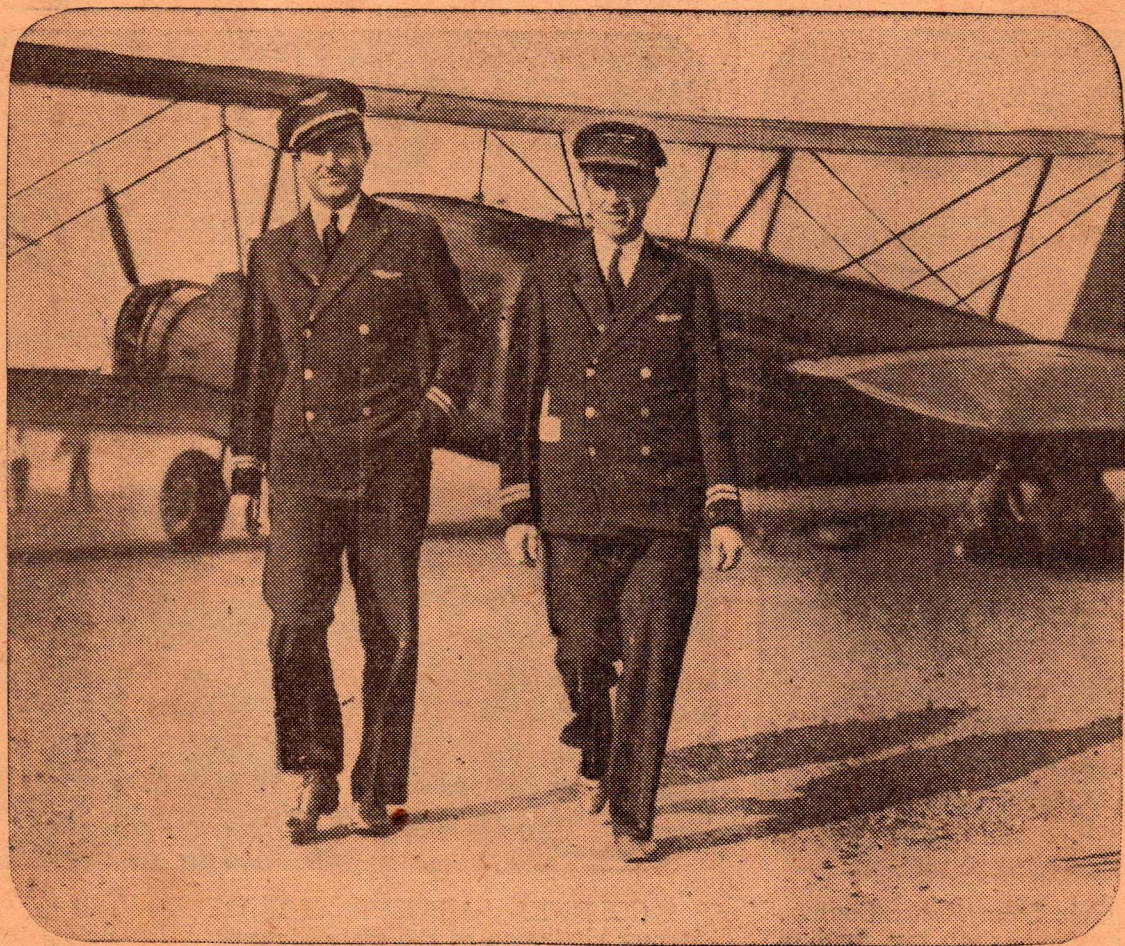


LAND SAFELY IN DAMAGED PLANE



HERE ARE Co-Pilot Albert Duke (left) and Pilot L. J. Willey, who landed their crippled Eastern Airliner at Newark Airport today in a manner

which earned the unstinted praise of the six passengers. In the rear a mechanic may be seen working on the tail wheel of the Curtis-Condor plane.

ON CRIPPLED PLANE SAVED FROM CRASH HERE

Ship Makes One-Wheel Landing After Gear Is Locked In Air

While eight pieces of fire apparatus, a score of police and an ambulance with nurses and doctors waited, ready for any emergency, a crippled giant Condor Eastern Airliner, inbound from New Orleans with six passengers aboard, made a thrilling, safe one-wheel landing at Newark Airport today.

Aware of the danger of the ship bursting into flame in case of a landing crack-up, Pilot L. W. Willey had radioed ahead for fire-fighting apparatus.

The trouble developed when the plane left Hoover Airport at Washington at 6:13 A. M. on the last leg of her long trip to Newark. The left wheel came up in good order, but Pilot Willey had trouble getting the right wheel up and the plane was off balance.

