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The Secretary of State for External Affairs has announced that a RCAF Yukon aircraft, on a training flight, took off from RCAF station Trenton on the morning of June 21 for Dacca carrying relief supplies for East Pakistan, following the recent cyclone and tidal wave which caused extensive loss of life and destruction in the area. The aircraft is expected to arrive in Dacca on June 24. The aircraft is from #4 Operational Training Unit of the RCAF's Air Transport Command and its Captain is F/L W.B. Carss, 38, of Kamsack, Sask.

On the aircraft were 4,400 blankets purchased by the Canadian Red Cross Society with the \$10,000 donated by the Canadian Government for East Pakistan relief. These blankets will be distributed by the East Pakistan Provincial Red Cross Branch. Also on board were supplies for the repair of an electric power transmission line running from Karnafuli via Chittagong to Dacca which had been constructed as a Canadian Colombo Plan project and which was damaged in the cyclone. The supplies included 200 gallons of special submarine cable oil, needed for a ruptured transmission line under the Sitalakhya River, and 12,000 pounds of steel parts needed for the repair of 9 transmission line towers.