

'Hump' Air Route To China Closed

Air Command Headquarters, Southeast Asia, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—

One of the most dangerous air transport routes in the world—the perilous run over the Himalayan "Hump" from Northeast India to China—has been closed, it was announced here today.

During the war, large numbers of RCAF personnel flew the "Hump" with RAF transport and special duties squadrons.

Royal Air Force Transport Command planes made the last flight over the towering mountains New Year's Eve.

American pilots of the United States Air Transport Command and planes of the Chinese National Airways Corporation pioneered the route after the loss of the old Burma Road, which, during the early stages of the war in the Pacific, was the only link between China and the outside world.

The "Hump" air route was regarded as the "worst journey in the world" until Allied victories in North Burma made possible flights at a lower altitude.

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