

GLASGOW PIPE BAND IN PARIS

Over in Paris, one of the band's first engagements is to attend a solemn ceremony in the square before the Prefecture of Police building. Under the command of Pipe Major John MacDonald, the band pays homage to members of the French Police Force who gave their lives during the war. As a token of their respect for their fallen friends (many of whom died serving the Free French Underground Movement) a representative of the British Embassy lays a wreath at the foot of the memorial.

The ceremony is over and the Glasgow Pipe Band marches through the streets of Paris. The swirl of kilts and the sound of the pipes is a rare spectacle even for this city, and crowds gather as the pipers come to the Luxemburg Gardens to give a display of piping and dancing.

The band gets a big reception for their piping, but here's what they've all been waiting for, a genuine Scottish reel, performed as only the Scots knew how.

Here's one spectator who's trying to say "It's a bonny sight" in French! And so it is. In the tartan of the Royal Stewart clan they make a sight to thrill every French heart.

The Glasgow Pipers have really got off to their French tour with a big bang. It is by such friendly gestures as these that a strong bond is cemented even more firmly between France and Great Britain.