

HANDLEY PAGE O/400 and Derivatives

Civil Specimens

- HP.1 O/400 **C9704** (ff 4.4.19). Converted to O/7 & regd **K162** 7.19 to Handley Page Ltd. Ff 5.7.19. Regd **G-EAGN** 31.7.19 (probably NTU). Regn cld 7.19 as wfu. CofA 149 issued 8.8.19. Shipped 25.8.19 to **China**; erected at Pekin & ff 6.12.19 (*but ff also reported as being HP.6*). To Chinese Ministry of Communications, Nanyuan, Pekin 12.19. Commandeered by Chinese warlords 6.20.
- HP.2 O/7 CofA 176 issued 2.8.19 to Handley Page Ltd. Shipped to **China** 25.8.19. To Chinese Ministry of Communications, Nanyuan, Pekin 12.19. Commandeered by Chinese warlords 6.20.
- HP.3 O/7 CofA 175 issued 20.8.19 to Handley Page Ltd. Shipped to **China** 25.8.19. To Chinese Ministry of Communications, Nanyuan, Pekin 12.19. Commandeered by Chinese warlords 6.20.
- HP.4 O/7 CofA 188 issued 2.9.19 to Handley Page Ltd. Shipped to **China** 6.9.19. To Chinese Ministry of Communications, Nanyuan, Pekin 12.19. Commandeered by Chinese warlords 6.20.
- HP.5 O/7 CofA 209 issued 20.9.19 to Handley Page Ltd. Shipped to **China** 20.9.19. To Chinese Ministry of Communications, Nanyuan, Pekin 12.19. Commandeered by Chinese warlords 6.20.
- HP.6 O/7 CofA 210 issued 20.9.19 to Handley Page Ltd. Shipped to **China** 20.9.19. To Chinese Ministry of Communications, Nanyuan, Pekin 12.19. Commandeered by Chinese warlords 6.20.
- The above six O/7s were supplied to the Republican Government to assist in the transportation of bulky wireless ground stations to inaccessible locations and then to set-up an experimental Pekin-Tientsin air mail service wef 7.5.20. Shortly afterwards civil war broke out; three O/7s were seized by General Tsao Kun at Nanyuan and were taken to Paotingfu. The other three were seized by General Changtso-lin and taken to Mukden. One aircraft crashed following inflight fire on a bombing mission against the rebels; pilot Mr Ma killed.
- HP.7 O/400; converted to O/7 Regd **G-EANV** (CofR 362) 27.9.19 to Handley Page Ltd. CofA 222 issued 30.9.19 and briefly operated by Handley Page Transport. Shipped 11.19 to Cape Town, **South Africa** aboard *Durham Castle* for HP South African Transport Co; named "Pioneer". Ff Wynberg, Cape Town 7.2.20. Crashed Acacia Siding, 6 ml from Beaufort West, South Africa 19.2.20 after port rudder post worked loose. UK regn cld 9.20 as wfu (but contemporary register shows cld 11.21 as sold abroad).
- HP.8 O/7 CofA 236 issued 12.10.19 to Handley Page Ltd. Reportedly also shipped to Wynberg, Cape Town with HP.7 and initially flown wearing Commando Brandy advertising logo; but following accident to G-EANV was then repacked and shipped to Calcutta & erected on Ellenborough Racecourse. Regd in India as **G-IAAA** to HP Indo-Burmese Transport Ltd, Calcutta. Wfu 7.21 and scrapped.
- HP.9 O/7 CofA 268 issued 23.11.19 to Handley Page Ltd. Regd in India as **G-IAAB** to HP Indo-Burmese Transport Ltd, Calcutta. Wfu 7.21
- HP.10 O/7 Regd **G-EAQZ** (CofR 448) 11.2.20 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 297 issued 12.2.20. Shipped 6.20 to HP Indo Burmese Transport Ltd, Burma. Regn cld 2.21 as wfu.
