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PROGRAM

RANGER BILL #3

TIME

4:45 MONDAY

153 INSTITUTE PLACE

CHICAGO 10

ROWAN
BY

DATE

10/16/50

USED

CAST:

Ranger Bill

Henry

Announcer

MUSIC:

Signature

See script for moods and
bridges

SOUND:

Usual opening

Waterfall

Thunder

Rain

Storm

Strike match

Dynamite explosion

Pots and pans

Frying

Outdoor daytime noises

Packing gear

Stamp out fire

Hoofbeats

Horse Whinny

Pat horse

Jump on gravel

Truck-straight run

Car careen around corner

Brakes and tires screech

Technical: Board Fade p. 6

1. SOUND CRASH OF THUNDER: BARK AND HOWL OF WOLF
2. ANNOUNCER: R-A-N-G-E-R B-I-L-L - WARRIOR OF THE WOODLAND.
3. SOUND: CRASH OF THUNDER
4. ANNOUNCER: Ranger Bill - warrior of the woodland...Struggling
5. against extreme odds; travelling dangerous trails; fight-
6. ing the many enemies of nature; this is the job of the
7. guardian of the forest, Ranger Bill....Pouring rain,
8. freezing cold, blistering heat; snow, floods, bears,
9. rattlesnakes and mountain lions....Yes, all this in ex-
10. change for the satisfaction and pride of a job well done.
11. ORGAN: PAYOFF:
12. ANNOUNCER: Things are really happening in Pendleton Valley. The
13. fire's out of control and Colonel Anders has ordered
14. Bill and Henry to dynamite Pine Ridge Dam. A storm is
15. coming in on the horizon as Henry gets ready to walk
16. out on the moss covered dam...Bill is giving final in-
17. structions to Henry....
18. SOUND: WATERFALL: THUNDER IN LIGHT:
19. (INCREASE THUNDER PER SCRIPT)
20. BILL: Remember, pal, the success of this job depends on you.
21. HENRY: I'll do my best, Bill...(FADE) I'll be back soon.
22. BILL: (TO SELF) Hope the kid makes it okay...Pretty risky
23. business and I wouldn't be much help with this bum ankle...
24. Fire's getting worse....

1. SOUND: WATERFALL OUT: RAIN (INCREASE GRADUALLY)
2. BILL: Oh, oh, it's beginning to rain already. That's bad for
3. Henry....Wonder how he's making out...Can't see him now--
4. too dark.
5. HENRY: (FAR OFF) Help, Bill --- Help.
6. BILL: What's that? Sounds like Henry.
7. HENRY: (FAR OFF) Help, Bill...Help me...please Bill, help me.
8. BILL: (SHOUT) I'm coming, Henry...I'm coming...
9. SOUND: INCREASE THUNDER SLIGHTLY: LIGHT RAIN:
10. BILL: Oh my ankle...gotta get to Henry quick. Ground is
11. awfully rough....Oh! no! not that.
12. SOUND: TERRIFIC CRASH OF THUNDER:
13. ORGAN: TOP IT AND OUT:
14. ANNOUNCER: Bill is painfully hobbling toward Henry and a brilliant
15. flash of lightning reveals Henry hanging over the top.
16. Will Henry slip off the greasy, mossy dam? Let's hobble
17. along with Bill as he drags his ankle over the rough
18. ground in a desperate attempt to reach Henry.
19. SOUND: STORM (THUNDER, WIND, RAIN) SUSTAIN STRONG
20. HENRY: (OFF MIKE) MUFFLED) Help....Help, Bill....Help.
21. BILL: I'm coming!
22. SOUND: THUNDER

