

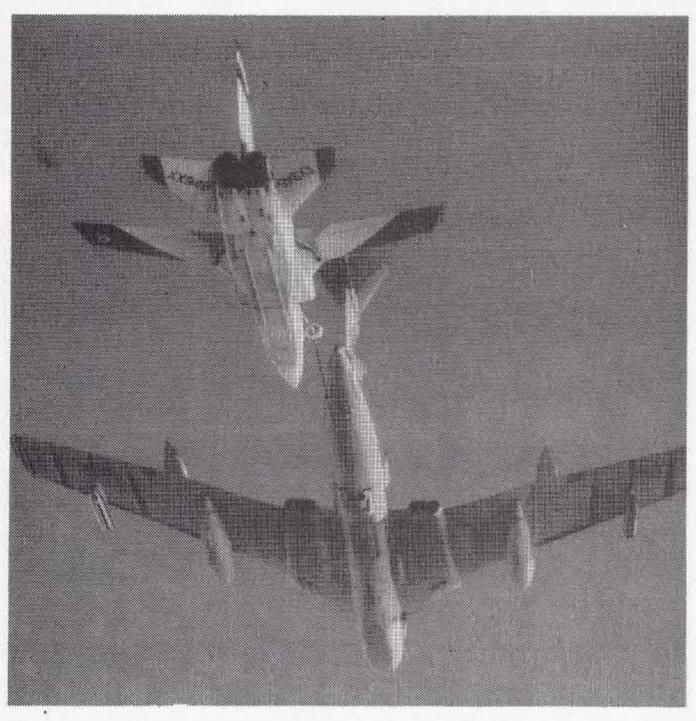


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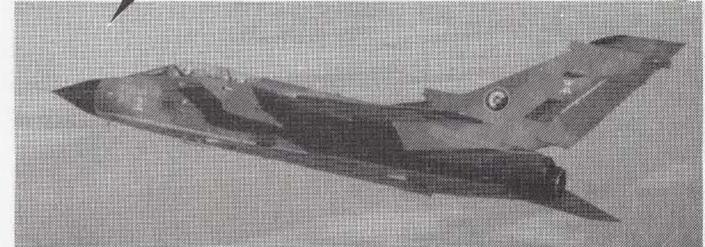
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On page 17-19 an article is published that takes a closer look at various events expecting to happen in this year. Mentioned in the Italian, English and German-sections is the MRCA Tornado. This new developed aircraft is a joint product of BAC MBB and Aeritalia. Beyond any doubt this a/c is a mile-stone in European aviation. For the first time a European developed fighter is to play a significant rôle in the future of NATO's air



forces. Despite the high production costs the Tornado managed to reach the stage of pre-production where many other attemps failed already as a design.

This year the test-programme of the Tornado at BAC Warton, Manching and Caselle will be completed but it will last until next year before the actual deliveries take place. Orders so far call for Interdictor Strike Versions (IDS) for service with German AF (212), German Navy (112), Italian AF (100) & RAF (220) and the Air Defence Variant for service with RAF (165).

Production so far: 01 D-9591 f/f 14.08.74 transferred to WGAF and reregd to 98-04 02 XX946 f/f 30.10.74 BAC/Warton f/f 05.08.75 BAC/Warton 03 XX947 D-9592 f/f 02.09.75 transferred to WGAF and 04 reregd to 98-05 05 X-586 f/f 05.12.75 Aeritalia/Caselle 06 XX948 f/f 20.12.75 BAC/Warton 07 98-06 f/f 30.03.76 WGAF/Manching XX950 f/f 15.07.76 BAC/Warton 08 X-587 f/f 05.02.77 Aeritalia/Caselle 177 on detachment at Decimomannu mid airframe for tests on metal fatique f/f 05.02.77 WGAF/Manching 98-01 on detachment at Schleswig mid 177 15 XZ631 12 XZ630 16 98-03 98-02 13.

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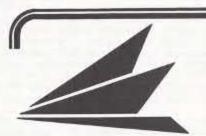
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Dear reader,

It just ain't like me at all to bore you with those editorials. Besides this, writing one is a strain when one uses all his inspiration on something else (last night's party was quite nice).

So, nothing about new aircraft, hi-jacking or other sorts of scrap but a nice shot (or two) of an aircraft.

Note: Finally I'm catching up with my photo-service work. So, if you haven't received you're mhoto today, they may tomorrow.



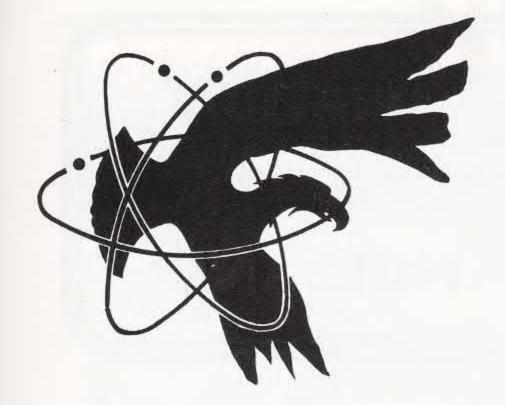
PHOTOS ABOVE: Jaguar Gr.1, X2367/H, on the runway of home-base Laarbruch. (RAFG)

COVER PHOTO: Although this photo gives no prove of it, the Swiss made C-3605 really is able to fly.Photo at 'Gebirgsflugolatz' Sion in October 1976. (S.Kunz)

BACK PAGE: This cartoon by Paul Weehuizen was presented to Kapt. Hans van der Werf on occasion of the International Air Tattoo

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MITHARY MEWS

Holland

- On July 1st of this year, the Koninklijke Luchtmacht is to celebrate its 65th anniversary To celebrate this mile-stone, the Klu will organize an 'open day' at Deelen. This open day will last four days, being 14,15,16 & 17 June. A special organization committee has been created. Although no specific results are at hand, the committee is known to have invited

all famous aerobatic teams in Europe.

- Within two years the Air Force museum, presently located in ahangar at Soesterberg, will move to 'Kamp Zeist' in Zeist. For some time it has been feared the museum had

to be closed for ever. Several problems loomed up as the hangar needed reparation; expansion was impossible and the ever existing problem of civilians strolling around on an operational ar base.

Fortunately wise people take wise decisions. The museum is to move to two buildings in Zeist that will become available within some time. Since 1 December the museum is closed and will not be opened for a few months to come.

- Movements at Ypenburg included:

Sep. 7: D-8258 F-104G 311/312Sqn (testflight)

20: WV746 Pembroke C.1 RAFG 60Sqn

Oct.19: a formation of 6 Al.IIIs and 4 Bo.105Cs including: A-307,453,488,319,374,535 &

20: D-8013,8127 RF-104G 306Sqn (on delivery for overhaul)

26: 24461 T-39A USAFE 70860p.Sqn

27: D-8343 F-104G 311/312Sqn (for overhaul)

Nov. 8: 31-12 DC-9.32 It.AF

11: D-8059 F-104G 322/323Sqn (for overhaul) D-8257 F-104G 311/312Sqn (for overhaul)

15: 0-10653 T-39A USAFE 70860p.Sqn

16: 264 UH-14A Lynx MLD 7Sqn

Dec. 7: 10382 F.27 Philippine AF

- In the defence-budget of 1979 money has been earmarked for the purchase of some aircraft as replacement for the Neptunes. Almost for certain this replacement will be the Lockheed Orion.

Many times the P-3C version has been mentioned. However, refurbished ex USNavy P-3Bs or a new (Dutch) version seems more likely. In the latter case Dutch companies like Signal Hollandor Oude Delft could supply the submarine-search equipment.

Original figures call for 13 a/c but due to the costs of the Orions, this number is expected to be 8.

- On Schiphol-Oost an area of 5,000m2 has been flattened by bull-dozers recently. In July a large hall must have been built on these grounds Inside this hall assemble is to take place of all F-16s for RNoAF (72) & the RNetAF (102). Within half a year the first F-16 is to roll out. The average production rate will be three aircraft per month.

Belgium

- Of the C-119G Packets stored at Koksijde, 10 are reported to have been sold to an ex BAF Colonel Bonnevia. A/c involved are: CP-10,12,13,15,16 17,18,41,42,& 44. What the ex-colonel intends to do with these a/c is not known.
- No 18 November T-33A FT-05 crashed near Mückebornberg (W Germany). The aircraft made aroutine low-level navigation flight to and from Ramstein On its way back it hit the mountain 'Teufelskopf' just southeast of Trier. Both pilots were killed. One of them was Paul

van Essche, which was the leader of the Red Devils from 1966-1970.

- Recently the Air Force staff decided to disband the Red Devils for a period of 12 years. Due to the conversion of the 'Vervolmakingscentrum' to the Alpha Jet, all pilots are needed to accomplish this process as quickly and satis factorily as possible.

At the International Vliegmeeting at Florennes in 1979, the Red Devils are to return but this

time with brandnew Alpha Jets.

This F.27, 10328, of the AF of the Philippines was seen at Ypenburg on 2nd September 1977. Note that 10382 (above) is no typing-error! (L.Schrama)



Eire

Movements at Shannon Int.Airport included: Nov. 1: 1601 C-130H R.Saudia AP (1601 on 7/11 a 463 on 22/11, 461 on 25/11) 130314 C-130E CAF 2: 112 (c/n 4737) VC-130H R.Saudia AF (on

delivery from Marietta to Jeddah) 3: 86972 VC-137B USAF 89MAW

10: F-RAEA Mystere XX FAF GLAM.1/60

12: 130306 C-130E CAF (130331 on 16/11 and 130308 on 17/11)

- Nov.13: 109156 CC.109 CAF 51-06 C-160D WGAF

19: 117503 Falcon XX CAF

21: CM-02 Mystere XX BAF 15Wing

25: 01 VC-11A Gulfstream II USCoast Guard The T-34 passing through Shannon on 4 November proved to be an T-34C Turbomentor afterall. This made our theory go up in smoke as it was defi-netely on an European demonstration tour to various armed forces. From Shannon it flew to Paris while it is also known to have been in Germany and Austria. Shannon extra:On 31.12 two T-34Cs passed through on delivery to Morocco: CN-ATF/06 (c/n GM-7) & CN-ATG/07 (c/n GM-8)

France

- Recently Dassault gavemore detailed information about their latest Mirage version. A mock-up was shown of the Super Mirage 4000. As a whole it resembles to the Mirage 2000 but has two engines, a tear-drop canony (like the Eagle) and canards (small wings on the in-take, like

the Israeli Kfirs). The Mirage 4000 is to be somewhere between the F-14 Tomcat and F-18 Hornet and Dassault wants us to believe its performances will be better than that of any existing American or Russian fighter!

- The organization of the Aviation Légère de l'Armee de Terre (ALAT) can roughly be divided in four categories:

- Groupe d'Aviation Légère de Corps d'Armee These units are detached to ground units

- Groupe d'ALAT

Liaison units for the seven regional army

headquarters

- Miscellaneous units e.g. mountain warfare specialist unit, technical training school helicopter pilot school - Groupe d'Aviation Légère de Division

This group consisting of six self-operating army divisions:

GALDIV. 1 at Trier (W.Germany) GALDIV. 2 at Freiburg (W.Germany)

GALDIV. 4 at Verdun GALDIV. 7 at Mulhouse GALDIV. 8 at Compiegne

GALDIV.11 at Pau and Dinan The arrival of the SA.342 Gazelles made reorganization of the latter six units inevitable. The acquisition of some 150 SA.342s extents ALAT's part in the anti-tank rôle.

Each division contained one platoon with attack helicopters. These were Alouette IIIs which could be mounted with rocketlaunchers. The SA.342, however, are equipped with HOT missiles specially for anti-armoiry tasks.

The planned re-organization, which has already started, should be completed in 1980. The divisions will be called Regiments d'Helicopteres and comprise 72 helicopters each:

2 pelotons d'Helicopteres Légèrs with 10 SA.341F Gazelles

3 pelotons d'Helicopteres d'Attaque with 10 SA.342 Gazelles

2 pelotons d'Helicopteres d'Manoeuvre with 11 SA.330 Pumas

- Noted at Dijon-Longvic on 28 November: 35-59 RF-4E WGAF AKG-51 M173 Mirage VM Zaire AF

- On 25 November, an N-2501 of ET.64 exploded and crashed near Toulon. The Noratlas transported 29 pupils of the French Navy School at St.Mandier returning from a football-match at Mont-de-Marsan. All 29 publis and four crew-members were killed.

- Movements at Lann-Bihoue included: Nov. 4: No.51 Br.1150 Atlantic 24F (new a/c) 319-KJ/266 MD.312 Flamant GE.319

147569 P2V-7 Neptune CEAM 314-YH/16872, 314-UM/21330 T-33A GE.314 7: 314-YH/16872, 314-UM/21330 T-33A GE.314 64-IF/149 N.2501 Noratlas ET.1/64 11: C-1, C-5 & C-11 P.27Ms RNethAF 334Sqn 15: 3-JG/478 Mirage IIIE FAF EC.2/3

CB/38471, CE/38474 C-135F FAS 17: XV196 C-130K Hercules LynehamTW 18: 61-MI/F14 Transall C-160F ET.1/61

No.69 Rallye SVS

22: 701/77101 & 71/92647 C-470 56S 23: 3-KE/165 CM-170R ELSVS Esc.3 118-IT/66 Nord 262D ETL.26/118 35/30684 C-47D 568 XS794 Andover C.2 RAF 32Sqn

30: 2-EH/462 Mirage IIIE EC.1/2

10/32810 C-47D 56S Dec. 5: arrival of 3 Royal Navy Gannet AEW.3s XL449, XL494 and XL502 of 849Sqn a deployment till December 12th.

