

Raid 4L Trophy 2015

A charitable, human and sporting adventure



19 February to 1 March 2015

The 4LTrophy is an annual humanitarian car raid for students.

The format is an orienteering race that runs over the best part of two weeks. Students, in teams of two, drive across France and Spain in the legendary Renault 4L to reach Morocco.

For students looking for adventure, the raid is a unique experience combining sporting challenge, charitable action and a complete change of scenery, where competitors surpass themselves and help each other out along the way.

**TEAM N° 1530
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Juliette Bouclon Nathalie Dumas



A humanitarian effort first and foremost

The teams deliver school supplies as well as sports and paramedical equipment to the most impoverished children in Morocco.

In partnership with the Enfants du Désert foundation, every year dozens of tons of equipment and gifts are donated, making it possible for various ambitious projects to see the light of day: school funding, well-building, and solar energy equipment for a ksar, etc.



Tuesday 17 February

The journey has begun!

Yesterday, Tuesday 17 February, our team set off from Annemasse at 9 am to join up with the other teams from Savoie and Haute-Savoie in Albertville. Overnight stop in Montpellier. So far so good: the car is running really well! Departure this morning for Biarritz for the technical checks.

To be continued...



Wednesday 18 February



The Montpellier-Biarritz leg today ran very smoothly.
The technical checks went OK.
We set off tomorrow!!!



Thursday 19 February

We're now in a tiny village 30 km south of Salamanca. We've driven all day from Biarritz, and fatigue is setting in!

Here are a few photos of the departure village to give you an idea of the ambience.

The sun shined all day long!



Safely arrived in Seville. Quick visit of the town.
Tomorrow evening, Saturday 21 February, arrival
into Algeciras for the Strait-of-Gibraltar ferry
crossing to Morocco.



● Friday 20 February

Monday 23 February



Hello Algeciras!

Unfortunately the weather is very bad. Our boat sails at 3 am and tomorrow we'll be on the road for 8 hours. It's going to be a long night and day! We'll try and get a little sleep before setting off.

Here's a small photo of the bivouac. In Boulajoul, where we will be bivouacking tomorrow evening, there'll be snow and an overnight temperature of 0°C.



Monday 23 February 



● Tuesday 24 February

Today was the first leg to be run entirely on desert tracks. Everything went well. Our super 4L easily dealt with the obstacles. Tonight we're sleeping at Merzouga again where we have Wi-Fi, meaning we can send a few photos from today.

The adventure continues!



Superb day again today. We've driven the 4L on the tracks and over the dunes like a real 4x4!
Tomorrow comes the marathon leg: 48 hours alone to get back to Marrakech via Zagora.

So, no bivouac tomorrow night and no Wi-Fi - a complete adventure!

Otherwise, everything is still going really well.
Just very sad that the end is drawing near.



Wednesday 25 February

We've made it safely to Marrakech! Very happy to find a shower and toilets too!
The Marathon leg went really quite well. We had a few minor mechanical issues, but nothing serious.
The last two days, again, were so enjoyable: amazing scenery, some really good moments and plenty of good spirit!
We leave tomorrow... taking with us great memories of an unforgettable adventure!!!

Juliette et Nathalie



4L TROPHY – the final days





The 2015 4L Trophy ended in Marrakech on Saturday 1st March with the traditional awards' ceremony. 1,200 teams took part in the 18th edition of the rally.

After 6,000 kilometres, our team, no. 1530, made up of Juliette Bouclon and Nathalie Dumas finished as follows:

832nd on the Boulajoul – Merzouga leg (208th in the women's standings)

1050th on the Merzouga – Oued Ziz leg (254th in the women's standings)

847th on the Marathon leg which began on 27 February: (226th in the women's standings)

Humanitarian adventure:

Two classrooms and 20,000 children will benefit from the equipment delivered.

As a result of the efforts of everyone involved in this adventure, the "Children of the Desert" association, which organises the collection and distribution of the gifts delivered by the teams from all over Europe, announced the following: "Thanks to you, two classrooms can be built and 20,000 children are going to benefit from the equipment you have brought. We've experienced some great times together, particularly today, ambassadors' day, which serves to show you how your gifts are used. You have contributed to the construction of 3 kindergartens where children are now already enjoying themselves. Today was a very emotional day for you and for us and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

