

HILLSON PRAGA

Imported specimen

107 Praga E.114 **OK-PGC**. Regd **G-ADXL** (CofR 6479) 27.11.35 to F Hills & Son Ltd; dd Speke to Barton 30.12.35. CofV 91 issued wef 27.2.36. Dd 20.4.36 to Harold Leslie Brook; flown by him to South Africa, departing England 6.5.36; arriving Cape Town 22.5.36. Regn cld 6.36 as sold. Regd **ZS-AHL** 6.36 to OG Davies, Cape Town. Sold 8.37 to H Cooper, Cape Town. Regd [.49] to L Noble, Brooklyn. Converted to glider at Youngsfield 9.53.

F Hills & Sons Ltd Production Pragas

2 Regd **G-AEEU** (CofR 6846) 21.4.36 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. AtoF 55 issued 13.4.36. First flight 24.5.36. Cld 1.2.39 & regd 12.2.39 to Joseph Staveley Boumpfrey, Liverpool (based Hooton Park). CofA lapsed 2.2.40. Stored Hooton Park in WWII. Cld & regd 7.1.46 to Flt Lt Frederick Bosworth, Bo'ness, West Lothian (based Weeton, nr Preston). CofA 7337 allocated early .46 but not issued. Regn cld (undated) as withdrawn from use at 1947 census. Used as spares for G-AEUT. Fuselage reported still stored Hooton Park 1.52; and later in open storage at a petrol station opposite Warton Aerodrome on Blackpool-Preston road.

Also reported as sold 5.51 to Lt Cdr Gavin Antony James Goodhart, RN, Gosport (but this may simply have been its engine).

3 Regd **G-AEEV** (CofR 6847) 21.4.36 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. AtoF 56 issued 13.4.36. First flight 2.7.36. Regd (CofR 7236) 5.8.36 to Reginald Joseph Pattinson, Leeds (based Sherburn). For sale by owner 5.39. AtoF lapsed 5.9.39. Cld 15.1.40 & regd 19.1.40 to Harold Poskett, Hensall Garage, Whitley Bridge, nr Goole. Cld & regd 15.12.45 to Reginald Fowler, Hatfield, nr Doncaster; stored at his Hatfield Wreckers garage in Doncaster Road, Hatfield. Regn cld 1.12.46 by Secretary of State. Remains still at Hatfield garage 8.51. Taken to Yeadon .55 for possible rebuild but burned there 6.55.

HA.12 Regd **G-AEPI** (CofR 7455) 20.1.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. AtoF 122 issued 5.1.37. Dd by road to Barton 11.2.37; first flight 16.2.37. AtoF lapsed 4.1.39. CofA 6682 issued 30.6.39. Cld 11.7.39 & regd 14.7.39 to The Northern Aviation School & Club Ltd, Barton. CofA lapsed 29.6.40. Regn cld 1.12.46 by Secretary of State.

HA.13 Regd **G-AELK** (CofR 7191) 17.9.36 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. AtoF 101 issued 11.9.36. Dd by road to Barton 15.9.36; first flight 18.9.36. Sold (but not regd) 9.36 to Ralph Jaggard, James Kenworthy & George H Waugh, Shipley (based Barton). Crashed on demonstration flight to York Aero Club at Aldwark, Yorks 9.4.37; pilot John Stubbs badly injured, passenger Mrs Ivy Hughes killed. Regn cld 6.37 as crashed.

HA.14 Regd **G-AELL** (CofR 7192) 2.11.36 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. AtoF 108 issued 25.10.36. Dd by road to Barton 26.10.36; first flight 3.12.36. AtoF lapsed 4.1.39. Regn cld 19.11.45 as wfu at census.

HA.15 Regd **G-AEOL** (CofR 7407) 21.12.36 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. AtoF 113 issued 9.12.36. Dd by road to Barton 8.12.36; first flight 11.12.36. Bought by Ralph Jaggard & George Waugh on 7.6.37 (replacement for G-AELK) but crashed same day when it hit a wall on take-off following a forced landing at Abbey Village, nr Chorley en route Manchester to Bradford; Waugh badly injured. Repaired & AtoF renewed 9.2.38. Regd (CofR 8615) 7.7.38 to Ralph Jaggard, Shipley, York; James Kenworthy, Brighouse & George Henry Waugh, Leeds (based Barton). AtoF lapsed 8.2.39. Regn cld 5.11.45 as wfu at census. Taken by road from Barton to Durham in 1947 but fate unknown.

HA.16 Regd **G-AEOM** (CofR 7408) 20.1.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. AtoF 121 issued 5.1.37. Dd by road to Barton 5.1.37; first flight 15.1.37. Regn cld 12.37 as wfu.

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The last three c/n's probably not used; aircraft wef c/n HA.20 were built to full CofA standard.