6: XZ282/82 Nimrod Mr.1 RN Kinless Wing 7: XV701/R052, XV664/R056 Sea King HAS.1 Royal Navy 824Sqn

8: 92-AN/621 Vautour IIB EB.1/92 7-JB/19036 T-33A ELSVS Esc.7 61-15 Atlantic WGNavy MFG-3 (till 11.12)

10: 64-II/162 N.2501 Noratlas ET.1/64 No.15 and 35 F.8E(FN) Crusaders (no sqn markings except CEAN badge in tail and both equipped with 2 Matra R550 Magic rockets)

11: 62-KT/206 N.2501 ET.2/62 (camouflaged) 92-AX/637 Vautour IIB ET.1/92

12: 485/48485, 725/76725, 709/76709 C-47Ds of 56S 070-MM/195 N.2501 Noratlas EAA.601 61-21/F91 Transall C-160F ET.2/61

XV294 C-130K Hercules RAF LynehamTW 13: 319-DI/246 MD.312 Flamant GE.319

14: 315-XQ/413 & 315-XY/421 CM-170R GE.315 15: 61-ME/F5 & 61-ML/F17 C-160Fs ET.1/61

23: C-4 F.27M RNethAF 334Sqn 27: FA/45820 DC-8F GLAM

Italy

- Movements at Rimini included:

Nov. 4: 8-21 & 8-52 G-91Y 101Gruppo/8Stormo 7: 46-05/MM61991 C-130H 50Grupno/46AB

8: 20-21/MM54256 & 20-22/MM54257 TF-104Gs

4-2, 4-12 and 4-21 F-104S 9Gr./4Stormo 10: VV-35/MM61935, VV-79/MM61979, VV-80/ MM61980, VV-84/MM61984, VV-85/MM61985 VV-86/MM61986 all 5.208/Ms of SMVV (Sezione Militaire Volo a Vela).Based here for some days connected with Course of Aeronautical Culture. This course gives students of 14-20 years an opportunity to get more familiar with aviation.

11: 40, 36, 73, 02 all MB.326s of SVBIA RM-98/MM80221 AB.47J 300Gruppo/1RVR 12: XR725/J Lightning F.3 RAF 5Sqn

(till 16.11; see UK-news)

14: 51-02 & 51-06 F-104S 22Gruppo/51Stormo 20-9/MM54231 & 20-20/MM54254 TF-104Gs RM-22 T-6H.4M 300Gruppo/1RVR GF-63/MM80965 & GF-68/MM80970 NH.500Ms based here and operated by a local flight of Guardi di Finanza,

At Rimini on 14 November 5.208/M VV-84/MM61984 normally based at Guidona. (R.Tamburini)





Silver coloured RM-115/MM80332, an AB204B of the 300Gruppo/1RVR, takes care of liaison duties between the bases of the 1st AB and Regional Headquarter: (Aviaphotos)

15: SA-86/MM64 36 G.91T/1 SBVAA
52/MM61825 C-47(ECM) 7kGruppo/14Stormo
8-01, 8-06, 8-11 & 8-63 G-91Ys 8Stormo
and a rare bird in this area was Victor
K.2 XL231 RAF 57Sqn

16: XV185 C-130K Hercules RAF LTW
-/MM62016 PD.808RM 8Gruppo/14Stormo
RM-38/MM61944 S.208/M 300Gruppo/1RVR

17: RM-71/MM61890 P.166/M 300Gruppo/1RVR

18: 6-06 F-104G 154Gruppo/6Stormo 21: 8-27 G-91Y 101Gruppo/8Stormo

22: 36-05, 36-09 F-104S 12Gruppo/36Stormo 3-03, 3-04, 3-07, 3-23 R/F-104G 3Stormo

23: 46-35/MM53-8146 EC-119G 71Gr./14Stormo

24: 5-831/MM51-8831 T-33A 605SC/5Stormo

28: 31-12/MM62012 DC-9.32 31Stormo

On 27.10 two new F-104S were delivered to 23rd Gruppo: 5-36/MM6922 and 5-33. Both a/c were bomber versions although the 23Gruppo operates in the fighter-rôle.

- Movements at Villafranca included: Sept.1: WJ825 Canberra PR.7 RAF 13Sqn 31-57/MM61957 PD.808TA 31Stormo 31-8/MM61928 C-118A 31Stormo RM-77/MM61928 P.166/M 300Gruppo/1RVR

29: WT519, WT530, WT532, WH779 Canberra PR.7 RAF 13Sqn (all involved in exercise 'Display Determination') 31-54/MM61954 PD.808TA 31Stormo overshoot of 9 F-104Gs: six of 6Stormo

and three of 311/312Sqn RNethAF Oct.13: WH773 Canberra PR.7 RAF 13Sqn

> 21291 C-130H USAF 314TAW 18: mass-scramble of RF-104Gs of 28Gruppo: 3-19,20,21,22,23,24,26,27,28,29,31 & 32 20-3/MM54228 TF-104G 20Gruppo

Some R/F-104Gs noted on these days: 3-08/MM6533, 3-10/MM6588, 3-20/MM6544, 3-49/ 6603(on 1.9) and MM6595(on 3.11), 3-51/MM6524.

- On 6 November, all Italian air bases were open to the public. This was done in relation with the national 'Armed Forces Day'. The open days are not exactly big ones but at least it gives the Italian spotter a good chance to note the hardly readable MM serials. Taking photographs by the way, is stricktly forbidden and therefore no photos are available to illustrate these events. Four 'Armed Forces Days' revealed the fo'lowing:

Viliafranca (3rd Stormo)
3-04/MM6517, 3-05/MM6589, 3-07/MM6598, 3-10/
MM6588, 3-14/MM6504, 3-20/MM6544, 3-49/MM6595
and 3-51/MM6524 all F-104Gs
3-26/MM6651 RF-104G 28Gruppo
3-330/MM51-9030 T-33A 603S.C.
3-18/52-7474 RF-84F Thunderflash (gate-guard)

Orio al Serio (1RVR)

RM-1/MM54142 T-6(H.2) RM-77/MM61928 P.166/M

RM-2/MM53802 T-6(H.4M) RM-80/MM61888 P.166/M

RM-22/MM53846 T-6(H.4M) RM-93/MM80224 AB.47J

RM-33/MM61978 S.208/M RM-113/MM80326 AB204B

RM-76/MM61886 P.166/M (silver)

all of 300Gruppo/1RVR

Rimini (5Stormo)

5-06/MM6912, 5-20/MM6916 F-104S both 102Gruppo 5-40/MM6820, 5-41/MM6879 F-104S both 23Gruppo 477/MM51-17477 T-33A 605S.C.

RM-98/MM80221 AB.47J 300Gruppo/1RVR

Pisa (46Aerobrigata)

RS-34 G.222 311Gruppo/RSV

CC-52/MM80930 AB.206B Carabinieri

EI-352/MM80723 AB.205 Esercito

GF-68/MM80970 NH.500M Guardi di Finanza plus many C-130Hs and C-119Gs

- On 29 November an F-104S of 4 Stormo crashed on a mountain near Spelete

Spain

- Recently three F.27 Maritime were ordered for service with the Spanish SAR service (Servicio de Búsqueda Salvamento).

These a/c will be based at Sevilla, Palma de Mallorca and on the Canaries. Here they are to replace the ancient HU-16 Albatross.

The F.27 Maritime is equipped with all kinds of instruments adapt to the SAR rôle: a search-radar especially developed for little objects on rough sea. An automatic pilot enables the a/c to fly accurate search-patterns & -flights. For more details see the civil-section which always contains the latest Fokker-VFW news (in-

United Kingdom

cluding military).

- For ten days the famous Salisbury Plain was turned into a battle field of British troops against troops of the Allied Mobile Force. This confrontation had been arranged in the scenario of exercise 'Avon Express'. The AMF is a part of the NATO organization and trained to report rapidly where ever needed. This implies the units of this force must be extreemly flexible. To train these units, a precarious situation had been created in the Salisbury Plain.

On 9 November the various components of AMF

were alerted as a fictional war was to break out. On 15 November the exercise actually started with the transportation of troops and materials via Fairford to the Plain. Meanwhile

aircraft of various air arms started to arrive at some nearby airfields. Immediately after arrival on 21 November, the actual battle started. The enemy was played by the British army supported by Jaguars, Canberras, Wessex and Hercules. No need to say AMF won the battle Aircraft detached to AMF were:

- 3-27/MM6633, 3-29/MM6647, 3-31/MM6635, 33-34/ MM6645, 3-41/MM6593, 3-45/MM6522 all F-104G ItAF based at Yeovilton from 15-26 November

- 13553, 13556, 14639, 14652, 14666 all OV-10A Broncos USAFE based at Yeovilton from 16-26 November

- 72-31, 72-32, 72-44, 72-45, 73-20, 73-24 · 73-51, 73-59 all UH-1Ds WGArmy LeHFTr-30 based at Keevil from 18 till 28 November

- Also based at Keevil were several other choppers that had been airfreighted into Fairfird: 66-1097,66-16498 and 73-22079 UH-1Hs USArmy of 71st Av.Comp.; 77-54, 77-55 Al.II WGArmy HFSt.5; EI-527/MM80592, EI-616/MM80884 AB.206A ItArmy
- The existing runway at Gütersloh will be broken up and be replaced by a completely new one. This operation will take one year and the air base will be closed to all normal aircraft. Due to the VTOL capabilities of the Harrier, the based units will keep on operating from Gütersloh.
- Movements at Northolt included:

Jul. 1: WV746 Pembroke C.1 RAFG 60Sqn

4: AP/93 Nord 262D GAEL

7: XS637 Andover C.1 RAF Hq AFNE

13: XL953 Pembroke C.1 RAFG 60Sqn

15: 71-10 UH-1D WGAF HTG-64

27: 31648 HH53C USAF 67ARRS (31647 on 12.8) XT487, XT770 Wessex HU.5 RNavy 781Sqn

29: XZ234/VL745 Lynx HAS.2 RNavy 700L Sqn

Aug. 3: 84-05 CH-53G WGArmy HFWS

4: XS676/BV Wessex HC.2 2400CU

Sep. 2: 74-22262 UH-1H USArmy Hq.SHAPE

Oct.19: XM296 SeaHeron C.2 RN Hq.FONAC

28: 17-03 VFW-614 WGAF FBSS

Nov. 1: C-1, C-10 F.27M RNethAF 334Sqn 76-22557 C.12A USArmy Hq.USAREUR

> 2: No.60 Nord 262 French Navy 2S 76-22550 C-12A USArmy Hq.USEC 12489 VC-140B Jetstar USAF 8

12489 VC-140B Jetstar USAF 89MAW/OLA 3: 159363/JM CT-39G USNavy VR-24Sqn

C-7 F.27M RNethAF 334Sqn XK884 Pembroke C.1 RAFG 60Sqn 4: XS640 Andover E.3 RAF 115Sqn

WV701 and WV746 Pembroke C.1 RAFG 60Sqn

7: XT779/322 Wasp HAS1 829Sqn/ActiveFlight CH-03 C-130H BAF 20Sqn

8: 70-15906 U-21G USArmy Hq.USAREUR

10: G-01 SA.330 Puma Belgian Police 50-59 C-160D WGAF LTG-61

Nov.10: XX450/F Gazelle AH.1 ARWF

11: 22549 C-12A USArmy Hq.USEC XW910/K Gazelle HT.3 RAF CFS 12: No.63 DC-6AC French Navy SLD

XS793 Andiver CC.2 RAF Queens Flight

14: 131608/JS C-118B USNavy VR-52Sqn XV719/AA Wessex HC.2 RAF 72Sqn

17: 10876 C-9A USAFE 71110p.Sqn 150494/25 EP-3E Orion USNavy VQ-2Sqn

18: 141023 C-131F USNavy NAFMildenhall XX367 Brittania C.2 A&AEE XS770 Basset CC.1 A&AEE

19: XP825 Beaver AH.1 Br.Army 14Flt.

21: 956 C-130H RNoAF Skv.335

22: 66-18030 U-21A USArmy Hq.USAREUR 69-15608 UH-1H USArmy Hq.SHAPE

23: 167/L Mystere XX FAF GAEL 25: 61-04 Atlantic WGNavy MFG-3 268/B Mystere XX FAF GAEL

- 28: 61097, 16498, 22079 UH-IH USArmy 71Av. Comp.(overflying Northolt on their way from Odiham to Manston)
- 29: 18033 U-21A USArmy Hq.USAREUR 11-03 C-140B Jetstar WGAF FBSS CH-10 C-130H BAF 20Sqn/15Wing C-11 F.27M RNethAF 334Sqn

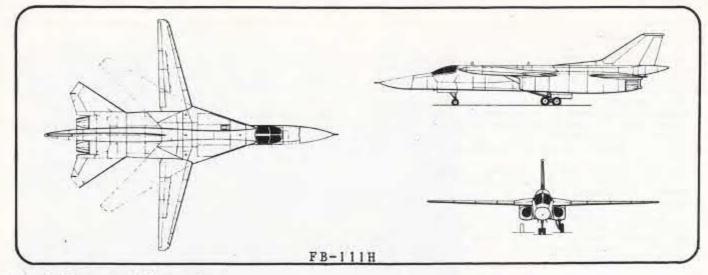
Dec. 2: 150496 VP-3A Orion USNavy Hq.USN

- Early June a new NATO competition will take place at RAF Wildenrath. It is named Tactical Air Meet and is a combination of the Royal Flush and TWM.
- International Air Tattoo 1979 was been fixed on 23 and 24 June. The main item of that IAT will be the Lockheed Hercules. At the same time of the Tattoo at Greenham Common, there will be a Hercules symposium at RAF Lyneham.

