

It was not until midnight of September 12th that the last embers were extinguished. But the ship was further jeopardized. Torrents of rain, reaching cloud-bursting intensity, poured into her open interior causing her to list heavily. This critical condition was relieved by cutting holes in the ship's side, which permitted the water to escape.

Towing operations were completed on September 29th and the crippled giant brought to Boston Navy Yard. There it became necessary to strip the vessel to her waterline, which meant constructing the former luxury liner into virtually a new ship. The former SS MANHATTAN was no more, but a new USS WAKEFIELD was in the making.

PASSENGERS WAIT FOR RESCUE AS WAKEFIELD BURNS

Jammed on the rear decks of the U. S. Naval Transport Wakefield, passengers and crew of the former liner Manhattan wait calmly as a cruiser approaches to rescue them from the stricken vessel. Smoke boils up at upper left and rope nets already have been put in place so men can climb down to the deck of the rescue vessel.