HA.20 CofA application made 12.35 by Comper & Walker Ltd on behalf of F Hills & Sons. Regd **G-AEON** (CofR 7409) 3.11.36 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. First flight 6.11.36. CofA 5727 issued 4.12.36 (quoting c/n 1). Regn cld 12.36 as sold abroad. Regd **VH-UVP** (CofR 632/CofA 589) 20.4.37 (quoting c/n 1) to D McArthur-Onslow; op by Light Aircraft Pty Ltd, Sydney. Regd 1.12.41 to Joseph H Bowden, Kogarah, NSW. Regd 28.2.42 to TA Barrett, Orange, NSW. Sold 28.4.42 & regd 6.5.42 (back) to Joseph H Bowden, Kogarah, NSW. Dbf in Bowden Air Transport workshop, Oxide Street, Broken Hill, NSW 16.4.45.

HA.21 First flight 18.1.37; CofA 5773 issued 19.1.37 to D McArthur Onslow. Regd **VH-UXQ** (CofR 650) 13.7.37 to Light Aircraft Pty Ltd, Camden, NSW. Sold 24.9.37 to Royal Aero Club of South Australia, Adelaide. Sold 23.5.41 & regd 29.5.41 to HT Dalton, Albert Park, Vic. Sold 11.12.43 &

- regd 16.1.44 to JH Bowden, Broken Hill, NSW. Sold 23.9.44 & regd 11.10.44 to WJ Porter, Temora, NSW. Dbf 19.11.44.
- HA.22 First flight 23.1.37; CofA 5774 issued 23.1.37 to D McArthur Onslow. Regd **VH-UXR** (CofR 721/CofA 678) 15.6.38 to Light Aircraft Pty Ltd, Camden, NSW. Regn cld 28.8.40; regd 20.9.40 to EE Condon, Wagga Wagga, NSW. Sold 28.7.42 & regd 1.8.42 to JR Pater, Middle Park, Vic. Crashed on landing Coode Island, Vic 11.9.43. Regn cld 28.9.43.
- HA.23 Regd **G-AEPL** (CofR 7458) 26.1.37 to Malayan Motors Ltd, Singapore. First flight 2.2.37. CofA 5779 issued 4.2.37. Regn cld 4Q.37 as sold abroad. Regd **VR-SAT** (CofR 23) 20.9.37 to Malayan Motors Ltd, Singapore; operated by Wearnes Air Services for flying training. Crashed shortly after take-off from Singapore Airport 18.7.38 on Tanjong Rhu Road when cockpit canopy came open causing loss of control; pilot Rodney (or Tom) Beresford (Wearnes' instructor) died from injuries 22.2.39.
- HA.24 Regd **G-AEPM** (CofR 7459) 26.1.37 to Malayan Motors Ltd, Singapore. First flight 5.2.37. CofA 5795 issued 6.2.37. Regn cld 4Q.37 as sold abroad. Regd **VR-SAU** (CofR 24) 20.9.37 to Malayan Motors Ltd, Singapore. Sold 4.39 to F/O HL Salmon (of Regent Estate, Batang Malaka, Negri Sembilan). Crashed into rubber tree near the Regent Estate 22.4.39; owner/pilot & passenger unhurt. Shipped to UK for repairs; at St Katherine's Dock 11.39 awaiting Customs clearance. Still there 2.40.
- HA.25 Regd **G-AEPJ** (CofR 7456) 8.2.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. Dd by road to Barton 9.2.37; first flight 10.2.37. CofA 5790 issued 11.2.37. Regd (CofR 7833) 22.4.37 to Northern School of Aviation Ltd, Barton; renamed Northern Aviation School & Club Ltd 24.9.37. CofA withdrawn 25.2.38 due to crankshaft failures; restored 16.3.38. CofA lapsed 18.6.40. Regn cld 1.12.46 by Secretary of State.
- HA.26 Regd **G-AEPK** (CofR 7457) 6.3.37 to Midland Aircraft Repairers Ltd; op by North Staffordshire Aero Club, Meir. First flight 15.3.37. CofA 5829 issued 16.3.37. CofA withdrawn 25.2.38 due to crankshaft failures; restored 16.3.38. CofA lapsed 15.3.38; renewed 15.3.39? CofA lapsed 14.3.40. Regn cld 1.12.46 by Secretary of State.
