

ALBERTA - PARADROP TRAGEDY.

Canadian troops of Princess Patricia's Light Infantry take part in a parachute exercise over the snow-covered plains of Alberta Province. Ammunition, food and tents and guns pour out. Parachutes snap open automatically and float them safely to earth.

Now its the paratroopers turn to jump. Again the chutes open automatically, but any moment tragedy is to mar the operation. Watch at the top of the screen as a trooper, Private Donald Mason, wrestles with his harness. His emergency chute fails too, and down he plummets 800 feet to his death. Six other soldiers are injured in the mass drop. A heavy casualty-roll like this is rare in modern paratrooping.

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