 As the organization-committee of the IAT didn't got permission for a Tattoo this year, they tried their luck at the 91st Bomb Group USAAF re-union at Bassingbourne. This Anglo-American Air Festival will have NATO participation plus a flying Confederence AF P-47. The event will also include the 40th anniversary of the Harvard Some 30 airworthy Harvards are expected. This all taking place on 27 & 28 May.

Recently RAF Wildenrath became fully operational in the air defence rôle. It houses two sgn: No.19 and 92. Shown is XV501/W of 92Sgn. (RAFG)





United States of America

F-111 news-flashes

-As a probably replacement for the B.1 project, General Dynamics are hoping to market their The FB-111H is a very much updated A FB-111H. version with increased length, wingspan (when swept), all-up-weight, fuel and armament. Of-fensive avionics are almost entirely taken from the B.1 project. Go-ahead has been given to GD to take two operational FB-111As from the SAC fleet and rebuild them to the FB-111H proto-

types. If th the tests prove to be satisfactory, the FB-111H is to reinforce the SAC then operating 90 B-52Hs for carrying SRAM missiles and 50 B-52Gs for launching stand-off cruise missiles. Plans call for 65 FB-111As to be modified to

FB-111H and/or some 100 new ones.

In an advanged stage of being tested is EF-111A. This version is to replace the EB-66C Destroyers. Striking, however, there are no Destroyers left to be replaced. In 1973 they were withdrawn and their task was taken over by jamming pods carried on F-4s and F-111s. some reason the need remained for a tactical jamming aircraft.

Two F-111As have been converted to EF-111A.One fully representative aerodynamic prototype made its first flight on 15 December 1975.

The second EF-111A, 67-049, was loaded with some three tonnes of sophisticated electronics The installation is almost similair to that of the EA-6B Prowler. 67-049 made its first flight mid 1977.

The USAF plans to acquire 40 EF-111As of which

five will be based in Europe.

-Recently the first F-111Fs of 48TFW/Lakenheath returned to the States for overhaul. Negotiations between USAF and British Aerospace Cooperation are nearing completion for overhaul of the F-111Fs in the United Kingdom.

Movements at Frankfurt/Rhein-Main included:
 Dec. 1: 61-ZQ/F99 Transall C-160F FAF ET.3/61
 6: 152728/LE-2 P-3B Orion USNavy VP-11Sqn

10: 22558 C-12A USArmy . 00458 and 00462 C-5A Galaxy 60MAW

16: YU-AIC/73311 An.12 Yugoslav AF

17: TC-68 C-130H Argentine AF 71-63 UH-1D WGAF SAR

18: 80226 C-5A 60MAW

19: 50-77 Transall C-160D WGAF LTG-61 K-684 C-47A Dakota RDanAF Esk.721

Noted C-141As in December: 50239/60MAW, 60189/ 63MAW, 60191/60MAW, 70164/62MAW, 50254/60MAW 40652/63MAW, 50268/60MAW, 67944/60MAW, 50227/ 62MAW, 50237/62MAW, 50254/60MAW Since October a new C-130E-I Skyhook is based

here: 40567 ex 8SOS/834TCW

Movements at Lakenheath included: Sep. 27: 24-72 F-104G WGAF JABOG-32

30: HO66-7471, 66-7687 F-4D 49TFW

2: 21451 F-111F (on delivery to 4: 28-33 and 28-35 TF-104G WGAF Oct. 2: 21451 F-111F 48TFW) 232 and 626 F-104G RNoAF Skv.331 21450 F-111F (on delivery to 26: 02368 F-111F (on delivery to

Nov. 3: FX-29, FX-85 F-104G BAF 10Wing

4: 21-49 and 22-56 F-104G WGAF JABOG-31 SP66-8813 and SP66-7595 F-4D RS74-1645 F-4E 86TFW

5: SP66-7552 and SP66-8759 F-4D 9: 35-69 and 35-77 RF-4E WGAF AKG-52 52TFW

37-89 and 38-37 F-4F WGAF JABOG-36

10: 26-66 and 26-75 F-104G WGNavy MFG-2 27-15 and 27-16 TF-104G WGAF WS-10 5-34/MM6822 and 5-36/MM6922 F-104S ItAF

12: HR68-0503, 69-0277, 74-1626 F-4E 50TFW 140997 C-131F USNavy NAF Rota 30707 F-111F (on delivery to 48TFW)

15: 153452/LL-15 P-3B Orion USNavy VP-30Sqn 37-49 and 37-57 F-4F WGAF JABOG-36 5-35/MM6873 and 5-36/MM6922 F-104S ItAF 17: D-6670, 6697 F-104G RNethAF 311/312Sqn

22: 23-08 and 26-61 F-104G WGNavy MFG-2

37-45 and 37-53 F-4F WGAF JABOG-36 26: RS68-0393 and RS68-0403 F-4E 86TFW

29: 26-04 and 27-40 T/F-104G WGAF JABOG-32 37-95 and 38-11 F-4E WGAF JG-71

30: BT76-0013 F-15A 36TFW

Dec. 1: 27-15 and 27-80 TF-104G WGAF WS-10 On 4 October an F-111F crashed near Landau (W.Germany). A second F-111F, LN70-380, crashed near Newmarket on15 December. After making runs at Lakenheath with full emergency equipment standing by, the latter overflew Mildenhall and disappeared. On approach to Mildenhall at the time was a VC-137 carrying Secretary of State Vance... The captain of this aircraft was rather upset at the F-111 cutting across his approach and witnessed the aircraft crash, porting that the crew had got out o.k. A Wessex from Coltishall flew down and picked up the crew returning them to Lakenheath.

- Just after take off from RAF Akrotiri (Cyprus) a U-2R veered to one side and stalled. It crashed on the operations buildings killing the pilot as well as five civilians.

The U-2R was part of a permanent detachment at Akrotiri. The U-2 assists the United Nations in guarding the Israeli-Egyptian disengagement zone in Sinai.

The a/c is mentioned to have been 68-10330.

- Operating from Aviano (Italy) as part of exercise 'Display Determination' were: UH68-062,68-051 F-111E USAFE 20TFW SP64-741,63-467,63-512,63-596 F-4C USAFE 52TFW SP66-768,66-765,66-789, 66-710 66-748 all

F-4Ds USAFE 52TFW 83831, 83797, 83814, 83799, 14701 OV-10A USAFE Also known to have participated in this exercise is the Portugese AF and for the first time since the Cyprus war, Greece and Turkey joined a same exercise. Time heals all!

Movements at Aviano included:

Sep.29: HR74-620, 74-634, 68-370 F-4E CR74-054, 74-664 F-4E 32TFS TJ63-420 and TJ64-829 F-4C 401TFW 70020,60170,40642,38076 C-141A 438MAW 42070,41680,42069,41677,42072 and 41687 all C-130H 463TAW

18030, 18020 U-21A USArmy FC-02 TF-104G BAF 10Wing

30:RS68-403, 68-412, 68-438, 68-447,68-497 68-452, 74-641, 74-649 all F-4E 86TFW 90021 C-5A 436MAW

42061 (463TAW) & 21296 (314TAW) C-130H

Oct. 3: 141020 VC-131F USNavy NAFNaples 31-57/MM61957 PD.808TA 31Stormo RM-38/MM61944, RM-31/?? S.208/M 1R

> 4: 31-12/MM62012 DC-9.32 ItAF 31Stormo RM-115/MM80332 AB.204B ItAF 1RVR

15: HR69-244, 68-465 F-4E 50TFW 21-22 F-104G WGNavy MFG-2 AR68-478 RF-4C 1TRS/10TRW

31: 150494/22 EP-3E USNavy VQ-2Sqn

Nov.15: 60146(438), 40644(438), 60134(437) and 59405(437) all C-141As 21-23, 21-09 F-104G WGNavy MFG-2 SA-69/MM6396 (c/n 99) G-91T

23: 35-44, 35-81 RF-4E WGAF AKG-51

27: HR68-379, 69-242, 68-445, 68-529 F-4E 60167 C-141A 437MAW

Dec. 2: 51-06, 51-22 F-104S ItAF 22Gr./51Stormo ZR68-607 RF-4C 26TRW 40624(437),50279(437),60209(438) C-141A 152786/JM C-2A USNavy VR-24Sqn

11: ZR68-561, 68-557, 68-566 RF-4C 26TRW SP63-515, 66-768, 66-595 F-4C/D 52TFW 0-24453 T-39A AFCS/1868FCS

From 15.11 the following F-4Cs of 401TFW were based: TJ63-413, 63-582, 64-655, 64-765, 64-829 64-888, 64-890, 64-904, 64-905, 64-912, 64-917 64-918

- On 9 January Coronet Pay took four A-10As on deployment to Ramstein. All four belonged to the 57th Tactical Training Wing at Nellis AFB: WA75-0258, 75-0261, 75-0262 & 75-0297.

The deployment started with a delay and the arrival at its final destination had to be postponed due to a diversion to Upper Heyford

on 8 January.

261 & 297 were in the standard grey c/s overall.

The two others were in a new (yet another) scheme of mottled grey-green with black codes and serials. All four a/c carried the TAC shield and a band of black/yellow checks on the fin. Support for the Atlantic-cross was 95819 HC-130N of 55ARRS/Eglin AFB at Upper Heyford and 12666 WC-135B of 55WRS/McClellan AFB at Mildenhall.

- Movements at Mildenhall included: Oct.29: 14845 RC-135V 55SRW

157312/LR-4 P-3C Orion USNavy VP-24Sqn

Nov. 1: 60138 C-141A 63MAW

2: B-679 C-130H RDanAF 50251 C-141A 60MAW 80118 KC-135A 19BW

3: 158568/LP-9 P-3C Orion USNavy VP-49Sqn

6: 131608/JT C-118B USNavy VR-52Sqn

7: 26000 VC-137C 89MAW 00457 C-5A 60MAW 8: 158935/LP-1 P-3C Orion USNavy VP-49Sqn 80024(N.J.ANG) and 23544(2BW) KC-135As

13: 00303 and 91535 C-130B AFRES/433TAW

14: 50-61 and 50-90 C-160D WGAF LTG-63

15: 38040(305ARW) and 71506(42BW) KC-135As

16: departure SR-71A 17976

18: 58-42 DO-28D WGAF AKG-52

19: 71425 KC-135A Washington ANG

23: 23533(379BW) and 38888(28BW) KC-135As 10957 C-130B AFRES/433TAW

25: 23-08 and 23-20 F-104G WGNavy MFG-2

104653 CF-104D CAF 136753 C.1A USN (no markings; ex NAF Mildenhall but no one knows where it came from and where it went to)

Dec. 2: 104733,751,770,788,839,845,899 CF-104Gs 104636 CF-104D and 133452 CT-33A CAF

> 4: 12673 WC-135B 55WRS 131619 C-118B USNavy VR-53Sqn 158913/LF-3 P-3C Orion USNavy

5: 23544(2BW) and 63607(Tenn.ANG) KC-135As

7: 80042 KC-135Q 380BW

9: B-680 C-130H RDanAF Esk.721 38-53, 38-57 F-4F WGAF JABOG-36

11: 10340 U-2R 9SRW.It departured again the other day and therefore it probably was a replacement for the U-2 that crashed at Akrotiti(Cyprus)

- New Phantoms having turned up in Europe recently: ZR68-607 (not 68-608 as quoted in Flash Nr.86) ZR68-594 first noted in 12.77

SP63-7422(yellow tip) first noted 12.77

- Slowly but surely the Phantoms are making place for the new generation fighters as F-15s and A-10s.Ending a carreer with the Air Force 'all' Phantoms are inevitably passed on to ANG service.

Following the seven RF-4C units, the ANG recently equipped its first unit with F-4Ds. This honour was reserved to famous 'Happy Hooligans' 178TFS at Fargo, North Dakota. Remarkable, however, the F-4Ds took over the air defence task of the Voodoos and all a/c will be freed from their TAC camouflage coat.

The 57FIS at Keflavik (Iceland) is also releasing their F-4Cs of the camouflage coat. Noted at Bentwaters on 3 November was F-4C 37589. It was grey all over while the black and white checks on the tail are to be added soon.

- DC-10s at Mildenhall! Yes, in 1979 the first McDonnell/Douglas DC-10 tanker versions are expected to be delivered to the USAF. They are

to supplement the KC-135As.

