### The Little Known De Gaulle Who Fought To Free Occupied France

The story of General Charles de Gaulle, the leader of the Free French Forces during World War II, is well-known. But there was another de Gaulle, a lesser-known figure who also played a vital role in the liberation of France: Admiral François de Gaulle.



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François de Gaulle was born in 1889, the younger brother of Charles. He entered the French Navy in 1909 and rose through the ranks quickly. By the outbreak of World War II, he was a captain and the commander of the destroyer "Le Terrible."

When France fell to the Nazis in 1940, François de Gaulle refused to accept defeat. He sailed his ship to England and joined the Free French

Forces. He was soon promoted to admiral and given command of the French naval forces in the Mediterranean Sea.

François de Gaulle's naval forces played a vital role in the Allied invasion of North Africa in 1942. He also led the naval assault on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day in 1944.

After the war, François de Gaulle served as the Chief of the French Navy from 1946 to 1951. He retired from the Navy in 1953 and died in 1964.

François de Gaulle was a brave and skilled naval commander who played a vital role in the liberation of France. He was a lesser-known figure than his brother Charles, but he deserves to be remembered for his contributions to the Allied victory in World War II.

#### François de Gaulle's Role in the Liberation of France

François de Gaulle's naval forces played a vital role in the Allied invasion of North Africa in 1942. He commanded the French naval forces that supported the landings at Oran and Algiers. His ships also provided fire support for the Allied troops as they fought their way inland.

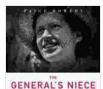
François de Gaulle also led the naval assault on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day in 1944. His ships bombarded the German defenses and provided cover for the Allied troops as they stormed ashore.

François de Gaulle's naval forces also played a role in the liberation of southern France in 1944. His ships supported the landings at Toulon and Marseille.

#### François de Gaulle's Legacy

François de Gaulle was a brave and skilled naval commander who played a vital role in the liberation of France. He was a lesser-known figure than his brother Charles, but he deserves to be remembered for his contributions to the Allied victory in World War II.

François de Gaulle's legacy is one of courage, determination, and patriotism. He was a true hero of France.



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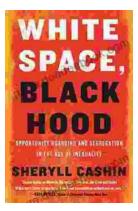
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