

## COMPER

### Early Compers/Cranwell Light Aeroplane

- CLA.1 Project only late 1923 - not built.
- CLA.2 No c/n (32hp Bristol Cherub) Ff 14.9.24 & entered in September 1924 Lympne Competition as "3". Regd **G-EBKC** [CofR 1117] 19.9.24 to The Cranwell Light Aeroplane Club (Flt Lt Nicholas Comper), Boy's Wing, RAF Cranwell. No CofA issued. Crashed Martlesham [date unknown]. Regn cld 20.5.25 as wfu.
- CLA.3 c/n CLA.3 (32hp Bristol Cherub I) Ff 7.25. Regd **G-EBMC** [CofR 1191] 30.7.25 to The Cranwell Light Aeroplane Club (Flt Lt Nicholas Comper), RAF Cranwell. CofA 925 issued 13.11.25. Fitted [7.26] with 36hp Cherub III. CofA lapsed 12.11.26. Re-regd c4.27 to The Felixstowe Light Aeroplane Club, RAF Felixstowe. Regn cld 3.7.29 as wfu.
- CLA.4 c/n CLA.4 (36hp Cherub III) Regd **G-EBPC** [CofR 1298] 18.8.26 to The Cranwell Light Aeroplane Club, RAF Cranwell. CofA 1028 issued 7.9.26 for September 1926 Lympne Competition as Competition No.12. Regn cld 4.3.27 as wfu [probably after accident]. This, plus plans, were sold via "Croydon School of Aviation" for \$100 to Sparrow Aviation, Edmonton & Edmonton & Northern Alberta Flying Club and rebuilt .30.
- CLA.4A No c/n [initially] (intended for 65hp Pobjoy P) Regd **G-EBPB** [CofR 1296] 17.8.26 to The Cranwell Light Aeroplane Club, RAF Cranwell. For September 1926 Lympne Competition as Competition No.11 but scratched when engine not available. CofA 1104 issued 12.4.27; fitted with Cherub III. Re-regd c4.27 to The Felixstowe Light Aeroplane Club, RAF Felixstowe. Regd [CofR 1946] 4.29 to The Comper Aircraft Co Ltd, Hooton Park. CofA lapsed 16.5.29. New CofA 2387 issued 13.12.29 [after major rebuild]. Regd [CofR 2607] 17.5.30 to 2nd Lt Ian Hugh Trevor Baldwin RA, Catterick Camp [now with c/n CLA4/1]. CofA lapsed 12.12.30. Regn cld 10.32 as sold (but not re-regd). Reportedly scrapped Heston .33 [so probably returned to Comper]. Regn cld 12.34 as wfu.

