# List of probable deliveries of English Electric KDP10 and KDF8 computers.

There may have been more than the two deliveries of a KDP10 computer shown below. The KDP10 as a product line was soon replaced by the largely-compatible KDN8 and, certainly in the case of the Commercial Union's Exeter machine shown below, the KDP10 was upgraded on site to a twin KDN8.

# **KDP10** deliveries.

The first production KDP10 was installed at the Commercial Union's new Computer Centre in Exeter in January 1962, at a cost of £300,000 – see [ref. 1]. It was known as 'Cutie' (Commercial Union Totally Integrated Electronics). The CU was one of the largest UK insurance companies at the time and this installation was historically significant for a number of reasons. More details are given here <a href="https://ourcomputerheritage.org/Maincomp/Eel/N3ExtraCaseStudy.pdf">https://ourcomputerheritage.org/Maincomp/Eel/N3ExtraCaseStudy.pdf</a>

From indirect mentions, it is possible that another KDP10 was installed at the Bank of London & South America. More details are being sought.

# Nine KDF8 deliveries. See [refs. 3 & 4].

- 1 & 2. Twin KDF8 at Commercial Union, Exeter, replacing the KDP10. [refs. 1, 2].
- 3. KDF8 at Bank of London & South America
- 4. KDF8 at Midland Bank, London WC2
- 5. KDF8 at Midland Bank, London EC2
- 6. KDF8 at Schwepps Ltd., London W2
- 7. KDF8 at Midland Bank, Birmingham
- 8 & 9 Two KDF8s at Yorkshire Electricity Board.

# References.

1. A history of the West of England Fire and Life Insurance Company. See: <u>http://www.exetermemories.co.uk/em/\_commercial/westengland.php</u> A fuller account of the Commercial Union's KDP10 computer installation is given here <u>https://ourcomputerheritage.org/Maincomp/Eel/N3ExtraCaseStudy.pdf</u>

2. 1969 edition of The Computer Users' Year Book. VNU Business Publications, London.

## 3. English Electric KDF8 computer. See:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English\_Electric\_KDF8 In 1964 the KDP10 was redesignated as the KDF8 and sales of the KDP10 were discontinued. Sales of the KDF8 continued until at least 1965. A total of 13 were sold, according to this reference? 4. 6. A source of reliable information about KDF8 deliveries 3 to 9 is not known at the time of writing.