

Simmonds Spartan aircraft(all types)

There are a number of gaps in the known histories of Simmonds Spartan aircraft as well as a few anomalies.

The ultimate fates of most of those listed below are unknown...any help very welcome.

There are also ten c/ns for which no information is available. Were these built - if so what happened to them?

A possibility is that some were exported to the USA .An early issue of Flight - reporting on the "new" Simmonds aircraft ,

inferred that there was considerable interest in the USA , yet only one US registration has ever come to light.

- 2 Spartan. CofA 1812 issued 23.1.29 to Simmonds Aircraft Ltd. Possibly flown 17.7.29 with Redrup Fury mk II engine. Fate untraced.
Was this the aircraft that became NC512E with Scott Aeronautics?
If not -what became of it?
- 9 Spartan [Gipsy II] CofA 1967 issued 6.4.29 to South African AF & evaluated Roberts Heights
(dd Capetown to Zwartkop 6.5.29).
To SAAF 503.
Sold 10.29 to Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa.
After that?
- 11 Spartan G-AAFP regd [CofR 1926] 20.3.29 to Simmonds Aircraft Ltd, Hamble.
CofA 1987 issued 17.4.29. Regn cld 3.30.
Fate.....?
- 13 Not issued ?
- 16 Untraced
- 17 Spartan G-AAMA regd [CofR 2151] 29.5.29 to National Flying Services Ltd, Hanworth.
CofA 2078 issued 15.7.29. Regn cld 12.32.
Fate.....?
- 18 Untraced
- 23 Spartan [Hermes II] G-AAHA regd [CofR 1973] 6.5.29 to Charles Coombes, t/a Shanklin Flying Services, Apse, Shanklin. CofA 2077 issued 27.6.29.
Regd [CofR 3194] 5.31 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd, Somerton.
Regd [CofR 3209] 5.31 to Flt Lt Frank G Gibbons, Plymouth [based Heston].
Regd [CofR 3346] 4.8.31 to Frederick G Miles, Shoreham and taken with Miles to South Africa.
Regn cld 3.32 as sold. Probably regd ZS-ADC [CofR 82]26-9-31.. 3-4.32 to WD Mackay.
Confirmation and fate?
- 28 Spartan [Cirrus Hermes] CofA 2221 issued 27.8.29 to Robert Bryce & Co Pty Ltd.
Regd VH-UMP [CofR 346] 17.12.29 to Bishop & O'Sullivan Aircraft Service, Brisbane.
Regn lapsed 16.12.31 and cld.

Fate....?

- 29 Spartan G-AAGO regd [CofR 1956] 4.29 to Simmonds Aircraft Ltd, Hamble.
CofA 2597 issued 26.6.30; fitted with Gipsy II for Kings Cup Air Race.
Regd [CofR 3207] 5.31 to Flt Lt George H Stainforth, Cowes [for 1931 Kings Cup Air Race].
Regd [CofR 3413] 8.31 to Miss Pauline Gower, jointly owned with Dorothy Spicer, t/a Air
Trips, Wallingford.
Regd [CofR 3925] 2.8.32 to Babar Mirza, Woodley [later Hyderabad].
Flown by Mirza 10.32 from Croydon on flight to India but suffered engine failure
& crashed Bushire, nr Baghdad. Shipped to Karachi and repaired.
UK CofA lapsed 4.8.33. Regd cld 12.33.
Fate.....?
- 30 Untraced
- 32 Untraced
- 35 Spartan G-AAMI regd [CofR 2159] 2.8.29 to National Flying Services Ltd, Hanworth; not
delivered.
Regn cld 1.30 as sold. CofA 2158 issued 13.2.30 to Wilhelm Omsted, Oslo.
Regd N-43 2.4.30 to Wilhelm Omsted, Oslo. Operated on skis for Arctic flying.
Regd 4.5.31 to Sigurd Aagenaes, Stabekk. Regd 19.6.31 (back) to Wilhelm Omsted, Oslo.
Damaged in crash 4.8.31; repaired. Regd LN-ABG [CofR 2] 6.6.32 to same owner.
Regd 17.2.33 to Wiggo Wideroe & Halver Bjerneby, Oslo.
Regd 20.1.34 (17.1.34?) to Wideroes Flyveselskap AS, Oslo.
Regd 17.4.34 to Caesar Bang Jr, Greaker. CofA lapsed 20.5.40. Regn cld 28.11.46.
FATE.....?
- 36 Spartan G-AAMJ regd [CofR 2160] 2.8.29 to National Flying Services Ltd, Hanworth.
CofA 2159 prepared but not issued. Regn cld 12.30.
FATE.....?
- 37 Spartan G-AAMK regd [CofA 2161] 2.8.29 to National Flying Services Ltd, Hanworth.
CofA 2160 prepared but not issued. Regn cld 12.30.
FATE.....?
- 39 Spartan. CofA 2324 issued 16.11.29 to Canadian Knight Whippet Co. Ff in NZ 1.30.
Regd ZK-ABL [CofR 39] 7.3.30 to TA Baikie, Thames. Converted to 3-seater?
Regd [5.30] to Wellington Aero Club. To Goodwin Chichester Aviation Co Ltd.
Crashed Tauranga 16.8.36. Reportedly stored by DC Miller, Turua [80].
FATE.....?
- 40 Untraced
- 41 Untraced
- 45 Spartan [Cirrus Hermes] CofA 2227 issued 11.9.29 to Robert Bryce & Co Pty Ltd.
Regd VH-UMQ [CofR 336] 13.11.29 to Western Air Service, Guildford, WA.
Regd 11.30 to Wings Ltd, Perth. Regn cld 22.12.30.
Regd 6.4.31 to same party.
Regd 12.5.32 to Mrs JLDE Ittershagen, West Subaico, WA. Regn lapsed 16.8.34 and cld.
Still in store at West Subaico Airfield when airfield cleared .40. (C/n plate found in garden
in Subaico 2008!)-
FATE.....?

