

"A corner of a foreign field? The Airborne Cemetery at Oosterbeek, in Holland, where at a Memorial Service, they remember men of the First Airborne Division who dropped from the skies - nine years ago. They had come to hold the Rhine bridge at Arnhem and bring liberation. To-day, the children of Arnhem tend their graves, for the "Red Devils" lie among friends - cherished and remembered.

In the Square, near Arnhem Church, a monument has been erected - which Queen Juliana now comes to unveil. A memorial to the Men of Arnhem - to every British serviceman and Dutch patriot who died as brothers-in-arms so that Holland should regain her cherished freedom. And Queen Juliana places her own token to their memory at the foot of the hallowed Shrine.

~~And the~~ Relatives and comrades of the fallen made the pilgrimage ~~from~~ moving in solemn procession to the Airborne Division's own Memorial on Arnhem Bridge.

And ~~Major-General Urquhart~~ - the man who led the "Red Devils" in that valiant action ^{MAJOR-GENERAL URQUHART} pays his tribute to their bravery. For out of ~~the~~ stark heroism and courage was born the true value of airborne operation.

And now, on the ninth anniversary, the Territorial Army launches its biggest airborne exercise since the war, as men of the 44th Parachute Brigade drop over a Norfolk training area.

Flown in by American "flying-box-cars", over twelve hundred men make the drop. Object of the Exercise was to descend behind "enemy lines" ^{just} ~~about~~ before a powerful Infantry attack - causing disorganisation in the rear areas.

~~And, as in the Arnhem epic, to seize and hold a river crossing to enable tanks to thrust deep into enemy territory.~~

During the exercise - special light steel platforms were used ~~for the first time~~. Fitted with shock absorbers, they prevent damage to heavy equipment. Red Devils, too, of 1944 fame took part - so the spirit of Arnhem lives on - in Britain's volunteer army.

Over now to America - where this weird contraption really is a double-headed monster. It's a giant-atomic gun being manoeuvred to the testing-grounds at Nevada to show its paces. / And - ~~HERE~~ ^{HERE} it goes / ...