DE GAULLE AWARDS HONOUR TO PARIS

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The unconquerable capital of France was officially awarded the special Cross of Liberation in a ceremony witnessed by a million people. Pinned to a cushion richly embroidered with the arms of Paris it was shown to the vast assemblage outside the Hotel de Ville. Twelve thousand soldiers of the re-formed army of France marched in the liberation parade. Liberty, equality and fraternity is once again the prized motto of France. The colours of seventeen regiments - banners which were hidden from the Germans for four years - more were once more presented.

(23 EX drummers) Troops drawn from the 16 French divisions now fighting in Germany marched in the parade.

As a military power of importance France is making reborn under steadfast leadership of de Gaulle.