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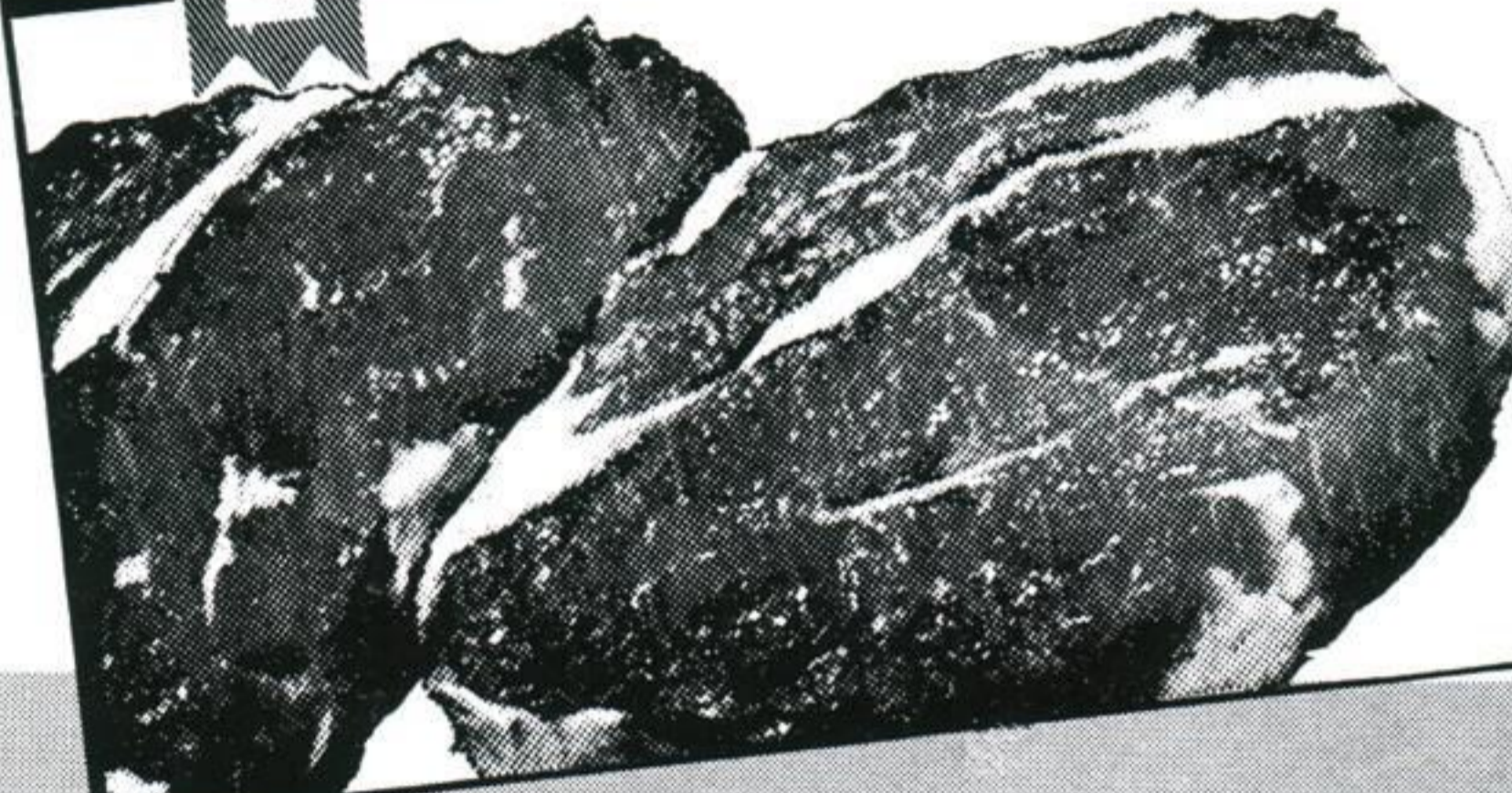
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EDITORIAL

The Royal Canadian Air Force today is in a period of change. The last two years have seen almost a complete renewal of our operational role and capability and the resultant overhaul of support units and equipment.

4 (F) Wing is about to undergo her part in the change and a very extensive one it is. The present squadrons will begin disbanding by the years' end and new aircraft should be seen arriving at the Flugplatz by early spring. New aircraft mean new facilities and already construction jobs can be spotted springing up around the station area.

Changes in aircraft mean changes in jobs, opening positions and courses to be taken. Unfortunately this means large scale and often untimely movement of personnel. Many of you may have your personal plans disrupted and the hardship of family separation may ensue you during the year to come.

During a period such as this the general morale of the entire service is bound to suffer. As posting dates come near men become lax on the jobs. There are families to worry about, accommodations, packing, children to fit into school, and long periods of separation. Nerves become frayed and tempers are short.

You must be reminded, however, that large scale changes are the sign of a young and growing service. Career opportunities and advancement in the RCAF are greater today than they have been since the war. All personnel are involved. A dedication to the service and a few sacrifices now will lead to a bigger and better future.

Scotland all their famous skills and crafts, and these are apparent in the structure and ornamentation of their basilica. A part still remains of the original cloister. This is the magnificent main portal which is topped by the statue of St. Benedict. The entrance through this great arch is from the side street. Inside to your right you can still see the old cloister mill, which is almost exactly the same as when it was first built.

The main portal of the church has a beautiful statue of Christ the King in its tympanum flanked by saints Peter and Paul. Inside, as you pass through the stone colonnade, the spiritual calm, which is a dominant feature of the abbey, enfolds you, making it possible to grasp the strength of middle age Christianity.

At right angles to the main aisle is the transept housing an imposingly high altar abounding with most beautifully carved cherubs, and many ornate carvings. Truly a work of art, this is the largest Baroque style altar in the province of Baden. It was constructed at the order of the third abbot Barnhardus Beck, who also obtained one of the few existing Silbermann organs for the church. (There is another one in Strasbourg cathedral.)

In front of this magnificent altar is an extremely decorative wrought iron gate. The work in this gate is symbolic of the skills which came out of the middle ages and was most probably the product of a crude forge and anvil. After the ravage of the Thirty Years War, Abbot Placidus Rauber had the bones of Saint Rufina brought to Schwarzach in order to supply the neglected people with a spiritual centre of interest. They rest encased in a reliquary of glass and ebony within the building. These relics, along with the hand-carved leaf designs on the choir benches and the splendid carvings abundant here, all fit together to make the Abbey at Schwarzach a beautiful and enlightening attraction close to us.

Cover Story



The Abbey in the Village Road, Schwarzach

Ten minutes by car from the airport gate, as many of us have discovered, is the tiny village of Schwarzach. Something of which we may not be aware however, is the magnificent Romanesque Abbey which towers with firmidable grace over the trees lining the little village road.

The history of this abbey dates back to Agoaldus, one of a group of Benedictine monks who arrived in this district in the year 714 A.D. They brought with them from Ireland and



Four of the 4th Black Forest District scouts were presented with gold cords by AVM Wray, AOC of 1 Air Division at a recent ceremony at Air Division Headquarters in Metz. Left to right is Robert Willie, Ben Dennis, Michael Markham, AVM Wray, Mervin Sabey nad W/C Markham, District Commissioner.

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South Bavaria: Worth A Visit

by Michael Winch

Above the steep western side of the valley between Murnau and Garmisch and in close proximity to each other are Ettal, Oberammergau and Linderhof.

Ettal is a great Benedictine monastery founded in 1330 by the Emperor Ludwig the Bavarian (the only Duke of Bavaria to be elected to the Imperial throne) as the result of a vow made when he was in a different position in Italy. All external traces of the first monastery have disappeared, but the original ten-sided church was brilliantly redecorated in 1744-53 by Joseph Schmuzer of Wessobrunn in the Bavarian Rococo style.

