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Flying-boat:

Short 5 23 "Cygnus"

Pilot:

Capt. Molard

First Officer: Ralph Mountain

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BRAVEST DEED.—First Officer Ralph Mountain, who yesterday was awarded the Stanhope Gold Medal of the Royal Humane Society for the bravest deed of the year. He rescued three passengers from the flying-boat Cygnus, which crashed at Brindisi in December, 1937.



The flying-boat "Cygnus", a Short S 23 machine, left Karachi on December 2, 1937. Brindisi was reached on the 4th, but the flying-boat crashed during the take-off, one passenger and a steward were killed and the remainder on board were injured.



A telegraphed picture of the Imperial Airways flying-boat Cygnus, which crashed at Brindisi, after it had been towed into shallow water. Two people were killed and eleven injured in the accident.