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Bronco rides into Duxford

ON THE STORMY AFTERNOON of September 13, North American OV-10B Bronco G-BZGL arrived at Duxford after a ferry flight from Fassburg, Germany, via Manston, with Belgian owner Tony de Bruyn at the controls. During October another Bronco, G-BZGK, also owned by de Bruyn, is due at Duxford, from where the two ex-Luftwaffe target-tugs will be operated by the Aircraft Restoration Company on the European air show circuit during 2002 (see *News*, June *Aeroplane*).

The two Broncos were last used at Fassburg by No 3 Technical Training School for Battle Damage Repair training. The Luftwaffe operated 18 OV-10s, based at Lübeck, in 1970–90. They were flown by civilian pilots as target-tugs and for very-low-level simulated attacks. The type has quite a following in Germany, and in June 2000 the German Wing was the first International Wing of the Bronco Association to be formed.

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ABOVE and LEFT Bronco G-BZGL flies into Duxford on the grey afternoon of September 13.