- HP.11 O/400; converted to O/7 Regd **G-EAPA** (CofR 394) 3.11.19 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 275 issued 4.12.19. Shipped 5.20 to HP Indo Burmese Transport Ltd, India. UK regn cld 2.21 as sold. Possibly regd **G-IAAC** in India; w/off in gales Calcutta 10.20.
- HP.12 O/400 **J1934**; converted to O/7 Regd **G-EAPB** (CofR 395) 3.11.19 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 346 issued 5.4.20. Shipped to HP Indo Burmese Transport Ltd, **India**. Regn cld 2.21 as sold.
- HP.13 O/400 **F5414**. Regd **F5414** 30.4.19 to Handley Page Ltd; op by Handley Page Transport. CofA 1 issued 1.5.19. Newspaper flights Didsbury-Glasgow wef 3.5.19. Forced landed with engine problems Harker, N of Carlisle 12.5.19 but crashed in subsequent take-off (pilot William Shakespeare & 2 passengers injured). Rear fuselage and tail unit rebuilt as HP O/7 (initially O/700) and reflowed as **G-5414**. Reportedly flown Hounslow-Paris-Hounslow 15.7.19. Regd **G-EAAF** (CofR 6) 31.7.19. CofA 165 issued 14.8.19. Flown to ELTA Exhibition, Amsterdam c.12.8.19 (still as G-5414); returned via Le Bourget 25.8.19 to Cricklewood 26.8.19. Shipped to New York .19 for charter flights to Chicago but impounded. Sold .20 to Curtiss Engineering Division, Garden City, Long Island. Reflowed .21 and operated on exhibition flights in USA, as G-EAAF 1922/23. UK regn lapsed pre 9/22. Reportedly still at Roosevelt Field .25.
- HP.14 O/400 **F5417**. Regd **F5417** 2.5.19 to Handley Page Ltd; op by Handley Page Transport; named "Flamingo". CofA 4 issued 1.5.19 and flown as **G-5417**. Regd **G-EAAW** (CofR 23) 31.7.19 (but still operated as G-5417 22.9.19). Flown Hounslow-Brussels-Amsterdam 21.8.19; returned 25.8.19. To Taranto & Athens for exhibition 30.10.19. CofA lapsed 30.4.20; later scrapped Cricklewood. Regn cld 10.1.23 as wfu.
- HP.15 O/400 **C9713** Fitted with 2x360hp RR Eagle VIIIs, new equal-span wings, monoplane tail unit and single fin/rudder as type W.4 (or W/400). Ff 22.8.19 as such by Lt Col Sholto Douglas. The new wider fuselage, also intended, was used to build W.8 G-EAPJ; it is uncertain how much of C9713 was incorporated in this aircraft, although when displayed 12.19 at the Paris Air Show, it carried this c/n. Not regd and wfu 7.20.
- HP.16 O/400 **D8350**. Regd **D8350** 30.4.19 to Handley Page Ltd, Cricklewood; op HP Transport; named "Vulture". CofA 3 issued 1.5.19. First commercial UK flight 1.5.19 (Cricklewood-Manchester/Alexandra Park); flown on to Edinburgh/Turnhouse 5.5.19. Operated regular weekend services Cricklewood to Bournemouth 6.6.19-18.8.19. Regd **G-EAAE** (CofR 5) 31.7.19. Inaugural London (Hounslow)-Paris service 2.9.19. Still in operation 6.20 (possibly damaged on landing on last known flight Paris-Hounslow 24.6.20). Regn cld 8.20 as wfu.
- HP.17 O/400 **C9704** Deld Spain but forced landed and damaged Durango 8.19 en route Lisbon to Bilbao. Repaired locally and reflowed by RH McIntosh 6.3.20.
- HP.18 O/400 **F5418** (2x360hp RR Eagle VIII) Regd **F5418** 30.4.19 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport; named "Penguin". CofA 2 issued 1.5.19. Regd **G-EAAG** (CofR 7) 31.7.19. Regn cld 4.20 as wfu.
- HP.19 O/400 **J2249** Regd **G-EAKF** (CofR 266) 14.8.19 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 160 issued 2.10.19. CofA lapsed 1.10.20. Regn cld 10.20 as wfu.

