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THIS STORY HAPPENED A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN BRITISH PEOPLE COULD GO ON A DAY TRIP TO FRANCE WITHOUT A PASSPORT. IT IS ABOUT A MR AND MRS ELHAM WHO WENT ON A DAY TRIP TO BOULOGNE.

WHEN THEY _____ THEIR SHOPPING, THE COUPLE _____ FOR A STROLL TO SEE THE SIGHTS OF THE TOWN. _____, THEY DIDN'T _____ MUCH FRENCH AND COULDN'T _____ THE STREET SIGNS, SO THEY _____ LOST. THE FRENCH PEOPLE THEY _____ WERE VERY KIND AND _____ THEY _____ A LIFT TO THE RAILWAY STATION.

AS THE LAST FERRY _____ THE ELHAMS _____ TO GO TO PARIS AND _____ THEIR WAY BACK TO DOVER FROM THERE. _____ THEY _____ THE WRONG TRAIN AND _____ THEMSELVES THE NEXT MORNING IN LUXEMBURG! THE LOCAL POLICE _____ THE CONFUSED PASSENGERS ON A TRAIN FOR PARIS AND THEY _____ MOST OF THE WAY-ALL TOO _____ IN FACT, FOR THEY _____ THEIR CONNECTION AND _____ IN BASEL IN SWITZERLAND!

THE OBLIGING SWISS POLICE _____ THE COUPLE DIRECTIONS BACK TO BOULOGNE BUT SOMEHOW THEY _____ THEIR WAY AGAIN AND ENDED UP _____ OVER SIXTY KILOMETERS TO VESOUL IN CENTRAL FRANCE. A LONG-DISTANCE LORRY DRIVER GAVE THE CONFUSED COUPLE A LIFT TO PARIS, BUT WHEN THEY _____ THE GARE du NORD, THEIR TROUBLES WERE NOT OVER.

" WE _____ THE SIGNS, MRS ELHAM _____ AND TOOK THE TRAIN TO BONN IN GERMANY"

FROM GERMANY THE ELHAMS _____ BACK TO FRANCE. AT THE BORDER, A SYMPATHETIC GENDARME DECIDED TO _____ THEY GOT TO BOULOGNE _____, SO HE _____ THEM ALL THE WAY THERE.

AS THEY DIDN'T HAVE PASSAPORTS, IT TOOK TWENTY FOUR HOURS TO _____ THE CUSTOMS THAT THEIR UNLIKELY TALE _____ BE TRUE. BUT AT LAST THEY WERE ALLOWED ON A FERRY AND SOON THE FAMILIAR WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER _____ THE ELHAMS BACK TO ENGLAND.