

PRODUCTION DETAILS

- S29/1 Regd **G-AARX** [CofR 2295] 12.10.29 to The Comper Aircraft Co Ltd, Hooton [originally regd with c/n CLA.7 No.1]. First flown 1.30 with 40 hp ABC Scorpion. CofA 2476 issued 16.4.30. CofA lapsed 15.4.31. Scrapped Hooton Park. Regn cld 12.31.
- S30/1 Nothing known – c/n possibly not issued.
- S30/2 Allotted **G-AAZA** [CofR 2594] 6.30 to The Comper Aircraft Co Ltd, Hooton but NTU. *Reported to Aerofotos, Argentina as R222, thought unlikely [see S31/9]. However, LV-FBA reported [by Michael Magnusson] as wearing plate S30/2 in 1974]*
- S30/3 Regd **G-AAZB** [CofR 2595] 4.6.30 to Brian Lewis & CD Barnard Ltd, Heston. No CofA issued. Regn cld 2.31. *The report that this was sold to Flt Lt GNP [Pat] Stringer at Ratcliffe is likely to be erroneous and probably based on a report of him operating DH Moth “G-AAZB” in May 1933; which was confusion with DH.80A G-AAZV of Leicestershire Aero Club, where Stringer was CFI.*
- S30/4 Regd **G-AAZC** [CofR 2595] 6.30 to William T Taylor, Callander, Perth [based Upper Heyford]. Fitted with Salmson AD9. CofA 2796 issued 23.10.30. Regd [CofR 3493] 11.31 to Capt Francis R Walker, Hooton. Regd [CofR 4481] 28.4.33 to Gerald E Gree, Turnhouse. Regd [CofR 6174] 12.8.35 to Leonard H Riddell, Doncaster. Regd [CofR 8522] 26.5.38 to Airwork Ltd, Heston. CofA lapsed 28.5.38. Reported as to instructional airframe at Renfrew by 8.39; possibly with ADCC/ATC unit. Also reported as scrapped Heston 4.43. Regn cld 6.11.45. *The report [by AJ Jackson] that it became R232 in 1931 is erroneous [see S32/6]*
- S30/5 Regd **G-AAZD** [CofR 2597] 6.30 to unknown party [possibly Comper Aircraft Co Ltd]. Fitted with Salmson AD9. CofA 2921 issued 23.2.31. Delivered 2.31 and regd [CofR 3045] 3.31 to Arthur H Youngman, nominee for H Gordon Selfridge Jnr, Heston. Operated 9.31 by Brian Lewis & Co Ltd, Heston as demonstrator. Bought 1.10.31 and regd [CofR 3545] 1.32 to Lionel ER Bellairs, Shoreham/Burwash strip. Regd [CofR 3617] 2.32 to Philip deW Avery. Regd [CofR 4147] 1.33 to P/O Martin JO Parish, RAF Donibristle. Regn cld as sold 12.33. Regd in Egypt as **SU-AAJ** 11.33 to Mahomed Hasek for Oases Rally 21-22.12.33. Regd **G-AAZD** [CofR 5376] 28.9.34 to Henlys Ltd, Heston. Regd [CofR 6142] 31.7.35 to P/O Francis B Chapman, RAF Gosport. CofA renewed 10.8.35 and Chapman departed UK (2300) 11.8.35 on flight to proposed record-breaking flight to Australia; flight abandoned following forced landing with engine trouble at Sasaram, nr Bihar, India 16.8.35. Probably taken to Allahabad for repairs. Regd [CofR 81031] 27.7.37 to Algernon I Sladen, Cambridge. Regd [CofR 8603] 2.7.38 to Michel N Mavrogordato, Witney. Crashed Witney Aerodrome 31.7.38. For sale in damaged condition 10.38. Regn cld 1.1.39. Reportedly extant 9.49.
- S30/6 Regn **G-AAZE** [CofR 2598] allocated 6.30 and NTU [and reallocated post 3.31 to DH.60G c/n 1246]. Nothing known.
- S30/7 Regd **G-AAZF** [CofR 2599] 4.6.30 to Capt Gerard WR Fane, Heston. Fitted with Pobjoy P; later fitted with Pobjoy R. CofA 2620 issued 28.6.30. Used by Nicholas Comper for 2,600 mile

European tour 8.31 [also used by him again 9.32]. Flown by Sqn Ldr James M Robb 10.31 [and again in Kings Cup Air Race 7.32]. Probably the Swift used 7.32 as “pilot” aircraft for in-flight refuelling experiments by The Hon Mrs Victor Bruce at Portsmouth/Cowes. CofA lapsed 25.7.33. Sold [.37] to Lionel J Anderson, Hounslow and stored in his yard at Bristow Road [not Coleys as often reported]. Regn cld 12.37. Advertised for “quick” sale 7.39 by L Anderson Ltd, Hounslow.

