

Las Vegas, Nev. January 6. 1976

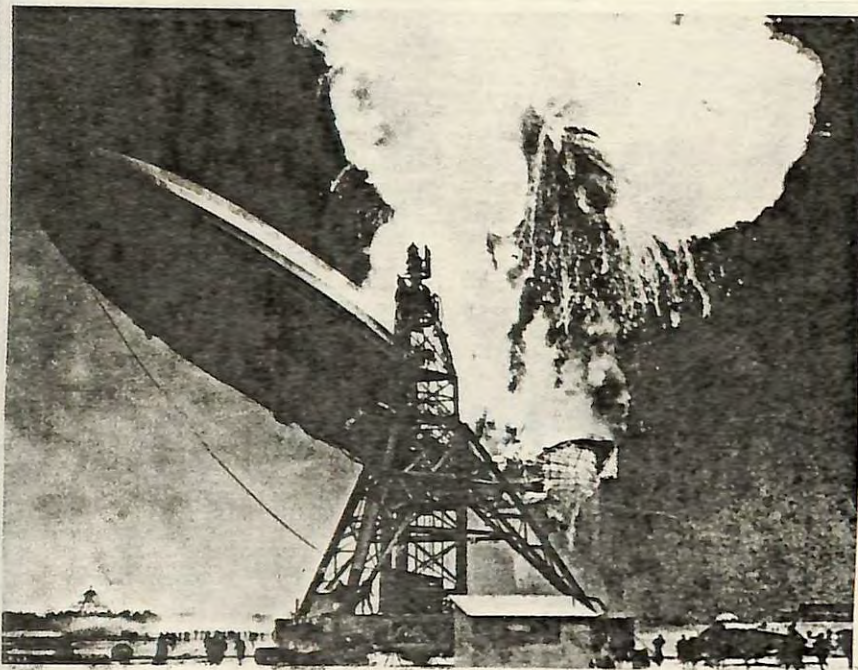
Mr. Robt W. Klopfer
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Holyoke, Mass. 01040

Dear Zeppelin Fan:

It is a good hobby to be interested in Zeppelins, I have been since early youth, unfortunately, I am not in contact with any of the survivors of the HINDENBURG, passengers or crew and my advise is, to write to Jerry M. Evans, Universal Pictures, 445 Park Avenue, N.Y. 10022, he might be able to help you.

Kindest Regards,

Joseph Spah
1429 Pawnee Drive
Las Vegas, Nev. 89109



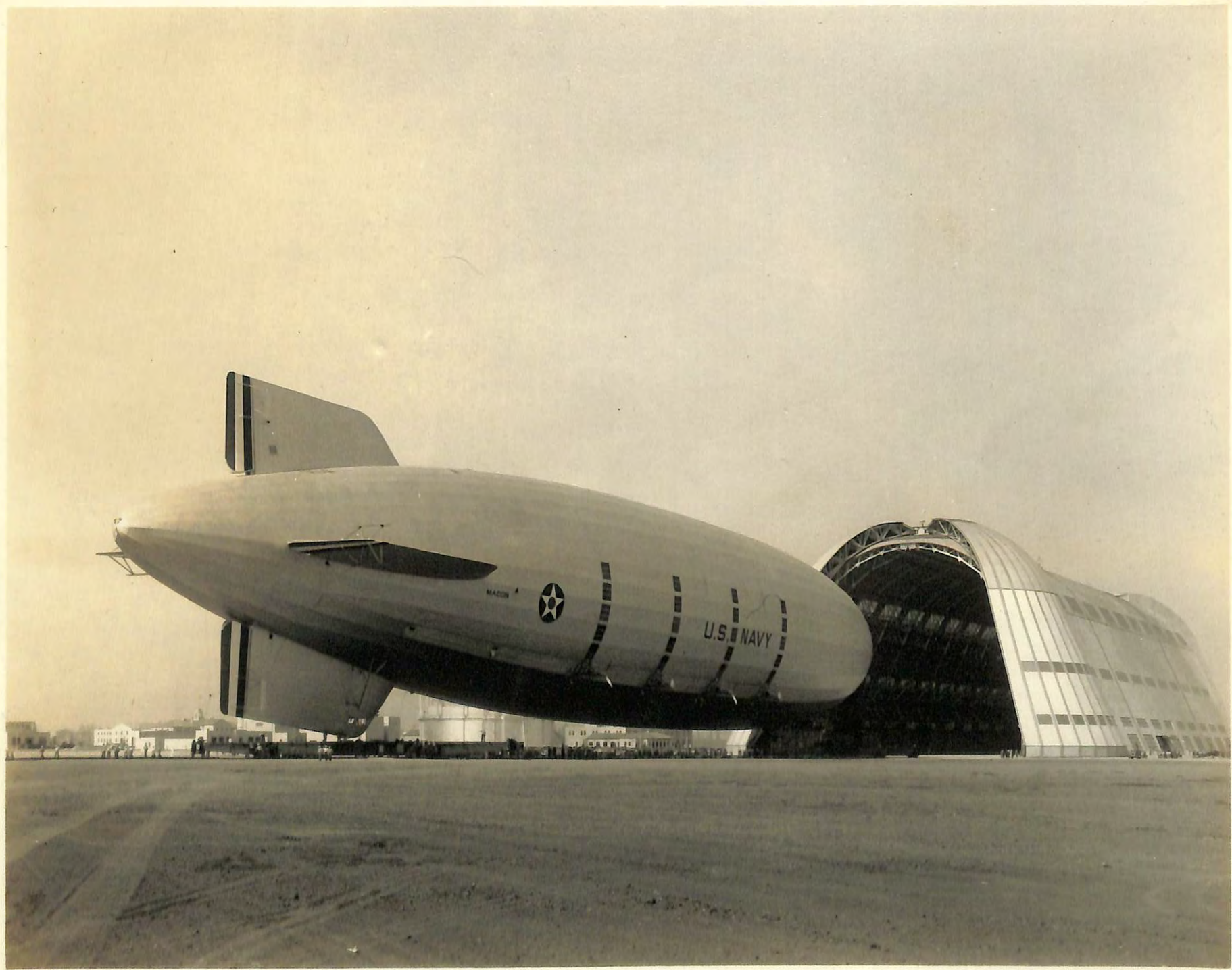
May 6, 1937 - LZ 129 "Hindenburg" explodes while landing in Lakehurst.