### COMPER CLA.7 SWIFT

- S29/1 Regd **G-AARX** [CofR 2295] 12.10.29 to The Comper Aircraft Co Ltd, Hooton Park [also regd with c/n C(LA)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 as wfu.
- 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 Thomas Taylor, Callander, Perth [based Upper Heyford]. Fitted with Salmson AD9. CofA 2796 issued 23.10.30. Regd [CofR 3493] 11.31 to Capt Francis Robert Walker, Hooton Park. Regd [CofR 4481] 28.4.33 to Gerald Edward Gree, North Berwick (based Turnhouse). Regd [CofR 6174] 12.8.35 to Leonard Harper Riddell, Bessacarr, Doncaster (based 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 at census. *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 Henry Youngman, nominee for H Gordon Selfridge Jnr, London W1 (based Heston). Operated 9.31 by Brian Lewis & Co Ltd, Heston as demonstrator. Bought 1.10.31 and regd [CofR 3545] 1.32 to Lionel Edward Richard Bellairs, Burwash (based Shoreham/Burwash strip). Regd [CofR 3617] 2.32 to Philip de Walden Avery, London W1 (based Woodley). Regd [CofR 4147] 1.33 to P/O Martin John Okes Parish, 100(B) Squadron, RAF Donibristle. Regn cld 12.33 as sold. 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 Blomfield 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 8031] 27.7.37 to Algernon Ivan Sladen, Virginia Water, Surrey (based Cambridge). Regd [CofR 8603] 2.7.38 to Michel Noel Mavrogordato, Oxford (based Witney). Crashed Witney Aerodrome 31.7.38. For sale in damaged condition 10.38 for £40. Regn cld 1.1.39 at census. 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 William Reginald Fane, London EC3 (based Heston). Fitted with 60hp Pobjoy P; later fitted with 75hp Pobjoy R. CofA 2620 issued 28.6.30. Used by Flt Lt 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]. Flown 7.32 as "pilot" aircraft for in-flight refuelling experiments by The Hon Mrs Victor Bruce at Portsmouth/Cowes; subsequently 8.32 in Ipswich area. Operated 9.32 by George Edward Lowdell. CofA lapsed 25.7.33. Sold [.37] to Lionel John Anderson, Hounslow and stored in his yard at Bristow Road [not Coleys as often reported]. Regn cld 12.37 as wfu. 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 mi 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, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos (CNS was of Air Log Co Ltd and Swift wore Air-Log titles); based Hooton Park. CofA 3092 issued 23.6.31. Regd [CofR 3339] 7.31 to Howard Clive Mayers, London W1 (based 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 Raymond Shillingford, Brooklands. Crashed during aerobatics Brooklands 28.1.34; owner/pilot killed. Regn cld 12.34 as wfu.
- S31/2 Regd **G-ABMY** [CofR 3226] 17.6.31 to Percy Edward Lovell Gethin (Director of Civil Aviation), Survey Dept, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika. CofA 3153 issued 4.8.31. Regn cld 21.6.32 as sold abroad. 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 (as nominee for H Gordon Selfridge Jr), Heston. CofA 3195 issued 4.9.31. Flown to India 2.33. Regn cld 2.33 as sold abroad. Sold to Dr EA Robertson, Kuala Lumpur and 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 Aimee Robertson, Renfrew. Regd [CofR 6101] 22.7.35 to P/O Francis Blomfield Chapman, RAF Gosport. Regd [CofR 6845] 23.3.36 to Flt Lt David Francis William Atcherley, RAF Andover, later RAF Lee-on-Solent [36/37], RAF Debden 11.38. 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 (on Atcherley's posting to North Africa). Regd 7.10.43 to Edgar Arthur Boulter, Northampton. Regd 26.5.44 to Adrian Benjamin Golay, Stanmore; later [11.46] Bricket Wood, St Albans. Overhauled by Herts & Essex Aviation at Broxbourne and CofA renewed 28.10.46. Crashed into hedge on take-off nr St Albans 26.4.47; first flight by owner, who was injured. Wreck transferred to Old Clothing Store at DH Engines, Leavesden. Pobjoy Niagara engine and spares bought by Tony Cole .47 (for £20) for overhaul and fitting to G-ABUS. Regn cld 29.4.48 as wfu. Airframe remains subsequently bought by Arthur WJG Ord-Hume for rebuild and transferred to Elstree blister hangar but later moved to Ord-Hume's parent's home at Pinner. Rebuild not proceeded with and remains passed on to Eddie Riding at 17 Newark Way, Hendon; remains disposed of to unknown location after his death.
- S31/4 Regd **G-ABNH** [CofR 3236] 20.6.31 to Lt Cyril William 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 sea Table Bay, off Cape Town 21.10.31; owner/pilot rescued. Regn cld 12.31 as sold abroad. Rebuilt and regd **ZS-AEU** 8.34. Written off.
- S31/5 Regd **G-ABPR** [CofR 3377] 9.31 to Hamish Muir Turner Tod, Giffnock (based 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 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 Lewis, t/a Brian Lewis & Co, Heston. Sold 10.32 [loaned/financed by Sir Robert Rankin] to and regd [CofR 4600] 18.7.33 to Nigel Trevithick Tangye, Bushey Heath (based Hendon). Regd [CofR 5435] 9.11.34 to Capt Francis Robert Walker, Pirbright, Surrey (based Heston). Regd [CofR 6797] 4.3.36 to Horace George Everitt, Knowle Hall, Knowle (based Leamington Spa/Knowle Hall; later Castle Bromwich and Elmdon). CofA lapsed 19.5.39; stored Knowle Hall and/or Dunton Hall Farm, Curdworth, nr Birmingham (probably latterly owned by J Hassall). Cld & regd 22.5.42 to Joseph Hassall, Coleshill, Birmingham. Regd 1.5.44 to Rupert Alan Richardson, Hatfield. Regd 16.4.46 to Eric Bayly Gnapp, Lantern Garage, Barnet By-Pass, South Mimms [and stored there]. Cld 17.5.46 & regd 4.6.46 to Arthur George Meckin, Broxbourne. Dbf in hangar fire Broxbourne 23.6.47, prior to renewal of CofA. Regn cld 30.6.47 as wfu.
- S31/6 Regd **G-ABPY** [CofR 3384] 9.31 to The Hon Brian Lewis, t/a Brian Lewis & Co, Heston. CofA 3263 issued 10.11.31. Operated 4.32-[6.32] by Flt Lt Turner Hughes with National Aviation Day Ltd. Loaned 1.33 to Richard Ormonde Shuttleworth and flown to India for Viceroy Trophy Race; dep Old Warden 25.1.33; arr Delhi 7.2.33. Regd cld 7.33 as sold. UK CofA renewed 8.11.35. Regd **G-ABPY** [CofR 7434] 4.11.36 to Harry Samuel Griffiths, Walsall. Regd [CofR 8058] 17.8.37 to Laurence Lipton, Bow, London E3 (based Gravesend). Regd [CofR 8189] 5.11.37 to John Wilfred Waldron Hurndall, Zeals (based High Post). Regn cld 16.12.38 as sold. Regd **VH-UZB** [CofR 734] 25.3.39 to Flt Lt Archibald Robert Tindall, c/o 1 FTS, RAAF Point Cook, Vic, (owner became CO of 1 Armament Training Sqdn, Cressy, Vic 24.7.39). Regd 28.2.40 to Heaths Motors Pty Ltd, Geelong, Vic. Sold 14.4.45 [at auction and 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 (notified by Mrs Nellie Betts) and CofR/CofA renewed 1.12.50 to William McMullen, Burnley, Melbourne, Vic (based Moorabbin). Crashed following engine failure on take-off Lakes Entrance Golf Course, Vic 17.12.50; pilot Eric Alfred Sarau unhurt. 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" 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. Loaned to Cecil Arthur Butler 10.31 (carried Mobiloil title on nose & name "Gargoyle"); departed Lypne (0510) 31.10.31 and arrived Darwin (1623) 9.11.31, breaking record by two hours; flown on to Sydney (damaged on landing Longreach 12.11.31 when u/c collapsed following damage on take-off at Camooweal). Returned to UK by ship by 6.32. Regd [CofR 4102] 12.12.32 to Victor C Smith, Cape Town. Departed Croydon for Cape Town 15.12.32 but crashed on landing St Malo at 16.00 hrs same day & 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 Lypne 9.3.33. Forced landed out of fuel nr Vanrhynsdorp, 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 (or 1.8.34) at La Aguera, Spanish Sahara, some 50 ml N of Port Etienne, Mauritania. Smith walked/took camel to Port Etienne; aircraft presumed abandoned. Regn cld 15.8.45 by Secretary of State.
- S31/9 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 (& photographed at air show at Ljungbyhed as R222); 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. Reportedly in store [1.17].

