

ENGLAND - CHRISTCHURCH (N.Z.) AIR RACE 1953

HANDICAPS

Number 21: DC 6A entered by K.L.M. (Royal Dutch Airlines)

Payload	31,826 -lb.
All-up Weight	105,533 -lb.
Handicap Speed	182.38 m.p.h.
Handicap Allowance	44 hours 29 minutes 31 seconds

Number 22: Hastings entered by the Royal New Zealand Air Force

Payload	21,357 -lb.
All-up Weight	83,000 -lb.
Handicap Speed	213.75 m.p.h.
Handicap Allowance	35 hours 0 minutes 0 seconds

Number 23: Viscount entered by British European Airways

Payload	5,862 -lb.
All-up Weight	62,000 -lb.
Handicap Speed	584.36 m.p.h.
Handicap Allowance	NIL.

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THE ENGLAND - NEW ZEALAND AIR RACE

Work is already in hand at London Airport in preparation for the start of the London - New Zealand Air Race on Thursday, 8th October. For this event, the Public Enclosure is being transferred to the new Central Terminal Area, and members of the public who visit the Airport to view the competing aircraft on the three view days (5th - 7th October) or on the start day will gain access to the re-sited Enclosure through the newly-built half-mile tunnel. The Enclosure will close for the winter on Sunday, 11th October.

Following the withdrawal of the North American B45 Tornado from the Speed Section and the Custer Channel Wing Corporation's CCW5 from the Transport Handicap Section, the list of entries now stands at nine in the Speed Section and five in the Transport Handicap Section. A slight alteration has been made in the starting times; the Transport Handicap Section will be started between 4.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. and the Speed Section between 5.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Some brief biographical notes on the crews of competing aircraft are appended.

Brief Biographical Notes on Crew Members

ROYAL AIR FORCE. Canberra PR Racing No. 1

Chief Pilot: W/Cdr. Lewis M. HODGES, DSO and bar, DFC and bar. B. 1/3/1918. Entered RAF College, Cranwell, 1937. Flew Hampdens early in War; shot down over France, 1940, evaded capture, and rejoined his squadron (No. 49). DFC, 1942. In 1943 appointed to command No. 161 (Special Duties) Squadron, responsible for parachuting agents into occupied countries. Awarded DSO and bar to DFC for work with this squadron. Staff College, 1944. In November, 1944, appointed to command No. 357 (Special Duties) Squadron in Far East, flying Liberators over Burma, Siam, French Indo-China and Malaya. Bar to DSO, 1945. Since War has served at Air Ministry as Staff Officer to Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, and at Ministry of Defence. Recently completed course at RAF Flying College.

Home town: London

Navigator: S/Ldr. Robert CURRIE, AFC. b. 4/11/20. Joined RAF, 1939, and completed three operational tours. Flew in Blenheims from England, and later in Blenheims, Marylands, Baltimores and Bostons in Middle East. Navigator with transport supply squadron in Far East, 1944. Since War has undertaken navigation training duties and has recently been senior navigation officer at several bomber stations.

Home town: Withington, Manchester.

ROYAL AIR FORCE. Canberra PR. 3 Racing No. 2

Chief Pilot: S/Ldr. Leslie G. PRESS, AFC and bar. b. 1/3/1919. Joined RAFVR, 1938. Early in War was instructor in UK and Canada. AFC, 1943. 1943-45, Coastal Command in Britain and Azores. After War spent three years with Handling Squadron, preparing pilot's notes on new RAF aircraft. In 1951 commanded No. 12 Squadron, and flew one of the four Canberras which made "Operation Round-Trip", the 24,000 mile flight to Central and South America, Oct-Dec. 1952. Bar to AFC, 1953.

Home town: Maidstone, Kent.

Navigator: F/Lt. John W. HARPER, DFC. b. 25/5/1920. Joined RAF, 1940, and served in Malta, Middle East and India. Completed two operational tours as navigator on long-range fighters. DFC, May, 1945. Navigation Officer to No. 12 Squadron, and was S/Ldr. Press' navigator on "Operation Round-Trip".

