

PARATROOPS AND "SUBSCAPE" DIVERS

There are many ways to reach a target ... One way is from the air. It's a tough way that has to be learned from the ground up. The men who go for it are a cocky bunch... and that helps, because the real thing is pretty frightening.

That ground is pretty far down. These men, by the way, are West Germans being trained under NATO supervision. And now, upward from the depths of the sea. The U.S. Navy conducts "Operation Subscape" off Key West, Florida. In the deepest underwater escape ever made from a submarine, these men leave the USS Archerfish 302 feet below the surface. Here the problem is not fear of impact against the ground, but the more mysterious danger of pressure and the possibility of bends. The Navy Medical Research Laboratory wants to check that the newly developed bouyant excape procedures have been perfected to the point of safety. The men involved treat it as nothing particularly unusual.