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French nation to live once more, and an active leader through whom the French might bring their aid to the common effort.

The weight of renewed French military strength has long since begun to count in the balance of forces which is posed against the enemy. At Bir Hacheim a gallant band of French defenders helped to stem the tide of German military power at a moment of great danger in North Africa. Since that time, in the victorious surge which has carried the Allied Armies across Africa and Sicily and into the heart of Italy, French forces have played a courageous part.

~~Meanwhile, Within France herself~~; a living spirit of resistance has ~~been revealed~~ ^{been} in countless acts of heroism and sacrifice. Throughout ~~the whole of~~ the struggle, ~~the gradually increasing strength of~~ the French resistance movement has been undermining German power behind the enemy's ~~own~~ lines. ~~Long and careful preparations for even greater actions have been made by these underground forces. They have been quick to seize the opportunity to strike at the enemy, created by the allied~~ landings on the beaches of Normandy. Organized and disciplined action, initiated by the resistance movement within France, has been of inestimable aid to the allied armies as they penetrated the Norman peninsula. On every hand there ~~has been~~ ^{is} evidence of the determination of the French people ~~as a whole~~ to make ~~its~~ ^{them}