

SWITZERLANDRESCUE FAILS IN ALPS CRASH

Hastening to 48 men wrecked in their airliner, French alpine soldiers climb through the snow towards the summit of Mont Blanc, whilst aircraft search for signs of life. On Europe's highest mountain there lies the wrecked Air India Constellation which Captain Saint was flying to London with 40 Indian seamen onboard. French, American and Swiss rescue attempts were foiled by storms. Though Mont Blanc is never climbed so late in the year, one party gets through, to report no survivors. But on the way, one of the rescue team was killed. They bore his body down to Chamonix. So Rene Payot, chief instructor to the French Army Mountain School, passes for the last time among the men he taught, and the snows bury those left high on Mont Blanc.