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Regd **G-ABTC** [CofR 3542] 1.32 to Capt Ian Constable Maxwell, Hooton Park. CofA 3321 issued 8.2.32; dd 13.2.32. Regd [CofR 6355] 20.7.35 to Charles Exton Gardner, Warlingham (based Hamsey Green). [Probably the Swift for sale 4.38 by Southern Motor & Aircraft Co, Hamsey Green]. Regd [CofR 8455] 13.4.38 to Anthony James Walter, Bayswater (based Hanworth). Regd [CofR 8834] 24.10.38 to Stanley Lester Dodwell, Dodwell's Garage, Hinckley [based Leicester]. CofA lapsed 20.3.39 (and stored Dodwell's Garage, Hinckley during WWII). Reportedly sold ex Gatwick [4.44] and cld/regd 16.3.45 to Flt Lt Joseph Frederick [Jack] Reed, RAF Blakehill Farm, Cricklade [ferried inside Dakota from Gatwick to Down Ampney]. Cld & regd 4.9.45 to Flt Lt Angus Scott Malcolm, Barnet, Herts (based Chippenham). Regn cld 1.12.46 by Secretary of State. Donated (by Malcolm) .46 to Ultra-Light Aircraft Association, Elstree for rebuild. Transferred to Wing Cdr JA Kent, who towed it home but struck lamp-post en route breaking the fuselage in two. 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. To Tangmere 3.54 & 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 (based Lasham); 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); named "Chequers". Cld 1.12.62 & regd 4.12.62 to George William Shield, Doncaster. Engine failed and forced landed Kirton-in-Lindsey .64; AtoF lapsed 28.5.64. Cld 1.4.65 & regd 14.9.65 to Jeremy Dennis Menzies, Ferring-by-Sea (later Hayling Is); (stored in Battersea mews 18.8.65-22.9.65); taken to Sandown 22.9.65 for overhaul by PG Ellis. 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 (named "Spirit of Butler") to commemorate Butler's flight in G-ABRE in 1931; Departed England 28.12.81; flight finally 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]; reported still stored .13.