It was the "Hindenburg's" 63rd trip, its eleventh to the United States. On board were 36 passengers and a 61 man crew. 13 passengers, 22 crew members and one member of the American ground crew were killed. Captain was Max Pruss who survived. The cause of the explosion has never been completely explained.

last year.

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Famed acrobatic clown Ben Dova (right name Joseph Spah) who saved his own life with his trained athletic-acrobatic agility when the Hindenburg Zeppelin exploded at Lakehurst, N.J., in May, 1937 — Ben leaped safely from an amazing height to the ground — finally was hired by Universal Pix to publicize the disaster flick; only for one week — the dopes! Ben's story (he'll be played in the film by Robert Clary) is a thriller by itself but poignant in another way: a most dependable laugh-grabber, the protean Ben was in Germany when he rec'd an emergency cable from Radio City Music Hall producer Leon Leonidoff to race in for the next show. It was too late to get here by ship, no planes — so Ben booked himself onto the Hindenburg to be able to get to the Music Hall May 12th. Leonidoff's cable read, "Spare no expense must have you on the date as I build the show around you to your best advantage." Ben got here expensively and tragi-dramatically in plenty of time for the Music Hall show — except that he cracked an ankle in his miraculous leap to life, spent months waiting for it to heal; the disappointing little punch-





