

HORIZONS WEST

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Last Show: Unknown
Number of Shows: 13
Audition Show: None

PRODUCTION NOTE:

A posting by Jay Ranellucci in The Old-Time Radio Digest Volume 2001: Issue 300, Monday, 10 Sep 2001, gives a general time frame for the recording of the series. ". . .around 1962 or 1963 when ***Horizons West*** was recorded in studio "B" at Capitol Records in Hollywood. I was privileged to have been one of the engineers on that series of 13 episodes."

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Thirteen chapter radio docu-drama of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Excellent scripts and acting. Produced for and broadcasted on Armed Forces Radio and Television Service.

CREW:

Director:

William Lally.

Writers:

Karl A. and William Tunberg.

Sound Patterns:

Gene Twombly.

Announcer:

Michael Rye (a.k.a. Rye Billsbury.)

NOTES:**Characters' Names:**

Whenever possible, the spelling of character names were verified using standard reference works on The Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Captain Lewis's Dog:

During much of the 20th Century the name of Lewis's dog was a point of conjecture among scholars.

In 1916, the dog's name, Seaman, through a historian's error in interpreting the expedition's participants variable spelling of words in their written manuscript journals, resulted in the erroneous name, Scannon.

It was not until 1987 when the late Donald Jackson, a noted research historian, published his findings in his book, "Among the Sleeping Giants," that the dog's name was proven to be Seaman.

The name in common use, Scannon, at the time of the production of the series is used through out this log.

I was told by Harry Bartell that the actor who played Scannon (Seaman), among other roles, was Dal McKennon.

LOG:**MR. JEFFERSON' DREAM (Chapter 1)**

President Jefferson summons Meriwether Lewis to Washington City as his personal secretary. Jefferson offers Lewis the opportunity to lead an expedition, The Corps of Discovery, to explore the West. Lewis recruits William Clark as the co-leader of the expedition.

CAST:

Cpt. Meriwether Lewis by Harry Bartell

Cpt. William Clark by John Anderson

York by Cliff Holland

Cpt. Bissell by Les Tremayne

Dr. Socgran by Ben Wright

Scannon by Dal McKennon.

Unmatched Roles and Actors:**Roles:**

the Sgt. by

the Colonel by

President Jefferson by

Gen. George R. Clark by

Daniel Boone by Stan Farrar???.

Actors:

Dan Randolph

Bill Irwin

Tyler McVey
Stan Farrar
Dal McKennon.

THE CONFRONTATION (Chapter 2)

As Lewis and Clark and The Corps of Discovery progress on their expedition. Sgt. Floyd dies of an undetermined illness. They meet several Indian tribes and confront the most feared tribe on the Plains: the Teton Sioux.

CAST:

Cpt. Meriwether Lewis by Harry Bartell
Cpt. William Clark by John Anderson
Sgt. Charles Floyd by Jack Edwards
Pierre Dorion by Jack Kruschen
George Drouillard by Karl Swenson
Private Reed by Sam Edwards
Partisan by Dal McKennon
Scannon by Dal McKennon.

DAKOTA WINTER (Chapter 3)

The Corps of Discovery winters with the Mandan. While there they encounter British agents. The Captains take on two new members for the expedition: Toussaint Charbonneau and Sacagawea. The party soon increases its size when Sacagawea gives birth to a boy, Baptiste.

CAST:

Cpt. Meriwether Lewis by Harry Bartell
Cpt. William Clark by John Anderson
York by Cliff Holland
Toussaint Charbonneau by Sebastian Cabot
Kakawissassa by Howard Culver
Sacagawea by Helen Gerald
Francois Larocque by Bill Keene
John Newman by John Cedar.

INTO THE UNKNOWN (Chapter 4)

With the Spring, The Corps of Discovery travels westward along the Missouri and get their first view of the Rocky Mountains. At a river junction, Lewis and Clark must make a crucial decision on their route. Scannon saves several members of The Corps during a storm.

CAST:

Cpt. Meriwether Lewis by Harry Bartell
Cpt. William Clark by John Anderson
Sgt. Nathaniel Pryor by Dal McKennon

Toussaint Charbonneau by Sebastian Cabot
Pvt. Pierre Cruzatte by Don Diamond
Pvt. Richard Windsor by Steven Bell
George Drouillard by Karl Swanson
Scannon by Dal McKennon.

THE GREAT FALLS (Chapter 5)

Lewis and small group scout ahead of the remainder of the party to find the Great Falls of the Missouri. A gravely ill Sacagawea is cured by Lewis. The Corps of Discovery makes the arduous portage around the Great Falls.

CAST:

Cpt. Meriwether Lewis by Harry Bartell
Cpt. William Clark by John Anderson
George Drouillard by Karl Swenson
Sgt. Nathaniel Pryor by Frank Gerstle
Pvt. Pierre Cruzatte by Don Diamond
Toussaint Charbonneau by Sebastian Cabot
Pvt. Silas Goodrich by Herb Ellis
Sacagawea by Helen Gerald

SHOSHONE COUNTRY (Chapter 6)

As The Corps of Discovery approaches the headwaters of the Upper Missouri, Lewis and a small party search for the Shoshone. With the help of Sacagawea, Lewis and Clark make contact and establish trade with the Shoshone.

