

The death crash a village dreaded would happen



THE SHOP—This was the scene in Bridge village main street after the crash today.

In fear of the Juggernauts

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IT was one thing the Kent village of Bridge feared would happen. And today it happened. A giant lorry crashed into a shop in the narrow main street with the terrifying result pictured above.

The driver, Reginald Christopher, 53, of Dagenham, was killed. A girl sleeping above the shop was injured.

The lorry, a 30-ton TRans-C ontinental carrying 20 tons of frozen beef, was heading for Dover Docks.

There have been many accidents at Bridge, the narrowest part of the A2. Villagers have held protest meetings demanding a by-pass. They complain that juggernauts sweep through night and day.

Alfred Ross, local representative on Kent County Council, said: "We have been told there will not be a by pass until 1976 at the earliest. By that time it will not be needed. Bridge will have been destroyed by accidents."



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THE STREET, pictured from the air. Houses and shops crowd round it. An arrow shows where the lorry crashed.