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ALGERIAN VOLUNTEERS FORM DEFENSE TROOPS
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In Algeria, native population and more particularly Algerian (Moslem) veterans who have fought side by side with France in both world wars are volunteering to form defense squads against terrorist raids.

The number of Algerian volunteers has been increasing steadily during the past week, and has grown to such proportion that the French Governor General has decided to form them in special squads who will take in their own hands the defense of their villages and tribes against terrorist attentates.

In NEDROMA in the province of Oran, the Prefect of Oran has visited the Center where volunteers are coming to get regular recruiting formalities, and arms are distributed.

This, in spite of foreign propaganda claiming that the majority of Algerian population wants their separation from France shows, that on the contrary a large proportion of the North African Arab and Moslem men want to stay under French Government in friendly and complete union.

Coverage shows : views of the village of NEDROMA transformed into a recruiting center, military material and troops are meeting Moslem Veterans who want to be incorporated in the special defense formations. Mr. LAMBERT prefect of Oran with local and military officials, review the volunteers distribution of guns and ammunition to the volunteer

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OPERATIONS in MOROCCO

ROTO coverage

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In Boured in the Marmoucha mountains where rebels have been sending raids on isolated villages and french outposts, heavy reinforcements have been hurriedly sent and Forces are taking up position on the rocky slopes, in the Rif.

More and more of the berber tribesmen are coming to make their submission to French troops, claiming that they have been erroneously led on by terrorist organizations who lied to them. However groups of rebels are coming from the Spanish Zone of Morocco and after a raid are going back towards the Spanish border.

French troops are combing the desolate mountains, under constant fire of lone snipers. Colonel BOREILLE in command of three battalions and an armored squadron went up to AKNOUL to free the secondary road tying Boured to Aknoul which had been held by rebels for the past 24 hours.

The rebels after opposing a mild resistance to french action, went away towards the Spanish border, leaving behind a few snipers to slow down french action, and 10 dead, while french forces had only two wounded.

Meanwhile General Boyer de Latour, French Resident General in Morocco visited IMMOUZER des MARMOUCHA and talked directly to Houm troops (moroccans) who had fought against rebels when they first launched a night attack on the outpost last week. General de Latour visited the houses and spots where Commandant Baul was assassinated, while his family resisted the ambush overnight. Many berbers are making their submission in this area following large scale operations, and white flags are blooming in the isolated villages all over the Rif.