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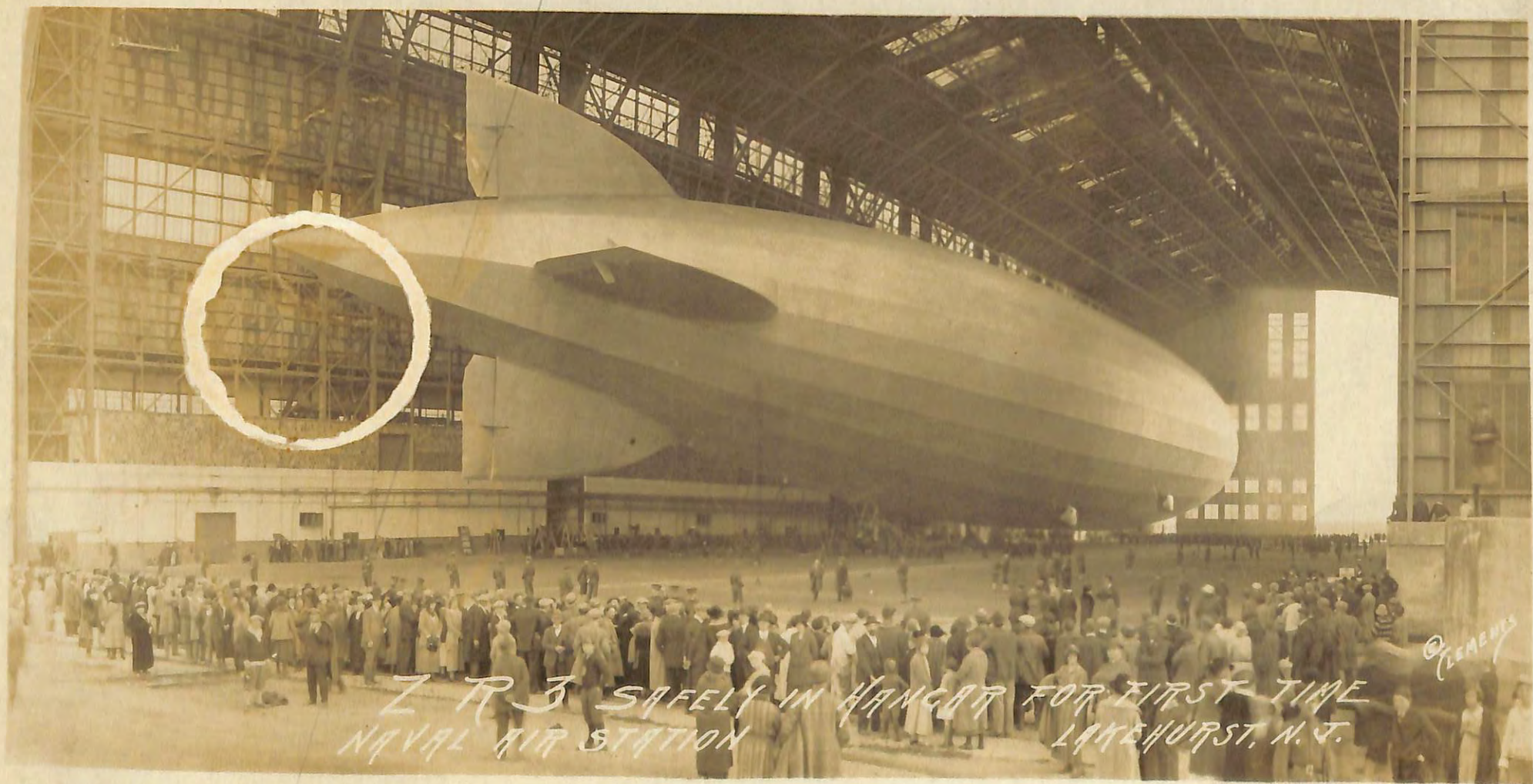
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