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BRITISH INTERCITIES AIRWAYS???

According to a report in one of our contemporary journals the oft rumoured B.K.S. name change is about to materialise as the above mouthful Coupled with this report we read in 'Flight' that B.E.A. intend to increase their 50% holding in B.K.S., acquire a majority holding in Cambrian (they hold 33% already), and are also interested in British Midland. It would appear that a merger is a possibility and that B.E.A. would be handing over many of their domestic services to their new subsidiary. Further evidence is provided by a whisper that B.K.S. are expecting some of B.E.A.'s Viscount 802's, although the airlines management are on record as saying that the 700 series is more suited to their requirements. The number of Viscounts expected is either four or twelve, depending on whether the Neadon or Southend rumour is correct.

The Editor regrets that B.K.S. have decided to 'hippyfy' their title, it will cost more in paint for a start, and that will probably used as a justification for another fare increase on what must be one the most expensive services running - Long live the Railways.

MEP

SECRETARY'S DESK

Sincere thanks to all those members who wrote to me about the tour of the new Tower at L.B.A. it certainly made organisation of this visit much easier.

Whilst on the subject of making administration easier, members could help again by using duplicated renewal forms for renewing subscriptions to AIR-BRITAIN and YORKSHIRE AIR NEWS. All West Riding branch members and Y.A.F. subscribers will receive at least one before the year end and they will be available at the A.G.M. in November. If you will all use these forms when renewing it will simplify the keeping of our records and will benefit you in the long run.

Another branch member has volunteered to give a twenty minute talk on a pet subject, which just goes to show you are not as shy as we thought.

All West Riding branch members should have received a circular letter about the A.G.M. and a blank nomination paper. It is genuinely hoped that you will use the latter to some effect. (If you do not like this rag - come along and vote in a new Editor. - Ed.)

JAS

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 29th October - A talk by M. Rockliff of Yorkshire Light Aircraft Ltd. Please make a special effort to attend.
- 26th November - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - An extremely important meeting if you are not satisfied with branch affairs or activities this is your chance to express your opinions and elect the Committee you want.
- 31st December - Provisionally we hope to have members short talks at this meeting.