Linderhof is finally approached through the highlying, flat Graswangtal. Generally the appeal of mountain scenery is that of massive grandeur and unconcerned agelessness. Sometimes when I have been in this valley in summer, however, the immediate surroundings have danced and sparkled, and both the nearby limestone peaks and even the distant Zugspitze, visible for a moment through a small side valley, have seemed to have a gay Rococo air. In this setting the neo-Bourbon Linderhof is less incongruous than you might expect. It was completed in 1878, at the beginning of Ludwig's "Roi Soleil" period, and is said to have been inspired by the Petit Trianon. In effect it resembles nothing so much as a small casino or a large villa in the south of France built during the worst period of the last century. There is nothing stylistically right about it, and the gardens, strictly speaking, are not right either. Yet, from the outside, it succeeds, and succeeds wonderfully. For some reason, perhaps the common factor of gaiety, the mountains and Linderhof each seem to gain something from the presence of the other.

Oberammergau, already on the way back to Munich, lies in a more open situation and is generally known for the traditional Passion Play, given there since the early seventeenth century once every ten years. It also has many beautiful frescoed houses.

"Die Wies"

Going northward from Oberammergau you gradually descend a broad green valley until you suddenly leave the hills at Saulgrub. Thence it is but a few miles to the famous Wies Kirche. It lies at the end of a short side road, alone in a rolling green meadow; hence the origin of its name, the church in der Wies. Its white walls and deep shingled roof are outlined against dark woods and away to the right are the high mountains by Fussen. The setting is entirely Bavarian, and so is the church itself. Moreover, just as the Amalienburg is the best Rococo produced for the Bavarian Court, so is this the best that was produced for the Church.

The church, in effect, is a superb ecstatic unity; a unity in which architecture, rhythm, stucco-work, color and light all find their place. It was so compelling that I found myself



The „Wies“ Church, not far from Oberammergau, is a masterpiece of German Rococo architecture.

responding to its grace and gaiety with a smile, and as I left I felt I had witnessed an architectural expression of the Gloria.

To the south-east of Munich is the Chiemsee, the largest of all the German lakes, and on an island in it is Herrenchiemsee, the last of the three Königsschlosser.

The crossing is made from Prien in high-powered launches. As you advance a wide view gradually unfolds: first the pastoral surroundings of the lake, where many writers and artists have settled, and then the jagged mountains which rise steeply from the flat country to the south. On the island a path leads through woods to a large formal garden where you suddenly have before you a miniature Versailles. Unlike Linderhof, which is fundamentally only an appalling pastiche of the Petit Trianon, the main front of Herrenchiemsee was copied from Versailles almost exactly. A visit there in 1874 had developed Ludwig's "Roi Soleil" fixation and he wanted to be able to live like Louis XIV at his grandest. Work began 1878, immediately after Linderhof was finished, and construction was pressed forward with such speed that within three years the outside walls had been completed and a start made with the interior decoration. By 1886, the year of Lud-

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wig's death, the decoration was almost complete and plans were already in hand for enlargement. Herrenchiemsee was nothing but a setting for proud dreams, and as such it is one of the most tragic but fascinating palaces in Europe.

On the way back to Munich, if you are travelling by car, you can return to the world of real Baroque by visiting the splendid church at Rott am Inn built by Fischer (1759-63). It has stucco-work by Feichtmayr and frescoes by Matthaus Gunther. A little further is Wasserburg, one of several pleasing towns in the Inn valley notable for the introduction of arcaded market squares and other Italian details in the early sixteenth century. All were built by masons from Merano.



Lovely little Maria Gern, near Berchtesgaden, typifies the scenic beauty of the Berchtesgaden U. S. Forces Recreation Area.

In the Bavarian Alps

Beyond the Chiemsee is a small salient which projects into Austria and contains Bad Reichenhall, Berchtesgaden and the noblest section of the Bavarian Alps. At Reichenhall you are unlikely to find a room unless you are prepared to pay for the pleasure of staying at the Axelmannstein, for the Trade Unions now send their members there, but Berchtesgaden meets all a tourist's needs. At the Obersalzberg, above the town, was Hitler's favorite mountain retreat, a small villa clinging to the hillside, with superb views into Austria. By the end of the war it was in ruins and some people wanted it destroyed lest it became a place of pilgrimage. Their fear proved unnecessary though. High above the villa is the famous Tea House, perched precariously on a razor-edge mountain.

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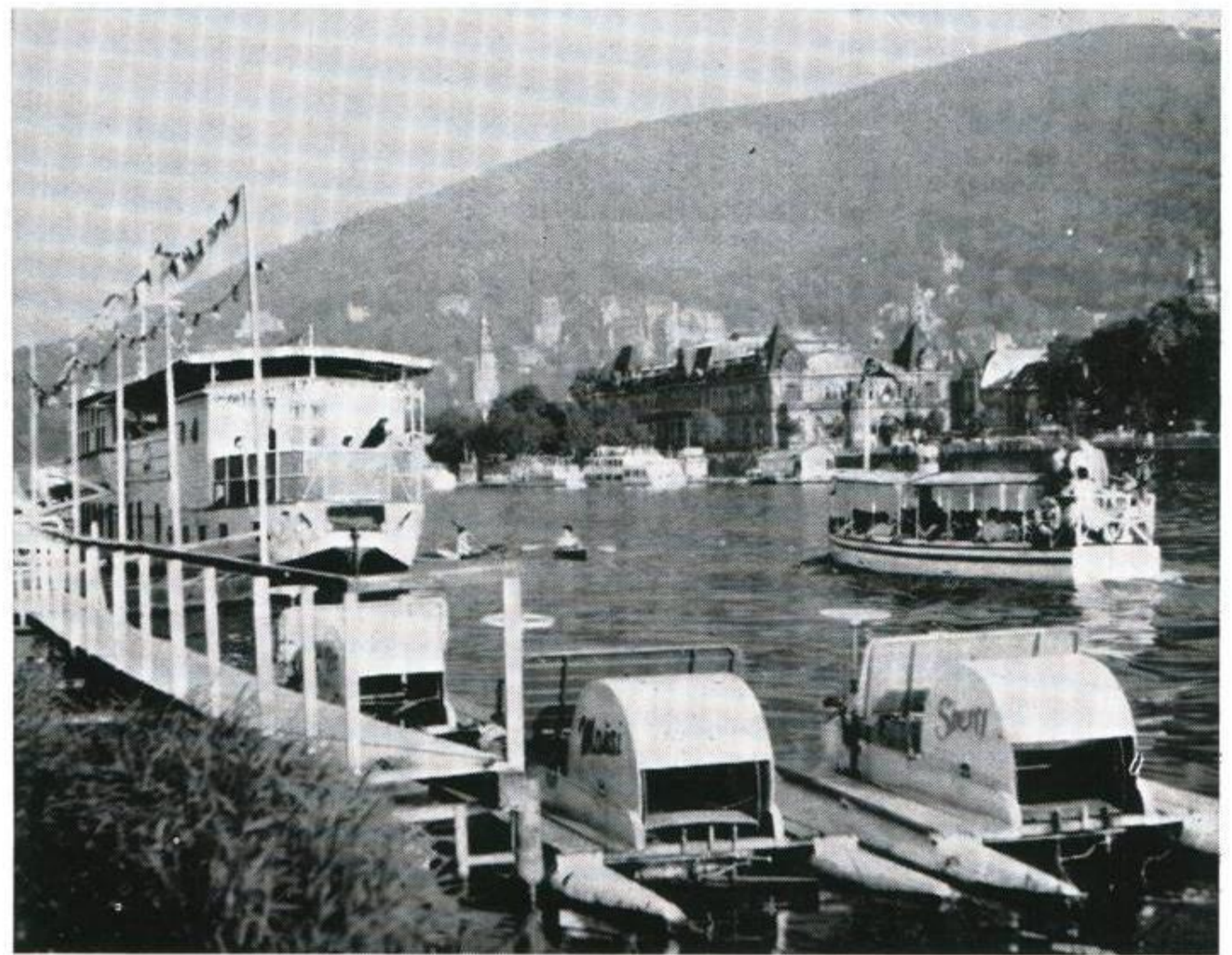
The beautiful Neckar Valley

On the eastern fringe of Germany's Black Forest, two rivers of world renown set off in search of the sea. These Schwarzwald-spawned sisters share the same birth-place but not the same destiny.

