

Scope Scoop

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(W.K.) DAL DALLAS, HIS WIFE, HAZEL, AND FOUR OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WERE MAKING A LANDING ON THE AIRSTRIP OF BLAKELY ISLAND IN THE SAN JUANS, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, WHEN AN ACCIDENT OCCURRED. BOTH DAL AND HAZEL SUFFERED SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE BURNS AND WERE TAKEN TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL IN BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON.

ON THE APPROACH TO THE AIRSTRIP THROUGH ROUGH AIR, DAL'S AEROCOMMANDER SETTLED JUST SHORT OF THE RUNWAY. THE LEFT WHEEL HIT A SIX INCH RISE AT THE EDGE OF A ROAD WHICH RUNS ACROSS THE EDGE OF THE RUNWAY. THIS COLLAPSED THE LEFT LANDING GEAR, MAKING THE PLANE DIFFICULT TO CONTROL. IT TRAVELED ABOUT A THOUSAND FEET BEFORE HITTING THE TREES ALONG THE EDGE OF THE RUNWAY. THE RIGHT WING WAS FOLDED BACK, RUPTURING THE GAS LINES. THERE WERE NO CRASH INJURIES. THE OTHER FOUR PASSENGERS GOT OUT IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, HAZEL AND DAL DELAYED GETTING OUT FOR SOME REASON AND ABOUT A MINUTE AFTER THE CRASH AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED, IGNITING THE SPILLED GASOLINE. THEY WERE SERIOUSLY BURNED AND ONE OF THE OTHERS WAS BURNED SLIGHTLY HELPING THEM.

DR. RAGSDALE, A BURN SPECIALIST TREATING DAL AND HAZEL DALLAS, REPORTED THIS MORNING THEY ARE DOING PRETTY WELL AND SPENT A REAL ENCOURAGING NIGHT. HE WAS MUCH ENCOURAGED FROM THE PREVIOUS DAY.

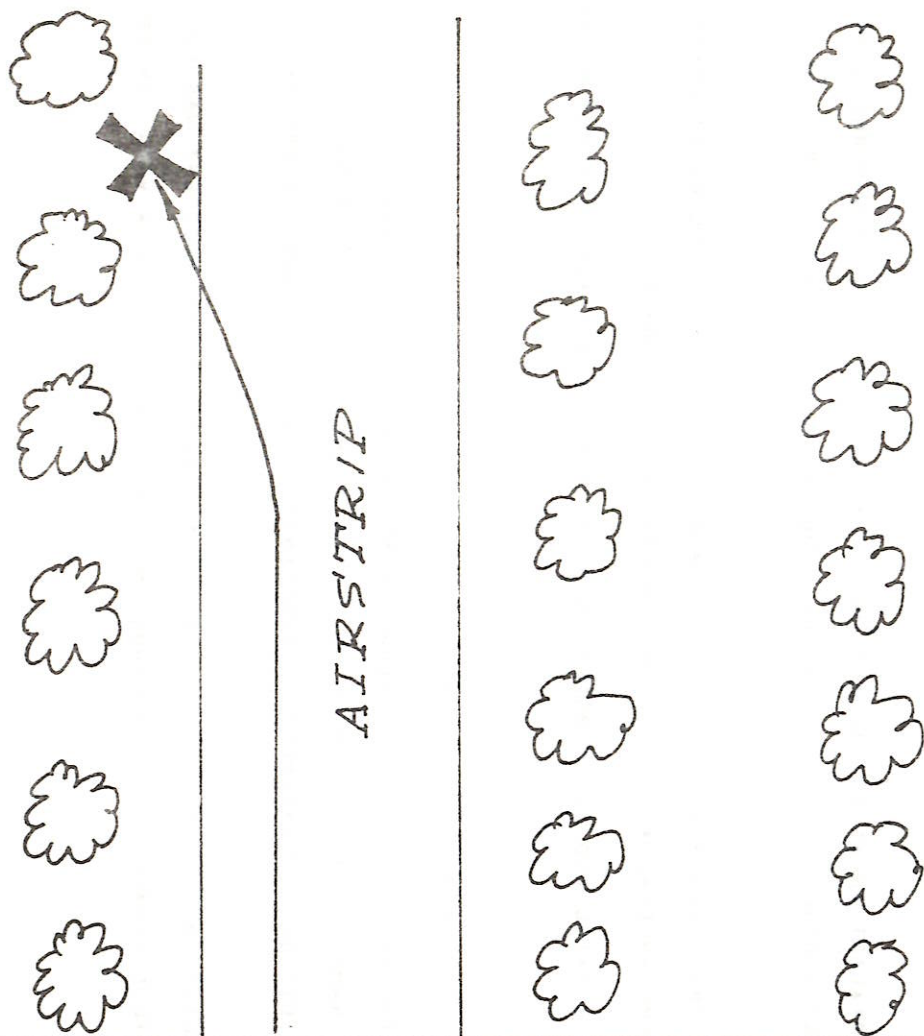
THEIR CONDITION IS STILL CRITICAL, REQUIRING SPECIAL NURSING CARE. IT WILL BE AT LEAST ANOTHER TWENTY-FOUR HOURS BEFORE AN EVALUATION OF THEIR RECOVERY CAN BE MADE.

