

Alberta"OPERATION SURVIVAL"

"Operation Survival" is the name given to a new training exercise for Royal Canadian Air Force flying crews. In a remote spot in Northern Alberta, the men are left for ten days, just as if they had crashed while flying. A member of their party is presumed to be wounded, and they are taught how to deal with such an emergency, using only what the forest itself can provide.

Branches of trees are laid out, in the snow, and smoke flares are lit to make a rescue signal should any plane pass overhead. Mirrors, which are part of standard equipment, flash a call for help.

But there'll be no rescue yet. The team down below have still to learn the secrets of trapping. They've only got an "X" ration each per day until the end of the Survival course, and it's up to the boys to catch the rest of their meals for themselves.

"Operation Survival" is a tough ordeal, but Canadian aircrews are getting "on-the-spot" experience that will prove invaluable should they ever have to face the real thing.