For the Danube, it is the start of a 1,750-mile journey through eight countries to the Black Sea. A few miles to the north, the Neckar wells up in a meadow and begins a brief, meandering voyage to Mannheim, where it is swallowed up by the Rhine.

The Neckar is provincial and short on length — just 228 miles long from start to finish. The well-travelled Danube flows past Vienna, Budapest and Belgrade. The Neckar never gets out of south Germany. But the Neckar makes it up in eye appeal.

From its source just south of Schwenningen, the Neckar zig-zags north between the Black Forest and the Swabian Alps. It passes through peaceful orchards and vineyards. It wanders past Stuttgart and Heilbronn.



Barges on the Neckar

Cliff-hanging Bad Wimpfen soon casts its jagged shadow across the river, marking the start of the Neckar's finest hour. The 50-mile Neckartal between Bad Wimpfen and Heidelberg is a land of legends, rich in storybook castles, quaint villages, scenic wonders.

This is the countryside that inspired German greats like Goethe and Carl Maria von Weber. It can also do a lot for an amateur photographer. In this terrain, good color slides come easy.

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Highway Driving

Trouble with highway driving is that it seems so easy. We creep through a city and break into the open road at last. Now our problems are over, it seems. We pick up speed and let down caution. We go to sleep or go off the pavement. We are so surprised when a traffic light comes along that we have to throw out the anchor to stop in time. We are surprised by those "guys who come out of nowhere" to create tight situations.

Straight roads are worst of all, accident-wise. We get along pretty well on steep hills and sharp curves. But when the road straightens out nice and flat, we are most likely to wind up in an accident.

There are just five persons who really threaten your safety in highway driving — the guy ahead, the guy behind, the guy to your left, the guy to your right, and the guy behind your wheel.

Let's consider the guy ahead. He may slow down or stop suddenly, forcing you to change lanes or come to a screaming halt. The guy ahead may be the one you'd like to pass, but he won't know about it until you signal him to that effect.

I recall one case of the guy ahead who caused one heck of an accident. A child in the rear seat of a vehicle lost a toy out the window and, in reaching for it, tripped the door which swung open. The child clung to the door. A grandparent in the rear seat, grabbed for the shrieking child, missed and fell out. A vehicle following closely ran over him and crushed him to death.

The mother, who was driving, turned and tried to reach the opened door to which the child still clung. In so doing she lost control and veered across the road to the left, directly in the path of an oncoming truck which swerved hard left and collided head on with the vehicle which had crushed the grandparent.

The car continued to swerve left, out of control, while the mother vainly reached for her child. Failing, she jammed on her brakes and the open door obediently slammed shut, depositing the child safely back in the car. I fancy the driver of the car which had been following this lady will never forget the unexpected antics of the car ahead of him, nor the tragic results which stemmed from it.

The guy ahead should be given safe following distances. You'll need a vehicle length for every 10 miles of speed on good, dry pavement. You'll need at least twice that if the roads are wet or slippery, and still more if it is icy.

The guy behind is a constant threat unless we give him fair warning before changes of speed or direction. He'll likely hang in there ready to boot us a half-block if we aren't careful.

The guy behind may get ideas about passing us just as we decide to pass a vehicle ahead of us. It is always interesting to try to put three vehicles in two lanes at the same time. We call these attempts "accidents". This 3-vehicle type of passing accident is particularly common on turnpikes and expressways.

Help the guy behind to pass, and consider yourself better off if you can get him past you, safely.

The guy behind requires fair warning so he can stop or slow down if it becomes necessary. He may not realize how likely it is that the vehicle ahead may have to stop suddenly, but it's easier to "tell" him before an accident occurs, than it is to explain afterwards.

The guy to your right may cut in from a side road, or he may be a pedestrian stumbling along the right edge of the pavement. The guy to your right includes the not-long-for-this-world fellow who tries to pass you on your right.

The guy to your left may be in an oncoming vehicle or he may be passing you. He may come into an intersection from the left. He may ignore your careful turn signals.

Get wise to these four guys, and watch out for them.

Finally, we have that fifth guy. The one who holds the wheel is really the one to worry about, but he should be ready for anything from the other four.

Highway driving means much greater differences in speeds of various vehicles, and it means passing vehicles at higher speeds. Thus on two-lane roads, you will have to be on the wrong side of the road for a thousand feet or more just to pass one vehicle going 40 m.p.h.

Four places are taboo for trying to pass in highway driving — intersections, curbes, railroad crossings and hills. And watch out for school buses. In most states you cannot pass a school bus when it has stopped on the highway to load or unload children.

Highway driving means higher speeds. Higher speeds mean longer stopping distances and easier loss of control in an emergency.

The basic trick to highway driving is allowing yourself plenty of room — all around — and travelling at the speed which most vehicles of your type are using. Read those warning signs. You may get only one warning sign concerning a sharp curve or other hazard.

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The Neckartal lends itself nicely to a one-day tour. You can start at either end. Let's head east from Heidelberg. Read backwards if you are setting out from the Stuttgart-Heilbronn areas.

You'll have a tough time getting past Heidelberg. From the right (north) bank of the Neckar, the familiar view of the city and its famed castle nestled beneath the towering Koenigstuhl is all it's cracked up to be. The turreted Alte Bruecke (old bridge) over the Neckar is one of the most photographed foregrounds in the world.

A short distance upstream is the first of a series of locks that helped tame the once-unruly Neckar and gradually lower it to the level of the Rhine. For the Neckar is a workhorse waterway as well as a rubbernecker's paradise. Hundreds of barges churn upstream carrying coal and other raw materials to industrial Stuttgart, returning with cargos of wood and salt.

If you want a nautical view of the river, catch one of the Neckar steamers along the waterfront at Heidelberg. A three-hour roundtrip to Neckarsteinach will cast you less than a dollar.

A bend in the river reveals Neckargemund, one of a half dozen charming towns that bear the name of the river. Neckargemund is on the left bank. If you've got a half hour to spare, cross over and follow the narrow, winding road a couple of miles up to Dilsberg, an earthy, medieval jewel that time forgot.

Dilsberg is a walled fortress town bounded on three sides by the Neckar. From its lofty perch, it looks down on the snake-like river 1,000 feet below. Ramble round the ramparts and take in the Neckar Valley at its best.

Back on the right bank of the Neckar — the only through route — your next stop will be a former fishing village that has a corner on the castle market. Neckarsteinach has four, two of them still inhabited. Standing sentinel is the Swallows' Nest, a romantic ruin that clings to a precipice and commands a fine view of the other three castle and Dilsberg across the river.

Castles along the Neckar enjoy a high rate of occupancy. But, in general, don't stop by for a visit unless you've got a search warrant or an engraved invitation from the baron.

Continue on toward Hirschhorn. The river cuts through the many-shaded Odenwald, dotted with red sandstone cliff faces and streaked with yellow mustard fields.

Like nearly all of the towns and villages for the next 30 miles, Hirschhorn is situated on the right bank of the Neckar and dominated by a schloss (castle), and like so many others, Hirschhorn is surrounded by the remnants of a medieval wall. On a doorway facing the marktplatz there is a record of the town's flood crises over the past century. Grooves and dates show the high marks, much like the record of a child's growth.

On a narrow peninsula just across the river stands the oldest church in the Neckar Valley. It is the Ersheim Chapel and it dates back to 773.

Around the bend and a couple miles upstream is Eberbach, a town of about 12,000 which seems like a metropolis after a succession of comparative hamlets. The story of this former imperial free city, its feasts and famines, is told in murals on the facade of the Hotel zum Karpfen.

At Eberbach, the Neckar turns south for good. It leaves the Odenwald and skirts the Bauland. But this is just a jurisdictional shift — the scenery flows on as good as ever.

