

## AIRSPEED – PRE-WAR

Version 290609

### AS.5 COURIER

AS.5/5A	AS Lynx IVC
AS.5B	AS Cheetah V
AS.5C	Napier Rapier
AS.5J	AS Cheetah IX [unofficial designation?]

### AS.6 ENVOY

AS.6	Wolseley AR.9 mk II
AS.6A	AS Lynx IVC
AS.6B/C	Unbuilt seaplane projects
AS.6D	Wright Whirlwind [in 1944]
AS.6E	Walter Castor II
AS.6F	Unbuilt Survey project
AS.6G	Wolseley Scorpio I
AS.6H	Wolseley Aries III
AS.6J	AS Cheetah IX [sub-types M or C for Military or Civil versions]
AS.6K	Wolseley Scorpio II

AS.7J/K Unbuilt military variant Envoy

Also see Article Aeroplane Monthly 3/88

- 1 AS.1 Tern Glider; ff 8.31.
- 2 AS.1 Tern Glider
- 3 AS.1 Tern Glider; not completed.
- 4 AS.4 Ferry Regd **G-ABSI** [CofR 3510] 12.31 to Sir Alan Cobham, London WC2 [based York]. Ff at Sherburn-in-Elmet 5.4.32. CofA 3425 issued 21.4.32. Dd 24.4.32 to National Aviation Day Ltd, Ford; named "Youth of Britain II". Damaged in crash Stanley Park Aerodrome 27.6.32; repaired. Regd [CofR 5765] 4.4.35 to [successor] National Aviation Displays Ltd, Ford. Re-engined with Gipsy Majors 3.36 by Rollason Aircraft Services, Croydon. Regd [CofR 6823] 12.3.36 to CWA Scotts Flying Display Ltd. Regd [CofR 7470] 18.11.36 to Air Publicity Ltd, Heston. Regn cld as sold 27.9.38. Regd 20.7.39 to Portsmouth, Southsea & IoW Aviation Ltd, Portsmouth. Flown Cardiff to Castle Bromwich 1.40 for use by Fairey Aviation Ltd as return ferry aircraft for deliveries of Battles from Longbridge; returned to Cardiff following centre engine failure. Regn cld 18.4.40. Impressed as **AV968** 18.4.40. To 20 MU 19.4.40. To Halton Station Flight 6.7.40. To instructional airframe **2758M** 10.41; issued to No 474 ATC Squadron, Long Eaton. Soc 11.6.45.
- 5 AS.4 Ferry Regd **G-ABSJ** [CofR 3511] 12.31 to Sir Alan Cobham, London WC2 [based York]. CofA 3484 issued 10.6.32. Op by National Aviation Day Ltd, Ford; named "Youth of Britain III". Renamed "Youth of Africa" .33. Regd [CofR 4780] 27.11.33 to National Aviation Displays Ltd, Ford. Shipped to India 4.34. Regn cld as sold 9.34. Regd in India as **VT-AFO** 4.8.34 to Himalaya Air Transport & Survey Ltd, Hardwar, New Delhi; named "Dragoman". Co renamed The Himalaya Airways Ltd [12.35]. Burnt by rioters in hangar Hardwar, 70 mls N of Delhi 1.10.36. Regn cld 13.10.36.
- 6 AS.4 Ferry Regd **G-ACBT** [CofR 4062] 21.12.32 to John C Sword and op by [his company] Midland & Scottish Air Ferries Ltd, Renfrew. CofA 3747 issued 7.2.33. CofA lapsed 17.2.35. Offered for sale 10.37, but remained unsold and roaded to Sword's caravan site at Tarbolton c.41. Burnt out Tarbolton 42. Regn cld 23.11.45.
- 7 AS.5 Courier Regd **G-ABXN** [CofR 3789] 7.6.32 to Airspeed Ltd, York [completed at Portsmouth] and built for Sir Alan Cobham. Ff 11.4.33. Damaged when u/c collapsed during Martlesham Heath trials 6.33. CofA 4001 issued 4.8.33. Regd 1.34 to Sir Alan Cobham and used for flight refuelling experiments [8.34]. Damaged in forced landing Malta 24.9.34 en route Portsmouth-India on long-distance flight & CofA lapsed. Regd [CofR 7789] 25.3.37 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Croydon and CofA renewed 3.6.37. Regd 19.5.39 to Miss Joan M Parsons, Bishops Tachbrook, Leamington Spa. Regn cld as sold 12.6.40 and to ATA at 3 FPP White Waltham. Reported as impressed as X9427 [but this was not issued and no serial known]. Soc at White Waltham 9.40.
- 8 SM.1 Regd **G-ACBP** [CofR 4059] 12.32 [probably] to William S Shackleton & Lee CL Murray, Hanworth; built to their order. Probably transferred 6.33 to their company, Forward View Aeroplanes Ltd. CofA 4035 issued 28.9.33. For sale by WS Shackleton 10.33. Probably bought by Lord Apsley, who took delivery at Hanworth 9.3.34 and flew it to Yate, where it struck an earth bank on landing and was damaged. Regd [CofR 5525] 3.1.35 to Miss Dolly Miles & Lord Apsley [Allen A Bathurst], Badminton/Yate. Ran out of fuel and forced landed in sea off Bembridge, Isle of Wight 22.7.36; towed into Cowes harbour but not repaired. Regn cld 12.37. The wreck was stored for potential rebuild but plans were abandoned during WWII. It was delivered 3.41 to an ATC Squadron at Stroud & District Technical College. Following an article in Aeroplane, this unit wrote a letter [14.11.41] stating that they intended to rebuild this "museum piece" as a ground trainer with a Genet engine. Fate unknown.
- 9 AS.4 Ferry Regd **G-ACFB** [CofR 4239] 6.3.33 to John C Sword and op by his company Midland & Scottish Air

