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Exercise Ranger-Bulldozer, so called because Bulldozers were the first class passengers, began at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. They were being used by the 101st Airborne Division, in an attempt to make an airstrip in quick time. Men of an engineer battalion were detailed for the ground work, and 80 miles further on, on the drop was made, at Camp Breckenridge. Nothing nowadays seems too heavy to have a place in an airborne operation. This time everything was on schedule, according to plan, just as if dropping a few bulldozers out of the blue was an everyday affair.

The engineers soon proved that levelling out an airstrip in a matter of minutes is almost a routine business in modern invasion tactics.