Zwingenberg Castle, probably the most impressive on the lower Neckar, sits on a cliff and dominates the surrounding countryside. The wild and wooly wald (forest) behind the castle is said to have inspired Von Weber's "Freischütz".

Continue south through Neckargerach and Binau. At Neckarelz, take a detour to Mosbach, a couple of miles to the east. Mosbach is an architectural gem. If you're hunting half-timbered houses, this is the place. Just pull into the town square and reach for your camera.

At Neckarzimmern you enter the country of Goetz von Berlichingen, the "Knight with the Iron Hand". Goetz was a 16th Century soldier-of-fortune who donned an iron hand after his right hand was shot away at the siege of Landshut in 1505.



The Neckar near Heidelberg

After he got off active duty, Goetz lived at Hornberg Castle off and on for 45 years. He was recalled to lead a group of Odenwald farmers during the Peasants' War and the old warhorse later campaigned in Turkey and France.

Hornberg Castle is more than 1,000 years old. It fell to Baron Reinhard von Gemmingen in 1612 and has been in the family ever since. The modern-day von Gemmingens have turned part of the castle into a hotel and restaurant. It's a good spot to break a journey. The restaurant terrace hangs over the Neckar and offers a splendid view up and down the valley. You might even get the baron to show you his priceless library and some of Goetz's arsenal.

The same family owns Guttenberg Castle, another well-preserved stronghold. This one is opposite Gundelsheim, just a mile or so upstream, and also features a menu with scenery.

At Gundelsheim the Neckar Valley starts to flatten out. A few miles south you can cross over to Bad Wimpfen, a split-level spa on the left bank. The older city in the valley contains a St. Peter's Church, a masterpiece of German early Gothic. The newer part of the charming, half-timbered resort is perched atop a 200-foot cliff over the river. The many towers and fortifications date back to the time when Bad Wimpfen was an imperial free town.

For the dedicated archaeologist or historian, there are a lot of other natural and man-made wonders along the Neckartal.

But perhaps the best idea is to find a place in the sun, sit back and toast the Neckar as it flows toward oblivion in the mighty Rhine.



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Editor K.R. Greenfield

Introduction by Captain Cyril Falls

The crucial decisions described here turn on the answer to questions like the following: Was Hitler's decision to invade Denmark and Norway a military blunder? Did the invasion of North Africa postpone a cross-Channel invasion of the continent for a year? Why didn't General Bradley close the German pocket at Argentan (with the unexpected conclusion that it paid not to do so)? Could Field Marshal Montgomery's "single-thrust" strategy have ended the war in Europe in September 1944?

These decisions were made by chiefs of state on grand strategy, theatre commanders, general staffs, combined chiefs of staff, and corps commanders. The facts about them have been distilled from tons of documents by the Office of the Chief of Military History, U.S. Army and the book is unbiased, authentic and scholarly. These were decisions which changed the course of history, altered the lives of millions, and destroyed empires; here is all the complex interplay of politics, personality and logistics. The book probably sheds more light on the intricate process of military decision making a process that varies from "by-guess-and-by-god" to infinitely detailed calculation and analysis — than any work yet published.

While the book was written by American historians and sees the war from the American viewpoint, it is dispassionate in its judgements, especially on the conflict between American and British views. Most of the topics discussed concern the British as closely as the Americans.

The Last of the Just — Andre Schwarz Bart.

In every generation there are born among the Jews thirty six men, whom God has chosen to bear the burden of the world's suffering, and to whom He has granted the privilege of martyrdom. Such is an age-old Jewish belief. And such is the underlying theme of this novel, which spans the period between "Just" men in Youk in the 12th century to the death of the last "Just" man, Ernie Levy, in the gas chambers of Auschwitz in 1943.

Published last autumn in Paris and awarded the Prix Goncourt, its sale has exceeded 400,000 copies in the first five months, a unique record. It has been described by leading French critics as a great novel; as one of the most important books to appear in our time, and as a story that carries us far beyond the confines of literature. It is being translated into many languages and will no doubt be read by many millions

of readers over all the civilized world. Such a book whose publication is a source of pride to us, needs no crude boasting or boosting to launch it on the English market.

The Last of the Just is the celebration of a tragedy, the rehearsal of a crime — perhaps the greatest in the history of civilization and an analysis of the seeds of nobility and wickedness in the human heart. Yet at the same time, it never ceases to be a novel, a gripping narrative, a picture of human beings in action, written with warmth, simplicity, humour and an irony not uncommon in the finest Jewish writers. It is a book which, once read, can never be forgotten, one that burns itself into the reader's mind and heart.

The House at the Old Vine — Nora Lofts.

Tomorrow the man I love is to die, horrifyingly and in public — thus Josiana Green Wood begins the tragic and compelling story of her love for Walter Rancon, the Lollard. It is the first of six dramatic episodes which together compose this unusual novel.

They are personal dramas of great power and urgency, dealing with burning issues of love and hatred, life and death. The background is two hundred years of religious persecution, strife and civil war, from the 15th century to the restoration. The closely interwoven threads together form a magnificent tapestry, through which runs one colourful strand, the story of the House of Old Vine, that unites and harmonizes them. The structure of the house remains as it was in the old days of the wool trade, but the dramas played out against the steady background reflect the changing times.



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NEW ARRIVALS



W/C R. D. Schultz DFC CD.

This month the Schwarzwald Flieger takes pleasure in Welcoming to the unit W/C R. D. Schultz DFC CD. W/C Schultz, an old timer in the all-weather fighter business, arrived in Europe accompanied by his wife Mary and almost teenage daughter Kathy and has taken over the COpsO position 4 Wing.

Both W/C Schultz and his guitar hail from Bashaw, Alberta and they embarked on their Air Force career together in 1941 at the recruiting unit in Edmonton.

During the war W/C Schultz flew both day and night fighters but he received his real fame as a night fighter with 410 Cougar Squadron on the famed Mosquito. Here, for maximum effort put forth throughout his tour and a special effort on a particular night resulting in three kills, he was awarded both DFC and Bar.

Following a post-war stint at Uplands on Vampires and a tour with the well known Vampire formation team, W/C Schultz opened the CF 100 OTU as Chief Flying Instructor. In 1954 Postings & Careers finally caught up with our guitar playing flyer and he flew a desk in the SASO branch for the next four years.

A year at staff college was put in and W/C Schultz was back in the air in his beloved CF 100, this time as OC of 413 AW(F) Sqn at Station Bagotville.

When the CF 100 was finally phased out in Canada last year and replaced by the Voodoo, W/C Schultz was in charge



W/C H. P. Legace CD.

of implementation of the aircrew training program and served as Commanding Officer of the conversion unit detached at Namao.

Welcome aboard, Sir!

W/C H.P. Legace arrived at 4 (F) Wing during the latter part of August and took over the top position of the personnel branch.

W/C Legace was born in Winnipeg, not too many years ago. He received his basic education at St. Ann's High School in Winnipeg and later attended the University of Manitoba.

The RCAF first received the services of W/C Legace in 1940 and he received his air gunner's wing in October of the same year. During the war he went overseas with the famed 425 "Allouette" Squadron.

Since the war W/C Legace has held the following positions: OC School of English at St. Johns Quebec, OC College Militaire Royal, CO Montreal Recruiting Unit, COPSO Station St. Margarets and COC Senior Controller at Air Div.

W/C Legace is married to the former Heather Flack of Knowlton Quebec. They have three children, Susan 15, Sandra 14 and Shelley 11.

The Flieger staff on behalf of the Wing welcome you and your family Sir, and hope your stay will be a pleasant one. BEWARE of what happened to our last CADO (family wise).

For the rest, except for the Königssee, the surroundings of Berchtesgaden are much like other Alpine scenery. The Königssee is a popular tourist resort. Thousands flock there, but even they cannot destroy its rare beauty. Mountains rise sheer from its clear green water and you only see it by making a trip in a launch driven by a noiseless electric motor.



Dramatically situated on a high spit of rocks is Burghausen's castle.