- Ferries Ltd, Renfrew. CofA 3927 issued 2.6.33. Stored [badly] after trading ceased 9.34 and rebuilt 2.36 by Rollason Aircraft Services, Croydon; re-engined with Gipsy Majors. Regd [CofR 6888] 7.4.36 to CWA Scotts Flying Display Ltd, Hanworth. Regd [CofR 7469] 18.11.36 to Air Publicity Ltd, Heston. CofA lapsed 21.11.38. Regn cld as sold 1.9.40. Impressed as **DJ715** 18.2.41. To instructional airframe 1.41 [serial not known]; issued to No 1037 ATC Squadron, Meir, Stoke-on-Trent.
- 10 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACJL** [CofR 4435] 9.8.33 to Aircraft Exchange & Mart Ltd, Hanworth; dd 4.9.33. CofA 4030 issued 16.9.33. Entered in MacRobertson Race [Mildenhall-Melbourne] 10.34; flown by Sqd Ldr DE Stodart & KG Stodart & took 4th handicap place [later upgraded to 3rd after G-ACSS won speed prize]. Entered and came 1<sup>st</sup> in speed section of Essendon-Cootamundra Air Race 19.11.34. UK regn cld 22.3.46 (sic) as sold abroad. Continued to be operated by Stodart and damaged on landing Culcairn 4.35 on ferry flight Ballarat-Sydney; roaded to Sydney, arr 1.5.35. Damaged in collision with Avian VH-UGA on landing Leeton, NSW 18.8.35 [possibly as VH-UUF]. Regd **VH-UUF** [CofR 559] 9.10.35 to Aircraft Exchange & Mart Ltd, Mascot. Regn lapsed 8.10.36; reported as shipped back to UK.  
Note – insured by Qantas Empire Airways at Brisbane 14.12.35.
- 11 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACLR** [CofR 4721] 11.33 to Airspeed Ltd. CofA 4081 issued 21.11.33. Damaged when struck floodlight lorry on landing in bad weather Lympne 15.10.34; Capt Ayling inj & CofA lapsed. CofA renewed 1.8.36 & regd [CofR 7253] 11.8.36 to Portsmouth, Southsea & IoW Aviation Ltd. Converted to fixed u/c. Regn cld as sold 18.3.40. Impressed as **X9344** 18.3.40 and to ATA White Waltham. To Airspeeds for overhaul 12.3.41; returned to ATA 17.12.41. To Station Flight Exeter .42. Crashed into hedge on take-off Bolt Head, Devon 1.8.42.
- 12 AS.5B Courier Regd **G-ACLF** [CofR 4479] 11.33 to RK Dundas Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA 4111 issued 12.12.33. Demonstration tour in India; dep 16.12.33, flown by CE Kelly & Lord Ronaldshay. Purchased by Spanish Republican agent Carlos Krauel and regd [CofR 7270] 19.8.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd. Regn cld as sold abroad 3Q.36 but export blocked. Sold 28.8.36 to Federation Populaire des Sports Aeronautiques [for Republicans] and resold 10.36 via Josef Hermann to [non-existent] "Compagnie Air Taxi, Vienna"; sale still blocked. Regd **G-ACLF** [CofR 7543] 15.12.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd, Portsmouth. Regd [CofR 7644] 2.2.37 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Croydon. Regd 6.6.39 to Portsmouth Southsea & IoW Aviation Ltd. Converted to AS.5A (AS Lynx IVC) with fixed u/c. Regn cld as sold 18.3.40. Impressed as **X9342** 18.3.40 and to ATA, White Waltham. Major inspection at Airspeed, Portsmouth 11.3.41; returned to ATA 30.9.41. To 25 OTU 27.7.42. [Reported at *Squires Gate 10/42, painted as W7942, coded "PP-R"?*] To 5 MU Kemble 28.11.42. Soc 12.4.44.
- 13 AS.5A Courier To A&AEE as **K4047** 4.2.34 [or 9.2.34] [under Contract No.276131/33]. To RAE Farnborough 27.2.34 for landing gear research. To Airspeeds for modifications 5.5.34; returned to A&AEE 28.5.34 [handling trials] and RAE 11.6.34 [automatic controls]. To HQ Fighting Area, Duxford for research 21.11.34. To Airspeeds 4.12.34 and to RAE 30.12.34 [auto control tests]. To Airspeeds 21.10.35 and returned to RAE 26.10.35 for flap research, later gunnery research. To Airspeeds 11.2.38 and fitted with AS Cheetah IX. To RAE 30.6.38 for trials & training; later boundary layer research. Later used as communications aircraft. Damaged & soc 14.7.43.
- 14 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACLT** [CofR 4723] 11.33 to unknown party [probably Airspeed Ltd or Aircraft Exchange & Mart Ltd]. CofA 4084 issued 17.2.34. Loaned to Bouts-Tillotson Transport Ltd, t/a Bouts Airlines, Hanworth 5.34 for experimental Hanworth-Barton service. Later operated by Portsmouth Southsea & IoW Aviation Ltd. Regn cld as sold abroad 3Q.36. Sold via LMJ Balfour 11.36 to Air Taxis Vienna [for Spanish Republicans] but sale blocked. Regd **G-ACLT** [CofR 7545] 15.12.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd, Portsmouth. Regd [CofR 7643] 2.2.37 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Croydon. Regd 14.3.39 to Air Taxis Ltd, Croydon. Regn cld as sold 29.3.40. Impressed as **X9394** 29.3.40 & to ATA White Waltham [although reported at RAF Northolt .41 still as G-ACLT]. Damaged by enemy action and soc 4.42.
- 15 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACLS** [CofR 4722] 11.33 to unknown party [probably Airspeed Ltd]. CofA 4083 issued 1.5.34. Regd [CofR 5274] 27.7.34 to Walter L Hope and operated by his company Air Taxis Ltd, Croydon. Crashed Grenoble 17.10.34; en route Brindisi to London [pilot Crundall unhurt]. Regn cld 12.34.
- 16 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACSY** [CofR 5075] 17.5.34 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA 4304 issued 26.5.34. Company reformed 20.7.34 as Airspeed (1934) Ltd. Operated by London Scottish & Provincial Airways Ltd. Flew into hill in cloud Shoreham, nr Sevenoaks, Kent 29.9.34; Heston-Paris [pilot RM Smith & 3 pass killed]. Regn cld 10.34.
- 17 AS.6A Envoy Regd **G-ACMT** [CofR 4748] 30.12.33 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. Ff 26.6.34. Company reformed 20.7.34 as Airspeed (1934) Ltd. CofA 4530 issued 9.10.34. Mod to Srs II .36. Regd [CofR 7304] 28.8.36 to Rollason Aircraft Services Ltd, Croydon. Purchased on behalf of Office General de l'Air [OGA] for **Spanish Republicans**. Dep Lympne 29.8.36 for Meaulte and then on to Barcelona. Fitted with wings of G-AEBV at Barcelona, prior to defection to **Spanish Nationalists**, when flown by Fernando Rein Loring to Pamplona 26.9.36. UK regn cld as sold 12.36. Became "**41-1**" and op as General Mola's personal acft. Crashed into hill en route Burgos 3.6.37; killing all on board, incl Genl Mola.
- 18 AS.8 Viceroy Regd **G-ACMU** [CofR 4749] 30.12.33 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. Company reformed 20.7.34 as Airspeed (1934) Ltd. Regd [CofR 5329] 31.8.34 to Thomas Neville Stack & Sydney L Turner, Portsmouth. First flown 19.9.34 and CofA 4538 issued 12.10.34. Flown by Stack & Turner in MacRobertson Race, departing 19.10.34; retired at Athens next day. CofA lapsed 11.10.35.

