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MARINES TRAIN FOR ARCTIC.

High on the 4,000 feet high peaks of the Cairngorm Mountains in Scotland, a party of Royal Marines build a wall of snow around their tents. Here they will live for four days, sleeping either in their tents, or in deep holes under the snow. Object of the test, is to train a nucleus of Marines for warfare at zero temperatures. Priority is given to teaching how to move fast on snow-patrols despite the weight of rations, packs and weapons.

As part of the arctic training, two officers are on a course with the Canadian Army and three are attending the Norwegian Army winter School. If the need should, arise, the Royal Marines will be ready to fight in any theatre of war.

In recent years, mountains have sometimes proved a graveyard for aircraft and passengers. Accidents such as this, strand the occupants in isolated spots often under appalling weather conditions. In Wales, teams of Royal Air Force men train for rescue work when such emergencies occur. Stretchers, splints, bandages, even blood plasma go with them on the exercise.

Pathe cameraman Ced Baynes follows the team towards the wind-swept summit where an advance party signals back to base by walkie-talkie radio, and to the other search team by Veary pistol, that they have found a casualty - in this case a volunteer. Seven R.A.F. rescue teams have been formed in this country, a total of 200 men.

Most of the servicemen undertake this tough task in addition to their ordinary duties.

Another flare indicates that they're ready at the top to lower the casualty. Carefully the team grapple with the ropes as the ski-stretcher is brought down. It's no easy task with the snow already thawing making footholds difficult.

Gently, swiftly the task is completed. When, from perilous heights, the cry for assistance, is heard, the R.A.F.'s rescue teams will answer.

