

GLOUCESTERSHIRE/GLOSTER AIRCRAFT

MARS (incl Bamel/Sparrowhawk/Grouse)

MARS I Regd **G-EAXZ** (CofR 689) 7.7.21 to The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co Ltd, Cheltenham (as Mars I but commonly became known as Bamel, though was a modified Nieuport Nighthawk). Ff 20.6.21. No CofA issued. Winner Aerial Derby 17.7.21. To Aeroplane Experimental Establishment (AEE) 12.12.21 and broke world air speed record 19.12.21 (at 196.4 mph). Returned to Gloster. Returned to AEE 17.5.22-7.22. Winner Aerial Derby 7.8.22. Returned to AEE 11.11.22-12.22. Rebuilt as Gloster I & reflowed 7.23. Winner Aerial Derby 6.8.23. Regn cld 12.12.23 as wfu. Purchased by Air Ministry 4.10.23 (Contract No.453927/23) for £3,000 and toc as **J7234**. To AEE 12.12.23. Reconditioned by Gloster 6.24. To MAEE Felixstowe 5.25 and converted to seaplane trainer for Schneider Trophy. To High Speed Flight 2.27-6.27. Scrapped 4.30.

MARS III Regd **G-EAYN** (CofR 710) 19.9.21 to The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co Ltd, Cheltenham. Flown (as Mars II) to Valenciennes; returning to UK 8.2.22. To Prague International Air Exhibition .22. Modified to Sparrowhawk & CofA 574 issued 21.7.22. Modified to Grouse I (c/n Mars IIIA) and CofA 717 issued 8.10.23. Modified to Grouse II '24 (c/n 2) and CofA 855 issued 21.4.25. Regn cld 9.12.25 as sold. Probably to Sweden.

GREBE

- Regd **G-EBHA** (CofR 1000) 29.6.23 to Gloucestershire Aircraft Co Ltd, Cheltenham. Ff 6.7.23. CofA 658 issued 11.7.23. CofA lapsed 10.7.24; renewed 21.6.25. CofA lapsed 29.7.29. Regn cld 1.30 as wfu.

GANNET

No.1 Regd **G-EBHU** (CofR 1026) 15.9.23 to Gloucestershire Aircraft Co Ltd, Cheltenham. For 1923 Lympne Competition (as No.7). Ff reported as 23.11.23 (but this post-dated Lympne). No CofA issued. Regn cld 25.1.28 as wfu. Displayed at Olympia Aero Show 7.29.

GLOSTER II seaplane

2 Ordered by Air Ministry under Contract No.475614/24 as **J7504** – NTU. Regd **G-EBJZ** (CofR 1113) 3.9.24 to The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co Ltd, Cheltenham. For Schneider Trophy as Competition No.1. No CofA issued; roaded to MAEE Felixstowe 12.9.24. Sank off Felixstowe 19.9.24 when float strut collapsed on first flight. Regn cld 19.9.24 as wfu.

GLOSTER III seaplane

GLOSTER III Ordered by Air Ministry under Contract No.576589/25 dated 1.5.25 as **N194**. Regd **G-EBLJ** (CofR 1164) 3.6.25 to The Air Council for 1925 Schneider Trophy; Competition No.5. Ff 29.8.25. CofA 897 issued 4.10.25. To Baltimore, USA & came 2nd 6.10.25. Returned to UK; fitted with modified tail unit as Gloster IIIA .26. To MAEE Felixstowe [6.26]. Regn cld 31.8.26 as wfu. Reverted to **N194**; operated by High Speed Flight as trainer for 1927 Schneider Trophy 15.3.27-5.27.

GAMECOCK

- Regd **G-EBNT** (CofR 1247) 17.3.26 to The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co Ltd, Brockworth; for overseas demonstration tour. CofA 959 issued 26.3.26. CofA lapsed 25.3.27. Regn cld 27.4.27 as wfu. Reportedly c/n G5/12877.
- Regd **G-EBOE** (CofR 1265) 20.5.26 to The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co Ltd, Brockworth. Built as private venture for Bristol Orion engine installation. Not completed due to unsuccessful bench tests. Regn cld 19.3.28 as wfu. Completed for Air Ministry under Contract No.827757/28 as **J9248**; to RAE Farnborough 20.6.29. Crashed Bagshot 9.8.29.
1 ex **J8047** reportedly bt .32 by Frank B Barnard, Hornchurch and to East Horndon Aerodrome [but RAF records show still in operation by RAE 10.8.32 on spinning trials & sold as scrap 10.4.34]. Sold 10.3.34 to Essex Flying Club; and reported as bought 5.34 by JW Tomkins from Barnard for £25 – but as "J6075" [J8075 was a Gamecock]. Rebuilt by Tomkins & Major Chater-Lea with 490hp Jupiter VIIIFP engine [but also reported as involving John Foot & Ken Gibbons] and ff after rebuild 9.34. Regd **G-ADIN** (CofR 5935) 3.6.35 to Josiah William Tomkins, Apethorpe, Peterborough (based Manor's Spa Farm, Apethorpe & Sywell). CofA 5133 issued 24.9.35. Port u/c collapsed on landing & overturned Sywell (after 6.36); not repaired & sold as scrap (for 3/6d). Regn cld 12.36 as wfu.

GLOSTER AS.31 SURVEY

- Regd **G-AADO** (CofR 1841) 31.12.28 to The Aircraft Operating Co Ltd, London WC2 (Based Stag Lane). Ff 6.29. (Aka DH.67). CofA 2401 issued 30.1.30; dd to AOC 25.1.30. Dep Heston 20.3.30

flown by Alan & Lois Butler for Northern Rhodesia survey contract; arr Cape Town 15.4.30. CofA lapsed 29.4.31. Regn cld 5.33 as sold abroad. To SAAF as **250** 3.33.

GLADIATOR

L8032 Sold ex 8 MU 23.2.48 to Gloster Aircraft and stored Hucclecote (with Mk II N5903). To Air Service Training Ltd, Hamble 11.50 as instructional airframe (N5903 initially to Ansty but to Hamble .51). Purchased by VH Bellamy 12.51 for £5 each. Regd **G-AMRK** to VH Bellamy, Eastleigh. Rebuilt and reflown Spring .52. Sold 8.53 to Gloster Aircraft (for £200). Rebuilt and reflown Hucclecote .58; painted as K8032. Handed over to The Shuttleworth Trust 17.11.60.