

STRANDED FREIGHTER ON MOROCCAN COAST
served to all competition
Positive developed : VI meters - 237 ft

Late in December furious storms made alashed along the coast of Morocco, and caused damages to many parts of the country. A french freighter was pushed over the rocks at OUKACHA two kilometers from Casablanca and her crewmen were rescued in spite of heavy seas and mountainous waves.

It was impossible to lift her over the rocks and put her back straight afloat, but her cargo being estimated approximately two billion francs, it was decided to build as quickly as possible a 550 meters long jetty ending in a concrete wharf where trucks could unload the precious cargo. Meanwhile a temporary lift was built and is taking out 200 kilograms loads from her stage at a time.

But the heavy seas are beating her day and night and a large hole has been opened in her side by the rocks, the work must be done rapidly. The building of the jetty is well advanced and although it will cost 200 million francs, the precious cargo is well worth the work.

Picture shows, views of the stranded cargo on the rocks, and various phases of building of the stone and concrete jetty, trucks riding to and fro with stones which are thrown in between rocks to level the wharf, and temporary lift in operation to unload as much as possible of the cargo. Meanwhile water is pouring in her holds by the wide cut in her side.