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R.C.A.F. WINTER SURVIVAL

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AIRCREW MEMBERS LEARN HOW TO LIVE IN BUSH IN WINTER --
AND LIKE IT

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ON-THE-SPOT PIX OF FLY-BOYS SURVIVING DEEP IN THE HEART
OF CANADA'S HINTERLAND

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Somewhere in Northern Alberta, February 00, 1953.

In the event of an aircraft crash or forced landing in the vast bush country the R.C.A.F. runs a unique school -- called Winter Survival.

Aircrew members are taken to a remote spot deep in the bush and pitch camp for a period of ten days. It is no piece of cake -- what with blizzards and freezing temperatures the boys must learn to survive under actual conditions of an aircraft crash.

They are provided with only bare necessities -- standard equipment supplied with each aircraft flying in winter. This includes food only to the extent of X rations issued once per day -- it is up to the boys to supplement this diet with heartier and more nourishing food. Therefore, they are taught how to make snares and traps to catch wild animals ... how to build shelters from parachutes and trees ... how to make snowshoes ... how to build stretchers in the event of an injured man ... and how to set up rescue signals, etc.

It is a tough ordeal but the boys are thankful for the opportunity of experiencing winter life in the bush. They know that a great deal of uncertainty will be eliminated when flying over such terrain in the future -- thanks to the R.C.A.F. Winter Survival course.

S H O T L I S T

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1. LS Aircrew members hiking in bush.
2. MCS Aircrew members hiking in bush.
3. MCS Men gathering tree boughs for shelter.
4. MS Building shelter.
5. CU Man carving fork
6. MS Men in shelter cooking (shelter constructed of parachute)
7. CU Man eating with hand carved spoon.
8. LS Instructor showing proper method of using snowshoes.
9. MS Men practising on snowshoes.
10. LS Men running on snowshoes.
11. LS " " "
12. MS Instruction in making snares.
13. CU Snares in operation.
14. MCS Trap enclosure in operation.
15. MS Man walking in snow runs to rabbit caught in snare.
16. MCS Man taking rabbit out of snare.
17. MCS Man making hand-made snowshoe.
18. MS Instruction in making stretcher from string.
19. CU Stringing stretcher.
20. MS Legs of injured man being bandaged -- stretcher approaches.
21. MCS Carrying man on stretcher to camp.
22. MLS Men laying out tree boughs for rescue signal.
23. CU Instructor with smoke flare.
24. MS A man using smoke flare to make markers in snow.
25. Aerial shot of markers on snow.
26. CS Man with signalling mirror..
27. Aerial shot -- mirror flash on ground.
28. CU Man flashing with mirror.
29. Aerial shot mirror flashing on ground.