



The Tiger Moth referred to (third letter below) by Mr. N. Collier.

Tiger Moths from Australia

AFTER reading the caption to an illustration of the R.A.A.F.'s disposal of its last ten Tiger Moths in service (page 125, *Flight*, January 25) I am prompted to send a photograph [reproduced above—Ed.] and details of a similar machine—A.17-84—in service with the Royal Navy in the United Kingdom.

This unique example first attracted my attention in 1950 when it was based at Roborough on the strength of the Royal Naval Engineering College; it was still there as late as July 1955. The Australian prefix letter and type number have, in this instance, been grouped close together under the wings, and on the fuselage, in keeping with the British method of application.

I know of no other ex-R.A.A.F. Tiger Moths in service with the Royal Navy, so perhaps some other reader could shed some light on the history of A.17-84? At least two Australian Tiger Moths have found their way across the seas to the United Kingdom civil register of aircraft—these being: A.17-125 (became VH-AVD, later G-AKCG, in 1947); A.17-228 (became VH-BDK, later G-AKCI, in 1947).

Although these two are no longer in current use in the U.K. their importation contrasts sharply with the constant export of ex-R.A.F. machines to Australia each month.

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