

# Rescue Pair In Wilderness

ANCHORAGE, (AP) — An Anchorage bush pilot and his passenger, trapped a week in the wilderness by their snowed-in plane, with the mercury dropping to 35 degrees below zero, were safe yesterday.

Pilot Kenneth Oldham was picked up by an Army helicopter Tuesday night. Wednesday, Sgt. Stefan J. Wiedemann, a military photographer at Ft. Richardson, was found eight miles from the downed plane, with both feet frozen.

Oldham, who had remained with the plane in a lean-to they had built, was flown here. Wiedemann was airlifted by helicopter to Gulkana.

The two left Chistochina for McCarthy a week ago Tuesday in a light plane equipped only with wheels. They landed in the Nabesna Glacier area about 50 miles east of Nabesna Village.

They built a lean-to, Oldham told his rescuers, and spent most of the next several days in sleeping bags in the freezing cold. A flying friend of Oldham's, Fred Frakes of Anchorage, spotted both men from the air and dropped sleeping gear and rations to them.

Then Wiedemann started to walk out. Frakes located him about five miles from the downed plane, and dropped snowshoes to him.