- HA.27 Regd **G-AEUK** (CofR 7689) 19.3.37 to Northern School of Aviation Ltd, Barton; renamed Northern Aviation School & Club Ltd 24.9.37. Deld by road to Barton 3.3.37; first flight 23.3.37. CofA 5841 issued 23.3.37. Crashed nr Rochdale 29.5.39 following structural failure in steep dive; David Johnstone & Donald S Ferguson killed. Regn cld by Secretary of State 1.12.46.
- HA.28 Regd **G-AEUL** (CofR 7690) 19.3.37 to Northern School of Aviation Ltd Barton; renamed Northern Aviation School & Club Ltd 24.9.37. First flight 7.4.37. CofA 5842 issued 8.4.37. Crashed nr Peel Green Cemetery after take-off 20.4.37; no injuries & repaired. CofA withdrawn 25.2.38 due to crankshaft failures; restored 16.3.38. CofA lapsed 13.4.39. Regn cld by Secretary of State 1.12.46.
- HA.29 Regd **G-AEUM** (CofR 7691) 3.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. Deld by road to Barton 1.4.37; first flight 19.4.37. CofA 5891 issued 28.4.37. Regd (CofR 7852) 30.4.37 to Northern School of Aviation Ltd, Barton; renamed Northern Aviation School & Club Ltd 24.9.37. Crashed Barton 24.2.38 and badly damaged; repaired. CofA withdrawn 25.2.38 due to crankshaft failures; restored 16.3.38. CofA lapsed 16.10.39. Regn cld by Secretary of State 1.12.46.
- HA.30 Regd **G-AEUN** (CofR 7692) 3.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. Deld by road to Barton 29.4.37; first flight 30.4.37. CofA 5914 issued 18.5.37. Regd (CofR 7899) 29.5.37 to Northern School of Aviation Ltd, Barton; renamed Northern Aviation School & Club Ltd 24.9.37. CofA withdrawn 25.2.38 due to crankshaft failures; restored 16.3.38. CofA lapsed 1.8.40. Regn cld by Secretary of State 1.12.46.
- HA.31 Regd **G-AEUO** (CofR 7693) 6.3.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. Deld by road to Barton 17.5.37; first flight 28.5.37. CofA 5937 issued 3.6.37. Regd (CofR 8869) 5.11.38 to Northern Aviation School & Club Ltd, Barton. CofA lapsed 11.9.39. Regn cld by Secretary of State 1.12.46.
- HA.32 Regd **G-AEUP** (CofR 7694) 24.5.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. First flight 10.6.37. CofA 6002 issued 31.7.37; deld to Thanet Aero Club Ltd, Ramsgate same day. Regd (CofR 8241) 26.11.37 to Ipswich Aero Club Ltd, Ipswich. Cld 18.6.39 & regd 1.7.39 to Ian Hendry Cameron, Bridgend, Perth. CofA lapsed 28.11.39. Cld & regd 3.2.40 to Mrs Margaret (or Mary) Cameron (same address). Cld & regd 7.12.45 to Dr Howard Bruce Wilson, Aberdeen (based Perth). CofA renewed 26.4.46. Cld & regd 5.7.46 to Frederick Bosworth, Bo'ness, West Lothian (but based Broxbourne). Crashed in Turkey 21.7.46 en route Bahrein & dbf. Regn cld 21.7.46 as wfu.
- HA.33 Regd **G-AEUR** (CofR 7695) 24.5.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. Deld by road to Barton 9.8.37 first flight 10.8.37. CofA 6014 issued 12.8.37. Regd (CofR 8870) 5.11.38 to Northern Aviation School & Club Ltd, Barton. Crashed and w/off 1.4.39, probably nr Barton. Regn cld 22.6.39 as wfu.

