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EDITORIAL.

As stated in the September editorial, this months and next months issue are two sheets only. Once again we ask readers to bear with us during this difficult period.

It has been quite noticeable that contributions to Y.A.N. have been dropping off of late. Yet again we make an appeal for contributions - correspondence is the life blood of a magazine like ours, and if this should dry up at the source then Y.A.N. will disappear.

The publication date for the December issue will be NOV 21st. It would be appreciated if articles for inclusion would reach us a few days previous to this date.

We trust that the new method of placing credits will be acceptable to most readers.

(M.W.S.).

SECRETARYS DESK.

First of all my thanks to all those Branch members who have replied to the Branch Dinner questionnaire. Response has been nowhere near 100% so far, so if you have not already returned the slip please do so as soon as possible.

It is now almost certain that the November meeting will be held in the new Yorkshire Aeroplane Club premises at the Airport. The meeting is scheduled for 28th of Nov. at 2-30pm. Please note the time as it is 30 minutes earlier than usual; this is so that we can complete the full programme we have booked. We have booked three films as advertised in the September issue, as follows - "Hells Angels" and two films describing the Avro 748 in service with Thai Airways and Aerolineas Argentinas.

The expected rate for Y.A.N. for 1966 will be 7/6d for both Branch members and non-Branch members.

Branch members please note that as yet we do not know what the subscription rate for Air-Britain will be next year.

(J.A.S.).

L.B.A.NEWS.

In September a total of 35,467 passengers used the Airport compared with 26,725 last. The temporary passenger accommodation has been roofed over and heating units have been installed.

B.U.A. are to operate an L.B.A.Southampton service next year. B.K.S. are offering 4,000 seats a week on their London service this winter. Williams A.C. have introduced pleasure flights to the oil rig situated off Scarborough. Cost approx £8 a seat.

The Yorkshire Aeroplane Club hope to move into their new premises by the middle of Nov. The West Riding County Council have become the third member of the L.B.A.Committee.

("News from L.B.A.").

VALIANTS AT FINNINGLEY.

With the demise of the Valiant a few months ago, the R.A.F. lost the first of it's V-bombers. However, previous to this, the type had already become redundant in Yorks. The only station to have Valiants in Yorks was R.A.F.Finningley, which was the base of No.18 Sqn. and Bomber Command Development Unit. Listed below is the complete list of Valiants operated by these units.

B.C.D.U. m/c's.

WP214 B.K.1. Ex 2320.C.U. To 138 Sqn. Scrapped Dishforth 6/64, remains to Catterick.

WZ400 B.K.1. Ex 2320.C.U./138 Sqn. XD861 B.K.1. Ex 2320.C.U./49 Sqn./138 Sqn.

18 Sqn m/c's — all Mk.B.1.

WP211 Ex 214 and 199 Sqns. Saw ops in Suez 11/56. WZ362 Ex2320.C.U. To 138 Sqn. and to St.Athan 1965.

WP212 Ex 212 and 199 Sqns.

WP213 Ex 199 Sqn.

WZ365 Ex2320.C.U. To St.Athan 1965.

WP215 Ex 199 Sqn. To St.Athan 1965.

WZ372 Ex2320.C.U./199 Sqn.

WP216 Ex 7 and 199 Sqn.

WZ373 Ex2320.C.U. To 207 Sqn.

WP218 Ex 199 Sqn. To 49 Sqn. and to Marham 1965.

Whilst on the subject of Valiants it may be of interest to point out that WZ363 of No.148 Sqn. crashed at Market Rasen on 7/5/65.

(M.W.S.).

C-119's of the Force Aérienne Belge.

