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HELICOPTERES,
Army pictorial service material serviced to all
Dupenegative developed: 435 ft - 131 meters

a precious aid to fighting troops, the Helicopter has a most important mission in the pacification operations in Algeria.

With the benefit of total surprise in transportations of troops from one point to the other, the heavy "flying Banana" brings commandos on the spot on the most difficult terrains, and in areas which would be otherwise inaccessible.

Lighter 'copters of the "Sikorski" type, called in the army the "Jolly elephants" are used for rapid evacuation of casualties in need of rapid medical care. The string-ladder and windlass permits evacuation of wounded men even when the ground conformation would make the operation difficult.

The helicopter is a precious help for rapid patrols in difficult areas, jumping over crevasses and mountains, and bringing troops in the most remote areas where rebels believe they are safe from any intervention of the regular forces.