- Bought back by Airspeed [1934] Ltd from Stack & Turner 12.35 following legal dispute in which Stack/Turner unsuccessfully sued Airspeed. Refurbished for sale to Emperor of Abyssinia 4.36 [and whilst a Viceroy was reported as crashed on delivery off Corsica 13.4.36, this latter accident was BK Eagle G-ACVU]. Sale fell through and stored Portsmouth until refurbished for the October 1936 Schlesinger Race to South Africa for Ken Waller & Max Findlay. [No record of CofA renewal]. Bought by them but sold on to **Spanish Republicans** instead; flown by Waller & Findlay Croydon-Paris 15.8.36 [or 13.8.36] and later ferried to Barcelona [where later named "Arturo Gonzalez Gil"]. Regn cld 11.37.
- 19 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACSZ** 5.34 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA 4305 issued 30.5.34. Company reformed 20.7.34 as Airspeed (1934) Ltd. Operated by London Scottish & Provincial Airways Ltd. CofA lapsed 29.5.35; renewed 14.8.36. Purchased by Spanish Republican agent, Carlos Kraul and regd [CofR 7273] 19.8.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd. Regn cld as sold abroad 3Q.36 but export blocked. Sold 28.8.36 to Federation Populaire des Sports Aeronautiques [for Republicans] and resold 10.36 via Josef Hermann to Air Taxis Vienna; sale still blocked. Regd **G-ACSZ** [CofR 7544] 15.12.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd, Portsmouth. Regd [CofR 7642] 2.2.37 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Croydon. Crashed on take-off Doncaster 29.5.37; Irdwell R Jones & 3 passengers killed, 2 inj. Regn cld 12.37.
- 20 AS.5C Courier Regd **G-ACNZ** 2.34 to unknown party [probably to AVM AE Borton - director and nominee for D Napier & Son Ltd]; used for Rapier IV engine trials and demonstrations. CofA 4348 issued 22.6.34. Flown by Borton in Kings Cup Air Race 7.34. CofA lapsed 12.7.36. Regd [CofR 7477] 25.11.36 to Portsmouth Southsea & loW Aviation Ltd; CofA renewed 29.7.37. Later converted to AS.5A with fixed u/c. Regn cld as sold 18.3.40. Impressed as **X9346** 18.3.40 and to 3 FPP White Waltham. To Airspeeds 13.3.41 for overhaul and retained for communications work [under Contract C/A/1436 dated 2.12.41]. To 5 MU Kemble 18.1.44. Soc 12.4.44.
- 21 unidentified
- 22 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACVE** [CofR 5185] 7.34 to unknown party [probably Airspeed Ltd and stored Portsmouth]. CofA 5621 issued 14.8.36. Purchased by Spanish Republican agent, Carlos Krauel and regd [CofR 7272] 19.8.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd. Crashed on take-off Portsmouth 20.8.36; stolen by two Airspeed employees Joseph A Smith/Arthur C Gargett for flight to Spanish Republicans [Gargett died 4.9.36; Smith given 4 mths gaol, later extended following Gargett's death]. Regn cld as sold 10.36.
- 23 AS.5B Courier Regd **G-ACVF** [CofR 5186] 7.34 to unknown party [probably Airspeed Ltd and stored Portsmouth]. CofA 5622 issued 14.8.36. Purchased by Spanish Republican agent, Carlos Krauel and regd [CofR 7271] 19.8.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd. Regn cld as sold abroad 3Q.36 but export blocked. Sold 28.8.36 to Federation Populaire des Sports Aeronautiques [for Republicans] and resold 10.36 via Josef Hermann to Air Taxis Vienna; sale still blocked. Regd **G-ACVF** [CofR 7546] 15.12.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd. Regd [CofR 7641] 2.2.37 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Croydon. Regd 6.6.39 to Portsmouth Southsea & loW Aviation Ltd. Converted to AS.5A (AS Lynx IVC) with fixed u/c [possibly after damage in accident Ryde, loW 16.7.39?]. Regn cld as sold 14.4.40. Impressed as **X9437** 14.4.40 [although should have been X9347] and to ATA White Waltham. To Airspeeds for overhaul 14.3.41. To Boulton & Paul Ltd for communications 28.2.42. To Airspeed for repairs 25.7.43; to 51 MU 30.9.43. To 5 MU Kemble 5.10.43. Soc 12.4.44 [although stored]. For sale at 5 MU 12.45 and sold to Sqn Ldr RJ Jones 18.1.46. Regd [in error] as **G-ADAX** 1.2.46; corrected to **G-ACVF** to RJ Jones, t/a East Anglian Flying Services, Southend. CofA renewed 19.12.46; dd Southend 2.1.47. CofA lapsed 18.12.47. Regn cld 12.5.49 as wfu. Remains burned Southend Airport 5.6.51.
- 24 AS.5J Courier [5B?] Regd **G-ACVG** [CofR 5187] 3.7.34 to Airspeed Ltd. Regn cld as sold 12.34. CofA 4642 issued 29.12.34. Regd in India as **VT-AFY** [CofR 241] 10.11.34 to HH The Maharajah of Jaipur, Jaipur. Regd [CofR 241/1] 24.4.36 to RK Dundas Ltd, New Delhi. Regd [241/3?] 25.5.37 to Air Services of India Ltd, Bombay. Regn cld 7.10.46.
- 25 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACZL** [CofR 5432] 14.11.34 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. CofA 4761 issued 28.3.35. Regd [CofR 5814] 13.4.35 to Portsmouth Southsea & loW Aviation Ltd. Damaged in crash Ryde, loW 30.5.36; repaired. Regn cld as sold 18.3.40. Impressed as **X9345** 18.3.40 and to ATA White Waltham [but visited Farnborough 12.8.40 still as G-ACZL]. Damaged when swung into car on take-off after forced landing nr Shenfield 15.10.40. To Airspeeds for repairs but soc 13.5.41.
- 26 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ADAX** [CofR 5512] 1.35 to unknown party [probably Airspeed [1934] Ltd]. Regd [CofR 5815] 13.4.35 to Portsmouth Southsea & loW Aviation Ltd. CofA 4782 issued 13.4.35. Regn cld as sold 15.3.40. Impressed as **X9347** 18.3.40 [should have been X9437] and to 3 FPP White Waltham. To Airspeeds for overhaul 17.3.41. Soc during maintenance 13.5.41.
- 27 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ADAY** [CofR 5513] 1.35 to unknown party [probably Airspeed [1934] Ltd]. Regd [CofR 5816] 13.4.35 to Portsmouth Southsea & loW Aviation Ltd. CofA 4838 issued 17.5.35. Regn cld as sold 18.5.40. Impressed as **X9343** 18.3.40 and to 3 FPP White Waltham. To 22 MU 12.10.40. To 48 MU 15.10.40. To Airspeeds for overhaul 12.3.41 but soc 13.5.41.
- 28 AS.6 Envoy Regd **G-ACVH** [CofR 5188] 7.34 to Airspeed Ltd. CofA 4524 issued 6.10.34. Probably sold 10.34 to Wolseley Motors [1927] Ltd; used as development aircraft 6.35. Regd [CofR 6360] 2.10.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. CofA lapsed 5.10.35. Reported as crashed into Langstone Harbour 5.36 (but this seems unlikely). Regn cld 5.36.
- 29 AS.6H Envoy Regd **G-ACVI** 7.34 to unknown party [possibly Airspeed [1934] Ltd]. CofA 4518 issued 4.10.34. Regd [CofR 5390] 9.10.34 to Lord Nuffield of Nuffield [William R Morris], Castle Bromwich; name "Miss Wolseley" and entered in 1934 MacRobertson Race to be flown by GE Lowdell & Ft Lt DF

