

2 U. S. CRASHES REPORTED

Italians Say Planes Were Lost
in Atlantic Pact Maneuvers

NAPLES, Italy, Nov. 7 (AP) — Two United States military planes, caught in a Mediterranean storm during the Allies' Longstep maneuvers, crashed tonight within forty-five minutes of each other, Italian air officials reported. At least three persons were reported to have been killed.

The duty officer at N. Atlantic Alliance Southern headquarters in Naples said, however, he had no official information on the crash. Other officers said they were checking the reports.

Three bodies were reported to have been recovered from the wreckage of one plane.

The Italian authorities said the first crash had occurred when a United States plane crashed against the 3,000-foot-high peak of Lo Spagnolo Mountain west of Salerno.

The second crash, the Italians said, was near Capodichino airport in Naples. First reports said nobody was hurt in that crash.

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