1. BILL: (MOAN AND GRUNT) Wow -- what a crash of thunder...
2. Hope Henry can hold out for (GROAN) awhile...(GRUNT)
3. Oh! brother what a job this hobbling is...(SUCK BREATH
4. THROUGH TEETH) Ow! Oh! Man alive! I didn't see that
5. stump. It's raining so hard I can hardly see.
6. HENRY: (OFF MIKE, BUT CLOSER) Billllll! Help me!
7. SOUND: - - - INTENSIFY STORM AND RAIN AND SUSTAIN UNDER
8. BILL: (SHOUT) I'm coming...(TO SELF) What a storm....There's
9. the dam...(GRUNT) Seems like a hundred miles instead of
10. a hundred yards...Whew.....I can see Henry....
11. HENRY: (OFF MIKE, BUT CLEAR AND CLOSER THAN PREVIOUS) Bill,
12. I....can't...hold...on much longer...getting so tired.
13. BILL: (LOUD) Henry!! You've got to hold on. Fight, man,
14. fight.... don't give up..
15. HENRY: (OFF MIKE BUT CLEAR) Bill, what can I do?...My arms
16. keep sliding on this moss....I can't pull myself up.
17. It's too slippery.
18. BILL: (LOUD) I've got it! Henry, move yourself along to the
19. flood gate, that's closer than over here. Then you can
20. rest awhile and it'll be easier for you to get a foot
21. hold on the gate so's you can climb to the top.
22. HENRY: (OFF MIKE BUT CLEAR) I'll try, but my arms are so
23. tired. I hope I can do it.
24. ORGAN: BRIDGE:

1. ANNOUNCER: Slowly...wearily..Henry inches his tired aching body along
2. the top of the dam. Whoops...Whew! he was hanging by one
3. arm for a moment.

4. SOUND: -- -- STORM -- SUSTAIN UNDER:

5. BILL: (TO SELF) Whew! the kid made it....sure thought he was
6. a goner...now if he can only make it back after he rests
7. a bit.

8. HENRY: (BELLOW WAY OFF MIKE) Billllll...dynamite.

9. BILL: (YELL) What'd you say?

10. HENRY: (BELLOW WAY OFF MIKE) D-Y-N-A-M-I-T-E....D-Y-N-A-M-I-T-E

11. BILL: (YELL) Yes...Yes.

12. HENRY: (BELLOW, WAY OFF MIKE) O-K-A-Y

13. ORGAN: TIME BRIDGE -- CRAWLING EFFECT

14. ANNOUNCER: Take it easy, this time, Henry. That moss'll give you
15. a nice toboggan ride if you give it a chance...I guess
16. Henry has learned his lesson because each time he slides
17. forward he carefully keeps his balance.

18. SOUND: -- -- CRASH OF THUNDER:

19. ANNOUNCER: Only good thing about that thunder and lightning is that
20. it lights everything around. Ah! There's Henry. He's
21. just a short distance from Bill. (SORT OF CHUCKLE)...
22. Henry is just crawling on to good ol' solid ground.

23. SOUND: -- -- CONTINUE STORM -- SUSTAIN UNDER

1. HENRY: Oh! boy! terra firma...Oh how I love solid ground!....
2. Whew! What a night.
3. BILL: I've never been so glad to see anyone in my life...How
4. do you feel, pal?
5. HENRY: A bit shaky and weak, but okay.
6. BILL: Let me have the end of the fuse and I'll light it....
7. I'll get a match out of my waterproof box...(PAUSE)
8. Here's one.
9. SOUND: _ _ _ STRIKE MATCH:
10. BILL: Now let's bend over and shelter the fuse till it's lit...
11. Ach! it's too windy...come around this side a little
12. Henry.
13. HENRY: Like this?
14. SOUND: _ _ _ STRIKE MATCH:
15. BILL: That's the stuff....Now we'll try it again...There she
16. goes.
17. HENRY: Look at her sputter...Won't she go out in the water?
18. BILL: No, fuse will burn underwater once it's lit. Let's
19. get over here out of the way, cuz she'll blow in a
20. second and we don't want to be in.
21. SOUND: _ _ _ TERRIFIC DYNAMITE EXPLOSION: ANYTIME AFTER "SECOND" ABOVE)
22. HENRY: Wow! look at the water pouring into the valley.

