

FACTORIES RUSH EQUIPMENT TO AIRBORNE INVADERS

This soldier isn't taking this contraption on to the variety stage, he's demonstrating the super-light folding bike used by airborne troops. It's unfolded and fixed up in a matter of seconds, without any tools. Though a mere twenty pounds in weight, it's tough enough to be ridden over fields and shell-torn roads. The design was evolved after a good deal of testing.

(aft weld) The frame is hinged, so that the machine can go into a small, specially designed container, and be parachuted to earth, or carried by glider. When the airborne troops land, the bikes enable them to get to the scene of action in quick time. Folding bikes are one thing; folding motorbikes quite another. But they're being made, none the less. The manufacturers were given a maximum ^{specification} weight of 65 lbs. ..

The engine is a two stroke, a simple and powerful unit, capable of pulling a total weight ^{for} ~~and~~ man and equipment of 300 lbs. Toylike though all the parts look, the motorbike does 35 miles an hour with ease. Despatch riders of the airborne arm will find them worth their weight in gold. When the time comes for the airborne to go into action at full strength they have the Nazis running round in circles.