

Mathieson, Miss Mary E

Miss Mary E. Mathieson Dies in Plane Crash in Italy

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Miss Mary E. Mathieson, daughter of Dr. Lily B. Mathieson of this city, was aboard the British airliner which crashed over Italy early yesterday, killing all aboard.

Dr. Mathieson last night received a telegram from British Overseas Corporation advising of her daughter's death in the crash.

"Regret to advise you that Miss Mary E. Mathieson was on board flight BE 142 October 22, which crashed in Italy with no survivors," the telegram read.

Well known in the city where she visited frequently with her mother, Miss Mathieson was employed by Vickers-Metropolitan of London, England, and was en route to Rome when the big air liner collided with an Italian jet fighter near Nettuno, Italy, only minutes before the plane was due to land.

All 31 passengers and crew aboard the air liner were killed.

A graduate of Trinity College, Toronto, and of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, Miss Mathieson was with the British Red Cross during World War II and was later with UNRAA. A world traveller she spoke 12 languages and had worked and lived on all continents except South America.

She had been stationed at Hong Kong, was in Africa at the time of the Mau Mau uprising, and was stationed at Beirut at the commencement of the Middle East trouble. She had been evacuated back to England and



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had been on a brief visit back to Canada during the Thanksgiving holiday. On her return to London she was sent to Rome when the fatal crash occurred.

Her father, the late Dr. W. A. Mathieson, Toronto physician, died in 1934. Besides her mother in Belleville she is survived by a sister, Miss Violet Mathieson, teaching in Toronto, and one brother, William R. Mathieson, public relations official with the Ontario Hydro.

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