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At Seattle, Washington, a giant, eighty-ton strato-freighter -- powered by four new turbo-prop engines -- is ready for its maiden flight.

Although the engines provide sixty per cent more power, they actually reduce the weight of the huge tanker-transport -- enabling it to take off in shorter distances and to cruise at higher speeds and greater altitudes than ever before possible.

Across America, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, giant transport sweep the skies -- carrying two thousand paratroopers of the famed 82nd Airborne division -- "hitting the silk" in a spectacular mass airdrop. Cloud and chutes speck the sky -- a canvas painted by man and nature.

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Plummeting down, the paratroopers hit with the force of a twenty-foot fall -- a bone-rattling jolt for even the toughest of the airborne infantrymen.

Surviving the bumpy landings, there are still other hazards -- wind-blown chutes to sweep the men along the ground. But there are no serious injuries as still more chutes speck the sky.