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Dear Reader,

Our decision to change from the Dutch to the English language has been a well
 thought over one, made to make FLASH a magazine which is also interesting for
 foreign readers. We sincerely hope that our readers in Holland agree with all
 this and will keep assisting us in producing a magazine worth reading!
 A magazine like FLASH and that's something we realize damned well, can only
 exist thanks to the aviation-enthusiast, thanks to you (just think of the
 movements section). We appreciate this but we definitely don't want to give
 you the impression that we are satisfied now! Once and for all we want to
 make it clear that FLASH isn't just a magazine for you, but from you. It is
 your duty to see that we can make FLASH a fascinating publication; we managed to
 do so 12 months, see that we can add another 120!!!

Hoping to hear from you,

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Cover Photograph:

Very fine landing-shot of a German Fiat G-91R; This aircraft belongs to Waf-
 fenschule 50 ,one of the Flying Training Schools of the Luftwaffe, based at Erding.
 As you probably know , the two-letter code on all German Air Force aircraft has
 disappeared since 1968(BD on this a/c stands for WS-50).
 Latest rumours learn us that USAFE's 525 TFS at Bitburg , equipped with F-4E's ,
 has been detached to Erding.For that reason we assume that WS-50 has moved else-
 where. Does anyone know where to?

M O V E M E N T S

Rimini (Italy)

C.Bruschi, F.Balboni

- July 6 15-2 MM-50-174: HU-16A IAF
- 9 FR-30 s/n 51-17015: RF-84F BAF 42 TRS Bierset .
- 12 FT-34 s/n 55-3043: T-33 BAF
- 13 15-3 MM-50-175: HU-16A IAF
- 17 24471: T-39 USAF
- 0-49505: C-47 USAF
- BU/68-491
- BU/68-495: F-4E USAF 36 TFW/525 TFS Bitburg (till 19-7)
- 19 36-14 s/n 38299, c/n 27: F-86K IAF 36 Stormo Gioia del Colle
- 15-4 MM-50-177: HU-16A IAF
- 20 3-418 s/n MM-51-17418: T-33 IAF 3 Aerobrigata Villafranca
- 27468
- 27470
- 28739
- 28740: RF-84F RHAF 110 TRW/348 TRS Larissa
- 23 832 s/n MM-51-8832: T-33 IAF 8 Stormo Cervia
- 26 FX-38 c/n 9078
- FX-80 9138: F-104G BAF 10 Wing Kleine Brogel
- FR-23 s/n 51-1912: RF-84F BAF 42 TRS
- 30 FU-139
- FU-142: F-84F BAF (till 31-7)
- August 4 36-67 s/n MM-51-17488: T-33 IAF 36 Stormo
- FR-5 s/n 51-1949: RF-84F BAF 42 TRS
- 6 FU-142
- FU-158: F-84F BAF (till 9-8)
- 10 D-5804: TF-104G RNethAF Volkel (till 11-8)
- D-8125: RF-104G RNethAF 306 sqn Volkel (till 11-8)
- 11 4-1; 4-5; 4-12: F-104S IAF 4 Stormo (till 12-8)
- 13 22+17
- 22+75: F-104G Bundesmarine MFG-1 Schleswig-Jagel (also on 16-8)
- 18 FR-19 s/n 53-7439
- FR-21 51-1876: RF-84F BAF 42 TRS
- 19 3-13 s/n 52-7397: RF-84F IAF 3 Aerobrigata
- OT-CEB CP-44 s/n 38141 c/n 20044: C-119 BAF
- 21 4-18: F-104S IAF 4 Stormo (till 22-8)
- HR/65-741
- HR/66-480: F-4C USAF 50 TFW/10 TFS Hahn (till 23-8)
- 24 0-16538: U-6A USAF Aviano
- 27 40163: C-141A USAF
- 28 2-19
- 2-23: G-91R IAF 2 Stormo Treviso

Soesterberg

D.Tabak

- August 4 FX-03 c/n 9018
- FX-86 9147: F-104G BAF 10 Wing Kleine Brogel
- 31+20
- 31+97 c/n 91-465: G-91R Luftw. WS-50 Erding
- 5 DZ/63-889: C-130E USAF 516 TAW/347 TAS home-base Dyess AFB, Texas
- 9 95+16 s/n 58-0680: T-33A Luftw.
- 0-33269: MC-118A USAF
- 27+41 c/n 5743: TF-104G Luftw.
- 10 133189: T-33AN CAF
- ST-28 c/n 1028
- ST-36 1036: SF-260M BAF
- 34+11 c/n 91-2-0012
- 34+17 91-2-0019: G-91T Luftw. WS-50 Erding .
- OT-CWG K-16: C-47 BAF
- 11 34+17: G-91T Luftw.

Soesterberg, cont.

