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Part Nineteen ... 'BOAC Staff at Poole: Towards 650+ '... (IAL 1939 and BOAC 1940-48) © PFBC
(Staff employed at Poole with IAL & then BOAC in WW2, through to the postwar era)

It is reckoned that during the era 1939-1948, firstly with Imperial Airways Ltd. (IAL) when relocated to Poole Harbour, and then British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), members of some 650+ local families in Poole & Bournemouth were employed as Staff to provide the facilities focussed upon Poole's Marine Terminal for the Civil-Air Flying Boat ops.

This included members of [the Marinecraft Unit](#) which was essential to provide the links between the Moorings & Quays: During WW2 with many of the MCU Men enlisted in the Royal Navy or to serve elsewhere, a significant shortage arose, whereon [18 Women were recruited to train as Seamen](#), at a School set up by BOAC at Poole expressly as replacements !

As well as the 650+ employees (- some based here throughout the period) there were a further [50+ members of the MCU](#) belonging to the [Ministry of Civil Aviation \(MCA\)](#) who operated pinnaces, fire floats, control launches and patrol craft.

Besides the shore-based Staff and the Marinecraft Unit, IAL /BOAC had a significant number of Aircrew based at Poole: With the Fall of France, plus the entry of Italy into the War and the closure of the Mediterranean Sea for the time being, a Detachment of support Staff, including maintenance engineers from Hythe etc., and aircrew left for Durban, S. Africa. These were required to set up HQs at [Congella](#) to facilitate the [Horseshoe Route](#) to the Middle East, Asia & Australasia.

This did not diminish the work at Poole, especially as a transatlantic profile [via Foynes](#) would be eventually established. There would also be a new contingent of [RAF Transport Command](#) personnel soon based here for ops alongside BOAC. These were billeted locally in households, or took over residential properties which had been requisitioned by the RAF...

Numbers of IAL /BOAC Aircrew also required accommodation locally, although some travelled in from the Solent area. After the war some Aircrew opted to remain living locally in Poole & Bournemouth and bought homes for their families. Likewise, some of the hundreds of [RAF Coastal Command](#) (RAAF 461 and RAF 210 Squadrons) personnel inc. WAAF's, stationed at RAF Hamworthy, and also those serving with Fleet Air Arm's [Air Sea Rescue \(ASR\)](#) and [Seaplane Training of HMS Daedalus II](#) based at the [Royal Naval Air Station \(RNAS\), Sandbanks](#), eventually would come to live in Poole ! Most of the Wrens with the FAA at Sandbanks (known as [immobiles](#)) were recruited locally + were issued with bicycles.

The results from years of PFBC research (*which is still very much ongoing*) will be updated to include new information... So please contact us with further details: After all there were also [circa 100,000 Passengers](#) who passed through Poole !

[*Complements for RAF Coastal Command, and for the Fleet Air Arm at Poole will be listed elsewhere in our Website.]*
"Just imagine that the elderly gentleman seated at the Yacht Club bar and enjoying his beer after safely negotiating his Cornish Shrimper back to the Marina was once a Navigator on BOAC's prestigious Boeing 314As out of Poole ! Or that the genial pensioner at the Post Office counter at Whitecliff Parade - buying stamps for the Christmas post

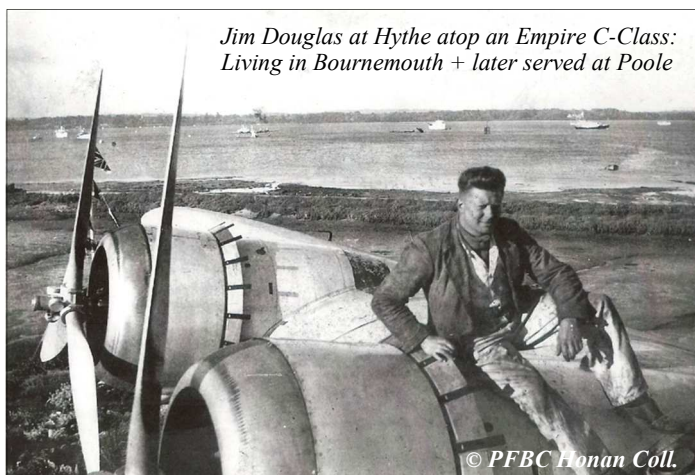


Photo: Snr. Marine-Fitter with IAL/BOAC Percy [Jim Douglas](#)



Photo: Judith Dutch with Bournemouth Cllr. Basil Ratcliffe

used to send letters home from 'ports of call' along the Flying Boat routes from Poole when he was a BOAC Capt. ! Also the lady mowing her front lawn in exacting stripes used to be in charge of a Marinecraft Unit Riggers' Launch when she was meticulous in manoeuvring the Flying Boats onto the Moorings, against the tides & prevailing wind ! Even the local dentist once looked after the medical matters and the general health of the Seaplane fliers & sailors and was also in charge of the RNAS Officers' Wardroom in the Mountbatten suite of the Royal Motor Yacht Club... "