Home town: Sunderland.

ROYAL AIR FORCE. Canberra PR. 3 Racing No. 3

Chief Pilot: F/Lt. Roland L.E. BURTON, AFC. b. 18/5/1918. Joined RAF, 1937, as engineer-tradesman. Trained as pilot, 1941. 1942-45, flying instructor. Then attached to RAF Airfield Construction Branch in Far East and Germany. In charge of plant undertaking airfield extensions for Berlin Airlift. Since 1950 has been flight commander in PR squadron, and recently did trials on the Canberra PR. 3. In Feb. 1953, made the first RAF photographic flights over the flooded areas of Eastern England.

Home town: New Quay, Cardiganshire.

Navigator: F/Lt. Donald H. GANNON, DFC. b. 5/8/1923. Joined RAF, 1942. Trained in Canada and on returning to England completed 56 bombing operations with No. 139 (Pathfinder) Squadron. DFC. 1945.

Home town: Benson, Oxfordshire.

ROYAL AIR FORCE CANBERRA RESERVE CREW:

Pilot: F/Lt. Robert M. FURZE. b. 9/11/1928. RAF, College, Cranwell, 1947. Posted to No. 617 Squadron. Transferred to No. 101 Squadron (the first Canberra squadron), 1951.

Home town: Bishops Stortford, Herts.

Navigator: F/Lt. Thomas E.M. DUNNE. b. 21/6/1925. Joined RAF, 1943, and trained in South Africa. Since War has been employed as GCA controller. Formerly with No. 12 Squadron.

Home town: Feltham, Middx.

ROYAL AIR FORCE. Valiant B. 1 Racing No. 10

Chief pilot: F/Lt. Ernest B. TRUBSHAW, MVO. b. 1925. Experimental test pilot with Vickers-Armstrong since 1950. In June, 1953, appointed deputy chief test pilot. Pilot in King's Flight, RAF, from August, 1946, to Dec. 1948, and piloted Viking during the Royal Tour of South Africa. MVO, 1949. Empire Flying School, Hullavington, 1949, later on staff of RAF Flying School, Manby. Played cricket for RAF, 1946-49.

/Co-pilot:

Co-pilot: S/Ldr. Rupert G.W. OAKLEY, DSO, DFC, DFM. b. 21/2/1915. Joined No. 600 Squadron, AAF, 1934, as rigger. Learnt to fly, RAFVR, 1936, and stationed at Redhill until 1939. Joined No. 61 Squadron, RAF, 1940, flying Hampdens, and made 33 operational flights from Hemswell, DFM, 1941. Later with Bombing Development Unit, and also served as instructor at OTU. Jan, 1942, joined No. 83 Squadron (flying Manchesters) and flew in two 1,000-bomber raids over Germany. Later became flight commander in No. 627 Squadron, flying Mosquito low-level "markers". DFC, 1944; DSO, 1945. Made 74 operational sorties.

Home town: Shirley, Croydon.

Navigators: F/Lt. Wilfred R. PEASLEY, DFC. b. 1/5/1920. Joined RAF, 1939, and completed one operational tour on Beaufighters in Middle East, and two tours on Mosquitos in Far East.

Home town: Hambledon, Henley-on-Thames.

Derek L. JONES. b. 1923. Joined RAF, 1942, as navigator/wireless-operator and flew in PR operations, including tour of duty in Far East with No. 684 Squadron. Joined BEA, 1947, and Vickers-Armstrongs, 1951.

Home town: Surbiton, Surrey.

Flight Engineer: Frank CURTIS. b. 1915. Aircraft Inspector. Joined Vickers-Armstrongs, 1932, as trainee engineer. During War worked in Service Dept. of Vickers and on various RAF stations in Bomber, Coastal and Flying Training Commands. After War was in Argentina and India on liaison work with airlines operating Vikings. Since 1951 has been working exclusively on inspection work in flight trails of the Valiant prototypes.

