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FRENCH CHILDREN WAVE TO SKIMMING MUSTANG PILOT

Skimming ten feet above a road in France a U.S. Ninth Air Force Mustang pilot saw a busload of French people pile out and scramble for cover in a ditch as he passed - while three small boys stood calmly by, waving to him.

1st. Lt. Clayton K. Gross, 437, W. 20 Street, Spokane, Wash., was on his way back from a strafing mission to airfields in North-West France, flying low over the road, when he spotted the green bus ahead.

The passengers jumped for a ditch. The three little boys stood in the road and waved.

Lt. Gross rocked his wings in reply, and went on.

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