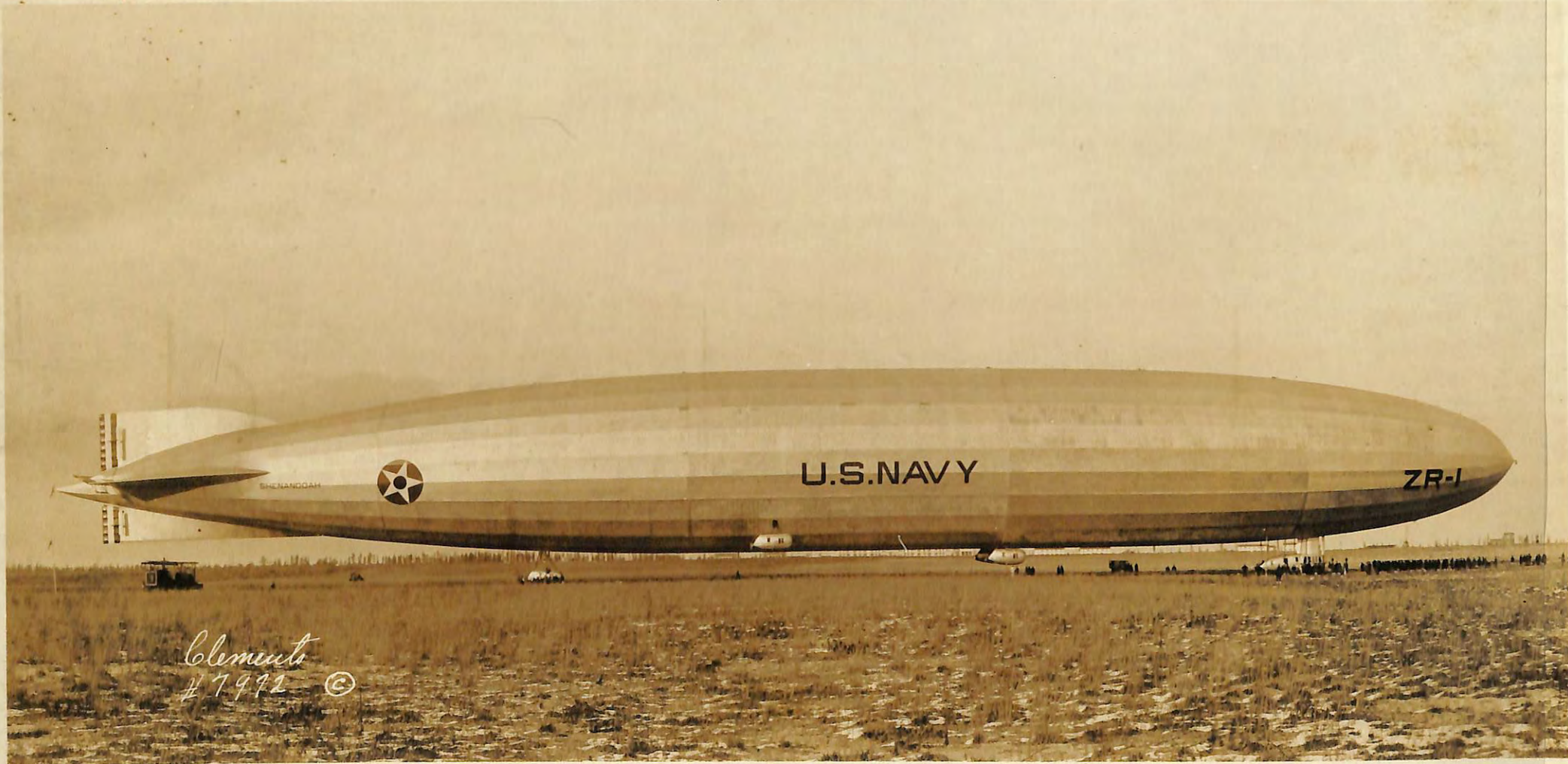
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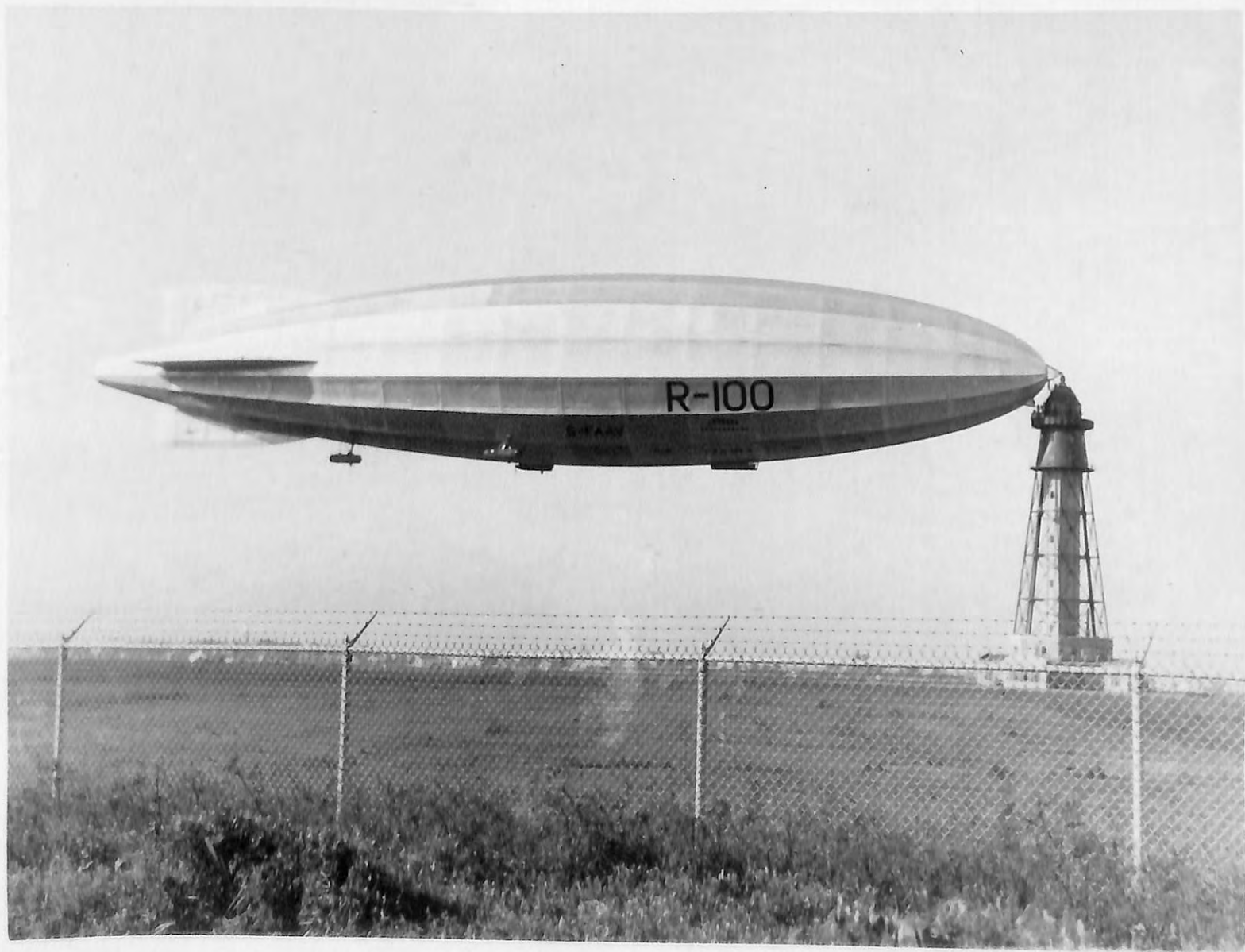