HP.20 O/400 **J2250** Regd **G-EAKG** (CofR 267) 14.8.19 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 161 issued 30.8.19. Load tests at AEE Martlesham Heath 21.6.20. CofA lapsed 29.8.20. Regn cld 8.20 as wfu.

HP.21 O/400 **J2251** Regd **G-EALX** (CofR 312) 3.9.19 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 249 issued 28.10.19. Crashed Pere Lachaise Cemetery, nr Paris, France 5.10.20. Regn cld 4.21 as crashed.

HP.22 O/400 **J2252** Regd **G-EAKE** (CofR 265) 14.8.19 to Handley Page Ltd. CofA 159 issued 16.8.19. Flown to Soesterberg en route Copenhagen 17/18.8.19; on to Oslo (Christianna), Norway 24/25.8.19 (pilots Capt J Stewart/Major Tryggve Gran). Engine failure on take-off & crashed Kjelles, nr Stockholm (or Lillesland) 6.9.19; repaired & flown to Stockholm 28.6.20. Forced landed Orebro in heavy rain 29.6.20, slightly damaging wing. Repaired but engine failed on take-off and crashed & dbf Orebro, nr Stockholm 1.7.20; no casualties amongst pilots & 8 passengers. Regn cld 27.7.21 as crashed.

HP.23 O/400 **J2243** Rgd **G-EALZ** (CofR 314) 3.9.19 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 277 issued 7.12.19. Regn cld 10.20 as wfu.

HP.24 O/400 **J2247** Regd **G-EALY** (CofR 313) 3.9.19 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 239 issued 10.10.19. Damaged in forced landing and struck trees Old Deer Park 3.2.20; en route Cricklewood to Hounslow. Regn cld 10.20 as wfu.

HP.25 O/400 **J2248** Regd **G-EAMA** (CofR 315) 3.9.19 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 258 issued 4.11.19. Converted to O/7 standard. Hit tree & struck house after take-off from Cricklewood & crashed Basing Hill, nr Golders Green 14.12.20; pilot Robert Bager, mechanic JH Williams & 2 passengers killed (UKs first fatal transport accident). Regn cld 12.20 as wfu.

HP.26 O/400 **D4623** Regd **G-EAMB** (CofR 316) 3.9.19 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 279 issued 17.12.19. Regn cld 10.20 as wfu.

HP.27 O/400 **D4624** Regd **G-EAMC** (CofR 317) 3.9.19 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 293 issued 23.1.20. Sponsored by the Daily Telegraph and flown ex UK 2.20 for South Africa, pilots Maj HG Brackley & Lt F Tymms). Crashed alongside the River Nile, 5ml N of El Shereik, N of Atbara, Sudan 25.2.20 following inflight structural problems; no casualties; engines salvaged. Regn cld 10.20 as wfu.

HP.28 O/400 **D4633** Regd **G-EAMD** (CofR 318) 3.9.19 to Handley Page Ltd. CofA 269 issued 26.11.19. Sold to Polish Government; dd 10.12.19-20.12.19 by Capt EDC Herne & Capt FG McNaught-Davis. Regn cld 11.20 as sold abroad. No Polish identity known.

HP.29 O/400 To **Argentina** .20 and demonstrated by CE Willmott for proposed Buenos Aires to Pernambuco mail route.

HP.30 O/11 **C9699** Regd **G-EASL** (CofR 494) 15.4.20 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 375 issued 16.6.20. Last known ops 14.11.20. Regn cld 4.21 as crashed.

HP.31 O/11 **C9731** Regd **G-EASM** (CofR 495) 15.4.20 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 374 issued 17.6.20. Last known ops 5.10.20. Regn cld 4.21 as wfu.

HP.32 O/11 **D4611** Regd **G-EASN** (CofR 496) 15.4.20 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 373 issued 19.6.20. Last known ops 28.10.20. Regn cld 4.21 as wfu.

HP.33 O/400 **F5444** Regd **G-EASO** (CofR 497) 15.4.20 to Handley Page Ltd; named "Old Carthusian II" for proposed Daily Express India flight; flight cld 5.20 due to unrest in Iraq. No CofA issued. Regn cld 4.21 as wfu.

HP.34 O/11 **F308** Regd **G-EASX** (CofR 508) 30.4.20 to Handley Page Ltd. CofA 426 issued 15.10.20. Shipped to India for Sir Waghji Ravaji, the Ruler of Morvi; arr Karachi late 11.20 in 11 cases. Regn cld 4.21 as wfu. Regd **G-IAAC**.

HP.35 O/10 **D4614** Regd **G-EASY** (CofR 509) 30.4.20 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 376 issued 15.6.20. Wfu 12.20. Shipped 4.21 to HP Indo Burmese Transport Ltd, Calcutta. Regn cld 4.21 as wfu. Sold at auction 9.21 to G Mackenzie Ltd.

HP.36 O/11 **F310** Regd **G-EASZ** (CofR 510) 30.4.20 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 379 issued 23.6.20. Wfu 9.20. Shipped 4.21 to HP Indo Burmese Transport Ltd, Calcutta. Regn cld 4.21 as crashed. Sold at auction 9.21 to G Mackenzie Ltd.

HP.37 O/10 **D4618** Regd **G-EATG** (CofR 524) 7.5.20 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 377 issued 19.6.20. Last known service 18.11.20. CofA lapsed 18.6.21. Regn cld 10.1.23 as wfu.

HP.38 O/10 **D4631** Regd **G-EATH** (CofR 525) 7.5.20 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 385 issued 30.6.20. Damaged in forced landing Mersham, Kent 9.11.21; repaired. Wfu Croydon after last known service 9.23 (prior to CofA lapse 25.8.24). Nominally transferred to Imperial Airways Ltd 4.24 but never used. Regn cld 5.24 as lapsed. Formally authorised by Imperial to be scrapped 21.10.24. Rotted away behind third hangar at Croydon 6.25.