August 12 ST-12 c/n 1012: SF-260M BAF
53+40: Noratlas Luftw. WS-50 Erding

16 0-33244: MC-118A USAF

20 RS/69-249
RS/69-265: F-4E USAF 26 TRW/526 TFS Ramstein (till 24-8)
ST-13 c/n 1013: SF-260M BAF

24 28+28 c/n 5928: TF-104G Luftw. WS-10 Jever
WS/64-855: F-4C USAF 81 TRW/91 TFS Bentwaters
34+06 c/n 91-2-0006
34+26 : G-91T Luftw. WS-50

25 HS/69-550: F-4E USAF 50 TFW/496 TFS Hahn
ST-20 c/n 1020 ST-02 c/n 1002
ST-33 1033 ST-36 1036: SF-260M BAF

26 34+31
34+23: G-91T Luftw. WS-50
30+43 c/n 91-108
32+65 91-535: G-91R Luftw. LeKG-42 Pferdsfeld
0-25806: MC-131A USAF
24473: T-39A USAF HQ 17AF

27 34+15 c/n 91-2-0017: G-91T Luftw. WS-50

30 0-33244: MC-118A USAF

31 34+11 c/n 91-2-0012 (also on 1-9)
34+16 91-2-0018
34+31 : G-91T Luftw. WS-50

Sept. 8 FT-17 s/n 51-17468: T-33A BAF
MT-2 c/n 259
MT-18 275 "Red Devils": CM-170 BAF
FT-36 s/n 55-3047: T-33A BAF
ST-17 c/n 1017
ST-18 1018: SF-260M BAF

9 0-21176: T-29D USAF
0-33261: MC-118 USAF
ST-12 c/n 1012
ST-34 c 1034: SF-260M BAF

10 0-33535: VT-29B USAF HQ 17AF
RS/69-253
RS/68-538: F-4E USAF 26 TRW/526 TFS Ramstein
HS/68-531: F-4E USAF 50 TFW/496 TFS Hahn
FC-04 c/n 5101: TF-104G BAF
0-70593
0-70685: T-33A USAF 17AF

14 XR-109: Argosy C1 RAF 114 sqn Benson
FC-05 c/n 5102: TF-104G BAF

15 HR/65-780: F-4D USAF 50 TFW/10 TFS Hahn
34+12 c/n 91-2-0013: G-91T Luftw.

16 30+23 c/n 91-080
33+19 91-590: G-91R Luftw. LeKG-42 Pferdsfeld
30+35 91-095
31+97 91-467: G-91R Luftw.

22 0-17892: VT-29B USAF 710LABW
95+01 s/n 58-0601: T-33A Luftw.
DT-497 s/n 51-6497: T-33A RDAF

24 AT/64-076
AT/64-085: RF-4C USAF 10 TRW/32 TRS Alconbury

Leeuwarden

via D.Hertogs

August 23 XH-563: Vulcan B-2 RAF

24 WR/65-765: F-4D USAF 81 TFW/78 TFS Woodbridge

26 CR/68-441: F-4E USAF 32 TFS

30 104807
104839: CF-104 CAF

Leeuwarden, cont.

Sept. 3 MT-43 c/n 322: CM-170 BAF
 FX-73 c/n 9125
 FX-83 9141: F-104G BAF
 7 142/V: SH-34J R.Neth.NAS
 9 90+87: P-149D Luftw. JG-71 Wittmundhafen
 21 73+10 c/n 8430: UH-1D Luftw.

Twenthe

H.Sloot

Sept. 1 FX-32 c/n 9069
 FX-84 9142
 FX-94 9164: F-104G BAF 10 Wing/31 sqn. Kleine Brogel ;
 FC-05: TF-104G BAF 10 Wing/31 sqn.
 2 32+55
 32+74: G-91R Luftw. LoKG-42 Pferdsfeld
 3 27+27 c/n 5728
 28+16 5946: TF-104G Luftw. JaBo G-36 Rheine
 91+21
 90+48: P-149D Luftw.
 6 ST-28 c/n 1028: SP-260M BAF

Volkel

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August 26 65-9402: C-141A USAF 438 MAW
 Sept. 2 53+55: Noratlas Luftw. LTG-62 Colle
 7 20+37: F-104G Luftw. JaBo G-34 Memmingen .
 22+21
 22+75: F-104G Luftw. MFG-1 Schleswig-Jagel
 24461: T-39A USAF
 FC-02: TF-104G BAF
 WH-850: Canberra T-4 RAF
 8 O-50279: VC-131D USAF
 9 XM-244/C: Canberra B(I)8 RAF 3 sqn.
 15 FX-41 c/n 9084: F-104G BAF
 FC-12: TF-104G BAF
 16 XV-431: F-4M RAF 31 sqn.
 XV-724/BQ: Wessex HC-2 RAF 18 sqn.
 22 AZ-O s/n 68-9112
 AZ-N 68-9106: RF-5A R.Norw.AF 717 sqn. Sola .

