

39 KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH, 90 INJURED

Wreckage on a scale unexampled in Britain ~~since the~~ *for 30 years.*

~~train disaster thirty years ago~~ lay sprawled

over the line at Bourne End. Fouling the points the
at 9 in the morning
Scotch express jumped the metals/as it tore on to London,
thirty miles away.

Plunging down the embankment the engine dragged six

coaches with it. More than 90 passengers were taken

to hospital at Berkhamsted, 25 of them critically injured.

American soldiers volunteered for rescue work and toiled

thirty hours with hardly a break. Even then ~~the~~ ^{some} bodies

~~of the victims~~ had not been recovered.

victims

(thru corridor) One of the last ~~human~~ to be brought out was

~~the~~ the fireman. ~~The devotion of rescuers and bravery~~

~~of the injured were remarkable.~~ It was rail tragedy of

a kind fortunately rare in this country.

