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PARACHUTIST WEDDING

An eccentric wedding was celebrated in Turin at the air base of Aeritalia, at the presence of numerous delighted public and many guests.

An ex non-commissioned-officer parachutist, 36 years old, Alberto De Cristoforo from Naples, and his sporting fiancée Bianca Cappone, 18, from Turin, prior to their nuptials, flung out of place by parachutes along with the priest due to officiate the ceremony: father Lino Basso, a capuchin from the Monastery St. Bernardino of Verona, who hundreds times in peace and in war performed parachute-flinging.

The airfield provided sacred music and bell ringing through several loud-speakers.

It was 16.30 hours when the three parachuted ones were ready aboard the one-engine plane "Fairchild": it took off to reach the 500-meter height.

Launched down first father Basso; a minute later the girl; both with white overalls. Last launched the ex sergeant-major in a brown overall. On their easy landing, the bystanders applauded warmly: the president of the Parachutists Association of Turin (witness for the bridegroom) presented the bride with a bunch of roses.

Then the priest put on his frock.

Upon shifting her clothes Miss Cappone appeared in her grey sack fashioned suit, with the traditional orange-flowers. Ready also the bridegroom in his grey suit; they all got aboard a "campagnola" for a drive to the near church, where the marriage ceremony was officiated.

Finally the married couple left by plane for Naples.

The exceptional air event was marked by acrobatic of foreign and national parachutists.