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The chequered history of Dakar on the West African Coast is at least easier to follow than the political tangle further north. These are the first pictures to come from that port since the war began. The big military plane brings several of the notabilities whose names have become associated with a new French faction in the North African jig-saw. Preferring military deeds to political deals, we pass to where a new airport is under construction. Pre-fabricated steel landing-mats are being put down to provide a firm run-way for aircraft. Another aerodrome is a useful spot.

A train load of Senegalese troops bound for the front. Judging by the expressions on the faces of their womenfolk, their compassionate leave was a huge success.

The last minute handshakes at the carriage windows. Dusk warriors who derive satisfaction almost amounting to pleasure in fighting. They have other hobbies too.

Destination is a military secret, but wherever it is, there's a tough break coming for the Nazis. These Senegalese play rough.