

DH.95 FLAMINGO (& Hertfordshire)

- 95001 (Bristol Perseus #20550/20552) Ff 28.12.38 without markings. Ordered by Air Ministry under Contract No.B62065/39 dated 3.39. Regd **G-AFUE** (CofR 9115) 18.5.39 to The de Havilland Aircraft Co Ltd. To Martlesham Heath for evaluation 5.39. CofA 6667 issued 30.6.39. Loaned 3.7.39 to Jersey Airways Ltd for trials (in Guernsey & Jersey Airways c/s); initial service 15.7.39. Returned 9.39 to de Havillands. Cld 17.10.39 & regd 6.11.39 to The Secretary of State for Air, Hendon. To 24 Squadron, Hendon 21.10.39. Nose badly damaged in taxiing accident Hendon 22.11.39; repaired. Reportedly operated as T5737 [3-5.12.39]. Regn cld 1.12.46 by Secretary of State at census. Impressed as **T5357** 29.6.40 at 24 Squadron, Hendon. Stalled on finals and crashed Hendon 4.10.40. Soc 9.10.40.
- 95002 (Bristol Perseus #20547/20548) Ff as **E.1** .39. Ordered by Air Ministry under Contract No. B8999/39. Regd **G-AFUF** (CofR 9116) 8.6.39 to Guernsey Airways Ltd, Southampton (but not deld). CofA 6795 issued 12.1.40. Regn cld 20.1.40 as sold. Impressed as **X9317** at 24 Squadron, Hendon 20.1.40. Returned to DH for MI 6.7.40. To 15 MU Wroughton 7.9.40. To 24 Squadron, Hendon 12.5.41. Last flown 27.4.42 and wfu; scrapped at Hendon 10.42. Soc 8.10.41 (E1).
- 95003 (Bristol Perseus #20551/20554) Ff 23.2.40. Ordered by Air Ministry under Contract No.B8999/39. To RAF as **R2764** 3.4.40 at 24 Squadron, Hendon. Crashed nr Great Ouseburn, Yorks 30.4.42 after engine cylinder broke away.
- 95004 (Bristol Perseus #20555/20556) Ff as **E10** 2.2.40. Ordered by Air Ministry under Contract No.B8999/39. To RAF as **R2765** 5.40 at A&AE Boscombe Down. To 24 Squadron, Hendon 3.5.40; named 'Lady of Hendon'. To Metropolitan Comm Squadron, Hendon. Wfu Hendon and soc 15.11.44.
- 95005 (Bristol Perseus #20540/20541). Ff as **E.16** 7.4.40. Regd **G-AGAZ** (CofR 9282) 20.5.40 to The de Havilland Aircraft Co Ltd; for dely to Jersey Airways Ltd. Regn cld 8.6.40 as sold. CofA 6832 issued 17.7.40 to DH. Impressed as **AE444** 30.9.40 and to 24 Squadron, Hendon. Named "Lady of Ayr" .42. Last known flight 18.7.44 & wfu Hendon. Soc 15.11.44 (E2).
- 95006 (Bristol Perseus #20558/20560). Hertfordshire prototype. To RAF as **R2510** under Contract No B8997/39 (later B8999/39); deld 24 Squadron, Hendon 6.6.40. Crashed Woodlands Way, Mill Hill 23.10.40 after take-off from Hendon.
- 95007 (Bristol Perseus #20557/20561). Regd **G-AFYE** (CofR 9213; reserved 8.39) 31.5.40 to British Overseas Airways Corporation, Bristol; named "King Arthur". Ff 20.7.40. CofA 6841 issued 13.9.40. CofA lapsed 12.9.41; renewed 27.8.42 & deld to Cairo. Dived into ground from 800 ft at Asmara, Ethiopia 15.2.43. Regn cld 15.2.43.
- 95008 (Bristol Perseus #20559/20562). To RAF as **R2766** .40 at 24 Squadron, Hendon under Contract No.B8999/39. Regd **G-AGCC** (CofR 9311) 12.7.40 to Wing Cdr Edward Hedley Fielden for The King's Flight, RAF Benson (and earmarked to assist in evacuation of Royal Family to Canada should need arise). CofA 6831 issued 28.6.40; deld 7.9.40. Regn cld as handed to RAF .41. Reverted to 24 Squadron, Hendon as **R2766** 14.2.41; named "Lady of Glamis". To Metropolitan Comm Squadron, Hendon 9.44. To de Havillands 7.11.44. To 782 Squadron, RNAS Donibristle 10.3.45. Rts RNAS Donibristle .45.
- 95009 (Bristol Perseus #20563/20564). Regd **G-AFYF** (CofR 9214; reserved 8.39) 31.5.40 to British Overseas Airways Corporation, Bristol; named "King Alfred". Ff 28.9.40. CofA 6842 issued 7.10.40; deld Cairo 1.11.40. CofA lapsed 9.10.42. Regn cld 20.12.44 as pwfu. Returned to UK by sea and stored Croydon [10.45]. Regd 30.3.48 to British Air Transport Ltd, Redhill. CofA not renewed. New CofR No R627 issued .50. Stored until scrapped Redhill .50; some remains extant 3.51. Regn cld 27.2.59 as destroyed.
