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Boying Day we arrived in Colon. At 4 p.m. I pulled into the coaling plant at 6 p.m. Colon is supposed to be the fastest coaling station in the world has an electric plant that cost 3 million pounds.

We had two thousand tons of coal on at 10 p.m. I pulled out into the harbour that night.

Several of our men missed the boat at Colon so had to go by train to Panama where they picked us up. All turned up

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but two. These will have to wait in America now for next New Zealand boat.

The Panama Canal reaches about 50 miles from deep water on the Atlantic side to deep water on Pacific side. Pacific entrance $22\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Atlantic entrance. Entering from this side a boat is lifted 85 feet by three locks & into the Gatun Lake which covers 164 square miles & is 85 ft above sea level.