

Tragedy Occurs As Ship Prepares To Land After Trip From Coast

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Crashing into the foothills north of the city a United Airlines transport plane carried 17 persons to quick death as it was circling to land at the Salt Lake Airport at 11 o'clock last night.

The explosion was heard by passersby on the main Salt Lake-Ogden highway and the blaze was visible from many parts of the city.

None of the occupants of the sleeper plane was from Utah.

George Benton Gearhart, watchman at the Log Cabin Inn, near Beck Street about a mile below the site of the accident, was the first to reach the scene. One of the men lived for a few minutes after Gearhart arrived, but the victim was not conscious. All others, including a year-old baby, were apparently instantly killed.

Killed in the crash were:

Capt. Donald Brown, pilot, of San Francisco.

W. Harold Miner, co-pilot, of San Francisco.

Neva Cantwell, stewardess, of San Francisco.

Prvt. Marvin Shapiro, of Chicago.

Lieut. Herman J. Frankenberg, U. S. Army, of Wichita, Kan.

Mrs. J. A. Lloyd and year-old infant, J. A. Lloyd Jr., of Burlingame, Calif.

C. R. Drenk of Fruitvale, Calif.

Armand Herg of Cambridge, Mass.

M. L. Patterson of Brooklyn, N. Y.

R. P. Barrett of St. Louis, Mo., stationed at San Luis Obispo.

Mrs. J. Palermo, Cleveland.

F. B. Vose, Brooklyn, N. Y.

C. M. Cole of San Francisco, Calif.

Lieut. Commander John G. Burrow, U. S. N., Arlington, Va.

Lieut. Clair E. Tucker of (J. C.) Washington, D. C., U. S. N.

Joseph M. Kershnik of Cheyenne, Wyo.

RADIOS FIELD

Captain Brown radioed the United Air Line dispatcher at the Salt Lake Airport at 10:56 p.m. that he was in the process of landing. At 11 p.m., according to Carl M. Pearson, a checker in the Union Pacific yards, the plane crashed into the hillside.

The giant two-motored sleeper plane hit a small rib extending east and west from the main north-south ridge. The southward traveling plane left three long furrows in the rain soaked hillside where the two propellers and the body of the ship skidded as it first struck the ground.

According to circumstantial evidence the plane continued across a steep, narrow gully cutting down the hillside.

After crossing the gully the ship then struck the south lip of the gully leaving a hole 20 to 30 feet wide and nearly four feet deep. Huge boulders were gouged from the hillside as though a high explosive shell had struck the ground.

Gearhart watched the plane circle and glide along the ridge, and head for the airport. A light rain was falling, but clouds were



Victims

Captain Don Brown, pilot, top, and Harold Miner, co-pilot, died in crash.

U. S. Soldiers In Near East

CAIRO, May 2—(AP)—The presence of United States troops in the Eastern Mediterranean war theater was announced today by Major General Russell L. Maxwell, chief of the United States North African mission, but he said they were entirely regular personnel.

Their job at present, General Maxwell told a press conference, was to support the combat troops of other Allied countries engaged in the actual fighting.

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Boston . . . 0xx xxx xxx—x x x
St. Louis . . . 0xx xxx xxx—x x x
Tost and Lombardi; M. Cooper and W. Cooper.
Brooklyn . . . 001 xxx xxx—x x x
Pittsburgh . . . 400 xxx xxx—x x x
Davis, Rowe and Dapper; Wilkie and Phelps.
Philadelphia . . . 006 101 0xx—x x x
Cincinnati . . . 200 100 1xx—x x x
Blanton, Pearson, Johnson, Naylor and Livingston; Vanfossen and Henneley.
New York . . . 001 000 xxx—x x x
Chicago . . . 000 000 xxx—x x x
Melton and Dunning; Erickson and McCallough.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago . . . 001 004 xxx—x x x
Philadelphia . . . 401 000 xxx—x x x
Ross, Grove and Turner; Wolff, Fowler and Wagner.
St. Louis . . . 035 000 002—10 10 1
Boston . . . 300 050 003—11 17 3
S. Copic and Praceck.
Detroit . . . 010 000 002—3 6 0
New York . . . 001 000 000—1 3 0
Bridges and Tebbett, Russo and Dicke).
Cleveland . . . 005 301 xxx—x x x
Washington . . . 000 000 xxx—x x x
Bagby, Hegon and Dosautels; Newsome, Kennedy, Cathey and Evans.