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ARMY DUCKS RIDE SURF:

Army ducks go to sea in a manoeuvre designed to train crews for flood rescue work. The Army believes that ducks will be front line weapons in the war on floods -- and only if they can handle rough water. And if floods come any rougher than this even Noah would throw in the sponge. Water off a duck's back. These amphibious craft and their crews show they can take just about anything. You need your nerve with you -- if a big sea turned one of these things over it would be too bad for the crew. Twelve of these craft are available at immediate notice in the event of an emergency.

They can cope with anything too -- come inside and see for yourself. That windscreen wiper is working practically under water as breakers foam over the square bows. Can a duck swim? It's just as well this one can. A life on the ocean wave -- the Army's in the Navy now. This surf is real training for men and their sturdy amphibians. It's reasonably dry inside but in a sea like this you sometimes wonder if it's going to stay that way. The Army plans for peace time emergencies -- floods that in the past have claimed many lives and isolated scores of lonely homesteads. The ducks, with crews in tough conditions will bring relief to those who need it and will snatch victims from the path of rising floodwaters. In future, they'll be home on the duck's back.

EXCLUSIVE: Length 122'

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