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1. HENRY: Anybody caught in that current would get a mighty fast
2. ride.
3. BILL: Well, we can be certain that between the storm and the
4. flood the fire'll be brought under control and put out.
5. Let's get back to camp and see if we can get out of this
6. downpour.
7. HENRY: Think you can walk?
8. BILL: I'll have to. I certainly am not going to hobble.
9. (GRUNT AND GROAN) Ready, Henry?
10. HENRY: Sure am, Bill. I'll support you on your bad side.
11. BILL: (FADE SLOW) Okay, let's see how far we can get before I
12. have to rest. (FADE) Easy now...Let's go around this
13. log...I'm sure glad I don't have to walk like all the
14. time.
15. TECHNICAL: BOARD FADE OUT AND IN
16. SOUND: _ _ _ _ CONTINUE STORM ONLY SUSTAIN UNDER:
17. CAST: (WALKING INTO MIKE -- GRUNTS AND GROANS AND TALK)
18. HENRY: Everything's soaked...Maybe I can find some half dry
19. fire wood.
20. BILL: Okay, I'll sit here (GRUNT) and rest till you build a
21. fire, then we'll make a shelter.
22. HENRY: (FADE OFF MIKE) I'll look over here...hey, here's some
23. dry tinder and chips under this piece of canvas. (FADE
24. IN) Here's some wood that's not too wet. (PAUSE) I'll
MORE

1. HENRY: have a fire going in a few minutes.
2. ORGAN: BRIDGE -- TIME PASSAGE:
3. ANNOUNCER: Henry makes a fire and feeds it with dry wood from the
4. underside of a log and continues to make camp in the
5. pouring rain. Our friends put up a shelter and Bill
6. crawls under it. Henry gets what few dry clothes they
7. have out of the pack and makes Bill as comfortable as
8. he can; then he sets about to dry himself off. Henry
9. builds the fire up to great volume and the heat feels
10. good in the lean-to-shelter. Finally, they fall sound
11. asleep. The trials of the night have exhausted them.
12. ORGAN: BRIDGE: (TIME PASSAGE)
13. SOUND: BACON FRYING -- POTS AND PANS: OUTDOOR NOISES (DAYTIME)
14. ANNOUNCER: (SNIFF -- SNIFF) Ah -- I hear bacon frying and smell
15. coffee cooking. Yes, boys and girls, it's morning now
16. and Bill is making breakfast but Henry is still wrapped
17. in the deep, blissful, sleep that comes upon all boys
18. after hours of hard work...Boy! am I hungry! Let's see
19. if we can beg some breakfast?
20. BILL: (TO SELF) Sure glad Henry's sleeping. He needs the
21. rest....Well, there goes the last of the storm clouds,
22. sunshine feels wonderful....Looks like the fire is just
23. about out. The Colonel and his boys can take care of
24. what's left.
25. HENRY: Good morning, cook! Say that food smells delicious.
26. I'm so hungry I could eat half a bear without any trouble.

1. BILL: Well, come and get it.

2. ORGAN: BRIDGE: SUNNY AND BRIGHT

3. HENRY: Man alive! That tasted good. I'm so full. I can hardly
4. move. I feel awfully lazy.

5. BILL: You do? Well, then you better start breaking camp. But
6. before you do let's have prayer. We've had a pretty
7. tough night and it's only by God's grace that one or
8. both of us isn't critically hurt. Henry, will you pray?

9. HENRY: Sure, but it's your turn, Bill...I prayed last night.

10. BILL: Right...Dear Lord, we thank Thee for watching over us
11. and bringing us safely through the night. Help us to
12. get back to the station all right and heal this bum
13. ankle of mine...In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

14. HENRY: Amen....(PAUSE) Now what, Bill.

15. SOUND: BREAKING CAMP -- PACKING GEAR ETC. (FOLLOW DIALOGUE)

16. BILL: Well, it's getting on toward ten o'clock...Guess we
17. better get started....Throw the gear over here and I'll
18. pack it in the sack...

19. SOUND: TOSS GEAR -- STAMP FIRE OUT

20. HENRY: Here you are...coming at'cha...I'll put the fire out like
21. this, (STOMP AROUND) there, this fire'll never start
22. any trouble...I'll get the horses.