Graf Zeppelin in first flight over city.



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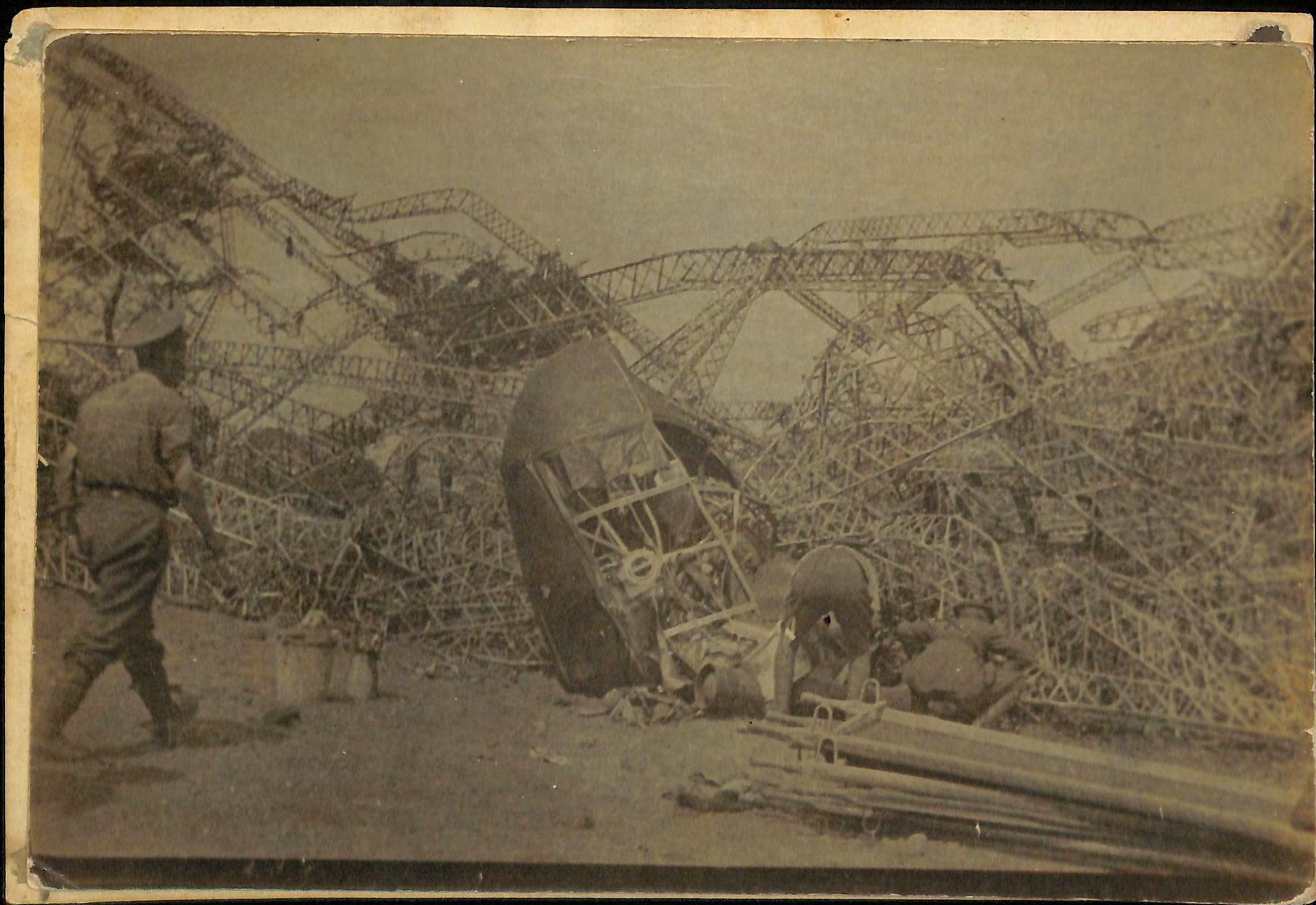
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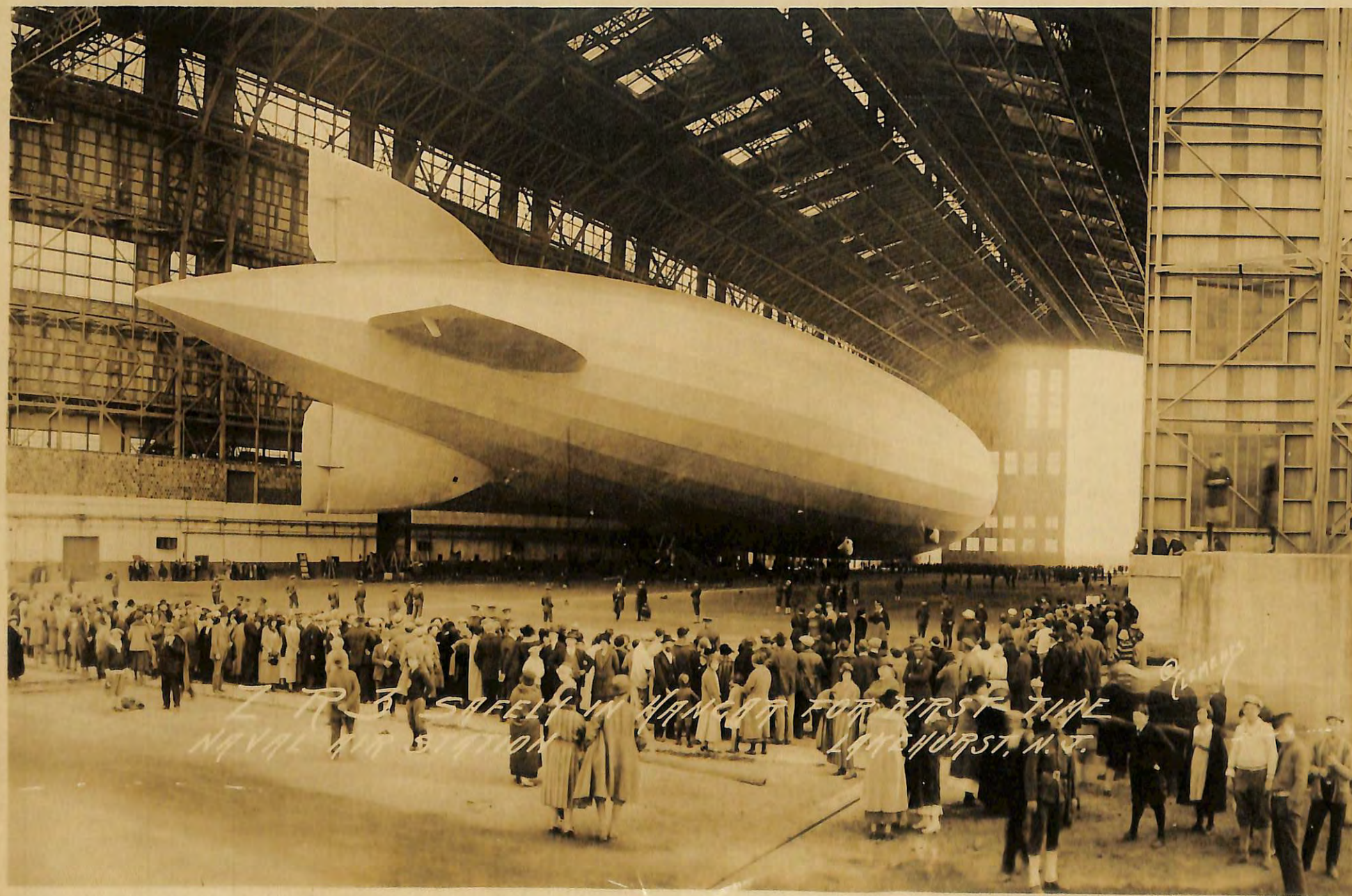
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SHARON, OHIO, BEARING ALL BUT ONE OF