S30/8 CofA 2879 issued 10.1.31 to HLD West; fitted with ABC Scorpion [later fitted with Salmson AD9]. Erected and test flown at Mangere [in '32?] Regd **ZK-ACG** [CofR 94] 8.4.31 to HLD West, Whakatane. Sometime named “Kitten”. Regd [7.33] tp R Ferry, Whakatane. Sold 4.37 to FJ McDonald & JS Aitken, Christchurch [dd by air 12.4.37]. Stalled and crashed on downwind landing Wigram 19.4.37; pilot JS Aitken. Wreck sold to Stanley A Tucker, JD Hurley & J Mackintosh & rebuilt Wigram. Crashed Wigram on first test flight; repaired by Tucker & Holmes with new cowlings and low-pressure tyres. Reflown 23.7.38 by Stan Tucker, Wigram [now sole owner?]; later mover to RNZAF Hobsonville, Christchurch. Lost in fog en route Christchurch to Auckland 10.4.39 and forced landed out of fuel and written off in swamp nr Huiakaka School, Te Wara, Taranaki, 20 ml E of Stratford; pilot Tucker unhurt. Engine/propeller sold to CHR Liddell, Te Awamutu.

From here on, all fitted with Pobjoy as standard

S31/1 Regd **G-ABJR** [CofR 3059] 3.31 to F/O Cautley Nasmyth-Shaw of Air Log Co Ltd, Heston [Swift wore Air-Log titles]. CofA 3092 issued 23.6.31. Regd [CofR 3339] 7.31 to Howard C Mayers, Heston. Regd [CofR 4134] 1.33 to Air Taxis Ltd, Stag Lane. Regd [CofR 4540] 7.6.33 to Norman Kilian and operated by East Anglian Aero Club, Abridge. Regd [CofR 4671] 4.10.33 to Aircraft Exchange & Mart Ltd, Hanworth. CofA lapsed 4.8.33 and not reported as renewed. Sold [but not regd] 1.34 to Charles R Shillingford, Brooklands. Crashed during aerobatics Brooklands 28.1.34; owner/pilot killed. Regn cld 12.34.

S31/2 Regd **G-ABMY** [CofR 3226] 17.6.31 to Percy SL Gethin of Survey Dept, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika. CofA 3153 issued 4.8.31. Regn cld as sold 21.6.32. Regd **VR-TAF** [CofR 6] 4.32 to The Governor of Tanganyika, Dar-es-Salaam. Sold 31.5.35 to Mr Currie, Nyeri [for £151]. Current 12.36.

S31/3 Regd **G-ABPE** [CofR 3363] 8.31 to Flt Lt Christopher Clarkson, Heston. CofA 3195 issued 4.9.31. Owned [3.32] by H Gordon Selfridge Jnr, Heston. Flown to India 2.33. Regn cld as sold 2.33 [to Dr EA Robertson, Kuala Lumpur]. Operated by her in UK marks until new register opened in mid 1934. Regd **VR-RAG** (CofR 7) .34 to Dr Enid Aimee Robertson, Kuala Lumpur; named “Vital Spark”. Returned to UK and UK CofA renewed 8.5.35. Regn cld 21.9.35 as “removed to Great Britain”. Regd **G-ABPE** [CofR 6020] 28.6.35 to Dr Enid A Robertson, Renfrew. Regd [CofR 6101] 22.7.35 to P/O Francis B Chapman, RAF Gosport. Regd [CofR 6845] 23.3.36 to Flt Lt David FW Atcherley, RAF Andover, later RAF Lee-on-Solent, RAF Debden. CofA lapsed 9.8.39. Operated [41/42] by Atcherley when CO of 25[F] Squadron, RAF Wittering; in RAF night-fighter black c/s coded “ZK”. For sale 7.43 by WS Shackleton Ltd. Regd

7.10.43 to Edgar A Boulter, Northampton. Regd 26.5.44 to Adrian B Golay, Bricket Wood, St Albans. CofA renewed 28.10.46. Crashed on take-off St Albans 26.4.47. Regn cld 29.4.48. Remains bought by Arthur WJG Ord-Hume for rebuild but not proceeded with due to tooling and certification difficulties. Sold on to Eddie Riding and parts sold for spares after his death.

S31/4 Regd **G-ABNH** [CofR 3236] 20.6.31 to Lt Cyril W Byas, RAF Gosport. CofA 3174 issued 19.8.31. Byas departed Heston 22.8.31 and arrived Bulawayo 31.8.31 and Cape Town 1.9.31. Forced landed in Table Bay, off Cape Town 21.10.31; owner/pilot rescued]. Regn cld as sold 12.31. Regd **ZS-AEU** 8.34. Written off.

S31/5 Regd **G-ABPR** [CofR 3377] 9.31 to Hamish MT Tod, Renfrew. CofA 3202 issued 17.9.31. Loaned 31.12.31 to Irish pilot Maurice Scally, Baldonnel pending delivery of c/n S31/7 Regd [CofR 3571] 1.32 to The Hon Brian E Lewis, t/a Brian Lewis & Co, Heston. Regd [CofR 3648] 3.32 to F/O Henry Bailey, RAF Digby/Brough. Regd [CofR 3967] 9.32 to The Hon Brian E Lewis, t/a Brian Lewis & Co Ltd, Heston. Sold 10.32 [loaned/financed by Sir Robert Rankin] to and regd [CofR 4600] 18.7.33 to Nigel T Tangye, Hendon. Regd [CofR 5435] 9.11.34 to Capt Francis R Walker, Heston. Regd [CofR 6797] 4.3.36 to Horace G Everitt, Leamington Spa/Castle Bromwich [and later Elmdon]. CofA lapsed 19.5.38. Regd 22.5.42 to Joseph Hassall, Coleshill, Birmingham. Regd 1.5.44 to Rupert A Richardson, Hatfield. Regd 16.4.46 to Eric B Gnapp, South Mimms [and stored at Lantern Garage, Barnet Bypass]. Regd 4.6.46 to Arthur G Meckin, Broxbourne. Dbf in hangar fire Broxbourne 23.6.47, prior to renewal of CofA. Regn cld 30.6.47.

