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**Seaplanes on Mersey**

Having lived all my life on Merseyside and never having heard of Bromborough seaplane station, I was intrigued by the reference to it in *Sheetlines* 100.

I subsequently unearthed the mentions shown here. The text below is from Air Ministry Notices to Airmen in *Flight* dated 14 February 1930 (page 221). For ease of interpretation I have superimposed the approximate positions of the boundary lines described on to the 1951 edition of 1:25,000 SJ38 (which is reproduced by kind permission of National Library of Scotland).

![Map Extract](image)

The map extract on the right is from the 1942 German 1:10,000 map BB12ai *Liverpool*, which is a photo-enlargement of OS six-inch Cheshire sheet XIII.SE with objects of military interest superimposed in red. Object number 69, shown in the River Mersey, is listed as Flughaven (airport). This may well be the source of the information on the Soviet sheet depicted in *Sheetlines* 100.

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