

As tension rises in French North Africa, France arms her Algerian supporters for defence against rebel raids. Veterans of two world wars are among the volunteers. The Prefect of Oran province, Monsieur Lambert, personally hands weapons to Mouloum recruits at Nedroma, where hundreds are being enrolled daily.

Algeria is not France's only problem. In French Morocco, rebel raiders attack villages and outposts in the lonely Marnoucha mountains. Here, too, local troops fight alongside the French. General Boyer de la Tour talks with some who have repelled a night-raid. Artillery is rushed to the mountains to pursue the rebels and many surrender.

The Spanish Moroccan frontier is nearby; this adds to the French difficulties, because Barber tribesmen escape over it after their lightning raids, and the punitive units cannot follow them.

But when the guerrilla bands stay to fight it out, or are surrounded before they can escape to the frontier, retribution is swift.