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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	British Airliners [Manchester Airport] Color Photography
Date:	circa 1970 to 1981
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.1223
Extent:	0.01 Cubic feet (1 folder; 54 photographs)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of 54 photographs made by an unknown photographer between approximately 1970 and 1981, predominantly in a small 3.5 x 3.5 inch color print "snapshot" format. Most of the images are of airliners and are believed to have been taken from an observation deck at Manchester (Ringway) Airport, England (UK). Most images are soft-focus and have suffered yellowing and serious magenta-shift color fading overall.
Digital Content:	Image(s): NASM-9A19316: British Island Airways (BIA) Handley Page Dart Herald H.P.R.7 401 (r/n G-BEYF) on the ground at Terminal 1, Manchester (Ringway) Airport, England (UK); circa 1979.
Container:	Box 1, Folder 1; Box 1, Folder 1

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Unknown, transferred from R. E. G. Davies, NASM Aeronautics Department, circa 1989, NASM.XXXX.1223

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Manchester (Ringway) Airport, located in the Ringway parish of Cheshire, England, south of the city of Manchester, dates from the late 1930s. During World War II it served as a base for the Royal Air Force (RAF Ringway). After the war it was returned to civilian use, growing in size and operations until it became the largest UK airport outside of London in terms of total passenger traffic.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 54 photographs made by an unknown photographer between approximately 1970 and 1981, predominantly in a 3.5 x 3.5 inch color print "snapshot" format, but also including two 3.5 x 3.5 inch black and white prints and six 3.5 x 4.5 inch color prints. Most of the images are believed to have been taken from an observation deck at Manchester (Ringway) Airport, Cheshire, England (UK); a few appear to have been taken at the 1981 Leicester International Air Display; a very few were taken at airports outside of the UK including Amsterdam (Netherlands) and Charlottesville, North Carolina (USA). Aircraft pictured include the following: Aero Spacelines Super Guppy; Aérospatiale SN 601 Corvette; Agusta AB.206B Jet Ranger III (Agusta-Bell); BAC One-Eleven Family; Boeing Models 707, 727, 737, and 747; Bölkow/MBB Bo 105C; Britten Norman BN-2A-III Trislander; de Havilland (Canada) DHC-6 Twin Otter Series 300; de Havilland D.H.106 Comet Mk.4; Douglas DC-8 and DC-9; Handley Page Dart Herald H.P.R.7; Lockheed L-1011 Tristar Family (Model 93); McDonnell Douglas DC-10; Nihon (Kokuki Seizo) YS-11A-500; Shorts S.C.7 Skyvan Series 3M; Tupolev Tu-134A Crusty; Vickers (UK) Vanguard Type 952; and the Vickers (UK) VC2 Viscount Types 802 and 806. British airlines pictured include Britannia Airways, British Airways, British Caledonian Airways, British Island Airways (BIA), British Midland Airways (BMA), Court Line Aviation Ltd, Dan-Air, Invicta International Airlines, Laker Airways Ltd, and LoganAir. Foreign airlines pictured include Air France (France), Air Spain (Spain), Alitalia (Italy), Aviaco Lineas Aereas (Spain), Aviogenex (Yugoslavia), Canadian Pacific Air Lines (CP Air)(Canada), Caribbean Airways (Barbados), KLM (Koninklijke Luchtvaart Maatschappij) (Netherlands), LOT (Poland), Pan Adria (Yugoslavia), Pan American Airways (Pan Am) (USA), Piedmont Airlines (USA), Trans World Airlines (TWA) (USA), and Wardair Canada Ltd (Canada).

Most images are soft-focus and have suffered yellowing and serious magenta-shift color fading overall. Slightly more than half have some annotations on the reverse of the print.

Arrangement

Photographs are presented in original order.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Commercial
- Airplanes
- Airports