Germany's Longest Castle

Some distance to the east of Munich, on the way to Passau, is Altotting, with a church visited by half a million pilgrims every year and known to art experts by reason of its "Goldenes Rössl" (Small Golden Horse), a masterpiece of the goldsmiths' art. Then, right on the Austrian frontier is Burghausen which boasts Germany's longest castle. Having long wanted to visit Burghausen I did so one day from Munich travelling by a train which left before seven in the morning and steamed slowly through a snow-covered countryside. By the time we arrived at Burghausen, it was still only a little after nine. Breakfasting at an inn I had the feeling that life had already been in full swing for several hours.

Burghausen turned out to be one of the most dramatically situated towns I have seen. For some distance the River Salzach runs through a deep limestone gorge. Then on one

side the cliffs come to an end, but before they do so the land falls away sharply behind them, leaving a high and very narrow of rock quite close to the river. On this spit the castle is built, while the town is far below it, squeezed into the long, narrow space between the hill and water. You can enter the castle from the top of the hill and walk through it, two-thirds of a mile, to the main, arrow-shaped courtyard at the end, or you can climb up to it by steep flights of steps leading from the town. In the severe buildings round the last court the Dukes of Bavaria had a home until 1503. They frequently used it, it seems, for imprisoning troublesome members of their family, and the view from the top windows to the town cowering below, I felt, must have given the Dukes a great sense of power, and the prisoners one of being in the world but yet no longer of it. I liked the castle best, however, when seen from beyond the bridge across the tumbling Salzach, where you are already in Austria. Thence you see the whole long silhouette of walls, towers, broad and slender, covered with warm brown tiles, little chapels, their roofs reaching high to heaven, and two wooden drawbridges that cross deep ravines.

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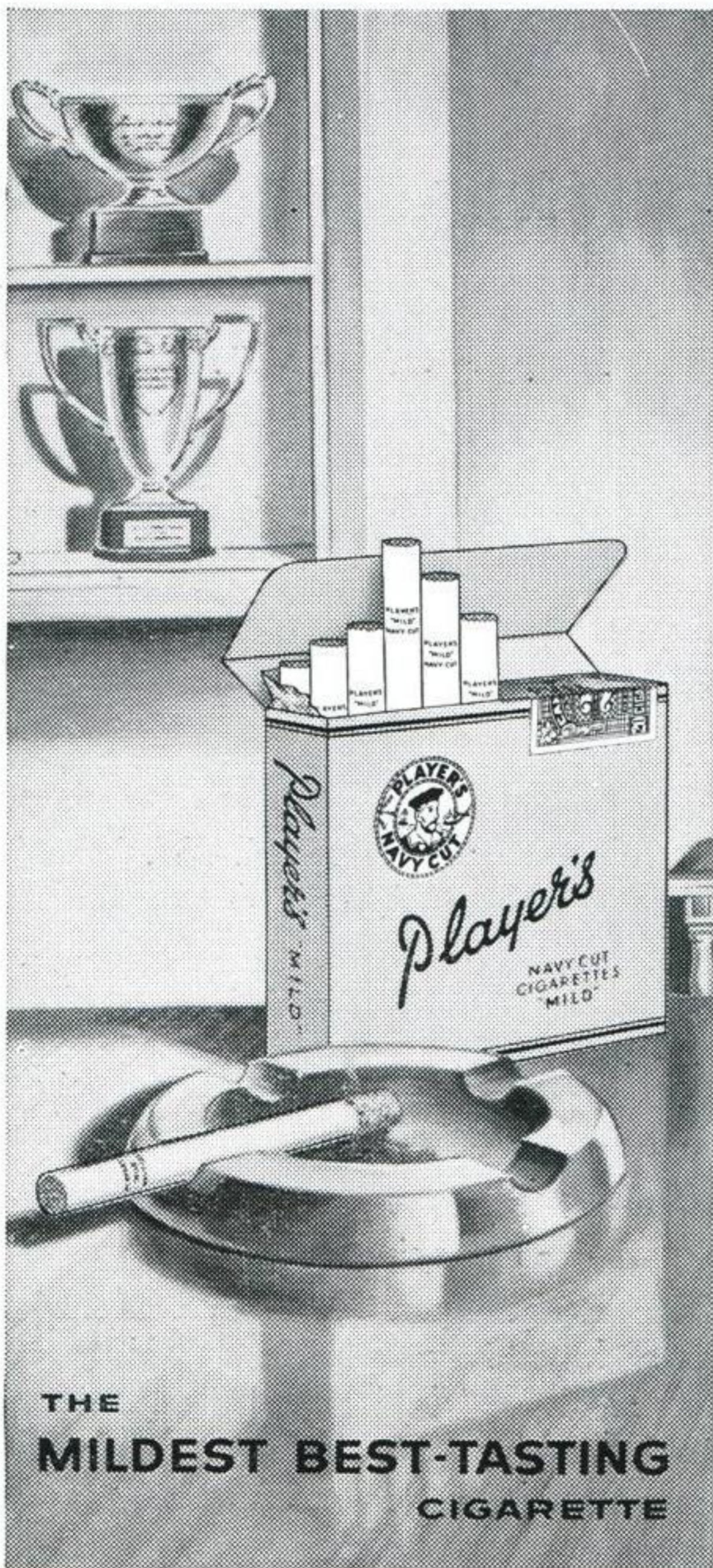
STRANGE GERMAN WAYS

In Germany, if you are invited to dinner or to a house party, it is customary to bring a bouquet of cut flowers to the hostess. Usually an uneven number of five or seven — according to the size of the blossoms — is given.

Presenting the flowers, however, is not exactly easy, as one is supposed to take off the wrapping before handing

them to the hostess. If she does not relieve the guest of the wrapping paper, all he can do is adroitly crumple it into a ball and stick it into his coat pocket.

A very important thing to remember is the kind of flowers presented. Red roses can be poison ivy if given to the wrong person at the wrong time, because they are usually only offered by a lover to his sweetheart.



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SEPTMBER ATTRACTIONS

Sat. 15th "THE FACTS OF LIFE" starring Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Ruth Hussey. "Marriage circle" comedy concerning a husband and wife, not wedded to each other, who are thrown together, but luckily "keep their noses clean". A neat story. (A)

Sat. 15th Childrens Matinee. "EAGLE SQUADRON" also THAMES DIVISION"

Sun. 16th & Mon. 17th "THE NUNS STORY" starring Audrey Hepburn, Edith Evans, and Peter Finch. Touching and engrossing story, beautiful performance by Audrey Hepburn. Authentic detail. Technicolor. (U)

Tues. 18th "UNDER TEN FLAGS" Van Heflin, Mylene Demongeot, Charles Laughton. WW II melodrama centering on battle of wits between German surface raider skipper and British Intelligence admiral. Factual story. (U)

Wed. 19th & Thurs. 20th "WALK ON THE WILD SIDE" Lawrence Harvey, Capucine, Jane Fonda. Story of love and violence in New Orleans, in the depression-ridden '30s when rootless men and women shared, or fought to retain their loneliness (X) Adults only.

Fri. 21st & Sat. 22nd "CARRY ON CRUISING" The laugh of the month. A good family picture. Fully described above. (U).

Sat. 22nd Childrens' Matinee "UNDERCOVER MAN" Hopalong Cassidy also "HOT EARTH" Interest.

Sun. 23rd & Mon. 24th "THE MAN WHO SHOT THE LIBERTY VALANCE" James Stewart, John Wayne and Vera Miles. The story of a courageous lawyer who arrives in lawless western territory to practice and immediately incurs the hatred of a gunman, feared by everyone but a quiet respected rancher who comes to the aid of the lawyer even though it loses for him the woman he loves. Another great western. (U)

Fri. 28th & Sat. 29th "THE PAJAMA GAME" Doris Day, John Raitt, Eddie Roy jr. Warnercolor comedy musical, adapted from the New York and London stage hit. It tells of labour unrest in a pyjama factory and ends happily when a comely agitator and the handsome superintendent get together and bring the two-timing boss to heel. Doris Day contributes a versatile performance in the lead and the supporting players, too, are talented and energetic. Warnercolor. (U)

Sat. 29th Childrens' Matinee. "RETURN TO TREASURE ISLAND" also "SETTLERS" Interest, new life in Canada.