'Towards 650': BOAC Staff at Poole (1940-8 / including the 1943 'Snapshot')

[* PFBC HLMs in Blue]

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| Manager of No.4 Line | Captain H.W.C. (Jimmy) Alger <i>(Great uncle of SallyAnn Wakeford)</i> |
| Flight Capt., Marine Terminal | Captain J.C. Harrington (later Manager of Line No.2 Hurn as reported June 1946) |
| M.T. Navigation Officer | Captain E. Brooke-Williams |
| Station Superintendent | Mr. G.R. (Gerry) Hawtin H. John Bingham (Poole 1945-8) (Ex IAL) [also <i>Audrey Whitehead</i> junior PA to John Bingham] John Lee (Sept. 1939) |
| Asst. Station Superintendent | Clive Adams ~ Asst. to Station Superintendent: John Lee (Sept. 1939) |
| Station Manager (MT) | Mr. Roger C. Pugh (from March 1944, then appt. to Hurn November) George (Geo) Auguste (Snr. Station Officer 1947) (Joined IAL in 1923 as a junior /trainee) [also Miss Goldsmith: Sec. to Station Manager (MT), and i/c of Secretarial Section at BOAC Salterns] |
| Assistant Airport Manager | Thomas Ariel Rees (ex RAF ~ Jan 1945; liaised with Hurn's Commandant Group Capt. Cox) Mr. L.J. Pisto (to Hurn for Jan 1945) |
| Air Traffic Controller | Mr. S.A.C. Baker <i>Traffic Trainee</i> Mr. J. Wandsborough (1947) (Ex FAA Pilot) |
| ATC Met. Liaison Officer | (?) |
| MCA Marine Superintendent | Mr. Harwick (his daughter was Senior.Postal Clerk) |
| MCA Water Controller | Peter F.D. Davidson (Poole's last Water Controller then to Hurn Traffic Control) |
| Station Operations Officer | <i>Harry H. Pusey</i> (then to Lisbon 1943, to Foynes 1944, briefly at Poole 1946, then Hurn) |
| Operations Officers | Mr. H. Harrington A.K. Dewdney + Capt. W.J. James (orig at based Poole Office) |
| Ops. Assistant | Messrs: B. Dunne, F. Parry, H.N. Evison (OPs.Officer by 1946) |
| Ops. Trainee | J.E. Trevis |
| Senior Station Officer | Malcolm Brown <i>Asst. Station Officer:</i> Mr. P. Hall (1947) (Ex Sunderland Capt.) |
| Station Officers (M) | Boddy, Braithwaite, Carmody, Ford-Anderson, Handsworth, Lee, Shedlock & Terry |
| Senior Traffic Officer | Mr. Hilary Watson (formerly IAL Steward, and Traffic Manager at Foynes...Poole + Hurn 1946-8) |
| Signals Officer | Messrs: S. Staple, Fielding, F.W. Kingman <i>Dep SO:</i> P. Oxley <i>Supervisor:</i> Mrs N. Paterson |
| Signals Asst. | N. Bradshaw (switched to Augusta) F.T. Bascombe |
| Signals Clerks (F) | F.O. Bayley-Jones, J.E.M. Cooling, S. Davies, P.J. Dean, M. Dudley, S.B. Heaney, D. Parsons & A.B. Tomlinson <i>Signals Asst.:</i> I. Canetta |
| Marine Superintendant | B. Smith <i>Deputy:</i> H.W. Scott. |
| Marine Officers | Mr. A.S. Smith Mr. T. Perry Mr. R.W. Davis (Ex RAF Coxswain then joined IAL) |
| Acting Ops. Services Officer | Mr. W. Thomson-Taylor (see 1942) Mr. I. J. Wheeler (1947) (Ex RAF Flying Instructor) |
| Accountant | Mr. Cyril Crowle <i>Chief Cashier:</i> Mr. F. Webber |
| Operations Staff | Miss Mann |
| Traffic Staff T/O | Messrs: G. Ashton, G. Auguste (Snr.T/O by 1946), C.A. Metcalfe, F. Stag & E.A. Cornick (1947) (ex Cmndo Intel.) |
| T/A (M) | Messrs: A.E. Abbott, B. Dunne, H.H. Evison, A.H. Robertson, H. Terry |
| Trainees | Messrs: J. Jones, A. Long & G. Pudney also <i>B'mth Cllr. Basil Ratcliffe</i> (PFBC HLM) |
| Traffic Staff T/A (F) | Mrs K Constantine (switched to Berth 50) |
| Traffic Clerks | Misses: Foster (1947), M. Minihane, H. Musker & Mrs B. Wycherley (Traffic Clerks 1942) |
| Nurse | Nurse C. Davies |
| Telephonists | <i>Pamela Stickland</i> (née Pymm), <i>Betty Freeborn</i> , <i>Iris Rogers</i> (PFBC HLMs) Sylvia Davis, Jo, Catherine, Norma |
| Field Security Officer | Major Carter |
| Customs Officers | Messrs: Bugler, Stonestreet |
| Marine Engineering Officer | Mr. R.A. Hill (1947) (Ex RAF and then with IAL at Hythe) |
| Snr. Station Engineer | Mr. F. Taylor (1947) (Ex BA Staff at prewar Heston) |
| Snr. Marine-Fitter | <i>Percy (Jim) Douglas</i> (also organised a Band for social events father of Val Honan + Pam Pinkerton) |
| General Services Officer | Mr. J. Venn <i>Asst. GSO:</i> Mr. George Burfoot <i>i/c Cargo Section:</i> Mr. C.J. Minifie |
| Foreman Stevedore | Mr. Frank Fry DSM (1947) (Ex RN...in action at Dunkirk, Narvik & against Scharnhorst + Gneisenau) (switched to Berth 50) |
| Asst. Foreman Stevedore | Mr. W.J. Fielder (1947) (Ex RN...bearded) |
| Stevedores (M) | Messrs: S.J. Brown, Hunt, Randall, Saint, A.E. Shergold, Strong, A. Sutton, Way, B. Wheeler & A. Wylde |

