

REVIVAL OF FRENCH MILITARY SPIRIT IS REVEALED IN ARMS DISPLAY

BAUMHALDER CAMP, Germany, Feb. 12—(Reuters)—The military spirit is reviving in France. This was impressively demonstrated at the three-day display of France's latest weapons Feb. 1-3 in the 100-square-mile Camp of Baumhalder, in south-west Germany.

Here, by an irony of history, Gen. Guderian, German tank commander, trained the troops which broke through the French defence line in the spring of 1940.

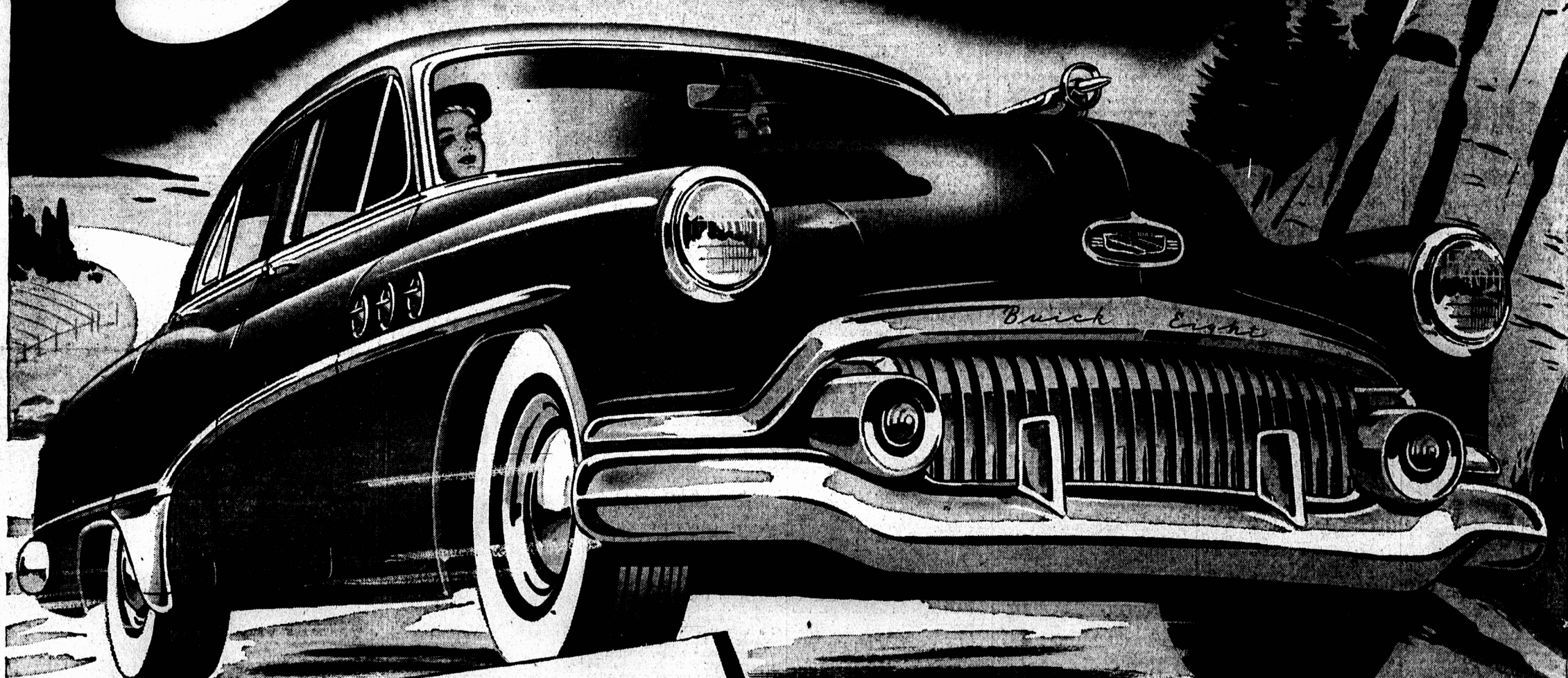
First results of the post-war work of the French Army's "back-room boys" have been displayed to British, American, Canadian, Dutch and Belgian officers and a handful of reporters.

The weapons demonstrated included self-propelled and motor-towed howitzers, light and heavy tanks, a bazooka described as the best in the world, the latest thing in quick-firing automatic rifles and machine-guns, anti-tank mines, and fox-hole diggers which can produce a hole four feet deep and more than a foot in diameter in about 10 minutes.

A 12-ton Panhard eight-wheeled reconnaissance tank has two front and two back wheels fitted with heavy pneumatic tires. The other four are tractor wheels which can be raised off the ground when the vehicle is moving along roads to enable the tank to travel at speeds up to 60 miles an hour. It can be driven in either direction, having steering gear fore and aft.

Another weapon was a recoilless 75-millimetre gun weighing less than 100 pounds. This latest version of the famous French "75" is accurate and effective against tanks up to 600 yards.

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