

This wreckage is all that was left of a York aircraft of Scottish Airways a short while after it took off from Stansted Aerodrome in Essex --- and crashed on the take-off. It burst into flames almost immediately; and in a few minutes was transformed into this twisted and almost unrecognisable ~~junk~~ mass of debris.

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The passenger seats in the plane were facing backwards; and the forty-five passengers in them were soldiers --- mostly Welsh Guardsmen --- bound for the Suez Canal Zone. Maintaining perfect discipline, they filed quickly and ~~quietly~~ calmly out of the blazing plane; and the only woman on board was Stewardess Helen Good who remained on duty until the passengers were safely off. A near-disaster with a happy ending. For of the fifty passengers and crew, every one escaped. And only one man was injured.