- Anderson [but withdrawn after forced landing with engine problems Conington 15.10.34]. Operated as engine development acft by Wolseley Motors [1927] Ltd; fitted with Wolseley Aries III engines. Probably transferred to Wolseley Aero Engines Ltd 6.35, when Nuffield's affairs were reorganised. Sold to WS Shackleton Ltd .36. Regn cld as sold 8.36. Regd in Australia as **VH-UXM** [CofR 610] 22.10.36 to Ansett Airways Pty Ltd, Essendon. Re-engined .44 with Wright Whirlwinds as AS.6D. Wfu 3.51.
- 30 AS.6A Envoy Regd **G-ACVJ** 7.34 to unknown party [probably Airspeed [1934] Ltd]. CofA 4638 issued 29.12.34. Regd [CofR 5552] 19.1.35 to RK Dundas Ltd, Portsmouth [and flown to India on demonstration tour 1.35 by Sir Alan Cobham & Flt Lt HC Johnson]. Returned to Airspeed [1934] Ltd and operated on ad hoc charters [eg by ML Bramson to Switzerland 1.36]. Regd [CofR 7176] 10.7.36 to Commercial Air Hire Ltd, Heston. Regn cld as sold 8.36. To **Spanish Republicans**, dep UK 12.8.36; arr Barcelona 22.8.36 [reportedly after having been "appropriated" back by Airspeeds at Croydon].
- 31 AS.6J Envoy Regd **G-ACYJ** [CofR 5363] 24.9.34 to Charles TP Ulm. Regn cld as sold 10.34. CofA 4567 issued 9.11.34. Regd in Australia as **VH-UXY** [CofR 484] 13.11.34 to Charles TP Ulm; named "Stella Australis". Forced landed successfully in Pacific Ocean somewhere between Oakland, California & Honolulu 4.12.34 en route Australia [aircraft not found and Charles Ulm, GM Littlejohn and JL Skilling died].
- 32 AS.6J Envoy Regd **G-ADAZ** [CofR 5514] 16.1.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. CofA 4760 issued 28.3.35; dd 29.3.35. Regd [CofR 5766] 4.4.35 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Heston; named "Tynedale" [at Yeaton 8.4.35 by Mrs Anthony Eden; then disgraced itself by skidding on landing Heston and running through fence on inaugural flight, Mrs Eden & others aboard unhurt]. Hired out wef 7.35. Operated [7.36] by Air Dispatch Ltd, Croydon. Sale via LMJ Balfour 11.36 to "Compagnie Air Taxis, Vienna" [for Spanish Republicans] blocked as was subsequent similar attempted purchase by Eric M Hoffman [latter sought export licence 14.11.36 via Airwork Ltd but North Eastern Airways apparently rejected purchase offer]. Regd [CofR 8915] 29.11.38 to Air Service Training Ltd, Hamble. Regn cld 14.2.41. Impressed as **DG663** and to HQ SFPP, Hamble 24.3.41. To 5 MU Kemble 6.5.41. Intended loan to Armstrong Siddeley Motors Ltd 18.6.41 cancelled 23.8.41. To Northolt Station Flight 24.1.42 [for use by Group Capt Vasse]. To 5 MU 19.3.42. To 52 MU 12.7.42. To Telecommunications Flying Unit, Defford [31.12.42]. Soc during major inspection 14.6.43.
- 33 AS.6J Envoy Regd **G-ADBA** [CofR 5515] 16.1.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. CofA 4785 issued 18.4.35. Regd [CofR 5852] 4.5.35 to Cobham Air Routes Ltd, Croydon. Leased 5.35 to Olley Air Service Ltd, Croydon. Regd [CofR 7132] 17.6.36 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. Purchased by Spanish Republican agent, Carlos Krauel and regd [CofR 7278] 19.8.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd. Regn cld as sold abroad 3Q.36 but export blocked. Sold 28.8.36 to Federation Populaire des Sports Aeronautiques [for Republicans] and resold 10.36 via Josef Hermann to Air Taxis Vienna; sale still blocked. Regd **G-ADBA** [CofR 7547] 15.12.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd, Portsmouth. Regd [CofR 7640] 2.2.37 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Croydon. Flown as "E97" in film "Q Planes" [released .39]. Regn cld at census 1.1.39. Transferred to RAF [under Contract No.968450/39] as **P5778** 14.2.39. To 1 E&WS Cranwell 28.11.38. To Airspeed 12.1.39. To 9 FTS Hullavington 24.3.39. To 2 E&WS Yatesbury 11.12.39. To 8 MU 14.11.40. To 781 Squadron, Royal Navy 21.3.41 [also reported as to 781 ATC Squadron as instructional airframe but incorrect]. Active 3.42.
- 34 AS.6J Envoy Regd **G-ADBB** [CofR 5516] 16.1.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. Regd [CofR 5772] 6.4.35 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Heston; named "Wharfedale". CofA 4768 issued 6.4.35. Hired out wef 7.35; probably to Air Dispatch Ltd. CofA lapsed 5.4.36. [CofA shown as renewed 11.7.36 but annotated as "for record purposes only as CofA not actually endorsed"]. Purchased by Spanish Nationalists and dep Croydon 9.8.36; arr Burgos. Regn cld 22.1.37. *Also reported as having become "41-1", the personal aircraft of General Mola [but this was G-ACMT].*
- 35 AS.6J Envoy Regd **G-ADBZ** [CofR 5575] 2.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. Regd [CofR 5773] 6.4.35 to North Eastern Airways Ltd; named "Swaledale". CofA 4778 issued 13.4.35. Badly damaged in forced landing in snowstorm nr Ripon 17.5.35; pilot VJ Wheeler injured and aircraft salvaged by Slingsby & repaired. Hired out wef 7.35 to Air Dispatch Ltd, Croydon. Sale via LMJ Balfour 11.36 to "Compagnie Air Taxis, Vienna" [for Spanish Republicans] blocked as was subsequent similar attempted purchase by Eric M Hoffman [latter sought export licence 16.11.36 via Airwork Ltd but North Eastern Airways apparently rejected purchase offer]. Crashed into Titsey Hill, nr Titsey Park Plantations, Oxted 22.1.37; Croydon-Paris [pilot GS Jones-Evans/WOp J Walker killed]. Regn cld 22.1.37.
- 36 AS.6A Envoy Regd **G-ADCA** [CofR 5576] 2.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. CofA 4804 issued 2.5.35. Regd [CofR 5910] 25.5.35 to Portsmouth Southsea & loW Aviation Ltd, Portsmouth. Bought by WA Rollason/Rollason Aircraft Services on behalf of Office Generale de l'Air [OGA] for Spanish Republicans and flown Heston-Croydon 20.8.36 and on to Paris [by Rollason] 21.8.36. Crashed and written off nr Ales 28.8.36 en route Barcelona. Regn cld as sold 8.36.
- 37 AS.6A Envoy Regd **G-ADCB** [CofR 5577] 1.2.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. Regn cld as sold 7.35. CofA 5052 issued to Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd 28.8.35. To Japan Air Transport [NKYKK] as **J-BDDO** 10.35. To Greater Japan Airways Co [DNKKK] 1.12.38. Regd **J-DDDO** .40 for use in Formosa.
- 38 AS.6A Envoy Regd **G-ADCC** [CofR 5578] 1.2.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. Regn cld as sold 3.35. CofA 4835 issued to Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd 10.5.35. To Japan Air Transport [NKYKK] as **J-BDAO** 7.35 [also reported as **J-BDBO** but above is believed correct]. Regd **J-EDAO** 9.35 on transfer to Kwantung Province. Crashed during test flight Shingishu Airfield & dbf 12.12.35.
- 39 AS.6D Envoy II Regd **G-ADCD** [CofR 5579] 1.2.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. Regn cld as sold 6.35. Regd **ZS-AGA** 23.7.36 to South African Airways; named "Sir Peregrine Maitland". CofA 5611 issued to SAAF 31.7.36. Flown from Portsmouth to South Africa on delivery with SAAF 251, departing 4.7.36 [but

