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COAST GUARD RESCUE:

The Coast Guard Cutter Pontchartrain puts down a runway of fire extinguisher foam for this big stratocruiser's crash landing. These films, made by an amateur photographer aboard the cutter, show how all 31 persons aboard are quickly rescued by boats from the cutter. The plane broke up and sank 21 minutes after hitting the water!

Now, the Pontchartrain, receiving the Coast Guard's traditional "Well Done", heads for San Francisco. Among her passengers are the brave airline hostesses who helped avoid panic - and the youngest of them all, the Gordon twins of Maryland. Awaiting everyone dockside overjoyed friends and relatives.

Down the gangplank they come - safe at last at the city they hoped to reach by air before two of the Stratocruiser's engines conked out!

A happy ending to an ordeal by air and sea - and here's one survivor's report of it.