

RED BANNER.

Beverley and Hastings aircraft of R.A.F. Transport Command, 12-hundred Paratroopers, altogether about 4,000 men, took part in the five-day battle, Exercise Red Banner on Salisbury Plain. They were demonstrating the maximum mobility that air transport can give a light modern brigade.

The aircraft dropped guns and vehicles weighing over a quarter-of-a-ton.

The plan behind the Exercise was to land a well equipped force at a supposed trouble spot. It was to be able to fight within 100 miles of its landing place and hold out till reinforcements arrived in strength. In that way, the army could meet any conventional attack within a very short time. Speed nowadays means more than numbers.