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BRITT LOMOND RECREATES BASIL RATHBONE
ROLE IN DISNEY'S "ZORRO" SERIES

Handsome Britt Lomond, one of Hollywood's most eligible bachelors, has always thought of Basil Rathbone as one of movie town's truly great actors.

As the tyrannical commandante, Monastario, in "Zorro," Walt Disney's popular adventure series, appearing _____ on station _____, Lomond portrays a part made famous by Rathbone in the motion picture, "The Mark of Zorro."

"Basil was great. I hope I was half as good," says the Chicago-born actor.

Although he has Latin good looks, Lomond is actually of Scots descent; is a sixth cousin of the Duke of Atholl.

His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lomond, christened him Glase, a popular Gaelic name. His father, a teacher of music, sent him to Kent Preparatory School in Kent, Conn., and later, to Yale and New York University. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at New York University.

Lomond gets his theatrical inclinations from his mother, who was a dramatic actress and sculptress. Britt made his acting debut with a Connecticut stock company in 1947.

Prior to this, he had worked as a commercial artist, doing set designs.

"My very first job, though, was selling 'Liberty' magazine in 1936," recalls Britt.

Lomond has appeared in some 50 stage plays and 25 motion pictures. Among his more notable movie credits are "Diane," "The Purple Mask" and "Scaramouche."

He has worked extensively on radio and has made numerous appearances on such programs as The Clock, The FBI in Peace and War, Stella Dallas and Aunt Jenny. His 50 television credits include appearances on Matinee Theatre, General Electric Theatre, Climax, Navy Log and Cheyenne.

When Lomond tested at the Disney studios for the Monastario role, his good fortune shone brightly. Not only did he get the part, but he also was given a second role in a Disneyland TV series, "Andy Burnett," as a hot-tempered Spanish soldier.

Britt was a paratrooper with the Eleventh Airborne Division, and served in the Pacific Theatre of Operations. His awards include a Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and a Presidential Unit Citation.

In private life, he is a partner with actor Richard Norris in a salvage business at San Pedro, California. He and Norris frequently dive off the coast of California for salvage.

He also is a part-time writer and has sold several story outlines for television scripts to the TV networks.

In sports, he is a better-than-average basketball player and can handle himself in the skilled art of Judo. He also is a fine fencer -- an attribute which helped him win the coveted assignment in "Zorro."

Lomond lives with his mother in the San Fernando Valley. He is the proud owner of two Persian cats, an 18-pound pure white, named Princess, and a grey miniature named Cindy.

His chief nickname is "Scotty," and one of his main ambitions is to return to his parental homeland for a long visit.

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