

## ... AND OF LIFE



HOSTESS Miss Joyce Goode holds 12-month-old Thomas Maus, who is flying alone 12,000 miles to his grandparents' home in Germany.

# Baby boy alone on 12,000-mile flight

The youngest passenger to fly alone the 12,000 miles to Europe, a 12-month-old boy, yesterday left Sydney.

The baby's mother is sending him to her parents in Germany.

The baby's father died recently.

The baby, Thomas Maus, yesterday flew from Melbourne, where he parted from his mother.

Christel Maus hugged her smiling baby for the last time at Essendon airport.

At Mascot airport Thomas was still smiling, too young to know the tragic cause of his flight.

Thomas' destination is Dusseldorf, Germany.

He will fly by Air India to London.

There he will change planes for his trip to Dusseldorf.

Hostesses will look after

him on the journey.

Thomas' parents Thomas and Christel Maus, German migrants, were passengers on the ill-fated liner Skaubryn.

The Skaubryn caught fire in the Indian Ocean on March 31, and sank on April 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Maus and young Thomas transferred

to a Dutch liner, which brought them to Australia.

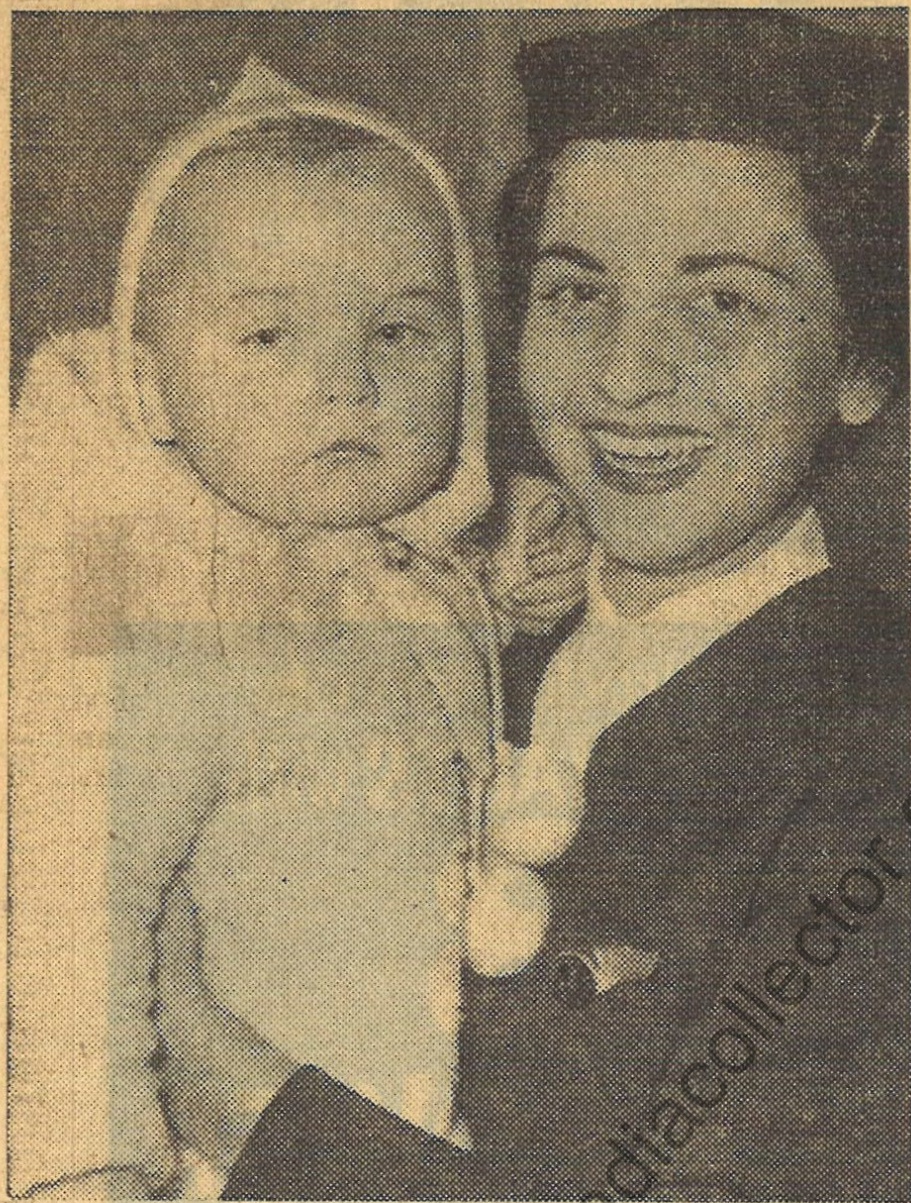
They settled in Melbourne.

Thomas' father was killed in an accident recently.

Mrs. Maus had to take a job.

She decided to send her baby to her parents in Dusseldorf.





Thomas Maus with air hostess Miss Joyce Goode.

# Lone Baby Leaves On Flight To Europe

A 12-months-old German boy who left Sydney by air yesterday was the youngest air passenger to travel unaccompanied to Europe.

The baby, Thomas Maus, is travelling by Air India International and the German airline Lufthansa to Dusseldorf.

A.I.I. officials said at Mascot that the little boy was returning to Germany to live with his grandparents because his father had been killed in a road accident near Melbourne and his mother, Mrs Christel Maus, was unable to

look after him and work at the same time.

The Maus family were passengers in the Norwegian liner Skaubryn, which burnt and sank in the Indian Ocean last March on the way to Australia.

An Air India hostess, Miss Joyce Goode, said she would look after Thomas as far as London, when she would hand him over to a specially-appointed hostess on the German airline Lufthansa which

would take him to Dusseldorf.

Little Thomas, well rugged up in a white Teddy bear woollen suit, seemed quite content to have Miss Goode as his "foster mother" for the 12,000-mile flight to London.

He will sleep in a special bassinette close to Miss Goode and will be fed regularly with fresh milk.

Thomas will arrive in London on Sunday and at Dusseldorf that same afternoon.



# Baby Tom is flying alone to Germany

**SYDNEY.**—A 12-month-old baby boy left Sydney by air for Europe last night in the care of the plane's hostess.

The infant is Thomas Maus, who is on his way back to Dusseldorf, Germany.

With his parents, he survived the sinking of the Norwegian liner Skaubyrn in the Indian Ocean in March this year.

Air India International officials last night explained that baby Thomas was returning to Germany to live with his grandparents.

They said his father was killed recently in a road accident near Melbourne, and his mother Mrs. Christel Maus, now living in Melbourne, was unable to look after him and go to work, too.

## Hostess job

Hostess Miss Joyce Goode, said she would look after Thomas as far as London.

Well-rugged up in a white teddy bear woollen suit in a bassinet close to Hostess Goode, little Thomas will be fed with fresh milk on the 12,000-mile flight to London.



**HERE IS Baby Thomas with Hostess Joyce Goode before leaving Sydney last night.**