S31/6 Regd **G-ABPY** [CofR 3384] 9.31 to The Hon Brian Lewis, t/a Brian Lewis & Co Ltd, Heston. CofA 3263 issued 10.11.31. Operated 4.32 by Flt Lt Turner Hughes with National Aviation Day Ltd. Loaned to Richard Shuttleworth and flown to India for Viceroy Trophy Race; dep Old Warden 25.1.33; arr Delhi 7.2.33. Regd cld as sold 7.33. UK CofA renewed 8.11.35. Regd **G-ABPY** [CofR 7434] 4.11.36 to Harry S Griffiths, Walsall. Regd [CofR 8058] 17.8.37 to Laurence Lipton, Hatfield. Regd [CofR 8189] 5.11.37 to John WW Hurndall, High Post. Regn cld as sold 16.12.38. Regd **VH-UZB** [CofR 734] 25.3.39 to Flt Lt AR Tindall, c/o 1 FTS, RAAF Point Cook, Vic. Regd 28.2.40 to Heaths Motors Pty Ltd, Geelong, Vic. Sold 14.4.45 [but not regd] to Fred L Betts, Belmont, Vic. Regn cld 28.5.45 due to non-notification of change of ownership. Sold 26.10.50 and regd 1.12.50 to W McMullen, Burnley, Vic. Crashed Lakes Entrance Golf Course, Vic 17.12.50; pilot Eric Alfred Sarau. Regn cld 8.2.51.

S31/7 No UK CofA. Dd 13.2.32 and regd **EI-AAL** 17.2.32 to Maurice GA "Manco" Scally, Baldonnel, named "Shamrocket 1". Departed Baldonnel 18.2.32 for Ceylon. Crashed low flying Berre, Marseille, France 21.2.32; Maurice Scally killed.

S31/8 Regd **G-ABRE** [CofR 3390] 10.31 to The Comper Aircraft Co Ltd, Hooton. CofA 3244 issued 27.10.31. To CA Butler 10.31; departed Lypne (0510) 31.10.31 and arrived Darwin (1623) 9.11.31, breaking record by two hours; flown on to Sydney. Returned to UK by ship by 6.32. Regd [CofR 4102] 12.12.32 to Victor Smith, Cape

Town. Departed Croydon for Cape Town 15.12.32 but crashed St Malo 16.12.32 & returned to UK. Departed Atlantic Park, Southampton 7.2.33 but crashed on landing at night Oran and badly damaged 8.2.33; Victor Smith injured and acft returned to UK for rebuild. Departed [third attempt] from Lympne 9.3.33. Forced landed out of fuel 160 ml N of Cape Town 13.3.33 and aircraft retrieved and stored on ranch. Smith departed Cape Town 26.7.34 for England but forced landed with engine failure 31.7.34 at La Aguera, Spanish Sahara, some 50 ml N of Port Etienne, Mauritania. Aircraft presumed abandoned. Regn cld 15.8.45.

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CofA 3356 issued 12.2.32 to Aerofotos Ltd, Argentina and dd to Comper agent, Cyril Taylor of Aerofotos, based Mendoza. Regd **R222** 1.32. Flown over Andes by Cyril H Taylor [of Aerofotos]; dep Mendoza 9.3.32 for Santiago, Chile but forced landed Nogales, 55 km NE of Valparaiso and damaged propeller taxiing; return flight 25.3.32. Based at Buenos Aires [5.33]. Regd to Miss Inga Karim Ahlstrom de Atencio. To Stockholm, Sweden '36 with owner Miss Inga Ahlstrom [unconfirmed]; later returning to Argentina. Regd **LV-FBA** 10.11.37 to same owner [still regd 31.12.38]. Later found and bought by Cyril Taylor and displayed [10.72] Buenos Aires Expo. Donated [3.76] to Buenos Aires Aeroparque Museum.

