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19 DEB IN AIR CRASH.

15 miles South of San Francisco, the wreckage of a four-engined DC6 lies scattered across a hillside. All nineteen occupants were killed when the 'plane which was just about to land, crashed in thick fog. Helicopters taking off from a plateau a mile and a half away are used to pin-point the airliners position. Meanwhile ground rescue parties are struggling through the dense forest. Now the first body is brought up the cliff edge. The crashed 'plane which belonged to the British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines, had flown in from Sydney. Two Britons and the American pianist William Kapell were among those who perished.

United States Coastguards assist in bringing the remains of other victims to the plateau. Eight of the dead are thought to have been cremated in the crash, the first fatal accident in the airline's history.