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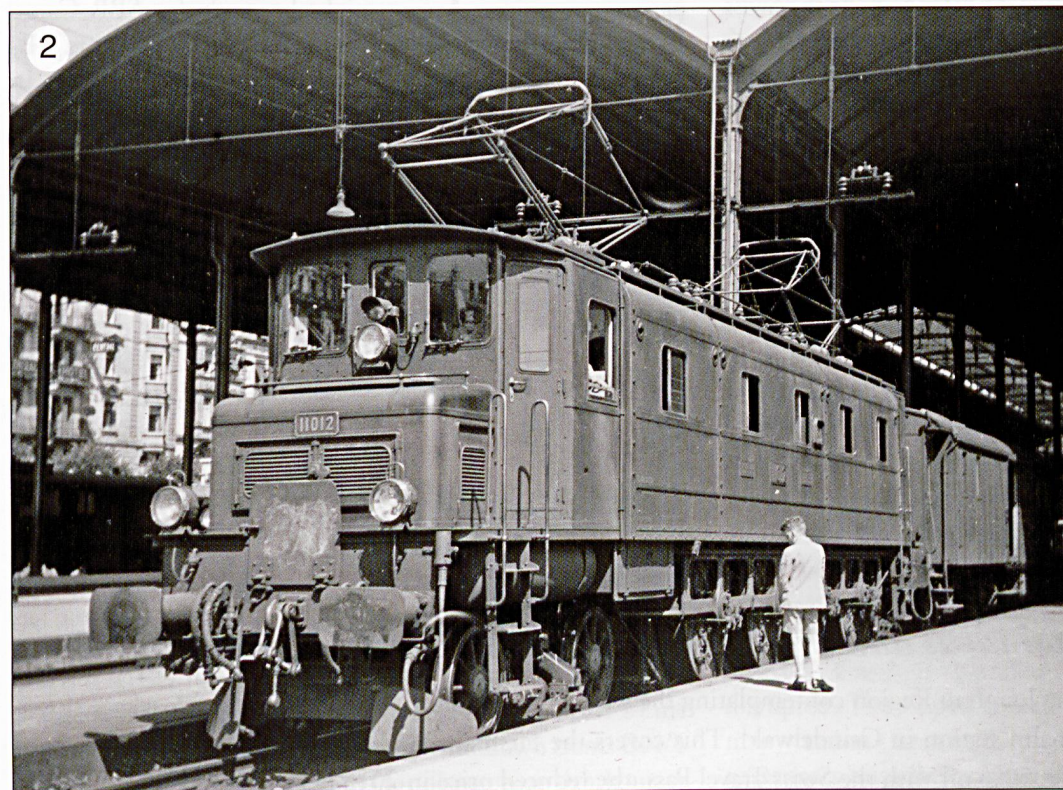
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It is a sunny day in the summer of 1937 and the holiday season in Switzerland is well under way. Luzern station is alive with people travelling, for holidays, visiting family or, for a few, working. Our photographer has based himself at the outer end of one of the platforms to watch the coming and going of trains at this busy location. In Photo 1 an Ae4/7 No.11012 slowly reverses onto its train. The platform is busy as people both board and alight from the train on the adjacent line, while the man with an SBB mobile buffet plies for trade,

and a porter heads to the concourse with a barrow-load of luggage. Our photographer has captured an animated scene. In Photo 2 a small boy watches with interest, and possibly dreams of travelling to its unknown destination, as No.11012, now coupled-up, waits to leave with its train. This is a scene that has been repeated on many occasions at many different locations around the world. In another vignette from that summer the unknown photographer has captured the scene in Photo 3, as an extra coach is being added to

a train already in the platform. Here the crowd of holidaymakers (the rucksacks indicate that many are off to the mountains to go hiking) move forward to try and find seats in the additional vehicle. With the coach now attached in Photo 4, we see the station staff removing the lights from it, prior to the engine backing down onto this busy train. Let us hope that the weather held for their adventures in the mountains.

These images are from a collection of photographs taken in the 1930s that are held by the Model Railway Club who have kindly given the SRS access to the many Swiss ones. 



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1. In 1937, Ae4/7 No. 11012 backs onto its train in Luzern station.

2. At Luzern, the Ae4/7 and its train awaits departure.

3. An extra coaches being added to a train at Luzern.

4. Removing the tail lamp ready for the loco.

All photos: From the collection of the Model Railway Club, sadly the photographer's name is unknown.