HP.39 O/10 **F307** Regd **G-EATJ** (CofR 528) 15.5.20 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 380 issued 23.6.20. Last known service 24.11.20. CofA lapsed 22.6.21. Regn cld 10.1.23 as wfu.

HP.40 O/10 **J2262** Regd **G-EATK** (CofR 529) 15.5.20 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 394 issued 15.7.20. Fitted with 425 hp Bristol Jupiter engines for demonstrations to Gnome et Rhone at Le Bourget 5.2.22; returned to Filton 24.2.22 for refitting with RR Eagles. Wfu and flown to Cricklewood 9.6.22. CofA lapsed 10.8.22. Regn cld 22.11.22 as wfu.

HP.41 O/11 **F312** Regd **G-EATL** (CofR 530) 18.5.20 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 417 issued 24.8.20. Still in ops 11/20. CofA lapsed 23.8.21. Regn cld 10.1.23 as wfu.

HP.42 O/10 **D4609** Regd **G-EATM** (CofR 531) 19.5.20 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 399 issued 30.7.20. Forced landed on beach Berck-sur-Mer 30.12.21 and blown over and wrecked. Regn cld 18.1.22 as wfu.

HP.43 O/10 **J2261** Regd **G-EATN** (CofR 534) 26.5.20 to Handley Page Ltd; op HP Transport. CofA 389 issued 8.7.20. Crashed in fog Senlis, France 14.1.22. Regn cld 8.5.22 as wfu.

Others:

Jan 1920 – 2 being dd to Lima, Peru for local coastal air services, authorised by Peruvian Govt.

W.8 (HP.18); W8f (HP.26)

- W8.1 Regd **G-EAPJ** (CofR 403) 11.11.19 to Handley Page Ltd, Cricklewood (fitted with 2x400hp Napier Lions). Ff 2.12.19. Flown to Paris 4.12.19 & displayed at Paris Aero Show, Champs Elysee 12.19-1.20 (marked as HP.15 – see comments against that c/n). Exhibited at Olympia Aero Show 7.20. CofA 403 issued 5.8.20. Entered in Air Ministry Commercial Aeroplane Competition 8.20; winner 1st prize £7,500. Grounded following hand back to Air Ministry of loaned Lion engines; reflowed 29.8.21 with new Napier Lion IB engines. Entered operations 21.10.21 with HP Transport; named “Newcastle”. Converted to W.8B 5.22; renamed “Duchess of York” 16.5.22; dd 30.6.22 and based Croydon wef 9.22. Regn lapsed 11.22; renewed 5.23 (having been fitted with RR engines). Forced landed following engine seizure and crashed Moisselles, nr Poix, France 10.7.23; no casualties. Regn cld 22.11.23 as wfu.
- W8A W8a (2xBristol Jupiters) Regd **G-EAVJ** (CofR 594) 6.9.20 to Handley Page Ltd, Cricklewood. Aircraft not completed. Regn cld 10.1.23 as wfu.
- W8.2 W8b Regd **G-EBBG** (CofR 792) 2.22 to The Air Council, London WC2. (Ff reported as 21.4.22 but actually much earlier). Dd 19.4.22 to Handley Page Transport, Croydon; named “Bombay”. CofA 564 issued 4.5.22 and entered service same day. Renamed “Princess Mary” 16.5.22 in ceremony by Sir Sefton Brancker. Crashed Coulsdon, Surrey 15.3.23; repaired. Transferred 1.4.24 & regd (CofR 1076) 10.6.24 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon. Forced landed Abbeville, France 15.2.28 & later blown over in gale and wrecked while attempting to take-off later same day (also reported as having forced landed on beach at Berck Plage). Regn cld 1.29 as crashed.
- W8.3 W8b Regd **G-EBBH** (CofR 793) 2.22 to The Air Council, London WC2. Ff 5.5.22. Dd 6.5.22 to Handley Page Transport; CofA 565 issued 9.5.22. Entered service 13.5.22; named “RMA Melbourne”. Renamed “Prince George” 16.5.22 in ceremony by Sir Sefton Brancker. Transferred 1.4.24 & regd (CofR 1077) 10.6.24 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon. Damaged in forced landing Betch 2.28; repaired. CofA lapsed 2.4.29. Was to have been re-named “Helvellyn”. Regn cld 2.31 as wfu.
- W8.4 W8b Regd **G-EBBI** (CofR 794) 2.22 to The Air Council, London WC2. Dd 6.22 to Handley Page Transport; named “Prince Henry”. CofA 572 issued 6.6.22. Demonstrated 24.6.22 to Sabena. Transferred 1.4.24 & regd (CofR 1078) 10.6.24 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon. Overturned by gusts on landing Lympe 3.3.25; repaired and flown out 7.3.25. U/c damaged in forced landing Dover 19.6.26; repaired. Regd (CofR 1305) 9.26 to The Rt Hon Frederick E Guest, MP, London W1; as nominee for Alfred Loewenstein; operated 8.26-10.26 between Biarritz & Barcelona. Regd(CofR 1307) 7.9.26 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon. Was to have been renamed “Himalaya” .30 but not used. Chartered 4.30 to Aviation Tours Ltd for joyriding; returned 9.30; again chartered wef 4.31. Damaged following engine break-up in forced landing off Scotland Lane, Horsforth, nr Leeds 19.9.31; pilot/5 passengers unhurt. Possibly not repaired since CofA lapsed 24.3.32. Regn cld 10.32 as wfu. Reportedly intended to be used on British Hospitals Air Pageant in 1933 but not overhauled.
A photo published in Aeroplane 12/76 & 5/91 claims to show it caught by the tide on the beach at Rhyll 2.9.32 while operating for National Aviation Day; almost certainly incorrect.
- W8.5 W8e Regd **O-BAHK** (CofR 99) 10.7.24 to Sabena; probably erected by SABCA (SA Belge de Constructions) from HP built assemblies. Dd 5.26 to. Regd **OO-AHK** 1.29 to same owner. Crashed 8.29. Regn cld 28.1.31.
- W8.6 W8e Ff 25.4.24. UK CofA 758 issued 31.5.24 to Sabena. Regd **O-BAHG** (CofR 93) 23.5.24 to Sabena, Brussels. Mod to W8f. Regd **OO-AHG** .29 to same owner. Wfu and regn cld 13.5.35.
- W8.7 W8f Hamilton (1x360hp RR Eagle IX/2x240hp Pumas) Regd **G-EBIX** (CofR 1065) 3.4.24 to The Air Council, London WC2 (c/n shown as W.7). Ff 20.6.24. CofA 769 issued 27.6.24. Loaned 3.11.24-23.3.25 to Imperial Airways, Croydon; named “City of Washington”. Purchase by IAL for £5,400 authorised 17.3.25 & regd (CofR 1174) 16.6.25 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon. CofA lapsed 19.2.29. Mod to W8g 10.29 by fitting 2x360hp RR Eagle IX engine (to replace 3 engines) & new angular fin & rudder. New CofA 2473 issued 15.4.30. Was to have been renamed “Hyacinth” but not used. Struck hillside in fog at Neufchatel, nr Boulogne 30.10.30; 4 killed & 2 injured. Regn cld 11.30 as crashed.