47 Spartan.FF at Southampton Feb 1930 CofA 2403 issued 3.2.30 to Gordon Fenton.
Dd 18.4.30 as 3-seater floatplane.
Regd VQ-FAA 5.6.30 to CG [Gordon] Fenton. Regd 8.10.30 to Fiji Airlines Ltd.
Regd 23.10.31 to CG Fenton. Regd 19.4.33 to Fiji Airways Ltd.
CofA lapsed 21.8.33.
Shipped to General Aircraft Co Ltd [Genairco], Australia and regn VH-UUJ reserved .35 but
NTU.
FATE.....?

49 Spartan. CofA 2360 issued 4.1.30 to High Commissioner for New Zealand [as ZK-ABC].
Regd ZK-ABU .30 to Canadian Knight Whippet Co Ltd; operated by Air Travel Ltd.
Regd 11.5.32 to Harold Arthur Nance-Kivell, Westland; named "Lovebird".
Converted to Three-seater with new CofA 9.8.33 and regd [CofR 82][.34]
to [Nance-Kivell-owned] West Coast Airways Ltd, Hokitika.
Regd [3.36] to WT Hempseed. To West Coast United Aero Club, Greymouth.
Wfu and regn cld 15.3.39. Sold 29.7.39 [but not regd] to EG Lealand, Auckland.
Note: It is possible that the identities and post initial
CofA histories for this and #48 should be reversed.

Correct version and fate of c/n49?

50 Untraced & probably not built.

52 Spartan Arrow [Gipsy II] G-AAWZ regd [CofR 2528] 4.30 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd, Hamble.
CofA 2610 issued 27.6.30. Operated on European tour .30.
Regd [CofR 3597] 1.32 to Major John V [Vernon] Holman;
operated by Cirrus-Hermes Engineering Ltd, Croydon, fitted with Hermes II.
Regd [CofR 4326] 10.4.33 to John C Sword; operated by Midland & Scottish Air Ferries Ltd,
Renfrew.
Regd [CofR 5640] 22.2.35 to The Hon Brian Lewis, t/a Brian Lewis & Co, Heston.
CofA lapsed 2.9.35; renewed 1.7.36.
Regd [CofR 7268] 18.8.36 to Walter C Mycroft;
nominee for Associated British Picture Corporation Ltd, Aldenham.
Regn lapsed at census 1.1.39. Regd 15.4.39 to Yapton Aero Club Ltd, Yapton.
CofA lapsed 12.2.40.
Stored EMA Garage, Southsea 6.40. Regn cld 5.11.45.
FATE.....?

