MOUNT LAMINGTON VOLCANO IN ERUPTION
Flaming Lava Kills Missionary
Fears Held for Safety of Number Of Europeans and Natives

PORT MORESBY, Jan. 22.—An Australian Associated Press correspondent in Port Moresby reported by radiophone this afternoon that an Anglican missionary had been burnt to death by flaming lava which swept across his mission on the slopes of erupting Mount Lamington.

At least 30 natives at the mission were reported to have been either killed or burned.

Unconfirmed radio reports reaching Port Moresby, which is 100 miles from the volcano, said that up to 50 Europeans had perished, along with a great number of natives.

A relief aircraft carrying two doctors and a matron from Port Moresby Hospital had perched the 100-mile square ash cloud blanketing the area to land at Higaturu airfield, nine miles from the volcano. They used the aircraft's radio to make an urgent appeal for water, food and medical supplies. They said the grey dust and ash had befuddled even the tame in the area.

NATIVES CRAWL AWAY FROM SCENE

A mother and her two children, who had just returned from the bush to their home, were found yesterday with their clothes soaked and were brought to the hospital. A native, who also returned, was brought back to the hospital and died shortly after his admission. A mother and her baby, who were also just returned from the bush, were also brought in.

NATIVE'S BURNT TO DEATH

The body of an old native was found yesterday, burnt to death. The native was found with his hands and feet in the air, showing that he had been attempting to flee from the eruption.

THE VOLCANO

The volcano has been erupting since last week, and is expected to continue for several days. The ash cloud has blanketed the area for miles, causing widespread panic and anxiety.

Government officials have appealed for assistance in the form of food and medical supplies, as the area has been cut off from the rest of the country.

The government has also appealed for volunteers to assist in the relief effort.

Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.