- believed error for 4.8.36]. To SAAF as **254** 10.5.38.
- 40 AS.6A Envoy Regd **G-ADCE** [CofR 5580] 1.2.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. Regn cld as sold 7.35. CofA 5028 issued to Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd 27.8.35. Regd **J-BDEO** 7.35 to Japan Air Transport [NKYKK]. Regn cld 6.36 as burnt – probably in hangar fire at Seoul, Korea 7.3.36.
- 41 AS.6A Envoy To Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and regd **J-BAOH**. CofA 4914 issued to Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd 15.6.35. To Japan Air Transport Co [NKYKK] 9.36. To Greater Japan Airways Co [DNKKK] 1.12.38.  
*See also note at end re J-BEYG.*
- 42 AS.6A Envoy To Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and regd **J-BDBO**. CofA 4965 issued to Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd 18.7.35. To Japan Air Transport Co [NKYKK]. Regd **J-EDBO** 18.9.35 on transfer to Kwantung Province. Possibly to DNKKK. Used for structural testing .40.
- 43 AS.6A Envoy To Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and regd **J-BDCO**. CofA 4975 issued to Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd 27.7.35. To Japan Air Transport Co [NKYKK] 9.35. Regd **J-EDCO** 20.9.35 on transfer to Kwangtung Province. To Greater Japan Airways Co [DNKKK] 1.12.38.
- 44 AS.6J Envoy II CofA 5600 issued 19.7.36 to SAAF as **251**. Regd **ZS-ALD** .36 and op by Air Survey Flight, Zwartkop, Pretoria. Returned to SAAF as **251** .37.
- 45 AS.6D Envoy II CofA 5690 issued to South African Airways 15.10.36; regd **ZS-AGD** to South African Airways; named "Alexander Biggar". To SAAF as **257** 4.5.38.
- 46 AS.6D Envoy II CofA 5688 issued to South African Airways 12.10.36; regd **ZS-AGC** 1.12.36 to South African Airways. To SAAF as **256** 10.5.38. Crashed nr Limpopo River 6.6.38 on Rhodesian/Transvaal border in cloud; en route Salisbury to Roberts Heights [pilots Capt AC Koch/Sgt MP Leroux & 4 members of RAF Boxing Team, incl P/O Rodney Moseby killed]
- 47 AS.6E Envoy CofA 4984 issued to CSA 30.7.35. Regd **OK-BAL** [CofR 387] 30.7.35 to Ceskoslovenske Statni Aerolinie [CSA], Prague; dd 6.8.35. Seized by Germans 3.39. To Luftwaffe as **CM+SA**. Handed over to Finnish Government 22.3.42 as compensation for loss of Rapide OH-BLB, shot down 11.41. To Finnish AF as **EV-1** 22.3.42. Damaged beyond repair 31.7.43.
- 48 AS.6E Envoy CofA 5051 issued to CSA 30.8.35. Regd **OK-BAM** [CofR 394] 30.8.35 to Ceskoslovenske Statni Aerolinie [CSA], Prague; dd 9.9.35. Seized by Germans 3.39; to Luftwaffe as **DM+SA**. Also reported as sold Finland (but probably confused with c/n 47)
- 49 AS.6D Envoy II CofA 5566 issued to South African Airways 1.7.36. To SAAF as **252** 7.36. Regd **ZS-ALE** .36 and op by Air Survey Flight, Zwartkop, Pretoria. Returned to SAAF as **252** .37. Damaged when port u/c collapsed on landing Craddock 23.3.38; repaired. Operated by 60 Squadron, SAAF in East Africa .40.
- 50 AS.6D Envoy II CofA 5558 issued to SAAF 26.6.36. To SAAF as **253** 6.36. Regd **ZS-ALF** .36 and op by Air Survey Flight, Zwartkop, Pretoria. Returned to SAAF as **253** .37. Damaged when u/c collapsed on landing Bloemfontein 23.3.38 [same day as c/n 49 and both incidents had Minister of Defence & Railways, O Pirow as passenger!]. Crashed nr Pietersberg 18.6.40; Lt JA Muller & 2 crew killed.
- 51 AS.6D Envoy II CofA 5603 issued to South African Airways 25.7.36. Regd **ZS-AGB** 3.11.36 to South African Airways; named "Sir Hercules Robinson". To SAAF as **255** 4.5.38.
- 52 AS.6J Envoy II Regd **G-AEBV** [CofR 6707] 12.2.36 to Brian Allen Aviation Ltd, Hanworth. CofA 5446 issued 21.4.36. Regn cld as sold 8.36. Purchased by Spanish Republican agent, Carlos Pastor Krauel and dep England 9.8.36; arr Barcelona 22.8.36. Fate unknown but wings fitted to G-ACMT by 9.36.
- 53 AS.6E Envoy II CofA 5623 issued to CSA 17.8.36. Regd **OK-BAN** 7.8.36 to Ceskoslovenske Statni Aerolinie [CSA], Prague. Seized by Germans 3.39.
- 54 AS.6E Envoy II CofA 5649 issued to CSA 3.9.36. Regd **OK-BAO** 8.9.36 to Ceskoslovenske Statni Aerolinie [CSA], Prague. Seized by Germans 3.39.
- 55 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AEGF** [CofR 6917] 1.5.36 to British Scandinavian Airways Ltd; not used. No CofA issued. Regn cld as sold 1.37.
- 56 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AEGG** [CofR 6918] 1.5.36 to British Scandinavian Airways Ltd; not used. No CofA issued. Regn cld as sold 1.37.  
*Note: These have commonly been recorded as being the Envoys impounded at Ypenburg en route to Spain. However, these are known to have been c/n 61 & 62; the fate of the ex British Scandinavian Envoys is unknown, if indeed they were built.*
- 57 AS.6K Envoy II CofA 5697 issued to Maharajah of Jaipur 28.10.36. Regd **VT-AHR** [CofR 285] 8.5.36 to HH The Maharajah of Jaipur, Jaipur. To Indian National Airways [10.40]. Crashed 22.3.42. Regn cld 26.3.42.
- 58 AS.6K Envoy III CofA 5725 issued to Vitkovice Mine & Steel Co 3.12.36. Regd **OK-VIT** 26.11.36 to Vitkovicke Horni & Hutni Tezirstvo, [Vitkovice Mine & Steel Co], Prague. Overturned in forced landing on St Anna Beach, nr Antwerp 19.2.37; en route Prague-Portsmouth - no injuries and repaired. Active 6.37. Regn cld 8.8.39. To Slovakia in spring 40 and operated by Slovenska Letecka Spolocnost, Bratislava as **OK-DOA**. Suffered port engine failure and crashed on landing at Nozdrkovec, nr Trencin Airport 3.5.43 & dbf; pilot E Phys.
- 59 AS.6K Envoy III CofA 5928 issued to Maharajah of Indore 27.5.37. Regd **VT-AIC** [CofR 296] 21.8.36 to HH The Maharajah Yashwant Rao Holkar, Indore. Regn cld 2.8.39. Regd **G-AFWZ** 1.8.39 to RK Dundas Ltd, Portsmouth. Impressed as **X9370** 21.3.40. To 24 Squadron 27.3.40. Dbf following bombing Hendon 7/8.10.40. Soc 17.10.40.
- 60 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AENA** [CofR 7298] 10.9.36 to Max H Findlay & Ken HF Waller; named "Gabrielle". CofA 5659 issued 16.9.36. Flown in Schlesinger Portsmouth-Johannesburg Race [Race No.13]. Crashed into trees on take-off Abercorn, N Rhodesia 1.10.36 [pilot Max Findlay/crew AH Morgan

