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Continental Run to Aix-les-Bains

2nd July to 9th July, 1927

OFFICIALS

In General Charge ... MR. V. T. BRENNAN, M.B.E.
Garage Arrangements ... MR. L. C. LABRAM
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ENTRANTS

DEPARTMENT

1. L. C. LABRAM ... Austin Seven Car ... Home Office
(*Passenger*—Mrs. Labram)
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Overseas Trade }
4. V. T. BRENNAN... Austin Seven Car ... Air Ministry
(*Passenger*—Mrs. Brennan)
5. F. O. STEWART ... Morris Oxford Car ... Scottish Office
(*Passenger*—Mr. Brown)
6. W. T. DURLEY ... Calcott Car ... Customs and Excise
(*Passengers*—Mrs. and Miss Durley)
7. F. C. GOZZETT ... { Rudge Whitworth
Motor Cycle } Customs and Excise
8. H. HAMPSON ... Essex Coach Car... { Ex-Rhodesian
Civil Service }
(*Passenger*—Mrs. Hampson)

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PARTICIPANTS will cross with their vehicles by the 3-50 p.m. boat from Folkestone to Boulogne on Saturday Afternoon, 2nd July, 1927. They should present themselves *not later than 2-30 p.m.*

They should be provided with :—

- a. Passenger tickets ;
- b. Freight ticket for vehicle ;
- c. Customs Papers ;
- d. International Driving Pass ;
- e. Passport ;

and have these available for inspection. The R.A.C. representative will see the vehicles on to the boat, and, on arrival in Boulogne, will conduct negotiations with the French Customs authorities, but entrants should satisfy themselves that their customs papers are duly discharged as recording their departure from England and entry into France, and are *stamped by the Customs authorities*. No petrol is allowed on the boat, and tanks and spare cans are emptied prior to departure. The Hotels in each stopping place will be as arranged and specified in the Route Card, but *Headquarters* in each town will be at the *Garage* named, where any special notices will be found. As far as possible these will be affixed to the Austin Car YL 7838. It is hoped that all will be present for dinner on the opening night, 2nd July, at the Hotel du Nord, Boulogne, at 7-30 p.m. In this connection it is observed that the precise location of the various hotels and garages can be determined by reference to the plan in the Michelin Guide supplied and it will be found profitable to mark these before the commencement of the tour.

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A start will be made on each morning of the run from Headquarters at 9 a.m. precisely, and thereafter entrants are free to make their own way to the night's stopping place for dinner at 7 p.m. The sole regulation is that they shall sign on each morning immediately prior to starting time. Mr. R. Gornall (Harley Davidson Sidecar) will be in charge of the signatures.

Garage charges will be defrayed by the Association, but entrants will, of course, pay personally for supplies of petrol, oil, etc. Mr. L. C. Labram (Austin Seven) will be in general charge of the Garage arrangements and any question arising should be referred to him. The detailed Michelin routes provided should be used in conjunction with the Guides and should obviate any risk of losing the way.

Participants should be careful to observe the French rule of the road, viz., to keep to the right, and in particular to overtake on the left. Little difficulty may be apprehended on this score. Certain streets in Boulogne and other towns are for one-way traffic only (*sens unique*) and particular attention should be paid to police instructions in this matter.

Coffee and rolls will take the place of breakfast each morning, and if the experience of the writer is anything to go by, they will prove ample to carry on with until time for the mid-day meal arrives. "Cafe complet" can most conveniently be consumed in the bedroom.

Any Hotel mentioned in the Michelin Guide can confidently be relied upon for lunch, the best time for this being from mid-day onwards. Everything is paid for at

the night stopping places except drinks and, in some cases, "tax," which should not be more than a trifle. In some Hotels, red or white wine is included in the price of the meal. The Michelin Guide is full of useful and interesting information and will repay careful study.

BOULOGNE.—The Casino is of little or no interest. The old town is worth a visit.

VERSAILLES.—Colonel Peron, Secretary General of the Association Internationale des Automobile Clubs Reconnus, has kindly offered to act as Guide at Versailles. It is hoped that he will dine with the Party in the evening.

The Chateau and Park should be explored or, alternatively, Paris may be visited by train—about $\frac{3}{4}$ hour. Motoring is *not* recommended, but there are plenty of late trains back.

VICHY.—A typical French inland pleasure resort, in fact a miniature Paris. There are Casinos, Gardens, Theatres, Shops, etc., etc., and water to drink for those who feel so inclined. There will be some stretches of bad road between Vichy and Lyons.

LYONS.—The Association will have the honour of the company at dinner of H.B.M. Consul General at Lyons, Mr. J. Lowdon, and of Mrs. Lowdon.

There is a remarkable clock in the Cathedral St. Jean, and a panorama from N. Dame de Fourviers, and Lyons is a city of half-a-million inhabitants. Our Hotel here is described as being specially good.

AIX.—The Association will be officially received by the Mayor of Aix.