Valkenburg

S.C.Valkenburg

August 4 31+69: G-91R Luftw.
 8 OT-CMD K-8: C-47 BAF
 9 156529/LP-12: P-3C Orion US NAVY VP-49sqn.
 13 157318/LP-32: P-3C US NAVY VP-49sqn.
 18 MT-50 c/n 236: CM-170 BAF
 26 K-4015: MP-5B R.Neth.AF
 30 153415/LE-26: P-3B US NAVY VP-11sqn.
 31 156524/LP-10: P-3C US NAVY VP-49sqn.
 Sept. 1 MT-43 c/n 322: CM-170 BAF
 2 53+55 c/n 185: Noratlas Luftw. LTG-62 Celle
 MT-47 c/n 203: CM-170 BAF
 6 157318/LP-32: P-3C Orion US NAVY VP-49sqn.

Deelen

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Sept. 22-23 "International Heli-Fly-Inn":

A-209	A-261	A-342	A-471	A-550:All.III	R.Neth.AF				
-218	-275	-351	-483	R-107	R-116	R-136	R-165	R-179	
-236	-301	-439	-499	-109	-122	-152	-171	-181	
-246	-302	-453	-521	-114	-126	-153	-172	-186	
-254	-319	-464	-542	-115	-127	-155	-170	-206:Piper	R.Neth.
-260	-336	-465	-543		-132	-160	-174		AF

S-1, S-4, S-5, S-8: Beaver R.Neth.AF
 E-14: S-11 R.Neth.AF
 M-21 s/n 51-17491: T-33A R.Neth.AF
 74+28
 74+29; Bell 47 G-2 Luftw.
 83+10 c/n WG-10: H-21C Germ. Army
 80+59 c/n 581515: CH-34J Germ. Army
 70+69
 71+38: UH-1D Luftw. HTG-64
 72+56 c/n 8376 73+27
 72+12 73+10 c/n 8430: UH-1D Germ. Army
 73+63
 77+13 c/n 1865: All. III Luftw.
 76+91 75+20 75+50 75+16: All. III Germ. Army
 76+90 75+86 76+16
 76+07 75+02 75+22
 76+89 75+09 76+62
 OT-ZKD B-4 c/n SA-145
 OT-ZKP B-15 58-836: CH-34J BAF
 OL-A18
 OL-A21
 OL-A72: All. II Belg. Army
 XT-550/D
 XV-836/E
 XW-195/A: Sioux Royal Army
 XR-516/BE: Wessex RAF 18 sqn.
 37922: Beaver US ARMY 38510: UH-1B US ARMY
 15152 16338 17514 15223
 13813 15556 10914 15177: OH-58A US ARMY
 13811 15666 13732: UH-1D US ARMY
 242/K: Wasp R.Neth.NAS
 225/V: UH-1B R.Neth.NAS

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Open House Eindhoven AB

On 19-9-1971 Eindhoven AB - home of 314 and 316 sqns., R.Neth.AF, both equipped with NF-5A and Bs, opened its gates to the public. All current types of aircraft in service with the RMAF were shown in a static-show and in a flying display, which was held in the afternoon.

It really was a disappointment to us, that there were no foreign aircraft or stunt-teams invited. The bright weather and the fact that we got all kinds of coöperation from the PRO of the base, Major Hendrickx, however, made us forget alot.

The static Park contained the following aircraft:

K-3018: NF-5A 314 sqn.	S-1 s/n 55-3485: Beaver
D-8243: F-104G 312 sqn Volkel AB	A-227 c/n 1227: All. III
M-41 s/n 55-4952: T-33A	K-4011: NF-5B (Hangar)
P-231 s/n 53-6742: F-84F	CR/68-441: F-4E USAF
R-167 s/n 54-2457: Piper	
E-27: S-11	

The Flying Display made appear:

R-122 s/n 54-2411, R-161 s/n 54-2451: Piper
 E-3: S-11
 S-6 s/n 55-4582: Beaver
 CR/68-413: F-4E USAF
 M-42 s/n 51-4952
 H-81: All. III
 K-3008(315), 3015(314), 3026(--), 3029(314)
 K-3049(--): NF-5A
 C-4: F-27M
 D-8281, 6700, 8343, 8115, 8257, 8047: F-104G

Flight Line:

K-3058 ---	
K-3059 ---	
K-4015 ---	
K-3012 316sqn.	
K-3016 314sqn.	
K-3021 ---	
K-4014 ---	NF-5A/B

French Air Power Part 1:

"L'AÉRONAVALE FRANÇAISE"

This article has been written for FLASH by Jacques Chenot, based on a study by J.P. Dubois, appeared in "Trait d'Union", the magazine of the French Branch of Air Britain.