54 Spartan [Gipsy II] G-ABET regd [CofR 2804] 9.30 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd, Hamble.
CofA 2811 issued 7.11.30.
Regd [CofR 2936] 11.30 to Capt Lewis W Hall, Nottingham [dd 12.12.30];
operated .32-.34 by North Eastern Aviation, Broughton Ferry, Dundee [based Cramlington],
then probably by Nottingham Flying Club, Tollerton.
Regd [CofR 5532] 8.1.35 to Nottingham Airport Ltd; operated by Nottingham Flying Club,
Tollerton.
Regd [CofR 7212] 23.7.36 to Miss Helen M Harrison, Hayling Island.
Regd [CofR 8061] 20.8.37 to Kennings Ltd, Sheffield [based Skegness]. CofA lapsed
16.5.40.
Regn cld at census 1.12.46.
FATE.....?

- 55 Spartan Three-seater [Gipsy II] G-ABKJ regd [CofR 3091] 3.31 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd, Somerton.
 CofA 2981 issued 24.4.31.
 Regd 1.32 to William L Gordon, Hamble and operated by Hampshire Aeroplane Club wef 2.32.
 Regd [CofR 7150] 26.6.36 to Otho L Prior-Palmer, High Post.
 Regd [CofR 8030] 27.7.37 to Kennings Ltd, Sheffield [based Skegness].
 CofA lapsed 25.5.40. Regn cld at census 1.12.46
 FATE....?
- 65 Spartan Three-seater [Hermes II] G-ABTU regd [CofR 3602] 2.32 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd, Somerton.
 CofA 3449 issued 13.5.32.
 Regd [CofR 3773] 31.5.32 to British Air Transport Ltd, Croydon.
 Crashed nr Lympne 4.10.32; repaired. Regn cld 1.36 as sold.
 Regd VR-RAQ [CofR 19] 10.11.37 to Kuala Lumpur Flying Club.
 FATE....?
- 67 Spartan Three-seater [Hermes II] G-ABWU regd [CofR 3743] 4.32 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd, Somerton.
 CofA 3468 issued 3.6.32. Regd [CofR 3808] 6.32 to Hugh C Randal-Stevens, Brooklands.
 Regd [CofR 4042] 11.32 to unknown. Regd [CofR 4151] 1.33 to Southend Flying Services Ltd, Southend.
 Regd [CofR 5302] 9.8.34 to Herbert V Armstrong & James M Anderson; op by Northern Flying Services Ltd, Hooton.
 Regd [CofR 7170] 9.7.36 to Eric D Ward, Hooton. Regn lapsed at census 1.1.39.
 Regd 21.4.39 to John F Winstanley, Stanley Park. CofA renewed 2.6.39; lapsed 1.6.40.
 To storage at Coventry Welding Service, Quarry St, Blackburn. Regn cld 1.12.46
 FATE...?
- 70 Spartan Three-seater [Hermes II] G-ABYG regd [CofR 3841] 7.32 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd, Somerton.
 CofA 3547 issued 27.7.32. Dd 13.8.32 and regd [CofR 4001] 10.32 to Scarborough Aero Club Co Ltd, Ganton
 [presented to club by Major JED Shaw].
 Regd [CofR 4111] 23.12.32 to Major John E Durrant Shaw, Ganton.
 Regd [CofR 4545] 6.33 to unknown.
 Regd [CofR 4573] 28.6.33 to Henlys Ltd, Heston. CofA lapsed 2.7.34.
 Regd [CofR 5698] 14.3.35 to Rollason Aircraft Services Ltd, Croydon; CofA renewed 14.3.35.
 Regd [CofR 5777] 8.4.35 to Joan LA Hughes & Neville M Browning, Abridge.
 Regd [CofR 7931] 10.6.37 to William Catton, Abridge [later Broxbourne?]. CofA lapsed 26.8.38.
 Regn cld at census 1.12.46.
 FATE....?
- 77 Spartan Arrow [Gipsy II] G-ABGW
 regd [CofR 2920] 14.11.30 to Brian S Thynne, Muntham Court, Findon, Sussex [in exchange for G-AAGY].
 CofA 2840 issued 10.12.30; dd 3.1.31. Regn cld 10.34.
 FATE.....?
- 79 Spartan Arrow [Hermes II] G-ABWR regd [CofR 3740] 4.32 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd.
 CofA 3590 issued 24.9.32. Dd 25.9.32 and regd [CofR 3968] 10.32 to Richard VL'E Malone, Heston.