Home town: Claygate, Surrey.

Flight Observer: Gordon R. HOLLAND. b. Sept. 1925. Joined Vickers-Armstrongs as apprentice, 1940. In 1944 was in Flight Test Section, and has taken part in test flights of Viscounts and Valiant. Appointed Senior Flight Observer, 1951.

Home town: Weybridge, Surrey.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE. Canberra B. 20 Racing No. 4

Chief pilot: W/Cdr. Derek R. CUMING, AFC and bar. b. 1917. Commands No. 1 Long Range Flight, RAAF, which was formed to train crews for the Race.

Home town: Melbourne, Victoria.

Second pilot: F/O Robert J. ATKINSON. B. 1925 at Gympie, Queensland. Served in RAAF since 1943.

Home town: Brisbane, Queensland.

Navigator: S/Ldr. Colin G. HARVEY. b. 1920. Joined RAAF, 1939, and flew Beaufighters with No. 30 Squadron, RAAF, 1942-3. Was W/Cdr. Cuming's navigator on first England - Australia Canberra flight, Aug. 1951.

Home town: St. Kilda, Melbourne, Victoria.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE. Canberra B. 20 Racing No. 5

Chief pilot: S/Ldr. Peter F. RAW, DFC. b. 1923. Joined RAAF, 1941, and one of the few RAAF pilots to train in Rhodesia. Awarded DFC and Polish Cross of Valour flying heavy bombers with the RAF in Italy.

Home town: Melbourne, Victoria.

Second pilot: F/O. Francis N. DAVIS, DFC, b. 1922, in Bathurst, NSW. Joined RAAF, 1941, trained in Canada and flew on operations in Europe, 1944. Served with No. 1 Squadron, RAAF, in Malaya, 1951-2, flying Lincolns.

Home town: East Ipswich, Queensland.

Navigator: F/Lt. William D. KERR. b. 1918. Served in RAAF since. 1941.

Home town: Melbourne, Victoria.

OATES. Mosquito 41 Racing No. 6

Chief pilot: S/Ldr. Aubrey J.R. OATES, DFC. b. 1922. Learnt to fly with Newcastle Aero Club, NSW, 1938. Joined RAAF, 1939, and flew with Nos. 4 and 14 Squadrons, RAAF. DFC, 1943, for low-level bombing attack at Rabaul in Beaufighter. Has held flying instructor's grading since 1941. Specialist navigational course, 1943. Seconded to de Havilland Proprietary (Australia) as senior test pilot, 1949, testing Mosquitos. Resigned in 1952, and flew Lockheed Lodestar on airline between Australia and Italy. Has over 6,000 flying hours on more than 54 types.

Home town: Campbelltown, NSW.

Co-pilot: F/Lt. Douglas H. SWAIN, DFC. b. 1918. Manager of "Sydney Morning Herald" Flying Service. Joined RAAF, 1942. Awarded DFC for bombing operations on Wurtzburg when with No. 8 Group, Pathfinder Force. After War flew for Australian National Airways. Has over 6,000 flying hours.

Home town: Camden, NSW.

WHITEMAN. Mustang Racing No. 7

Chief pilot: F/Lt. James L.C. WHITEMAN. b. Learnt to fly in England, and served with RAAF, flying in Pacific theatre during War. Since 1933 has flown in Europe, Australia and Africa, and spent two years with Argentine Air Force. Is the only pilot in the Race flying solo.

Home town: Kogarah, NSW.

WOODS. Mosquito 41 Racing No. 8

Chief pilot: Captain James WOODS. b. Head of Woods Airways Proprietary Ltd. operating a service between Perth, WA, and Rottnest Island (26 miles) in Avro Ansons - one of the shortest scheduled routes in the World. Served in 1914-18 War and later flew for Western Australian Airways. In 1934 appointed manager of MacRobertson-Miller Aviation Co. in Perth. Has over 21,000 flying hours. Is the only pilot in the Race who also flew in the MacRobertson race to Australia in 1934. (Lockheed Vega, with D.C.T. Bennett as navigator, retiring at Aleppo).