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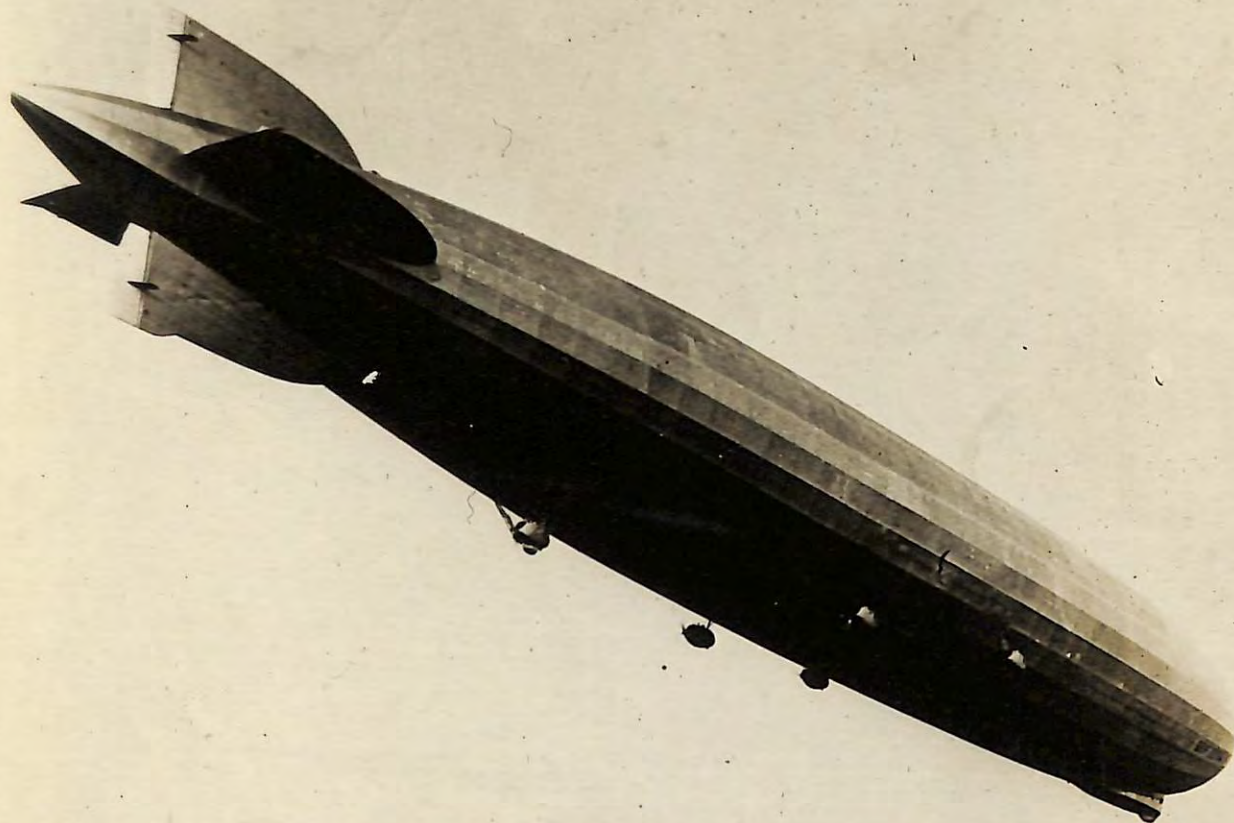
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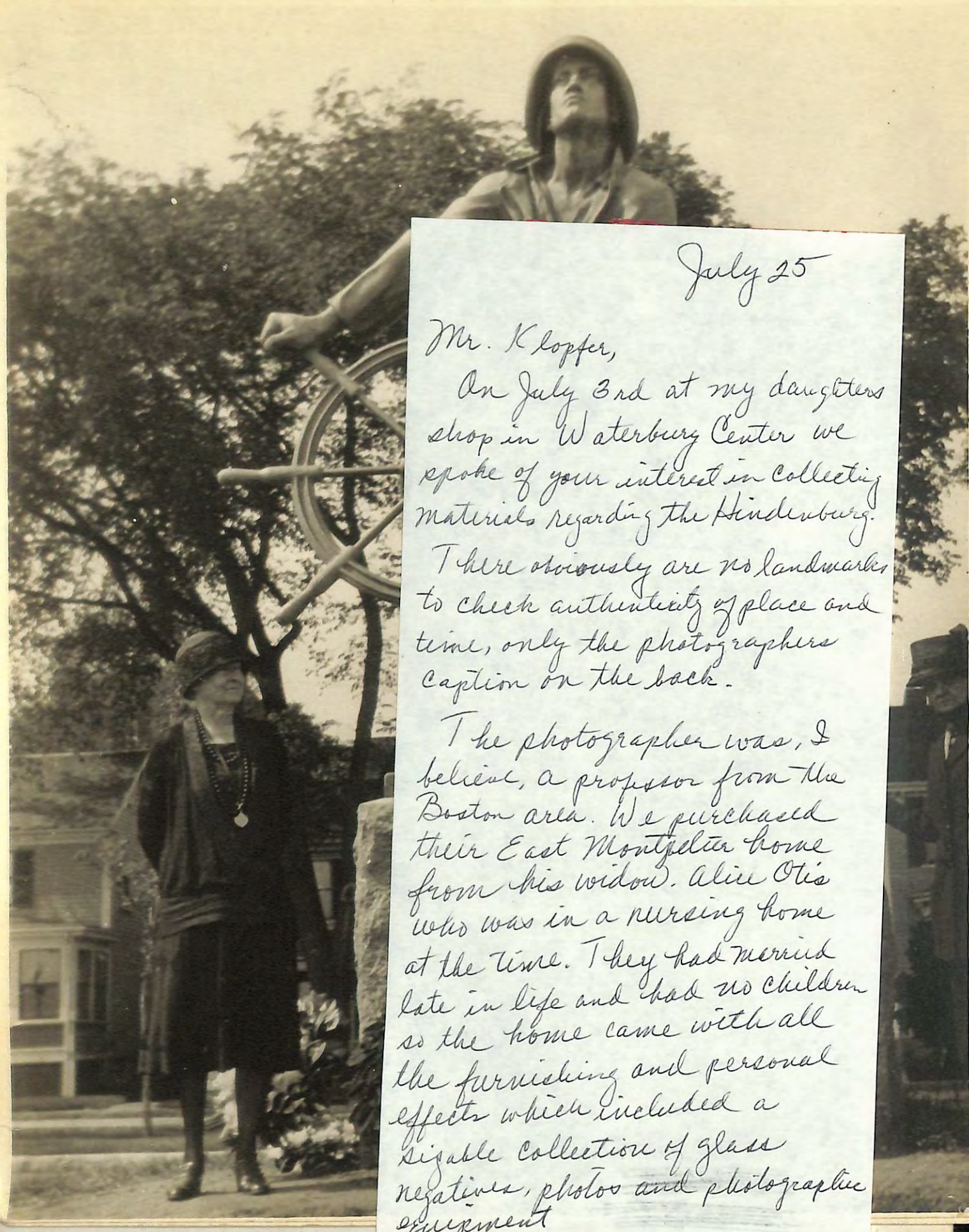
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SLUG (GRAF ZEPPELIN)