Some years ago the Advanced Tanker/Cargo Aircraft (ATCA) programme started. This programme called for an aircraft that could act as a tanker and as a large range transport at the same time. Such an aircraft would be able to re-fuel aircraft on deployment and also support their equipment. That the USAF needs such an aircraft was proven during the Israeli-Egyptian war of 1973. Transporting equipment for the IDF/AF, all C-5As and C-141As were forced to make a re-fuelling stop in the Azores.

Soon it became obvious a choise had to be made between two candidates: Boeing 747 and McD/D. DC-10.Both companies had launched aversion with body fuel cells in lower cargo compartments.

The Boeing version proved to have a larger range carrying more payload. The DC-10, however, is cheaper and is able to operate from more airfields in the world.

As already mentioned the DC-10 finally won the contest and villagers of Mildenhall will be happy as they are to be freed from the terrible noise of the KC-135As.

The initial order for the DC-10 calls for 15 a/c Note that the KC-135As also have a cargo floor but this has never been used extensively.



The Marchetti SF.260
'Warrior' is a genuine export-success
The picture shows a
Tunesian aircraft
TS-TBA/W-41-401.
(S.Blarasin via Piet
Druif)

ON 2nd THOUGHT

By J.P.van Kempen. Special thanks to B.Marcelis, P.v.Wijngaarden N.A.Wiltens and F.Smith.

This month our second 'On 2nd Thought' and I would like to begin with thanking everyone who reacted to the first instalment. It is obvious that you all are willing to co-operate when I look at all the reactions. We received also some questions about aircraft which have led, as you can see, to the instalment of a new series depicting one (or two) aircraft types each time. I hope you like these 'On 2nd Thought Specials'.

MLD

-The last Tiger Moth (84-16) wasn'twithdrawn from use until January 1966.

-The Firefly T.1 004 mentioned on the same page was ex FAA PP619. The exact versions of the other Fireflies were FR.4 and AS.5.

-The SH-34J 135/D (85-18) didn't'go to N95332 but ended its life at the scrap-yard of De Kooy.

-Some fatalities with the S-2 Tracker which are not mentioned are the hijacking of the 153. This aircraft was hijacked at Malta on 7-3-64, but the act caused no victims. Later the same year, on 31 October, a hangar at Valkenburg collapsed, which resulted in severe damage of the 155, 161 166 and 171. The aircraft however were repaired. The crash of the 150 didn't prove that serious as was mentioned and was repaired, while remaining in use till August '72. The CS-2A 193/H went after service to the Technical School in Delft.The first CS-2As were by the way delivered on 5-12-60.

-In the November edition some Wasp serials were left out. These were: 239/F9684, 240/F9685, 241/

247/WAB27 (delivered 18-4-74).
-The correct c/ns of the Fokker S.11s 197 and 198 are 6280 and 6281.

F9686 (w/o 28-11-68), 246/F9691(ditched 12-7-73)

Not mentioned are the following Lynxs:

262 first delivered to A&AEE in July '77 and finally to Holland in October 1977.

263 delivered to De Kooy in August '77 264 delivered to De Kooy in September '77

RAF

-Some amendments to the Buccaneer review (86-7): 15Sqn: XW525/A, XW538/B, XZ432/K

16Sqn: XW548/S, XW528, XV348

208Sqn: XT283, XV340

2370CU: XV357

Portes Ouvertes at Bordeaux

-Some additions to this open day are:
show: AI/83, 118-IT/66 both Nord 262Ds
dump: 68-OP/SA56 H-34A and 92-AC/603 Vautour IIB
The Mirage F.1C(picture) is of a new batch. All
F.1Cs of this batch have air-refueling capabilities. Reportedly this batch includes converted standard examples. All Mirages of this 201series have been delivered to EC.5 at Orange.

Aeronautica Militare Italiane

-Some old, but useful, corrections to the Italian news section of the September issue are:

-Spotted in the hangars at Guidona were S.208/Ms VV-80 and VV-84 of which the correct serials are MM61980 and MM61984.

Also in the hangar was EI-4, an O-1E, with the correct serial MM61-2991.

-The PD.808 at Aviano 4/8 is 31-55/MM61955.

-In the November issue you could read the rather Mexican name Gino Pincho.

The real name of the 8Stormo is Gino Priolo, while the other beautiful names of the units are: 2St./Mario d'Agostino, 3St./Giuseppe Gaeta, 4St./Amadeo d'Aosta, 5St./Giuseppe Cenni, 6St./Alfredo Fusco, 9St./Francesco Baracca, 15St./Stefano Gagna, 31St./Franco Luccini, 32St./Armando Boetto, 36St./Ricardo Seidi, 51St./Ferucio Serafini and 53St./Guglielmo Chiarini.



The proof. Found at Oud-Karspel on 1st July 1976: 135/D. (B.Marselis)

-The story of the C-119J (87-6) is quite simple: when the o-18046 was delivered, it proved to be not quite so airworthy anymore. So it was used as an instrumental link-trainer by the 46AB till it was scrapped.

Loose ends

-The new RF-4C at Zweibrücken is ZR68-607 (86-8) -The EB-57s at Zweibrücken were 54241, 54279, 54280, 54287 and 54290 (86-8).

ON END THOUGHT SPECIAL NE

Whether you believe it or not, there are still people who don't know a Vampire from a Venom. And there are still more types which cause confusion even with champions of aircraft recognization. So therefore we found it a good idea to start a new series of Specials devoted to confusing aircraft. This month we set the spotlight on the Vampire and its relatives. Due to the extend of this item, it's split up in two parts. So, the Venom next time.

-- VAMPIRE US VENOM --

The story of the Vampire already started in 1943 with the DH.100 prototype. The DH.100 was the second jet fighter designed for the RAF. The first prototype, LZ548, first flew on 20 September 1943 and was later followed by two other ones: LZ551 and MP838. These aircraft were, just like the Mosquito, mainly constructed of balsa and plywood, while the last prototype was fitted with the definitive armament of four 20-mm cannons in the front fuselage. The first production started however too late for the Vampire to see action in the war.

This production of the Goblin II engined F.mk.I was undertaken by English Electric and totaled 174 a/c for the RAF and 70 for the Swedish AF (delivered from 1946) which was the first and certainly not the last foreign country where the Vampire went. Six years later the Cuerpo de Avia cion Militar of Dominica acquired 25 aircraft from Sweden. The second country that was interested in the Vampire was Switzerland which acquired four F.mk.1s for evaluation in 1946, while Canada received one Vampire for the same reason.

J-1101 is a DH.100 Vampire Mk.5 of the Swiss AF. Emmen, 4 Sept.1976. (S.Kunz)





Vampire T.55 191 c/n 15815 of the IAAC at Baldonnell AB on 3 July 1974. (J.Struben) X

Meanwhile the development went on in the form of the proposed F.mk.II (later F.2) but no production was undertaken. The three F.2s, TG276, 280 and TX807, differed internally from the F.1 in having the stronger Rolls Royce Nene I engine and externally in having two additional dorsal air intakes. After some further modifications TX807 was shipped to Australia to become the pattern aircraft for 57 Vampire F.30s, which were built by de Havilland in Australia. The first Nene-engined P.30 flew on 29.06.48, while this and subsequent aircraft resembled externally to the RAF's Mk.3.

The Vampire F.mk.3 was similar to the F.1 but carried two underwing droptanks and had a revised tail unit with lower tailplane, rounded rudders and a tailplane/fin acorn fairing. The F.3 was also produced by EEC totalling 117 for the RAF and 85 for the RCAF. Later on, in 1961, the Mexican Air Porce acquired 15 from Canada, which are (mostly) all still in use with the 200Sqn. The RNoAF evaluated 4 Mk.3s and acquired later 20 ex-RAF aircraft.

The next version of the Vampire was designed for ground attack duties. For this reason de Havilland introduced a strengthened and clipped wing of a Mk.I airframe (TG281), first flown 29.06.48, to produce the most widely used and know version, the FB.mk.5. The FB.5 resembled in most other ways with the F.3, but it had a longer stroke undercarriage and strong points under the wings. The first of the 888 FB.5s for the RAF flew on 23.06.48, of which many were diverted to New Zealand, S.Africa, France, Italy and Lebanon. Export versions of the FB.5 were the FB.50 for Sweden, Dominica (which bought 17 from Sweden) and Norway; the FB.52 which was built for Egypt, Finland, Iraq, India, New Zealand and Venezuala n Australia 23 FB.mk.31s were produced with a similar airframe to that of the FB.5, and 28 F.30s were converted to the same standard. Foreign licence product on comprised 100 FB.6s by FFA in Switzerland; 80 FB.52As by Macchi and Fiat in Italy: 430 FB.53s by SNCASE in France which were otherwise known as the SE.535 Mistral, in addition to 67 assembled from British components; and fi-281 by HAL in India including 34 from imnally ported components.

Production of single-seat versions of the Vam-pire for RAF service, ended with 381 FB.mk.9s which were a tropicalised version of the FB.5 with arefrigeration unit fitted in the right wing root, and thus enabled it for service in the Middle and Far East. Except for the RAF the FB.9 saw service with the Air Forces of Rhodesi, Ceylon and Jordan. Apart from fighter and fighter/bomber, the Vampire was also adapted for night fighter duties, which were to supplant the obsolete Mosquito NF.30 and In fact basically the same cockpit was used, while the aircraft itself was a side-by-side two-seat version of the FB.5. The prototype DH.113 Vampire NF.10 flew on 28.08.49 and deliveries for the RAF started in 1951. Later on some 35 of the 78 originally built were sold to the Indian and Italian AF with the export designation NF.mk.54.

Installation of dual control in the NF.10 led to the production of the DH.115 Vampire Trainer,

later to be designated T.mk.11 in the RAF, and T.mk.22 in the RN. The prototype WW356 made its first public appearance at Farnborough in Sept. 1950, though the maiden-flight was not made until 15 November. The success of the Vambire Trainer (more than 20 countries have used or even still use the T.55) lay mostly in the side-by-side seating which ensured a good communication between pupil and instructor, and the great width of the cockpit, which made it even more comfortable.

The first production Vampire T.11, WZ414, flew on 19.01.52, although it lasted till September that the first T.11 was delivered to the Advanced Flying School. The production of the Vambire trainer finished in 1956 and totaled 535 (not counted are the Naval T.22 and export T.55).

Already briefly mentioned is the rôle the Vampire played in the Royal Navy. Deck-landing trials began aboard the HMS Ocean with the second prototype, LZ551, as early as 3.12.45, which were the first-ever carrier operations by a pure jet a/c. The trials proved to be that successful that they led to the conversion of two F.mk.Is, TG328 and VF315, to the Sea Vampier F.mk.20, and eventually first flew in October 1948. The aircraft, armed airframe of the Vampire FB.5, served orimarily in a training rôle to give the FAA pilots jet experinece.

Later on Vampire F.1, TG286, was converted to the F.mk.21 standard (and was eventually followed by six other converted F.3s) with reinforced undersides and removed armament for use in flexible deck landing trials at Farnborough and on HMS Warrior in 1947-55. These trials however did not lead to the production of more Sea Vampire F.21s. Already mentioned is the Sea Vampire T.mk.22 of which the prototype, WW461, flew shortly after the first flight of the T.11 prototype. The T.22 saw service with a great many units in the FAA, both in the training and communication role, which were the 700,702,718,724,727,728,736,738,750,759,764, 766,772,781,831,891,893,1831,1832 and 1840Sqns.

to be continued.

COMMENT ON THE PHOTOS OF PAGE 12-13

This month's centerpage contains some pictures of aircraft in Spanish colours (top left to bottom right):

- 1) Mirage F.1CE C.41-3/141-03 of 141Esc. based at BA.Los Llamos. Photo taken at Valenzuela on 14 May 1976. Sanjurjo-
- 2) An old one: HA-100 (via J.L.G.Serrano)
- Undeniable German influences on this HA.112 (via J.L.G.Serrano)
- Avion C-127/DO-27 prior delivery. (SpAF) Latest acquisition of the 'Marina' is th
- 5) Latest acquisition Matador. (Sp.Navy) 6) C-54 T.4-9/352-09 (ex 44-9038) at BA Sanjurjo Valenzuela on 14 May 1976. 7) CASA 352L T.2B-148/721-7 at BA.Cuatro Vientos
- on 1 October 1976.
- T-33A E.15-29/41-34 at BA.Sanjurjo-Valenzuela on 14 May 1976.





THE BELGIAN AIR FORCE

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Part 16



The 2nd Tactical Wing

Florennes airbase, today home of the second Wing, was constructed in 1942 and during the rest of the war it played an important role as a fighterand transport base of the Luftwaffe. The Germans withdrew on 4 September 1944, of course not after a great number of the vital installations had been blown up. Still, the last German had hardly left or the first American jeeps entered the gate and they immediately started with the repairs. The Americans didn't stay very long and when they left early 1945, the Belgian Air Force had an operational airbase at its disposal.

In 1947 the B-Wing, in August receiving the designation 169th Wing, settled at Florennes with its two Spitfire XIV equipped squadrons. These units were numbered the 351st and 352nd squadron, since the two other units of the air force were Nos. 349 and 350 (at Beauvechain). On the 1st of February 1948 the 169th Wing was re-numbered 2nd Wing, No. 351 became the 1st and 352 the 2nd squadron. In January 1950 the 3rd squadron is established, which also receives Spitfire XIVs. However, in June 1951 the Spitfires of the three units are progressively supplanted by F-84G Thunderjets; the wing becomes part of NATO under the name 2nd Fighter-Bomber Wing.

