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HEROIC END OF FRENCH FLEET.

The Sailors of Toulon, the Fleet of France have proven that the Soul of France is not in slavery. Like a thunderclap came Toulon's answer to Hitler's attempt to seize a glittering prize; The French warships exploded their magazines. In one brief instant, Captains, Officers and Ratings saw through the odious veil of lies. As the Nazis, experts in robbery rushed the harbour, Toulon was shaken by a series of mighty explosions. Many noble men sacrificed their lives as their vessels sank to the bottom of the sea. One swift action and France was back in the war.

The United Nations salute the men who perished, preferring death to dishonour. Commander of the Scuttled Fleet, Admiral de Laborde, unable to take his ships out to fight because of the detestable policy of Vichy, made the supreme decision of sacrifice.