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FILM GIORNALE D'ATTUALITÀ

### COMET EXPLODED. 35 DIE IN DISASTER

PORTO AZZURRO. Elba, Jan. 11 Preliminary investigation indicated today that BOAC's ill-fated Comet exploded in mid-air and that its 29 passengers and crew of six died in the blast before the jet airliner plunged smoking into the sea. Solemn countryfolk from Elba's Punta Calamita-Calamity Point- told of hearing the explosion yesterday from 12 miles away. Medical examination indicated the victims faces "showed no sign of terror. Deaths have come without warning."

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Exploration on the disaster place.

The Carabinieri's caserm where are the plane's fragments.

The remains of Comet: some letters , a wheel, a bench, the trunk of writers Cheàier Wilmost; some gifts of travellers, a pair of Indian slipper, a "cuccù" watch, some stoking'pair, a nuptial tart.

Among the victims, two fine Indian Sister .

The graves in the church of Porto Azzurro.

Unique eye-witness, the fisherman Signorini Pasquale, relates: "I heard a very strong rumble, and after I saw a fire balloon dropping into the sea.

Some Official of the inquiry Commission with the Gen. Coppi and the English delegation.

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CAMERAMAN: Ronnie Read, SOUNDMAN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STORY COVERED: The Comet leaves for supposed "Record Run" LENGTH EXPOSED: 120.  
 PLACE OF EVENT: De Havilland Airport Hatfield, HOW SHIPPED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STOCK USED: H.P.3. EMULSION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ PROD. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Leblay.**

Gen view shot of Cunningham at the top of the gangway and waving goodbye.

Couple of shots of the plane on the apron in dull light.

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**Newman.**

4" hand held shot of the plane taxiing along the runway.

4" shot of the take off and away.

Two attempted shots of the Timekeeper with stop watch.... 4".

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**Opposition:** Everyone. Sound and Silent and John Parsons.

Ace Films had lights out there very early this morning, which everyone used.

I think this story could have been contacted a little more thoroughly, and to have known about the lights and interviews etc.

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STORY COVERED TESTING THE COMET AIRLINER LENGTH EXPOSED 500 FT

PLACE OF EVENT ROYAL AIRCRAFT ESTABLISHMENT FARNBOROUGH

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SHOTS OF A COMET GOING THROUGH A FATIGUE TESTS LIFTING THE WINGS UP AND DOWN BY HYDRAULIC RAMS.

ONE ~~FOUR~~ OF THIS TEST IS EQUIVALENT TO ONE HOURS FLIGHT MINUTE

SHOTS OF OPERATOR IN THE CONTROLS ROOM ATTACHED TO THE COMET.

SHOTS OF DOCTOR WALKER LOOKING AT A CRACK IN A TAIL PLANE WHICH WAS MADE BY THE ~~CONTINUOUS~~ CONTINUOUS VIBRATING MACHINE.

60 OF THESE TAIL PLANES WERE BOUGHT FOR THE PURPOSE OF BREAKING UP ON THE VIBRATING MACHINE FOR THEIR WEAK SPOTS. EACH SECONS ON THIS MACHINE IS THE EQUIVALENT TO ONE HOURS FLYING.

DOCTOR WALKER IS ALSO SHOWN A BIT OF COMPONENT FROM MR TAYLOR SHOWING A CRACK MADE BY THE STRETCHING MACHINE. THIS PULLS A STRAIGHT PULL UP TO 60 TONS.

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