Marine Staff:

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| <i>Marine Section Foreman</i> | Mr. T. Perry (inventor of the Perry Dan Buoy 1942) |
| <i>Marine Leading Hand</i> | Mr. R. A. Hill (switched to Berth 50) |
| <i>Marine Base Operator</i> | W. Thompson-Taylor (Acting Ops Off. 1942) Mr. Crocker |
| <i>Moorings Officer</i> | Frederick A. (Sandy) Wills <i>Electrician:</i> G.T. Scutt |
| <i>Snr Coxswain (WW2)</i> | <i>James 'Jim' Bendall aka 'Rocky' and 'Ronald' (VP SoPM d. 2006)</i> (specifically i/c during WW2) |
| <i>Coxswains</i> | W.G. Cobb, David Davis, Gerald Davis, Gilbert Davis, Frank Hewett & F. Osborne |
| <i>Coxswain-Seaman</i> | J.K. Frew, L.J. Hendy, W. Jackson, A. McInnes, G. Perren, C.E. Sibley & W. Sharpe |
| <i>Launch Seaman</i> | J.L. Acourt, B.G. Barker, G. Hirart, Horner, F. Morgan, H. Pearce, R. Parkes W.J. Robbins, Dave Rose, H.D. Triggs & A.G. Warden |
| Launch Hands Air Ministry | <i>Bernie Wills (PFBC HLM)</i> , Ken Christopher, Joe Matthews, W. Pewsy & Harry Ruffell |
| Marine Chargehand Carpenter | Deveny |
| [* <i>Local Weather Pundit</i> | <i>Capt. Matthews of the Sprat Fleet</i> (frequently consulted by BOAC Met. Officers) |
| Storekeeper | Edwards (set up 'Union of Smilers' to raise money Air Raid Victims; even the PM joined this) |
| Steward Control Officer | Mr. W. M. Mitchinson |
| Catering <i>Catering Officer</i> | Mr. J.A. Millard (1947) (ex IAL Flt Stwd) (at Harbour Heights) <i>C'Officer Ship:</i> Miss Sutton |
| <i>Supervisor</i> | F.W. Browne <i>Chef:</i> Mr. J. Woods <i>Staff:</i> George Wood |
| Passengers Restaurant | |
| <i>Station Steward</i> | Mr. N. Simpson (1942) |
| <i>Stewards</i> | Messrs: A. Barrett, F. Bonny, H. Hopkins, W. Kaye |
| <i>Apprentices</i> | L. Connolly, K. Lewis, K. Monaghan, K.G. Winnell |
| <i>Supervisor</i> | Mrs H.C. Hicks with Miss Baker, Mrs Hulbert (1944 new acc. at the MT at Salterns) |
| <i>Waitress</i> | Mrs F. Phillips Mrs E. Shelton, Misses N. Daley & I.P. Wellman (1947-48) |
| <i>Storekeeper</i> | Miss J. Lord |
| Restaurant Staff | |
| <i>Chef</i> | Mrs E. Oxford Mr. J. Woods |
| <i>Cook</i> | Mrs E.M. Gibbs |
| <i>Kitchen Assistant</i> | Miss D. Hampton |
| Road Transport <i>Foreman</i> | Mr. S. Wilkins |
| <i>Section</i> | Messrs: S. Andrews, M.J. Bartlett, R. Prosser, R. Windows Mrs G. Andow, Miss C. Cutchey, Miss G. Perrett (Transport Drivers July 1942) |
| Junior Flags | Claude Godwin |
| Senior Postal Clerk at Salterns | Miss Harwick (her father was Marine Superintendent) |
| Postman to BOAC's MT | Peter Allison |
| Postal Section | Miss Palmer |
| Postboys | <i>Gordon Cousins</i> (PFBC HLM) |
| BOAC Marine School at Poole (1943 Snapshot) | |
| (Instructors) | |
| <i>Signalling Officer</i> | Mr. R.W. Fieldin <i>Marinecraft Unit</i> Frank Hewitt |
| (In Training) | |
| <i>Seawomen [18]</i> | Mrs Betty Archer (ex-Secretary) Eileen Armstrong (Riggers Launch) (ex Soton Area?) [*3 minute Audio Tape Poole Museum] Mrs Elizabeth Bainbridge (widow of an RAF Officer) Miss Pamela Bate (ex-Secretary) Miss V. Bates Miss Nora (V) Bevis (prewar she raced yachts) (by 1947 was last woman Coxswain 1st. at Poole) Mrs Minna Ann Hansford (lived on a house boat with her husband prewar) Mary Hill Mrs Pamela Nisbet (former Model, also studying for her Yacht Masters Coastal Cert.) Bunny Reece Isobel Rickard Miss Lynette Rowland (ex-Commercial Artist) Mollie Skinner (later Mrs Mollie Harman) [*interviewed by Leslie Dawson circa 1988] |
| Night Watchmen | Maurice Cartridge (Survived the Heinkel attack of 12.05.1941 whilst on damaged Guba) Musselwhite Francis S. Smith (<i>Frank</i>) (Died 12.05.1941 found in forward bilges of sunk Maia when raised) |
| AirRaid Precautions Controller | William Down Simmonds |