The following W8e/W8f's were built by **SABCA** – c/n's were generally not allocated:

- O-BAHJ W8e c/n 1 Regd (CofR 98) 10.7.24 to Sabena. Regd **OO-AHJ** .29 to same owner. Converted to W8b when fitted with 2xRR Eagle VIII. Regn cld 20.12.32 as sold. Regn **G-ACDO** (CofR 4173) reserved 2.33; probably by Aviation Tours Ltd, Ford for use on British Hospitals Air Pageant tour. Regn NTU and aircraft used for spares and scrapped Ford .34.
- O-BAHL W8e Regd (CofR 100) 10.8.24 to Sabena. Regd **OO-AHL** .29 to same owner. Regn cld 14.7.33 as wfu.
- O-BAHM W8e Regd (CofR 101) 10.8.24 to Sabena, Brussels. Regd **OO-AHM** .29 to same owner. Regn cld 13.5.35 as wfu.
Above W8e's possibly built as 2-engined W.8b or subsequently converted?
- O-BAHN W8f Hamilton Regd (CofR 106) 9.2.25 to Sabena, Kinshasa, Congo. Regd **OO-AHN** .29 to same owner. Regn cld 26.1.33 as wfu.
- O-BAHO W8f Hamilton Regd (CofR 107) 9.2.25 to Sabena, Kinshasa, Congo; named “Princesse Marie-Jose”; dd Kinshasa 12.2.25-3.4.25. Regd **OO-AHO** .29 to same owner. Regn cld 26.1.33 as wfu.
- O-BAHP W8f Hamilton Regd (CofR 108) 12.2.25 to Sabena, Kinshasa, Congo. Regd **OO-AHP** .29 to same owner. Regn cld 14.6.35 as wfu.
- O-BAHQ W8f Hamilton Regd (CofR 109) 19.3.25 to Sabena, Kinshasa, Congo. Regd **OO-AHQ** .29 to same owner. Regn cld 14.6.35 as wfu.
- O-BAHR W8f Hamilton Regd (CofR 112) 2.6.25 to Sabena, Kinshasa, Congo; named “Prince Leopold”. Regd **OO-AHR** .29 to same owner. Regn cld 14.6.35 as wfu.

