

To the cruiser Boston goes the honour of being the first guided missile ship of the American Navy. Rocket launchers replace three gun turrets. The weapons themselves are 12 feet long, coupled to a 15-foot take-off booster. At faster-than-sound speed the "Terriers" can find and destroy jet-bombers miles above earth.

(116) Cameras coming down to earth again, not far from the North Pole, filmed U.S. Paratroops, in a landing-exercise on north Greenland. The object was to concentrate the drop on to the thick ice of a small coastal-inlet. But landing was only half the story; in Polar country man's greatest enemy is the blizzards. They come suddenly. No human being can live through them without shelter, so the paratroops take a leaf out of the eskimos' book and build dug-outs, igloo style. Outside it can blow as long and as hard as it likes; inside it's so snug they almost forget they've left home. Military men believe that if there is a next war the Polar regions will be a ~~major~~ *major* battlefield. Hence the present training.

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Music: PN1056 (ARMED MIGHT)(MSTS-Part 2)  
PN264 (Here We Come) Belwyn

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#### FIRST AIRBORNE OPERATION ABOVE ARCTIC CIRCLE

Enjoying the Spring weather? 40 below zero, as paratroopers board C-124s here at Thule Air Force Base, Greenland. This is "Exercise Arctic Night," in which Army and Air Forces personnel are conducting joint operations in a barren ice-bound wilderness.

In these Department of Defense films, seven hundred hit the silk. The "drop area" is a frozen inlet with a 4 and one-half foot thickness of ice. They're 35 hundred miles from their home base of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, these paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division. The maneuver-area is a mere eight hundred miles from the North Pole. The ground secured; simulated enemy objectives seized, the troops dig trenches and set up temporary shelter. A construction-job similar to that of Eskimos building igloos. Huge blocks of ice are used as ceilings for hollowed-out snow caves. .

Home may never have been like this, but it's still reasonably comfortable even at 40 below. A graphic picture of preparedness on the frigid top of the world.

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Music: PN831 Pipe Smoking Ghost (Scared Stiff)  
PN1054-Asteroid (Conquest)  
PN635 The Flight (Worlds Collide)

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#### MISSILE SHIP: PUSH BUTTON WARFARE GOES TO SEA

On maneuvers with the U.S.S. Boston, first of the Navy's guided missile ships. The cruiser, with one of her three standard turrets removed, now mounts two twin-guided missile launchers. Rising to firing position; the "Terrier", a 12-foot, needle-nosed, supersonic weapon. It is coupled to a fifteen-foot rocket-~~booster~~. The Boston has extensive radar and guidance systems for "Terriers" and other anti-aircraft missiles. An electronic brain below deck keeps track of incoming targets. The Boston is able to track two air targets at the same time. The twin-launchers can fire eight missiles a minute. The Terrier rides a radar beam straight to target! The missile, which can be fitted with a nuclear warhead, is capable of reaching altitudes of jet bombers. A proud old name in naval tradition, the Boston helps usher in the age of sea-going push-button warfare.