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~~Malaya:~~ Malaya: As the hunt for terrorists drives deeper into the jungle areas, eleven defence-forts are converted into striking bases. First, suitable ground nearby is cleared by ~~aborigines~~ ^{local workers}, ready for helicopters to fly in men and materials for the Royal Engineers, who are building an airstrip for every fort. This will enable light aircraft to ferry supplies to the fighting-areas.

most sites can be levelled by tractors; but in some cases, heavy ~~bulldozers~~ bulldozers are needed. Methodically, the six-ton machines are dismantled and transported, by small boats, to the nearest point.

The two-day journey over, the Sappers and ~~RME~~ personnel unload and re-assemble the bull-dozers... ~~Under~~ Under these conditions, using only jungle poles, ropes and few tools, the skill of these Army technicians is their greatest asset...

And a few days later - the two-hundred yard landing-strip is taking shape. Now the R.A.F. takes over, and the first ~~pioneer aircraft~~ ^{AIR-FREIGHTER} (specially designed for this type of work) lands with military supplies, food and medical needs for the ~~aborigines~~ ^{Malayan tribesmen}. In this way, the helicopters are released for front-line operations ~~and planes continue the jungle airlift~~ ^{and} ~~without interruption of the vital~~ ^{without interruption of the vital} jungle air lift.