

Denver Post article about "Hatties Camp"

I was happy to come across this great photo, not only because of the subject matter but also because of the title and where it came from. It is fairly rare to see newspaper articles with the name "Hatties Camp", even before it was called Newfoundland Airport. It is an original photo from March 28, 1939 and is not a reproduction or reprint. This photo measures 6" by 8" and is in very good condition.

It features a view primarily of the administration building being constructed. One can see the dirt and construction material lying all around the building and it would seem that the runways are still under development.



As far as provenance is concerned, I was quite surprised when I learned that it came from of all places from the

archives of 'The Denver Post' in Denver, Colorado, USA. It would seem that Gander already occupied a newsworthy place in 1939. As can be seen from the text of the reverse side, they speak of "Hattie's Camp, soon to be a bustle of activity when trans-Atlantic service will begin this summer".

Even more interesting, mention is made of the expected use of Gander by the Pan-America 74-seat "Yankee Clipper", which was already carrying out tests in the South Atlantic. Pan Am flights started six years later.

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"JUMPING OFF" SPOT FOR TRANS-ATLANTIC PLANES.
HATTIE'S CAMP, NEWFOUNDLAND.....A VIEW OF THE AIRPORT AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BEING CONSTRUCTED AT HATTIE'S CAMP, SOON TO BE A BUSTLE OF ACTIVITY WHEN TRANS-ATLANTIC PASSENGER PLANE SERVICE STARTS THIS SUMMER, AS PLANNED. BRITISH IMPERIAL AIRWAYS PLANE THIS NEWFOUNDLAND BASE AS THE FIRST PORT OF CALL FOR ITS WESTBOUND PLANES FROM ENGLAND, WHILE THE SAME BASE IS EXPECTED TO BE USED AS THE "JUMPING OFF" PORT FOR PLANES EASTBOUND. EVEN NOW PAN AMERICAN'S 74-PASSENGER "YANKEE CLIPPER" IS SPANNING THE ATLANTIC ON AN INSPECTION FLIGHT OF THE SOUTHERN ROUTE.
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