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Regd **G-ABTC** [CofR 3542] 1.32 to Capt Ian C Maxwell, Heston. CofA 3321 issued 8.2.32; dd 13.2.32. Regd [CofR 6355] 20.7.35 to Charles E Gardner, Hamsey Green. [Probably the Swift for sale 4.38 by Southern Motor & Aircraft Co, Hamsey Green]. Regd [CofR 8455] 13.4.38 to Anthony J Walter, Hanworth. Regd [CofR 8834] 24.10.38 to Stanley Lester Dodwell, Dodwell's Garage, Hinckley [based Leicester]. CofA lapsed 20.3.39. Reportedly sold ex Gatwick [.44] and regd 16.3.45 to Flt Lt Joseph Frederick [Jack] Reed, RAF Blakehill Farm, Cricklade [ferried inside Dakota from Gatwick to Down Ampney]. Cld 4.9.45 & regd 4.9.45 to Flt Lt Angus Scott Malcolm, Barnet (based Chippenham). Regn cld 1.12.46 by Secretary of State. Donated [5.47] to Ultra-Light Aircraft Association. Regd 4.4.50 to Wing Cdr Jonathan Alexander Kent (Farnborough); Flt Lt Gordon Banner (Birkenhead) & Wing Cdr Harry Hamilton Scott Brown, (Choppington, Northumberland). New CofR No R679 issued .50. Regn cld 15.6.51 as sold. Regd 2.6.55 to Grp Capt Jonathan Alexander Kent (RAF Tangmere, later Hartley Wintney), Wing Cdr Harry Hamilton Scott Brown (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) & Sqn Ldr John Adam Sowrey (RAF Wattisham). CofA renewed 31.12.56; lapsed 30.12.57. AtoF issued 27.1.60. Cld 2.5.61 & regd 10.5.61 to Peter William Jack Stevenson & James Paul Forsyth, Northampton (based Sywell). Cld 1.12.62 & regd 4.12.62 to George William Shield, Doncaster. AtoF lapsed 28.5.64. Cld 1.4.65 & regd 14.9.65 to Jeremy Dennis Menzies, Ferring-by-Sea (later Hayling Is); taken to Sandown 9.65 for overhaul. To Blackbushe 27.9.69. Cld 29.1.74 & regd 11.2.74 to Peter Channon, Kenley (later Camborne, Cornwall) (based St Just). CofA renewed 2.4.74. Attempted flight by Channon to Australia .82 (named "Spirit of Butler") to commemorate Butler's flight in G-ABRE in 1931; flight abandoned Jask, Iran 3.82 after double rotor arm failure; returned via Dubai. PtoF lapsed 18.7.84. Regn cld by

- CAA 22.2.99. Stored by Channon in Cornwall; on rebuild [2.06].
- S32/2 Regd **G-ABUA** [CofR 3620] 2.32 to JDM Gray, MD of The Aviation Shop, Toronto. CofA 3408 issued 22.3.32. Gray planned to fly aircraft from Novar, Scotland to New York via Faroes, Iceland & Greenland but plans abandoned. Regd [CofR 3748] 5.32 to Miss Fidelia J Crossley, Heston/Whitchurch. Crashed Heston 9.6.32; repaired. Crashed Baddiley, nr Nantwich 1.7.32; repaired. Regd [CofR 4340] 19.4.33 to Arthur H Cook, Stag Lane, later Hatfield. Loaned 10.33 by Henlys Ltd to Hirst's Motors, Golders Green for aeronautical display. Regd [CofR 5135] 5.6.34 to Henlys Ltd, Heston. Regn cld 10.34 as sold. To **PK-SAQ** [dd 28.11.34] to JC Meeuwenoord, Andir. Abandoned and scrapped Andir '42.
- S32/3 CofA 3380 issued 7.3.32 to Dr AM Leake. Regd **VT-ADF** [CofR 140] to Dr AM Leake, Calcutta. Regn cld as unserviceable 8.34. [Restored?] Regn cld 28.4.39.
- S32/4 Regd **G-ABUS** [CofR 3642] 3.32 to Shell Mex & BP Ltd, Croydon and flown by Lt Richard R Bentley. CofA 3386 issued 18.3.32. Regd [CofR 5551] 16.1.35 to Roger Frogley & Leonard FP Walters, Broxbourne. Regd [CofR 6827] 16.3.36 to Albert G [Don] Poole, Broxbourne. Regd [CofR 7562] 29.12.36 to Gerald Moller LeChampion, Rugby and operated by East Midlands Flying Club, Sywell. For sale 7.38. Regn cld 1.1.39 at census and prior to CofA lapse 22.4.39. Regd 19.3.48 to Anthony Lambert Cole, Goring-by-Sea. CofA renewed 16.7.48. CofR No amended to R534 .50. CofA lapsed 14.5.53; renewed 28.4.55. [Reported to David Ogilvie 2.55?]. Cld 19.2.58 & regd 14.4.58 to Arthur John Linnell, Wellingborough (based Sywell). Cld 3.1.64 & regd 14.1.64 to John Sumner Edwards & Peter John Devey, Coventry (based Baginton). Cld 10.12.65 & regd 3.1.66 to John Alexander Anning, Leeds. Cld 19.11.67 & regd 29.11.67 to John Robert Ramshaw, Wigan. Cld 22.5.70 & regd 8.6.70 to Keith Sedgwick, Wolverhampton. AtoF lapsed 24.3.72; CofA renewed 7.6.74. Cld 1.11.76 & regd 4.11.76 to Roy Edmund Nerou, Allesley, Coventry. Cld & regd 20.7.78 to Roger Cecil Frank Bailey, Herrings Farm, Cross-in-Hand; later Woodlow Farm, Bosbury, Ledbury. PtoF lapsed 19.6.79. Cld by CAA 3.4.89 & regd 21.2.90 to same owner. Possibly moved to France with owner [05].
- S32/5 Regd **G-ABUU** [CofR 3650] 3.32 to Mark A Lacayo, Hooton [Comper's Sales Manager]. First flight 8.4.32 and CofA 3409 issued 13.4.32. Flown on European sales tour, dep Heston 21.4.32; later damaged in Sweden following pilotless take-off; later repaired. Regd [CofR 4488] 3.5.33 to The Comper Aircraft Co Ltd, Heston. Flown 7.33 in Kings Cup Air Race by Flt Lt ECT Edwards [entrant Viscountess Hardinge]. Regd [CofR 5004] 25.4.34 to Miss Constance Ruth Leathart, Cramlington/Woolsington. CofA lapsed 24.5.40. Cld & regd 22.6.40 to No.131 [Tyneside] Squadron ATC, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and located at George & Jobling Garage, Forth St, Newcastle. Cld & regd 17.1.45 to Flt Lt Tom Francis West Gunton, Spalding (but remained based with ATC unit?). Regn cld 1.12.46 at census. To store at Hooton. Regd (CofR R2473) 27.9.50 to Desmond Heaton, Brough [based Speeton]. CofA issued 21.1.54. CofA lapsed 20.1.55. Cld 23.1.57 & regd 24.1.57 to Alexander Imrie, East Lothian. Cld 15.7.60 & regd 27.7.60 to John Howard Wise & Ian Trethewey, Woking/Laleham (based Fair Oaks). AtoF issued 14.8.60. Cld & regd 29.12.61 to Aubrey William Offer & Mervin Palmer Surbiton/Byfleet. Cld 27.2.62 & regd 15.3.62 to Nigel Desmond Norman & Christopher Donald Jack Bland Bembridge/Walton-on-Thames. Cld 2.8.62 & regd 20.8.62 to John Potheary, Christchurch [later based Lydd/Slinfold/Shoreham]. AtoF lapsed 14.1.66; renewed 12.9.68. AtoF lapsed 29.10.71. CofA