General coordination by F.J. Klaassen.

The "Aeronautique navale française" or "Aéronavale" as it is usually known, forms an integral part of the French Navy.

In 1910 the Navy achieved their first sea-planes and since this year Aéronavale has become a powerful organisation with 14.000 men personnel and an annual number of flying hours of 100.000!

The aircraft of Aéronavale are normally land-based, although some "Flotilles" are temporarily aboard aircraft carriers. These are:

- 2 combat aircraft carriers "Clemenceau" and "Foch", which can carry 40-50 aircraft including Alizé, Crusader and Etendard.
- 1 training carrier, the "Arromanches" (ex HMS Colossus, Royal Navy); in war time this ship can be used for anti-submarine actions (helicopters) Its dimensions (length is about 210 metres) don't allow heavy combat aircraft to land, but lighter types such as the Alizé and CMI70 Zephyr are no problem at all.
- 1 helicopter carrier, the "Jeanne d'Arc", which can carry some 8 heavy helicopters Super Frelon.
Besides these, the light helicopters are often aboard the cruisers and escorters.

The Aéronavale uses a wide variety of aircraft:

- Etendard IVM, to be replaced by Jaguar M in the future, is used as a combat aircraft against enemy ships. The first of the 69 Etendards entered service in 1962.
- Etendard IVP, the reconnaissance version of the IVM.
The Aéronavale received 21 IVPs.
- LTV F-8E(FN) Crusader: 42 Crusaders were ordered for the French navy, who was looking for a replacement for the Aquilons. They are serialized 151732/151773 and coded 1/42.
- Lockheed Neptune: Aéronavale received 26 P2V-6 Neptunes and 33 P2V-7s, serials: 126514, 126522, 126537, 126540, 134638/134641, 134643/134650: P2V-6;
144681/144692, 147562/147569, 146431/146438,
148331/148334: P2V-7.
Some of the P2V-7s have been passed on to the R. Neth. Navy in 1966, namely nr. 691, 692, 434, 438, which became V-215, 216, 217, 218.
- Breguet 1150 Atlantic: so far 40 Atlantics have been ordered, a maritime patrol and anti-submarine aircraft. The first Atlantic entered service in 1965.
- Breguet 1050 Alizé: The first out of 75 Alizés arrived in 1960. The aircraft is intended for the search and attack of submarines and can operate from carriers like "Foch" and "Clemenceau".
They are coded 1/75.

and several other types, like Super Frelon, Nord 262, All, II and III, Sikorsky

Codes

In the years before 1961 Aéronavale used a code which was based on:

- the destination of the unit
- the number of aircraft in service with a unit in a certain period.

Resuming, Avenger "9F-5" was the 5th Avenger of Flottille 9F, in a certain period. One year later this same Avenger could be coded 9F-12, depending on a revision after which it was out of action for some time.

Aéronavale has two kinds of formations:

- A. Flottilles, letter code "F"
(Flottilles are operational units equipped with one type of a/c.)
 - 1F - 9F: Anti-Submarine, embarked
 - 10F - 19F: Embarked fighters
 - 20F - 29F: Heavy Anti-Submarine, land based
 - 31F - 33F: Helicopters
- B. Escadrilles, letter code "S"
 - 1S - 19S: Surveillance, liaison
 - 20S - 29S: Helicopters
 - 30S - 39S: Transport
 - 50S - 59S: Training
- C. Local Sections
(attached to an Aéronavale base)
A two-letter code, indicating the base, followed by a certain number, depending on the number of aircraft in service.
Less is known about these local sections and the given list is no doubt incomplete.

BR: Brest
DK: Dakar
HT: Hourtin
OR: Paris/Orly
PA: Paris/Le Bourget Dugny
RO: Rochefort
SR: Saint Raphaël

Since 1 January 1961 a more simple code system has been adopted, which dropped the unit-codes.

Every Aéronavale type now carries a simple number (maximum 3 figures) which doesn't change during its entire career.

We can make the following division:

- A. French types:
The registration is the constructionnumber, e.g. Alizé "68", Etendard IVM "18".
Note: aircraft of the pre-series are preceded by a zero, e.g. Etendard "06".
- B. Foreign (=not French) types:
The registration is usually formed by the latter figures of the original constructionnumber, e.g. C-47 c/n 18984 became "84".
Identification of the original serialnumber may sometimes be quite difficult, e.g. Avenger "672" might have been serialized 53672, 69672, 85672, or 91672, but which one is correct?
Note: The French Crusaders are numbered 1/42; though their constructionnumber are not known, they are serialized 151732/151773 resp. A fact is that they were not transferred, but bought by the French.

