



**L**AST month Britannia 312s and 313s were introduced on to the North Atlantic, Britannia 302s on to the New York - Mexico service, and an epoch-making non-stop flight was made by El Al from New York to Tel-Aviv.

These photographs record Britannia activities in the closing days of December 1957: B.O.A.C.'s Britannia G-AOVC, about to start the first transatlantic service by a British aircraft, is seen standing alongside the statue of Alcock and Brown—first to fly the Atlantic direct; above is the same aircraft

taxying out to take-off and the seats and bunks of B.O.A.C.'s 52-seat de-luxe and first class interior. Below is El Al's 313 shortly before the Israeli airline's inaugural transatlantic flight on December 22-23 and on the left is Aeronaves de Mexico's second 302, which entered service on December 18. The following day a Britannia flew between Mexico City and New York in 5hr 20min—an hour and 20 minutes faster than the current scheduled time for other aircraft. Canadian Pacific will be the next airline to take delivery of Britannias.

