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Terrorists

On September 11, 2001, **terrorists** attacked the United States. Thousands of people were killed. America had to fight back. It wouldn't be an easy job. The terrorist leaders were hiding thousands of miles (km) away in Afghanistan.

The World Trade Center towers exploded into flames after being hit by two airplanes.



The World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Virginia were two of the terrorists' targets.

The U.S. government decided to quickly take action. Their first step was to **raid** an Afghan **airstrip** so that U.S. soldiers could use it to fight the terrorists. Who could do the job? The government called in a special group of soldiers—the Army Rangers.

Two hundred Rangers climbed into four planes. They headed to Afghanistan.

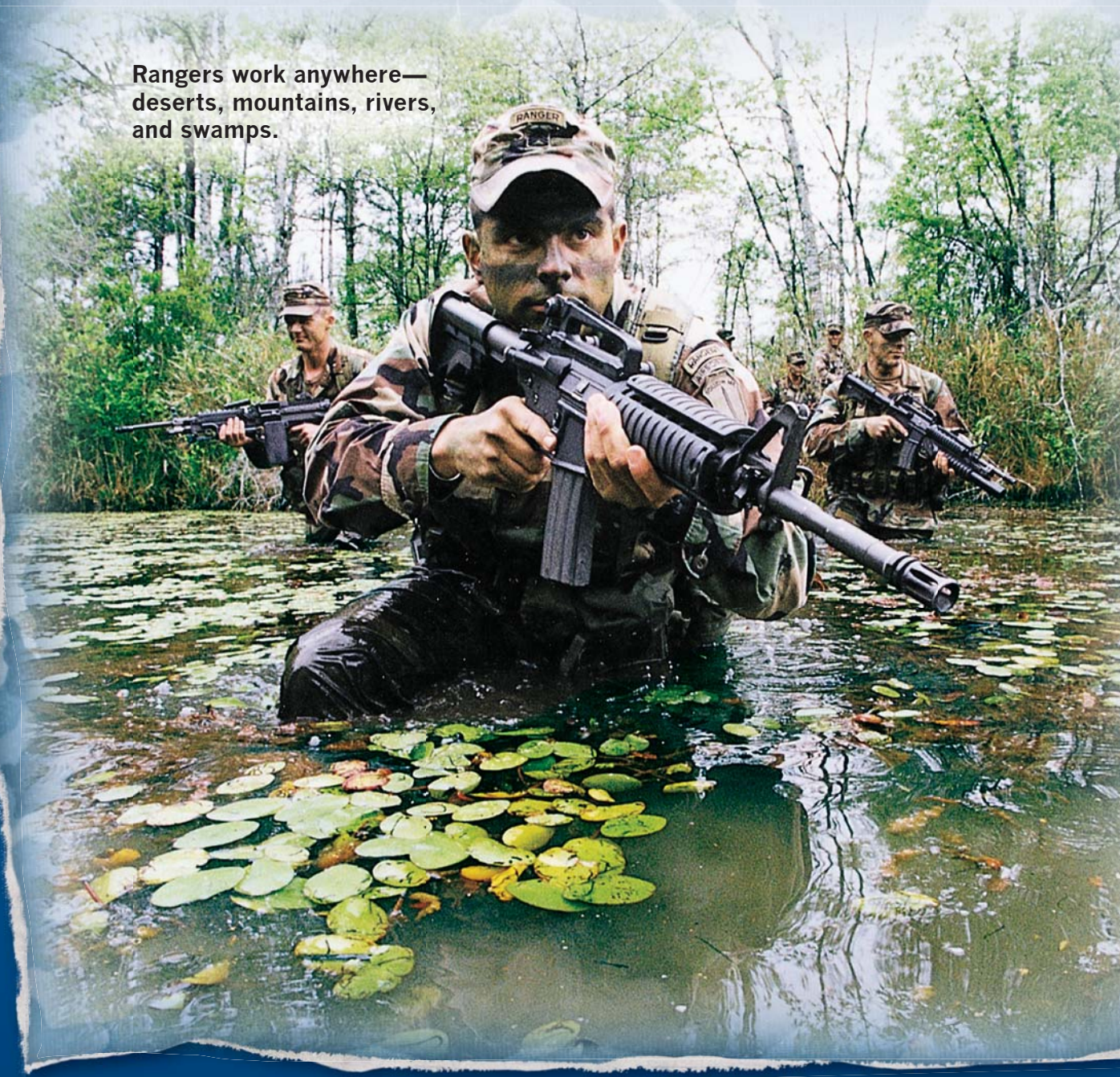


An MC-130 plane, such as this one, took the Army Rangers to Afghanistan.

U.S. Army Rangers

The Rangers are a special group of soldiers who handle the army's toughest **missions**. These jobs are called **special operations**, or special ops for short.

Rangers work anywhere—
deserts, mountains, rivers,
and swamps.



Rangers take over airports in others countries so that the enemy can't get away. They raid enemy camps to find and destroy weapons. They make surprise attacks on enemy soldiers before they can hurt U.S. troops.

Their missions are usually kept secret. Often the soldiers work at night when no one can see them. They travel quickly and quietly.



Rangers are always ready to work. They can be anywhere in the world in just 18 hours!

The Rangers are based at Fort Benning in Georgia.

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These soldiers were some of the best in the world—the U.S. Army Rangers. Look inside to learn how these daring, well-trained fighters handle the Army's toughest missions.

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