In April 1955, with the arrival of the first supersonic Thunderstreaks in sight, the Wing is awarded the insignia of the ancient 2nd Aeronautical Regiment. Late August the first Thunderstreak arrives in Belgium and, the last shall be the first, it is assigned to No. 3 squadron. In 1956 the entire Wing is flying the F-84F and on that occasion, about one year after the notorious sound-barrier engagement of 2nd Wing's Major Branders and 'Cdt.Laloux, Florennes is baptised'Base Jean Offenberg', after a Belgian pilot who got killed during the second world war.

F-84F FU-108 mounted on a pole near the housing area at Florennes AB. (G.Botquin)



Since No. 2 squadron has spent its entire life at Florennes there is not much to say that has not been disclosed yet. We might mention that the red comet insignia and the motto 'Ut fulgur Sluca Aethera' (Cleave the air like lightning) dates back to 1917, when it was used with the 5th squadron. The 3rd squadron, which was disbanded in October 1960, had a holly leaf insignia with the motto 'Qui s'y frotte s'y pique'; this badge is now used by one of the missile squadrons, by the way.

In the early days of the post-war Belgian air force, aerial reconnaissance was carried out by Meteors of No. 2 squadron RAF, that were based at Porz/Wahn in Germany. The arrival of large numbers of Thunderjets finally enabled the Belgians to assign a few examples of these aircraft for recce duties; the cameras were simply built in the underwing pylon-tanks. Eight RF-84G Thunder jets formed the C-Flight of the British 2nd squadron till June 1954, when it was decided to establish a special reconnaissance squadron; this new unit was designated 42nd squadron. It adopted the red, winged, telescope peeping devil of the ancient 7th squadron and got H8 as their squadron code. One year later the Thunderjets were replant ced by RF-84F Thunderflashes, the first 16 which arrived in 1956. By that time the unit was finally transferred to Belgium, to the airbase of Brustum. And here at Brustum the 42nd squadron soon found itself in a very peculiar situation.

The incident with the Russian MIG-25 that landed in Japan quite unexpectedly and was completely dismantled by Western experts is still fresh in our memory. Something similar happened in 1958 but then the other way around: with a Belgian Thunderflash.

Major Pauwels of the 42nd Recce squadron was on a mission over Germany when he lost his course. In 1960 the 3rd squadron is disbanded. The two remaining units continue to fly their Thunderstreaks till the arrival of the Mirage V in 1971 and that event had some consequences. On the 1st of July the 2nd Fighter-Bomber Wing is re-designated 2nd Tactical Wing and on the same day the 1st squadron leaves for Bierset with its F-84Fs. Its place is soon taken over by 42nd squadron , which arrives at Florennes with the first Mirage 5BRs. The 8th squadron, established in July '70 and in charge of the Mirage conversion, leaves Florennes on 15 December 1971, also to Bierset. As may be concluded from the above, the 2nd Tactical Wing presently comprises the 2nd Fighter-Bomber squadron flying Mirage 5BAs and the 42nd Reconnaissance squadron, equipped with Mirage 5BRs.



Over a Baltic Sea island he was suddenly interpted by two Russian MIG-15s: he appeared to be over East-German territory. The Thunderflash was escorted to an airbase. As Pauwels thought the quantity of fuel to be too much to guarantee a safe landing he gave full power and tried to make an overshoot. One of the MIG pilots apparently suspected that P. wanted to escape and fired a few shots at him. After Pauwels being imprisoned, the RF-84F was completely dismantled and thorough ly inspected by Russians. Later pilot and plane were returned to Belgium.

The Thunderflash made just one more flight after this incident, being a testflight after its reassemble; while landing the unlucky aircraft was severely damaged and subsequently struck off charge.

With a short intermezzo at Kleine Brogel the 42nd squadron was based at Brustum till 1960. In that year it moved to Beauvechain, to become part of the 1st Wing. Not for long though; in April 1963 Bierset became the home-base. Here the unit finally seemed to have found what they had been looking for and they stayed at Bierset till the conversion to the Mirage 5BR emerged, in 1971. On 15 September 1971 the 42nd Recce squadron became art of the 2nd Tactical Wing at Florennes. Those hunderflashes that had not yet been supplanted by Mirages stayed at Bierset, where they were used with No.1 squadron till May 1972.

When an experienced pilot is assigned to go to the 42nd squadron he has to go through a training period that may last 18 months. No need to say that the unit can rely on highly qualified crews who, in view of the long time it takes to make them 'operational', usually stick to the squadron for a relatively long period. A recce pilot must be a perfect navigator and an expert in recognition. In fact his photo's are not as important as they might seem; they are merely meant to support his visual reports.

A normal mission starts with the receipt of an Air Task Message (ATM), which the 'Allied Command Operation Center' in Maastricht sends to the operations center of the squadron. Such an ATM may comprise three objectives which are sometimes more than 100 kilometres away from eachother. From the moment an ATM is received the preparations for the mission start. These preparations have a time-limit: for one, two or three targets the pilot gets 30, 40 or 60 minutes time respectively. During that time what the targets are (an ATM is in code), where they are and he must work out the navigation procedure with the aid of 1:500,000 maps. The targets may be anything: bridges, tanks deport, antennas, etc.

On his way back, he gives his 'in flight report' to the operations center at Florennes: detailed information about the targets. Keeping in mind the speed and altitude (300-400 metres) of the Mirage this may hardly be called a sinecure. Once he has landed and the engine is shutdown another race against the clock starts: within seven minutes af ter shutdown the pilot must give a 'mission report', which is a more detailed description of his flight and the targets. The photos that were made during the mission must be ready for interpretation within 30 minutes after shutdown; a job for the Mobile Field Photographic Unit, or MFPU. When the films are developed, they are taken to the photo-interpreters, whose task it is to verify the visual observations of the pilot and to give more precise details about the targets.A busy job, if you know that during one mission some 2500 photos may be taken!



The drawing above was painted on many aircraft during several 'Royal Flush'es.





Percival Pembroke C.51

In 1953 Belgium ordered 12 Pembrokes to supplant the aging Ansons. The aircraft were delivered in 1954 to the 21st squadron at Melsbroek, where they were used for liaison flights, aerial photography and navigation training. The last Pembroke was withdrawn in 1976 with the arrival of the Merlin. Serials were RM-1 upto RM-12, codes OT-ZAA to OT-ZAI, and construction numbers 14,17,20,21,24,25, 27,28,29,31,32,33. In July 1977 the RM-1/2/3/5/6/ 8/9/10/11/12 were still in storage at Koksijde. The RM-7 has been preserved at Molenbeek, RM-4 may have been put in storage for the air force museum.

Bristol Sycamore HR.14B

The Belgian air force acquired three of these helicopters in 1954, for use in the Congo. B-1 OT-ZKA c/n 13199 ex G-AMWP crashed 310360 B-2 OT-ZKB c/n 13200 ex G-AMWR w.f.u. in 1960 B-3 OT-ZKC c/n 13201 ex G-AMWS w.f.u. in 1960

Aero Commander 560F

Delivered in September 1961, one aircraft of this type was operated by the 21st squadron for Royal flights till April 1973. Callsign was OT-CWB (in very small lettering on the fintip) and it had construction number 560F.1069-25. The aircraft was sold as F-BTYZ in 1973.

Airspeed Oxford

The Oxford was one of the first aircraft of the Belgian air force, 42 ex-BAF examples entering service in 1946. The Oxfords were withdrawn in 1954. Serials were 0-1 to 0-42. The O-1 was the ex RAF DF523, the O-6 was MP301, O-27 was MP430, O-29 the LX728. O-16 is preserved in the air force museum and this aircraft has construction-number 936; it was delivered 030947. Other ex RAF identities included V3775, EB796, NM777, PH351 PH352, NM694, NM696, NM702, NM720, NM736, PH415 PH417, PH425, PH459, PH460, PH461.

Oxford 0-18 of the 21st Sqn D flight. (BAF)



Well, having delt with all the non-current types now, it's time to update some of the previously published lists.

FLASH 72: Dakota K-20 (page 16) was coded OT-CNJ, not OT-CNK; K-23 was OT-CNL, not OT-CNM.

FLASH 77: Spitfire Mk. 9 SM-12 (page 15) was ex-RAF MH366, not MH966; SM-15 was MJ783, delivered to Belgium 3.2.48; the SM-27 was RK851, delivered 20.11.48.

Hunter Mk.6 IF-48 (page 17) was coded JE-M and the IF-61 OV-W; IF-137 should be marked.

But back to page 15 once more, since the information on SM-44 to -48 is not correct: MH153 and MH577 were both written off in RAF service, MH777 was delivered to the South African AF 24.11.48 PT853 was SM-16 and RK851 was SM-27. The serials SM-44 to SM-48 were allocated to five earlier aircraft, presumably after conversion. They were previously SM-16, SM-21, SM-24, SM-27 SM-28, but in which order is not known.

FLASH 84: Thunderstreak FU-192 (page 13) was coded 8S-K, not 8S-H. Then concerning Note 5 on page 14, the following F-84G Thunderjets were

also delivered to Belgium: 51-9975 51-9749 51-9844 51-10046 51-9627 51-10047 51-9671 51-9750 51-9845 51-9980 51-9992 51-10080 51-9673 51-9762 51-9857 51-9764 51-9923 51-9997 51-10195 51-9678 51-9770 51-9936 51-9999 51-9684 51-10199 51-9772 51-9956 51-9694 51-10011 51-10200 51-9787 51-10223 51-9696 51-9957 51-10012 51-9702 51-9801 51-9958 51-10020 51-10233 51-9715 51-10025 51-10236

51-9828 51-9961 51-9716 51-9837 51-9962 51-10033 51-9965 51-9721 51-9839 51-10034 51-9736 51-9840 51-9968 51-10042

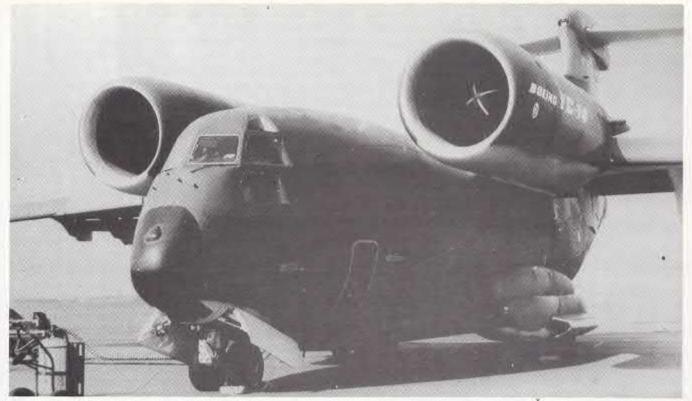
Furthermore FZ-65/51-10760 should be 51-10076, FZ124/51-10747 should be FZ125. The FZ132 is exhibited in the museum in Brussels, which leaves three possibilities: it did not go to Denmark, it actually went but came back, or FZ132 is not the original FZ132. Clarification would be welcom med!

FLASH 85: Some additions to the T-6 Harvard list on page 16. It is possible that the H-22 which I mentioned as written off in 1960, should in fact read H-202; on 11 July 1960 this H-210 was hit over Matady and the pilot, 1Sgt Depijpere, made an emergency-landing. Thanks to Lt.de Changy who picked up Depijpere in his H-210, the former was rescued. Furthermore the H-45 became OO-GEP, not OO-GDP. Another write-off was H-207 that crashed in the jungle near Kamina on 20.7. 60; O/Lt.Swietek and his passenger got off with a fright. Lieutenant de Changy, mentioned above came lugubriously to an end; on 18 July '60 he escorted an Alouette II in his Harvard H-210. The Alouette disappeared over Thijsstad and de Changy was shot down over Insiki. His body was never found, but according to an eye-witniss he was killed in his cockpit by the rebels and subesequently thrown in a river that swarmed with crocodiles ...

Then concerning the Dominies: D-6 was ex-RAF NR776 c/n 6852, D-7 was NR777 c/n 6853.

Percival Proctor P-5 was the ex-RAF NP164 c/n H571, P-6 was NP270 c/n H654 (correcting the correction). Delivery dates were June 1947 for P-1 to P-4, October 1947 for the P-5 and March '48 for the P-6.

Flash 87: Hunter Mk. 4 ID-15 was coded 7J-P and crashed near Oostende in 1956.



The original American version of the YC-14. (B.Hickman) X



by Jac van Tuyn

Remember the first day of this year! People congratulating you with another 'New Year'. All talking about the past and what 1978 will bring. Being an aviation enthusiast, surely you must ve wondered what 1978 will bring to the aviation eld. For the travellers would it be a tour through Germany on a moped, a trip to Japan, trip through England on a bike or hitch-hiking to Spain? For the open day freak: would it be Luke, Bretigny, Wildenrath or Deelen? For the photographer: the first negs of a Soesterberg Eagle, the first operational Tornado or just an Iranian For the registration freak: will I see Tomcat? my damned last RAF Herk?! For the ones generally interested in aviation it is difficult to say but no doubt you have your ideas and hopes for the new year aswell

Finished with ideas and hopes about 1978. get on with the real facts. That's also what these pages are about. Plain facts of things planned to

happen throughout this year. Gathering information from all kinds of sources, one must admit it's sometimes difficult to draw the right conclusion. One source saying this, the other saying that. Therefore it's often difficult predict what will actually happen. Remember that event that suprised you, although long before it was known to happen. Was it because of the confusing reports or did you fail to take any notice of it.