PRESS DATES - October issue - 16th October
November issue - 13th November

Dove and Devon History Part 3

- 04057 G-AJNS Dove 1b De Havilland. To VT-COV of Burma Airways, then to VT-CRT with the Government of Assam.
- 04058 G-AJOU Dove 1 De Havilland. Sold to Skyways Ltd crashed on Mount Valence 13.5.48.
- 04059 G-AJZT Dove 2 De Havillands. Crashed at Banstead Croydon 9.6.51. shortly before delivery to H.H. Prince Aly Solomon Khan.
- 04060 EP-ACF Dove 1b Eagle Airways. Sold to Iranian Airways, written off Khanen, Iran 24.9.58.
- 04061 EP-ACG Dove 1b Eagle Airways. To Iranian Airways. TO OY-BAJ. Then to Kay Rings as G-AREG. To Mk.6. TO Trans World Leasing Co., who leased it to Libyan Aviation.
- 04062 EP-ACH Dove 1b Eagle Airways. To Iranian Airways. To XY-AE with the Union of Burma Airways. To G-ANAN with Morton Air Services.
- 04063 G-AJLV Dove 1. Converted to Mk.6. Ministry of Aviation C.A. .U.
- 04064 G-AKJP Dove 1. Iraq Petroleum Transport Co. Converted to Mk.2. Amalgamated Tobacco Corp.. To Silver City Airways. To Iraq Petroleum Co.
- 04065 EP-ECE Dove 1b Eagle Airways. To Iranian Airways. ~~TO~~ To VT-COW with Airways (India) Ltd.. TO Independent Air Travel as G-AOYC. To Balfour Marine Engineering Ltd. To Silver City Airways then British United Airways then Morton Air Services.
- 04066 LV-XWP Dove 1 Argentine Civil Aeronautics Board. To T-69 of the Argentine Air Force.
- 04067 LV-XWQ Dove 1 Argentine Civil Aeronautics Board. To T-72 of the Argentine Air Force.
- 04068 LV-XWR Dove 1. Argentine Civil Aeronautics Board.
- 04069 LV-XWS Dove 1. Argentine Civil Aeronautics Board.
- 04070 LV-XWT Dove 1. Argentine Civil Aeronautics Board.
- 04071 G-AKJG Dove 1 Helliwells Ltd.. Converted TO Mk.2. During 1950 temporarily wore VP-YGP. Then to G-AKJP with Silver City Airways To Tube Investments Ltd., to Plascon Ltd. To E.E. Marsh Ltd.. Wheels up landing at Leavesden 5/66, to Biggin Hill for repairs.
- 04072 YI-ABJ Dove 1b Iraqi Airways. Written off Baghdad 4.2.55.
- 04073 VP-954 Devon C.1 R.A.F. To R.A.E. College of Aeronautics, now fitted with a nose probe.
- 04074 HW-201 Royal Indian Air Force.
- 04075 HW-202 Royal Indian Air Force.
- 04076 Devon C.1 46001 coded "1" of the Swedish Air Force.
- 04077 VT-CIA Airways (India) Ltd.. To Indian Air Force.
- 04078 HW-203 Devon C.1 Indian Air Force.
- 04079 ZS-BCC Dove 1b South African Airways Corporation 'Katberg'. To VP- Northern Rhodesia Air Services. To VP-YLX Rhodesia Air Services.
- 04080 D-11 Devon C.1 Belgium Air Force. To OO-CF? Air Force du Congo Belge, sometimes carries OO-CCG.
- 04081 Devon C.1 HW204 Indian Air Force.
- 04082 VR-NAP West African Airways Corp. Dove 1b. To G-ANVU with East Anglian Flying Services, which became Channel Airways.
- 04083 G-AKJR Dove 1b Clley Air Services Ltd. To Cambrian Air Services To AP-AGJ with the Government of Pakistan. To Pakistan Petroleum Co. Sold to Aerocontacts as G-AKJR. To Air Senegal as 6V-OO-CFD Sabena. To the Congo. Written off at Kanamba 1.6.54.
- 04085 ZS-BVN Dove 1 Anglo American Corp. Of South Africa.
- 04086 VP-YEV Central African Corporation. To G-AMYO Hunting Air Surveys Then to Morton Air Services.
- 04087 ZS-BTM Dove 1 Williamson Diamond Mines Ltd.. Crashed 28.2.51.
- 04088 YI-ZAB Dove ferry marks. To Iraqi Air Force as 265.
- 04089 SU-Z-905 ferry marks. To Z905 of the Arab Legion Air Force.
- 04090 VP-959 Devon C.1 R.A.F. to R.A.E.
- 04091 VH-AZY Dove 1 Airlines of West Australia. To VH-AWD of MacRobertson Millar Airlines. To VH-MMO with the same airline. To VH-FDV Royal Flying Doctor Service of Victoria.
- 04092 VT-CKE Dove 1 Government of Bengal. To G-AOYD Airlines Spares Ltd To Mitchell Engineering.

Battle of Britain Display - Finningley 1967 ~~1968~~ ~~September~~ ~~1967~~

This year's Finningley display had one of the finest static parks seen for a long time, particular mention must be made of the stations own contribution to the Aircraft Preservation Movement which provided the Avro 707A, the Meteor F.8, Provost, Hunter F.4, and the 'Finningley Flyer' replica. Unfortunately the weather was not up to the occasion, a gentle drizzle dampened the early birds in the morning and persistent low cloud and the accompanying poor visibility hampered the flying display causing several non-appearances and the scheduled Vampire and Domine to perform above cloud level - Oh well, you can't have everything!

Static Display

12699 (51-2699) C-119F 'BW-D' R.N.C.A.F. 376sqn. (ex R.Belg.A.F.)
10576 (65-10576) F-5A 'AH-E' " 332sqn., Rigg.
69210 (66-9210) F-5A 'AH-P' " " "
69211 (66-9211) F-5A 'AH-R' " " "
69220 (66-9220) F-5A 'AH-W' " " "
40882 (64-882) F-4C 3rd U.S.A.F., 92nd T.F.S., 81st T.F.F. Bentwaters
No.173 Super Mystere B.2 '12-ZC' 2/12 Escadron 'Picardy',
Cambrai/Epinoay.

