

COLDEST BRITAIN.

While the hint of a thaw, had already been given in some of the counties of England, airborne supplies were still the only relief from hard weather in many parts of Britain. In the north of Scotland, counties like Sutherland and Caithness still had it grim and tough --- even the deer, were driven by hunger to overcome their timidity, and seek help from the dwellers in the crofts.

In the north of England --- this was ^a typical scene on the snowbound roads between Leek and Buxton; transport immobilised and only the snowplough moving.

Our cameraman, flying with R.A.F. helicopters over Exmoor, *shows* ~~showed~~ that conditions were no less rigorous, in the counties of the south-west. The airlift, was the only means of getting fodder to isolated farms in Devon and Somerset.

In this white wilderness --- there was no food for the shaggy little moorland ponies, that holidaymakers find so friendly in the English summertime. Fires showed a target area, for the dropping of bales of hay to feed ~~the ponies~~ ^{them} --- as well as for the livestock on remoter farmlands.

Further still, to the south-west $\frac{5}{4}$ --- helicopters of the Royal Navy, joined in relief work over wide stretches of Cornwall. Flying was the only method of moving, over the road between Falmouth and Redruth.

And it was the same grim story on the roads between Redruth and Helston; anything on wheels, buried in thick, impenetrable snowdrifts. This was ~~xxxxxxx~~ winter in Britain --- 1955.