

Over a wide area of the North Sea, planes and ships searched for the wreckage of the Dutch airliner which crashed within a few minutes flying time of its destination in Holland. It was on the last stage of a flight from New York.

By night, harbour pilot boats brought in all that could be found..... including the body of one of the passengers. All those on board --- twelve passengers and a crew of nine --- lost their lives. The aircraft had made a previous call at Shannon, where nine other passengers had got off.

The plane belonged to Royal Dutch Airlines --- a company which has a magnificent record of safety. And at Schiphol Airport, this tragedy did not interrupt the scheduled services; nor did ~~it~~ shake the confidence of later travellers --- who left and arrived on time.