After the ship passed Baltimore, Co-pilot Albert Duke climbed out on the right wing to seek the cause of the trouble, while the alarmed passengers watched. He found the right wheel was pushed up out of

line and jammed. He was unable to get it back into position.

The pilots, both veterans, assured the passengers there was little danger, and then got in touch, via their two-way radio with Newark Airport.

Willey circled from the airport to the Statue of Liberty until all was ready. Policemen and firemen, airport attendants and spectators lined the field every few feet, each man armed with a fire extinguisher, ready for action.

Then Co-pilot Duke went into the cabin and massed all six passengers in the rear of the plane to take as much weight as possible off the jammed wheel.

Willey brought the plane down at the north end of the field, hitting on an angle so the good left wheel struck ground first. The shock of the landing snapped the jammed right wheel back into position and the only damage done was the crumpling of the small rear wheel due to the unusual weight of the passengers huddled over it.

Firemen, Police, Ambulance Ready But Plane Lands Safely Here

Delayed a half hour because of trouble with its landing gear, a New Orleans-Newark Eastern Air Lines plane with six passengers landed safely at Newark Airport at 8:30 A. M. today. Firemen, the police emergency squad and a City Hospital ambulance were at the field.

The plane left Washington at 6 A. M. with five men and a woman and Pilots Lee Wiley and Earl Duke. Soon after the pilots discovered the landing gear had not completely retracted. Efforts to draw it up with a metal pole resulted only in breaking the pole.

Stops at Baltimore and Camden were passed up, although one passenger was bound for the latter place. The passengers were informed of the trouble. They were told the plane would get down safely, although the landing probably would be bumpy.

The plane radioed Newark Airport

of the trouble. While the firemen, police and ambulance were assembled, the plane circled overhead, going out as far as the Statue of Liberty.

Instructed to land, the plane was brought down as firemen lined the field, hose unrolled and extinguishers handy. Duke massed the passengers in the rear to take the weight from the front of the plane.

Wiley brought the ship down on the left wheel, which was fully extended. The jar snapped the right wheel into position. The only damage was to the small, rear wheel, which crumpled under the weight of the passengers.

The passengers stepped out, excited by their experience, but surprised by the presence of the interne and policemen and firemen. The Camden passenger went there on a plane which departed soon afterward. The others went to New York.

AIR LINER LANDS ON ONE WHEEL

Pilots' Skill Saves Machine Carrying Six Passengers to Newark Airport.

Six passengers on the Eastern Air Lines plane from New Orleans and Washington got more thrills than they bargained for today when their ship's landing gear jammed as the plane left the Washington airport for Newark.

Over Baltimore they saw co-pilot Albert Duke crawl out on the right wing of the speeding plane and try vainly to fix the mechanism. Presently he crawled back to report that the right landing wheel was jammed hopelessly and out of line.

A radio message to Newark told officials of the plane's condition.

Policemen, firemen, ambulances and spectators were waiting on the field when the plane arrived.

For twenty minutes Pilot L. W. Wiley maneuvered for the smoothest landing possible, gliding down time and again, each time trying a new approach to his problem.

Duke stationed the passengers in the rear of the cabin to shift the center of weight.

Wiley glided in at an angle which made the left wheel strike the ground first. The result was that the right wheel jolted into place and the ship rolled smoothly to a stop.

Passengers reported that the only shock they felt was when the tail of the plane hit the pavement and smashed the small balance wheel under it.

"All in the day's work," was the comment of the two pilots.

Followed by a Happy Landing

Five men and a woman settled back in the seats of an Eastern Air Lines Condor one morning last week. Up it roared from Washington's airport, bound for Baltimore, Camden, Newark. Over Baltimore Co-pilot Albert Duke came back into the cabin and quietly told them to prepare for a crack-up. The plane had struck a rough spot on the take-off and damaged its retracting gear. The right wheel wouldn't drop into position.

Nothing puts an airport in more of a dither than the prospect of a one-wheel landing. At Newark, airline officials huddled over the radioed report of the ship's plight, then instructed the pilots to fly there direct.

Field boys, porters, dispatchers, mechanics stood by to clear wreckage. Two ambulances and eight fire trucks, with motors running, waited for the crash.

Soon the plane droned over the field and circled slowly. On board, Co-pilot Duke herded the passengers into the rear left-hand seats. Gently Pilot Lee Willey brought the big biplane down to

the runway with its left wing low and its motors dead. The left wheel struck. For a split second the big ship teetered; her tail slued sharply. Then, in the nick of time, down into position fell the right wheel, jarred loose by the impact.

Airport workers sighed with relief. Instead of a list of dead and injured they logged only one casualty—a smashed 10-inch tail-wheel.