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Former French "Underground" Organisation Members
to Visit Britain

Fortnight's Holiday as Guests
of R.A.F. Escaping Society

A party of 62 French men and women, former members of "underground" war-time organisations, are coming as guests of the R.A.F. Escaping Society to spend a fortnight's holiday in Britain. This is one of the ways in which the 500 members of the Society express gratitude to those who helped our airmen to escape from prison camps, or evade capture after being brought down in occupied territory.

Waiting to greet them, as they arrive at Northolt Aerodrome on the morning of July 15th in machines of the French Air Force, will be the Secretary of State for Air and the Vice Chief of Air Staff, Sir Ronald Ivelaw-Chapman who is the society's Chairman.

The party is made up of people from different parts of France and is drawn from many ranks of society, comprising two priests, army colonels, lawyers' clerks, shopkeepers, a Professor, builders, a journalist, an artist, a 'Mrs. Mop', and a number of widows of helpers who were executed for their work in the escaping chain.

A full and varied programme has been arranged for the visitors. From Northolt they will go to the Cenotaph to lay a wreath and, after a coach tour of London, will have tea at the House of Commons, their host being Mr. Airey Neave, M.P.

Then, in small groups, they leave by train to holiday destinations in Somerset, South Wales, Yorkshire, Shropshire, Norfolk, Gloucestershire and Kent. They will be staying at Royal Air Force Stations who are accommodating

them either in nearby hotels - with funds privately subscribed - or in "VIP" quarters in the Mess; and at a number of private homes of the society's members. Several R.A.F.A. Branches are also offering hospitality. In all cases, a round of entertaining events has been planned in order to give those honoured visitors a memorable British fortnight.

All will return to London on July 30th to be the Lord Mayor's guests at a Mansion House Sherry Party and after an afternoon's entertainment to meet the French Air Force pilots who will be waiting at Northolt to fly them home.

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With the compliments of:

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To the News Editor.

FRENCH WAR-TIME HELPERS'
FORTNIGHT IN BRITAIN

The 62 French war-time helpers, invited to Britain for a fortnight's holiday by the R.A.F. Escaping Society, are due to arrive in planes of the French Air Force at NORTHOLT Aerodrome on Monday 15th July, at 10.00 a.m.

We append a time-table of the arrangements:-

TIME TABLE

MONDAY 15TH JULY.

10.00 a.m. (approx.) *greetings only.* Arrival at Northolt, ~~Reception in Airport Lounge~~ ✓
by Air Chief Marshal Sir Ronald Ivelaw-Chapman, the Secretary of State for Air, and others. ✓

11.30 a.m. (approx) Lay Wreath at Cenotaph. ✓

11.35 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Coach Tour of London ✓

1.15 p.m. Lunch at 83, Portland Place.

2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Tea at House of Commons ✓ (*Arrive leaves*).

5.30 p.m. onwards Depart from various London Termini.

TUESDAY 30TH JULY

10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Arrival in London from various destinations

11.45 a.m. Reception by Lord Mayor of London at the Mansion House. Sherry will be served.

12.45 p.m. Board Steamer for River Trip. Luncheon and Tea ✓
on Board (Final arrangements to be completed)

6.30 p.m. Take off from Northolt

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R.A.F. ESCAPING SOCIETY

French Helpers Holiday Scheme - 1957.

List of Guests according to Holiday Location
(arranged in counties)

(Please see alphabetical list of guests attached, for names and addresses of their hosts)

