

RESCUE PRACTICE PUT TO THE TEST

Briefed for action, a parachute rescue squad of the Royal Canadian Air Force goes off on "Operation Snowbound." Within five minutes of receiving an S.O.S. from a mock plane crash, a Dakota is under way.

Peering through the snow blanket, the pilot spots the wreckage - and the paratroopers hit the silk. Once they've touched down, medical supplies follow the same way.

Meanwhile, a land party pushes through the frozen wastes to link up with the parachutists. Arriving at the wreckage within half an hour of receiving the action call, the skymen have won the race against time. Dragging the injured men from the wreckage, they give first-aid treatment, while waiting for the ground rescue crew. This is just a practice job, but immediately after these pictures were taken, came the real thing. The parachute service was called in to rescue 10 men in the wilds of the Yukon. Like the manoeuvres, the operation was successful.