O-BAHS W8f Hamilton Regd (CofR 113) 22.6.25 to Sabena, Kinshasa, Congo; named "Prince Charles". Regd **OO-AHS** .29 to same owner. Regn cld 14.6.35 as wfu.

O-BAHT W8f Hamilton Regd (CofR 110) 1.4.25 to Sabena, Brussels. Regd **OO-AHT** .29 to same owner. Regn cld 26.1.33 as wfu.

O-BAHU W8f Hamilton Regd (CofR 114) 16.5.25 to Sabena, Brussels. Regd **OO-AHU** .29 to same owner. Regn cld 26.1.33 as wfu.

O-BAHY W8f Hamilton Regd (CofR 124) 27.3.26 to Sabena, Brussels. Regd **OO-AHY** .29 to same owner. Regn cld 13.5.35 as wfu.

O-BAHZ W8f Hamilton Regd (CofR 125) 27.3.26 to Sabena, Brussels. Regd **OO-AHZ** .29 to same owner. Regn cld 12.2.32 as wfu.

Included in the W8s above were ones named "Edmond Thieffry", "Leopold Roger" & "Jef de Bruycker"

W.9 Hampstead (HP.27)

W9.1 Ordered by IAL 18.11.24 for £17,000; 3x385hp AS Jaguar IVs. Regd **G-EBLE** (CofR 1154) 6.5.25 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon; named "City of New York" 30.3.26. Ff 1.10.25. Dd to IAL 19.10.25; returned for mods; briefly entered service 3.11.25, mod with new angular fin & reflown 7.1.26. CofA 926 issued 20.1.26; dd 18.2.26. Engines removed 6.26; fitted late .26 with 420hp Bristol Jupiter VIs. Crashed Cudham, nr Westerham 27.6.27 following fuel starvation; repaired & CofA renewed 28.11.27. Sold for £12,000 and regd (CofR 1914) 13.3.29 to Ellyou Goldfields Development Corporation Ltd, London EC4; based Wau & Lae, New Guinea. Regn cld 10.29 as sold abroad. Regd **VH-ULK** (CofR 309) 5.8.29 to same owner. Struck trees during forced landing at 8,000 ft in thick cloud over the Kupa Range en route Salamaua to Wau, NG 31.5.30; pilot George I Thomson/mechanic McMurtrie rescued 5.6.30. Regn cld 30.6.30.

W.10 (HP.30)

W10/1 Regd **G-EBMM** (CofR 1207) 11.25 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon; named "City of Melbourne". Ff 10.2.26. CofA 951 issued 5.3.26; dd 30.3.26. Was to have been renamed "Huntingdon" .30 but not used and named by Lady Maude Hoare at Croydon 30.3.26. Entered service 18.4.26 (after further trials at Martlesham Heath). Damaged Croydon 2.2.27 when temporary hangar collapsed under weight of snow; to Cricklewood for repairs; returned to service 26.5.27. Damaged in forced landing Annabels Farm, Harpenden 28.5.31 en route Croydon to Paris in thunderstorm; repaired. Wfu 12.32; sold 21.2.33 (for £750) & regd (CofR 4342) 20.4.33 to Sir Alan John Cobham, London WC2; named "Youth of New Zealand" & op on 1933 National Aviation Day Displays tour. CofA lapsed 19.10.33. Regd (CofR 4782) 27.11.33 to National Aviation Displays Ltd, Ford. Converted to tanker; CofA renewed 11.8.34 and used for flight refuelling experiments with Courier G-ABXN. After refuelling the Courier over Isle of Wight, returned to Ford and then departed for Whitley for circus display but crashed Aston Clinton, nr Aylesbury 22.9.34 following structural failure; 4 killed - pilot Charles Brembridge, James Donovan, Arthur Littlejohn & DAD Harington. Regn cld 9.34 as wfu.

W10/2 Regd **G-EBMR** (CofR 1212) 25.11.25 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon; named "City of Pretoria". CofA 952 issued 9.3.26; dd 30.3.26. Crashed Peteghen, nr Deynze, Belgium 10.10.26; repaired. Chartered 7.29 by William Van Lear Black to watch Kings Cup Air Race. Was to have been renamed "Pretoria" .30 but not used. Damaged in forced landing between Luxeuil & Chaumont 8.30; transported to Paris for repairs. Operated by Aviation Tours Ltd [5.32-6.32] on National Aviation Day Displays tour. Sold 21.2.33 (for £750) & regd (CofR 4343) 20.4.33 to Sir Alan John Cobham; operated on 1933 National Aviation Day Displays tour as reserve aircraft. Regd (CofR 4783) 27.11.33 to National Aviation Displays Ltd, Ford; used for flight refuelling experiments [8.34]; latterly based in Malta. Following loss of G-EBMM, this was sold locally in Malta and scrapped. Regn cld 11.34 as sold abroad.

