

DRAMA OF THE ARCTIC13 Men Face Ice-Capped Terror

Below are the barren wastes of Greenland. Here, where the temperature is 40 below zero, is the setting of one of the most dramatic and hazardous rescue operations in history. An American Dakota cargo plane, on a routine flight, crashlands on a seven thousand foot ice cap, isolated from the outside world except from the air. By good fortune, its crew of seven escape injury. They build a camp around the plane as a shelter against the hundred-and-fifty-mile-an-hour wind. Four days later a second 'plane, a Flying Fortress, joins the first. Coming in for a rescue attempt, it noses over in the soft snow and cracks up. The two fliers aboard are also uninjured. Now, nine men await rescue.

A glider is towed over to snatch up the marooned airmen. But its tow-line snaps. Its crew of two join the party, raising the total to eleven. A second glider-attempt also fails - adding two more. Other 'planes drop supplies to the unlucky thirteen - heaters, food, medicine - and even a dismantled plywood house. Hope of getting the men off by Christmas fades and dies.

A pick-up plane zooms low over the scene in an effort to hook the glider. But this, too, is doomed to failure. Finally, after 18 days in the bleak Arctic, the struggle between man and the elements is won. A Dakota aircraft, fitted with skis, rescues the trapped fliers. The snows are cheated of thirteen gallant lives.

Rescue
Rear Baruch - Youngson

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^{A Dakota}
~~December ninth, a C-47~~ cargo plane, on a routine flight, crash-landed ^{on} a seven thousand foot ice cap, isolated from the outside world except from the air. ^{By good fortune,} its crew of seven escaped injury. They have built a camp around the plane as a shelter against

^{and 1/2} the hundred-mile-an-hour wind. ^{From day 1 takes a second plane,}
~~By December thirteenth, a second plane, a B-17,~~ ^{atly in the} joins the

first. Coming in for a rescue attempt, it nosed over in the soft snow and cracked up. The two fliers aboard ^{are} also uninjured.

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Sc. 8

^{UP} ^{unmanned airplane}
A glider is towed over to snatch up the nine. ^{But its tow-line} ~~breaks~~ ^{SNAPS} raising the total to eleven. ^{adding two more} A second glider attempt also fails. ^{unhappily} Then there are thirteen. Other planes drop supplies to the ~~men~~ ^{men} -- heaters, food, medicine -- and even a dismantled

plywood house. Hope of getting the men off by Christmas fades and dies. The carrier Saipan, racing to the scene with helicopters,

^{UP}

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Sc. 14

~~So ~~despite~~ wind, cold, and ~~dark~~ seas. A pickup plane~~
 soars low over the scene in an effort to hook the glider. But
 finally, after 16 days,
 this too is doomed to failure. ~~Here~~ in the bleak Arctic,
 an epic struggle between man and the elements ~~is unfolding~~
 it won't

~~In this struggle, as this newsreel goes to press, man --
 thwarted in every attempt to rescue the marooned band just
 out of reach below -- is running second best.~~

A Dakota aircraft, fitted with
 skis, lifts the trapped fliers. The
 snows are checked off 13
 furlong lines.

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