Regd [CofR 6165] 8.8.35 to Flying Hire Ltd, Chilworth.
Regd [CofR 7141] 22.6.36 to Rollason Aircraft Services Ltd, Croydon.
Regd [CofR 7171] 9.7.36 to William J Gunther, Croydon/Gravesend.
Regd [CofR 7985] 12.7.37 to F Morat & Co Ltd, Broxbourne. CofA lapsed 3.5.38.
Regn cld 8.38 as sold.
Regd OY-DOO [CofR 96] 24.11.38 to Henry Erlind, Kokkedal. CofA lapsed 5.1.39.
Seized by Germans 12.43.
FATE...?

81 Spartan Arrow [Cirrus III] G-ABHR regd [CofR 2962] 12.30 to Household Brigade Flying Club, Heston.

CofA 2869 issued 7.1.31.
Op [5.32] by Wiltshire School of Flying & Country Club, High Post.
Regd [CofR 4110] 12.32 to unknown.
Regd [CofR 4164] 7.2.33 to Arthur WA Whitehead, Hamble.
Flown on round-trip with Sir Anthony Hope Heston-Cairo-Nairobi-S Rhodesia & back; dep 10.2.33 & returning to Heston 11.4.33. CofA lapsed 3.6.37. Regn cld 25.3.39.
FATE....?

83 Spartan Arrow [Gipsy II] G-ABOB regd [CofR 3299] 7.31 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd, Somerton.

CofA 3142 issued 28.7.31.
Regd [CofR 7490] 26.11.36 to Alan L Maffey, RAF Hendon.
Operated [7.37-8.37] by Flt Lt Hugh RA Edwards, RAF Manston.
Regd [CofR 8266] 16.12.37 to Exeter Aero Club Ltd, Exeter.
Regd 6.4.39 to Thanet Aero Club Ltd, Ramsgate. CofA lapsed 19.5.39.
Regn cld 26.8.41
FATE....?

86 Spartan Arrow G-ACHG regd [CofR 4380] 13.5.33 to Henlys Ltd, Heston. CofA 3954 issued 7.7.33.

Regd [CofR 5379] 1.10.34 to Rollason Aircraft Services, Croydon. Regn cld 10.35 as sold.
Regd OY-DUK [CofR 79] 25.10.35 to Viggo Sylvest Jensen, Hillerod [based Kastrup]. Regn cld 20.1.39.
Regd SE-AFR 12.4.37 to Carl GN Peyron, Halsingborg [based Malmo].
Regd 14.12.49 to H Hansson, Halsingbord. Sold 4.51 to AB Kockums Flygindustri, Malmo.
Regd 8.5.51 to Ostersunds Flygklubb. CofA lapsed 22.3.56. Regn cld 15.2.61.
FATE.....?

87 Spartan Napier Arrow [Napier E97 Javelin III] G-ABST regd [CofR 3530] 12.31 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd, Somerton.

CofA 3429 issued 21.4.32 and dd 4.32 to D Napier & Son Ltd as Napier Javelin test-bed.
Regd [CofR 4172] 9.2.33 to D Napier & Son Ltd, Heston. CofA lapsed 20.4.34. Regn cld 8.36.
FATE.....?

105 Spartan II Three-seater [Hermes IV] G-ACAD regd [CofR 3994] 10.32 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd, Somerton.

CofA 3756 issued 10.2.33.
Regd [CofR 4176] 10.2.33 to Lady Dorothy M Clayton-East-Clayton, Hanworth [killed 15.9.33 in accident to Spartan Arrow G-ACHF].
Regd [CofR 5330] 31.8.34 to Henlys Ltd, Heston.
Regd [CofR 6066] 15.7.35 to Airwork Ltd, Heston.
Regd [CofR 6981] 1.5.36 to Richard O Shuttleworth, Old Warden.
Regd [CofR 7189] 15.7.36 to Air Trips Ltd, Croydon.
Regd [CofR 8087] 24.8.37 to Donald B Prentice, Christchurch. CofA lapsed 12.5.39.