TG503 Hastings T.5 B.C.B.S. Lindholme,
WJ916 Varsity T.1, 'T' B.C.B.S. Lindholme,
XS714 Domine T.1, 'M' 1 A.N.S. Stradishall,
KS186 Jet Provost T.1, '10' C.A.U. Manby,
XP758 Lightning F.3, 'D' 23sqn Leuchars,
KE608 Hunter F.(G.A.)9, '32' 229 O.C.U. Chivenor,
WH803 Canberra P.B.7, 17sqn., 2nd T.A.F. Wildenrath,
WT332 Canberra B.(I)8, 'M' 3sqn., 2nd T.A.F. Geilenkirchen,
XL511 Victor B.2, 100/139sqns Wittering,
TG777 Fairey F.D.2, R.A.E. Bedford,
WK643 Chipmunk T.10, 'A', KD506 Vampire T.11, C.A.T.C.S. Shawbury,
KH554 Vulcan B.2, 230 O.C.U., Finningley,
PK664 Spitfire F.22, 'V-6B', ex gate aircraft Binbrook,
KH534 Vulcan B.2 230 O.C.U. Finningley, (in hangar no.1)
G-AEMR Pou-de-Ciel, Claybourne's Garage, Doncaster (in hangar no.2)
G-AVDY Luton Minor, I.D.McNeill & prs., Tollerton,
- Swallow, BGA.926 Slingsby T.21,

Finningley Collection

7957M/KF545 Provost T.1, painted as 'T-Z' VI F.T.S. Acklington,
WZ736 Avro 707A, ex R.A.F. Colerne collection,
7771M Hunter F.4 ex KF309 (believed ex 112sqn),
WL168 Meteor F.8 (ex 111sqn), painted as WH486 'L' of 616(South
Yorkshire) sqn., R.Aux.A.F. Finningley,
- 'Finningley Flyer', 1911 Wright Flyer replica (in hangar no.2)

Joy-Riding Aircraft

G-ADDI Dragon, Chrisain G-ANUP Whirlwind, B.E.A. Helicopters

Other Aircraft on field

KH563 Vulcan B.2 -27/83/617sqns, Scampton,
KM598, KM599, KM603, KM609, KM653, all Vulcan B.2's of 9/12/35sqns
Cottesmore (four a/c performed scramble)
KL929 Pembroke (believed C.in C. Strike Command)
No.69 Super Mystere B.2, '12-ZN' 2/12 Escadron 'Picardy',
Cambrai/Epinoay,
No.162 Noratlass '64-II' 64eme Escadrille, le Bourget,
WB739, WM555, WP797, Chipmunk T.10's.

Flying Display

G-ALGT Spitfire XIV, Rolls-Royce Ltd., Hucknall,
XF509 '74', XG185 '75', Hunter F.(G.A.)9's, 229 O.C.U. Chivenor,
G-ARGI Auster 6A, Doncaster Gliding Club,
WB976 Slingsby T.21B, 643 G.S. Hemswell,
WB760 Chipmunk T.10,

FINNINGLEY REPORT (continued)

XV166 Buccaneer S.2, (grey overall) 'LM/654' 736sqn., Lossiemouth,
XM491 Britannia, Air Support Command, Lyneham,
41023, 41027, 41028, 41031, RF-4C Phantom's, 10th T.R.W. Alconbury,
WG450 Shackleton M.R.2c, 'E' 203sqn., Ballykelly,
XL479 Gannet A.E.7.3, 'V/261' from H.M.S. Victorious,
XH591 Victor B.(K.)1A, (3 pt), Marham,
XN468 '41', XS212 '40', XS213 '46', XS225 '47', XS229 '49', Jet
Provost's of the 'Red Pelicans', C.F.S. Little Rissington,
XV101 VC.10, 10sqn., Brize Norton,
WF292 'NA', WJ915 'NB', WL689 'NE', Versities of the R.A.F.C. Cranwell,
(landed after display)

Swifts at Church Fenton

by J.A. Stanfield

Very little information has appeared in this journal concerning the scrapping of R.A.F. Swifts at Church Fenton by the then resident 60 M.U. The dissection and despatch of these aircraft took place mainly during the Spring and Summer of 1961. The first visit made by your scribe was on 24th April 1961 when we were given considerable freedom to inspect and photograph the aircraft.

Aircraft were flown into Church Fenton from their bases at Gutersloh (2sqn) and Jever (79sqn) and then taken into the hangars, where useful equipment such as ejector seats, guns, cameras etc. were removed. Following this they were put out to "graze" awaiting despatch to R.A.F. Fire Schools.

