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THE GAZETTE PRESENTS THE GRAND NATIONAL.

War has changed many things....but not the Grand National.

It's the same old Aintree.....the same Fodderh.....

The same rising murmur of the crowd.

Tran.....there are hundreds of men and women in uniform.....

but the spirit behind it all is the same.

The British love of sport and fair play.....

the admiration of fine horses.....the thrill of a gamble.

The Grand National of Nineteen Forty is a symbol of our National life.

The freedom to enjoy ourselves in the way we love best....

The freedom that we are fighting to preserve.

So come coming with our cameras....to catch the mounting excitement.

Before the start of the greatest Steeplechase in the world.

In the Stands there are the Army.....the Navy..... The Air Force.....

and all the best people. While thirty of the best jumpers in the world parade to the start.

They're all lined up.....hearts are slowing down....and it's a perfect start.

First to show their noses are Rockquilla and Royal Danielli.....

and the whole of the field goes over the first jump without a single fall.

Over the second jump it's Royal Danielli and Golden Arrow. But this is where

MacLuffat comes for the superb duel with Royal Danielli that lasts

almost three quarters of the race.

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At the fifth jump....Royal Danielli and MacLoffat are dead level.

And on to the terror of Aikree.....Bechers.

First over are Royal Danielli and MacLoffat.....and the rest of the field make it look almost easy.

Round the top bend towards the Goal Turn....the struggle is still between Royal Danielli and MacLoffat.

Here they are on the left of the picture....with Royal Danielli just in front.

At the Goal Turn Royal Danielli and MacLoffat hold their partnership....and still the jumps seem to have no terrors for the runners of 1940.

Down the straight....towards the stands.....and the end of the first time round.

And it's still an epic struggle between Royal Danielli and MacLoffat.....with MacLoffat nearest the camera.

Now MacLoffat is half a length in front.

The thirteenth jump is bound to be unlucky for someone....

not for the leaders....but watch behind as Duddill Castle falls.

The Water Jump in front of the stands.....but still there's nobody in it but Royal Danielli and MacLoffat.....and now they're thundering round the bend....and away for the second time.

MacLoffat....Royal Danielli....and the third horse is Gold Arrow.

At B echers there's a spot of bother.

Already behind Royal Danielli and Macioffat there's one riderless horse.

And now (on the right of the picture) another jockey goes down.....

but his horse jumps up and gallops on.

The other horse without a rider is up with the leaders.

At the final Turn you'll see him cross over right in front of

Royal Danielli.

It takes Royal Danielli back at least two lengths....and maybe it costs him the race.

And here comes another fall.

Now Macioffat is out in front on his own.....

but Royal Danielli is trying to catch him.....

and Beglar is coming up.

Round the turn to the stands Macioffat looks the winner....

but at the last jump but one....Royal Danielli falls....and Beglar

comes up to take the lead in the final dash.

Beglar is leading Macioffat by four lengths....with the riderless horse still out in front.

So Beglar wins the National for 1940.

And most people seem to think that Beglar's odds of 25 - 1 are very nice.....too.

Beglar is ridden by Sergeant M. A. Jones of the R. A. F. No wonder he grew wings!