The Bases

Lorveoc-Poulmic

This base, situated near Brest, was built in 1937 for sea-planes like Breguet "Bizerte", "Gourdou". It was completely destroyed during WW-2, but rebuilt and in 1945 "l'école navale", the naval school, was installed.

A few months later Escadrille 1S arrived down from Rochefort and Escadrille 50S was created for training purposes. Since 1950 several types of aircraft were based here: Avro Anson, Juncker 52, Supermarine Walrus, Stampe, Sunderland. Now the base is entirely "helicopterized" and houses Escadrille 32F and 22S, equipped with Super Frelon and Alouette.

Lann-Bihoué

A very interesting Naval Air Base, originally owned by a local aero club. It is situated near Lorient, a nuclear missile submarine base, which gives it a most strategic value. Based here are Flotilles 4, 9, 23, 24, 25F and Escadrilles 2 and 12F, equipped with Alizé, Neptune, Atlantix, Flamant, Paris II.

Nîmes-Garons

A quite modern base, built in 1958, which houses Flotilles 6, 21, 22F and Esc. 56S, with Atlantic, Alizé, C-47 and Beech 777A.

Saint Mandrier

Created in 1933 as a base for sea-planes, its hangars have seen Breguet Bizerte, Sunderlands and Marlui flying around before becoming an all-helicopter base now. She is a home for 31 and 33F and for 23S (Sikorsky HSS-1) and 2 Alouette II used by customs.

Hyerès

This base was created in 1925, though in fact it were the Germans who built the 1890 metres long runway. In 1946 the Seafires and Dauntless' from the carriers "Dixmuid" and "Arromanches" were stationed here, in 1949 the Seafire MK. XV, in 1950 the Hellcat and Helldiver.

In 1951 the first Avenger arrived, soon followed by the F4U-7 Corsair and in 1956 the Aquilon, the first jet-fighter of Aéronavale, was based at Hyères. Since 1963 she houses 17F and 3, 59F, with Alizé and Etendard.

Landivisiau

The base was completed in 1967 and has a 2700m. runway. It now houses the 2 Crusader Flotilles 12 and 14F, and also 11 and 16F found their home here (Etendard IVP/M).

Saint Raphael

This base, built in 1911, was destroyed in 1959. Based here at the moment are 10 and 20S, with various types of aircraft, such as Flamant, Alizé, Beech, Alouette, Sikorski HSS-1, Super Frelon.

Aspretto

The naval base dates from 1885, but natives had to wait until 1934 to see the first aircraft flying here. In 1955 Flotille 9F arrived with their TRM Avengers but sadly enough they moved to Hyères just after receiving the Alizé in 1960. In 1961 Escadrille 55S (Nord 262, Beech SNE-5) brought things back into life again.

The Units of Aéronavale

Flotille 4F

Radio-callsign F-XCD.
B.A.N. Lann-Bihoué
12 Breguet 1050 "Alizé"

The origin of this flotille goes back to 1919, when Escadrille AR-2 was formed, equipped with the Nieuport bi-plane.

Then the FLASH-time machine takes you back to 1951, when, after a long stay in Indo-China, in 1960 the unit receives her first Alizé and moves to Lann-Bihoué in 1964. Like all the other Aéronavale units, Flotille 4F is land-based, but embarks on an aircraft-carrier for exercises of 2-3 months.

Flotille 6F Radio call-sign F-XCF.
B.A.N. Nimes Garons
12 Breguet 1050 "Alizé"

This flotille has a double fonction: 1) training of flying personell of the Alizé; 2) operational missions to protect navy ships, and anti-submarine actions. The training is taking place at Nimes, which has a specially equipped runway to simulate deck-landings, and also aboard the "Arromanches" carrier.

Flotille 9F Radio call-sign F-XCI.
B.A.N. Lann-Bihoué
-- Breguet 1050 Alizé

Founded in 1945 (though its history goes back to 1928) 9F was equipped with Dornier 24 sea-planes, then Curtiss "Helldiver" in Indo-China, Avenger in 1956. Present aircraft they are flying with is the Alizé, which arrived in 1960. This unit is the twin-sister of Flotille 4F.

Flotille 11F Radio call-sign F-XCK.
B.A.N. Landivisiau
12 AMD Etendard IVM

Based at Landivisiau since 2 May 1967, this Flotille is often embarked on the carriers "Foch" and "Clemenceau".

Flotille 12F Radio call-sign F-XCL.
B.A.N. Landivisiau
12 LTV F-8E(FN) Crusader

This was the first unit to receive the Crusader in 1964 at Lann-Bihoué, where it was formed. Four years later the flotille moved to Landivisiau, in August 1968. It is often aboard one of the combat carriers for missions like protecting ships, interception of enemy aircraft, etc. When it is land-based the flotille participates with Armée de l'Air in the air-defence rôle.