- killed; Ken Waller & C Derek Peachey inj]. Regn cld 12.37.
- 61 AS.6J Envoy III To Eric M Hoffman, Vienna with CofA 5745 issued 29.12.36; intended for Spanish Republicans but impounded Antwerp Docks. Released to Ypenburg and assembled but impounded again. Regd **PH-ARK** [CofR 288] 6.8.37 to DH Reinders, The Hague but not used. Still at Ypenburg 15.5.40; presumed destroyed shortly after.
- 62 AS.6J Envoy III To Eric M Hoffman, Vienna with CofA 5746 issued 30.12.36; intended for Spanish Republicans but impounded Antwerp Docks. Released to Ypenburg and assembled but impounded again. Regd **PH-ARL** [CofR 289] 6.8.37 to DH Reinders, The Hague but not used. Still at Ypenburg 15.5.40; presumed destroyed shortly after.
- 63 Unidentified It is possible that this and c/n 64/65 were also Envoys allocated to Eric Hoffman but not delivered.
- 64 Unidentified
- 65 Unidentified
- 66 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AEEX** [CofR 7862] 26.5.37 to The Secretary of State for Air; operated by The Kings Flight, Hendon [and ordered under AM Contract No.621351/37]. Ff 25.3.37 and to RAF Martlesham 25.4.37. CofA 5901 issued 6.5.37 and formally taken on charge by RAF at 24 Squadron, Hendon as **L7270** same day. However, it continued to be flown as G-AEEX until outbreak of war and regn cld to RAF .39. [Last reported as G-AEEX 26.8.39; first reported as L7270 30.10.39]. To PSIOOW for maintenance 21.6.42. To RAF Halton Station Flight 9.8.42. Damaged when u/c collapsed on landing Halton 11.8.42; to PSIOOW for repairs 18.8.42; to 5 MU 16.11.42. To Defford Station Flight [undated]. U/c collapsed on landing Defford 7.7.43; to PSIOOW for repairs 24.7.43; to 5 MU 12.11.43. To Fairey Aviation Ltd 11.1.44. Sold 28.2.44 [sic; probably .46] to CW Farquharson, Datchet. Regd **G-AEEX** 11.2.46 to Gerald Guy Ward Farquharson, Datchet, Bucks [based Hanworth]. CofA not renewed. Regn cld 19.6.46 as sold abroad. Regd **SE-ASN** 5.12.46 to N Turing, Visby. Regd 9.4.54 to Gosta Andree, Visby. Crashed 6.7.55. Regn cld 2.1.59.
- 67 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AEXE** [CofR 7816] 12.4.37 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. CofA 5931 issued 31.5.37. Regn cld 12.37 as sold. Dep Portsmouth 15.6.37 on delivery to Military Governor for Kwangsi Province, **China** [for use by Military Governor of Liu Chow]. Crashed 8.37.
- 68 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AERT** [CofR 7564] 6.1.37 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. CofA 5769 issued 22.1.37. Regn cld as sold 4.37. Departed Portsmouth 27.1.37 on delivery to Kwangsi Province, **China** [for use by Military Governor of Liu Chow].
- 69 AS.6J Envoy III Purchased by Eric M Hoffman, Vienna for Spanish Republicans but sale blocked. CofA 5782 issued to E Hoffman 1.2.37. Sold 5.3.37 to Auguste Amestoy, Paris [for "his" company Air Pyrenees to op Toulouse-Biarritz & Republican Spain service] and tested Villacoublay 21-26.3.37. Regd **F-APPQ** [CofR 5142] 14.4.37 to Auguste Amestoy, Paris [later Bayonne]. Shot down over Basque country 26.5.37; pilot Leopold Galy slightly injured. Regn cld as destroyed 2.38.
- 70 AS.6J Envoy III CofA 5936 issued to Auguste Amestoy 7.6.37; export licence issued 18.6.37. Regd **F-AQAA** [CofR 5321] 8.7.37 to Auguste Amestoy, Bayonne; op by Air Pyrenees.
- 71 AS.6J Envoy III CofA 5973 issued to Auguste Amestoy 8.5.37; export licence issued 31.7.37. Regd **F-AQAB** [CofR 5384] 17.9.37 to Auguste Amestoy, Bayonne; op by Air Pyrenees.
- 72 AS.6J Envoy III CofA 5997 issued to Auguste Amestoy 26.7.37; export licence issued 31.7.37. Regd **F-AQCR** [CofR 5345] 10.8.37 to Auguste Amestoy, Bayonne; op by Air Pyrenees. Regd 3.38 to Societe Francaise de Transports Aeriens, Paris. Regd **EC-AGE** [7.38] to LAPE; fleet no.32.
- 73 AS.6J Envoy III CofA 6015 issued to Auguste Amestoy 13.8.37; export licence issued 31.8.37. Regd **F-AQCS** [CofR 5375] 4.9.37 to Auguste Amestoy, Bayonne; op by Air Pyrenees. Shot down 7.9.37 en route Gijon; pilot Abel Guidez killed. Regn cld as destroyed 2.38.
- 74 AS.6J Envoy III CofA 6029 issued to Auguste Amestoy 26.8.37; export licence issued 31.8.37. Regd **F-AQCT** [CofR 5379] 6.9.37 to Auguste Amestoy, Bayonne; op by Air Pyrenees.  
Note: One ex-Air Pyrenees Envoy was apparently recovered from Oran '39 and was toc by Spanish AF as "**41-1**". Later re-serialised **C.11** .46.  
Note: A French-regd "Airspeed 2 Cheetah IX" was offered for sale 7.39 by Paul Legastelois, Paris, 100 hours since new and currently under overhaul. Since Legastelois was a known importer for the Spanish Republicans, this must have been one of those.
- 75 AS.40 Oxford Regd **G-AFFM** [CofR 8372] 29.8.38 to The Secretary of State for Air. Formerly **L4538** which was retained by Airspeeds for conversion under Contract No.725930/39; to Heston 29.8.38. CofA 6385 issued 31.8.38. Operated by British Airways Ltd on radio navigation trials and training. Crashed after struck barrage balloon nr Marchan, Gosport 20.11.39; pilot Arthur G Nicholson & w/op Arthur E Eady killed. Regn cld 20.11.39.
- 76 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AFJD** [CofR 8668] 2.8.38 to The High Commissioner for India. No CofA issued. Regn cld 17.8.38 as sold. Toc 28.8.38 by AHQ India Communications Flight, Willingdon as **N9107** [under Contract No.783677/38]. To Delhi Comm Flight [11.38]. Soc 11.6.42.
- 77 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AFJE** [CofR 8669] 2.8.38 to The High Commissioner for India. No CofA issued. Regn cld 17.8.38 as sold. Toc 28.8.38 by AHQ India Communications Flight, Willingdon as **N9108** [under Contract No.783677/38]. To Delhi Comm Flt. To Comm Flight Norgroup. Crashed Mingaladon, Burma 24.2.42; 2 killed.
- 78 AS.6J Envoy III [Batch of five ordered under Contract No. 967144/38 for communications work] Toc by Northolt Station Flight/11 Group HQ as **P5625** 8.3.39. To Plymouth Station Flight 6.7.39; but back to Northolt SF [30.11.39]. To 15 Group Comm Flight 1.3.40. To 17 Group Comm Flight 28.4.40. To Gosport Station Flight 28.6.40. To Turnhouse Station Flight 20.2.42. To Portsmouth Aviation for maintenance 10.3.43 and soc 8.4.43.
- 79 AS.6J Envoy III Toc by 1 Electrical & Wireless School/21 Group HQ, Cranwell as **P5626** 24.3.39. To 10 FTS,

