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"The Martin Hartwell Story"

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LOST!... Up in no-mans land of the Northwest
Territories

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Story

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On November the 8th of '72 north of the Arctic circle

A plane took off from Cambridge Bay and the pilots
name was Hartwell

He had to make it to Yellowknife even though the night
was stormin'

To save the lives of an Eskimo boy and a pregnant
Eskimo woman

Oh Mr. Hartwell said the nurse I pray that you will guide
us

To save this woman with her child and the boy with
appendicitis

But the wind it blew and the storm it grew and the
signal of controita

They missed by miles and flying wild they crashed
beside lake Hota

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Now Judy Hill the federal nurse she never lived to
waken

And the life of the mother and her child were soon
after taken

But the pilot woke to find himself and the Eskimo boy
were livin'

Left in pain beside the plane they searched the skies of
heaven

Day by Day the pilot layed with both his ankels broken

And it took the lad everything he had to keep the fire
stokin'

While in the sky to far away the rescue team were
seekin'

A signal wave that might be traced to Hartwell's radio
beacon

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After nineteen days the aireal search was said to be
completed

Until someone cried they're still alive and the search
must be repeated

And the day the beep was finally heard is a day we'll all
remember

A man was found safe and sound on the 9th day of
December

Hartwell said he should have died at 35 below zero

And the reason the Hartwell did survive

The Boy had died a hero

He brought me food when I couldn't move while he
himself grew feeble

Yes Davey Kutook died a saint and a credit to his
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