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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 4.32 from Novar, Scotland to New York via Faroes, Iceland & Greenland but plans abandoned. Regd [CofR 3748] 5.32 to Miss Fidelia Josephine Crossley, Combermere Abbey, Whitchurch (based Combermere). Crashed Heston 9.6.32; repaired. Crashed Baddeley, nr Nantwich 1.7.32; repaired. Regd [CofR 4340] 19.4.33 to Arthur Harry Cook, Bletchley, Bucks (based Stag Lane, later Hatfield). Loaned 10.33 by Henlys Ltd to Hirst's Motors, Armitage Rd, Golders Green for aeronautical display. Regd [CofR 5135] 5.6.34 to Henlys Ltd, Heston. Regn cld 10.34 as sold abroad. Regd **PK-SAQ** [dd 28.11.34] to JC Meeuwenoord, Andir, Bandung. Modified there by moving engine 20cm forward to adjust CG. Left in hangar at Andir when owner escaped to Australia and presumed scrapped Andir '42.

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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.

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Regd **G-ABUS** [CofR 3642] 3.32 to Shell Mex & BP Ltd, Croydon and flown by Lt Richard R Bentley. Fitted with Pobjoy R. CofA 3386 issued 18.3.32. Regd [CofR 5551] 16.1.35 to Roger Frogley & Leonard Frank Percy Walters, Broxbourne; deld 4.1.35. Regd [CofR 6827] 16.3.36 to Albert Gordon "Don" Poole, Woodford, Essex (based Broxbourne). Regd [CofR 7562] 29.12.36 to Loftus Claude Gerald Moller Le Champion, Rugby and operated by East Midlands Flying Club, Sywell/Bishops Tachbrook. Bequeathed by Le Champion on his death 21.9.38 to Club, but stored Bishops Tachbrook. Regn cld 1.1.39 at census and prior to CofA lapse 22.4.39. Stored in barn nr Worthing, Sussex .39 for duration of war. *According to a letter in Flight 1.8.58, Tony Linnell claims to have bought the Swift in 1939, following which he loaned it to Sir Basil Embry, who kept it at RAF Wittering, following which Linnell lent it to Tony Cole and later to David Ogilvy; true position unconfirmed.* Regd 19.3.48 to Anthony Lambert "Tony" Cole, Goring-by-Sea (based Elstree); dd 2.2.48 to Cole and D (Desmond?) Norman for overhaul. Reflown postwar 25.6.48; CofA renewed 16.7.48; named "Black Magic". New CofR No R534 issued .50. Fitted with overhauled 90hp Pobjoy Niagara III ex G-ABPE mid 51. CofA lapsed 14.5.53; renewed 28.4.55. Reportedly sold 2.55 to David Ogilvy, Elstree. 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 (based Yeadon). Cld 19.11.67 & regd 29.11.67 to John Robert Ramshaw, Wigan (deld Squires Gate 3.3.68; to Barton 28.3.68). 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 (based Halfpenny Green); departed Halfpenny Green 22.10.77 by road. 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]. Rumoured in Shropshire [1.13].

