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## A RACE AGAINST TIME.

I'm afraid these pictures are not as good as the story which lies behind them, but we have to thank an amateur photographer for doing his best, (under difficult circumstances) to make it possible for us to tell you the story. A Pan-American plane met foul weather off the West Coast of Africa, and was forced to land -on Vichy French territory. On board were British Army and Air Force Personnel who would be interned if they fell into the hands of the Vichy people. Of course, that would never do...

A radio message, giving the position of the grounded machine, was sent out, and picked up by a British station. A Hudson aircraft was despatched to locate the plane, while one of the Navy's Motor launches headed along the coast. It was a race against time.

These men had to be rescued before the Vichy French got them. Soon the stranded plane was found by the Hudson, which dropped a message telling them to destroy their plane, and radioed to the M.L. the position of the machine. The passengers and crew then put to sea in their rubber dinghies, after firing their plane.

Of course, the M.L. (guided by the Hudson) found the dinghies; and rescued the occupants. Just another one of those cases where the Navy and the R.A.F. were not caught with their pants down, as our American cousins so graphically put it...They won the race!