issued 8.6.73. Cld & regd 23.1.85 to Harold Bernard Fox, Ickenham (later High Wycombe). Regd 14.6.94 to Edward John Frederick McEntee, Billingshurst. Regd 6.1.95 to Hamish Forbes Moffatt, Woodlow Farm, Bosbury. Regn cld 18.1.99 as pwfu. Regd **EC-HAM** 2.99; based Cuatro Vientos. Repainted [10.00] as “EC-AAT”; named “Ciudad de Manila” [see c/n S32/12].

S32/6 CofA 3536 issued 28.6.32 to Aerofotos Ltd, Argentina. Delivered to Charles Bell after Andes flight of R222. Regd **R232** to Gustavo Einar Roth. Based Buenos Aires [5.33]. Regd **LV-YEA** [9.38] to same owner. Regd to Javier Molina (and noted wfu at El Palomar, Buenos Aires 3.47). Purchased (for Arg\$4,000) 2.6.50 by Vicente Bonvissuto, Buenos Aires and rebuilt. Regd **LV-FCE** 11.7.50 to Sociedad IPT (Vicente Bonvissuto). Engine failure on first post-rebuild flight & crashed nr Aero-Club Argentino, San Justo, Buenos Aires 29.9.50, owner/pilot badly injured.

S32/7 Regd **G-ABWE** [CofR 3723] 4.32 to The Hon Brian Lewis, t/a Brian Lewis & Co Ltd, Heston. CofA 3448 issued 9.5.32. Regd [CofR 3819] 6.32 to Richard O Shuttleworth of Warden Aviation Co, Heston. Regd [CofR 6238] 24.8.35 to Stanley T Lowe, Hanworth [later Abridge]. Regd [CofR 8577] 24.6.38 to Charles H Tutt, Gravesend. To OO [District Committee] Ljubljana winter 38/39. Damaged Ljubljana 19.3.39. Regn cld as sold 4.5.39 but believed used for spares.

S32/8 Regd **G-ABZZ** [CofR 3924] 10.8.32 to Samuel P [Philip] Symington, Desford. CofA 3561 issued 24.8.32. Sold 8.35 [but not regd] to Rado Hribar, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia [and continued to be operated as G-ABZZ]. Regn cld as sold 9.36. Sold .36 to Dr Stanko Rape, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia. Regd **YU-PDS** [CofR 94/CofA 91] 8.36. Destroyed by enemy action 4.41.

S32/9 CofA 3569 issued 29.8.32 to AHY Ali. Regd **VT-ADO** [CofR 161] 23.12.32 to Alban H Yusaf Ali, Haflong, Assam; named “Scarlet Angel”. Dep Delhi 3.3.33 for England but suffered engine failure Cairo and later shipped to England for rebuild. Regn cld 14.3.38. Regd **G-ACTF** [CofR 5085] 5.34 to George BS Errington, Portsmouth. CofA reissued 9.8.34. Regd [CofR 8666] 29.7.38 to Capt Francis L Luxmoore, Portsmouth [operated by him since 7.36]; CofA lapsed 29.7.39. CofA renewed 18.6.42 [for operation by Luxmoore’s company, Portsmouth, Southsea & IoW Aviation Ltd, later Portsmouth Aviation Ltd]. MAP Permit 7 issued 11.10.43; lapsed 10.10.44. Regn cld at census 1.12.46. Regd 13.5.49 to Ronald E Clear, Christchurch. CofA renewed 10.8.49. Regd 27.6.55 to Jeremy CA Quinney, Redditch. Regd 24.11.60 to James Hilton & Geoffrey Grimmett, t/a The Proctor Group, Coventry. Regd 20.7.64 to Quislat Ltd, Redditch. Regd 26.8.65 to John S Edwards, Coventry. Regd 29.12.65 to Ernest M Woodhams, Leamington Spa. Regd 19.2.73 to Alan J Chalkley, Blackbushe; later Booker. Temporarily repainted as VT-ADO at Booker 26.5.81 to mark occasion of visit of Alban Ali [now Allee].

