

SE SAUNDERS LTD/SAUNDERS-ROE

Kittiwake Amphibian

101 Regd **G-EAUD** (CofR 552) 30.6.20 to SE Saunders Ltd, East Cowes. Entered in Air Ministry Civil Aeroplane Competition 8.20; and Seaplane Competition 9.20. Ff 19.9.20 but ran on to rocks on landing; returned to Cowes for repairs. No CofA issued. Also reported as crashed early summer .21. Regn cld 7.21 as wfu.

A.4 Medina

A.4 Ordered by Air Ministry under Contract No.596501/25 dated 21.8.25 as **N197**. Serial not used. Regd **G-EBMG** (CofR 1200) 10.10.25 to The Air Council, London WC2. No CofA issued. Regn cld 1.30 as wfu. Airframe returned (.29) to SE Saunders Ltd, East Cowes.

A.17 Cutty Sark

- A17/1 Regd **G-AAIP** (CofR 2034) 6.29 to SE Saunders Ltd, East Cowes. Ff 4.7.29. Owner renamed Saunders-Roe Ltd 3.7.29. CofA 2223 issued 13.9.29. Purchased 4.30 & regd (CofR 2520) 4.30 to Major Norman Edward Holden, Norton Priory, Selsey. Regd (CofR 2631) 5.30 to F/O Stanley Sigfried Kirsten & Rupert Basil Mace, t/a Channel Islands Air Service, Jersey (also op by Kirsten & Mace Ltd); dd 13.6.30; named "Silver Bat" 7.30. CIAS ceased trading 8.30 after few flights; then to Renfrew for charter operations. Regd (CofR 3549) 1.32 to Saunders-Roe Ltd, East Cowes. Op 2.32 by The British Amphibious Air Lines Ltd, Stanley Park/Blackpool Foreshore. Op 6.32-10.32 by Isle of Man Air Lines, on services Douglas Bay to Liverpool. Damaged Douglas Bay, IoM 8.8.32; repaired. Regd (CofR 4518) 24.5.33 to Clyde Flying Boats Ltd, Rhu, Dumbartonshire (based Loch Lomond to op services between West Coast islands in conjunction with British Flying Boats Ltd). CofA lapsed 9.5.34. Taken to Hatfield [34] and used in film "The Return of Bulldog Drummond". Regn cld 12.35 as wfu.
- A17/2 CofA 2414 issued 12.2.30 to Saunders-Roe Ltd. Flown as **L.1** (105hp Cirrus Hermes). To Australia & regd **VH-UNV** (CofR 370) 5.4.30 to Matthews Aviation Pty Ltd, Essendon. CofA 349 issued 19.9.30; operated on Melbourne-Flinders Island route. Fitted 3.31 with Gipsy II engines. Sold 8.9.34 & regd 13.9.34 to KRM Farmer & AA Barlow; op by Pioneer Air Services Pty Ltd, Essendon. Regn cld 12.9.36. Sold 18.6.37 to KG Caldwell, Sydney. Sold 15.10.37 (for £A700) & regd 19.10.37 to Qantas Empire Airways Ltd, Brisbane (based Pinkenba). Overturned on landing on Brisbane River at Pinkenba, Qld 5.4.38 due to having wheels extended. Regn cld.
- A17/3 CofA 2444 issued 8.3.30 to Saunders-Roe Ltd. Flown as **L.3**. Shipped to NZPAF aboard RMS Mataroa; arr Auckland 10.5.30; to Hobsonville for assembly. Reflown 14.6.30 and retained marks **L.3**. Slightly damaged in forced landing at sea 20 mls off Auckland 28.11.30 following starboard engine fire; reflown 7.31. Last recorded flight 23.11.36; wfu and used as instructional airframe at Hobsonville. Scrapped late 30s.
- A17/4 Regd **G-AAVX** (CofR 2484) 3.30 to The Hon Arthur Ernest Guinness; dd Knockmaroon 6.6.30. CofA 2489 issued 5.5.30. Regd (CofR 2947) 12.30 to Saunders-Roe Ltd, East Cowes. Regd (CofR 3171) 5.5.31 to The Singapore Flying Club Ltd, Singapore; entered service 16.10.31. UK CofA lapsed 4.5.32 but remained in service in Singapore. CofN 7.32 to Royal Singapore Flying Club Ltd. Regn cld 26.10.34 as sold abroad. Regd **VR-SAA** (CofR 1) 14.7.34 to Royal Singapore Flying Club, Singapore. Suffered severe hull damage on take-off in heavy seas "up-country" 7.34; flown back to Singapore but found to be beyond economical repair. Regn cld 3Q.35.
- A17/5 Regd **G-ABBC** (CofR 2667) 6.30 to Major Andrew Paton Holt of Aircraft Investment Corporations Ltd, East Cowes. CofA 2627 issued 2.7.30. Regd (CofR 2805) 9.30 to Saunders-Roe Ltd, East Cowes. Sold 11.30 & regd (CofR 2979) 1.31 to Francis Francis, London W1 (based Heston/Geneva). CofA lapsed 1.7.31. CofA renewed 1.3.32. Sold 2.32 (via Henlys Ltd) & regd (CofR 3668) 15.3.32 to The British Amphibious Air Lines Ltd, Blackpool (based Stanley Park); named "Progress". CofA lapsed 10.4.34. Aircraft returned to Saunders-Roe Ltd c.33 and stored East Cowes. Destroyed by enemy bombing East Cowes 4.5.42. Regn cld 4.12.45 at census.
- A17/6 Fitted with Gipsy IIs and to RAF as **S1575** and displayed in "New Types" Park as "10" at RAF Hendon 28.6.30. To Seaplane Training Flight, Calshot 12.30. To MAEE, Felixstowe 1.31. To Saunders-Roe 4.31; returned to MAEE, "B" Flight [1.32]. Fitted with Gipsy III engines [1.34]. To Seaplane Training School, Calshot 20.4.34. To Saunders-Roe [5.34] and scrapped.
- A17/7 CofA 3428 issued 26.4.32 to Far East Aviation Co Ltd. Regd **VR-HAY** (CofR 25) 2.6.32 to Far East Aviation Co Ltd, Hong Kong. Regn cld 25.1.35 as sold.
- A17/8 CofA 3434 issued 28.4.32 to Far East Aviation Co Ltd, Hong Kong for Kwansi Air Force. Initially flown as **L.5**. No local regn/serial known; presumed stored. Regd **G-AETI** (CofA 7635) 4.2.37 to Air Service Training Ltd, Hamble (with c/n quoted as C.8). CofA renewed 25.2.37. CofA lapsed 14.2.40. Probably 1 of 2 "Saro Clouds" ferried from Ansty to 6 MU Brize Norton for storage 30.1.39. Regn cld 1.11.45 as wfu at census.
- A17/9 Regd **G-ABVF** (CofR 3664) 21.3.32 to Saunders-Roe Ltd, East Cowes. CofA 3398 issued 30.3.32. Sold 5.32 to Seiji Yoshihara, Japan; for op by Hochi Shimbun as support aircraft for pilot Yoshihara for Trans Pacific crossing. Crashed Oakland Estuary, California 16.5.32 prior to use. Regn cld 12.32 as wfu.
- A17/10 Regd **G-ACDP** (CofR 4174) 13.2.33 to Air Service Training Ltd, Hamble. CofA 3857 issued 11.4.33. CofA lapsed 10.4.39. Probably 1 of 2 "Saro Clouds" ferried from Ansty to 6 MU Brize Norton for storage 30.1.39. Regn cld 1.11.45 at census.
- A17/11 Regd **G-ACDR** (CofR 4175) 13.2.33 to Air Service Training Ltd, Hamble. CofA 3866 issued 24.4.33. Active 1.37; CofA lapsed 11.4.37. Regn cld 9.38 as wfu.
- A17/12 Regd **G-ADAF** (CofR 5478) 6.12.34 to RH Kulka Ltd. London EC4 (based Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic). CofA 4673 issued 4.2.35. Regn cld 12.35 as sold. To Ejercito Nacional, Dominican Republic as "4". Extant [12.37].