Home town: Perth, WA.

Navigator: Not yet named.

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KIM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES. Douglas DC-6A, PH-TGA Racing No. 21

Captain: Captain Henry A.A. KOOPER. b. 1907, Amsterdam. Learnt to fly, 1927. Joined KIM, 1930, and flew Amsterdam - Far East route. Promoted to First-class Captain, 1946. Made proving flights between Netherlands and Indonesia, via Mauritius, in 1949. Has also flown on North Atlantic and other routes, and has 18,500 flying hours.

First Officer: Joseph F. GRIFFITH. b. 5/11/1915 in Dublin, now of Australian nationality. Flew flying-boats with RAAF during War. Learnt to fly, Hatfield, Herts, 1938, and afterwards flew with QANTAS for two years. Made 30 flights across the Indian Ocean. Joined KIM, 1947. First Officer on first Mauritius flight, 1949.

Home town: Amsterdam.

Second Officer: P.J. AARTS. b. Venlo, 1913. Military training before the War. Demobbed, 1947, and now flies with KIM on Indonesian route.

Third Officer: J.I. NOOMEN. b. Gouda, 1921. Learnt to fly at Netherlands Government Flying School and joined KIM in 1947.

First Radio Operator: J.M.C. KIEPE. b. Bergen op Zoom, 1910. Joined KIM, 1929. Chief radio operator on KIM's eastern and Australasian routes since 1951.

Second Radio Operator: J. van den BOS. b. Heemstede, 1921. Joined KIM, 1940.

First Flight Engineer: H. van der HAM. b. Oudendoorn, 1913. Joined KIM, 1931, and in 1938 posted to West Indies as a flight engineer for servicing Douglas DC-5s. Returned to Netherlands, 1946, and is now chief flight engineer on DC-6s.

Second Flight Engineer: W.F.J. TIEIMAN. B. Utrecht, 1906. Joined KIM, 1928, and has completed 25 years' service with them. Became first-class flight engineer after War, and served for a time in South Africa.

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For the first third on the route the Cabin Service Crew will be

L.J.M. HERMANS, (aged 26); D.H. HOFTIJZER (32) and MISS E.M.L. PINAULT (air hostess);

For the second stage:

J. STILL (29); W.J. JOBSE (29) and MISS N.T.B. JASPERS (air hostess);

and for the final stage:

M. de JONGH (28); J.A. van PRAGH (31) and MISS M.S.L. KREMER (air hostess).

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE. Hastings C.3, NZ 5804 Racing No. 22

Chief pilot: W/Cdr. Robert F. WATSON, AFC. b. Jan. 1920. at Kumara, West Coast, South Island, NZ. CO of No. 41 (Transport) Squadron, RNZAF. Joined RNZAF, 1940; commissioned 1941. In 1941-2 served with No. 2 (GR) Squadron, Nelson. Transferred to Pacific area and completed tour of operations with No. 3 (Bomber Reconnaissance) Squadron. Posted to RNZAF Pacific Ferry, Honolulu, 1943, and later became its CO. On return to NZ served with Nos. 2 and 75 Squadrons, and then took course at RAF Staff College. Also completed courses at the RAAF School of Land/Air Warfare, at Williamstown, Victoria, and the Empire Flying School in the U.K. OC of CFS, Wigram, 1948-51.

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Pilots: S/Ldr. Cyril L. SIEGERT, DFC. b. 1923, Fairlie, South Canterbury. Joined RNZAF, 1942, and trained at Harewood and in Canada. Served with Nos. 199, 297 and 299 Squadrons, RAF, during War on heavy bomber missions over France and Germany, and secret missions over France, Holland and Norway. Took part in airborne operations at Normandie on D-Day, at Arnheim and the Rhine. DFC for mission to Arnheim. Seconded to BOAC, 1945. In 1947 became Dakota captain with RNZAF on NZ - Japan route. In 1949-52 flew Yorks and Hastings to NZ. Now deputy flight commander with No. 41 Squadron, Whenuapai. Has over, 5,300 flying hours.