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>	<u>DETAILS OF WAR-TIME HELP</u>
Beds.	Leighton Buzzard	M.&Mme.CHYLINSKY	Is a shopkeeper; he and his wife both lodged airmen; and both hold a Tedder Certificate.
Cambs.	Oakington	Mme.. Louise FLAVET Mme. Jeanne VINCENOT	Professor; lodged our airmen. Lodged airmen.
	Waterbeach	M.Henri WINTREBERT M.Fernand TROCHEL	A doctor who lodged airmen.
Devon	Barnstaple		
	Plymouth	Murel BEVILLON (Newen) M.René DAGORNE M.LE CORNEC	A gendarme who did valiant work. Worked on the beaches.
Essex	Debden nr Saffron Waldon.	M.Joseph RAPILLY	Manager of factory; he lodged airmen and holds Tedder Cert.
Glam.	Kenfig Hill (nr Bridgend)	M.GOTKOVSKY	A musical artist; lodged airmen and made out false papers. A nursing sister who lodged airmen.
		Mme. Ida LAUZUR	
<i>Wk</i>	St. Athan (West Barry)	M.RASLET	A postman who lodged airmen.
Glos.	Little Rissington	Mme. Vve. PEYRE-VIDAL & daughter	Mons. P-V did a wonderful job; great assistance before he was killed.
Herts.	Watford	<i>2</i> Dr. & Mme.BOUCHER	A doctor who lodged airmen and gave them treatment.
Lancs.	Fleetwood	M.Georges BONNIN M.Jean DUPONT	A blacksmith who lodged airmen A shopkeeper who lodged airmen.
	Haydock	M.& Mme. Joseph DERONNE	A bank clerk; he used to prepare false papers. Also conveying.
	Kirkham	<i>3</i> General GUILLAUDOT	In French Police. Was in charge of an organisation for assisting allied airmen in N. France. Holds the Tedder Cert.
<i>WREATH</i>	Swinton	Mlle. Joelle JEANSON	She is the only child in the party. She is now 14. Her parents lodged airmen.
	Preston	M. & Mme.Freddy MAYOR	Mme. is Swiss and was deported for her share in lodging airmen.

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Middx.	Hatch End	Mme. Madeleine MELOT Mme. Gabrielle WIAM	Widow of Army officer; she lodged airmen. Wife of policeman who lodged airmen.
	Uxbridge	Col. Henri DEGUA M.Gaston DENIVELLE Mme.Germaine LEFEBRE M.Raymond MALLET Mme. TANTER	In charge of organisation and conveying. In charge of organisation and conveying. Widow of a Professor who lodged airmen. Journalist; he was engaged in liaison and conveying.
Norfolk	Marham, nr. King's Lynn	Mlle. Desirée KERVAREC Mlle. LE CARS M.Maurice BRANCHOUX M.Clément HUET Mlle.Germaine LE SIGNE Mlle. Marie SEZNEC M.Joseph DARCEL M.Jean CICQUEL	Singing teacher; she lodged airmen. Secretary; lodged airmen. In charge of organisation. Organisation courier. Secretary in private life; she lodged airmen. Secretary-typist; lodged airmen. Solicitor's clerk who was awarded the KMC(King's Medal for Courage); lodged airmen. A farmer; he lodged airmen.
Notts.	Nottingham	Mme. Vve. ANDRÉ Mlle.Marcelle ANDRÉ	Widow of a helper. Daughter of above.
Salop	Shawbury, nr Shrewsbury	Abbé BLANCHEBARBE Mlle. BLANCHEBARBE	An abbé who lived near the frontier. He and his sister lodged airmen.
Suffolk	Stradishall nr Newmarket	M.MARAIS M. & Mme. Henri LACOMBE	A farmer; he lodged airmen. A railway worker; he sheltered airmen, & convoyed them.
Surrey	Balham East Sheen	Mme. Vve.GLAUB-TRONVILLE Mme. LAMAIGNÈRES	A concierge, who did good work. Widow of a helper. She is the daughter of a vet. She and her late husband used to lodge many airmen.
York	Barnsley	Mme. Helene LAGAERT Mlle. Gèneviève FILLERIN M. & Mme.R.AMIARD Mme. LEPRETRE M.& Mme. Maurice LACOMBE Mme. Henriette CLAUDEL M. André CHARETON Mlle. Huguette DE LA OLLA	This is a notable party; it is the largest, despite the fact that they are all guests in a private house. Mme. is the widow of an Army officer; she lodged airmen. Daughter of the heroic Jean, who recently was in Barnsley on a visit to Mr and Mrs Robinson.

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AT *Castlegate*

WREATH.

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Yorks (contd.)	Driffield	M. & Mme. Pierre ALLOT	M. Allot is a builder. He was a frontier guide. Is described by our French liaison officer as "a terrific character".
		M. & Mme. Jean BENZET	M. Benzet is the proprietor of a garage. He also was a frontier guide.

Louissette
Madame TANTER.

Near St Nozain
7 fois 3 fois Wounded.
1843. Crois de guerre
M.C. Legion
of Honor.
as m.m.

Nom Wagon
de guerre

Husband and Son
Killed during
escape.
Brother was
deported.