- 95010 (Bristol Perseus #20565/20566). Regd **G-AFYG** (CofR 9215; reserved 8.39) 31.5.40 to British Overseas Airways Corporation, Bristol; named "King Harold". Ff 11.10.40. CofA 6843 issued 19.10.40; deld Cairo 11.40. Undercarriage collapsed on take-off Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 18.11.42. Regn cld 5.4.43 as rts.
- 95011 (Bristol Perseus #20567/20568). Regd **G-AFYH** (CofR 9216; reserved 8.39) 31.5.40 to British Overseas Airways Corporation, Bristol; intended as "King William". Ff 29.11.40. CofA 6844 allocated but not issued. Regn cld 12.40 by Secretary of State. Impressed by Admiralty as **BT312** and deld 30.11.40 to 782 Sqdn, RNAS Donibristle; named "Merlin VI"; renamed "Merlin 27" .44. Suffered ground loop Gatwick 19.8.45 following brake failure and stored unrepaired due to lack of jacks. Regd **G-AFYH** 24.10.46 to John Ernest Coxon, of Southern Aircraft (Gatwick) Ltd, Gatwick. Cld 3.6.47 & regd 5.6.47 to British Air Transport Ltd, Redhill. CofA renewed 5.6.47 (initially as No 8626 to JE Coxon but reverted to original). CofA lapsed 4.6.49 and stored Redhill. New CofR R2534 issued .50. Overhauled 3.52 & reflowed 27.5.52. CofA renewed 21.7.52. For sale by WS Shackleton Ltd 12.52 for £7,500. CofA lapsed 20.7.53. Wfu and scrapped Redhill 27.4.54-18.5.54. Regn cld 10.5.54 as pwfu.
**Note: c/n 95010 and 95011 were also reserved by de Havillands for Jersey Airways Ltd 19.8.39 as G-AFYZ and G-AFZA (CofRs 9233/9234) but were not taken up. It is unclear if these c/n's as shown in the register were correct.*
- 95012 (Bristol Perseus #20569/20570). Regd **G-AFYI** (CofR 9217; reserved 8.39) (undated but assumed 31.5.40) to British Overseas Airways Corporation, Bristol; named "King Henry". CofA 6845 issued 14.12.40; deld 29.12.40 to Cairo. Crashed on landing Adana, Turkey 13.9.42. Regn cld 24.9.42 as pwfu.
- 95013 (Bristol Perseus #20571/20572). Regd **G-AFYJ** (CofR 9218; reserved 8.39) 1.6.40 to British Overseas Airways Corporation, Bristol; named "King Richard". Possibly flown as **E.16** (see c/n 95005)? CofA 6846 issued 4.1.41; deld 14.2.41 to Cairo. CofA lapsed 27.11.42. Regn cld 20.12.44 as pwfu. Returned to UK by sea and stored Croydon [10.45]. Sold .46 to British Air Transport Ltd, Redhill and used for spares.
- 95014 (Bristol Perseus #20573/20574). Regd **G-AFYK** (CofR 9219; reserved 8.39) 31.5.40 to British Overseas Airways Corporation, Bristol; named "King James". Flown as **E.17** 3.41 (?). CofA 6847 issued 18.3.41; deld 19.3.41 to Cairo. CofA lapsed 16.5.44. Regn cld 20.12.44 as pwfu. Returned to UK by sea and stored Croydon [8.45]. Sold 3.48 [.46?] to British Air Transport Ltd, Redhill. Scrapped Redhill .50; extant 3.51.
- 95015 Regd **G-AFYL** (CofR 9220; reserved 8.39) 31.5.40 to British Overseas Airways Corporation, Bristol; named "King Charles". CofA 6848 issued 15.4.41; deld 27.5.41 to Cairo. CofA lapsed 23.6.44. Regn cld 20.12.44 as pwfu. Returned to UK by sea and stored

Croydon [8.45]. Regd 30.3.48 to British Air Transport Ltd, Redhill. New CofR R628 issued .50. Scrapped Redhill .50; extant 3.51. Regn cld 27.2.59 as destroyed.

95016 Hertfordshire **R2511** – not completed.

95017 Hertfordshire **R2512** – not completed.

95018 Hertfordshire **R2513** – not completed.

95019 Hertfordshire **R2514** – not completed.

95020 Allocated to Egyptian Govt but NTU. Transferred to RAF as **BK822** 7.10.40 (under Contract No.B8999/39). Allocated 15.1.41 & regd **G-AGBY** (CofR 9306) 8.2.41 to British Overseas Airways Corporation, Bristol; named "King William" (to replace undelivered G-AFYH). CofA 6900 issued 19.9.41; deld 9.41 to Cairo. CofA lapsed 17.10.42. Regn cld 20.12.44 as pwfu. Returned to UK by sea and scrapped Witney .45.

Further RAF serials R2515-R2529 and R2550-R2569 allocated to Hertfordshires – not built.