F/Lt. Keith B. SMITH. b. May, 1923. Manurewa, Auckland. Joined RNZAF, 1942, and trained at Wigram. During War served in Italy, Egypt, and Palestine, and flew on bombing and supply-dropping missions in Austria and Yugoslavia. Flew on Berlin Airlift and completed two tours with No. 24 (Commonwealth) Squadron, RAF. Has flown UK - NZ and NZ - UK and many other routes. Now on staff of Director of Operations and Flying Training, RNZAF HQ, Wellington.

F/Lt. Leonard A.R. HILL, b. 1921, at Te Kuiti. Joined RNZAF, 1942, and trained in Canada as a navigator. Since 1945 has flown transport aircraft. Has served with No. 24 Squadron RAF. Learnt to fly after War in NZ and is now with No. 41 Squadron.

Navigators: F/Lt. Raymond H.J. MYHILL. b. London, 1924. Joined RAF, 1942, and trained as navigator in England and Canada. During War flew on transport operations over Europe; 1945-47 in Far East, including six months with VIP flight, Air Command, South-East Asia. 1947-8 on UK - Singapore route in Yorks. Flew 272 sorties in Berlin Airlift. Joined No. 24 Squadron, 1949. Joined RNZAF, 1952. Now station navigation officer, Whenuapai.

P/O. Graham C. PETERSON. b. 1927, Auckland. Joined RNZAF, 1948, and after completion of navigation training posted to No. 41 Squadron. Commissioned, April, 1953.

Sgt. Ian A. JOHNSON. B. 21/8/1929, Wellington. Joined RNZAF, 1949, and did navigation training at Wigram. With No. 41 Squadron since 1950.

Signallers: F/Lt. Alan F. JACOBSEN, AFC. b. Feb. 1914, at Christchurch. Joined RNZAF, 1941, and trained at Electrical and Wireless School, Wigram. During War served with Nos. 1 and 4 Squadrons, RNZAF. Since War has served with No. 24 Squadron, RAF, and Nos. 41 and 75 Squadrons, RNZAF. Has flown 12 times over UK - NZ route. AFC, 1946. Has over 4,500 flying hours. Now on Staff of Directorate of Signals, RNZAF, Wellington.

P/O. George R. BLACKETT. b. Jan. 1923, in London. Served four years with RAF, and joined RNZAF, 1951. Flew about 600 hrs. with de Havilland's on Comet development. Holds First-class flight radio-operator's licence. Now Signals Leader with No. 41 Squadron, RNZAF.

Sgt. Jack HOBDEY. b. 1924, Wakefield, Yorks. Joined RNZAF, 1949, previously five years with RAF. Completed air signaller's course, 1950.

Flight Engineers: Master Engineer Donald N. STARK. b. 1917, Dunedin. Joined RNZAF, 1938. Flight Engineer's course, 1944. With No. 24 Squadron, RAF, 1947-49. Now with No. 41 Squadron.

Sgt. Hugh W.E. BROMLEY. b. Southampton, 1919. Joined RAF, 1936. Aircraft Apprentices Course, Halton, 1936-38. During War served as engine fitter and flight engineer/air gunner. Also served in Canada. Stationed at Empire Flying School, Hullavington, 1947-49, on ground duties. Joined RNZAF, 1949.

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Sgt. Alwynne ROSE. b. 1926, Picton. Joined RNZAF, 1945, and served as engine mechanic; qualified as flight engineer. Served with No. 41 Squadron, in Malaya, 1949. Has been on Hastings aircraft since 1952.

Air Quartermasters: Sgt. Ronald L. HORNE. b. 1927, Christchurch. Joined RNZAF, 1945. Joined Interim Air Force after War and served in Japan with BCOF. Since returning to NZ has served in Equipment Branch.