BOAC Air Personnel through Poole

Top Brass

Major George Herbert (Brackles) Brackley

(Ofc. at Poole...inc. 5th. Sept. 1939 + *Clipper* Conf. 28th. Jan. 1942)
(27 Sept. 1946 Lisbon Hols... and 20/21 April 1947 thro' to Sydney)
(Imperial Ops Management)

Alan Colin Orde-Campbell, Lloyd-Taylor and Foley

Garth Trace

Lady Henderson (F.D.M.)

Ivor McClure

(Poole - Durban 5th. June 1940 to set up a maintenance base there)
(IAL Women's Staff Supervisor → Head Office Staff Superintendent)
(Ops Director of BOAC 1940-43... Ofc. at Poole inc. *Clipper* Conf.)

Captains

Capt. E.J.S. (*John*) Alcock

Capt. Alderson-Smith

Capt. H.W.C. (Jimmy) Alger

(Rtd. From BOAC 1953...1954 FBs to Poole for Storage + Aquila)

(Manager No.4 Line 1945... Finalé - BOAC's Princess Proj Mngr.)

Capt. Allen

Capt. Anderson

Capt. Frank Bailey

(Super i/c of Foynes, after loss of hand at Poole - *Guba accident*)

Capt. Oscar Barnett

(Son Mark Barnett)

Capt. Bernard (Taffy) Barrow

(HLM of PFBC) (Sons David, Paul & Barrow)

Capt. Bate

Capt. (*Pop*) Bellin

Capt. D.C.T. (*Don*) Bennett

(i/c Transatlantic Flights → then RAF Pathfinder)

Capt. *Gordon* Bennett

Capt. Bicknall

(at Durban)

Capt. Blackaller

Capt. Brand

Capt. Briggs

Capt. Brolly

Capt. B. (*Bonzo*) Brown

Capt. E. Brown

Capt. Burman

Capt. Burnett

Capt. Lewis Carey

(Author: Family Friends of PFBC) (3 Daughters: Judith Dutch)

Capt. Carr

Capt. Caspareuthus (*nickname 'Caspar'*) (Flew *Cleopatra* Poole - Durban on 5th. June 1940)

Capt. Corfield

Capt. W. (*Bill*) Craig

(At Poole captained last Boeing - met Capt. Charles Blair 1976)

Capt. Derrick Creigh

(HLM ...daughter Helen)

Capt. (*Jack*) Davys

Capt. Deadman (*nickname 'Corpus' acc. to James Peers*)

Capt. Eagleton

Capt. Easton

Capt. Ken Emmott

(HLM ...Synon with piloting Hythe Class from Poole and Soton)

Capt. Andrew Evans

(At Poole for Conversion with Capt. Rose etc. ~ later to Aquila)

Capt. Field

Capt. Finnegan

(Ops at Poole, then on Bermuda to Baltimore with the Boeings)

Capt. (*Foxy*) Finnucane

Capt. Foster

Capt. F.V.W. Foy

(- 1942 Cairo)

Capt. H.L. Fry

Capt. Oscar Garden

Capt. Garner

Capt. Giles

Capt. H.L.M. Glover

(from NZ)

Capt. Gray

Capt. Grunert

Capt. Johnny Hackett

(Provided significant accounts + interviews about Flying Boats)

Capt. Haddon

Capt. Hallam

As a Senior Capt. involved postwar with Training at Poole

Capt. Jack Harrington

Flight Capt. (Snr. Pos.) at Poole, 1942: Manager 2 Line Hurn 1945

Capt. (*Snag*) Harris

Capt. Robert E. (Bob) Harwood (Founder HLM of PFBC)

Capt. Hibberd /Hibbard

Capt. A.G. Hill ? (ex-RAF)