We thought it very useful to put everything in line and make a survey of some events planned to happen in 1978. Here we go!

*# HOLLAND **

-On 14, 15, 16 & 17 June the Koninklijke Lucht-macht will organize a meeting at Deelen to celebrate its 65th anniversary.

-Due to the arrival of the first F-16 at Leeuwarden approx. 20 Starfighters will 90 and later on all Starfighters of 322/323Sqn will be withdrawn. The first F-16 is to arrive at Leeuwarden in January 1979.

-The runway at Twenthe will undergo extensive repairs. As a result the air base will be closed late March for 5 months. 3155qn Hopsten and 3135qn to Gilze-Rijen. 315Sqn will move to

-A final decision is expected on a new runway at Eindhoven. Since the discussions started ten years ago, it has become necessarily that Eindhoven is equipped with a new runway. The big problem, however, is whether it will be 30 or 45 metres wide.

DE RELGIUM DE

-In November, the first Alpha Jet destinated for the Belgian air force is to roll out. In April of next year the first one will be delivered to No.11 Smaldeel at St. Truiden. The Alpha Jet to replace the T-33A and later on (December '79) the CM-170R. 16 Alpha Jets are on firm order while another 17 are still in ontion.

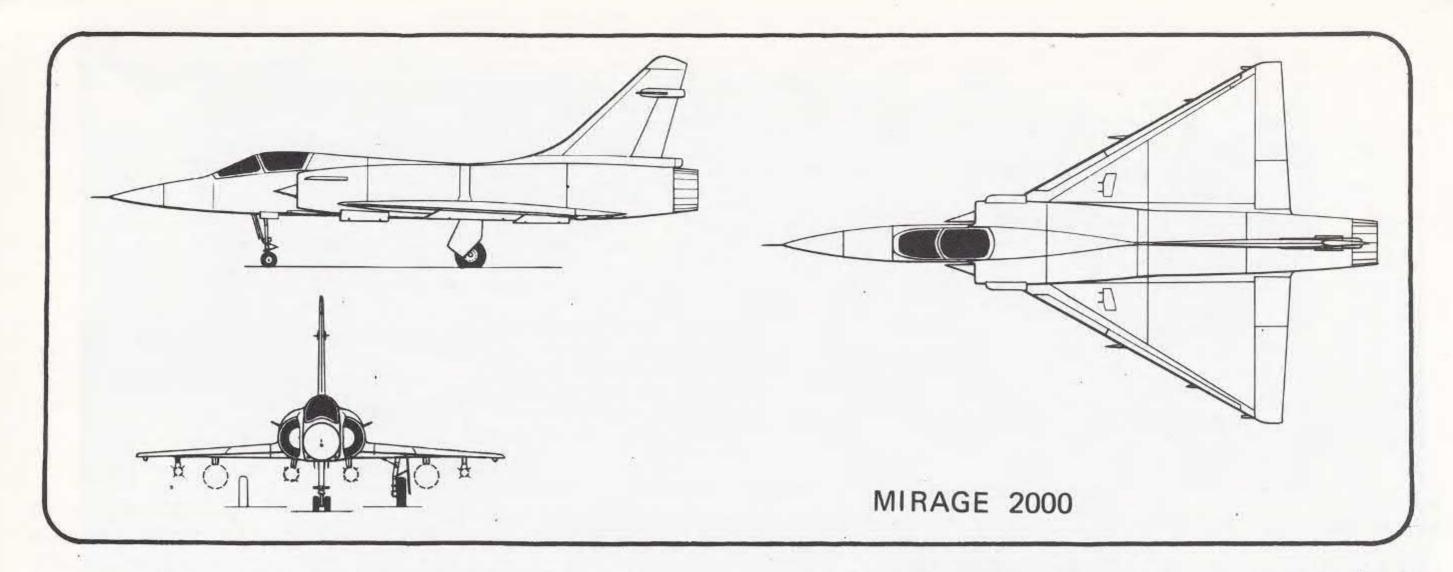
-No big open days this year, but just the local open days; also known as 'Fasten' or 'Open Deuren Dag'.

BE FRANCE BE

-In the autumn of 1978 the first of 200 Alpha Jets will be delivered to the FAF for operational service. This French version, the Alpha Jet E (ecole) will replace the Mystère IVAs of EC.8 at Cazaux and the T-33As of GE.314 at Tours. The remaining ones will go to GE.313 (not until 1981 though);

-This year's Portes Ouvertes are expected at a.o. Cambrai, St.Dizier, Orange, Breitigny, Toul, Stras

bourgh, Cazaux, Orleans, Creil & Dijon.



-In February the Mirage 2000 is scheduled to make its maiden flight from Istres. At the moment the Dassault plant at St.Cloud is working on five prototypes (including one dual). This brandnew Mirage version is to become the backbone of the tatical fighter force of the Armee de l'Air in the mid-eighties. So far the Armee de l'Air ordered 130 examples and the first squadron on the Mirage 2000 will be formed in 1983.

Dassault is working on two other prototypes as well. Both prototypes are private-venture programmes, which has become rather unique in the aviation world. The two prototypes are a twinengined Mirage 2000: the Mirage 4000 and the Super Mirage Delta. The latter is to commence its flight test programme in October.

-So far over 100 Jaguars have been delivered. As 200 have been ordered, deliveries will continue throughout this year as well. Although no specific replacement for the Vautour has been mentioned it is almost likely to be the Jaguar. As the planned withdrawal date of the Vautours has expired, it is most likely that EB.92 at Bordeaux will receive the Jaguar this year.

-All initially ordered Mirage F.1Cs have been delivered but the FAF has ordered an additional batch of 30 Mirage F.1s (incl. some F.1Bs). These Mirage are expected to replace the Mirage IIICs of EC.10 at Creil (not necessarily this year though).

BE ITALY BE

-No big changes or events are expected to happen here (sorry for our Italian readers). The Agusta Bell factories at Milano will keep on producing choppers just as they have done so over the past years. Besides this production, however, Agusta is now also producing own developed helicopters as the A-109 Hirundo which is being tested and A-129 Mangusta, an anti-tank helicopter project.

-This year the first G.222 will enter operational service with 46 Aerobrigata at Pisa. The ItAF ordered 44 examples to replace the ancient C-119s and will operate alongside the C-130H Hercules of the AMI.

-The first Tornado will not be delivered until late 1979 (to 6th Stormo by the way). A replacement for the G-91Rs, which are entitled to pension soon, has not yet been chosen. This might become the most significant news coming from Italy this year. Fiat is known to be working at such a replacement: G-291.

-Due to severe defence-cuts the AMI will be forced to re-organize its inventory. The number of air bases will be reduced from 95 to a mere 20(?) and the present 51 gruppi will be reduced to 40. No further details are known but a start was made last year with the disbandment of 18Gruppo/3AB.

UNITED KINGDOM ..

- -A decision on the purchase of 30 CH-47 Chinooks might be made this year. In 1967 and 1975 a similar order has been cancelled but the Ministry of Defence is reportedly to have serious interests again.
- -1978 sees the end of HMS Ark Royal, and its sqns of fixed-wing aircraft 892Sqn with Phantom FG.1s, 809Sqn with Buccaneer S.2C/Ds and 849Sqn with Gannet AEW.3s. While the two jet types Will be transferred to the RAF (a reformed 74Sqn to operate the Phantom?), the Gannets will be retired. Yet another great aircraft bites the dust!

1978 will bring the withdrawal of the Phantom from Royal Navy inventory. (F.Swinkels)X



-Due to the arrival of the first Hawk with the Tactical Weapons Unit at Brawdy on 2.12.77, the last days of the Hunter in operational service are numbered. Most likely the Hunter will officially make its last operational flight this year, ending a career which started in July '54. -This year the RAF is to celebrate its 60th anni-

versary. Although this event was officially cele brated at the Royal Air Force Review at Finningly last year, it wouldn't be the RAF at all not to

organize something aswell this year.

As always we have the annual Battle of Britain Open Days at St. Athans, Leuchars and Finningly. Last year Paris.... this year Farnborough. From 3-10 September the SBAC committee will organize its third international meeting.

Other events to take place at RAF/RN stations are: - a 2330CU re-union/celebration at Wittering on 28/29 April.

- Brawdy Open Day on 3 June (provisional)

- Duxford Air Day on 18 June

- St. Mawgan Open Day on 2 August

- Mildenhall Open Day on 5/6 August

- Yeovilton Naval Air Day on 5 August

-If everything works out as planned, the first Tornado might be handed over to the Tornado Operational Training Unit late this year. Early 1979 seems more likely, though. So Cottesmore is to remain empty for another year to come. By the way, the first sqn to receive the IDS Tornado will be No.617Sqn replacing its ageing Vulcan.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UN

The biggest change within USAFE will be the arrival of a complete new wing on the A-10 at Sembach. The two other wings are expected to arrive in 1980; one in the UK (Bentwaters?) and the other on the continent (Jever, Ahlhorn, Gilze-

-Eagles at Soesterberg. Later this year the 32TFS will re-equip with F-15s. Hence the Klu has F-15s

under its control!

-A decision is expected whether all 270 C-141As

will be converted to C-141Bs.

-The weak defence of NATO's Northern Flank is still a thorn in the sight of America. Expansion of aircraft at Keflavik is impossible as the Government of Island allows only 12 fighter a/c on its territory at one time. Looking at the other side of this globe we see deployments of USMC units to Japan. Therefore it is very possible to expect a (fair?) amount of deployments of USMC to Northern Europe.

-In August the delivery will take place of the first UH-60A Blackhawk helicopter to the USArmy. This Utility helicopter has a pre-production series of 15 examples. Furthermore the USArmy

-Before the year is over, 2 F-16As and 2 F-16Bs will have been handed over to the USAF for operational service. They will be used for Operational Test and Evaluation. In January 1979 388TFW at Hill AFB will be the first unit to receive the

-At Ed ards AFB the competition between YC-14 and YC-15 was recently concluded. The YC-14s are now in a hangar at Edwards, both YC-15s returned to McDonnell/Douglas' factory. All awaiting the decision of the USAF.

As always both a/c have their pro and cont. Within weeks the USAF'is expected to announce their choise.

-If the production-rate of Phantoms keeps up as planned, the 5,000th example is to be completed in May.

WEST GERMANY ..

-In April the Alpha Jet A (attack) is expected to make its first flight. Five months later it will de delivered to ES-61 at Manching for evaluations The Luftwaffe has 200 examples on order.

-MBB is trying to keep the German Ministry of Defence from buying other helicopters than from their factories. Except for the Bo.105 which is on firm order now, the company launched four new helicopter projects.

- the P.227: a specialized anti-armour helicopter for the mid- to late eigh+ies Scheduled to commence in September are the deliveries of the first Bo.105Ms & Bo.105As. The Heeresfliegerei ordered 227 Bo.105Ms for liaison and observation tasks.

Recently granted by the Bundestag was the order for 212 HOT-armed Bo.105As for the anti-armour rôle.

II FLASH II

Also in 1978 this magazine will try the utmost to keep you informed about the military aviation in Europe. Therefore the news-section will stay just the same: giving movements, registrations and background information. .

In April the lead-article of the past 15 months the Belgian Air Force, is to end and a new leadarticle for many months to come will be devoted

to the Hawker Hunter.

Starting next month will be a series of articles by J.R. Thornley, discussing all RAF serials from XS100 and up. Another series of articles, written by B.Ullings, deals with some air bases/naval stations in the States visited in August of last year.





