

Book Reports (cont.)

The book was published in 1958 but has not been "pushed." Bob has since died but the book is available from his widow Mary Gress, (Mrs. Robert Gress.) See Books For Sale.

LOST IN TIBET

by Richard Starks and Miriam Murcutt

The Himalayan mountain range begins as lowland hills in Burma and grows in height as it extends northward. Japanese activity in Burma in 1943 was forcing the air supply line from India into China to also move northward.

In November, 1943, crews were making 24 hour around-the-clock deliveries to China from India. By edict there was no adverse weather over the HUMP.

One November night in 1943, a five man C-87 crew from Jorhat, India, prepared to make a routine flight home from Kunming after their delivery had been off-loaded.

LOST IN TIBET by Starks and Murcutt chronicles this flight from take-off into an unusually severe storm, bail-out after running out of gas and subsequent trials and tribulations as "guests" of the Tibetans.

Written as a member of the crew it is easy reading. The authors retraced much of the walk-out trails, suffered the same physical hardships of traversing barren 18,000 feet valley floor elevations, crossing passes exceeding 19,000 feet and experienced the same very primitive living conditions as the crew did in verifying this part of the airmen's account.

Tremendous research was also required of many sources to provide the reader previously unpublicized political intrigue between Tibet, Nationalist China, Britain (India) and the United States.

This is not a collection of forty year old memories but a thoroughly researched, verified and documented true story. History which holds the reader's interest and is difficult to set aside.

I highly recommend this fascinating, well written and superbly documented 6"x9" 200+ page hard cover book with pictures and maps.

Peyton R. Walmsley,
Editor, CBIHPA Newsletter

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Lost In Tibet
by Richard Starks and Miriam Murcutt

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