Capt. Vic Hodgkinson

(PFBC HLM: Family lived near Lymington)

(- 2010)

Capt. Peter Horn

Capt. Huws-Jones

Capt. Ives

(at Durban)

Capt. Jayce

Capt. H. (*Merv*) Jones

Capt. O.P. (*Kettle*) Jones

(Primarily assoc. with Landplanes from Hurn)

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| Capt. Johnnie Johnson | (Boeing 314A Capt.) |
| Capt. J.C. Kelly Rogers | (Irish National: Befriended by Sir Winston Churchill) |
| Capt. Kerr | |
| Capt. R. (<i>Rus</i>) King | |
| Capt. Kirton | (Transatlantic with Clare in 1940) |
| Capt. Kyle | |
| Capt. John Lobley | (Head RAF Hamworthy + RAFTC -daughter Mary HLM) |
| Capt. John Lock | (Lost on Golden Horn 09.Jan.1941) |
| Capt. W.H. (Bill) Lock | (PFBC HLM: Lived in B'mth, Poole and Poundbury) |
| Capt. G.S. Long | (Golden Fleece → PoW) |
| Capt. A.C. (<i>Tony</i>) Loraine | |
| Capt. John Macdonald | |
| Capt. Mackenzie | |
| Capt. Bill Madge | |
| Capt. Carlos Madge | |
| Capt. Alastair M. Adair Majendie | (Became Leader of the Comet Fleet to Jan 1954) |
| Capt. Donald B. (<i>Mac</i>) McGregor | (Canadian) |
| Capt. Roger Mollard | |
| Capt. C.S. May | |
| Capt. Kenneth J. (Ken) Monk | (Family friend of Jacquelin Frazier) |
| Capt. Ralph Mountain | On G-AGIB en route Poole 1943 (Daughter Tessa McIntyre) |
| Capt. George Musson | (Lost with Clare in 1942) |
| Capt. Needham | |
| Capt. Pallett | |
| Capt. R.C. Parker | (Service of G-AGJM Hythe thro' to Australia in Jan.1946) |
| Capt. John (<i>Farmer</i>) Pascoe | |
| Capt. Patterson | |
| Capt. D. Peacock | |
| Capt. James (Jim) Melvin Peers | (** Hon Commodore, Air of PFBC) (-2010) |
| Capt. Freddie Perkins | (G-AFCT Champion Poole - Durban last time 15/16.03.46) |
| Capt. Porter | (Son Nigel) |
| Capt. Griffith James (<i>Taffy</i>) Powell | (Supervised Imperial's Fleet relocation to Poole Sept. 1939) |
| Capt. R.C.S. Dick (<i>Scruffy</i>) Reid | (-2007) |
| Capt. Reid | |
| Capt. Robb | |
| Capt. H.J. (<i>Tommy</i>) Rose | (ex S/Ldr. Poole's Sen. Capt. involved in Training postwar) |
| Capt. E. (Teddy) Rotheram | |
| Capt. Rudd | |
| Capt. Satchwell | (G-AGBJ Guba) |
| Capt. Sayle | |
| Capt. Scadding | |
| Capt. J.S. (Joe) Shakespeare | (also B314As) Lost on G-AGIB in 1943 |
| Capt. Sheppard | |
| Capt. Simpson | |
| Capt. Staples | |
| Capt. George G. Stead | (Log Books - Poole Museum Services) (2 Sons) |
| Capt. J. Steer | |
| Capt. Stephens | |
| Capt. Stevens | |
| Capt. Roderick (<i>Roddy</i> /Ron) Stone | |
| Capt. A. Gordon Store | (South African) |
| Capt. Strang | |
| Capt. Sumner | |
| Capt. Townsend | |
| Capt. Dudley Travers | (-1970) |
| Capt. Geoffrey Tyson | (Test Pilot occasionally at Poole and also tested Princess G-ALUN) |
| Capt. Upton | |
| Capt. White | |
| Capt. Arthur Sydney Wilcockson (→ RAF Ferry Command + later Ops Controller BOAC London) | |
| Capt. Williams | |
| Capt. Woodhouse | |
| Capt. Wynn /Winn (?) | |

First Off. Arterton
 First Off. Bodger
 First Off. Bohm
 First Off. Collier
 First Off. Cooper

First Off. (*Jimmy*) Ennis
 First Off. Christopher Griffiths
 First Off. Hibberd
 First Off. Peter Edward Johnson (?) (Daughter is Tina Kelly)
 First Off. Ron Kemsley (ex RAF Wing Co) [later transferred to Hythe Test Depot]
 First Off. Kerr
First Officer Kirkpatrick (Son Ian Kirkpatrick)
 First Off. Limbrey
 First Off. Manning
 First Off. Matthews
 First Off. Middleton-Stewart
 First Off. Negus
 First Off. Jack Payne
 First Off. Pentland
 First Off. A. Richardson
 First Off. Roberts
 First Off. Ross Stainton (Was a Station Manager for IAL in Africa, became BOAC's MD in 1971)
 First Off. Talbot
 First Off. John Tattersall (ex RAF, joined BOAC at Poole flew C-Class and Hythes)
 First Off. Warrior
 First Off. Woodman

