

R.A.F. PRACTISE MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Cader Idris, second only to Snowdon in ~~North~~ Welsh
Mountaineering, ^{circles} provided the stiffest test so far for
the R.A.F. Mountain Rescue ^{squad} ~~team~~. The cold snap, colder and
snappier up here than in most places, made everything all
the more difficult. Two teams co-operated; one from
30 St. Anthan, Glamorganshire, the other, called Valley, from
Anglesey. Carrying ^{up} the stretchers, heavy with equipment,
blankets etc., was ^{the next} ~~the second~~ ^{clerk} thing to torture in that
50 temperature. One party pretended to be airmen who'd crash
landed on the mountain. Walkie-talkie radio directed
the other party, supposed to be rescuers. The stretcher
cases on this exercise wanted a good deal of faith,
because there wasn't much they could do if the carriers had
70 slipped up. However, faith was justified; all came safely
home. Many airmen who've crashed on mountains have died of
exposure.. R.A.F. rescue squads hope to prevent that in
future, though they point out they mostly ^{rescue} civilian
airmen.