

Comet search: POSITION LOCATED?

15 The Island of Elba is big news again. Once famed for
Napoleon's exile, it is now the centre of salvage oper-
25 ations for the lost Comet. So far the frigate Wrangler
is directing a small fleet, in which two Italian salvage-
trawlers play a prominent part. With Asdic apparatus
Wrangler ^{is} ~~was~~ sounding the depths ~~over~~ ^{at} the place where the
Italians reported ^{the} their nets had fouled objects which
40 might be Comet wreckage. Smoke markers were dropped to
define the area in which the Comet is thought to be.

Later each smoke marker was replaced by ^{a marker} ~~a buoy~~ buoy.

In command of operations so far is Captain Parry, aboard
Wrangler. Systematic search by Asdic apparatus is expected
to locate the wreckage. There will remain the task of
raising it. Not only does it lie in nearly three hundred
feet of water - tremendous depth for divers - the seabed
hereabouts is covered by six feet of mud. But if ~~humanly~~ ^{at all}
30 possible the Comet will be raised.