Nav. Off. John Douglas Elliot (N/O exclusively on all 3 of the Boeing 314As) (PFBC HLM)
 Nav. Off. (Ginger) Miller
 Nav. Off. Tom Moody
Nav. Off. Edwin Perry (Former RAF Mosquito Pilot ...PFBC HLM)
 Nav. Off. Arthur Spencer
 Nav. Off. William Stevens
 Nav. Off. Ken Tempest (went on to VC10 Fleet...Home Address 28 Greenway, Harpenden, Herts)
Nav. Off. Victor Pitcher (N/O exclusively on all 3 of the Boeing 314As) (PFBC Hon.Vice Pres.)

 Radio Off. Arch./Archibald (?)
 Radio Off. Armitage
 Radio Off. Bailey
 Radio Off. Beacon
 Radio Off. Berrington
Radio Off. John Anderson Brown (Snr. Instructor Radar Poole: Daughter Yvonne Hodges)
 Radio Off. Burgess
 Radio Off. Campbell
 Radio Off. Chessell
 Radio Off. *Paddy* Cussans
 Radio Off. Davies
 Radio Off. Delgatty
 Radio Off. Eastland
 Radio Off. Esler
 Radio Off. Griffiths
 Radio Off. Harrop
 Radio Off. Hilliar
 Radio Off. Hirst
 Radio Off. Hoare
 Radio Off. Hyde
 Radio Off. Kemsley
 Radio Off. King
 Radio Off. Lancaster
 Radio Off. McMillan
 Radio Off. Manning
 Radio Off. Morris
 Radio Off. Nash
 Radio Off. Negus
 Radio Off. Newly
 Radio Off. Nickell
 Radio Off. Palmer
 Radio Off. Pattison
 Radio Off. Renvoize
 Radio Off. Revell
 Radio Off. Riches
 Radio Off. Rowbotham
 Radio Off. Sanderson
 Radio Off. Shaw

Radio Off. Slight
 Radio Off. Spencer
 Radio Off. Stainer
 Radio Off. Stirling
 Radio Off. Taylor
 Radio Off. Topper
 Radio Off. Whitehead
 Radio Off. Whyatt /Wyatt (?)
 Radio Off. Wilkie
 Radio Off. J.M. Williamson

Special Note: **Snr. Instr. Supervisor Sidney Bradshaw (Globetrotter) [Daughter Val Lewis: PFBC HLM]

Eng. Off. Richard Dyer Downey (Returned UK from NZ in 1936 ~ g' father of John Bennett)
 Eng. Off. Eric Draper
 Eng. Off. Bob Gear
 Eng. Off. Wilfred *Mac MacDonald* (Father-in-law of Poole Mayor Cllr. Graham Wilson~ Sally)
 2nd. Eng. F.D. Everest (Commended Bravery re: *Portland* 23 Aug 1947 at Bahrein)

RAF Transport Command (BOAC) Air Personnel through Poole to 1946

W.Cdr. E.J.S. (John) Alcock
 Flt.Lt. Anderson
 Sqd.Ldr. Austin
 Flt.Lt. Barratt
 Flt.Lt. Barnett
 Sqd.Ldr. Brand
 Flt.Lt. Brown
 Flt.Lt. Champion
 Sqd.Ldr. Davis
 Sqd.Ldr. Davys
 Flt.Lt. Ennis
 Sqd.Ldr. Field
 Sqd.Ldr. Glover
 Sqd.Ldr. Grunert
 Flt.Lt. Harris
F/O R.E. Harwood
 Flt.Lt. Hibbard
 F/O Ingold
 Sqd.Ldr. H. Jones
 Flt.Lt. Kerr
Sqd.Ldr. John O.H. Loble
 Sqd.Ldr. Lovering
 Sqd.Ldr. Carlos Madge
 Sqd.Ldr. Needham
 Sqd.Ldr. Parker
 Flt.Lt. Round
 Sqd.Ldr. Rudd
 Flt.Lt. Sayle

Warrant Officer Flt.Sgt. J.P.E. George Spencer (HLM of PFBC) (Son is Stephen Spencer)

Sqd.Ldr. Staples
 W.Cdr. G.G. Stead
 Flt.Lt. J. Steer
 Sqd.Ldr. Stone
 F/O John Tattersall
 Flt.Lt. Townsend
 Flt.Lt. Warrior
 F/O Weston
 Flt.Lt. White
 Sqd.Ldr. Wynn

WOP /AG Bob Robinson

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Also Note: Capt. Chris Blackburn (Took *Golden Hind's* last flight from Poole ~ later with Aquila)