On 24th April most of the aircraft were neatly lined up on the hard standing as an inspection was due that day. In the line were the following:-

<u>2 squadron</u>	WK277 "N"	<u>79 squadron</u>	WK276 "U"
	WK290 "Y"		WK293 "N" (also with 4sqn markings on the nose)
	WK302 "R"		WK296 "J"
	WK307 "C"		WK303 "H"
	XD962 "L"		

Other Swifts on the aerodrome were:- XD 921 "G" 79sqn in the hangar being stripped, XD976 79sqn on a trailer awaiting despatch and also bearing 4sqn markings on the nose, and an unidentified machine of 79sqn on the aerodrome perimeter.

A further visit on 28th May produced only two additions to the above, they being WK305 and WK310 "A" both of 79sqn: these were the previously unidentified machines on the perimeter.

Towards the end of the Summer and during the Autumn the Swifts gradually disappeared and by the time 7FTS reformed at Church Fenton in March 1962 all traces had been removed.

OUT AND ABOUT

The Channel Airways 'bus-stop' service, detailed in a previous issue, will not commence operations in October as hoped. Apparently the airline is still negotiating the fare structure with the A.T.L.B.

Aer Lingus have announced that by December 1968 all their services will be operated by Boeing 737's. The advantages of fleet standardisation will supposedly outweigh the disadvantages of operating these aircraft on some unsuitable routes. There is also some spares interchangeability with the Boeing 707's of Aerlinde Eirrean.

Whirlwind G-APRW of Bristow Helicopters Ltd., has been chartered by the 'Laing' construction firm to fly delegates from the National Housing and Town Planning Exhibition at Harrogate to the Middle-Westwood Estate, Middleton, Leeds, during the week of the 25th September. The aircraft

PRESERVATION NOTES

The Editor has received a copy of 'Air Link', the newsheet of the Lincolnshire Aircraft Preservation Society, which organisation now possesses Proctor NR294, the only Proctor in the U.K. never to have appeared on the Civil Register, and Gemini G-AKER from Biggin Hill. The Society is allied to the more established groups such as the Historic and Northern A.P.S.'s, and is a believer in a policy of co-operation unlike some other organisations. Further details may be obtained from Mr. C.A. Broadhurst, Vine Cottage, Grainsby, Grimsby, Lincolnshire.

In the September issue of 'Control Column' there is a survey of aircraft remains scattered over the Peak District, those with a morbid turn of mind can obtain a copy of the journal for the sum of 1/6d from the MAPS Stockport. From another source we learn that the R.A.F. have taken an interest in these relics and are planning to undertake a detailed survey.

From 'Control Column' we also learn that the Church Fenton Spitfire 5718M/BM597 is now in a partially dismantled state at Henlow, but will be returning home after the completion of the Battle of Britain film. The same source confirms the aircraft's identity and history as that published in the May 1966 issue of Y.A.N.

CESSNA ADDITIONS

Northair Aviation Ltd., have three Cessna F.150's and two F.172's on order, delivery imminent. F.172 G-AMNH is now at Cranfield after an accident and is believed to be for spares, F.150 G-AVIA is in a similar predicament at Biggin Hill. The 182K G-AVID is now owned by Bunair Ltd., and F.172 G-AVJE (0219) left Yeason on the 23rd August on delivery to the Jersey Aero Club.

DOVE HISTORY

Our thanks are expressed to messrs., Barber, Mitchell, Steeden, and Sykes, for their amendments and additions to the Dove production list. We suggest that knowledgeable persons contact the author Mr. D.I. Shaw at 105, Woodedge Avenue, Dalton, HUDDERSFIELD, Yorkshire, and compare notes in order that as many errors as possible before publication. A full list of corrections will be published in due course.

