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STORY : MORE THAN 50 KILLED IN WORST EVER AMMUNITION
EXPLOSION IN INDIA.

PEUS X B. TYPE. 25th Feb, 58 DAYLIGHT CLOUDY BRIGHT
LOCATION..PATHANKOTE.

350 Miles north of Delhi just below the foothills of Jammu and Kashmir territory is Pathankote, one of the biggest military bases in India. On Feb. 24th when ammunition was being off loaded from Ammunition carrying wagons at Baroli Military siding at Pathankote, there was a sudden explosion which killed more than 50 persons and resulted serious injuries to 26. On account of the great velocity of the explosion the railroad track was smashed and twisted and chassis of 2 wagons went down in a ditch near the railway track. The ammunition was scattered all around and on account of the heat it received, the area has become more dangerous. On risk of life and signing the bloodshot, your cameraman got the shots in an area where no one is allowed to go within a reach of 600 yards. Until the temperature of the ammunition cools down, there are chances of further explosion. As it is too risky ~~to~~ to comb the whole area due to the possible presence of several more dead bodies the hazardous area there were hundreds of vultures roamin around. The presence of vututres abd their flying about on the ammunition boxes lying nearh the explded wagons is adding more to the danger of further explosies from ammunition lying around.

Burnt out machinery, equipment of warfare, fire fighting equipment, tyres, cycles, ammunition was carried all over the area. Areas of greatest hazards were being marked with Red flags. Garments of unfortunate victims were seen flung from trees several yards away from the site of the accident.

The train services to Pathankote remain suspended.

Roll 1, 2 & 3.

In the military area of Pathankote long shot of the exploded wagons with ammunition and other burnt out stuff lying scattered in the whole area. Various more shots of the hazardous are with burnt out equipment and wagons, fire engines etc.

Shot of 2 military officers coming in a safe area.

Hundreds of vultures flying over the exploded wagons. It is felt there are more bodies under the debris which can not be removed due to the present danger from unexploded ~~hot~~ ammunition lying around.

Shot of the exploded train, smashed track and shot of the wheels and chassis of two wagons lying in a ditch near the track.

Various more shots of the burnt out equipment, tyres, cycles etc.

Shot with clothes hanging from trees. These had come and struck during the explosion.

Shot of army officer with soldier affixing the Red Flags in most dangerous areas where hazardous ammunition is very close.

Shot of Pathankote Station. Shot of sign on the platform.

Shot of notice about the suspension of the trains.

NOTE IT IS BEING SHIPPED WITH IN MOMENTS AFTER COVERAGE. I HAD NO TIME TO SEE THE TYPING WHERE THERE MAY BE MANY ERRORS. PLEASE PARDON BUT I MUST CATCH THE PLANE REGARDS.