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MOVEMENTS

SCHIPHOL Movements in November continued: 25: PH-RPU MBB.105 (S.328) delivery to Rijkspol. 26: D-IOET RC.690 D-EAAE Mooney M. 20 SP-LAD I1.62 LOT 27: N791TW B.707 TWA G-ARZN Beech N35 D-TBVW K.A. 100 PH-MBS Beech Sundowner Martinair 28: CF-01 Merlin IIIA BAF G-ADVX HS 125 61-MT F.48 C-160F FAF N720G G.159 LN-SUF F.27 Braathens SAFE D-ICAY Learjet 24D 61-MT 30: G-ATMJ HS.748 CAA G-ASBG HPR.7 December movements: G-ASHZ ATL-98A BAF G-AMPY DC-3 SE-GRB Beech 99A Baron A SE-DEA Learjet I-CCFF Cessna 340 PH-REL RC.114 SE-GNI Piper PA.31 OH-LYO & OH-LYT DC-9-51 Finnair 2: EC-CCN DC-8 TAE PH-ACG S.11.1 (ex 179K) EC-CMS Se.210 Caravelle TAE 3: PH-EXK F.27 (10562) demon. LN-ALK F.177RG CCCP-65050 Tu.134 Aeroflot HB-VDD Mystere 10 OO-YCB B.707 Young Cargo OE-FIX RC.690 D-GAGA Piper PA.30-160 HB-LFU Cessna 401B G-ATKW Piper PA.23-160 VR-BJD Leariet 36 OE-LDD DC-9 Austrian Als OY-SBC B.727 Sterling Aws D-EEKC WA CE-43 G-ALZG Miles M.65 PH-EAC AA-5A PH-BAG Mystere 20 BAS N54YR Learjet 25 D-IOGA Learjet 24B (223) N101BG Learjet 35 7T-WAQ F.27 Alg.AF 6: F45 C-160 FrenchAF TC-JBP B.707 EP-PAR FH. 227 Pars Air to USA after lease 00-YCK B.707 Young Cargo LN-SUL F.27 B.SAFE 7: EC-CDC DC-8 TAE FAC001 F.28 Col.AF N121WT Mystere 20 IBM HB-IEX G.1159 62-KT 206 N.2501 FrenchAF CF-02 Merlin BAF 8: C-12 F.27M Klu OO-IFA DC-6B IFA F-BPPM Beech KA100 F-BYAT Se.210 Aerotour D-ICVW Mu. 2 EC-CCN DC-8 TAE N8300E Jetstar L.1329 F-BUUL Cessna 500 24462 T-39A USAFE D-GINO P.68B 9V-SQG B.747 Singapore Als G-APZU dH.104 24462 CCCP65051 Tu.134 Aeroflot SE-FOY Viscount F-BYAT Se. 210 AirLittoral F-BTQA Piper PA31 11: TR-LVK DC-8F TC-91 B.707 FA.Argentine N81027 L.1011 Gwlf Air I-EKET Mystere 20 12: TC-91 OY-RPV Cessna 340 OY-ATA Be.KA100 Air Marine SE-DDC B.727 LV-MDB B.737 Aerolineas Argentinas(ex PH-TVC) 13: KA 87 N.2501 Fr.AF N401M G.1159 TR-LWF Britt.253 SOAC6 D-IMBB RC.690 MBB G-BCWE Herald LN-SUL F.27 Braathens/BB BAF OO-YCK B.707 Young Cargo D-ABAV Se.210 LTU DC-8-63 Air Afrique G-AVEZ Herald BIA A40-PA DC-8F Cargoman G-BACI HS.125-600B HB-IEN Canadair Cl.44D Tansvalair 14: OY-PRT TS.601 Aerostar PH-AXN F.172N PH-PFS Islander PFS (UK-reg removed)

15: F-BVET Beech King Air 200

F-BYAH F.27 Air Rouegue

LN-KLK CV.440 Air Anglia

N4868T DC-8-63 TIA

16: LN-FOH L.188F Fred Olsen

OO-IFA DC-6B IFA

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G-BEOZ AW.650 Argosy ABC G-BCNT P86B Victor EC-CIZ Se.210 Transeuropa D-CORA Learjet 35 HB-VEM & HB-VFD Learjet 35 PH-KED Piper PA27E N8960T DC-8-61F PIA PH-EXT F.28 (127) 17: YR-TPB Tu.154B Tarom SE-DGN F.28 Linj. PH-LUN C.404 (ex OO-LFI) G-AVFB HS.121-2 OO-MRT RC.690A (photo J.Dijkstra/1TASW)



5N-ANR DC-10 Nigeria Aws N8639 DC-8F 18: F-BTME Beech 99 Air Anjou OY-DVL Cessna 500 21: HZ-GP2 BAC 1/11 Saudia D-COCO Learjet 35 D-CHIC Sabre 75A F-BOJO MS.760 22: CF-02 Merlin IIIA BAF PH-EYE Cessna 210 HZ-MMM HS.125 23: PH-EXA F.27 Air Rouerque (to become F-BYAH) PH-MOL F.28-1000 Nigeria Aws (for 90% in Mag tinair colours) N48062 CV.880 leased to Air Malta 24: YR-BCT BAC 1/11 Tarom G-BCXR BAC 1/11 SHANNON Deliveries during November (most aircraft coming from Gander): 3: N5963V Piper PA.28 same day to Mülhouse N23789 Beech T-34C (GM-14) 5/11 to Paris, on demonstration tour to NATO Air Forces 11: N47963 Piper PA.34 same day to Geneva N47607 Piper PA.28 same day to Kassel N47935 Piper PA.28 Lisabon-SNN 12/11-Gatwick 14: N1273G Cessna 310 same day to Zweibrücken 16: N182FJ My.10 (107) Istres-SNN-Reykjavík 17: N9007K Piper PA.28 same day to Kassel same day to Kassel 18/11 to Brussels N9853K Piper PA.28 N9792K Piper PA.23 20: N3972T Piper PA.28 21/11 to Southhampton

N1124N IAI.1124 Kerkira-SNN 23/11 to Gander 24: C-FFAC AC.680 (535-204) Reykj-SNN-Sweden 25: N70PA BN.2A Hurn-Shannon 19/12 to Reykj-US D-EBJT Beech 35 28/11 to Munich 28: N218WW IAI.1124 (218) Kerkira, del to IAI as

22: D-IFAC AC.690B (11444) Keflavik, 23/11 to Köln

DC-8 ONA/Air Afrique stickers

Reykj-SNN

22/11-Gatwick

21: N47735 Piper PA.28

N864F

SE-GGR Cessna 402B

G-AZAV Cessna 337

G-BARW Cessna 402B

OY-ARW Cessna 500

AP-BAA B.707 PIA

G-AMPY DC-3

28: N218WW IAI.1124 (218) Kerkira, del to IAI as N100AK, via Gander (29/11)

29: N8QP IAI.1124 Kerkira-SNN 30/11 to Gander 30: F-BVFC Concorde (209) landing on three engines

This F.28 was temporarily a VIPaircraft. flying for St.Nicholas (the Dutch extract of Santa Claus) early December. This picture also shows PH-SIX's latest demonstration colour scheme. (J.Dijkstra/ 1TASW)

DUTCH REGISTER

ex Gilze to Schiphol, for A.C.Groeneveld, then to Dutch Historical Flight PH-ARA Thunder AX-7/77A (038) Balloon, GA.Zoet PH-AXA F.172N (F.1589) ASH to PH-GRT PH-AXB F.172N-100 (F.1592) ASH to PH-JRA PH-AXD F.172N-100 ASH PH-AXE F.152-II (F.1439) ASH to PH-VSM PH-AXF F.172N-100 ASH PH-AXK F.150 ASH PH-AXL F.172N (F.1569) ASH to D-EDBQ PH-AXM F.172N (F.1549) ASH to PH-SKB PH-AXN F.172N ASH PH-AXO F.172N ASH -AXP F.172N (F.1602) ASH to PH-EAM A-AXQ FRA.150M (F.0323) ASH to PH-KDI PH-AXR FR.172XP ASH PH-AXS F.177RG ASH to 00-... PH-AXU F.172N (F.1556) ASH to PH-CIO PH-AXV F.172N (F.1564) ASH to PH-OJD PH-AXW F.172N (F.1617) ASH to PH-HHE PH-AXX F.172N ASH to D-E... PH-AXY F.172N ASH PH-AYA F.150 ASH PH-AYB F.150 ASH PH-AYC F.150 ASH PH-AYD F.150 ASH PH-BAR F.150M (F.1371) regd 22/12 to ASH BV PH-BNA Beech F.33C (CJ-130) not yet registered PH-BNB Beech F.33C (CJ-131) regd 27/12, del.6/1 PH-BNC Beech F.33C (CJ-132) regd 27/12, del.10/1 PH-BND Beech F.33C (CJ-133) regd 27/12, del.10/1 (CJ-134) PH-BNE Beech F.33C not yet registered not yet registered PH-BNF Beech F.33C (CJ+135) (CJ-136) PH-BNG Beech F.33C regd 16/1 PH-BNH Beech P.33C (CJ-137) not yet registered PH-BNI Beech F.33C (CJ-138) regd 16/1 PH-BNJ Beech F.33C (CJ-139) not yet registered (CJ-140) PH-BNK Beech F.33C not yet registered PH-BNL Beech F.33C (CJ-141) not yet registered PH-CIO P.172N (F.1556) ex PH-AXU 'ASH BV' H-CJV PA.31-310C (7712101) del.1-12-77 NEAS, 9-1-78 to H.Veth PH-EAM F.172N (F.1602) ex PH-AXP ASH BV PH-BXA F.27-4242M (10564) Fokker 22/11 to 6W-STA PH-EXA F.27-5241 (10570) Fokker for F-BYAH PH-EXB F.27-4242M (10565) Fokker to 6W-STB PH-EXC F.27-6249RF (10566) Fokker to PH-FTD to 5H-MPT on 22/11

PH-ACG S.11.1 (6279) ex E-39, 179K; del.19-11-77

PH-EXF F.27-6244IP (10567) Fokker for 5-4041 PH-EXG F.27-4245M (10568) Fokker for 5-4042 PH-EXH F.27-6249RF (10569) Fokker 29/12 toPH-FTE 29/11 to 5H-MPU Air Tanzania PH-EXI F.27-4246M (10561) Fokker PH-EXK F.27-600 (10562) Fokker/demonstrator; demonstration to Yemen cancelled PH-EXM F.27-600 (10563) Fokker (to 7T-VRM?) PH-EXO F.28-4000 (11121) Fokker for TU-VAN PH-EXP F.28-3000VIP (11125) Fokker to G350 the Gov't of Ghana wants to nav the a/c: PH-EXR F.28-4000 (11128) Fokker 25/11 to SE-DGM PH-EXT F.27-600 (10421) Fokker 19-8-77 to EC-... PH-EXU F.28-4000 (11130) Pokker for SE-DGN PH-EXY F. 28-4000VIP (11124) for TU-VA2 PH-EYE C.210L (61164) ex D-EDVE regd 2/12 ASH BV regd 19-1-77 to E.C.v/d.Berg PH-FTC P.27-600 (10430) PK-GFN 4-1-78 to P-BYAR PK-GFN 4-1-78 to F-BYAR PH-FTE F.27-600 (10569) ex PH-EXC 29/12 to 5H-MPU PH-FTG F.27-600 (10424) for D2-TAF/TAAG PH-HES Cessna 500 (0023) RESERVATION June '78 for Heerema Aviation PH-HHE F.172N (P.1617) ex PH-AXW regd 15-12-77 to Reyligers Orgelbouw BV PH-HMO F.150M (F.1349) regd 12-1-78 to ASH BV PH-KAD F.172N-108 (F.1532) del.23/9 to ASH, regd 18/10 ASH, 27-10-77 regd to KLM Aeroclub PH-KDI FRA.150M (F.0323) ex PH-AXQ regd 22-12-77 to ASH, to Vliegdienst Holland-Noord PH-LUN Cessna 404 (0102) ex 00-LFI Airborne AS PH-MPA F.27-400MPA (10549) FDXX01 to tion to France; will become AF561 later on PH-NSH PA.28-140E (7325409) rebuilt f/f 30-11-77 PH-MPA F.27-400MPA (10549) Fokker for demonstra-PH-RES F.172H (F.1597) regd 12-1-78 ASH BV MBB105 (S-328) del.25-11-77 Schinhol to Staat der Nederlanden, Ministerie van Ju-PH-RPU MBB105 (S-328) Stitie, Dienst Luchtvaart van het Koros Rijkspolitie PH-SKB F.172N (F.1549) EX PH-AXM ASH BV PH-TGV F.172N-100 (F.1640) regd 8/12 NNAC Eelde PH-TVP B.737-2K2C (21397) Transavia del.planned on Friday 20-1-78 10.00hrs PH-UCS L-4H Cup (13228) out register 6-4-72 no PH-VON RC.1148 (14195) ex N4865W, del.11-11-77 (regd.25/11) GLM, regd 28/12 to BV v/h Firma B.K.D.I. (What ever that means) PH-VSM F.152 (F.1439) ex PH-AXE regd 8/12 to AAS



PH-AFD Ralley 100ST (2787) to Bureau voor Managementondersteuning 'De Groote Molen' BV PH-ASE Jodel Dr.1050 (142) 10/77 cleaned up after storage at Teuge, to Mr. Quartel e.a.