There are numerous excursions for those who wish to prolong their stay—that to the Convent de la Grande Chartreuse should on no account be missed. Fuller details can be obtained on application to the French Touring Office, Haymarket, S.W.

MOUNTAIN RUN.—It will be noticed that the arrangements have been altered so as to allow of part of this being traversed on the day following arrival at Aix. This will allow reasonable time to enjoy the scenery. Car entrants should provide themselves with a spare supply of water for their radiators—a canvas bucket is suitable and can easily be filled from a wayside stream.

N.B.—The Hotel Coupons cover only dinner, bed and breakfast. It follows that the “Farewell Lunch” and other meals not covered by coupon must be paid for separately.

ROUTE CARD

Saturday, 2nd July

Cross from Folkestone to Boulogne by steamer
leaving at 3-50 p.m.

BOULOGNE

Hotel du Nord, Dinner 7-30 p.m.

Headquarters : Garage du Casino.

Sunday, 3rd July

153 miles — 245 kilometres

Note.—5 miles is equivalent to 8 kilometres

BOULOGNE — Start at 9 a.m. from Headquarters					
					<i>Kilos.</i>
Samer	...	...	...	...	15
Montreuil-sur-Mer	...	...	...	...	37
Abbeville	}	possible lunch stops	}		80
Grandvilliers					136
Beauvais	...	...	...	...	165
Henonville	...	...	...	...	194
Pontoise	<i>(probably bad road for a stretch)</i>				212
St. Germain en Laye	<i>(caution, much traffic)</i>				231
VERSAILLES	...	...	...	...	245

Hotel de Noailles, Dinner 7 p.m.

Headquarters : Grand Garage des Chantiers.

Monday, 4th July

149 miles — 238 kilometres

VERSAILLES—Start at 9 a.m. from Headquarters

					<i>Kilos.</i>
Essonnes-Corbeil	...	...	...	...	38
Fontainebleau	...	...	...	...	68
Nemours	...	...	...	...	83
Montargis...	}	possible lunch stops	}		116
Nogent					133
Cosne	...	...	...	...	186
La Charité	...	...	...	...	214
Pouges les Eaux	...	...	...	...	227
NEVERS	...	...	...	...	238

Headquarters :

Hotel de France and Grand Hotel Réunis.

Dinner 7 p.m.

Garage attached to Hotel

Tuesday, 5th July

70 miles — 110 kilometres

NEVERS — Start at 9 a.m. from Headquarters

	<i>Kilos.</i>
Moulins	54
Varennes-sur-Allier	84
St. Germain des Fosses	97
VICHY	110

This is a short day in order to allow of an afternoon in Vichy.

Hotel des Alpes, Dinner 7 p.m.

Headquarters :

Garage—Palace et Sporting Garage.

Wednesday, 6th July

108 miles — 172 kilometres

VICHY — Start at 9 a.m. from Headquarters

	<i>Kilos.</i>
Puy-Guillaume	22
Thiers	36
Noiretable	61
Ste. Foy l'Argentiere	128
LYONS	172

Hotel Royal, Dinner 7 p.m.

Headquarters : Adjoining.

(Particulars will be announced later)

Thursday, 7th July

81 miles — 130 kilometres

LYONS — Start at 9 a.m. from Headquarters

	<i>Kilos.</i>
Amberieu en Bugey (picturesque) ...	49
St. Bamber	60
Belley (recommended for lunch) ...	93
Col-du-Chat (short stop recommended) *..	114
AIX-LES-BAINS	130

Hotel du Pavillon, Dinner 7 p.m.

Headquarters : Garage Mironneau.

* All will meet at the Col-du-Chat at 3 p.m.

Thence, entrants will proceed in company to Aix-les-Bains.

Friday, 8th July

Morning to be spent in Aix.

74 miles — 118 kilometres

AIX-LES-BAINS—Start at 2.30 p.m. from Headquarters

	<i>Kilos.</i>
Chambery	14
Uriage-less Bains	78
BOURG D'OISANS	118

Grand Hotel, Dinner 7 p.m.

Headquarters : Auto-Garage des Alpes.

Saturday, 9th July

MOUNTAIN RUN

110 miles — 177 kilometres

BOURG D'OISANS — Start at 8 a.m. from Headquarters

	Kilos.
Grave en Oisans	27
Fork with Route du Galibier (follow RN 202)	38
Summit of Col du Galibier*	44
(Tunnel 1312 feet in length ; Lamps to be lighted)	
Plan de Lachat	51
St. Michel de Maurienne } possible {	77
St. Jean de Maurienne } lunch stops {	91
Chambery	163
AIX-LES-BAINS	177

Hotel du Pavillon, Dinner 7-30 p.m.

Headquarters : Garage Mironneau.

* All are asked to meet at the Summit at 11-30 a.m.

Sunday, 10th July

10-30 a.m. ... OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH.

12-30 p.m. ... FAREWELL LUNCH.

This marks the end of the organised run.