OVERFLIES

6.8.67.	N376WA	Bo.707	World A/W	15.06	P.H.	S
13.8.67.	PH-DCO	DC-8	F.L.M.	14.35	P.H.	N
	N375WA	Bo.707	World A/W	15.25	P.H.	S
	N373WA	"	"	15.47	Wallasey	V
15.8.67.	N8777	DC-8-61	Eastern A/L	19.50	Strumble	E
20.8.67.	OO-SJG	Bo.707	Sabena	11.11	P.H.	S
	N803SW	DC-8F	Seaboard Wld.	13.25	Wallasey	S
25.8.67.	33229	C-118A	'SAM' a/c	19.49	P.H.	N
	CY-DMC	?	?	19.25	P.H.	N
21.9.67.	20717	Argus	R.C.A.F.	15.30	L.B.A. alt 1000ft	W

With regard to the flyovers in the July issue USN76756 is a UC-45J from the U.S. Naval Facility at Mildenhall. Army 45431 is not a C-123 but is unable to add anything further or identify Army 50194 and USN50201. We would welcome further correspondents for this section in order that we can obtain a wider picture of the many interesting aircraft overflying the area.

WANTED

The Skyfame museum urgently requires Halifax spares, in particular a nose canopy. Their aircraft is believed to be the only one extant and was rescued from the Handley-Page airfield at Radlett. Anyone who can help should contact the Skyfame Museum at Staverton Airport, Gloucestershire.

LEEDS-BRADFORD (YEADON) AIRPORT MOVEMENTS

August

23rd G-APWI Herald (157) operating B.K.S. services
G-APTD Viscount 833 (428) " " "
24th F-BNUZ DC-6B, Trans-Union from Nice to le Bourget
25th OY-DMC Twin Comanche
26th D-IDIH AeroCommander 680F for Survey Flights Ltd. / United
29th G-ROCB Viscount 755 (92) British Eagle, to Zagreb with Leeds
30th N172C F-27J (85) Cameron Iron Works - also 22nd September
31st G-AVEW Wessex (WA.562) to the Isle of Man
D-ILME King Air

September

1st G-AVEK Cessna 411A (0274) from Cranfield to Abingdon
XT618 Scout (F.9624) to Catterick c/s Army Air 444
4th G-AT1F Cherokee 140 (28-21939) from Elstree to Ipswich
also G-AVLD, G-ATTU, G-ATTH, G-ATOI, all as above
9th G-AVHN Cessna F.150G (0182)
G-AVFU Cherokee Six (32-40182)
11th G-APWC Herald (151) diversion, from Tees-side to Luton
EI-APC Bristol 170 (13072) per Turas, from & to Dublin n/s
12th G-AVCA Brantly B.2B (466) to Harrogate
13th PH-LTF F-27-100 (10198) to Eindhoven
14th PH-LPS Mystere 20 to Gatwick
N6094Y Aztec C "Grand Prix Bahamas" from Dornoch (20 miles North
of Inverness) to Oulton Park
15th G-ARJB Dove 8 (04518) to Hawarden
18th G-ATCR Cessna 310 (35311) from & to Speke
19th G-ATMS Terrier (B.643)
G-AVOD Beagle D.5/180 (3688)
20th N17012 Cessna F.172H from Blackpool
G-ALBN Apache (23-1385) to Luton
22nd G-ATOL Cherokee 140 (28-21626) from Oxford
23rd VP968 Devon, c/s inbound 'Sampson', outbound 'FWX40' to Northolt
25th G-ATEZ Cherokee 140 (28-21044) to Tollerton
N3336X Cessna 310L to Gatwick, also 29th September
G-APRW Whirlwind (WA.296) Night stop, see Out and About
26th G-AMFU Dove (04117) from I.o.M. to Prestwick
G-ASSI H.S.125 (25008)
G-AVTS Aztec 250 (27-3489) to Prestwick
28th G-AVEF Cessna F.172H (0366) from & to Blackpool
G-APRW Whirlwind (WA.296) N/S, to Tetney Heliport
29th EI-ACE Viscount 803 (177) Charter to Basle
30th G-ANAR Beaver (80)
G-AVEE Alouette II (1203) to Newcastle

October

2nd ? AL952 to Luxembourg with Leeds United (they won 9-0)
3rd G-ARMW Avro 748 srs.1 (1537) for B.K.S.
4th G-AVRF H.S.125 (25133) to Warton

LATE NEWS

Avro 748 G-ARMW is expected for winter use by B.K.S. any day now.

Channel Airways will be staging a BAC-111 through L.B.A. on the 8th October on a proving flight on the Airlinesnew 'bus-stop' service. The aircraft will be arriving at 10.30 and 18.30 B.S.T.

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We apologise for the delay in producing this edition, this was due to the late arrival of some important material.

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