

## Plane Wreckage Believed Sighted

### Mountain Climbers Face Dangerous Trip

Seattle—(AP)— A picked mountain climbing party faced a dangerous journey to the precipitous, 10,000-foot level of Mt. Rainier today to check on what may be the wreckage of the marine corps transport plane which vanished with 32 men aboard on a San Diego-Seattle flight last December 10.

Thirteenth naval district headquarters reported the "tentative" identification of the wreckage by Assistant Chief Ranger Bill Butler, on Tahoma glacier on the mountain's southwest face.

Butler reported he sighted through field glasses from a high ridge late Monday a plane's bucket seat, a piece of a plane's metal "skin" and what appeared to be another piece of wreckage.

Lt. Gordon Stanley, Sandpoint naval air station rescue and flight officer, said the spot is close to the course which had been traced for the lost plane.

Relatives of men aboard the plane have posted a \$5,000 reward for its discovery.

Because of the snow and rock-slide conditions in the area, McChord field was assigned the job of keeping aircraft away from the ground search area because of the danger of vibrations starting slides which might threaten the search party.

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