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**BALLOONRACE, for the COUPE ANDRIES BLITZ.** Length: 64 M.

In the Nijmegen Stadium, 12 balloons were made ready for the International race for the "Coupe Andries Blitz".

The oldest participant was a 81 years old tailor from Paris, Mr. Cornier.

One of the youngest was the 20 years old Belgian Miss van Gemert.

The Swiss Iselin started the first, with the greatest balloon, having a capacity of 945.000 litres.

Immediately after him started the Dutch balloonist Mrs. Boesman, accompanied by one of our cameramen.

Mrs. Boesman scored the victory last year and the year before.

Our cameraman told us something about this flight:

The start from Nijmegen was rather noisy, but soon afterwards it was all silent around us, which is quite a sensation.

Mrs. Boesman draw my attention to the shadow of our balloon on a cloud, which seldom happens.

We overhauled the Swiss balloonist, and I filmed the top of his balloon.

Our altitude then was 1000 metres.

The balloon went southeast and at once I saw that we flew above Roermond on the river Meuse.

After about 5 hours the sun went down and I had to stop filming.

It started to rain, which made the balloon very heavy.

At 12 o'clock in the middle of the night, we landed, near Bitburg in the Eifel (Germany).

This we heard the next morning, when Mrs. Boesman went to find her balloon in the barbed wire. Policemen came and inspected the papers. They were very kind, and found all very interesting. They, and some farmers and American soldiers helped us to pack up the balloon.

A telephone call with Nijmegen made clear that Mrs. Boesman had covered 250 K.M., which was the longest distance, and that she had won the race.

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