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U.S. PARATROOPS FLOWN FROM BRITAIN

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One of the most dramatic paratroop exploits of the war was carried out by a U.S. Airborne unit which flew 1,500 miles from Britain to North Africa and participated in the initial phase of the battle for Oran. The unit was commanded by Colonel Raff.

The paratroops left Britain the night before the attack, flew for 8 hours in huge transport planes, reached their destination in North Africa in the Oran area and made scheduled landings close together. The use of paratroops for long distance operations as part of the campaign was Clark's idea.

He approached *Colonel* ~~General~~ Raff with the idea and asked for two hours to think over details. General Clark came back and said "Plan made to order."

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