- Ternhill 31.5.40. To RAF Cranwell Station Flight 11.6.40. To 45 MU 21.7.40. To 24 Squadron 29.8.40 [for Balloon Command HQ]. To RAF Limavady Station Flight 12.2.42. To 3502 Servicing Unit, Gosport 11.7.42; to PSLOW for maintenance 18.7.42. To Rolls-Royce Ltd, Hucknall 13.10.42. To Portsmouth Aviation Ltd 8.1.44. To 5 MU 16.1.45. Sold 30.1.46 to CTF Aviation Ltd. Regd **G-AHAC** 24.1.46 to Brevet Flying Club Ltd, Hanworth. CofA 7465 issued 18.4.46. Regd 22.7.46 to Flight Plans Ltd, London W1. Regd 19.9.46 to Nathan C Alderson, Manchester. Regd 25.3.48 to Private Charter Ltd, Heston. Wfu Tollerton. Regn cld 30.11.48. Scrapped 5.50.
- 80 AS.6J Envoy III Toc by 16 Group HQ, Rochester as **P5627** 21.4.39. To 39 MU 19.10.40. To A Flight, Gosport Station Flight 10.4.41. Soc 4.7.42.
- 81 AS.6J Envoy III Toc by 23 Group HQ, Grantham as **P5628** 12.6.39. To 1 School of Technical Training, Halton 14.9.39. To Portsmouth Aviation for maintenance 15.2.43; to 5 MU 28.3.43. To D Napier & Sons Ltd 22.4.43 for communications. To Marshalls of Cambridge for repairs 7.8.43 [returned to Napiers?]. Soc 5.6.44.
- 82 AS.6J Envoy III Toc by Leuchars Station Flight/18 Group HQ as **P5629** 11.7.39. Damaged on landing Leuchars 29.8.40; to PSLOW Avn for repairs 14.9.40; to 8 MU 1.11.40. To 781 Squadron, Royal Navy 30.5.41. Later to Turnhouse; Leuchars. To Portsmouth Aviation for maintenance 30.6.43. Soc 29.7.43.
- 83 AS.46 Oxford Regd **G-AFVS** 17.6.39 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. CofA 6666 issued 30.6.39. Regn cld as sold abroad 8.39. To Canada for winterisation trials. Reported lost at sea on SS Athenia, sunk 3.9.39 en route Belfast-Montreal [but also reported as becoming instructional airframe A89 – although this may have been L4546 and a different aircraft].