23. BILL: The horses...(LAUGH) forgot all about them. Where are
24. they?

1. HENRY: Don'tcha remember, I did just like you told me. I
2. hobbled them in the clearing over on the other side o'
3. this thicket. Hope they're still there...(FADE OFF
4. MIKE) I'll go get them.
5. BILL: Okay...(TO SELF) Hope I can get to town all right...
6. (PAUSE) Guess he found the horses all right. (LAUGH)
7. Maud must be giving him a hard time.
8. SOUND: --- HORSES WALKING AND FRISKY HORSE.
9. HENRY: (MUMBLING AS HE COMES INTO MIKE) Maud, some day I'm
10. going to fix your wagon. You try to nip my ear again
11. and I'll give you something to remember me by.
12. SOUND: --- HORSE WHINNY:
13. BILL: Maud's laughing at you, Henry.
14. HENRY: Yeah, well one of these days I'll send her to the glue
15. factory.
16. BILL: Henry, how many times have I told you that you've got to
17. be patient with animals. If anything happened to Maud
18. you'd cry like a baby...You should be ashamed of yourself.
19. SOUND: --- PAT HORSE:
20. HENRY: I guess you're right. But I wish sh'd behave like Bess.
21. (She's a good girl (PAT HORSE). Aren't 'cha, Bess?
22. BILL: Come on, let's put the saddles and packs on the horses.
23. My ankle is bothering me something terrible.
24. ORGAN: BRIDGE: (TIME)

1. SOUND: _ _ _ HORSES STAMPING _ _ NICKERING
2. HENRY: We're all set to go, Bill.
3. SOUND: _ _ _ HOBBLING: _ _
4. BILL: Good...Help me hobble over to Maud...Now give me a boost
5. (GRUNT). My foot's in the stirrup...Now lift my bad
6. leg over gently -- easy -- there. That wasn't so bad.
7. Ready, Henry?
8. HENRY: Yep! Giddap, Bess.
9. BILL: Hup, Maud.
10. SOUND: _ _ _ HORSES FAST WALK:
11. ORGAN: BRIDGE: (TIME)(CLIPPETY CLOP)
12. SOUND: _ _ _ HORSES IN TO STOP
13. BILL: Here we are at the truck...Whoa, Maud.
14. HENRY: Whoa, Bess.
15. SOUND: _ _ _ HENRY JUMPS ON GRAVEL:
16. BILL: Henry, give me a hand off Maud and we'll get the horses
17. into the truck and get started...
18. HENRY: Okay.
19. BILL: You'll have to drive, ya'know.
20. HENRY: Okay, Bill. Swing your leg over easy like.
21. ORGAN: BRIDGE: (TIME)

1. SOUND: _ _ _ TRUCK STRAIGHT RUN:
2. BILL: There's a side road, about half a mile down, so kind of
3. watch for it...There isn't much traffic out here, but
4. you can never tell when somebody will come dashing out
5. onto the highway without looking.
6. HENRY: That's right, Bill. I'll keep a sharp eye.
7. SOUND: _ _ _ TRUCK ALONG:
8. BILL: Here's the road. Looks clear -- Henry! Look out!
9. That car's going to.....
10. SOUND: _ _ _ THEN CAR AROUND CORNER: BRAKES AND TIRES SCREAMING:
11. TRUCK BRAKES SCREECH:
12. HENRY: (EXCITED) I still got her under control, Bill...Boy
13. that was close... What's the matter with that fella --
14. He almost smashed into us!
15. BILL: That certainly was some reckless driving.
16. HENRY: Wonder who that was?
17. BILL: Saaay that was a Forest Service Car, wasn't it?
18. HENRY: Looked like it -- I was too busy to notice much.
19. BILL: (PONDER) But who'd be coming down that road -- (BRAIN
20. STORM) Henry! that was Gray Wolf and he's coming in
21. from the buffalo range...
22. HENRY: Yeah, that's right, Bill. How we gonna catch him?
23. SOUND: _ _ _ TRUCK UP:

1. BILL: This road goes straight to town. We'll catch him there
2. Step on it...The way Gray Wolf is driving means only
3. one thing -- something has happened. Something bad!
4. Give her the gas, Henry.
5. SOUND: -- -- TRUCK FULL SPEED AHEAD INTO MUSIC
6. ORGAN: PICK UP TRUCK BRIDGE UNDER
7. ANNOUNCER: Hmmm, I wonder what this is all about. What's happened
8. that caused Gray Wolf to drive so recklessly (ORGAN)
9. Annnd -- who is this fellow Gray Wolf and what's this
10. about the buffalo range?... (ORGAN) Saaay what's going to
11. happen next in the lives of our friends...Don't miss
12. the mystery of the Disappearing Buffalo (ORGAN) Listen
13. again next Monday at 4:45 for more adventure with
14. R-A-N-G-E-R B-L-L-L.
15. ORGAN: PAYOFF.