Following the appearance of so many C-119 Packets of the Belgian Air Force at Leconfield, a few notes on the aircraft may not come amiss. The aircraft concerned are all ex U.S.A.F. machines, purchased by the U.S.A.F. in the fiscal years of 1951, 52 and 53. The original batch of twenty aircraft delivered to the F.A.B. were serialled CP-1 to CP-20 and were of the C-119F variety. The first eight of these have since been transferred to the Royal Norwegian A.F., and the remainder brought up to C-119G standard. A further batch of C-119G's were delivered and these were CP-21 to CP-46 inclusive, deliveries being completed in 1960. Serial/Code tie-ups are as follows:-

| | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| CP-1 to CP-8 incl. | OT-CAA to OT-CAH incl. | Transferred to R.No. A.F. |
| CP-9 to CP-20 incl. | OT-CAI to OT-CAT incl. | |
| CP-21 to CP-40 incl. | OT-CBA to OT-CBT incl. | |
| CP-41 to CP-46 incl. | OT-CEA to OT-CEH incl. | |

The following aircraft have been written off:- CP-23, CP-25, CP-36 and CP-45. The aircraft form part of 20eme Escadrille at Brussels/Maelsbrook, serving with 21eme Sqn, (Green Sioux) and 40eme Sqn. (Blue Sioux). Originally CP-21 to CP-40 were with 21eme Sqn., and the remainder with the 40eme Sqn. but several changes have since been made. The colour scheme is dull natural metal overall with the code on the fuselage sides and the serial on the fins and nose. The full U.S.A.F. serial and designation is painted on just below the cockpit. (M.T.Powell, "Flight", S.E.Air Review, London Aviation News).

MIDDLETON ST.GEORGE.

2/10 G-ANBJ Britannia. Britannia Airways. Fr Gutersloh to Renfrew.
8/10 EI-AKF Friendship. Aer Lingus. Fr Dublin To Manchester.

The visit of the VC-10 on 8/10 was cancelled on technical reasons and demonstration flights are now scheduled for Spring 1966. (E.B.Turnbull).

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR.

25/8 XK525 Buccaneer S.1. Fluorescent markings.

XM410 Jet Provost T3.48/7 F.T.S.

3/10 XT279 Buccaneer S.2. Latest R.N.machine.

XN923 Buccaneer S.1. Development aircraft, second Mk. S.1, Ex A and AEE.

XK526 Buccaneer S.2. First prototype S.2, grey port wing undersurfaces.

XT269 Buccaneer S.2. 236/LM Ex ? /LM of 700B Sqn. Still in 700B colours.

XT271 Buccaneer S.2. 240/LM Ex 734/LM of 700B Sqn. Still in 700B colours.

G-2-1/411 Buccaneer S.50. "B" class serial on stbd, S.A.A.F. on port.

G-2-2/412 Buccaneer S.50. As above.

10/10 G-2-9/419 Buccaneer S.50. As above. Latest machine flying at this date.

700B Squadron was formed 3/65 and disbanded 30/9/65. It's aircraft will be the nucleus of 801 Squadron formed 14/10/65. The old "801" formed 17/7/62 and disbanded 7/65, its aircraft going to 736 Squadron for training purposes. (P.A.Jackson and J.Fletcher).

WHIRLWIND HAR.10.

That "old faithful" XJ414 has gone to 202 Sqn. "D"Flight at Coltishall. (Southend Aeronews).

EAST MIDLANDS.

Areally exotic visitor here on 10/9 was N803LJ Lear Jet from Genoa.

FINNINGLEY.

Vulcan B2 XH559 at 230 O.C.U. was in the static display at the R.A.F.Coltishall Battle of Britain Day. (Southend Aeronews).

More additions to Battle of Britain report:- The Chipmunk WK950 should read WK590. Victor B(K)1A XH647 is of No 55 Sqn. (M.T.Powell).

MEXBOROUGH. Luton Minor G-ATFW is under construction by Mr.G.W.Shields in the workshops of Mexborough Grammar School. The fuselage framework was complete in August but the first flight really depends on the availability of a suitable second hand engine. Any offers? Mr. Shields formerly flew Comper Swift G-ABTC from Doncaster until it suffered an engine failure two hundred feet above Kirton-in-Lindsey. (M.T.Powell).

NETHERTHORPE. No movements this month but Do28 G-ASUR has gone to Leicester for its C of A. (J.Cooper).

BLACKBURN BEVERLEY — PRODUCTION LIST.