### Licence-Production

The following Airspeed Envoys were built as the Mitsubishi Hina-Zuru [Young Crane] 1936/37.

J-BAOD  
 J-BAOF  
 J-BAOK  
 J-BAOL  
 J-BAOP  
 J-BAOQ  
 J-BAOR  
 J-BAOS  
 J-BAOV  
 J-BAOW  
 J-BAOX

It is reported that the Japanese prototype Envoy stalled and crashed 27.10.37 killing the pilot.

Envoy "OL" [thus probably J-BAOL] reported as crashed between Giran & Taihoku 7.3.40; Capt Asaichi Asa, 1 crew & 6 passengers killed. Wreck located 12.3.40.

**J-BEYG** is an unidentified Envoy of Japanese Air Transport Co. Reportedly c/n 41, dd new to Mitsubishi Heavy Industries 10.35; operated by Imperial Japanese Navy 6.36 [prior to transfer as J-BAOH 9.36]

2 Envoys were operated by the Croatian Air Force as **2001 & 2002** and were dd ex German in 1943. Probably ex Czech?

One captured Envoy reported as operated by Luftwaffe as "NC+QC" at Fluglehrer-schule Brandenburg-Briest – reportedly an AS.6J and thus possibly one of c/n 61/62. A photo shows an Envoy in Luftwaffe c/s with "...+CQ" (possibly same as above)