

MILITARY AVIATION NEWS

Australia

★ Our Australian correspondent reports that the R.A.A.F. order for Dassault Mirage III interceptors may be increased from thirty to one hundred aircraft.

Indonesia

★ The ninth Lockheed C-130B Hercules for the Indonesian Air Force was delivered to Djakarta during the first week of August.

Japan

★ With the adoption of the F-104J fighter for the J.A.S.D.F. studies have been

started to evaluate the use of F-86F Sabres for ground support. The J.A.S.D.F. has a large number of Sabres in service and if they are found to be suitable for the proposed new role, they will enter service in 1964.

Kuwait

★ The Kuwait Government have ordered a number of Jet Provosts to form the nucleus of its air force. A model of a Jet Provost in Kuwait Air Force colours was displayed on the B.A.C. stand at Farnborough and the colour scheme was as follows: Silver overall with black wing-tip

tanks. The roundels consisted of a red outer ring, yellow middle ring and green centre. Fin emblem was a white circle with two crossed red pennants. Lower half of the red outer roundel ring had white arabic characters in its lower half.

United Kingdom

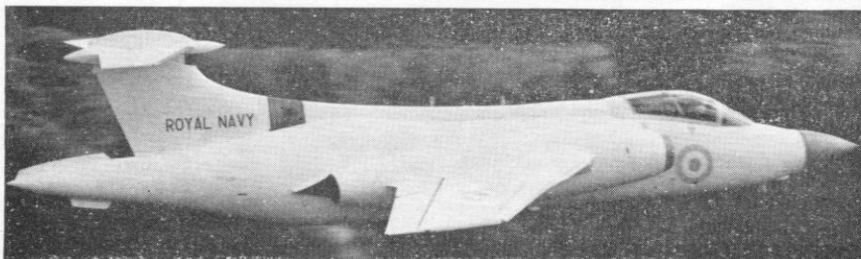
★ Three de Havilland Doves, recently ordered for the Royal Malaysian Air Force, were handed over at Hatfield on Wednesday 6th September. They left immediately for their home base, Kuala Lumpur, under the command of Group Capt. J. N. Stacey, Commander of the R.M.A.F. One of the three aircraft is a Dove 8, furnished as an executive transport, and the other two are Dove 7s, each with seven passenger seats and with provision made for the fitting of air-survey cameras.

★ Two of the companies within the original Hawker Siddeley Group have combined. They are Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft (formed in 1921) and the Gloster Aircraft Company (formed in 1915), and the combined company will be known as Whitworth Gloster Aircraft, Ltd.

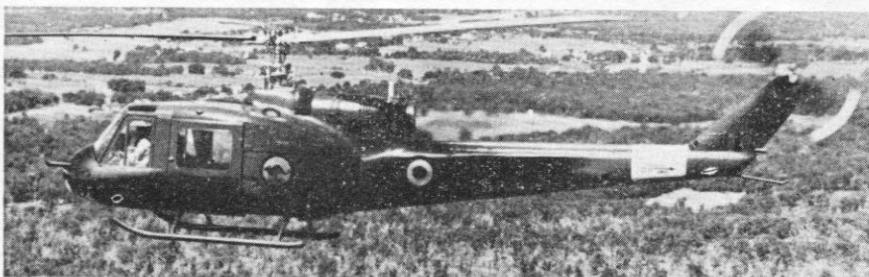
U.S.A.

★ Contracts for 1,141 aircraft, worth a total of \$1.8 billion, were in the hands of eight major Navy contractors on 30th April. The aircraft are to be delivered over the next two to three years. Grumman will produce 113 aircraft, McDonnell 144, North American 52, Lockheed 71, Douglas 301, Sikorsky 234, Chance Vought 156 and Kaman 70. The \$1.8 billion only covers the cost of the airframes, engines and other equipment will add to the cost.

★ The first of thirty Boeing C-135 Stratolifter jet transports for MATS recently arrived for operational duties at McGuire A.F.B., New Jersey.



Blackburn Buccaneers of the Royal Navy are now finished in the "all-white" standard anti-atom-flash colour scheme.



No. 90 (Search and Rescue) Squadron of the R.A.A.F. is to be equipped with Bell HU-1B helicopters. Delivery is expected to be complete before the end of next year.



Lightnings of 111 Squadron. The new marking replacing the former black bar consists of a black lightning flash through the roundel outlined in yellow.