

This is the R.A.F. Vulcan Bomber, which crashed on its homecoming to Britain/~~when~~ when returning in triumph from a 26,000-mile goodwill tour of Australia and New Zealand. ~~These~~ These recent newsreel pictures show the Vulcan arriving in Australia --- where it took part in Air Force Commemoration Week --- having flown from Britain in just over twenty-three hours actual flying time. --- ~~The world's first~~ The world's ~~first~~ first four-jet delta bomber, the Vulcan, with the Valiant and the Victor, forms Britain's atom-bomber fleet.

It was on the landing at London Airport that the disaster occurred. The Vulcan had flown non-stop from Aden --- and, coming in in very poor visibility --- crashed and exploded on the runway.

~~There were six people~~ ^{OF THOSE} on board, but only two --- the Commander-in-Chief Bomber Command, Sir Harry Broadhurst, flying as co-pilot --- and the Captain and Pilot, Squadron-Leader Donald Howard, survived the crash.

Air Marshal Broadhurst was taken to hospital. ~~Squadron-~~ Squadron-Leader Howard, although injured, was able to make his way to a waiting car while the teams of fire-fighters continued their work on the stricken bomber.