

MONTE CARLO RALLY.

EVENING DESPATCH.
FRIDAY JANUARY 20th 1950.

OFF TO MONTE CARLO.

Two Brothers, Frank and Dick Guest of Frank Guest Ltd., West Bromwich and Meteor Garage, Moseley, photographed before they left today for Glasgow, their starting point for the Monte Carlo Rally. They leave Glasgow at 4.16 on Sunday afternoon, and have to reach Monte Carlo before 3.49 on Wednesday afternoon. To achieve this they must average more than 31 m.p.h. on the 2,180-mile journey, but they must not exceed an average of 40 m.p.h.

EVENING DESPATCH.
TUESDAY JANUARY 24th 1950.

SHE WILL SEE RALLY FINISH: THEN HOLIDAY.

Mrs. Marie Guest, wife of Frank Guest, proprietor of the Meteor Garage, Moseley, left Birmingham Airport today with her niece Josie to fly to Monte Carlo, where she will meet her husband when he finishes the course in the Monte Carlo Rally tomorrow.

The family will spend a fortnights holiday in Monte Carlo before returning to England.

Mr. Guest and his brother Mr. Richard Guest driving their Ford, were the first Glasgow starters to reach Amsterdam today. They arrived at the control post just before 6. 30.am.

Two British teams are among eight which have dropped out of the rally in the past 24hours. They are R.J. Brookman and F. Fletcher driving an A.C. and Mr. & Mrs. R.J.Morton driving a Standard Vanguard.

There are 270 of the original 310 entries still in the running.

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THURSDAY JANUARY 26th 1950.
By Telehpne from Monte Carlo.

NO BRITONS QUALIFY FOR RALLY FINALS.

Only five drivers in the Monte Carlo Rally have qualified for the finals and none of them is British.

They are M. Becquart and H. Secret: J. Scaron and R. Pascal; Dr. M. Angelvin and E. Chaboud: and J. Quinlin: all of France, and M. Gastonides and K.S. Barendregt, of Holland.

After his first sleep for five days. Coun. Frank Guest Birmingham Competitor, heard the results announced today.

Coun. Frank Guest, Proprietor of the Meteor Garage, Moseley and his brother Mr. Richard Guest left Birmingham last Friday morning. They arrived herelate yesterday only three quarters of an hour behind their schedule.

On their arrival road weary but proud to be among the first of the Glasgow contingent to get through, Mr. Frank Guest said. "It has been stiff going, particularly on the last lap. We shall certainly have another go at the next rally.

LATE, BUT THEY WON THROUGH IN RALLY.

EVENING DESPATCH REPORTER

BY TELEPHONE FROM MONTE
CARLO.

Lunch time edition.

EVENING DESPATCH

THURSDAY JANUARY 26th 1950.

After his first night's sleep for five days Coun. Frank Guest, Birmingham competitor in the Monte Carlo Rally was waiting today to hear if his 2,000 mile nightmare dash had been in vain.

Coun. Guest proprietor of the Meteor Garage, Moseley and his brother Mr. Richard Guest, left Birmingham last Friday morning. They arrived here late yesterday only three quarters of an hour behind their schedule.

They had forged ahead, passing scores of damaged and stranded cars lining the route, and leaving behind in the snowbound Alps many less hardy competitors.

Mr. Richard Guest narrowly beat his brother in endurance, staying at the wheel for almost six hours through snow, rain and fog, which hampered progress over the last three hundred miles.

Anxiously waiting to greet them were Mr. Guest's wife and Mr. Richard Guest's daughter, Josie, who flew from Birmingham on Tuesday.

" Stiff Going"

On their arrival road weary but proud to be among the first of the Glasgow contingent to get through. Mr. Frank Guest said: "It has been stiff going, particularly on the last lap. We are only likely to have lost points for being late. We shall certainly have a go at the next rally."

A crash just outside Glasgow on Friday almost spoiled the Guest brothers' chances. Skidding on a wet road, their car crashed into railings and was seriously damaged. They escaped unhurt and a staff car was sent out to them.

The trip back for the Guest's will not be so speedy they will return to Boulogne in easy stages, arriving for a channel crossing on 10th February

EVENING DESPATCH
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25th 1950.

Evening Despatch Reporter.

By Telephone from Monte Carlo.

THEY WAIT ANXIOUSLY FOR NEWS OF RALLY MEN.

In the lounge of a hotel here, two anxious Birmingham women were waiting this afternoon for news of husband and father who, with their Ford car, are in the British team competing in the car rally.

Mrs Marie Guest and her niece Miss Josie Guest, flew from Birmingham yesterday to meet Coun. Frank Guest, proprietor of the Meteor Garage, Moseley and his brother Mr. Richard Guest.

Mrs Guest said she had received no news of her husband since the British competitors left Amsterdam yesterday.

Few English

Mrs Guest said that she was surprised how few English people were in Monte Carlo to see the British Competitors arrive. Altogether there were some 90 people waiting for the arrivals.

"I have been waiting all morning for news," said Mrs. Guest "Reports of ice and snow have made us rather anxious. If they do not arrive by late afternoon, we hope to hear of their progress from control posts along the route"

Driving through a blinding snowstorm from Paris to Lyons only six starters arrived from Glasgow without penalty marks. The comparatively good weather of the rally's opening days gave way yesterday to heavy snow, and many competitors arrived in Lyons today more than an hour late.

The first "home"

Among the cars late at the Lyons control point were three British starters from Glasgow: Mrs. E. Allard and Mrs E. Wood: G. A. Duff and A.A.Patten: and J.H.Kemsley and W. Friend.

First three cars to cross the finishing line here were all French, starting from Lisbon.
