

It was not an easy journey.

Amelia had practised 'flying blind', relying on her instruments to tell her where her plane was. But four hours after taking off, her altimeter failed.

In thick fog and cloud, she had no way of knowing how high she was. Then she flew into a terrible storm. Wind, rain and lightning bashed the plane for an hour. She decided to keep going.

At one point she climbed too high, and ice formed on the plane. It plunged out of the sky, dropping 3,000 feet towards the ocean ...