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 STORY COVERED: BOAC COMET CRASHES NEAR CALCUTTA LENGTH EXPOSED: 300'  
 PLACE OF EVENT: Calcutta HOW SHIPPED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STOCK USED \_\_\_\_\_ EMULSION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ PROD. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF SCENES

All thirty seven passengers and entire crew of six of the London -bound B.O.A.C Comet , which left Calcutta on Saturday evening for New Delhi, were killed when the jet airliner crashed in flames in a paddy field near JANGIPARA in Hoogly district, about 30 miles from Calcutta. The plane crashed six minutes after taking off from the Dum Dum airfield. The plane which arrived at Dum Dum airfield (on Saturday) from Singapur by way of Bangkok and Rangoon, took 10 passengers from Calcutta and left at 4-30 P.M. Indian Standard Time. It flew straight into a storm when it reached a height of about 5,000 feet. The storm, which gave Calcutta its first heavy rain fall of the year was preceded by a high wind of over 60 miles an hour over Dum Dum.

On tuesday , thirty six of the 43 victims of Saturdays comet crash were buried at the Tollygung cemetry. There was a common grave for 35 victims. Only ~~one~~ passenger Mr. Brown's ~~body~~ body was identified by his brother who lives in Calcutta . There were joint services of various churches and floral wreathes by dozens were laid at the grave. Large number of diplomats and important persons attended the funeral ceremony.

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 For further details please press cuttings enclosed herewith.  
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Roll. I.

Various shots of the wrecked comet in a paddy field near Jangipara.  
 Shots of the wrecked engines and parts of the fuselage.

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Shots of the belongings of ill fated victims littered all over the place.

West Bengal Police and BOAC officials salvaging mail and other articles and preparing general data before the commencement of enquiry.

Police officials inspecting the wreckage. Villagers keenly watching .

Shots of wreckage.

Roll 2.

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In the first/feet on this roll there are scenes of wreckage which were made on the evening of the 4th May. The place was inaccessible and it had become nearly dark and the sky was cloudy.

In this first 50 feet there are shots of corpses lying decomposed. Shots of workers recovering bodies under bad smell.

Shots of wreckage.

In the balance there are shots of Joint funeral which was given to 35 bodies. Most of the bodies were burnt beyond recognition.

Shots of coffins being lowered in the joint grave.

Shots of British and American residents of Calcutta who had come to Tollygung Cemetry to watch the joint burial.

Shots of floral wreathes being laid in the grave. Close up of various officials and personalities.

Various shots to give the atmosphere of the ceremony.

End.

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