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| c/n 1000 G-AMUX/WF320 — Prototype Mk.1. | c/n 1001 G-AMVW/WZ889 — Prototype MK.2. |
| c/n 1002 G-AOAI/XB259. | c/n 1003 G-AOEK/XB260. |
| c/n 1004 to 1012 XB261 to XB269. | c/n 1013 to 1021 XB283 to XB291. |
| c/n 1022 to 1030 XH116 to XH124. | c/n 1031 to 1033 XL130 to XL132. |
| c/n 1034 to 1038 XL148 to XL152. | c/n 1039 to 1048 XM103 to XM112. |

G-AOAI and G-AOEK were in fact the first two Beverley C.1's XB259 and XB260 registered for civil charter contracts and the third was prototype G-AMVW.

FLYOVER REPORT.

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|-------|---------|-------------------|-------------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| 2/9 | XF420 | Hunter FGA.9. | Sledmere. | N.W. | 1420. | |
| 7/9 | VV927 | Anson. | Sledmere. | N. | A.M. | |
| 19/9 | N1 23SW | CL-44. | Ottringham. | E. | 1032. | Blue 1. |
| | 3021 2 | KC-97. U.S.A.F. | Polehill. | S. | 1228. | Amber 1. |
| | YU-AFE | DC-6B. Adria. | Oldham. | E. | 2210. | Blue 1. |
| 20/9 | PH-DSC | DC-7C. | Ottringham. | N.E. | 1918. | To Deans Cross. |
| 21/9 | 1521 | C-45F. R.C.A.F. | Oldham. | S. | 1718. | Amber 1. |
| | XS767 | Basset. | Hull. | S. | 1955. | |
| | 8061 2 | VC-121A. U.S.A.F. | Polehill. | N. | 2011. | Amber 1. |
| 26/9 | EC-BBH | DC-7C. | Polehill. | N. | 1000. | Amber 1. |
| | N5401 V | L-1049G. | Ottringham. | E. | 1303. | Blue 1. |
| | PH-DCF | DC-8. K.L.M. | Ottringham. | W. | 1345. | Blue 1. |
| | YU-AFF | DC-6B. Adria. | Ottringham. | W. | 1254. | Blue 1. |
| | N229SW | CL-44. | Polehill. | S. | 1613. | Amber 1. |
| | GA-023 | DC-6B. | Ottringham. | W. | 1905. | Blue 1. |
| 27/9 | EI-ANE | BAC 111. | Ottringham. | E. | 1129. | Blue 1. |
| | PH-IPS | Beech 18. | Ottringham. | E. | 1810. | Blue 1. |
| | 5325 | Caribou. | Polehill. | S. | 1800. | Amber 1. |
| | 5327 | Caribou. | Polehill. | S. | 1801. | Amber 1. |
| 3/10 | G-ASSO | Cessna 150. | Holme. | N. | 1549. | |
| 8/10 | XD589 | Vampire T.11. | Sledmere. | N. | A.M. | 1 FTS coded "75". |
| | XS216 | Jet Provost. | Sledmere. | N. | A.M. | CAW coded "19". |
| 15/10 | XM375 | Jet Provost. | Sledmere. | N. | A.M. | R.A.F.C. |
| | WG469 | Chipmunk. | Sledmere. | Circ. N. | P.M. | 1 FTS coded "K". |
| 16/10 | G-ACGM | J/5P Autocar. | Hull. | Circ. | 1405-10 | |

(J.Fletcher J.Stanfield P.Jackson).

A VISIT TO SHERBURN-IN-ELMET.

Sherburn is rarely reported in these pages but it is becoming a very active flying club field. Four members of the West Riding Branch visited Sherburn on Sunday 10/10/65 and found, to their surprise, a great deal of flying going on there.

At the moment there are four messengers at this field:- G-AJDF, 'JOE', 'KBO and 'KEZ. The Tiger Moth 'PCU is now flying with the Curzon Flying Group and 'PUK has the legend 'Dan Iska' on the engine cowling.

In the Club hangar were 'FSC Topsy Trainer and a unidentifiable R.A.F.G.S.A. Cadet. Visitors were 'SWO Cessna 210 from Kirton-in-Lindsey, 'RBZ Turbulent from Wombledon (?), and 'RIU Cessna 172B from Malton.

