PATHE JOURNAL 6 Rue Franceur PARIS(18°) France

Paris, February 15th. 1954

MILITARY HELICOPTERS OVER THE ALPS Exclusive Positive developed : 75 meters=245 ft

Pilotes of French Air Force undergo a special training in the Alps for flying helicepters ever high mountains.

Starting with a teatcher-pilote from Briancon miditary airport the pilotes soon take over commands and begin their training flights over high peaks of the Alps. They must know reactions of helicopters to the mountain winds, at different altitudes.

Our picture shows, two Helicopters starting from Briancon, flying towards Mount Geneva, then landing at 2800 meters on the summit of Gondrand peak, then taking off again they fly over Fort Gontrand, over Chaberton blockhaus which were built by the Italian army during world war II to fire over to Briancon fortress, and which are at the altitude of 3260 meters.

Helicopters are precious to the army, and also help cameramen get the best air views of high mountains that can be obtained from high above in the sky.

8400