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BRITISH TRANSPACIFIC PLANE CRASHES.

A British Commonwealth Pacific Airliner DC.6. Sleeper plane, just three minutes away from a landing at the San Francisco International Airport, while on the last leg of a 8,600 mile flight from Australia crashes into a mountain side in an almost inaccessible heavily timbered area. The crash occurred seconds after the pilot had radiod that he was approaching for a landing flying through overcast and heavy ground fog. 19 persons aboard the hugh ship met an instantaneous death, 11 passengers and 8 crew members. Due to the difficult terrain, it is almost 8 hours before the bodies can be brought out of the deep canyon. Rescue workers drive to a plateau about a mile from the crash site and set up a hugh operations base. Helicopters are used to drop stretchers, fire fighting equipment to combat the blaze caused by the crash and to keep it from starting a major forest fire in the wooded slope, and direct the rescuers by radio as they struggle through the brush. One glance at the wreckage proved that no one had survived, and the grim work of removing the dead starts. It is necessary to haul the men and their stretcher loads up the steep cliff by a winch and wire haul rope.

SCENES:

Ambulances leave the road and travel toward the crash site. At the crash site operations plateau, rescuers start the trek through the brush. Angles of the rescue operations, Helicopters, carrying stretchers, fire fighting equipment, land and takeoff for the crash site, about 1½ air miles away, and inaccessible by any means except foot travel.

Short scenes: Then 90° of air shots of the crash, made from Coast Guard helicopter. I made several passes over the site. Also shots showing fire and smoke column rising over the heavily forested area.

Short scenes of approach to rescue plateau from helicopter. The first body is brought up the steep incline in a rubber sack, and placed in mortuary car. Others bodies are brought up on stretchers, with help of winch and wire rope, and placed in ambulance or mortuary car.

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 PLACE OF EVENT Kings Mountain, 25 mi. S.E. of San Francisco DATE OF EVENT 10/29/53
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3	Scenes bringing bodies from wooded crash area to rescue area. This was taken while I was climbing down to the wreck. Scenes at the point of crash showing rescuers, litters, debris, smoke from fire.			
4	Scenes at wreck showing coast guardsmen looking for survivors, preparing the bodies on stretchers for the climb up-hill. Fire crews extinguishing the fire.			
5	Scenes of putting out fires on burning bodies. Helicopters overhead dropping equipment and food to men at wreck. One scene shows dust created by helicopters. Men hiding faces from dust and dirt.			
	<u>NOTE:</u> At this point I lost one can of exposed film when the helicopters dropped equipment at the spot where I was standing a few seconds earlier. In fact, I was lucky to save my camera. Would appreciate replacement of 6 rolls film on this story.			
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LENGTH EXPOSED: *13*
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