S32/10 Regd **G-ACAG** [CofR 4005] 1.11.32 to The Comper Aircraft Co Ltd, Hooton [Heston wef 1.33]. CofA 3648 issued 16.11.32. Regn cld as sold 12.34. Regd **VH-UVC** [CofR 491] 9.10.34 to Australian Aero Club (Victorian Section), Essendon. Regd [date unk] [on change of name] to Victorian Aero Club. Regd 3.35 to Royal

Victorian Aero Club, Essendon. Sold 2.11.42 and regd 19.11.43 to MC Butcher, Hamilton, Vic [later Melbourne]. Regn cld at census of unairworthy aircraft 19.12.47. Sold 10.7.51 to Harry K Torr, Albert Park, Vic for rebuild; regd to him 26.4.57. Damaged in forced landing in ploughed market garden nr Moorabbin 14.11.59; repaired. Regd 27.1.62 to WJ Kelman, Yamala, Qld; overhauled at Bundaberg, Qld 64-68. Regd 1.8.68 to Leslie AR Barnes, Panania, Sydney, NSW. Wfu and regn cld 1.8.68. Stored in Marshall Airways hangar, Bankstown 69-74; owner Barnes died in crash of Biffo 21E VH-SJQ 10.5.75. To Sid Marshall/Marshall Airways Ltd, Bankstown .75. To Jack Davidson [Marshall's engineer] on the death of Marshall and moved to The Oaks airfield, Camden, NSW .80. Sold .97 to Dr Rob [Roy] Fox, Sydney for rebuild [with 7 Pobjoy radial engines]. Probably for Bankstown Aviation Museum. On rebuild .06 ay Kellyville, NW Sydney.

S32/11

Untraced

S32/12

CofA 3679 issued 13.1.33 to Fernando Rein Loring. Ferried as **EC-W12** to Loring at Madrid 18.3.33. Regd **EC-AAT** 3.33. Flown Madrid-Manila; arr Manila 10.4.33; dep by sea 22.4.33 & displayed at British Empire Fair, Hong Kong [by Far East Aviation Co Ltd] 23.5.33 for one month. Sold locally and operated in **China** by Wu Yu-chuan, Peking. Extant 2.35.

The report that it was extant at Madr-Barajas 7.36 and believed destroyed in bombing there during Spanish Civil War c10.36 seems now to be false.

GS32/1

Regd **G-ABWW** [CofR 3745] 4.32 to The Comper Aircraft Co Ltd, Heston; fitted with 130 hp Gipsy Major. CofA 3514 issued 28.6.32. Flown 7.32 by Flt Lt EH Fielden on behalf of HRH The Prince of Wales in Kings Cup Air Race. Entered 5.33 by G Averseng in Coupe Deutsch de la Meurthe Race, Mondesir Aerodrome, Etampes; fitted with 146hp Gipsy Major Special; flown by Nick Comper but suffered engine problems. Bought 4.34 by Arthur H Cook, Hatfield; for sale 1.35. Flown 9.34 by Alex Henshaw. Probably operated 2.35 by Warden Aviation Co, Heston. Regd [CofR 6189] 13.8.35 to Richard O Shuttleworth of Warden Aviation Co, Heston. Regd [CofR 7104] 2.6.36 to Thomas HO Richardson, Eastleigh. Regd [CofR 8042] 6.8.37 to Nicholas Comper, Heston. Regd [CofR 8277] 24.12.37 to Stanley T Lowe, Abridge/Gravesend. For sale 7.38 by Essex Aero Ltd, Gravesend. Regd [CofR 8740] 8.9.38 to Harold O Winter, Gravesend. [Also for sale by Essex Aero Ltd 6.39]. CofA lapsed 7.7.40. Flown by 247 [F] Squadron in 1941 as a squadron hack and forced landed with engine trouble at Pickhurst Corner, Pulborough, Sussex 17.2.41. Transferred 11.3.41 to 129 ATC Squadron, Tunbridge Wells as instructional airframe **2539M**. Reportedly extant .43 but also reported to 2520 ATC Squadron Tonbridge .43 [and rumoured extant postwar]. Regn cld 5.11.45.

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Regd **G-ABWH** [CofR 3731] 4.32 to Ian Charles MacGilchrist of British Air Navigation Co Ltd, Heston; fitted with 120 hp Gipsy III [for 1932 Kings Cup Air Race]. First flight 22.6.32 and CofA 3508 issued 28.6.32. Placed 2nd in KCAR 7.32, flown by AJ Styran, chief pilot of BANCO. Flown to 1st place in Folkestone Air Trophy 25.8.32. Regd [CofR 4506] 13.5.33 to Walter Lawrence Hope, Croydon; flown in KCAR 8.7.33 following modifications with sliding canopy and raised rear decking. Regn cld 4.12.33 as sold.