Sun. 30th & Mon. 1st Oct. "COME SEPTEMBER" Rock Hudson, Gina Lollobrigida and Sandra Dee. Story: Robert Talbot, a handsome American millionaire, usually spends September in his luxurious Italian villa with Lisa, his alluring Roman playmate. Suddenly, Robert decides to visit Italy in July and phones Lisa, who immediately drops her plans to marry Spencer, a solid Englishman. Authentic Italian backgrounds. Technicolor. Comedy.

Jolly, disarmingly ingenuous Eastman Color "NAVY LARK" the latest of the fabulously succesful "CARRY ON" saga. (U)

Tues. 25th "CARRY ON REGARDLESS" Sydney James, Kenneth Conner, Liz Fraser. Scatty comedy dealing with the wild adventures and misadventures of co-partners in an employment agency and their batty clients. Another of the "CARRY ON" series that has never failed to tickle the ribs. (U)

Wed. 26th & Thurs. 27th "13 WEST STREET" Alan Ladd, Dolores Dorn, Rod Steiger. The story of a man who risks his marriage and his life in order to track down the teenage tughs who "for kicks" had brutally attacked and nearly killed him. Ladd plays a mild-mannered space engineer who is the victim of a vicious unprovoked assault. Suspense drama. (A)

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For a short while in August the "birds" that roared and wheeled in the sky over Soellingen were not those of 419 Squadron. The Moosemen were on holiday.

Farthest afield were Bindon and Rayner — to Canada and back. (Welcome to 4 Wing, Kaye.) Italy saw S/L Tulping, Demers, Sparks, Nelson, Endicott, Patching, Lockhard, Haskell, Bernard, Vrana, Penfold, Black, Lalonde, Chandonnet, Smith and Hoff. What a swell party that must have been! Despite the efforts of a few hardy individuals, Lupson, Kendrick, Neilson and Mac Donald who went north, it must be admitted that for the first two weeks of August 1962, 419 (F) Squadron carried out its' operations in the Mediterranean area with imagination, dispatch and sometimes vigour.

Speaking of individuals, there are 12 people who have been doing their best for our Squadron and have been receiving scant attention for their efforts. Because so few of us have gone out to cheer our baseball team in the last 21 games (10 wins, 9 losses and 2 ties for 6th place) you will see them here the way their coach, Sgt Potts, sees them.

Harry is the 2nd baseman and a very reliable one. Batting is improving.

Dick is a utility player in that he plays left or right field — good in both positions. Average batter.

Rosie covers a lot of territory out in centre field and hits well too.

Bill is another utility player in any outfield position. He is a fast base runner and comes through with base hits.

Frank plays 1st, 3rd and outfield. Mason came to the 419 team from the Combines to play short stop, 3rd or outfield. He has taken Vern Brown's as catcher since Vern hurt his hand.



LAC Brown: LAC McKenzie: LAC Rose: LAC Labonte: F/O Colbert: F/O Smith:
 LAC Kahout: LAC Dick: LAC Murray: F/C Mason: LAC Lockridge: LAC Lipsett:

Vern is the regular catcher who has played the last few games as an outfielder despite a bad hand.

Spider is an outstanding first baseman, good batter and fielder.

Colbert plays almost any position and plays well.

Big Jim is the best batter on the team.

Smitty plays shortstop and bats in the clean-up position.

John started the season as pitcher but he was too good to last. We lost him to the station team.

We even fix the unholy beast, that resides in the fire hall. So if by chance your in a jam and cannot get things straight,

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422 (F) SQUADRON

On 21 June 1962 most of the Hatchetmen departed to greener pastures for three weeks compulsory leave. For the most part that statement is true and warm sunshine, lots of money, and keen hearts led Squadron members to an enjoyable, memorable tour of Europe. However, on the other hand leave had its depressing moments for all and in particular to 4 Squadron members who had the ill fortune to have car trouble.

Gerry Saunders while enjoying a tour of England, came to stay with friends for a few days in Marlow. Here in Marlow, Gerry's tour of England abruptly ended when he tried to go for a drive one morning but couldn't locate his car. Stolen — No just borrowed, Gerry was told, after he returned to 4 (F) Wing, sans auto, just borrowed by someone still unknown who wanted desperately to get to London and Gerry's Vauxhall, that little blue machine was the mode of transportation to use — Inconvenient? Yes — but then Gerry did get his car back unscratched.

"Collision was unavoidable but fortunately only \$520.00 worth and besides the horse wasn't even hurt". The car in question was Larry Best's white, swept back door type, 60 Pontiac. It appears that Larry and family were enroute to a bull fight in Barcelona, Spain, and came out second best with a horse and cart which was trying to beat the Powerful Pontiac across the Auto Pesta de Tragico.

"But it was a good car, Warren", said I Plummer to Warren Wallace after Warren and family had hitch hiked back from Bar Le Duc, France. I Plummer and W. Wallace had recently exchanged cars, both thinking it was a good deal. Unfortunately for Warren, the hot yellow Caravan just couldn't hack the pace and as a result the overworked engine stopped producing power.

Don McBride has been called many a name since he came to 422 such as: the Pooter (Poot Poot), the Bird Beater, the Mice Messer, the Motorcycle Monster, the Funny Hat Man, and Harry Bird and now its appropriate to add another, the Ford Fritter. Don bought a new auto not too long ago which had faulty brake and spent a good portion of his leave trying to impress the significance of his predicament to various Ford dealers throughout Germany. As a result he got to meet many fine national Ford dealers, and write countless letters, became, on occasion rather disturbed while chatting with self assured salesmen, saw much countryside, and in the end got a promise that his brakes would be ordered and in all probability they would arrive before he goes home to Canada. Well done, Don.

While most of the Hatchetmen were enjoying their leave, 422 flew on under the leadership of F/O I.Q. Plummer, acting OC 422 Sqn. No adverse reports have been made known and many a pilot found himself "out front" so its congratulations to Plummer and party for keeping the curves, curvin in the skies of Europe during our absence.

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On the sporting side of life, the intersection soft ball league is the centre of attraction for sportminded Hatchetmen. Throughout the season 422 played exceptionally well and earned first place. Supply and 422 are in the finals now with one game each and one game yet to be played at this the printing time. Time will tell.

All wing pilots better "shape up" for we have a real terror coming back from the UICP (Unit instrument check pilot) course in Canada — one Norm B.S. MacDonald. Norm, shortly after his return will be flying with Wing Instrument Flight where he will subsequently take over as OC W Inst Flt.

Operationally 422 has been strengthened by S/L P.J.S. Higgs who has recently reached CR (Combat ready) status in the Squadron, and it must be noted that S/L Higgs will have been the last pilot in Canadian Forces to reach CR status on the Sabre VI.

On 22 Aug. 1962, wished 444 good shooting as Cecil departed to Decimomannu and a sincere send off it was. Public thanks are extended to H. Elgie for the 28 cups of coffee he so thoughtfully bought for us. Good hunting chaps.

Bill MacLean has just returned to us from Canada where he successfully completed his schooling at Junior Staff College. Not only did he pass the course at work but he did a fine job at home as he brought his wife Barbara and boy Todd over with him this time. Red Hot Bill and I hope the three of you have a wonderful time here in Europe.



LAC G. Robicheav

LAC C. Newman



LAC M. Kohout

LAC Ken Newman

Socially 422 had but one effort worthy of mention — F/O Plummer's going away party. On 30 Aug. 1962 after a long day in the bunkers, 422 had farewell to Jim in the Squadron fashion Wine, Food, humour, fellowship and sincerity all made the evening memorable. Best of luck Jim and Vivian.