- HA.34 Regd **G-AEUS** (CofR 7696) 18.8.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. Deld by road to Barton 24.8.37; first flight 26.8.37. CofA 6053 issued 21.9.37. Regd (CofR 8871) 5.11.38 to Northern Aviation School & Club Ltd, Barton. Regn cld 22.6.39 as wfu.
- HA.35 Regd **G-AEUT** (CofR 7697) 8.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. First flight 24.12.37. CofA 6170 issued 30.12.37. Regd (CofR 8321) 26.1.38 to Exeter Aero Club Ltd, Exeter. Fitted with 40hp Aeronca-JAP J.99 Mk IA .38, but found to be unreliable. Regd (CofR 8850) 1.11.38 to Ipswich Aero Club Ltd, Ipswich. For sale by Straight Corporation/Whitney Straight Ltd 5.39 from Ipswich. CofA lapsed 27.12.39. Stored Hooton Park in WWII. Cld & regd 4.10.44 to Alfred Marcus, Kirkwall, Orkney. Cld & regd 9.1.46 to Flt Lt Frederick Bosworth, Bo'ness, West Lothian (based Weeton, nr Preston). CofA renewed 5.11.47 (possibly remained at Hooton). CofA lapsed 4.11.48. Cld/sold 26.5.49 but not regd. New CoR No.R3086 issued .50. Regd 11.12.50 to Aero & Engineering (Merseyside) Ltd, Hooton Park. CofA renewed 11.1.51. Cld 18.1.51 & regd 27.4.51 to Lt Cdr Gavin Antony James Goodhart, RN, Northwood, Middlesex (based Gosport). Sold for £200 (with 3 spare engines). Cld 25.3.52 & regd 16.4.52 to Flt Lt Vincent Henry Hallam, Hertford (based RAF Abingdon; later RAF Linton-on-Ouse). Cld 12.6.56 & regd 25.6.56 to Christopher Michael Roberts & Claire Roberts, Surbiton (based Croydon). Forced landed, struck trees & crashed Sinalunga, Siena, Italy 19.6.57; en route Florence to Naples. Regn cld 19.6.57 as destroyed.
- HA.36 Regd **G-AEUU** (CofR 7698) 8.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. First flight 24.12.37. CofR 6169 issued 5.1.38. Regd (CofR 8338) 3.2.38 to Ipswich Aero Club Ltd, Ipswich. Regd (CofR 8446) 9.4.38 to Weston Aero Club Ltd, Weston-super-Mare. Regd (CofR 8851) 1.11.38 to Ipswich Aero Club Ltd, Ipswich. For sale 5.39 by Whitney Straight Ltd from Ipswich. CofA lapsed 25.9.39. Regn cld 27.11.45 as wfu.
- HA.37 Regd **G-AEYK** (CofR 7905) 12.11.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. Deld by road to Barton 1.12.37; first flight 1.38; placed in store. CofA 6475 issued 15.12.38. Cld 31.12.38 & regd 5.1.39 to Northern Aviation School & Club Ltd, Barton. Damaged in forced landing in cornfield nr Barton 3.8.39 following engine failure; not repaired (instructor William Winning and pupil Thomas Evans unhurt). Regn cld by Secretary of State 1.12.46.
- HA.38 Regd **G-AEYL** (CofR 7906) 11.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. First flight 14.1.38. CofA 6195 issued 19.1.38. Regd (CofR 8359) 17.2.38 to Thanet Aero Club Ltd, Ramsgate. Probably regd (CofR 8852) 1.11.38 to Ipswich Aero Club Ltd, Ipswich. Regd (CofR 8954) 29.12.38 to Thanet Aero Club Ltd, Ramsgate. For sale 5.39 by Whitney Straight Ltd from Ipswich. CofA lapsed 19.2.40. Regn cld 1.12.45 as wfu at census.
- HA.39 Regd **G-AEYM** (CofR 7907) 11.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. First flight 18.1.38. CofA 6194 issued 19.1.38. Regd (CofR 8360) 17.2.38 to Plymouth & District Aero Club Ltd, Roborough. Regd (CofR 8853) 1.11.38 to Ipswich Aero Club Ltd, Ipswich. For sale 5.39 by Whitney Straight Ltd at Ipswich; also 7.39. Reportedly crashed Weston-super-Mare 1.9.39. CofA lapsed 22.12.39. Regn cld 1.2.46 as wfu.
- HA.40 Regd **G-AEYN** (CofR 7908) to F Hills & Sons Ltd; NTU. Deld by road to Barton 14.1.38 but not flown and returned to store at Trafford Park.
- HA.41 Regd **G-AEYO** (CofR 7909) to F Hills & Sons Ltd; NTU. Not completed.
- HA.42 Regd **G-AEYP** (CofR 7910) to F Hills & Sons Ltd; NTU. Not completed.
- HA.43 Regd **G-AEYR** (CofR 7911) to F Hills & Sons Ltd; NTU. Not completed.
- HA.44 Regd **G-AEYS** (CofR 7912) to F Hills & Sons Ltd; NTU. Not completed.
- HA.45 Regd **G-AEYT** (CofR 7913) to F Hills & Sons Ltd; NTU. Not completed.
- HA.46 Regd **G-AEYU** (CofR 7914) to F Hills & Sons Ltd; NTU. Not completed.
- Regd **G-AFBE** (CofR 8057) reserved 18.8.37; NTU.

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- HA.100 Regd **G-AFBX** (CofR 8083) 27.10.37 to F Hills & Sons Ltd, Barton. AtoF 143 issued 20.12.37. Deld by road to Barton 13.1.38; not flown and returned to Trafford Park for modifications. First flight 4.2.38. Returned to factory for further mods, returning to Barton 21.2.38 but possibly not flown thereafter. Roaded back to Trafford Park 15.8.38. AtoF lapsed 19.12.38. Regn cld 19.11.45 at 1945 census as wfu.

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- HA.200 Regd **G-AFKT** (CofR 8785) 7.11.38 to F Hills & Sons Ltd. AtoF 164 issued 30.4.40. Probably first flown 5.40. Flown on tests at Farnborough 22.7.40-27.7.40 (as H&H Trainer). Operated by Hills on communications duties until at least 9.41. AtoF lapsed 11.6.42. Dismantled 11.42. Regn cld 19.11.45 as pfwf at census.