Essex: At Stansted Airport - the charred remains of a four-engined York Airliner are the background to a story of courage and discipline in the face of grave peril.

All was well when the plane taxied off - bound for the Suez Canal Zone with forty-five servicemen on board. Then came the disaster. Suddenly, the airliner crashed on to the tarmac and burst into flames...

Then the display of courage - the actions of a brave Stewardess and a Welsh Guards Sergeant - who prevented panic - took control and organised the mass escape from the blazing aircraft.

Then-discipline - as one by one - the forty-four soldiers marched off the burning plane - followed by the crew - and all were saved.

The last to leave was the brave air-hostess - an example of quiet courage in the face of extreme danger.