"The proof is in the pudding", the man said, and the proof is there, that 422 is a growing organization. Congratulations to Merv and Marg Wren and to Ron and Linda Woods, both families which have just been blessed with baby boys. Other arrivals to the Squadron are LAC and Mrs. C. Newman, LAC and Mrs. K. Newman, LAC and Mrs. Geo Robicheau and LAC M. Kohout. Its a rapidly changing station so make the most of your time here at the Squadron in Europe. Leaving the Squadron are F/O and Mrs. Plummer, LAC and Mrs. Dyer, LAC and Mrs. J. Lunn. Best wishes and good luck in your new environment. Auf Wiedersehn.

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As August draws to a close Cecil once again finds himself in the Sunny South from whence he sends you greetings. On arriving he was greeted with the news that he had missed by one day two of the hottest days on record in Decci. However, after a look at the thermometer he began to be quite sceptical and it was some time before he could be convinced.

For Cecil the month of August was a busy one both in everyday routine and to a lesser extent socially. During the first part of the month he was holding down his own as well as the Hatchetmen's Zulu plus making preparations for Decci and getting in some night flying.

Social activity for the month started with a Stag in honour of three Cecilists who have or are shortly departing for home. The Hirsch in Hugelsheim was chosen and after excellent wiener schnitzel fond farewells were bid to F/O's James, Glen and Coward. Both F/O James and Glen are proceeding to RCAF Station Penhold where, with the aid of the Yellow Peril, they will be able to give back some of what they received when they were trainees. F/O Coward is leaving the Air Force but not the military and will be flying helicopters with the Army. Following the speeches Dr. Coupland, an honorary Cecilist, provided some very well received entertainment with movies of the Squadron which he had taken on various occasions. The party then adjourned to the Mess where that faction of the Cecilist movement who practises pyrolatry in all its flaming splendor provided the entertainment. Unfortunately, due to a small miscalculation, some slightly singed digits and a somewhat scorched mandible, the sect was very quickly suppressed reminding one of the fate which befell the cyclobatic team which was also made up of Cecilists.

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On August fourteenth Cecil was pleased to welcome some of the wives to the Squadron for a short tour. W/C Roussell gave the welcoming speech and explained briefly the organization and role which the Squadron has. After a short briefing on harmonization by F/L Violette the tour proceeded to the harmonization butts where a demonstration of the Sabre Mk. VI fire power was given. Next came the simulator section where F/O Helm acted as guide and explained its purpose and workings. Back at the Squadron again, F/L Violette demonstrated the strap-in procedure used with the Sabre before the wives were taken to the Zulu Hangar to witness a practice scramble. The tour was ended by returning to the dispersal where a small talk on gunnery was given along with films and finally some light refreshment.



F/L Violette explaining strapping-in procedure to, left to right, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Novakowski and Mrs. Simpson.

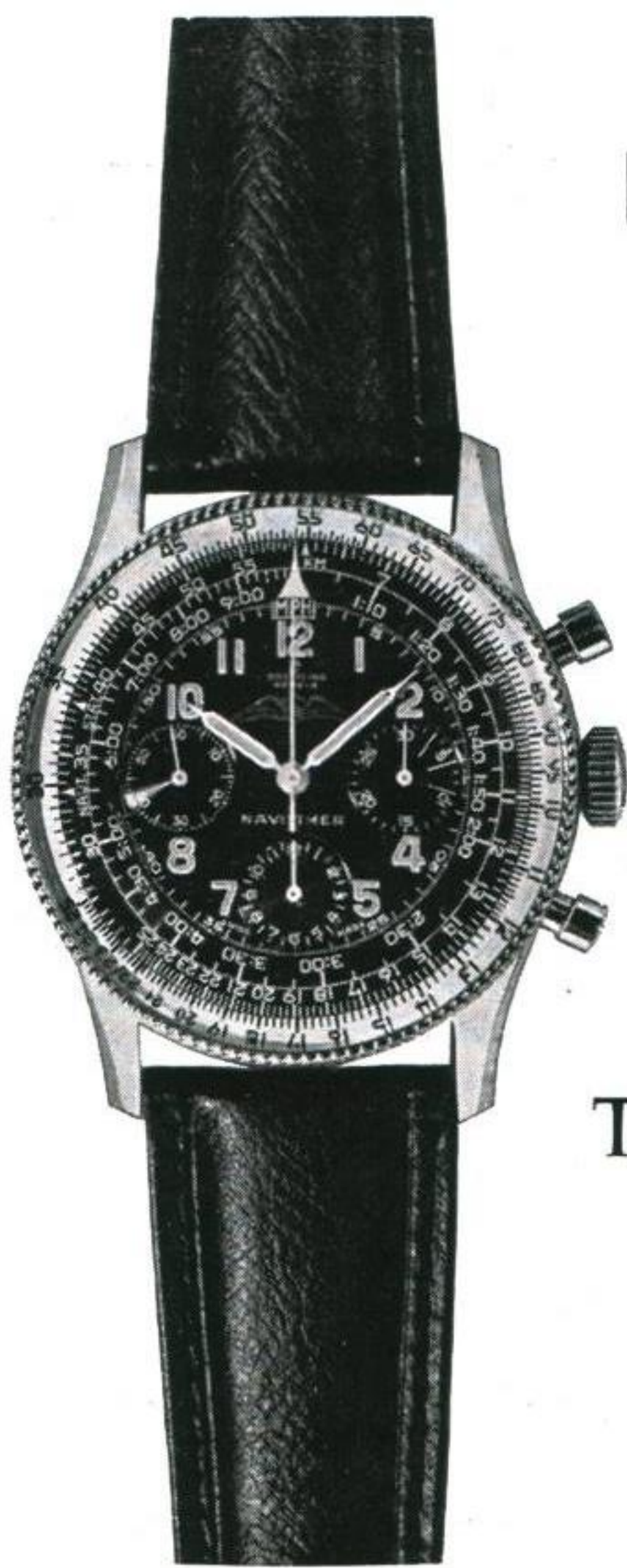
On August seventeenth Cecil was honoured by a visit from A/M Dunlap while the A/M was touring 4 (F) Wing.

The last but not the least social event for August was a cocktail party given by the Flight Commanders, S/L Dennis and F/L Willis and F/L MacKay at S/L Dennis' home. One of the high lights of the evening was the wishing of fond farewells to S/L and Mrs. Millar who are journeying to Summerside, P.E.I. At ten-thirty it was decided to adjourn to the Mess where the party did not see its end until the wee hours of the morning.

Thus comes to an end a short account of happenings and events in the Land of Cec. 'Til next month, Aufwiedersehen.



A/M Dunlap signing the Squadron guest book with OIC W/C Roussell looking on.



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Sally REPORTS -

By Joyce and Mary

This month Soellingen Sally extends a big welcome to Fran Anderson, a new member to the Met Staff. Fran came to us from Bagotville. We hope you enjoy your stay with us and join in with all the local customs.

Taffy and Alex Cameron were married on 4 Aug. where their honeymoon was spent is unknown. Jackie and Vic Neilson were married on 18 Aug. and travelled to England on their honeymoon.

This months leave found June and Dianne in England, Ireland and Scotland, singing Welshmen and flirting men in the'r 80's kept them well entertained. Andrea is touring Spain this month and Hazel the Scandinavian countries. Mona invested in a driver's licence and hit off for Kassel, at present Mona is on TD to 1 Wing. After being here such a short time Myra and Uariam have gone to Paris, taken the Rhine Cruise and gambled their money in the Iffezheim races.

Velma has been wearing a diamond for quite some time, the lucky man is Edi.

Esther has taken up Judo as of late and Flo makes Bike riding her pastime.

A softball game was Held in Aug., airwomen as airmen, never let it be said we didn't win a game this year, we did, a collection was taken for the cheating umpire - Gullickson - there was a few collisions, biting of fingers, screaming of women, and many laughs, a party was held after the game.

Most of the girls were seen at the Airmen's Club beer fest at the Rhine, it seems it was a good night for "picking daisies" and "rolling out the barrel", the bank was too steep.

Bowling has started once again, let's have as much interest as last year, it was really a success. This game doesn't call for professionals, just lots of good spirit.

