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THE LATE 1930's NAZI Germany began recruiting and training an elite force of soldiers who would, in a few short years, revolutionise modern warfare... The Fallschirmiager,

the Balkans and to protect the vital Romanian oil fields at Ploesti, Hitler believed it was essential to seize the island of Crete. Just 60 miles from Greece, it was British and Empire forces recently after the Axis victory there

THE BATTLE FOR CRETE

To secure his conquest of

Of the 8,100 paratroopen involved over 4,000 were killed and wounded... hundreds of valuable JU 52 transports and gliders were damaged or destroyed .. This high casualty rate proved unacceptable for Hitler and his generals. A

tactical victory was turned into a

twelve years ago, with British "Red Devils" at the doomed battle of Arnhem... Then we focused on their American cousins-the "All American" 82nd Airborne and the 101st. "Screaming Eagles' in Normandy... And now, for the second time, we're producing even more of Germany's

finest (and most

slower-moving infantry and armour moved up to relieve them. During the "Blitzkrieg" on Holland,

France in May

Belgium and

and June 1940 the "Fallschirmjäger" proved invaluable. Many vital strongpoints and important bridges were swiftly captured by these new "airborne

Tasked to descend on the battlefield

by parachute (or glider) these troops provided the means by which key enemy

objectives could be overwhelmed and

captured rapidly and quite often... by

surprise. These would then be held until

Perhaps their most famous victory however was the capture of the island of Crete in the Aegean Sea in May 1941. Although successful the battle's terrible

cost in men, materiel and aircraft ensured that, never again, would the Germans mount a full-blown airborne assault. For the remainder of the war the "Fallschirmiäger" would be employed as

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