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Scotland: New Air Ambulance

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Scotland: A <sup>NEW</sup> "flying ambulance", <sup>THAT WILL BRING PATIENTS</sup> ~~comes into land, bringing a patient from~~ <sup>isolated</sup> community <sup>740</sup> for urgent hospital treatment. That <sup>will be</sup> ~~is~~ the work of the Heron Aircraft - seen here with the Rapide bi-plane, which it has replaced in the Scottish Air Ambulance Service.

On Renfrew Airport, the operational base, ~~the~~ two Herons are christened by Matron Jolly of the Southern General Hospital. ~~A~~ Rapide flies overhead - paying tribute to the new ambulances - which bear the names of two famous Scottish medical pioneers.

A bouquet is presented to ~~the~~ Matron Jolly.

On mercy flights, the Heron can accommodate two stretcher cases, and will carry a trained nurse - a volunteer during her off-duty period.

Now operated by British European Airways, the Ambulance Service (which began in 1933) has <sup>carried</sup> ~~brought~~ over 3,400 patients from scattered islands and lonely crofts - for hospital treatment.