Our thanks are extended to the Sherburn Aero Club for permission to wander round their premises, hanger and Airfield.

(J.E.B.).

R.A.F.Linton-on-Ouse.

Valetta WJ486/C of 2 A.N.S. was a visitor here on 25/8, and on 17/10 was XK395 a Sea Devon.

Also noted on 17/10 were Vampire T11's XE587 code 54, and XK624 code ? (Additional info. to page 21). Chipmunks WG469/K, WZ884/P, were

Jet Provost XP661/41 of 1 F.T.S. has been retired, dissected and placed in the ground training school. Wing flaps have code 39 on however, of which we have no record. Also noted on 17/10 was J.P. XN593 code ?, again we have no record of this aircraft.

(P.A.Jackson and J.Fletcher).

R.A.F.TOPCLIFFE.

A visit here on 24/10 revealed Bassets XS765 to XS771 inclusive and XS773. Presumably these are to replace the Ansons but as yet the latter have not departed as eight of the nine of the Northern Communications Squadron were also here on 24/10 as well as VM325 and TX186. Another visitor on this date was Devon VP963. (P.A.Jackson).

SUNK ISLAND

Not Sienk Island as stated last month. The aircraft concerned in the accident was G-APVR at Channel Farm. (P.A.Jackson).

BROUGH.

A visitor here on 16/9 was the Andover CC.2. XS594. (P.A.Jackson).

R.A.F. FINNINGLEY. Additions to the Battle of Britain day report are as follows :- the Gnat XR951 was coded 26 of 4 F.T.S. The Hurricane was LF363 of course not LF343. Varsity WJ909 is code A of the A.B.S. not N. The Vulcan XH563 also helped to bomb "Dr. Who".

(P.A.Jackson and M.T.Powell).

R.A.F.LECONFIELD. 60 M.U.LIGHTNINGS.

XM172 Arrived on 11/8 for storage.

XM180 Arrived on ? for storage.

XM192 Arrived on 26/8 for storage.

XM173 Arrived on 16/7 for storage.

XM188 Arrived for an overhaul on ?, and to 226

XM177 Arrived on 1/8 for storage.

27/9 G-ASWL Cessna F172F N/S out 2/10. Also
8/10, 9/10, 10/10 N/S out 13/10,
13/10 N/S out 14/10 and 16/10.
G-ACFM J/5P Autocar.
PH-MAA DC-3. Also 1/10, 8/10, 11/10.
28/9 55681 Beaver N/S out 29/9.
G-ARTI Heron 2D. Also 15/10.
G-ARCK Cessna 175A.
29/9 G-ASIJ Cherokee 180. Also 25/10 N/S.
G-ASCO Twin Comanche.
G-ASIU Queenair 80.
G-AGIF J/IN Alpha N/S out 3/10.
1/10 G-ASMR Twin Comanche.
3/10 G-ARFL Cessna 175B.
G-ASAJ Terrier 2. N/S out 15/10. Also
15/10 N/S out 17/10.
G-ASNR Mooney M.20E N/S out 8/10.
4/10 G-APWY Piaggio P.166.
G-ATAI Dove 8.
G-ASFG Aztec "B". Also 19/10, 20/10, 27/10.
5/10 G-APZU Dove 6.
G-ALZT Ambassador. Diversion.
6/10 G-ATCM Aztec "C" N/S out 7/10.
8/10 G-ANMJ Dove 1.
9/10 G-ATEV Aztec "C".
G-ASZZ Cessna 310J N/S out 10/10.
10/10 G-ASWP Musketeer 2. Also 14/10, 18/10
N/S out 23/10.
G-ARLW Cessna 172B.
G-ARKT Colt 108.
11/10 G-ATDL Cessna 310J. Also 13/10, 19/10,
20/10, 15/10 and 26/10.
G-ARMH Aztec 250.
G-ASNK Beech Super H 8. Also 13/10 N/S
out 14/10.
G-AHXW Dragon Rapide.