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Regd **G-ABUU** [CofR 3650] 3.32 to Mark Anthony Lacayo, Hooton [Comper's Sales Manager]. First flight 8.4.32 and CofA 3409 issued 13.4.32. Flown on 2-month European sales tour, dep Heston 21.4.32. Damaged when overturned on pilotless take-off Barkaby, Sweden 23.5.32; pilot F/O G Gardin had just effected a dead-stick landing with stopped engine, got out and successfully hand-started the engine to taxi back to hangars but aircraft ran away; returned to Hooton by sea/rail for repairs. Regd [CofR 4488] 3.5.33 to The Comper Aircraft Co Ltd, Heston. Possibly sold 4.33 to Flt Lt Edward Cecil Theodore Edwards and flown by him 7.33 in Kings Cup Air Race [entrant Viscountess Hardinge]. Regd [CofR 5004] 25.4.34 to Miss Constance Ruth Leathart, Morpeth (based Cramlington; later Woolsington). CofA lapsed 24.5.40. Donated by Miss Leathart; cld & regd 22.6.40 to No.131 [Tyneside] Squadron ADCC (later ATC), Newcastle-upon-Tyne (CO was Arthur E George) 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?). For sale 1.46. Regn cld 1.12.46 at census. To store at Hooton. To P/O Baxendale, Hooton [1.50]. Regd (CofR R2473) 27.9.50 to Desmond Heaton, Brough [based Speeton]. CofA renewed 21.1.54; lapsed 20.1.55. For sale 12.56 by WS Shackleton Ltd for £165 ex Speeton. Cld 23.1.57 & regd 24.1.57 to Alexander Imrie, East Lothian. Sold 3.60 to FAC Roper & friends and to Doug Bianchi at White Waltham for overhaul. Cld 15.7.60 & regd 27.7.60 to John Howard Wise & Ian Trethewey, Woking/Laleham (Op Woking Flying Club, 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, Bembridge & Christopher Donald Jack Bland, Walton-on-Thames (based Bembridge). Cld 2.8.62 & regd 20.8.62 to John Potheary, Christchurch; deld 2.8.62 [roaded to Lydd 1.11.67; later based Slinfold .70; Shoreham]. Major damage found 9-10.65 requiring new forward fuselage. 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 pwf. Regd **EC-HAM** 2.99 to Fundacion Infante de Orleans; based Cuatro Vientos. Repainted [10.00] as "EC-AAT"; named "Ciudad de Manila" [see c/n S32/12].

Note: A "second" Swift marked as EC-AAT also exists at Cuatro Vientos in the Museo de Aeronautica y Astronautica; it is a replica made by the Cormoran Asociacion of Pamplona; presented 12.11 and fitted with an original Pobjoy and instruments.

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, Heston. CofA 3448 issued 9.5.32. Bought 17.3.32 & regd [CofR 3819] 6.32 to Richard Ormonde Shuttleworth of Warden Aviation Co, Old Warden (Heston wef 10.34). Regd [CofR 6238] 24.8.35 to Stanley Thomas Lowe, Twickenham (based Hanworth; later Abridge). Regd [CofR 8577] 24.6.38 to Charles Henry Tutt, London SE10 (based Gravesend). To OO [District Committee] Ljubljana winter 38/39 & reportedly damaged Ljubljana 19.3.39. CofA renewed 25.4.39. Regn cld 4.5.39 as sold.

