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OVER DEATH VALLEY - - Daring birdmen
face grave risks in sensational flight over the
Sierras.

-California-

Picture:- In view of the sad disappearance of--

--Squadron-Leader Birt Hinkler, we offer these pictures
to give you--

--some idea of the vastness of mountainous countries, and the
hazards--

--airmen take when crossing high ranges. These are army
bombing--

--planes flying over the Sierras. One or two of the valleys
are sixteen-thousand feet down, and in the event of engine
trouble--

--safe landing would be quite impossible. A crash would
be--

--inevitable. The purpose of this flight is to study--

--air currents peculiar to mountainous regions, and their
effect--

--on aircraft. Aviators frequently find strange
air conditions above ranges--

--of this kind, and if flying low near the peaks,
the chance of sudden and surprising disaster is always--

--present. More honour to the daring pioneers to accept these--

--risks in order to make air navigation safe for the
rising generations of the world.