

EDITORIALLate Publication Date of News Sheet

Owing to a recent holiday by the Secretary publication of this news sheet was unavoidably delayed. We hope that the news content will make up for this.

Ilford Meeting, Tuesday October 5

At 7, Farley Drive, Seven Kings commencing at 1930. The Secretary will present a colour slide show of his recent holiday to Scotland which will include views of former Eastern National Bristol FLF's operating in Stirling.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

1537	OHK227K	Bristol RELL6G	3/1554	E.C.W.	B53F	19234
1538	OHK228K	Bristol RELL6G	3/1555	E.C.W.	B53F	19235
1540	PEV502K	Bristol RELL6G	3/1593	E.C.W.	B53F	19236
3020	OWC293K	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/2/220	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	18889
3021	OWC294K	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/2/221	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	18890
3022	OWC295K	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/2/222	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	18891

3020 - 3022 are equipped for O.M.O. operation.

Delivery dates: 1537 - 8.71 1540 - 9.71 3021 - 9.71
1538 - 8.71 3020 - 9.71 3022 - 9.71

3020-2 (OWC293-5K) were to have been numbered 3005-7, the fourth Bristol VRT which was to have been 3008 will now be numbered 3023.

Acquired Vehicles

3006	SMS32H	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/302	E.C.W.	LD43/34FD	18824
3007	SMS33H	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/305	E.C.W.	LD43/34FD	18829
3010	SMS36H	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/308	E.C.W.	LD43/34FD	18828
3013	SMS39H	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/317	E.C.W.	LD43/34FD	18827
3015	SMS41H	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/319	E.C.W.	LD43/34FD	18832
3017	SMS43H	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/321	E.C.W.	LD43/34FD	18835
3018	SMS44H	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/322	E.C.W.	LD43/34FD	18834
3019	SMS45H	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/323	E.C.W.	LD43/34FD	18837

These vehicles were new in 1970 and are equipped for O.M.O. operation.

Acquired 9.71 ex. W.Alexander & Sons (Midland) Ltd., Falkirk, Stirlingshire, Scotland Nos. MRT 2/3/6/9/11/3-5

The complete batch of Alexander (Midland) Bristol VRT's is to be acquired, these are MRT 1-15 (SMS 31-45H), they will be numbered 3005-19 by Eastern National.

The vehicles were converted to 70-seaters (presumably LD39/31FD) before entering service. They are at present operating in Alexander (Midland) blue livery and will continue to do so until due for their next repaint. The vehicles have Eastern National fleetnames (some initially operated with Midland still on the front) and fleetnumbers in the form of transfers, they are equipped with standard garage plates. Although the terminal destination screens have been slightly modified the vehicles have retained their unique Scottish Bus Group destination number blinds layout.

Withdrawn Vehicles

9.71	1247(1862 F)	2868(RVW394D)	2873(RWC945D)
	2472(819 HNO)	2869(RWC941D)	2880(SVX279D)
	2865(RVW391D)	2870(RWC942D)	2881(UEV219E)
	2867(RVW393D)		

The Bristol FLF6G's have been transferred to W. Alexander & Sons (Midland) Ltd. in exchange for Bristol VRTSL6G's. The following Bristol FLF6G's are to be transferred to Alexander (Midland):

2865-8 (RVW391-4D), 2869-73 (RWC941-5D), 2878-80 (SVX277-9D) and
2881-3 (UEV219-21E). Total.....15

2874-7 (STW762-5D) which are Bristol FLF6B's will not be transferred.

The vehicles are to be numbered MRD 195-209 by Alexander (Midland). RVW391D and UEV219E were observed in the paintshops at the Midland garage at Larbert in early September and SVX279D and RWC945D were awaiting attention - the latter still proudly showing 311 on the rear blinds!

On a later visit to Stirling in mid September, MRD 195 (VW391D) was observed operating in full Midland blue livery from Stirling (S) garage on service 58 (Dunblane - Stirling - Cowie) and MRD 207 (UEV219E) was operating in full Midland blue livery from Bannockburn (BN) garage on service 55 (Cornton - Stirling - Bannockburn). These vehicles have retained their Eastern National "T" blind display which makes them unique amid the present Alexander (Midland) fleet.

It is understood that the ex. Eastern National vehicles are to be allocated to those Alexander (Midland) garages which previously operated the Bristol VRT's viz: Bannockburn, Stirling and Perth (P), although it is thought that MRD 203 (RWC945D) may be operating from Kirkintilloch (KH).

We hope to give further details next month.

Re-engined Vehicle

9.71 2465(267 GVW) to LD5G previously LD6B.

Allocations & Transfers

9.71 341-CN, 1309-SD, 1310-SD, 1315-SD, 1319-CR, 1327-BN, 1341-HH, 1354-SD, 1358-BN, 1402-HH, 1404-CF, 1412-HH, 1536-KN, 1537-HH, 1538-BN, 1604-SD, 2400-BN, 2488-KN, 2490-BE, 2512-CR, 2513-CR, 2523-BE, 2700-HD, 2715-CF, 2736-CN, 2770-BE, 2787-CF, 2802-CN, 2890-CY, 2893-BD, 2896-CY, 2898-CY, 2899-BN, 2900-CY, 2901-SD, 2925-CY, 3015-BN, 3017-SD, 3018-BN, 3019-SD.

Hadleigh has received its first Bristol RELL saloon and Canvey now has some semi-automatic Bristol FLF's for service 151. (q.v.). 3015/7-9 (SMS41/3-5H) are allocated for use on service 400, 1600/1/4 (BN0101/2/5B) are now not so allocated.

Service Revisions

A new timetable has recently been published, it has a red cover and is dated 5 September 1971 until further notice. Several revisions to services were effective from this date, these include revisions to the following services which have already been reported in earlier news sheets:

1,2,2A,3,3A,3B,6B,9A,17,20A,24,25,40,91,102,150,250

Other revisions introduced on the same date were as follows:

- 2B Curtailed at Laindon (Fortune of War).
- 14/A/B Services 14/B withdrawn, service 14A renumbered 14.
- 21 Extended from Prittlewell (Bell) to Southchurch (White Horse). Journeys to Rochford replaced by X90; withdrawn on weekday evenings and Sundays.
- 26 Operates between Romford and Basildon only.
- 151 Revised to operate from Wood Green to Canvey.
- 155/245/402 Services now operate via Corringham Town Centre.

Details of applications for revisions to services will be given next month.

TILLINGS TRAVEL (N.B.C.) LTD.

General

Subsequent to the notes in last months news sheet most vehicles have now received new standard flectnumber plates, i.e. metallic numerals embossed on a maroon background.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Withdrawn Vehicle

7.71 23 (195 MNO)

SOUTHEAST CORPORATION

Withdrawn Vehicles

7.71 (31.7.71)	292 (LHJ 394)	296 (LHJ 398)	302 (MHJ 924)
	293 (LHJ 395)	297 (LHJ 399)	304 (MHJ 926)

It is anticipated that 305/6/9 (OHJ 75/6/9) and one Royal Tiger will be withdrawn 6.72 and that A.E.C. Bridgemasters 317/8 (SJN 636/7) and the remaining Royal Tigers will be withdrawn when the next batch of Daimler CRL6's is delivered.

General

305/6/9 (OHJ 75/6/9) are mainly used on driver training duties, it is likely that 315/6 (PHJ 954/5) will replace them on these duties.

Double deck O.M.O. operation with the Daimler CRL6's (using Almex and Videmat machines) is due to commence on October 3.