Bought 12.9.33 by Roger Wolfe Kahn (a bandleader) for £250; shipped to USA on SS American Merchant. Regd **NC27K** [CofR A-39855] 13.2.34 to Roger Wolfe Kahn, New York City; for "Roosevelt Field Air Races" [thought to be a reference to the Charity Air Pageant held Roosevelt Field, Long Island 10.33 but may have been an initial intention]. [Also reported as shipped to USA for 1934 Cleveland Air Races, where it performed well but won no prizes – however, if it did compete, it would have had to have an "NR" registration]. Reported as US marks cld 8.4.35. Shipped back to UK 7.35. Regn cld in "clean-up" 10.1.48. Regd **G-ABWH** [CofR 6086] 18.7.35 [back] to Walter Lawrence Hope, Croydon. CofA renewed 3.9.35. CofA lapsed 20.8.38 and shipped to Australia .38. Regn cld 31.12.38. Australian regn application made 27.12.38 by Light Aircraft Pty Ltd, Sydney. Regd **VH-ACG** 19.7.39 to Light Aircraft Pty Ltd [D MacArthur-Onslow], Camden, NSW. CofA lapsed 10.2.40. Stored during WWII whilst owner served in Australian Army as Brigadier. Sold [between 8.45 & 10.47]. Regd 24.10.47 to Aubrey JR "Titus" Oates, Camden. Sold 31.10.50 to Eric Ainsley Morris, Sydney. *Reported as crashed on fairway of Great Lakes Golf Course, Sydney 18.12.50 [pilot Oates] but this is a confusion with VH-UZB.* Regn cld 18.12.50. Sold .52 to D Nichol, Melbourne. Sold .54 to FM Morris, Dover Heights. Sold 30.8.54 to Frank Lawler, Batemans Bay. Regn cld 21.11.54. Sold 28.3.58 (back) to Don Nichol, Melbourne. Regd 10.12.59 to William Winch, Maitland, NSW. Sold .61 and regd 19.1.62 to Alex R Mackie, Wentworthville, NSW. Regd 13.12.62 to E Robert "Bob" Burnett-Read, Adelaide [to Parafield 3.63]. CofA renewed 26.2.63. Regd 25.6.64 to William [Bill] Conroy, Kalgoorlie, WA [and ferried Parafield-Kalgoorlie 26-28.6.64 by owner]. Wfu .65 after engine failure and forced landed Goldfields, WA; en route Perth-Kalgoorlie. Regn cld 13.3.67; stored in owner's shed at Oberthur St, Kalgoorlie pending overhaul. Sold 5.11.71 to Douglas Charles Muir, Melville, WA and roaded to Perth 11.10.71 for rebuild by owner & Don Cope. Rebuild commenced .84 at Jandakot Airport [Doug Muir] with Gipsy Major I. Restoration completed 4.87 [and painted as "G-BWW"!]; reflowed .88. To display [2.92] at RAAF Museum, Bullsbrook, Jandakot. Restoration with Gipsy III commenced .93. To display [2.98] at AFA Museum, Bullcreek, Perth; now repainted as VH-ACG. Returned to garage of private house in Perth. Sold [late 05] to Dr Roy Fox, Sydney (based Bankstown). Shipped to USA; dd AirVenture, Oshkosh 26.6.09.

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Regd **G-ACBY** [CofR 4067] 10.1.33 to Richard O Shuttleworth, Heston; fitted with Gipsy III. CofA 3721 issued 19.1.33. Flown to India for Viceroy Trophy Race by George Stead; dep Old Warden 25.1.33; arr Delhi 7.2.33; return flt dep Delhi 3.3.33. Probably operated 4.33 by FR Walker/Brooklands Airways Ltd, Brooklands. Crashed into tree whilst forced landing with fuel problems Moulton, Northants 8.7.33 during Kings Cup Air Race; pilot FR Walker badly injured. Regn cld 4.34.

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CofA 3733 issued 23.2.33 to Dr K Tschudi and built with special modified extra compartment behind the cockpit with transparent door and ventilation for the owner's dog. Regd **CH-351** [CofR 351]