W10/3 Regd **G-EBMS** (CofR 1213) 25.11.25 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon; named "City of London". CofA 953 issued 9.3.26; dd 30.3.26. Ditched in English Channel off Dungeness 21.10.26 following engine failure; pilot Capt FW Dismore, no casualties. Regn cld 21.10.26 as wfu.

W10/4 Regd **G-EBMT** (CofR 1214) 25.11.25 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon; named "City of Ottawa". CofA 954 issued 13.3.26; dd 30.3.26. Ditched in English Channel, 3 ml SE of Dungeness 17.6.29; 7 killed. Regn cld 10.6.29 (sic) as destroyed.

Note: The above four were ordered by IAL 25.8.25 at £8,750 each.

HP.32 Hamlet

1 Regd **G-EBNS** (CofR 1246) 15.3.26 to The Air Council, London SW1. Ff 19.10.26. No CofA issued. To RAE Farnborough 25.9.28. Regn cld 1.30 as wfu.

HP.34 Hare

- Ex **J8622** Regd **G-ACEL** (CofR 4219) 27.2.33 to John Nares Addinsell, London W11 (based Hanworth). Intended for long-distance flight. No CofA issued. For sale by auction Hanworth 5.6.34. Scrapped .37. Regn cld 3.38 as wfu.

HP.35 Clive

HP35/1 ex **J9949** Regd **G-ABIP** (CofR 3008) 2.2.31 to The Air Council, London SW1; intended for use by Imperial Airways, Croydon. No CofA issued and regn believed not used. Regn cld 8.32 as wfu. Returned to RAF as **J9949**.

The known military history of J9949 seems inconsistent with the above. J9949 is recorded as a Clive Mk.II c/n HP35/2 which ff 22.3.30 and was flown out to India 10.5.30 for use by Heavy Transport Flight, later Bomber Transport Flight. It was destroyed in a hangar fire at Lahore 31.3.33.

HP.35 Clive Mk.III ex **J9126** Regd **G-ABYX** (CofR 3897) 13.8.32 to National Aviation Day Ltd, Croydon; possibly initially named "Youth of India". Reflown 5.9.32 & CofA 3573 issued 9.9.32. Regd (CofR 4327) 10.4.33 to Alan Cobham Aviation Ltd, Ford; operated on National Aviation Day tour 4.33-10.33; named "Youth of Britain". Regd (CofR 4779) 27.11.33 to National Aviation Displays Ltd, Ford; operated on National Aviation Day tour wef 4.34; named "Astra". Crashed Falmouth 6.8.34; repaired. Operated on National Aviation Day tour wef 4.35. Regn cld 11.35 as wfu (prior to CofA expiry on 10.4.36).

HP 39 "Gugnunc"

- Regd **G-AACN** (CofR 1803) 2.11.28 to Handley Page Ltd. Ff 30.4.29; fitted with AS Mongoose II. CofA 2233 issued 20.9.29. For US "Safe Aircraft Competition" sponsored by Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics. Returned to UK. Regn cld 12.30 as sold to RAF (under Contract No.62551/30). To **K1908** 20.10.30 at RAE Farnborough (dd 16.10.30). Donated to The Science Museum 19.7.34; displayed until .39. Stored at Byfleet. Displayed RAeS Garden Party, White Waltham 6.5.51. Moved 9.58 to store at Knockholt, Kent; briefly displayed at HP 50th Anniversary .59. To Hayes [.74]. To Wroughton..

HP.42

42/1 Regd **G-AAGX** (CofR 1965) 30.4.29 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon; named "Hannibal". (Initially regd with c/n E.1). Ff 14.11.30. CofA 3066 issued 5.6.31. Forced landed with engine failure Tatlingbury Farm, Tudeley, nr Tonbridge 8.8.31 en route Croydon-Paris, tail caught in tree stump and rear fuselage broke off; repaired at Croydon & CofA renewed 22.12.31. Crashed Tiberias, Galilee 17.11.32; repaired and CofA renewed 2.5.33. Missing over Arabian Sea en route Jask to Sharjah 1.3.40 (Capt Townsend & 3 crew & 4 passengers killed). Regn cld 3.4.40 as wfu.

