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VICTOR OF THE MARNE - The birthplace of  
Marshal Joffre honours the memory of its  
famous son.

-France-

Picture.:- Not far from the Mediterranean lies the little  
town of Rivesaltes, an--

--old fashioned place, much like scores of other small  
townships in Southern France.

But it is different from most of its neighbours, in  
that a very great --

--man first saw the light of day in one of its narrow--

--streets. XXXXX The little cottage proudly bears a  
tablet to that effect.

To-day, crowds of people assemble in the market square  
to pay tribute to--

--the memory of the Marshal Joffre, who, from a village  
lad, became one of the most famous and best beloved  
soldiers in the history of the French republic. XXXX  
Many distinguished people, including representatives  
of all the allied countries, are here--

--to witness the inauguration of a statue erected in his  
honour, and commemorating the fact of his humble--

--origin. XXXX The statue is an equestrian one, depicting  
the famous--

--Marshal just as he is remembered by his countrymen, and  
hundreds of thousands of Britons--

--too, who visited France during those never-to-be-forgotten  
years of 1914 to 1918.