

PLANE DOWN ON MOUNTAIN.

Crashed on a summit of the Sierra Nevada lay an American plane, which struck the snow after dark. Rescuers trudged 7,000 feet up to the spot. They'd been summoned by two of the passengers, the only ones who escaped injury. The aircraft was carrying 24 naval personnel from Naples to Rota, near Cadiz. Now they needed first aid. Fortunately no one was killed, no one seriously hurt. But after a freezing night in the smashed fuselage, the sooner they were taken down the mountain for proper treatment the better. To the snow, which softened the impact when the plane crashed, the passengers probably owe their remarkable escape. Incidentally, they included members of a water polo team, on the way to a match.

Although the way down was tricky it was accomplished without mishap, and the passengers were soon little the worse for their alarming adventure.