Captains and Crews

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| <i>Atlantic Flight of Clare</i> | Capts. J.C. Kelly-Rogers & White with Burgess, E. Rotheram and Wilcockson | |
| <i>W. Africa Free Fr. Clyde</i> | Capts. A.C. (Tony) Loraine & W.S. May with R.O. Cheeseman & E.O. Rogers | |
| <i>Cabot & Caribou</i> (Both FBs lost 06.05.1940 at Bodö) | Capts. G.S. Long & Gordon Store (with crews commandeered Squadron 119 in 1940) | |
| | Capts. Gordon Bennett, B.C. Frost, W.L. Garner, J.W.G. James | |
| <i>Coorong & Cambria</i> (Involved in Evacuation from Suda Bay - Crete April 1941) | Capt. Jack Davys Capt. F.V.W. Foy | |
| <i>G-AFCY Awarua</i> (Poole to NZ March 1940) | Capt. Oscar Garden | with FO Christopher Griffiths RO <i>Paddy</i> Cussans EO Geoff Wells Flight Clerk George Angell Steward Eldridge (Qantas Staff replaced Messrs Angell & Eldridge at Singapore) 1 st . Fare Paying Passenger: Miss Anne Harrison Pax related to Crew: Mrs Griffiths & Mrs Wells |
| <i>G-AGBJ Guba</i> | Capt. Satchwell | with Radio Off. Sanderson, Lambert Eng. Off. |
| <i>BOAC Boeing 314As</i> | Capt. Bill Craig | with N/O Victor Pitcher (PFBC Hon. Vice Pres) |
| | Capt. T.H. Farnsworth | with 2nd. N/Os H.T. Thompson & A. Westbrook E/Os D.H. Donaldson & P.O. Macey R/O J.M. Williamson Steward R.H. Sargeant |
| <i>Bristol</i> | Capt. J.W. Burgess & A.G. Store | with N/O W.G. Smith, R/Os D.M. Stott & T.C. Jones Stewards A.J. Carter & V.A. Partridge <i>Group Photo.</i> (Nov. 1942) |
| <i>Berwick</i> | Capt. Tony Loraine +..... (carried double aircrews) | with N/Os Ken Tempest (<i>article in Touchdown Memories</i>) E/Os Eric Draper & Bob Gear Pax: Lord Louis Mountbatten Sir Anthony Eden Sir Charles Portal Sir John Dill.....Chief of Staff General Sir Alan Brooke Lord Dudley Pound (From Quebec Conference , Aug. 1943 ~ Escorted into Poole by a Beaufighter and 3 Spitfires) (From Botwood to Poole = 21 and a half hours...leg to Foynes = 14 and a half, and five hours) |
| <i>Caledonia's finale</i> | Capt. Peter Horn with FO Roberts, RO Revelle, and Purser Moule (12.03.1947) | |

BOAC Air Personnel based at or passing through Poole

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| Traffic Manager | Patricia (Pitcher) (PFBC HLM... with responsibility for valuable cargoes) Patricia (Barrow) (PFBC HLM... Formerly Senior Stewardess at Poole) |
| Air Stewards | Brian Grinter , Ron Gubb , Anthony Philpott , Gordon Reeves , Ivor Coleman (PFBC HLMs), also Ray Dunkley , Herbert Alger, Arthur Grant, Les Wills, Eager, Frank <i>Ginger</i> ? Stan Bruce ~ at Poole from 1945, later known as ' <i>the Godfather</i> ' of flight catering |
| Air Hostesses | Helen Wigmore, Peggy Keyte, Momkea Winter, Jeanne Cox, Barbara Baker, Jean Wortley, Alice Atkinson, Margeurite Wilson, Rosamond Gilmour [credited as BOAC's first Flight Attendant] Olive Carlisle (HLM Very briefly at Poole... then Springbok Route Solents from Soton from 1948) |

BOAC Defence Guard at Poole :

Marine Base Platoon of 120 Men,
which was formed October 1940
under the auspices of Home Guard.

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| <i>Officer in Charge</i> | F.S. Saunders | |
| <i>Deputy Officer</i> | L. Pack | |
| <i>Senior Instructor</i> | H. Quick | i/c armoury, rifle & bomb instruction |
| <i>Section Leaders (x5)</i> | A. Cardy | i/c machine gun and instruction |
| | P. Pugh | i/c advanced line & squad drill |
| | C. Rhodes | i/c railway defence & rifle drill |
| | I. Owens | i/c second line defence & musketry |
| | E.W. Tomkins | i/c meadow defence & rifle drill |

BOAC Director-General Mr. Runciman (Visiting Marine Base, Poole - Jan. 1941)

BOAC Tech. Dev. Branch Mr. Patrick Chapman (Visiting Marine Base, Poole - Dec. 1943)
Messrs W.B. Beckett, C.H. Jackson, A. Jardine

BOAC Sta Manager, Foynes Squadron Leader M.D. Morrissey (Visiting Marine Base, Poole - Dec. 1943)

Station Superintendents, Capt. Frank Wright (see Cpts. above ex Poole)
Foynes Harry H. Pusey (Replaced Capt. Wright him in leaving Lisbon)

BOAC Cater' Off. Baltimore Mr. C.E.E. Francis (Visiting Marine Base, Poole - Dec. 1943)

