

Half-buried in the mud ~~sinks~~ in the Estuary of Ireland's River Shannon is a K.L.M. Super-Constellation. It had crashed two miles out from Shannon Airport at the start of its trans-Atlantic flight to New York. First news of the disaster was taken to the air terminus, by one of the crew who swam from the plane and scrambled through the mud. Rescue operations from the jetty can be seen in progress.

Twenty-eight members of the passengers and crew lost their lives. They were mostly Americans and Dutch. The captain was the airline's senior pilot, Captain Viruly. Another of the crew who was saved was the Navigator, Johan Tleman. Among the passengers who survived the tragedy was a director of a Dutch tobacco company, Mr De Brauwer. One of the American survivors was Mrs Charles Farrington of New York, who was rescued with her husband and children. The Airline President stated that the crash was so unexpected that there was no time for the pilot to make an emergency landing.