

It was a moving experience for Ted's widow, children and grandchildren to stand in the very field where he had landed some 64 years before, together with elderly Home Army veterans who were there on the night, defending the beetroot field and 'plane. After the BBMF Dakota waggled its wings in farewell and set



a course back to Warsaw, Ted's grandchildren, including Jessica, Edward and Matthew, laid bouquets of red and white roses at the little memorial to the mission which stands at the side of the field... *Lest We Forget.*

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Jeanie Reports on the Monaco Grand Prix

Preparations started for the Monaco Grand Prix months before the event. Slowly, the centre of Monte Carlo was girded with barriers, wrapped in 6ft high chain-link fence and padded with neat piles of tyres - literally thousands. Access to the centre became more and more difficult and while most businesses closed for the week of the race, local residents went into siege mode.

Party Mode

At 7am on Thursday 22nd May, three days before the race, the whole of Monaco was woken by the F1 cars making their way from the paddocks to the pits. And that was just the beginning. Dozens of super-yachts cruised into the port and dozens more moored outside, and in spite of inclement weather, Monaco went into full party mode. Most of the F1 drivers love the Monaco track because it does not allow for the teeniest margin of error, requiring 100% concentration for 100% of the circuit. There is no long strait where a driver can

'relax'. Every lap is a full-on challenge, requiring the drivers to stretch themselves to the absolute limit. The drivers also feel very close to the fans, which is often not the case on a more modern circuit where the spectators are situated in stands at some distance from the track. In addition, because the track runs between buildings in the town centre, the noise in the cars is much greater than if they were racing on a conventional course.

King of the Road

According to popular theory, he who starts in pole position in Monaco, wins. Not so this year. Lewis Hamilton started on the second row and drove brilliantly on a wet track to take the chequered flag for Great Britain. What a proud moment to see this young champion on the podium in Monaco - the first Briton to win here since the 'King of Monaco', Graham Hill, in the 1960s.

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