Sgt. Samuel B. BRYAN. b. 1912, Ireland. Joined RNZAF, 1949. Previously three years with RAF. Before being seconded to air quartermaster's duties was in Equipment Branch.

Meteorologist: S/Ldr. Laurence N. LARSEN, BSc. b. 1912, Westport. Graduated BSc from Canterbury University College. Trained as pilot in the Air Force Civil Reserve and completed pilot's course at EFTS, Wigram. Served with RNZAF, 1942-7 as met. officer. Now in charge of the Meteorological Office at Mechanics Bay, Auckland. Awarded US Legion of Merit during War. Commissioned in Territorial Air Force, 1951.

Doctor: S/Ldr. Robert J. CROKE, MB, ChB. b. Cambridge, NZ. Commissioned in medical branch of RNZAF, 1949. Pilot's course, 1952. Specialist in aviation medicine.

In Charge of Servicing Party: F/Lt. James D. HURLEY, b. 1916, Patea. Joined RNZAF, 1936, as fitter and served with units in NZ and Fiji during War. Commissioned as pilot officer, 1943. Now engineer officer of No. 41 Squadron. Permanent commission RNZAF, 1947.

His servicing party consists of:-

F/Sgt. Gordon R. HOMER, BEM. b. Dunedin, 1919. (Airframe)
F/Sgt. John B. BARTON. b. Gradac, Yugoslavia, 1912. (Radio)
Cpl. Graeme W. JACKSON. b. Wanganui, 1928. (Airframe)
Cpl. Thomas C. FOORD. b. Sittingbourne, Kent, 1914. (Electrics)
IAC Lawrence T. KENDALL. b. Takapuna, Auckland, 1927. (Engines)
IAC Harold F. BUCKNELL. b. Upper Hutt, Wellington, 1929 (Engines)
IAC Glen G. ANDERSON. b. Auckland, 1929. (Instruments).

Civilians carried will be Ulric WILLIAMS, Representative of the NZ Broadcasting Service, and William COURTENAY, OBE, MM, aviation correspondent, Kemsley Newspapers.

BRITISH EUROPEAN AIRWAYS. Viscount 700, G-AMAV Racing No. 23

Chief pilot: Captain William BAILLIE, AFRAeS. b. 23/5/1915, Glasgow. Chief Flight Captain and Deputy Director of Flight Operations of BEA. Trained at College of Aeronautical Engineering, 1933-36. Learned to fly, Brooklands, 1933, and gained commercial licence, 1936. Joined Allied Airways, and in 1938 was appointed a director. In 1939 flew on National Air Communications and later was chief pilot to Scottish Airways until 1947. Has captained Viscounts on many proving flights in Europe and to the Mediterranean.

Home town: Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

First Officer: Captain Arthur S. JOHNSON, DSO, DFM and bar. b. 1912, Hull. Went to sea as apprentice, 1926, and gained Second Mate's Certificate, 1931. Joined RAF, 1931; as sgt/pilot posted to No. 10 (Bomber) Squadron, then flying Heyfords. Leaflet raids over Germany, 1939. Bombing attacks on Fornebu and Stavanger, 1940, gaining DFM and then bar. Later posted as instructor, and then ferried Liberators and Hudsons across Atlantic. Served with Coastal Command, and in 1944 was in Bomber Command's Pathfinder Force, gaining DSO for raid on Nuremberg. Towards end of War seconded to BOAC, and flew Dakotas to Karachi, West Africa, and Cairo. Joined BEA, 1946, and is now a Viscount flight captain.

Home town: Iver Heath, Bucks.

Second pilot: Captain Stanley JONES, DFC, DFM. b. Market Drayton, 1922. Joined RAF, 1940. Learnt to fly, 1941, and posted to bomber squadron, flying Hampdens. Awarded DFM for operations in Manchester bombers. Later commissioned and awarded DFC. Made 63 raids on Germany. Shot down in Bay of Biscay when flying with a special duties squadron, he was interned in Lisbon, but four months later was back in England. In 1943 seconded to BOAC. Joined BEA, 1946. Now has over 7,000 flying hours, and is a Viscount flight captain.

