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PARACHUTE TROOPS IN U.S.A.

United States Parachute Troops rehearse the new technique of modern warfare. At Fort Benning, huge troop transport planes stand by waiting to carry their cargoes of sky-soldiers. Padded equipment chutes packed with rifles, light mortars and machine guns are quickly stowed aboard. Only unmarried volunteers between 21 and 32 are accepted for the toughest branch of the service. Wearing their specialised equipment which includes plastic helmets and sponge-rubber soled boots, the blitz battalion takes to the air.

Bailing out at 750 feet is dangerous jumping, but quickrelease parachutes get them down safely to carry out their hazardous job. First of all, over go the equipment packs ready for when the storm troops land. Then out go the parachutists in the biggest mass jump ever made in America,

Slow motion shows how, in a head long ~~gt~~ dive out of the plane, the rip cords release the chutes from their packs, letting the great silken shrouds unfold beneath the slip stream. Out of the clouds they come descending to earth like an invasion from some distant planet.

First thing on landing they out themselves loose and collect their arms ready to repel any attack. Surrounded by a nation of men bent on their destruction, their job has only started.