S32/8 Regd **G-ABZZ** [CofR 3924] 10.8.32 to Samuel Philip Symington, Market Harborough (based Desford). CofA 3561 issued 24.8.32. Sold & deld 12.8.35 [but not regd] to Rado Hribar, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia [and continued to be operated as G-ABZZ]. Sold .36 to Dr Stanko Rape, Ljubljana. Regn cld 9.36 as sold abroad. Regd **YU-PDS** [CofR 94/CofA 91] 8.36 to Dr Stanko Rape. Crashed on take-off Ljubljana airport 19.3.39; pilot Alojz Podobnik died from injuries 4 months later. Regn cld 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 Bertram Sainsbury Errington, Epping (later to Ringwood, Hants (based Portsmouth). Rebuilt by Errington and CofA reissued 9.8.34. Regd [CofR 8666] 29.7.38 to Capt Francis Logan Luxmoore, Purbrook, Hants (based 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 Edward Clear, Purbrook (based Christchurch/Eastleigh). CofA renewed 10.8.49; fitted with Pobjoy R from G-ABUS. Cld 6.6.55 & regd 27.6.55 to Jeremy Chanase Allen Quinney, Oak Farm, Redditch (based Oak Farm, Astwood Bank, Redditch). CofA lapsed 8.5.57. Cld 1.11.60 & regd 24.11.60 to James Hilton & Geoffrey Grimmer, t/a The Proctor Group, Coventry (based Baginton). In store at Sywell (6.61-7.64). Cld 24.1.64 & regd 20.7.64 to Quislat Ltd, Redditch (based Sywell). Cld 1.8.65 & regd 26.8.65 to John Sumner Edwards, Coventry (based Baginton); owner killed in crash of G-ANHI 2.10.65. Cld 1.11.65 & regd 29.12.65 to Ernest Martin Woodhams, Leamington Spa (based Baginton). Rebuild completed and AtoF issued 27.10.67 but lapsed 26.1.68. AtoF renewed 30.4.69. Cld 29.1.73 & regd 19.2.73 to Alan James Chalkley, Camberley (based Blackbushe; later Booker). CofA lapsed 29.5.73. 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 12.34 as sold abroad. Arrived Melbourne 24.9.34 aboard SS Ormonde. 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 on name change to Royal Victorian Aero Club, Essendon. Damaged in forced landing nr Seymour, Vic 22.10.38 due to oil leak; repaired. For sale 4.41. Sale 9.12.41 to DC Muir, Wau, NG for £150 not progressed due to lack of export licence. Sold 4.10.43 and regd 19.11.43 to Mervyn C Boutcher, Hamilton, Vic [later Melbourne]; he proposed fitting a 90hp Gipsy Minor engine. Regn cld at census of unairworthy aircraft 19.12.47. Sold 10.7.51 to Harry K Torr, Albert Park, Vic for rebuild (again with Gipsy Minor but such plans abandoned); regd to him 26.4.57. Damaged when overturned 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 (or 8.10.68). Stored in Marshall Airways hangar, Bankstown 69-74; owner Barnes died in crash of Bristol 170 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 by John Gallagher/Antique Aircraft Pty Ltd [with 7 Pobjoy radial engines]. Probably for Bankstown Aviation Museum. On rebuild .06 ay Kellyville, NW Sydney. To Jem Aviation, Omaka, New Zealand [4.14] for continuation of long-term rebuild.

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** 18.3.33. 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 Yuchuan, Peking. Extant 2.35.

*The report that it was extant at Madrid-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, Hooton Park (to Heston 1.33); 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 Harry Cook, Bletchley, Bucks (based 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 Ormonde Shuttleworth of Warden Aviation Co, (based Old Warden/Heston). Regd [CofR 7104] 2.6.36 to Thomas Herbert Ottewill Richardson, New Milton, Hants (based Eastleigh). Regd [CofR 8042] 6.8.37 to Nicholas Comper, London WC2 (based Eastleigh/Heston). Regd [CofR 8277] 24.12.37 to Stanley Thomas Lowe, Twickenham (based Abridge; later Gravesend). For sale 7.38 by Essex Aero Ltd, Gravesend "owner going abroad". Regd [CofR 8740] 8.9.38 to Harold Oscar Winter, Bexley, Kent (based 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 at census.

