

PRESS RELEASE

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"PRESTWICK PIONEER"

THE FIRST AIRCRAFT OF SCOTTISH DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE
TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

At a ceremony to be held at the Factory of Scottish Aviation Limited on Prestwick Airport, at 12.15 p.m., on Friday, 7th August, Air Marshal Sir Robert Jones, Controller of Engineering and Equipment for the Royal Air Force, will accept the first of a batch of "Prestwick Pioneer" aircraft which is going into use by the Royal Air Force.

This aircraft has been specially designed by Scottish Aviation Limited for operation from any 100 yards of reasonably level ground. It takes off in 75 yards and lands in 66 yards.

As such, it is suitable as a pilot and four passenger communication aircraft for difficult territories, and for many military tasks such as jungle patrol.

However, by far the most interesting point about the "Prestwick Pioneer" is that it has been used as a half scale prototype for a twin-engined design, known as the "Twin Pioneer", which will have the same short take-off and landing performance, whilst carrying the useful commercial load of 16 passengers, or their equivalent weight in freight.

There are very many parts of the World which have a need for some economical form of Air Transport, but where the mountainous or other conditions of the country prevent the construction of airfields of normal size, and there are many more parts of the World where the traffic type and density just could not afford the heavy capital cost and other complications of airfield construction.

The post-war urge for ever faster, ever larger transport aircraft has left the more inaccessible communities without an economical aircraft for their special conditions, and it is for this peculiar, but quite considerable requirement that the 16-passenger "Twin Pioneer" has been designed.

A Specification of the "Prestwick Pioneer" and the "Twin Pioneer" is attached, and any Press representatives who will be interested to do so are welcome to attend the handing over ceremony.

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