Home town: Heston, Middx.

Flight Engineer: Stanley R. JONES. b. 1916. Joined Rolls-Royce Aero Test Dept. 1939. During War was a service engineer with many RAF Stations and aircraft constructors, including Vickers-Armstrongs, Gloster, de Havillands and Bristol. After War spent two years at Gloster's working on jet engines. Posted to Vickers, Weybridge, 1948, to work on Rolls-Royce airscrew/turbines

Electrical Specialist: Roland R. SHAW, b. 1924. Joined FAA, 1943, and served with British East-Indian and Pacific Fleets as leading electrician. Joined Vickers' Service Department, 1952, and since beginning of 1953 has been Vickers' representative with BEA.

Home town: Aldershot.

Maintenance Specialist: Ernest W. WALKER. b. 1912. Joined RAF as boy entrant and passed out at Halton, 1929, as LAC. Invalided from the RAF, 1931, and then became maintenance engineer. Holds Engineer's Licences A and C, and has also been engaged in experimental work on helicopters. In 1939 joined Vickers-Armstrongs on the Inspection Staff and was final inspector and flight engineer on Wellington and Warwick types. Joined Vickers' Service Dept. in 1947, and has been technical representative of the firm in the Middle East and Africa.

Home town: Guildford.

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Mr. Peter G. MASEFIELD, MA (Eng). FRAeS. Chief Executive of BEA, is nominated as Team Manager, and Mr. John PROFUMO, OBE, MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, since November, 1952, as Supernumary.

McKENZIE, Douglas DC-3C. N 57372 Racing No. 25

Chief pilot: Mrs. Dianna C. BIXBY. With her husband, Robert Bixby, operates an air-charter company, Bixby Airlines, at Long Beach, California, flying vegetables from Lower California to the Los Angeles area. She began flying in 1945 and in 1951 gained airline transport pilot's licence. Now has over 5,000 flying hours, mostly on DC-3s.

Home town: Long Beach, California.

Crew members are not finally nominated, but will probably consist of:-

Morris CENTER. Served in USAF during War, instructing in mechanics and flying in Burma.- India theatre.

Miss Betty HAAS, of New York;

Mrs. Gertrude J. McKENZIE (the nominator of the entry). b. Melbourne, 29/3/1910. Learned to fly, 1936. Commercial licence, 1938. Founded "The Gulls" flying club in Australia to encourage young people to fly cheaply. Hon. Sec. of the Australian Women Pilots Assn.

Home town: Aspendale, Melbourne.

/William

William L. RAUSCH, Rausch Aviation, Lockheed 18-56 Lodestar N. 367
Racing No. 24

Chief pilot: Vincent J. REAVELEY. b. 14/4/1919, Long Island. Learnt to fly, 1938, Roosevelt Field, New York. Licensed aircraft mechanic. In 1941 became flying instructor with USAAC. In 1944 joined Air Transport Command, and flew Curtiss Commandos on the India - China route over the Himalayas. Holds Air Medal of the USAF with Oak Leaf Cluster. After War became civilian flight instructor and then an airline pilot. Has over 8,000 flying hours.

Home town: Hillsdale, New Jersey.

Co-pilot: James C. CHAUDOIN. b. 9/9/1922, Akron, Ohio. Learnt to fly during War with USN and served until 1946. Gained civilian licence and has since flown on several airlines, including flights from USA to Tokyo. Has over 5,500 flying hours.

Home town: Butler, New Jersey.

Navigator: Richard W. HAITCH. b. 10/4/1919, Danbury, Conn. Served with US 5th AF as navigator during War in South-west Pacific. Flew in Mitchells from the US to Australia and in New Guinea, 1942-45. After War became reporter and also took private pilot's licence at Teterboro, 1952. Now employed as copy editor on New York paper.

Home town: Fort Lee, New Jersey.

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