Flotille 14F Radio call-sign F-XCM.
B.A.N. Landivisiau
12 LTV F-8E(FN) Crusader

This flotille was formed in 1953 and equipped with F4U-8 Corsairs. It participated in the operations in Algeria and Indo-China. It was disbanded in 1964 at Aiers, but reformed in 1965 at Lann-Bihoué, equipped with Crusaders; its base is Landivisiau since 1968. The flotille carries out the same missions as 12F.

Flotille 16F Radio call-sign F-XCP.
B.A.N. Landivisiau
10 AMD Etendard IVP
AMD Etendard IVM

Formed in 1955, Flotille 16F was originally a night-interceptor unit, equipped with the "Aquila". They changed their aircraft for the new Etendard IVP at Hyeres in May 1964 but moved to Landivisiau on 1 April 1969. The flotille is regularly carrier-based and flies tactical reconnaissance and night reconnaissance missions; it also operates with the 33 Escadre of Armée de l'Air. The unit has its own laboratory and film-interpretation service.

Flotille 17F Radio call-sign F-XCQ-
B.A.N. Hyeres
12 AMD Etendard IVM

Also this unit is often aboard the combat carriers "Clemenceau" and "Foch". Their armament may consist of bombs, rockets, canons, AS 30 missiles or Sidewinders.

Flotille 21F Radio call-sign F-XCU.
Flotille 22F Radio call-sign F-XCV.
B.A.N. Nimes-Garons
7 + 7 Breguet 1150 Atlantic

In 1953, Flotille 11F was divided into 2 new flotilles, namely 21F and 22F, equipped with P2V-6 Neptunes and based at Larfique (Algeria).
In 1961, the 2 units moved to Nimes and received their first Atlantics in late 1965 (first Atlantic arrived to equip 21F on 15 December 1965).

Flotille 23F Radio call-sign F-XCW.
B.A.N. Lann-Bihoué
7 Lockheed P2V-7 Neptune

This flotille began its career in 1940 as 2F, then equipped with Glenn Martin 167 "Marylands", based at Bizerte-Karouba. In December 1940 it moves to Marrakedi, later to Dakar, where they stayed for 9 years. By then the flotille is re-equipped with Wellingtons and Lancasters.

In 1953 the flotille is re-named 23F, and receives the the P2V-6 Neptune at Port-Lyautec. The more modern P2V-7 arrives in 1959 and in 1961 the flotille installes at Lann-Bihoué. Nowadays it moves, although based in Bretagne, often to the Pacific area.

Flotille 24F Radio call-sign F-XCX.
B.A.N. Lann-Bihoué
9 Breguet 1150 Atlantic.

This flotille descends from the "Escadrille de bombardement d'aviation militaire" based at Dunkerque, which bombed the German sub-marines, back in the old days, in 1915-1918.

The first Aéronavale aircraft to make a trans-polaric flight in 1968 was an Atlantic (Nr. 51) from this flotille! They are equipped with this aircraft since 1967.

Flotille 25F Radio call-sign F-XCY.
B.A.N. Lann-Bihoué
9 Lockheed P2V-7 Neptune

This unit was created in 1953 as Flotille 11F at Lartique, then flying Lancasters. Leaving Algeria in 1953 they moved to Lann-Bihoué, then designated 25F.

Flotille 31F Radio call-sign F-XCA.
B.A.N. Saint Mandrier
12 Sikorski HSS-1

Now land-based, then carrier-based, this flotille is to destroy any sub-marine, which is crazy enough to show its periscope.

Flotille 32F Radio call-sign F-XCB.
B.A.N. Lann-Bihoué-Poulmic
12 Super Frelon

Created in 1958 at Lartique, equipped with HSS-1. In July 1962 the unit installed at Saint Mandrier, and in 1964 Lann-Bihoué-Poulmic became the new home-base. The first 3 SA-321 Gb Super Frelon arrived 15 January 1970 and the HSS-1 were sent back to Saint Mandrier.

Flotille 33F Radio call-sign F-XCC.
B.A.N. Saint Mandrier
12 HSS-1

This unit is specialized in support missions. When based on the "Arromanches", marines are being trained, but when land-based, also Army personell gets its training. For certain missions the HSS-1 may be armed with cannons and AS-11 missiles.

a F L A S H Report :

OPEN HOUSE B.A. CAMBRAI/EPINOY , FRANCE , 19-9-'71

by F. Klaassen

For us ,living in Holland, it is not often possible to see many aircraft of different types of the French Air Force at the same time ,so when we heard that an Open Day was to be held at Cambrai/EpinoY on September 19, 1971, FLASH decided to go there and take a look.