GS32/2 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Stag Lane (possibly as nominee for F/O SA Sadler); flown in KCAR 8.7.33 following modifications with sliding canopy and raised rear decking. Regn cld 4.12.33 as sold abroad. 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, Teddington (based Croydon). CofA renewed 3.9.35. CofA lapsed 20.8.38 and shipped to Australia .38. Regn cld 31.12.38 at census as sold. 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. Stored dismantled 8.45. Sold [between 8.45 & 10.47]. Regd 24.10.47 to Aubrey JR "Titus" Oates, Camden. Sold 31.10.50 to Eric Ainsley Morris, op by Morris Air Services, Bankstown; named "Marco Polo". Crashed on take-off from Lakes Entrance Golf Course, Sydney 18.12.50 (but see VH-UZB c/n S31/6). Regn cld 18.12.50. Sold .52 to D Nichol, Melbourne. Reflown .53. Sold .54 to FM Morris, Dover Heights. Sold 30.8.54 to Frank Lawler, Batemans Bay. Regn cld 21.11.54 (or 24.11.54). 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, Sydney. 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]. For sale 9.66 for \$1,850 with current CofA issued 2.66. Wfu 3.67 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"]; reflown .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.

GS32/3 Regd **G-ACBY** [CofR 4067] 10.1.33 to Richard Ormonde Shuttleworth, Heston; fitted with Gipsy III. CofA 3721 issued 19.1.33. Flown to India for Viceroy Trophy Race (came 4<sup>th</sup>) by F/O George Stead; dep Old Warden 25.1.33; Lympe 26.1.33 arr Delhi 7.2.33; return flt dep Delhi 3.3.33. Probably operated 4.33 by Capt Francis Robert 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 as wfu.

S33/1 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, Sale, Manchester [Comper Sales Manager; regd as nominee]. (based Hooton). 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 as wfu. 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 as wfu. 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. See comments regarding unidentified airframe sold at Beaulieu below.

S33/5 Regd **G-ACFD** [CofR 4248] 8.3.33 to Capt Ian Constable Maxwell, Hooton [nominee for Georges Reginensi, Paris-Buc]. CofA 3845 issued 3.4.33. CofA lapsed 2.4.34. Regn cld 9.34 as sold. 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 Alexander Adolphus Dumfries Henshaw, Mablethorpe, Lincs (based Mablethorpe/Skegness); deld 6.6.33. CofA 3943 issued 23.6.33. Sold 7.3.34 to Henlys Ltd. 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 Llewellyn Lloyd, Kettering (based Castle Bromwich). Regd [CofR 8172] 28.10.37 to Patrick George Leeson, Leicester (based Braunstone Airport, Leicester). Cld 10.7.39 & regd 27.7.39 to Edmund Bradley, Wednesbury; later Foster St, Kinver, Staffs (based Kinver). CofA lapsed 22.3.40. Reported as fuselage scrapped Kinver .42. Regn cld at census 1.12.46. Reported at Kingswinford [46], possibly error for Kinver?; Elmdon [.61], and uncovered wings (only) at Wolverhampton/Pendeford airfield [3.61]. Wings sold 12.69 by Bill Woodhams, Coventry to Stan Brennan (of NAPS) & stored Maveen Grove, Davenport, nr Manchester; reported extant .74. Reportedly the remains were found (comprising wings, 80hp Pobjoy Cataract, struts, u/c legs and other fittings and parts) in the roof of Brennan's garage in Maveen Grove, Davenport and recovered early 3.08 to RAF Museum store at Stafford. To Tim Moore/Skysport Engineering and rebuilt at Sandy .09-.12. To RAF Museum, Cosford and unveiled for display 3.11.12.  
On 12.9.10, the forward fuselage of an unidentified Comper Swift was 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; some components were dated 1933 and the vendor said they were originally Swiss – which thus suggests CH-352/F-ANHO. They were reportedly being incorporated into the rebuild of G-ACGL.