THE GRAF ZEPPELIN STARTS FOR THE NORTH POLE

BERLIN...THE FAMOUS DIRIGIBLE GRAF ZEPPELIN
ARRIVING AT BERLIN FROM LAKE CONSTANCE, ON THE
START OF THE EPOCHAL FLIGHT TO THE ARCTIC REGIONS.
COMPLETING A MARVELOUS EXPLORATIVE EXPEDITION, THE
GERMAN CRAFT RETURNED AFTER CROSSING THE RUSSIAN
STEPPES AND COMPLETING A VOYAGE OF VAST SCIENTIFIC
VALUE.

B/AUG/1/31





July 25

Mr. Klopfer,

On July 3rd at my daughters shop in Waterbury Center we spoke of your interest in collecting materials regarding the Hindenburg.

There obviously are no landmarks to check authenticity of place and time, only the photographers caption on the back.

The photographer was, I believe, a professor from the Boston area. We purchased their East Montpelier home from his widow. Alvin Otis who was in a nursing home at the time. They had married late in life and had no children so the home came with all the furnishing and personal effects which included a sizable collection of glass negatives, photos and photographic equipment.

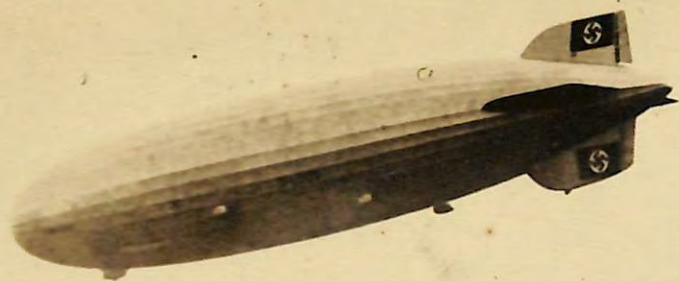


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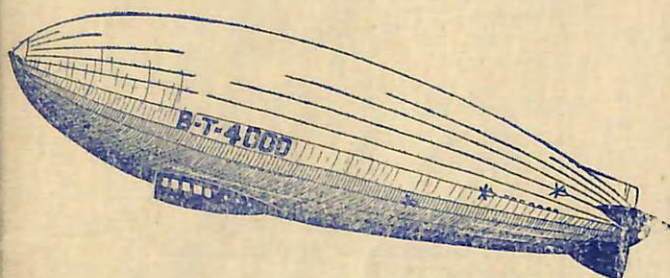
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Mid-Winter
Dinner



