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RECORD NUMBER OF HELICOPTERS AT  
LEE-ON-SOLENT "AIR DAY"

Probably the largest number of helicopters ever to take part in a public display in Britain will be seen at the "Air Day" to be held at the Royal Naval Air Station at Lee-on-Solent (Hants) on Saturday, 11th August.

From anti-submarine, search and rescue and experimental and training squadrons of the Fleet Air Arm, some forty Whirlwind, Dragonfly, Hiller and Skeeter helicopters are to take part in flying demonstrations. Fixed wing Naval aircraft, ranging from the now obsolete Swordfish to modern Wyverns and Sea Hawks, will also be in the air and on the ground.

The "Air Day" at Lee-on-Solent is in aid of Naval charities.

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Admiralty, S.W.1.  
25th July, 1956.

Diary - Ask Admiralty for Passes.  
we may cover we may not, but passes  
please.

FLYING DISPLAY.

Commander (Air).  
Lieutenant Commander (Flying)  
Senior A.T.C.O.

Commander S.H.Suthers, D.S.C.,D.F.C.,R.N.  
Lieut.Commander R.Pridham-Wippell, R.N.  
Lieut.Commander E.Dufall, R.N.

1.00 to 3.00 Pleasure Flights.

3.00 Fly past of naval jet fighters and helicopters led  
by Sworcfish piloted by Lt/Cdr.M.W.Rudorf,D.S.C.,R.N.

No.831 Squadron.  
Lieutenant Commander S.C.Farquhar,R.N.

No.764 Squadron.  
Lieutenant Commander D.F.Battison, R.N.

No.700 Squadron.  
Lieutenant Commander R.W.Turrall,R.N.

No.845 Squadron.  
Lieutenant Commander J.C.Jacob,R.N.

No.705 Squadron.  
Lieutenant Commander G.C.J.Knight,D.F.C.,R.N.

3.02 Sikorsky S.55 Whirlwind Demonstration.  
by 845 Squadron.

3.07 Formation Aerobatics by four Seahawks of No.800  
Squadron.  
Commanded by Lieut.Commander J.D.Russell,R.N.

3.16 Helicopter Hay Ride.  
Pilots - Lieutenant Commander G.G.R.Miller,R.N. and  
Commissioned Pilot R.A.Peters,R.N.

Commentator.  
Assistant Commentator.

3.23 Glider Display.  
Pilot - Lieutenant Commander E.Dufall, R.N.

3.27 Sikorsky S.58 Demonstration.  
Pilot - Mr.W.H.Sear of Westland Aircraft Co.Ltd.

3.31 Hiller Antics - 705 Squadron.  
Lieutenant Commander E.C.Spreadbury,R.N.

3.36 Solo Aerobatics in a Seahawk.  
Pilot - Lieutenant Commander D.P.W.Kelly,R.N.

3.45 to 4.45 Pleasure Flights.

4.45 Mock Assault on Milvil Farm.  
Attacking Aircraft.  
No's 831, 764, and 700 Squadrons.

Assault Helicopters.  
No's 845 and 705 Squadrons.

*Parade* Defending Force.  
School of Aircraft Handling (commanded by Lieut.  
Commander Trelawney,R.N.).

Attacking Force.  
A contingent of Royal Marines from the Royal  
Marine Barracks, Eastney.

5.15 to 6.00 Pleasure Flights.

Commander P.B.Stuart,D.S.C.,R.N.  
Lieutenant Commander R.E.E.Taylor,R.N.