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TRENT VALLEY RAIL CRASH

Pathe cameraman Ken Gordon goes up for a new angle on the disasterous Lichfield train crash. The Eleetwood to London fish train smashed into a local passenger train standing in Lichfield Trent Valley station. Four coaches telescoped and debris flung on to station platforms caused a death toll of nineteen with more than a hundred injured. A vivid impression of the scene comes from these exclusive air pictures taken as rescue and repair men searched the wreckage. Among the dead were WAAFs and sailors going on leave, civilians, and a number of children.

SAVERNAKE

Pathe's air news service, with Terry Ashwood handling the camera, was called on again within 24 hours. Thirty wagons of an ammunition train exploded in a railway siding at Savernake, Wiltshire. Heard thirty miles away, the explosions turned the surrounding area into a battle field. A dozen trucks and 200 tons of explosive vanished altogether. Scattered shells and twisted wreckage tell their own story of the force of the detonation. From the air, our camera coverage discloses the extent of the destruction. Six Pioneer Corps men lost their lives.

EASTBOURNE

After a week of disastrous accidents, preparations for exploding Eastbourne's delayed-action German bomb went ahead with doubled precautions. A sandbag barricade built round the shaft was used as a blast wall. People living in the area were evacuated before zero hour. The R.E. Bomb Squad had an audience never-the-less.

After the big bang, Eastbourne's blitz days came back. For a hundred yards around, windows and roofs were damaged and everything was spattered with grey mud. Here's a repeat view of the end of the five year old bomb, the explosion in slow motion.