

BASTILLE DAY BRINGS NEW HOPE TO FRENCH

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The Tricolour bedecked London on the National Day of France. French restaurant owners in Soho, like their compatriots everywhere outside Vichy, have recaptured the spirit of Marshal Foch. At his memorial the Free French paid a tribute to one who was a soldier of genius and an implacable enemy of Germany.

Admiral Muselier, as he laid a wreath, was symbolically pledging the followers of General De Gaulle not to rest till France is able to celebrate Bastille Day at home.

Back to the present day Bastille that is unoccupied France came repatriated war prisoners, arriving at Lyons. They were some of the 100-thousand conceded by Hitler in return for French help against Britain. There was no look of Bastille Day about these bedraggled, dispirited men, by whose plight Petain and Company hoped to gain sympathy for the Vichy government. A vain hope ! To unoccupied France we say, cast off your gloom. Smiles will soon gladden your faces again. Triumph is already in the air.

While Free French in London stood at the Foch Memorial, others in Syria were in the army that compelled General Dentz and his Vichy troops to ask for an armistice. Towards the goal of victory the Free French march at out side.