- 28.2.33 to Dr Kurt Tschudi, Bergamo [based Zurich-Dubendorf]; dd 16.3.33. Rereg **HB-EXO** .35 to same owner. Regd 24.10.35 to Flugmotor-Studiengesellschaft AG, Zurich-Dubendorf. Flown to Ethiopia .36 and reportedly captured by Italians. Presumed later returned to Switzerland. Regn cld 30.10.39 as sold to **Germany**.
 S33/2 Regd **G-ACDS** [CofR 4177] 13.2.33 to Mark Antony Lacayo, Hooton [Comper Sales Manager; regd as nominee]. CofA 3839 issued 5.4.33. Dd Evreux 28.2.33 and operated in France in UK marks. Crashed in France and regn cld 1.34. Rebuilt and regd **F-AOTP** [CofR 4612] 4.3.36 to Aero Club de l'Eure, Evreux. Regd 1.39 to Lucien Jules Francois Lecoq, Guyancourt. Reportedly flown by Lecoq to Marchwood, nr Southampton early 12.42; Lecoq [not as sometimes reported a German-sponsored agent] and attempted to join RAF but detained in Camp 020 instead. Allocated to unidentified ATC unit 8.3.43; probably locally and reportedly abandoned and partly buried after WWII. [Lecoq was repatriated after D-Day and given Hawk Trainer N3802/F-BCDU in compensation in 1949].
- S33/3 Regd **G-ACDT** [CofR 4178] 13.2.33 to Arthur Harrison (as nominee), London EC2 (based Heston). CofA 3763 issued 16.2.33. Dd to Georges Averseng, Algeria 18.2.33-20.2.33 and continued to operate in Algeria/France in UK marks. Regn cld 11.33. Reported as destroyed by enemy action Paris 6.40.
- S33/4 CofA 3817 issued 27.3.33 to V Glardon. Regd **CH-352** [CofR 352] 15.2.33 to V Glardon, Berne [based Lausanne]. Rereg **HB-OXE** .35 to same owner [but probably not taken up]. Sold .36 to Rene Drouillet, Agen [but probably not formally regd to him]. Regd **F-ANHO** [CofR 4805] 7.8.36 to Jean Loubry, Nice. Regd 10.36 to Jean Jacques Trebucion, Paris. Regd 5.37 to Henri Lefebvre, Tricot, Oise [based Reims]. Regd 9.37 to Jean Quentin, Reims.
- S33/5 *Regd G-ACFD [CofR 4248] 8.3.33 to Ian C Maxwell, Hooton [nominee for Georges Reginensi, Paris-Buc]. CofA 3845 issued 3.4.33. CofA lapsed 2.4.34. Regn cld as sold 9.34. Regd F-ANIY [CofR 4049] 25.3.35 to Jean Reginensi, Paris-Buc [quoting c/n S35/3]. Regd 2.9.36 to F Benoit du Rey, Caen.*
Note: Reports that this was reserved initially as CH-353 are wrong
- S33/6 Regd **G-ACGL** [CofR 4360] 30.5.33 to Alex Henshaw, Mablethorpe, Lincs. CofA 3943 issued 23.6.33. Sold 7.3.34 and regd [CofR 5456] 21.11.34 to Henlys Ltd, Heston. Business taken over 4.35 by Airwork Ltd. Regd [CofR 6065] 15.7.35 to Airwork Ltd, Heston. Regd [CofR 6491] 14.11.35 to David L Lloyd, Castle Bromwich. Regd [CofR 8172] 28.10.37 to Patrick G Leeson, Braunstone. Regd 27.7.39 to Edmund Bradley, Wednesbury/Kinver, Staffs. CofA lapsed 22.3.40. Reported as fuselage scrapped Kinver .42. Regn cld at census 1.12.46. Reported at Elmdon [.61], and uncovered wings (only) at Wolverhampton/Pendeford airfield [3.61], although likely to have been scrapped on airfield's closure in 1970. Also reported extant .74.
 Allegedly (but unlikely) the remains found (comprising wings, 80hp Pobjoy Cataract, struts, u/c legs and other fittings and parts) in the roof of a garage in Maveen Grove, Davenport, Stockport, Greater Manchester, owned by Stan Brennan (since at least 1964) and recovered early 3.08 to RAF Museum store at Stafford. To Tim

Moore/Skysport at Sandy for rebuild .09.

On 12.9.10, the forward fuselage of an unidentified Comper Swift were purchased by Tim Moore at an auto-jumble at Beaulieu, having been taken there by a Frenchman who had found them in a barn between Poitiers & Chatellerault.

- S33/7 CofA 3979 issued 19.7.33 to Mario Rasini. Regd **I-RASN** 19.7.33 to Mario Rasini, Taliedo. Current 37 [with last inspection 9.4.36].
- S33/8 CofA 4004 issued 8.8.33 to SN Turner. Regd **VP-KAV** [CofR 22] to SN Turner. Regd 3.36 to John E Carberry, Nyeri. Impressed into KAAU as **K20** 3.9.39. To **SAAF** as instructional airframe [no IS number known]. Soc 16.11.43.
- S33/9 CofA 4040 issued 12.10.33 to Luigi Rebora. Regd **I-REBO** [CofR 1535] 13.12.33 to Luigi Rebora, Sesto S Giovanni. Regd 12.4.35 to Gianni Albertini, Milan. Regd 12.9.36 to Rag. Oliviero Varzi, Novara. Regd 2.1.39 to Sig. Flora Varzi de Lys, Galliate. Regd 2.1.39 [same day] to Emilio Comotti, Masate.
- S33/10 Regd **G-ACML** [CofR 4741] 12.33 to Air Service Training Ltd, Hamble [operated by, or sold to, AST instructor Flt Lt Ralph PP Pope]. CofA 4098 issued 28.12.33. Regd [CofR 5416] 29.10.34 to Philip de Walden Avery, Regents Park, London (based Croydon). Regn cld 4.35 as sold. Regd **OO-OML** [CofR 330] 6.5.35 to Michel Rouvroy, Uccle [based Antwerp]. Crashed Keerbergen 5.6.35. Regn cld 18.6.35.
- S33/11 CofA 4099 issued 25.11.33 to Jodhpur Flying Club. Regd **VT-AEY** [CofR 197] 28.12.33 to Jodhpur Flying Club, Jodhpur; dd 19.1.34. Sold 18.4.36 & regd [CofR 197/1] 26.5.36 to The Aeronautical Training Centre of India Ltd, New Delhi. Regn cld 18.11.40.
- 41 CofA 4320 issued 5.6.34 to Comper Aircraft Co Ltd. Regd **F-ANEY** [CofR 3985] 11.12.34 to Albert Marestring, Paris. Regd 5.35 to Victor Giroud, Paris. Regd 5.38 to Francois Geoffre de Chabrignac & Francois de Labouchere, Paris. Regd 2.39 to Paul Legastelois, Paris. Regd 4.39 to Roland Baudon, Paris. Noted on scrapheap at Buc 6.40.