Traffic Off. Kalafrana, Malta P.C. Armour (Organised party save *Clare* incendiaries 03.Feb.1942)

BOAC Staffs...Overseas FB Stations (likely transiting *via* Poole prior to April 1948)

Staff at Augusta: Sta Super Lloyd-Evans

Staff at Bahrein: Coxn Millard (Commended Bravery re: *Portland* 23 Aug 1947, Bahrein)

Staff at Basra: F/T C.D. Kethro, S/Coxn R. Melford-Howbrigg, S/O G. Angell, Sta Supt J.P. Ryan, Miss L. Adamson,
S/O F.G. Handscomb, S/A J.E. Davies & T/A E. Stanley (According to BOAC's Speedbird Mag. March 1948 *)

Staff at Rangoon: Sta Eng J. Cowan

Staff at Rod el Farag: B.H Harper Sta Supt T/C Ramsi, O/C Tewfick, Coxn Hickman, Coxn Patiniott, Coxn Ibrahim,
(*'The Way of Mercy'*) C/A Gamage, G. Platts (Signals), *Chalky* White (Marine Section), L.E Fox (Snr Foreman)
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Photograph left:

George Formby
with his wife ~
Beryl Ingham
on ENSA service,
travel by Launch
to their BOAC
Poole Flying Boat

Courtesy of PFBC
Hon. Vice Pres.
Leslie Dawson

From the Coll. of
Mrs Mollie Harman
née Mollie Skinner
a former member of
BOAC's Marinecraft
Unit during WW2

BOAC 'Passengers of Note' at Poole

Royal Connections

Grand Duchess of Luxembourg accompanied by M. Bech, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Princess Marie Adelaide and Mme Bech
Prince George of Greece (to Gibraltar on *Clare*)
Brigadier Prince John Ghika Chief of Staff (Flew Piraeus to Poole 1939) (Family formerly ruled Moldavia)

Titled Connections

Field Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke, Churchill's Chief of Staff date
Comte C.de R. de Vichenet Belgian Rep.of French Commission of Nat. Liberation
Lord Beaverbrook date ?
Lord Keynes, the famous Economist and Director of the Bank of England
Earl Mountbatten of Burma (formerly Lord Louis Mountbatten)
Lord Wavell (General Wavell) to India, then Lord Linlithgow (homewards)

Senior Statesmen and Military

General Auchinlek date ?
Mr. Hilary Blood, Governor of Gambia
General Sir Alan Brooke (Aug 1943 from Quebec Conf.)
Major Brooks, '*the White Rajah of Sarawak*' (recorded 1946 on G-AGKZ Harwich)
Randolph Churchill date x 2 ?
Sir John Dill ...Chief of Staff (Aug 1943 from Quebec Conf.)
Sir Anthony Eden (Aug 1943 from Quebec Conf.)
Sir Henry French, Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Food
General Charles de Gaulle, of the Free French & future President of France date x 2 ?
Mme Gusef, wife of the Soviet Ambassador in London
Sayid Daond al Haidari, the Iraq Ambassador to Great Britain
Sir Samuel Hoare, Sec. of State to the Colonies, later Ambassador to Spain date
The Hon. C.D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Transport and Munitions, and Supply
Mr. Kwapinski, Deputy Polish Prime Minister
Sir Robert Menzies, Australian PM
General Bernard Montgomery (*Monty*) (Brought in Bananas for BOAC Staff)
Lord Louis Mountbatten (Aug 1943 from Quebec Conf.)
Sir Charles Portal, Air-Marshal, C-in-C Bomber Command (Aug 1943 from Quebec Conf.)
Sir Dudley Pound First Sea Lord (Aug 1943 from Quebec Conf.)
Sir Arthur Richards, Governor of Nigeria
General Sikorski, Wartime Leader of the Polish Govt. in exile date & Snr. Staff
Dr. Strasburger Polish Minister of State *with* Mr. J. Marlewski, Counsellor
Mr. Illia Youkich, Under-Secretary of State, Yugoslav Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Businessmen

Mr. H.J. Symington ~ President of Trans-Canada Airlines

Celebrities

George Formby and his wife Beryl Ingham (both Entertainers with ENSA)
Derek McCullough (*BBC's Uncle Mac*), Radio Presenter & Entertainer (June 1946)
Francis Durbridge (+ *his fictional sleuth Paul Temple: ref. Paul Temple & the Sullivan Mystery*)
Albert Pierrepoint (*Executioner*) (+ his assistant) (Double Execution of Spies at Gib in Jan.

1944)

and Miss Lien Ho (Miss Unity) ~ baby Giant Panda (Flown to Poole *via* Calcutta ~ by Hythe Class FB in June 1946)

**** PFBC aims also to acknowledge + list the thousands of former Prisoners of War held by the Japanese who were brought back to the UK via Poole Flying Boats
If you can help with this important work, and /or would like to be part of this significant Research Project ~ then please contact PFBC via our Office at Poole...
Thank You**

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