(Credits M.Wadie
P.Horne
J.BuckLo).

R.A.F. BINBROOK (courtesy of "Tony").

15/1 G-ACVZ Jodel D.140.
21642 T-33A R.C.A.F.
3/2 VP971 Devon.
TX186 Anson.
17/2 G-APMV Heron 2E.
22/2 WD402 Anson.
23/2 XN733 Lightning F.2.
24/2 XD165 Whirlwind.
16/3 XN727, XN728, XN775 and XN793 Lightning
F.2. All of 92 Sqn.
24/3 XM974 Lightning T.4.
26/4 G-AIUA Hawk Trainer 3.
WS804 Meteor NF14.
27/4 G-ARTI Heron 2D.
VP967 Devon.
28/4 G-ARYC H.S.125.
TX195 Anson.
4/5 TG698 Vampire (? no such Vampire Ed.).
XD272 Scimitar with XD322.
WF125 Sea Prince.

XR441 Sea Heron. Also 12/10.
G-ATJL Comanche 260.
G-AJLV Dove 6.
G-ARUM Dove 8.
G-ASNA Aztec "B". Also 14/10, 27/10.
12/10 G-ASZW Cessna F172F.
G-ARMK Cessna 310F.
G-ASRI Aztec "C". Also 25/10.
G-APOE Chipmunk N/S out 15/10.
13/10 G-ASSB Twin Comanche.
G-ATFG Brantly B2B (448) Also 27/10.
G-ATAR Aztec "C". Also 26/10.
G-ARYM Dove 8.
14/10 G-ARDE Dove 6. Also 18/10.
G-ASXU Queenair 80. Also 18/10.
G-ASMY Apache 160 N/S out 15/10.
15/10 G-ARWY Mooney M.20A.
16/10 G-AGOS Desford Trainer.
17/10 G-ASUP Cessna F172E.
G-ASVM Cessna F172E.
18/10 G-ASHV Aztec "B".
19/10 G-ASYO Twin Comanche.
20/10 G-ASYB Aztec "C".
G-AOHZ J/5P Autocar N/S.
21/10 G-APZE Apache 160 N/S out 23/10.
23/10 G-AEXF Mew Gull. Arrived by road
from Catterick.
26/10 G-ASVV Cessna 310I. Also 27/10.
G-AJDP Dove. N/S out 27/10.
G-ASNG Dove 6.
G-ASKM Queenair 80.
G-ANIJ Auster 5.
OO-SIG Cessna 337 (Ex N2147X) N/S.
27/10 PH-IIP Baron N/S.
I-SIAA Sias 205. Demonstrations.
I-ZUAR Sias SF250. Demonstrations.
G-APVV Mooney M.20A.
G-ASNO Baron.
G-ARLK Comanche 250 N/S.
G-ATEN Twin Comanche.
G-ASMJ Cessna F172E.

17/5 VM97 Valetta.
18/5 G-ASHK Brantly B2A.
G-ASPO Cessna 210D.
19/5 WV750 Pembroke.
20/5 VM351 Anson.
21/5 XA907 Vulcan.
8/6 XLA50 Beverley.
XR134 Argosy.
14/6 G-ATAN Cessna 205.
OT-ZAB Pembroke. Belgian A.F.
16/6 G-ARFF Queenair 65.
17/6 G-ARWL Cessna 182E.
22/6 XK669 Comet C.2.
5/7 142 Flamant. French A.F.
XS421 Lightning T.5. 226 O.C.U.
7/7 G-ATBX Piper Pacer.
22/7 G-ACGW Heron 2E.
28/7 G-ASNK Cessna 205.

This airfield was closed on 17/8/65 for runway alterations.

DISUSED YORKSHIRE AIRFIELDS.

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| Lissett. | Brighton. | Rufforth. | Rawcliffe (As known as Yorks or Cliton). |
| Sutton-on-Hull. | Elvington. | Dalton. | Cattfoss. Burn. Tholthorpe. |
| East Moor. | Full Sutton. | Acaster Malbis. | Catterick (is this actually in Yorks?). |
| Melbourne. | Drifffield. | Croft. | |