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resort in winter and a place to take pleasant mountain walks in summer. In the journey of only 6 kilometres the line has climbed 1047 metres.

Leysin is of special importance to a declining group of British men for some of the troops who escaped into Switzerland during the 1939 - 45 war were detained there. I was told by one of them that their Swiss 'captors' were most kind.

(Editors note) I am pleased that Alan Pike has mentioned the significance of the military "captives at Leysin in his story. My father was one of their number and in his time there he recovered from a serious illness thanks to the devoted care the Swiss bestowed upon many of our servicemen who served in World War II. It was this occurrence that first aroused my interest in Switzerland at a very early age since at home we were the recipients of Red Cross parcels and postcards of a lovely mountain village with its shiny little electric trains. These postcard scenes made an indelible impression on one young mind. Such a contrast to the war debris, sand bags and propped up buildings which surrounded our London home.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

### **Die Triebfahrzeuge der Bahnen der Jungfrauregion**

Some time ago a very useful little book was published in Switzerland on the motive power of the RhB which included both photographs and side-elevation drawings. Now the same publisher has produced a similar soft-cover book on the locomotives and railcars - past and present - of the railways in the Jungfrauregion.

Included are specifications, photographs and side-elevations of the motive power of the BOB, the Schynige Platte Bahn, Bergbahn Lauterbrunnen-Murren, Wengernalpbahn and Jungfraubahn.

Among the steam rack locomotives are four 0-4-2T's built for the Wengernalpbahn in 1985 which were identical to Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of the Snowdon Mountain Railway. From these, and other, early examples the book comes right up to date with Nos. 311, 312 and 313 of the BOB which were completed in the last quarter of 1986.

The book has 96 pages and illustrated with 46 black and white and two colour photographs plus 46 side-elevation drawings.

Available from Robert Spark Railway Literature, Evelyn Way, Cobham, Surrey KT11 2SJ. Price £9.25 including postage (10% discount to SRS members).

### **Continental Modeller**

The January/February edition contains the usual world wide coverage but of especial interest to S.R.S. members is a fully illustrated article about Roger Desoutters delightful Swiss HO layout - Wintertal. Composed in a winter setting of snow and fir trees it will prove to be an inspiration to modellers of the Swiss landscape. U.I.C. codings which prove a puzzle to many are fully explained in the first installment on this subject. The March/April issue continues with further details about U.I.C. codings and there is a comprehensive review of the latest international model railway products unveiled at the Nuremberg Fair. Many other features including Majorcan track plans, German BR9 2-10-2's, American and continental layouts. Colour and black and white photographs. Price £1.10

### **Euromodel Rail Review**

The new look issue no. 25 of Euromodel Rail Review promises to be one of the best so far. Included in the latest edition is an article about the RhB, a Z gauge Swiss diorama and a full report from the Nuremberg Fair. 60 pages with full colour throughout. Price £2.50. Since establishing its new office in East Anglia E.R.R. has also opened a new showroom on the premises in Pollards Lane, West Row, Bury St. Edmunds. In addition to its usual range of continental books, postcards, magazines they have lots to offer from the Marklin HO range as well as demonstrations of Z and gauge 1 items.