

EDITORIALBack Numbers of News Sheet

The Secretary has for disposal back numbers of the Group news sheet. Those available are nos. 1-12 (Jan - Dec 1964), nos. 13-24 (Jan - Dec 1965), nos. 25-36 (Jan - Dec 1966), nos. 37-47 (Jan - Dec 1967) and nos. 48-59 (Jan - Dec 1968), priced at 4/- per year, post free. Postal Orders should be crossed and made payable to the Group.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

In answer to members query the dates of delivery given in last months news sheet for 1515-9. (FWC 438-42H) were correct.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Allocations & Transfers

1.70 330-L.N.A., 332-BN, 336-L.N.A., 340-L.N.A., 343-SD, 350-L.N.A., 360-CN, 364-L.N.A., 365-L.N.A., 366-SD, 367-L.N.A., 385-L.N.A., 387-L.N.A., 389-L.N.A., 391-L.N.A., 402-D/L, 404-D/L, 405-D/L, 406-D/L, 407-L.N.A., 408-L.N.A., 409-L.N.A., 503-L.N.A., 508-L.N.A., 1302-L.N.A., 1338-L.N.A., 1343-L.N.A., 1344-CN, 1345-CF, 1352-L.N.A., 1359-L.N.A., 1517-BD, 2351-D/L, 2358-D/L, 2361-D/L, 2362-D/L, 2371-D/L, 2402-BS, 2422-CN, 2600-HH, 2614-BN.

L.N.A. - Licensed but not allocated, see General notes.

Service VehiclesNew Vehicles

TJN346H	Morris Mini Van	Blue	11.69	SD
TJN506H	Morris Mini Van	Grey	1.70	CR

These vehicles both entered service in January. TJN346H had been stored at Central Works prior to entering service. Chassis numbers of these vehicles will follow.

Service Revisions

The following service revisions have recently been applied for:

72 Revised route in Lexden, to be instituted with the closure of the central section of Lucy Lane, is to be as follows:

As authorised to A1124, A12, Halstead Road, Peace Road, Lucy Lane thence as authorised. Return by same route to Halstead Road, A12 thence as authorised.

75/A/B Terminal at East Mersea to be Old Golf Course Entrance.

The following service revision has recently come into effect:

99 This service, which was the rail replacement service for the Witham - Maldon branch railway, was withdrawn after operation on 2.1.70 due to lack of public support. Alternative facilities between Maldon and Witham are available on services 335, 336 and 337.

Express Services

X15/6 Following the takeover of Southern National Omnibus Co.Ltd. by Western National Omnibus Co.Ltd. on 25.11.69., these services will in future be jointly operated with the latter Company.

An application has been made for a new inclusive ticket to be called the "Coach Master". This will be available for 8 consecutive days unlimited travel on specified stage and/or express services and/or excursions operated by N.B.C. Companies and specified non-N.B.C. Companies. The ticket is to be restricted to overseas visitors to the U.K.

The validity of the ticket extends to the express services operated by Eastern National (including those operated jointly with Western National, Southdown etc.) and also to excursions and tours operated from several starting points. The ticket is also to be available on excursions operated by Tillings Travel Ltd.

General

It has been observed from photographic evidence that the first batches of Bristol RELL's differ in their body styles. The differences occur in the layout of

destination screens. The first batch (1500-4, CVW 854-8G) have the destination number blind on the nearside (photographic evidence of 1500) whilst the second batch (1505-9, EPU 186-90G) have their destination blinds on the offside (photographic evidence of 1507 & 1508).

Could the destination screen layouts of other RELL's be checked and reported please.

A new series of "On the Buses" started recently. The vehicle used in the first episode was 2930(AVW399F). The programme is now screened in colour and the bus was announced to be green! Wood Green garage is still the main location with 251's and 351's also in evidence. When the destination blind was turned in the first episode Holland-on-Sea and West Mersea were visible as well as the destinations used in the programme.

On the allocation sheet for 1.70 several vehicles are shown as L.N.A. - Licensed, but not allocated. This designation has become necessary due to changes in the regulations governing Trade Licenses and the use of Trade Plates which came into effect on 1.1.70. The new regulations essentially mean that "General" Trade Plates have been discontinued and only "Limited" Trade Plates are now in use. Under the new regulations Trade Plates may now only be used to move vehicles that have broken down or to move vehicles belonging to other operators. In order to move vehicles from one garage to another for the purposes of maintenance and repainting it is necessary under the new scheme for them to be licensed and hence the need for the designation L.N.A. It is hoped that a new ruling will shortly be introduced that will make this practice unnecessary since the present system would prove extremely expensive.

TILLINGS TRAVEL LTD.

Fleet Changes 1.70

L.N.A. - T301, T540.

General

The remarks concerning L.N.A. allocations and "Coach Master" tickets, which are also applicable to Tillings, will be found under Eastern National notes.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Rebuilt Vehicles

The following vehicle has been equipped for O.M.O. operation: 49(YWC649F) - 11.69
All the Atlanteans are now so equipped.

General

O.M.O. operation commenced on Sundays and on Weekday evenings on 23.11.69 on services 2, 5A, 6 and 7.

IPSWICH CORPORATION

General

Revised fares have been applied for. Rates have been proposed which would be charged before and after the change to decimal coinage on 15.2.71. The new fares proposed are as below:

<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Fare:</u>	<u>Until 15.2.71</u>	<u>After 15.2.71</u>
0.4		4d	2p
0.8		5d	2p
1.4		7d	3p
2.0		9d	4p
2.5		10d	4p
3.0		11d	5p
4.0		1/1d	5p
over 4.0		1/3d	6p

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

General

We publish this month further details on the conversion of Albion Lowlander 331 (7095 HJ) to O.M.O. operation. The vehicle has been equipped with a periscope and has an electrically operated ticket machine. Painted on the door step is "Entrance" on the left and "Exit" on the right. There is an illuminated sign below the canopy at the front and also beside the entrance which reads "Please pay on entry, exact fare please". On the rear of the vehicle is another illuminated sign to the right of, and level with, the registration plate which reads "One Man Operated". Reversing lights have also been provided at the rear.