

**COLONIAL QUITS VICHY TO JOIN SYRIA DRIVE.**

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Past a Syrian frontier post rode one of the most famous colonial regiments of France the Circassian cavalry. The regimental flag was conferred on them when they fled from Soviet rule in the Caucasus to join the French Army in Syria in 1922. They now strike another blow for Freedom by renouncing Vichy and following their commander, Colonel Collet, into the ranks of the Free French. Known as the Laurence of the Levant Collet founded the regiment and was the first commander

(Part) At De Gaulle's Palestine headquarters the colonel told them they had taken the course of honour in refusing to fight against Britain. Collet was adjutant to General Dentz, the French chief in Syria. The regiment he now brings over to our side is an indication that many French soldiers believe Vichy to have betrayed the real interests of their country. Palestinians gave them fruit as they marched back towards Syria, this time to fight for liberty. An example has been set to all France by Colonel Collet and his Syrian Cossacks.