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Endeavouring to avoid ~~that kind of~~ everyday disasters ---  
the Minister of Transport, Mr Boyd Carpenter, introduces the new  
edition of the Highway Code.

And here --- reminding us how centuries of change seem to ~~x~~  
have occurred in road travel in less than fifty years --- this is a  
replica of a famous motor run. In 1909, members of the A.A. took a  
battalion of Guards from London to Hastings --- the first motorised  
troop movement in history. ^ And here is a 1914 bus --- playing the well-  
known game of dodge-the-passenger.

Some of the veterans who took part in this 1955 Golden Jubilee  
run had a difficult time on the hills --- but the end of the story  
is no joke. In 1909 there were roughly 27,000 road accidents. In  
1954 --- nearly twenty thousand a month.