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SABENA CRASHED PLANE RECOVERED

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A carabinieri ski patrol reached tonight (Feb. 21st) the wreckage of the Belgian Sabena Airliner which plunged into the Umbrian Apennines eight days ago. They reported all 29 passengers aboard died.

The skiers set out from Leonessa, near the central Italian town of Rieti, ~~xxx~~ in late afternoon and reported by radio that they reached the plane. They said it was almost a solid block of ice, and that the bodies of the 21 passengers and eight crew members were strewn on the snow.

The wreckage was located by search planes early~~xxx~~ in the morning about 4,500 feet up on sprawling Mt. Terminillo, 60 miles northeast of Rome.

A three-member Italian Airforce ski team reached the wreckage about the same time as the carabinieri and also reported no ~~sign~~^{sign} of life.

The tail and part of a wing of the plane protruded from the snow, ~~xxx~~ while the rest of the aircraft was covered.

Among the recovered objects we see: a bracelet, a wind-jacket, the mail sack and the note-book.

Owing to the intense cold, the the continuous snow-storm and to fog, our cameramen could not shoot anything more nor better.