PH-AST PA.31-350 (7752046) owner NEAS (12/77) PH-ATO Cessna 210L (60901) PH-BOB Cessna 182P (64149) to ASH BV PH-BOB Cessna 182P (64149) owner ASH BV (12/77) PH-BOI PA:34-200T (7570147) owner ASH BV (12/77) PH-CAS Cessna 182P (F.0033/64076) to Veluwe Air Service BV PH-CIA F.172M (F.1396) to Vliegschool 16Hoven PH-CSL Dh.82A (PG712) rebuilt with GLM, to AAS PH-DMF F.172M (F.1137) to ASH BV PH-EDH PA.24-250 (3361) wheels-up landing Schiphol

PH-EMA & EMB DHC.6 (548/951) still Dutch-regd PH-GHE Jodel D.112 (751) to A.L.M.de Vries PH-HAK C.182P (F.0027/63986) to Airborne Air Ser. PH-JAR PA. 28-140 (7725150) still Dutch-regd PH-JDB F.172M (F.1328) owner ASH BV (12/77) PH-KAC C.172M (62999) to ASH BV, to Dansacademie Rettichini

PH-LUI F.172L (F.0849) to ASH BV

PH-LZE F.172E (F.0058) to GLM, for sale

PH-MIG F.172M (F.1234) owner ASH BV (12/77) PH-MIT PA.28-181 (7790208) owner NEAS BV (12/77) PH-MOT Scintex CP.1315-C3 (915) to G.J. Veen

PH-MVA PA.28-181 (7790437) Aero Club Teuge PH-NAZ PA.34-200 (7350318) still Dutch-regd PH-NGK Auster 3 (344) owner JAHM. Thuring (12/77) PH-NKJ PA.18-150 (7710273) according to RLD: c/n 18-09116:

PH-NLA L-4J Cub (12732) to H.Brink PH-NLD PA.18-125 (18-2057) owner AAH (12/77) PH-NOA PA.27-250 (7305142) back from Ireland on 28-11-77 (left on 10/10)

PH-OOG F.177RG (F.0116) PH-ORD CP.1315-C3 (929) to Flyourself BV to C.de Kruithof/L.v.Os

PH-PDW PA.28-181 (7690211) owner NEAS (12/77) PH-PEM PA.34-200T (7570249) to N.H.Air BV PH-PPS BN2A (788) owner van Haemstede Internatio-

nal BV, for Propellor Flight Services

PH-RDM PA.18-150 (18-3639) Pro Air Group (12/77) PH-RDO F.177RG (F.0072) owner J.Schoor (12/77)

to Vlind Air BV PH-REL RC.114B (14211)

PH-RYK S.205-20/R (221) PH-SRH Dr.400/160 (843) still in Dutch Register crashed at Zestienhoven Zestienhoven on 10-12-77; will be repaired

PH-VIT F.172H (F.0620) to J.G.Storken

PH-WON PA.34-200T (7670342) see PH-PFS PH-ABC Dr.1051 (591)end '76 stored at Beek; 00-AB0

PH-ACS PA.31-310C (7712046) del.24/10 to Nigeria PH-AOD Cessna Tu. 206F (02629) 10/75 to EC-CTL PH-ARO F.27-463 (10270) to G-BFFS/Air Anglia UK-regd 24-10-77, owner BIAS

owner BIAS PH-BUY PA. 28R-200 (7435159) not registered 12/77

PH-CLM PA.25-235 (4920) not registeted 12/77 PH-DMH F-28A (165) back to G-BBPM 25-7-77

CANCELLED PH-EDG PA.23-250 (27-2953) 22-8-72 to 5N-AEZ, on 4-8-77 back Zestienhoven, del.26/11 (??) to Anthony Fokker School

PH-EVS SA.330G (1272) July '77 to Iran EP-... PH-FTD F.27-6249 (10566) del.22/11 to 5H-MPT PH-GAD PA.39-160CR (39-067) to D-GADS on 16-3-77



not registrated 12/77 PH-GAZ PA.18-135 (18-3537) PH-GVP F.172M (F.1251) del.4/11 to 00-JEL PH-KDA F.150L (F.0931) crashed near Anna Paulowna on 4-12-77; probably w/o

PH-KRB Cessna T.210L (00110) in June to 00-VLP, 'PH-KRB' plate still in cockpit PH-LEC RC.114 RESERVATION NTU; Vlind Air bough

PH-REL

PH-LTU F.177RG (F.0021) not registrated 12/77

PH-LUO F.150L (F.0749) D-EKOD finally taken-up PH-MIB F.172H (F.0392) del.9-8-77 to OO-NVT PH-MVB C.172A (47425) out register 'dismantled', in store with J.Daams



Seen at Texel are these based two Super Cubs in July last year. PH-OTC became G-BFFP while PH-TIN crashed in August.

PH-OTC PA.18-150 (18-8187) to G-BFFP (on 15/1 PH-RLG Saab 91D (91374) not registered 12/77 PH-RLL Saab 91D (91377) not registered 12/77 to G-BFFP (on 15/10) PH-TGO F.150H (F.0370) cancelled PH-TVC B.737-2K2C (21397) cancel 12/12, to LV-MTB

PH-VCH PA.18-135 (18-3630) to D-ENFC PH-VER Boomerang (-) not registered 12/77

PH-ZLD G.164 (287) cancelled after crash 13-9-7

Due to an extensive Dutch Register column, the normal News column will be published in the February issue. Nevertheless hereby some news from Holland:

The first Beech F.33C Bonanza for the RLS was delivered on 6 January (PH-BNB), this being one of the reasons for the enormous list published this month.

Staat der Nederlanden, Ministerie van Verkeer en Waterstaat, Rijksluchtvaartdienst, Directie Rijksluchtvaartschool or shortly RLS ordered 16 They are to replace Bonanzas, with 2 on option. the Saab S.91 Safirs, which have been in use for more than fifteen years now.

Also repsonsible for this load of registration is Air Service Holland BV. They are now fully using their test-registration series FM-AAA and up. These special registrations may only be used by ASH for flying new Cessnas from Reims to the Netherlands and for demonstration flights within the Netherlands.

All registrations can be used several times but between the first and second use of the same reg There has to be a period of at least 2-3 months. This to avoid confusion under the airport-man# gers as discussions of bills for airport-taxeand fuel alwaystake a long time.

In order to give ASH more possibilities, they are also allowed to use the series PH-AYA upto AYO.

A third reason is an up-dating of the latest 'movements' at Fokker-VFW. By the way, PH-EXA 'movements' at Fokker-VFW. By the way, PH-EXA upto EXM are usually used by Friendships and EXO upto EXZ by Fellowships. Again done to avoid troubles with airport-taxes.

flights. The residence will be Texel where they also want to service their a/c (two) themselves.

Heerema bought a replacement for Cessna500 PH-SAW. The aircraft, also a C.500, will be deli-

vered in June and regd PH-HES. Schreiner Airways ordered a BN.2A for their company in Indonesia. C-GSXW, a Twin Otter, was delivered to Rotterdam on 28/12 and within a short while it will depart to Iran(?). Also ordered is a Beech 200 for charter-flights.

The KLM ordered two extra B.747Bs. On 21 January the prototype Mystere 50 and a Falcon 10 and 20 were demonstrated to Philips at

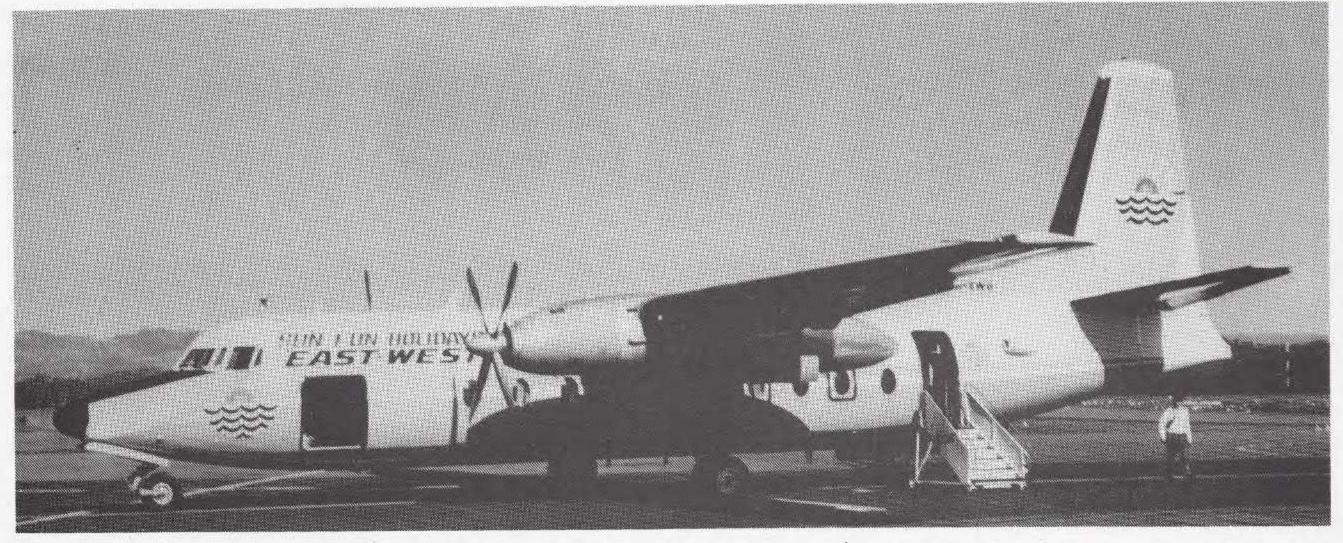
Eindhoven (Welschap) Airport. The management of Zestienhoven/Rotterdam has plans to create an airstrip in the Maasvlakte. The strip is to become 600 metres long and should be used by aircraft from Zestienhoven for practise flying. No hangars or what so ever will be built.

Propellor Flight Services BV (PFS) is a new company which is part of VanHeemstede Int.BV.



PART 9

Special thanks to F.Schaefers, 1TASW, Aero Review, A.P.I., W. Zwakhals and last but not least Fokker-VFW.



268 PH-FGF, f/f 25-11-64, 01-12-64 to VH-FNJ of Ansett, 22-05-71 to Ansett AL NSW, 30-06 10264 -76 to Ansett AL of South Australia replacing VH-FNB, 24-07-77 to Ansett ANA, current.

167 PH-FGG, f/f 14-12-64, 11-01-65 to PI-C514 of Philippine Air Lines, 13-11-71 to '10265 10265 of the Philippine Air Force, acurrent.

173 PH-FGH, f/f 24-12-64, 05-01-65 to VH-EWG of EWA 'City of Orange', current. 10266

10267 167 PH-FGI, f/f 02-02-65, 09-02-65 to PI-C516 of Philippine Air Lines, 11-08-71 to '10267'

of the Philippine Air Force, current.

10268 463 PH-FGK, f/f 25-01-65, 02-02-65 leased as D-BARI to Condor (Lufthansa), 06-06-68 back Fokker, regd PH-ARI (7-6-68/10-69), 07-06-68 leased to Air Congo, 06-08-69 back Fokker 16-10-69 to F-BRQL of Euralair, 13-07-73 to HB-AAZ of Balair AG, 17-09-73 leased to United Nations Organisation, for service in Israel, 01-02-74 back Balair,

10269 151 PH-FGL, f/f 17-02-65, 26-02-65 to LX-LGB of Luxair 'Prince Jean', current.

10270 463 Watch this! f/f 23-02-65 as PH-FGM, 05-03-65 leased to Condor (Lufthansa) as D-BARO, 06-06-68 back Fokker, regd PH-ARO (07-06-68/10-77), 22-08-68 leased to Air Congo, on 08-05-69 back Fokker, 25-07-69 leased to ATI (replaced I-ATIT), 29-11-69 back Fokker, 30-12-69 leased to BIAS/Libyan National Airways (Linair), 02-04-70 leased to Lina Congo, 02-06-70 back Fokker, 04-06-70 leased to BIAS/Linair, 28-12-74 subleased to Libyan Arab Airlines, back Linair, wfu at Antwerp-Deurne early 1976, 25-06-76 back to Fokker, stored Ypenburg, 11-11-76 leased to Air Anglia, 25-10-77 bought BIAS and reregd G-BFDS, stayed on lease to Air Anglia, current.

10271 266 PH-FGN, f/f 22-03-65, 02-04-65 to PH-SAB (2-4-65/7-2-66) of Schreiner Airways, 04-01-1966 leased to Indian AC and crashed (still leased) Kashmir, Srinagar on 07-02-66

266 PH-FGO, f/f 26-03-65, 05-04-65 to PH-SAD of Schreiner Airways, after Schreiner's bank-10272 rupt, on 01-12-70 to KLM 'Evert van Dijk', 29-08-68 leased to NLM, 20-09-68 leased to Fokker, 21-09-68 subleased to Euralair, 01-11-68 back Fokker, 04-11-68 back KLM, and leased to NLM 'Evert van Dijk', on 01-02-72 bought by NLM, current.

470M PH-FGP, f/f 24-04-65, 470 of Sudan Air Force ntu, 17-05-65 del. as '833', 15-08-70 10273 to ST-ADX of Sudan Airways, 10-05-72 crashed while landing on one prop at El Obeid. 10274

177 PH-FGR, f/f 26-04-65, 04-05-65 to TF-FIJ of Icelandair 'Blikfaxi', current.

472 PH-FGS, f/f 20-05-65, 25-05-65 to N10265 of Oasis Oil, 16-04-74 reregd 5A-DBE, on 10275 29 November 1976 to Libyan Arab Airlines, current.

275 PH-FGT, f/f 03-06-65, 11-06-65 to HB-AAV of Balair, for Swissair, 01-04-71 wfu at 10276 Basle/for sale, 07-03-72 leased for three years to NLM 'Jan Moll' and regd PH-KFD (7-3-72/current), bought, current.

10277 470 PH-FGU, f/f 21-06-65, 28-06-65 to '844' of Sudan Air Force, 15-08-70 to ST-ADY of Sudan Airways, current.

10278 279 PH-FGV, f/f 30-06-65, 08-07-65 to AP-ATU of Pakistan International Airlines, current. 279 PH-FGW, f/f 09-07-65, 23-07-65 to AP-ATT of PIA, 08-10-65 crashed Himalaly, w/o. 10279

10280 280 PH-FGX, f/f 23-07-65, 09-08-65 to VH-FNK of Ansett, ANA, to Ansett AL, lease to Air Niugini, May 1976 bought, 09-09-76 reregd P2-ANL, current.