- 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 NW (based Croydon). Regn cld 4.35 as sold abroad. 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.

### Comper C.97 Trimotor Monoplane

- 3079 Regd **G-ABSG** (CofR 3503) 7.12.31 to The Comper Aircraft Co Ltd, Hooton. No CofA issued. Regn cld 9.32 as wfu. Actually a Caproni Ca.97 tri-motor ordered by Comper Aircraft (3xWalter Mars); presumably under a joint venture agreement. Order cancelled after adverse movement of pound sterling against Italian lira; cancellation confirmed 20.9.32. Aircraft flown early May 1932 & regd **I-ABCA** 6.32 to Societa Aeroplani Caproni. Regd 17.9.34 to Soc Aerea Mediterranea, Roma. Regd to Ala Littoria SA, Rome. Cx/scrapped 11.39.

### Comper C.25 Autogiro

- G31/1 Regd **G-ABTO** [CofR 3580] 25.1.32 to The Comper Aircraft Co Ltd & The Cierva Autogiro Co Ltd. Hooton (later Heston). First flown 20.3.32. No CofA issued and scrapped Heston. Regn cld 12.33 as wfu.

### Comper Mouse

- M33/1 Regd **G-ACIX** [CofR 4421] 13.7.33 to The Comper Aircraft Co Ltd, Heston. Ff 10.9.33. CofA 4301 issued 22.5.34. Regd to The Heston Aircraft Co Ltd, following change of name 10.8.34. Project advertised for sale in March 1935 comprising prototype with new CofA and 11 airframes between 20% and 80% complete – "Floor space needed". CofA in fact lapsed 21.5.35 and aircraft scrapped Heston. Regn cld 12.36 as wfu.

### Comper Streak

- ST33/1 Regd **G-ACNC** [CofR 4757] 11.1.34 to The Comper Aircraft Co Ltd, Heston. Ff 12.4.34. CofA 4299 issued 18.5.34. Entered by Viscountess Wakefield in July 1935 Kings Cup, flown by Nick Comper. Regd to The Heston Aircraft Co Ltd following change of name 10.8.34. CofA renewed 10.7.35. Entered by Francis B Worman in the September 1935 Kings Cup to be flown by Philip deWalden Avery but non-starter. CofA lapsed 9.7.36. Regn cld 1.37 as sold – but to whom is not known.

### Comper Kite

- K34/42 Regd **G-ACME** [CofR 4734] 11.5.34 to The Comper Aircraft Co Ltd< heston. CofA 4378 issued 10.7.34. Entered in Kings Cup July 1934 by Comper Aircraft's chairman Sir Norman J Watson and flown by Flt Lt EA Healy. Regd to The Heston Aircraft Co Ltd, following change of name 10.8.34. Regd [CofR 5947] 5.6.35 to CLW Aviation Co Ltd, Bexley Heath (based Gravesend). CofA lapsed 9.7.35 and regn cld 12.35 as wfu. The similarity in appearance between the Comper Kite and the CLW Curlew **G-ADYU** is notable and it is therefore possible that some parts of the Kite were used in its construction. At the very least, it may be assumed it inspired the design. The Curlew was registered 6.12.35 and first flew 3.9.36, gaining a CofA 19.11.36. Despite an alleged order for 50 Curlews from the Royal Australian Air Force in late 1936, CLW ceased trading in early 1937. The Curlew was sold to local company, Essex Aero Ltd in summer 1937 and in July 1938, they advertised it for sale but evidently there were no takers. It was regd to Essex Aero 16.11.38 shortly after the CofA was renewed 7.11.38. This CofA was not renewed and the Curlew was stored at Gravesend throughout the war to be scrapped in 1948. The regn was cancelled 6.11.45 on a post-war census.

**G-AFPV** reportedly allocated to 'Comper' c1.39 (CofR 9032 reserved).

