

War Beyond The Western Front

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Thousands of miles from Europe's Western Front, in August 1914, the world's first global war had started... in West Africa.

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Togo inherited the name "country of 25 whips", as a result of the German colonial period.

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Germany lost Togo to Allied forces in a few weeks in a race to control Kamina Wireless Station, the most important strategic weapon in her African colonies.

Why was such an important German weapon located in West Africa? And why did the French and British want to destroy it so early in the war?

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