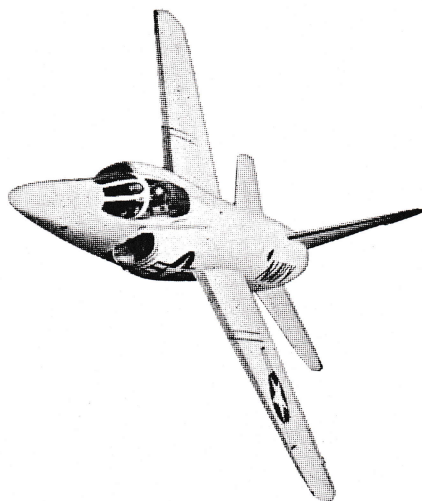


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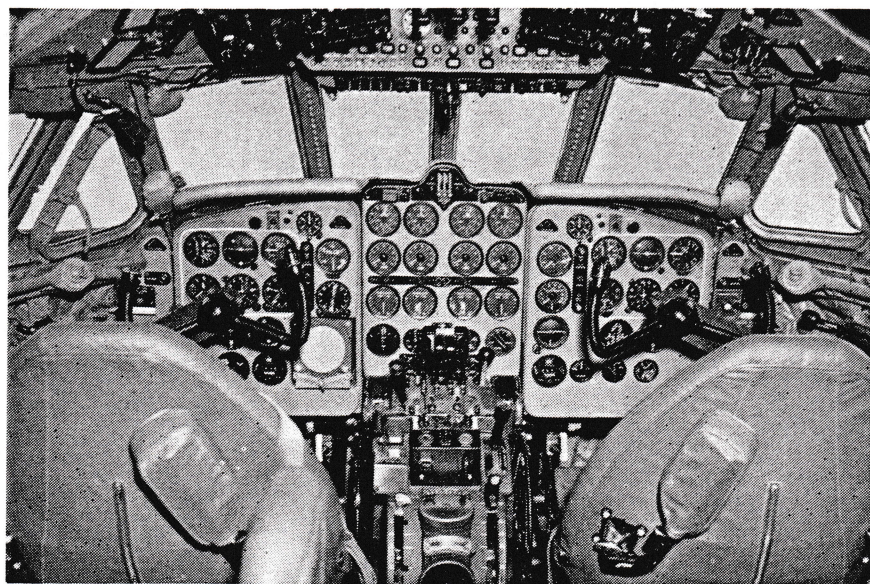
Per maintenance hour, Grumman F11F-1 Tigers have flown twice as many operational hours as any other jet fighters on squadron duty with the United States Navy.

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FLIGHT DECK of the de Havilland Comet 4 showing the controls and instruments.

## Montreal Jet Service

BOAC inaugurated their Comet 4 jet service between London and Montreal last month, commencing with a once weekly service in each direction. This is the first regular scheduled jet airliner service into Canada. Flight time on the west-bound flights will be about 9½ hours; total time, including refueling stop: 10 hours 10 minutes. Flights from Montreal to London will be made non-stop in 6¾ hours.

The BOAC Comet service between London and New York is now operating on a daily basis.

## Ramjet Airliner

Designs for a 2,000-mph ramjet powered airliner have been prepared by Bristol Aeroplane Co. and laid before British Overseas Airways Corp. The proposed aircraft would carry 150 passengers nonstop from London to New York. Take-off would be achieved with normal turbojets, the ramjets taking over as speed built up.

## 500th Comanche

A short ten months after the first of the newest addition to its popular line was delivered, Piper Aircraft Corp. turned over Comanche No. 500 to a Texas businessman and cattle raiser. The company's Comanche production is now streaming out four aircraft a day at the Lock Haven, Penna., plant. The Texan's Comanche was delivered equipped with Piper's new AutoControl automatic flight system.

## New Cessna Unveiled

The Cessna 172 for 1959 has a redesigned instrument panel with flight instruments grouped in a shock-mounted panel in front of the pilot. Space is provided for additional instruments and three optional radio tuners. Engine cowling is also redesigned to permit a greater volume of air to pass over the engine.

## System For Comet 4

The Smiths Flight System is being fitted to the fleet of de Havilland Comet 4 aircraft being delivered and on order for BOAC. Known as the SEP-2, the system was fitted to the earlier marks of the Comet, on which a good deal of autopilot operating experience had been built up.

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