

Mt. Elizabeth, air crash

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On January 23 the highest unclimbed mountain in Antarctica, Mt. Elizabeth (4,480m) in the Queen Alexandra Range, was the scene of a fatal air crash. The Twin Otter, owned by Kenn Borek Air of Canada and carrying three Canadian crew, crashed into the mountain in poor weather at an altitude of ca 3,950m. It was making a flight from the South Pole to the Italian base of Terra Nova. Rescue crews inspected the site but could not retrieve the bodies; this will be done in the 2013–14 season.

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