

The plane clipped another peak. The left wing broke off. The plane's body soared through the air. It crashed at 18,000 feet (5,486 m). It crashed in the Andes. The plane crashed into the **Glacier** of Tears. This is between Chile and Argentina. Glaciers are slow-moving bodies of ice.

The plane hit the ground. It slid down a steep mountain. It moved quickly. It slid into a valley. It slowed down. It slammed into a snowbank. People were thrown forward. They crashed into each other. Many people broke their legs.

This happened on Friday, October 13, 1972.

Many people think Friday the 13th is unlucky.



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Avalanches are large amounts of snow falling down a mountainside. They happen in freezing weather. As temperatures rise, snow will sluff. Sluff is loose snow that looks like powder. It begins to slide. Avalanches have three main parts. The starting zone is the most dangerous. It's at the top. This is where snow breaks and slides. The avalanche track is the path. Snow follows this path as it goes downhill. It takes out everything in its way. The runout zone is where the snow and other things finally come to a stop. Avalanches are dangerous. They can be deadly.