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## JOAN OF ARC DAY IN LONDON.

Normally one of the most widely observed anniversaries in France, the feast of St. Jean of Arc is commemorated by Free French Forces at Wellington Barracks. In the absence of General de Gaulle, Admiral Muselier before a hushed assembly hands over to various units flags and pennons, which have been presented by the French Colony and Associations in Great Britain. The ceremony which has always centred around the Statue to the Maid of Orleans in Paris, is today more than ever imbued with the spirit to recover the Motherland from a tyrannical invader. In his address Admiral Muselier calls upon all Free French men and women to stand by the watchword of the ~~XXXXX~~ Armies of the First Republic "Freedom or Death". Hope and confidence run high in the hearts of those who fight on.

Headed by the band of the Irish Guards, the Parade marches to attend High Mass at Westminster Cathedral.

The courage of Joan of Arc is born afresh in the hearts of these men whose ~~indomitable~~ determination is as inspired as that of the martyred Maid.