The airfield is situated in the middle of a hilly, industrialized part of Northern France, some kilometres north of , ' yes ' you guessed it right, the city of Cambrai. Interesting to know is that you can find another airfield south of Cambrai. This is Cambrai/Nierges , a reserve-base of the FAF.

But let us return to the other Air Base(EpinoY) where the following units are based:

- 12 Escadre de Chasse (12th Fighter Wing) existing of two Escadrons de Chasse (Fighter Squadrons) :
 - Escadron de Chasse I-12 "Cambrésis", code 12-Y. , sqn. insignia being a Tiger and a Wasp.
 - Escadron de Chasse II-12 "Cornouaille" ,code 12-Z. , sqn. insignia being a Scorpion and a Dog.
 - "Section de liaison de la 12 Escadre de Chasse" code 12-X. , equipped with T-33A, Magister, Dassault Flamand , MH Broussard.
- Escadron de Bombardement III-93 " Sambre" being one of the 4 squadrons which are forming the 93-ième Escadre de Bombardement (93 Bomber Wing); at present this squadron is flying the GAMM Mirage IV A.

The two Fighter Squadrons are equipped with the Super Mystère B-2 ,making Cambrai/EpinoY the only base operating this type of aircraft together with Creil/Seulis which houses the 10 Escadre de Chasse.

No less than 31 Super Mysteres of the 12th were to be seen in the Open Day area, nicely lined up in front of the public.About 10 of them took off during the flying display which was held in the afternoon with excellent weather conditions.

Here's what we have noted down for you on that successful Open Day:

T-33A : 12-XB 14116	CM-170 Magister : -- 43
12-XC 14835	12-XM 30
12-XE 14044	12-XK 344
12-XN 53107	12-XL 153
Flamand : c/n 248 -	10-KG 404
Mirage III c : 10-RG 70 -	S.A. Vautour : 30-MC 308
Mirage IV A : XA 25	Broussard : 12-XI 163
XC ?	Noratlas M2501 : 64-IL 63
XK 12	
Super Mystère : 12-YI 22	12-ZL 13
12-YA 156	12-ZJ 15
12-YG 151	12-ZK 113
12-YB 90	12-ZP 166
12-YJ 170	12-ZC 43
12-YH 136	12-ZF 139
12-YE 111	12-ZO 173
12-YD 88	12-ZE 50
12-YC 159	10-SL 117
12-YL 172	10-SS 16
12-YM 112	
12-YP 148	
12-YK 74	
12-ZH 60	
12-ZB 54	
12-ZQ 109	
12-ZM 77	
12-ZG 153	
12-ZD 175	

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RF-84F Thunderflash in service with
Royal Netherlands Air Force.

P-1 ex 51-17001 delivery/date 22/11/63
At Volkel AB in RHAF colours 3/63

P-2 ex 51-11254 d/d 18-12-56
Crashed 13-8-57 near Aaien (Limburg) just after take-off

P-3 ex 52-7233 d/d 20-4-56 /from Laarbruch
Left Gilze-rijen AB on 17-16-63 to enter service with TurkAF

P-4 ex 52-7241 d/d 16-4-56
Left Gize-Rijen on 17-10-63 to enter service with Turk.AF

P-5 ex 51-11253 d/d 11-5-56
At Volkel in RHAF colours on 3/63, seen in service with
nr 348 Sqn RHAF in 1967

P-6 ex 51-17000 d/d 11-5-56
former registration TP-8; to TurkAF in March '63

P-7 ex 52-7231 d/d 13-4-56
to TurkAF on 17-10-63 from Gilze-Rijen

P-8 ex 52-7236 d/d 2-3-56
crashed 3-10-57 near Venraij

P-9 ex 52-7239 d/d 16-5-57
to TurkAF in March 1963

P-10 ex 52-7242 d/d 21-3-56
to TurkA in October 1963

P-11 ex 52-7284 d/d 22-3-56
to TurkAF in March 1963

P-12 ex 51-17002 d/d 2-3-56
crashed 3-10-58 near Schijndel

P-13 ex 52-7243 d/d 20-9-57
former registration TP-14; to TurkAF in March 1963

P-14 ex 52-7280 d/d 23-10-56
to TurkAF in March 1963

P-15 ex 52-7286 d/d 25-9-56
was badly damaged in '63, to Avio-Diepen for repair;
to TurkAF in January 1964