Andrea and Mark I have been burning shoe leather instead of rubber for the past while, it seems to pay since Mark II is getting 4 miles to the gal from Jemina.

Inside practice for next year's pitching has started, the curves aren't breaking yet but other things have, either the catcher or the chucker has got to go.

In closing we wish to let our airmen know there is a seamstress in barracks, right now she specializes in altering bathing trunks and sewing cuffs on pants.

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Until next month when we might be lucky enough to have more news.

Hal



F/L AL Casey

Maintenance notebook

Sgt. Lagrow, LAC Grant, Cpl McCoy

As in most sections, the early repats and inter wing transfers are the discussions of the day. While the Engine Bay, Tire Bay and T Bird Maintenance Sections haven't been hit too hard, we are still loosing a few. Sgt. "Al" Silcox expects to be home by Xmas, Cpl Guderyan is Namao bound and LAC LaFleche (at the expence of one landload) is going home sooner than expected. Ed Morin and George Bennett have refused to answer the telephone lately "It could be an interwing transfer", they say.

A visitor at the Engine Bay may stare in wonder at the work in progress. The new motto heard is "why wait for F.O.D.". Cpl Brown and his Beechcraft Boys have entered a plea for another prop type aircraft. It appears that the most work entailed in correcting a snag on the "Beech" is answering the numerous phone calls from the long line of fly types waiting to get airborne.

With the summer season drawing to a close, and the tents etc.; being put away for another year, it is agreed that it has been a good summer enjoyed by all. From those who visited Holland and the Northern Countries, came the report, "Lovely Country, friendly people, cold weather". From the Southern

Travellers "Hot, Humid and keep your car locked". It is with great pride that we announce that all the fellows over this way journeyed to and from the far distant lands mentioned without even a minor mishap. A hearty "Well Done" to all.

From Safety Equipment we have little to say as nothing exciting has happened. To LAC Joe Primeau, late of 422 Sqdn SE Section, we wish you the best of luck at Silver City. We welcome aboard our bandwagon LAC Keith Van Nest and his family from an Downsvie. Hope you enjoy your tour and see lots of Europe. Workshops issued a challenge to SE on the ball diamond which was quickly accepted. Needless to say we went down to defeat. Ask "Jake". FS Rafuse has just returned off leave from a trip to the Northern Countries and is now equipped with a bicycle. Who bought the lemon? I see that Cpl Jones is wearing his smock arround the shop these days. Could it be that he lost his shirt at the races.

Once again Flieger time has rolled around for Maintenance Hangar and I must ask your pardon for no Wing Maintenance Hangar News last month as your truly was on leave. I would first like to bid a hearty welcome to some new personnel. In the Bays we welcome Sgt Tollerton, Cpl Cameron, Cpl Schafer, Cpl Slade and LAC Biggnet. Also coming to us from across the hangar in Snag Crew we have Cpl Jim Brown, Cpl John Holliday and LAC Jim Sykes.

What with old 444 in Sardenia we have a couple of new men from the Sqdn. These boys are LAC Al Johnson and Pete Gagnon. Incidentally Al keeps complaining about a sore arm. I wonder why.

Well as everybody knows when you say hello to some you must also say good bye to others and so a goodbye and lots of luck to Sgt Brooks, Cpl Thorburn, Cpl Webley, LAC Carr, LAC Stubbington and LAC Satchel. I would like to mention at this time that there are others coming and going from the different sections who you shall meet in the section news. From Wing Maintenance a welcome hello to the new and a bidding goodbye to the old from all the various Wing Maintenance Support Sections.

Hearty congratulations go out to our Wing Maintenance Ball Team on the occasion of being the top runners up for the Championship. It sure is a good thing to know that the team had so much support. Nice going coach Guderyon and Team. I understand W/M and Log Control had a friendly game the other night with F/O Rosenquist on the mound for Log Control and F/O Joyce at 2nd Sack. We were foretold this combination was unbeatable; however W/M came through with a 12-9 victory. LAC Wadman said he had an excellent night at the plate with 4 Home Runs.

There is an unconfirmed report from the floor that Cpl Bob Avey of the Elect Section has a new way of opening his gate but is seems kind of hard on car fenders. Well that is it for this month and with one Sqdn and consequently a lot of our boys in old Sardinia I dont think this is too bad a show. I would like to thank the boys on the floor for the contributing news this month, it sure does help. See you next month.

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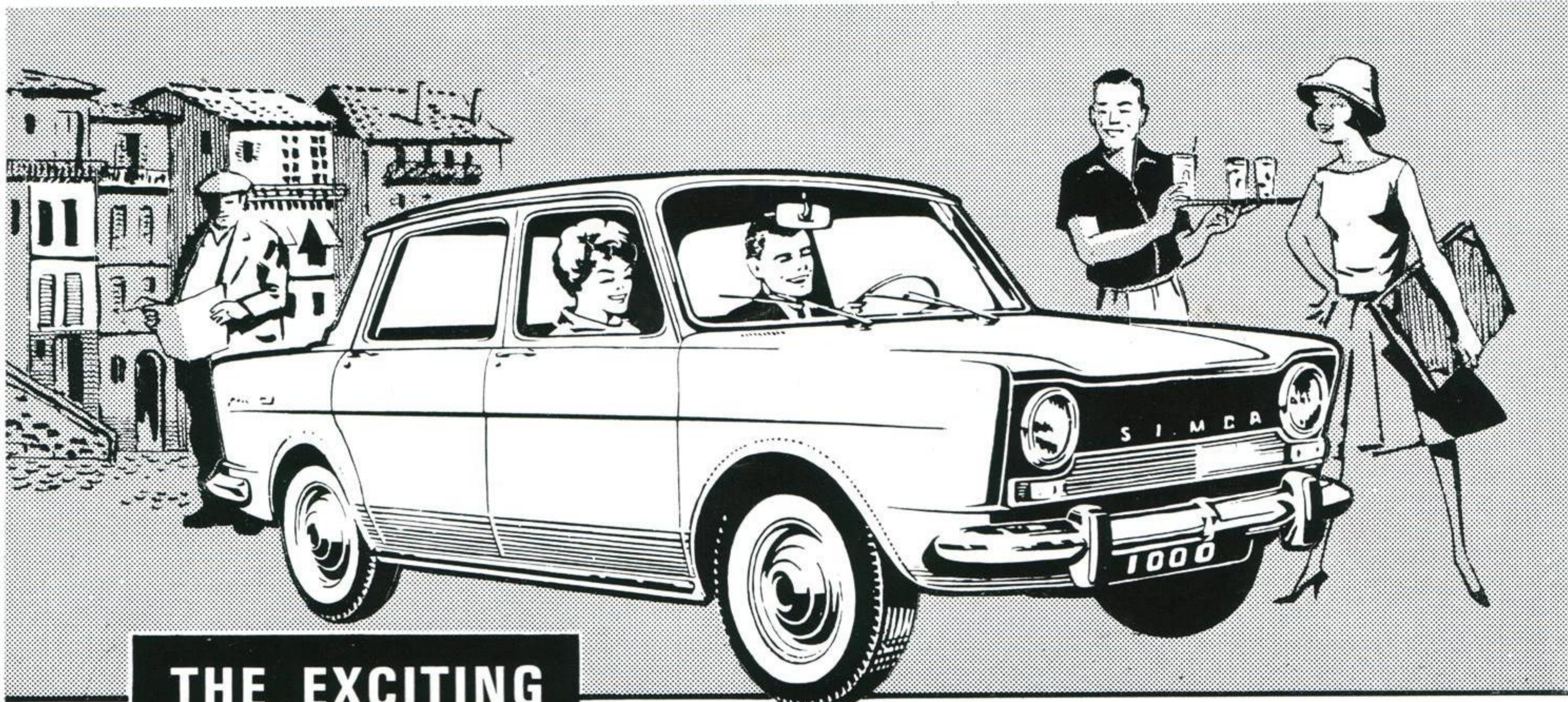
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