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DESERT PARADE COMMEMORATES ALGIERS CONQUEST

At In-Salah, Foreign Legion centre 600 miles from Algiers, the unveiling of a memorial tablet to Captain Pein sets off a day of commemoration. Captain Pein led the escort to a scientific mission that, 50 years ago, battled its way into In-Salah and brought the desert outpost under the French administration at Algiers. To the eight survivors of that expedition, the Governor-General presents special decorations, awarded to them by the French President.

Women watch the ceremonies, the highlight of which is a march-past by the renowned Camel Company - crack unit in the French Foreign Legion.

So ends a memorable day in In-Salah's history.