P-16 ex 52-7296 d/d 29-11-56
crashed near the Möhnedamm (Germany) on 20-7-58

P-17 ex 52-7232 d/d 11-1-57
crashed near Slochteren on 8-6-60

P-18 ex 51-16997 d/d 18-12-56
crashed 3-6-58 in Germany

P-19 ex 52-7444 d/d 29-1-57
to TurkAF in March 1963

P-20 ex 52-7434 d/d 6-11-56
to TurkAF on 17-10-63 from Gilze-Rijen AB

P-21 ex 51-1890 d/d 1-12-58
to TurkAF on 17-10-63 from Gilze-Rijen AB

P-22 ex 51-1909 d/d 9-12-58
crashed 19-4-60 near Hahn AB, Germany

P-23 ex 51-1910 d/d 14-10-58
to TurkAF on 17-10-63 from Gilze-Rijen

P-24 ex 51-1924 d/d 13-12-58
to TurkAF on 17-10-63 from Gilze-Rijen

Note: The RF-84F's of the R.Neth.AF equipped one squadron namely nr. 306 sq. until 1963. At that time they were based at Deelen AB and their aircraft were at first registered TP-1 to TP-25, while they were not camouflaged in the beginning.

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-- NEWS -- NEWS -- NEWS --

An Alouette III of the R.Neth. AF's Search and Rescue Service based at Soesterberg crashed nr. De Kar on October 9, pilots being injured. Registration is H-08.

--- News ---- Scandals ---- Rumours ---- News ---- Scandals ---- Rumours ---

A new squadron Herculeses arrived at Mildenhall very recently; the aircraft are coded "FH" (48 TAS/313 TAW) and are to replace the boys from "LM", who will be going back to the States soon.

On Thursday, September 30 1971, another 3 T-33A's took off for the last time from Dutch soil. After a few overshoots M-11, 44 and 59 left Soesterberg for good, making the total amount of withdrawn RN thAF T-birds to 7; the aircraft are being given back to the USAF.

Again we are to inform of the loss of a Dutch Starfighter. D-8267 (311 Sqn) crashed in the IJsselmeer on September 20, the pilot ejected safely.

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Messages:

- For sale: large collection of aviation books, magazines, photographs, etc. Please contact Fr. Roos
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- Will anyone who has any information on the Topsy Nipper please write to P. van Oers
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Eindhoven - Holland.
- Aviation Groups, interested in cooperating with the "Spotting Group Volkel", covering all spots of aviation in the Volkel AB area, are kindly requested to contact J. van de Oetelaar
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Corrections and Additions:

- FLASH Nr 11: Page 11 RDanAF F-104 list.TF-104G RT-681 s/n 63-12681
page 12: F-104G R-344 is with Turk.AF as FG-344; to be added R-349 s/n 62-12349. R-752/756 and 759 are ex 64-17752 etc.
R-752 w/o 22-2-72 in Kattegat
Construction Nrs: R-340/349 c/n 6039/6048; R-645/647 c/n 6094/6096; R-698/703 c/n 6050/6055; R-707 c/n 6059
R-752/756 c/n 6097/6101; R-759 c/n 6104
- FLASH nr 12: page 5: Twenthe Aug 11 Harrier XV780 is not "K" of Nr 4 Sqn; "K" belongs to XV794 of Nr 4 Sqn (seen at Ramstein 12-6-71).
page 5: Hahn August 4 TF-104G WGAF 28+28 c/n 5958
page 7: Büchel July 21 3098 G691R/3 WGAF c/n 364, 3157 c/n 425.
page 8: Rhein/Main O-40181 C-121C National Guard Bureau;
128426 C-118B USMC Washington; O-60530/535/538/541 RC-130A USAF
7407 CSW; Spangdahlem July 15 CVA(1077) and CVQ(1685) French Army
page 11: K-4023 NF-5B delivered 30-07-71. Total delivery:
K-3001/62, K-4001/16,4018/20,4022/23.

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2.	D-8115	F-104G	R.Neth.AF 322/323 sq.
3.	EB-399	T-33A	WGAF
4.	O-71007	C-124	USAF
5.	P-233	F-84F	RNethAF
6.	O-72548	C-54	Nevada ANG
7.	13189	C-130	Turk AF
8.	11-MO	F-100D	FAF
9.	155532	F-4J	USNavy
10.	119706	Bird Dog	CAF
11.	"1"	F-4E	Thunderbirds
12.	AH-A	F-5A	RNorwAF
13.	31+99	G-91R	WGAF
14.	HR/65684	F-4D	USAF
15.	33-NF	Mirage 3R	FAF
16.	24473	T-39	USAF
17.	5413	Pembroke	WGAF
18.	CR/68433	F-4E	USAF
19.	JC-240	Sabre	WGAF
20.	9439	T-33A	WGAF

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Photographs on the following page:

1. A very rare shot of 3 F-5A's of the Turkish AF on approach to Aviano AB during the air-show which was held there on June 25 and 26.
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4. This RF-84F was seen at Bremgarten AB, on August 2 1971; quite a monument!
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5. One of Aeronavale's Etendard is to be seen at this picture, taken at the Strasbourg Open Day in 1970.
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