Container Listing

Folder 1	Photographs
Folder 1, Sheet 1	Photographs, Sheet 1 Notes: [CP Air (Canadian Pacific Air Lines) Douglas DC-8]; [British Airways Vickers (UK) VC2 Viscount Type 806 (r/n G-AOYP), circa 1974-1981]; [Britten Norman BN-2A-III Trislander (r/n G-BCEG), circa 1974]; F-BUQP, Aerospatiale Corvette 100 seen at Amsterdam in Air France colour, belong to Air Alsace [Air France (Air Alsace) Aérospatiale SN 601 Corvette (r/n F-BUQP)].
Folder 1, Sheet 2	Photographs, Sheet 2 Notes: [Agusta AB.206B Jet Ranger III (Agusta-Bell) (r/n G-BARX)]; BAC 1-11 501 B/CAL Man AP [British Caledonian BAC One-Eleven 501]; [Britannia Airways Boeing 737]; [Britten Norman BN-2A-III Trislander (r/n G-BCJX)].
Folder 1, Sheet 3	Photographs, Sheet 3 Notes: [Caribbean Airways Boeing 707]; Manchester Airport 1981, BAC 1,11 501 [British Caledonian BAC One-Eleven 501]; Manchester Airport 1981, G-AWBL BAC 1,11 416 [British Airways BAC One-Eleven 416 (r/n G-AWBL)]; Boeing 707 WARDAIR seen at Manchester [Wardair Boeing 707].
Folder 1, Sheet 4	Photographs, Sheet 4 Notes: G-AZEB BAC 1,11 Court Line BAC 1-11 517 Man/AP [Court Line BAC One-Eleven 517 "Halcyon Bay" (r/n G-AZEB)]; G-AZEC BAC 1,11 Court Line BAC 1-11 517 Man/AP [Court Line BAC One-Eleven 517 (r/n G-AZEC)]; YU-AJF Douglas DC9-32 Inex Adria: leased to Pan Adria Man/AP [Pan Adria Airways Douglas DC-9-32 (r/n YU-AJF)].
Folder 1, Sheet 5	Photographs, Sheet 5 Notes: Tupolev Tu 134A Man/AP [Aviogenex Tupolev Tu-134A]; Boeing 707-336B Man/AP [British Airways Boeing 707-336B]; Comet 4B Man AP [Dan-Air de Havilland D.H.106 Comet Mk.4B]; BAC 1-11 320 Man AP [Laker Airways BAC One-Eleven 320 (r/n G-AVBY)].
Folder 1, Sheet 6	Photographs, Sheet 6 Notes: [Alitalia Cargo System Douglas DC-9F]; G-AWZZ H.S. 121 Trident 3B Man/AP [British Airways Hawker Siddeley HS-121 Trident 3 (r/n G-AWZZ)]; BAC One-Eleven 510 Man/AP [British Airways BAC One-Eleven 510]; [KLM BAC One-Eleven].
Folder 1, Sheet 7	Photographs, Sheet 7 Notes: [Air France]; [Dan-Air de Havilland D.H.106 Comet Mk.4]; Type of Helicopter: AB-206B Jet Ranger 3, Seen at Leicester Air Show

1981 [Agusta AB.206B Jet Ranger III (Agusta-Bell) (r/n G-TALY),
Leicester International Air Display]; [KLM BAC One-Eleven].

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Notes: G-ASTJ CAB One-Eleven 201 British Caledonian Man/AP 1981 [British Caledonian BAC One-Eleven 201 (r/n G-ASTJ)]; [Air France Lockheed L-1011 Tristar]; Boeing 727-46 Man/AP [Dan-Air Boeing Model 727-46]; [Invicta International Vickers (UK) Vanguard Type 952].

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Notes: G-AVBY BAC 1-11 320 Manchester Airport [Laker Airways BAC One-Eleven 320 (r/n G-AVBY)]; Douglas DC-10 Manchester Airport [Laker Airways Douglas DC-10]; [Britten Norman BN-2A-III Trislander (r/n G-BCJX)]; [Pan Am Boeing Model 707].

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Notes: G-BAVX HPR Herald 214 British Midland Airways LTD [British Midland Airways (BMA) Handley Page Dart Herald H.P.R.7 (r/n G-BAVX)]; [British Island Airways (BIA) Handley Page Dart Herald H.P.R.7 (r/n G-BBXJ), 1974].

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Notes: [Ghana Air Force Shorts S.C.7 Skyvan Series 3M-400 (r/n G-BCFI), probably at Farnborough, 1974]; [British Airways Vickers (UK) VC2 Viscount Type 802 (r/n G-AOHV) in foreground; Airbus Industries Aero Spacelines Super Guppy in background, circa mid 1970s]; [Bölkow/MBB Bo 105C (r/n D-HDCH)] EC-CAD Douglas DC-8 Air Spain [Air Spain Douglas DC-8 (r/n EC-CAD)].

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Notes: 5 G-APMD Comet 4B Dan-Air [Dan-Air de Havilland D.H.106 Comet Mk.4B]; 2 EC-ARC Douglas DC-8 Srs 50 Dan-Air [Aviaco Douglas DC-8 (r/n EC-ARC)]; NAMC YS 11A 500 Charlottesville USA [Piedmont Airlines Nihon (Kokuki Seizo) YS-11A-500 (r/n N254P)]; [Agusta AB.206B Jet Ranger III (Agusta-Bell) (r/n G-BASE)].

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Notes: [LOT Tupolev Tu-134A]; [Airbus Industries Aero Spacelines Super Guppy]; BAC 1-11 LSD from BICAL [sp?] [British Airways BAC One-Eleven]; G BEYF Dart Herald 401 now operated by BAF [British Island Airways (BIA) Handley Page Dart Herald H.P.R.7 401 (r/n G-BEYF), circa 1979].

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Notes: G-BGPC DHC 6 Twin Otter 310 Man/AP 1982 [LoganAir de Havilland (Canada) DHC-6 Twin Otter 310 (r/n G-BGPC)]; N93109 Boeing 747-131 TWA: Diversion due to bad weather Man/AP 1981 [Trans World Airlines (TWA) Boeing Model

747-341 (r/n N93109)]; [Air Spain Douglas DC-8]; [LOT Tupolev
Tu-134A].