42/2 Regd **G-AAUE** (CofR 2407) 30.1.30 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon; named "Hadrian". (initially regd with c/n E.2). Ff 24.6.31. Regn cld 25.7.40 as sold. Impressed as **AS982** 29.5.40 and deld to 271 Sqdn, Doncaster 4.6.40. Serial applied late 7.40. Broke from moorings in gales while picketed Doncaster 6.12.40 and blown over edge of embankment to SW of aerodrome and then blown on to railway line and subsequently destroyed.

42/3 Regd **G-AAUD** (CofR 2406) 30.1.30 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon; named "Hanno". (Initially regd with c/n E.3). Ff 19.7.31. CofA 3120 issued 30.7.31; later based Cairo. Badly damaged when burst tyre on landing Entebbe 6.10.35; shipped back to Croydon for rebuild; CofA renewed 25.4.36. Damaged beyond repair in gales Whitchurch 19.3.40. Regn cld 9.9.40 as wfu.

42/4 Regd **G-AAUC** (CofR 2405) 30.1.30 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon; named "Horsa" (originally to be named "Hecate"). (Initially regd with c/n E.4). Ff 11.9.31. CofA 3201 issued 19.9.31; later based Cairo. Damaged on landing Kareima 2.10.35; repaired. Forced landed out of fuel 40 ml S of Salwa Wells 29.8.36; en route Basrah to Bahrain repaired. CofA lapsed 2.6.40. Regn cld 7.7.40 as sold. Impressed as **AS981** 29.5.40. To 271 Sqdn 30.5.40; detached to Hendon 16.6.40; returned to Doncaster 22.6.40. Serial applied late 7.40. Forced landed with engine failure Watch Hill, Moresby Park, nr Whitehaven 7.8.40; en route Ringway to Stornoway (pilot P/O EG Libbey & 4 crew escaped); u/c collapsed and aircraft burned out following engine catching fire. Soc 21.8.40.

The above four were all "Eastern" types.

42/5 Regd **G-AAXC** (CofR 2532) 23.4.30 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon; named "Heracles". (Initially regd with c/n W.5). Ff 13.8.31. CofA 3182 issued 31.8.31. Badly damaged Hanworth 19.6.32 when wheels broke through drainage ditch; repaired. Damaged on landing Croydon 27.11.36; repaired. Damaged beyond repair in gales Whitchurch 19.3.40. Regn cld 9.5.40 as wfu.

42/6 Regd **G-AAXD** (CofR 2533) 23.4.30 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon; named "Horatius". Ff 6.11.31. CofA 3264 issued 13.11.31. Damaged Berck, France 23.5.34; repaired. U/c collapsed on landing Lypne 14.11.38 (possibly 25.10.38?); repaired. Forced landed in severe storm on golf-links at Tiverton, Devon 7.11.39; inbound from France and wrecked on hitting trees. Regn cld 9.9.40 as wfu.

42/7 Regd **G-AAXE** (CofR 2534) 23.4.30 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon; named "Hengist" (originally to be named "Hesperides"). FF 8.12.31. CofA 3284 issued 10.12.31. Destroyed in hangar fire Karachi 31.5.37. Regn cld 7.37 as wfu.

42/8 Regd **G-AAXF** (CofR 2535) 23.4.30 to Imperial Airways Ltd, Croydon; named "Helena". Ff 30.12.31. CofA 3305 issued 31.12.31. Damaged by fire Le Bourget 18.8.32; repaired. CofA lapsed 30.12.39. Regn cld 29.7.40 as sold. Impressed as **AS983** 29.5.40 and deld 271 Sqdn, Doncaster 8.6.40. To RNAS Donibristle 21.6.40. Damaged on landing Donibristle 1.8.40; repaired 10.40. Allotted to RNAS Donibristle 12.4.41 but not used. Dismantled 8.41; forward fuselage used as a squadron office.

The above four were all "Western" types.

HP. Harrow

- G-AFRG ex **K6933** Regd (CofR 9043) 15.2.39 to Secretary of State for Air; operated by Flight Refuelling Ltd (based Ford). CofA 6534 issued 4.4.39. CofA lapsed 3.5.40. Transferred to RCAF as **794** .40. Regn cld 2.4.46 as transferred to RCAF.
- G-AFRH ex **K7029** Regd (CofR 9044) 15.2.39 to Secretary of State for Air; operated by Flight Refuelling Ltd (based Ford). CofA 6535 issued 4.4.39. CofA renewed 16.7.40. Transferred to RCAF .40 but used for spares. Regn cld 2.4.46 as transferred to RCAF.
- G-AFRL ex **K7027** Regd (CofR 9048) 6.3.39 to Secretary of State for Air; operated by Flight Refuelling Ltd, Ford. CofA 6708 issued 20.7.39 (& renewed 15.4.40). Destroyed by enemy action Ford 6.40. Regn cld 2.4.46 as destroyed by enemy action.