A.19 Cloud

- A19/1 Regd **G-ABCJ** (CofR 2715) 7.30 to Robert Holt of Aircraft Investment Corporation Ltd, Cowes. Fitted with 2xWright Whirlwind J6. Ff 15.7.30 as **L.4**. CofA 2676 issued 1.8.30. Regn cld 7.31 as sold abroad. Regd **CF-ARB** (CofR 995) 17.6.31 to William Robert Grattan Holt, Montreal. Returned to UK .33. Regd **G-ABCJ** (CofR 4494) 9.5.33 to Saunders-Roe Ltd, East Cowes (now with c/n A19/1A). Fitted with 2xNapier Rapier IVs. CofA renewed 29.6.34. Loaned 5.8.35 to Guernsey Airways Ltd; returned to Saro 10.35. Sold 1Q.36 but not regd. CofA lapsed 18.7.36. Regn cld 12.36 as wfu.
- A19/2 Regd **G-ABHG** (CofR 2941) 3.12.30 to Osmond Spencer Baker, as nominee for The Hon Arthur Ernest Guinness, London W11 (based Cowes); named "Flying Amo". Fitted with 3xAS Lynx IVC. Ff 18.2.31. Fitted with 2xP&W Wasps. CofA 3151 issued 31.7.31. Reconditioned 6.37 by Air Travel Ltd, Gatwick; for sale by Brian Allen Aviation Ltd. Cld & regd 27.12.39 to Imperial Airways Ltd; op by School of Basic Marine Instruction, Hythe. Damaged starboard float on landing between Calshot & Cowes 20.5.40; repaired? Cld & regd 22.8.40 to British Overseas Airways Corporation,

Southampton. CofA lapsed 28.12.40 and wfu Hythe. Reported as damaged beyond repair Ibsley 21.5.41 (but this might be in error confusing both the previous accident and its final resting place). Regn cld 23.5.41 as wfu. Used 7.41 as BOAC staff rest centre at Hythe; to be disposed of 23.8.43. Fuselage used (2.52) as a caravan at Rest-a-While Café on A348 at St Leonards, 2½ mls from Ringwood, Hants. Scrapped .56.