CAST:

Cpt. Meriwether Lewis by Harry Bartell
Cpt. William Clark by John Anderson
Sacagawea by Helen Gerald
George Drouillard by Karl Swenson
Sgt. Patrick Gass by Bill Quinn
Toussaint Charbonneau by Sebastian Cabot
Pvt. Shields by Jim Bowles

TO THE PACIFIC (Chapter 7)

The Corps races Winter in an attempt to cross the Rocky Mountains. The Flatheads and Nez Perce provide assistance to the party. Lewis and Clark and The Corps of Discovery finally reach the Pacific via the Columbia River.

CAST:

Cpt. Meriwether Lewis by Harry Bartell
Cpt. William Clark by John Anderson
Sgt. John Ordway by Eddie Firestone
Pvt. Pierre Cruzatte by Don Diamond

York by Cliff Holland
George Drouillard by Karl Swenson
Comcominish by Dal McKennon
Sgt. Patrick Gass by Jim Bowles
Scannon by Dal McKennon.

FORT ON THE COLUMBIA (Chapter 8)

The Captains have all members of The Corps (including York and Sacagawea) vote on where to spend the winter. The expedition members build their winter quarters, Fort Clatsop, and prepare for their return trip. Lewis and Clark deal with hostile and friendly Indians.

CAST:

Cpt. Meriwether Lewis by Harry Bartell
Cpt. William Clark by John Anderson
Sgt. Patrick Gass by Bill Quinn
George Drouillard by Karl Swenson
Comawool (from Journals Coboway) by Dal McKennon
Sacagawea by Helen Gerald
Scannon by Dal McKennon
Pvt. Alexander Hamilton Willard by Ben Cooper
Pvt. John Colter by Dal McKennon

HOMEWARD BOUND (Chapter 9)

On March 23, 1806, The Corps of Discovery presents Fort Clatsop to the Clatsop tribe and starts their return trip to Saint Louis. Captain Clark uses "magic" to obtain food from one of the unfriendly Indian tribes.

CAST:

Cpt. Meriwether Lewis by Harry Bartell
Cpt. William Clark by John Anderson
Pvt. Pierre Cruzatte by Don Diamond
George Drouillard by Karl Swenson
Toussaint Charbonneau by Sebastian Cabot
Sgt. Patrick Gass by Bill Quinn
Scannon by Dal McKennon.

Unmatched Roles and Actors:

Roles:

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Yellept by
Clatsop Warrior by

Actors:

Paul Conrad

Dal McKennon.

DECISION AT TRAVELERS' REST (Chapter 10)

The Corps of Discovery must wait in the land of the Nez Perce for the snow to melt before they can cross the Rocky Mountains. Once across the Bitterroot Mountains and in the country of tribes known to be hostile, Lewis and Clark decide to split The Corps into several small parties to explore uncharted areas.

CAST:

Cpt. Meriwether Lewis by Harry Bartell
Cpt. William Clark by John Anderson
Comcominish by Dal McKennon
George Drouillard by Karl Swenson
Sgt. John Ordway by Eddie Firestone
Pvt. William Bratton by Clark Gordon
Pvt. John Shields by Jim Bowles
Scannon by Dal McKennon.

CLARK AND THE HORSE THIEVES (Chapter 11)

Cpt. Clark splits his party into smaller contingents to explore the Yellowstone River country. Clark's own group encounters hostile Indians who are never seen, but nonetheless steal the party's horses.

CAST:

Cpt. William Clark by John Anderson
Sgt. John Ordway by Eddie Firestone
Toussaint Charbonneau by Sebastian Cabot
Sgt. Nathaniel Pryor by Frank Gerstle
Pvt. George Shannon by Don Spruance
York by Cliff Holland
Sacagawea by Helen Gerald.

LEWIS AND THE BLACKFEET (Chapter 12)

Lewis's segment of The Corps of Discovery travels through the country of the hostile Blackfeet. Lewis, Drouillard, and the Fields brothers fight a small Blackfoot war party. The Captain is accidentally shot by Cruzatte while hunting.

CAST:

Cpt. Meriwether Lewis by Harry Bartell
Sgt. Patrick Gass by Bill Quinn
White Bear by Howard Culver
George Drouillard by Karl Swenson
Sgt. John Ordway by Eddie Firestone
Side Hill Calf by Jay Novello
Scannon by Dal McKennon.

Unmatched Roles and Actors:

Roles:

Pvt. Hugh McNeal by
Pvt. Joseph Field by
Pvt. Reuben Field by

Actors:

Dan Barton
John Stephenson
Dal McKennon

DOWN THE MISSOURI TO ST. LOUIS (Chapter 13)

The Corps reunites near the Mandan villages. Pvt. John Colter receives permission to leave the expedition to joins other fur trappers on their way to the Yellowstone country. Sacagawea, Charbonneau, and the child, Baptiste, leave the party. The Corps of Discovery completes their journey and disbands.

CAST:

Cpt. Meriwether Lewis by Harry Bartell
Cpt. William Clark by John Anderson
Sgt. Nathaniel Pryor by Frank Gerstle
Sacagawea by Helen Gerald
Sgt. Patrick Gass by Bill Quinn
Toussaint Charbonneau by Sebastian Cabot
James Aird by Don Messig
Pierre Dorion by Jack Kruschen.

Unmatched Roles and Actors:

Roles:

Pvt. John Colter by
Sheheke by

Actors:

Gary Collins
Richard Peel

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and

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