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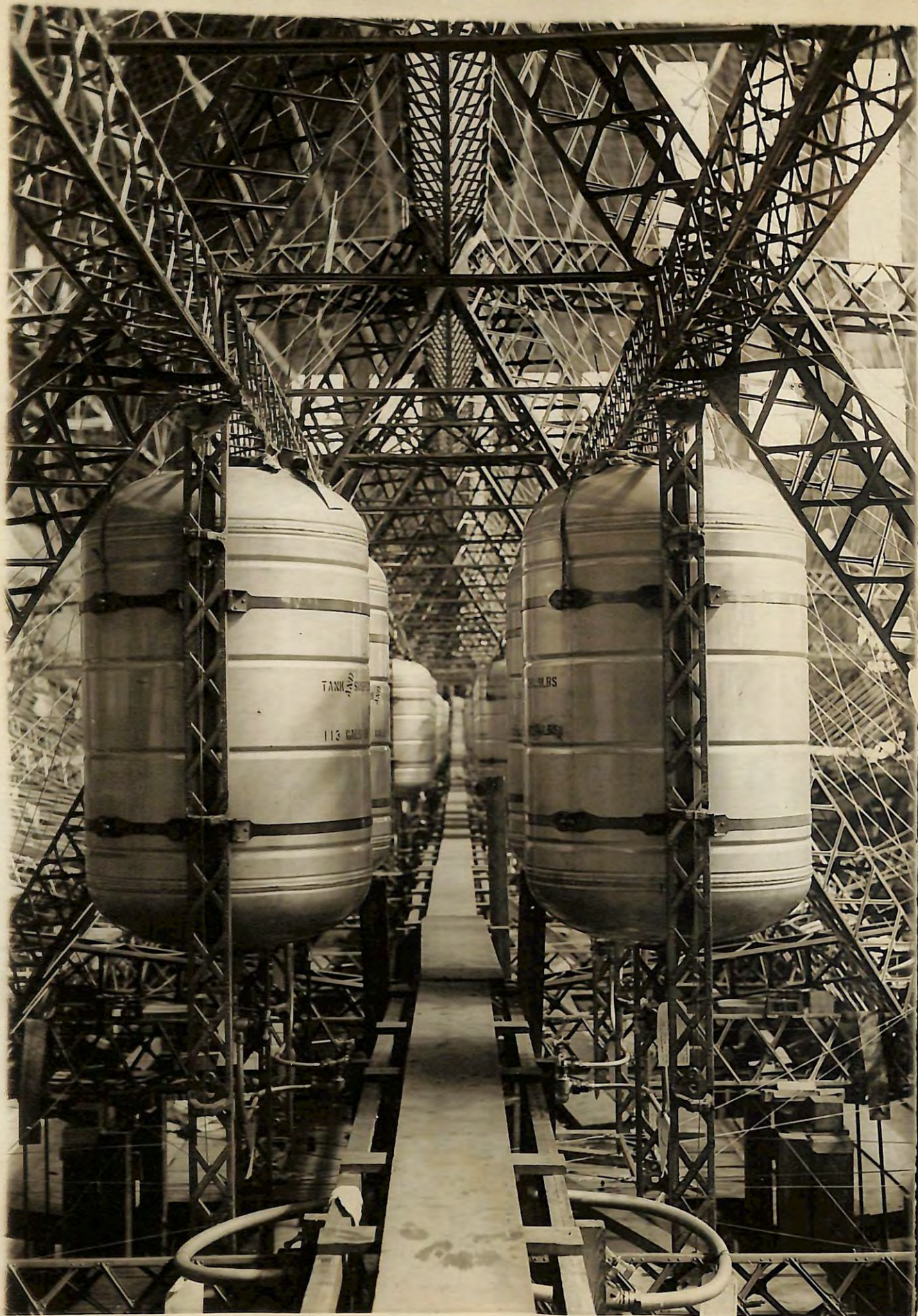
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See Floor Plan on Enclosed Sheet

Locate Your Table from Floor Plan—
"BLAZING THE BLUE" Aloft on the B.T. 4000

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BUILDING WORLD'S LARGEST DIRIGIBLE!

WORK ON THE ZR-1, UNCLE SAM'S GIANT DIRIGIBLE WHICH WILL BE THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD, IS BEING RUSHED IN ITS HANGAR AT LAKEHURST, N. J. SO THAT IT WILL BE READY FOR ITS TRIAL FLIGHT IN JULY. THE ENTIRE FRAME HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED AND WORK IS BEING STARTED ON THE OUTER COVERING OF THE HUGE SHIP. THIS COVERING WILL BE COMPOSED OF BB BALLOON FABRIC SPECIALLY TREATED WITH ACETONE SO THAT IT WILL BE IMPERVIOUS TO WEATHER. SIXTY-TWO FUEL TANKS, EACH WITH A CAPACITY OF 5420 GALLONS OF GASOLINE ARE BEING PLACED IN POSITION ALONGSIDE THE CORRIDOR WHICH RUNS FROM BOW TO STERN. SIXTEEN OF THE TANKS WILL BE DETACHABLE SO THAT THEY CAN BE DROPPED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. THE ABOVE SHOWS SOME OF THESE TANKS. (B-4-7-23)

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