- A19/3 To RAF as **K2681**; fitted with 2xAS Serval IIIs. At RAF Hendon Display 6.31 as "12".
- A19/4 Regd **G-ABXW** (CofR 3810) 6.32 to British Flying Boats Ltd, Edinburgh; named "Cloud of Iona" 15.7.32. Fitted with 2xWright Whirlwind J6. CofA 3533 issued 15.7.32. On overhaul Hanworth (10/33; 3/34). Regd (CofR 5357) 14.9.34 to Spartan Air Lines Ltd; operated trial inter-Channel Island flights, flown by RCH Monk. Op wef 1.10.35 by British Airways Ltd. Cld/sold 1Q.36 and deld 12.7.36 (but not regd) to Guernsey Airways Ltd (still named "Cloud of Iona"). Fatal crash nr Minquiers S of Jersey 31.7.36; 10 killed. Regn cld 7.36 as wfu.
- A19/5 Regd **G-ACGO** (CofR 4363) 8.5.33 to Saunders-Roe Ltd, East Cowes. CofA 3950 issued 23.6.33. (*Ff reported as 15.7.33 but obviously erroneous*). Op 7-8.33 on Baltic demonstrations; returned to Cowes 10.8.33. Regn cld 7.34 as sold. Regd **OK-BAK** 16.8.34 to Ceskoslovenske Statni Aerolinie [CSA], Praha (& UK CofA renewed 14.9.34 & fitted with Walter Pollux radials). Cx 21.3.39.

Also A29 Clouds K2894-2898; K3722-3729; K4300-4302 – c/n A29/1-A29/16.

A.21 Windhover

- A21/1 Regd **ZK-ABW** 10.4.30 to Dominion Air Lines Ltd. Launched 16.10.30; to MAEE Felixstowe 20.10.30 and UK CofA 2803 issued 30.10.30 to Saunders-Roe Ltd. Shipped 12.30 to New Zealand but not flown there and shipped on to Australia. Regd **VH-UPB** 10.12.31 to Matthews Aviation Ltd, Hobart. Operated Melbourne-King Island-Launceston route 23.1.33-2.34. Forced landed in sea nr King Island and destroyed on rocks nr Currie Lighthouse, Bass Strait 14.5.36.
- A21/2 Regd **G-ABJP** (CofR 3058) 3.31 to Capt Francis Francis, London W1 (based Croydon/Geneva). To MAEE Felixstowe and CofA 3118 issued 8.7.31. Regd (CofR 3425) 9.31 to Saunders-Roe Ltd, East Cowes. Deld 21.9.31 [but not then regd] to Gibraltar Airways Ltd; named "General Godley"; operated Gibraltar-Tangiers 21.9.31-3.1.32. Regn cld 12.31 as sold abroad. Aircraft abandoned at Tangier. Chartered 5.32 by The Hon Mrs Victor Bruce, Portsmouth but damaged on delivery when hit trees in Spain 2.6.32 following engine failure. Shipped to England 6.32 & repaired and operated by (Bruce's company) Luxury Air Tours Ltd; named "City of Portsmouth" for air-to-air refuelling & endurance experiments 7-8.32 sponsored by Regent Petroleum Co. First attempt at Cowes 5.7.32 was abandoned; moved to Felixstowe 5.8.32. Regd (CofR 3845) 7.32 to Gibraltar Airways Ltd (paperwork catch up). Forced down Felixstowe 11.8.32 after 52 hours' flight (due to overheating) but achieved British endurance record. Returned to Saro 16.8.32. For sale 11.32. CofA lapsed 29.7.33. CofA renewed 16.3.35. Regd (CofR 5909) 22.5.35 to Jersey Airways Ltd, Jersey; deld 22.5.35 to [associate] Guernsey Airways Ltd, Guernsey [for Jersey-Guernsey services]. Damaged on take-off Guernsey 28.6.35; repaired 10.35. CofA lapsed 1.3.37. Sold 29.4.38 [but not regd] to Percival Aircraft Ltd, Luton [for £200]. Cld/sold 29.11.38 but not regd. Regn cld 10.3.39 as wfu.

24 Mailplane – see Spartan

A.37 Shrimp

- Saro 37 No.1 Regd **G-AFZS** (CofR 9267) 22.9.39 to Saunders-Roe Ltd, Cowes. Ff .39. No CofA issued. Regn cld 1.1.46 as pfwf. Transferred to RAF as **TK580** 10.44. Scrapped Felixstowe 7.49.