SPECIAL NURSES HAVE BEEN LOCATED AND AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF BLOOD WAS FLOWN FROM PORTLAND TODAY FOR THEM.

INDIVIDUALS WITH O POSITIVE AND THOSE WITH B NEGATIVE BLOOD WHO WISH TO GIVE BLOOD ON CALL ARE ASKED TO LEAVE THEIR NAMES WITH THE NURSES IN EITHER PLANT, EXT. 303 OR 562. SUPPLY, AT PRESENT, IS SUFFICIENT BUT REPLACEMENT OF EMERGENCY STOCK OR STANDBY DONORS MAY BE CALLED FOR.

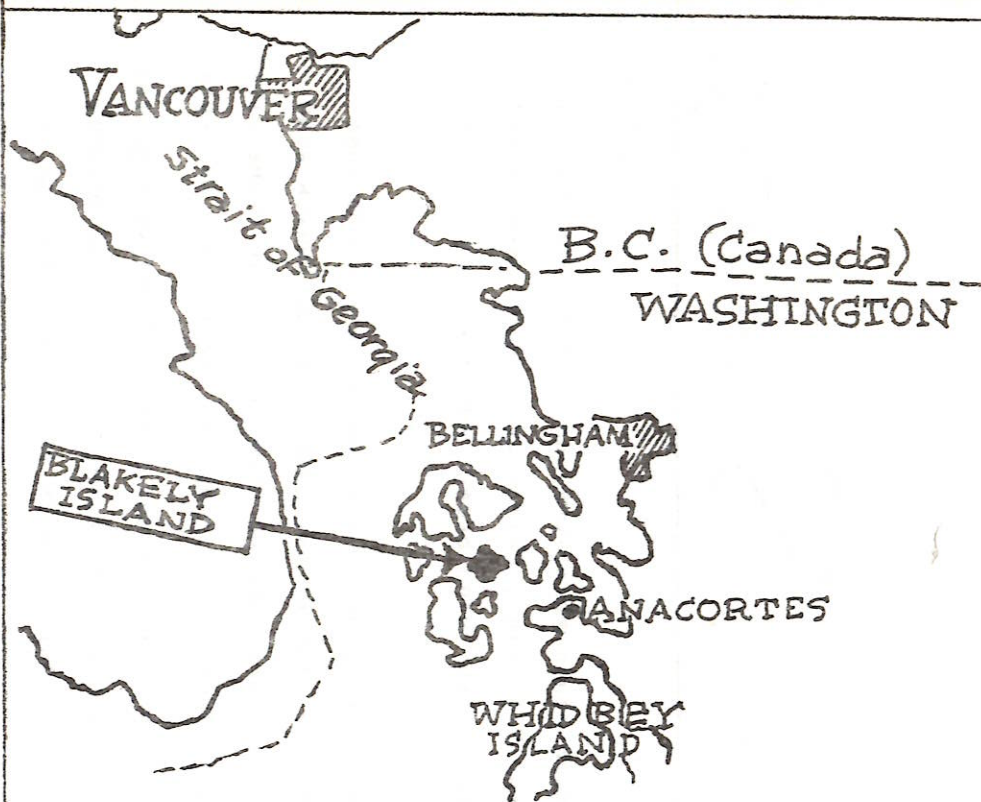
IT IS TYPICAL OF THE DALLAS' THAT THEIR GREATEST CONCERN FOLLOWING THE ACCIDENT WAS FOR THE OTHER PEOPLE AND THE POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THE ISLAND, WHICH IS DEVELOPING AS A VACATION SPOT.

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ROAD

SHORELINE,
BLAKELY ISLAND



SKETCH AT THE LEFT IS MANNER IN WHICH DAL'S PLANE WAS CAUSED TO SKID INTO TREES LINING THE BLAKELY ISLAND AIR STRIP.

MAP ABOVE LOCATES BLAKELY ISLAND IN THE SAN JUANS SOUTHWEST OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON.

THE ISLAND IS A RETREAT FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE RESIDENCES THERE. ONLY APPROACH TO THE ISLAND IS BY PRIVATE PLANE OR BOAT.

A NAVY HELICOPTER FLEW FROM NEARBY BASE ON WHIDBY ISLAND AND TOOK DAL AND HAZEL TO BELLINGHAM WITHIN AN HOUR AFTER THE CRASH.