

# SAUT DANS L'OBSCURITÉ



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(JUMP INTO DARKNESS)**

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As D-Day approached, the tension was Increasing. The date had not been set and the men were making guesses as to when the jump was to take place. Then the time came when we were briefed for the mission.

After the briefing our company officers had informed us that we were to be a part of the greatest invasion the world had ever known. The Airborne troops were given the mission to stop the German from reinforcing their troops on the beaches. We were ordered to hold and fight at all costs, while giving the American landing forces time to establish a strong beachhead. If the Airborne troopers failed in their mission, it could be a disastrous defeat for the Allied forces.