

## PREMIER REVIEWS U.S. PARATROOPS

A airborne unit of the 9th American Army Airforce, ~~an American airborne unit~~ displayed the invasion

spearhead technique when it was visited by the Prime Minister.

As zero hour approaches, the allied armies keenly await the command to attack, none more <sup>Keenly than</sup> ~~so than~~ the paratroopers.

<sup>An officer</sup> ~~The Jump Master~~ okayed each man's parachute fastening before the whole force boarded the troop carriers, preparatory to making mass landings before Mr. Churchill and Gen. Eisenhower.

A quiet smoke eases the strain before they get the order to jump. They're well tested men, certain not to show fright when they're over the landing place and the doors open. Their <sup>officer</sup> ~~Jump Master~~ holds a half burnt cigar in his lips. It's brought them good luck so far and he won't jump without it. <sup>The</sup> ~~Gunna~~ harness is hooked up to a wire before they drop out. It jerks the parachutes open, to give full support the moment they leave the plane - essential when dropping from as low as 500 feet.

Added realism was lent this manoeuvre by the smoke-screen, hiding the paratroops from enemy observation. While they're in the air <sup>they'd be</sup> ~~innumerable~~ a good target if they weren't screened.

In amongst ~~them~~ <sup>one</sup> those men ~~the Jump Master~~ had a camera attached to his chest and got an unusual picture.

It was an enthralling display. The Prime Minister saw another mass jump almost as soon as the first men had touched ground. Merely to look as this picture is to realise that the Americans have completely mastered this branch of warfare, the art of which is to land the men as close packed as possible, in the shortest time. The nearer the paratroops are to each other the more quickly they can be assembled as a fighting unit.

There was so little space between them that two of the jumpers , seen on the right of this picture, got their harness entangled. They landed without harm.

When the last jump was over the paratroops gathered round the <sup>Premier's Jeep and heard a short speech.</sup> ~~Jeep on which the Prime Minister stood and heard a short speech.~~ The Supreme Commander, General Eisenhower, was among the listeners. Mr. Churchill told them ~~the had a great part to play.~~ They would soon strike a blow which would make ~~and~~ a better and broader world for all. The armed forces of the grand alliance vannot fail.