Regd 19.10.39 to Benjamin G Heron, Bournemouth. Regn cld 1.12.46.
FATE.....?

107 Spartan II Three-seater [Hermes IV] regd G-ACEF [CofR 4209] 2.33 to unknown
[probably Spartan Aircraft Ltd, Somerton].
Flown Cowes-Farnborough-Cowes 29.8.33 [Dudding – of Spartan & Cornwall].
Regd [CofR 5646] 25.2.35 to Hugh ES Pritchett, Christchurch. CofA 5696 issued 27.10.36.
Regd [CofR 7764] 15.3.37 to Malling Aviation Ltd, West Malling.
Dd 6.6.37 to Pauline Gower. Sold 31.10.38 to unknown. CofA lapsed 13.4.39.
Regn cld at census 1.12.46.
FATE...?

A24/1 Originally the Saro-Percival Mail Plane, designed by Edgar Percival and built by
Saunders-Row as the A.24 Mailplane. Regd G-ABLI [CofR 3127] 17.4.31 to Spartan Acft
Ltd.

Ff 1.6.31. Initially fitted with one seat, mail compartment, and single fin.
CofA 3371 issued 24.2.32. Converted to 3 seats and twin fins, Named "Blackpool" for
India flight 15.6.32-7/32 (Stanley Park Aerodrome to Karachi) by T Neville Stack.
Regn cld 2.33.
FATE.....?

3 Cruiser mk II Regd G-ACDW [CofR 4192] 20.2.33 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd, East Cowes.
CofA 3902 issued 12.5.33 and delivered to Spartan Air Lines Ltd same day. Named
"Faithful City"
and departed Lympne on Australian charter 10.10.33 for Capt WP Crawford-Greene MP and
Lord Apsley;
returned to England 26.12.33.
Regd [CofR 4993] 23.4.34 to Spartan Air Lines Ltd, Heston.
Sold 28.4.34 to Misr-Airwork, Egypt. Regn cld 8.34 as sold.
Regd SU-ABL .34 to Misr-Airwork SAE, Almaza. Fate unknown; regn cld post 7.36.
FATE...?

7 Cruiser mk II Regn G-ACKG reserved [CofR 4455] 9.33 but NTU.
CofA 4086 issued 14.11.33 to Maharajah of Patiala. Regd VT-AER 10.4.34 (CofR 219)
to Lt Genl HH Sir Bhupinder Singh, Mahinder Bahadur, The Maharajah of Patiala.
Regd 29.4.38 [CofR 219/2] to HH Maharaja Yadavinder Singhji, Mohinder Bahadur
Maharaja Dhiraj of Patiala.
Regn cld 23.4.42.
Fate....?

8 Cruiser mk II Regd G-ACNO [CofR 4851] 9.2.34 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd, East Cowes.
CofA 4193 issued 26.2.34. Regn cld 4.34 as sold.
Regd OK-ATQ [CofR 305] 17.3.34 to Fa Bata as, Zlin [based Napajedla].
Regd .35 to Zlinska Letecká, Zlin [based Napajedla]. Cx 24.3.39.
[Possibly operated as D-CATQ following German annexation?]
FATE.....?

9 Cruiser mk II Regd G-ACOU [CofR 4917] 23.3.34 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd, East Cowes.
CofA 4395 issued 14.7.34. Regn cld 7.34 as sold.
Regd OK-ATM [CofR 332] 29.7.34 to Fa Bata as, Zlin [based Napajedla].
Regd .35 to Zlinska Letecká, Zlin [based Napajedla]. Cx 24.3.39.
(Possibly operated as D-CATM following German annexation?)
FATE.....?

12 Spartan Cruiser Mk.II (Gipsy Major) Regd G-ACYL (CofR 5367) 9.34 to Spartan Aircraft
Ltd, East Cowes.

CofA issued 24.10.34; delivered 10.34 to Spartan Air Lines Ltd, Heston; regd to them (CofR 5650) 1.3.35.
Transferred 4.35 to United Airways Ltd, Blackpool; regd to them (CofR 6354) 30.9.35.
Transferred 10.35 to British Airways Ltd; regd to them (CofR 6611) 23.12.35.
Transferred 19.2.36 to Northern & Scottish Airways Ltd, Renfrew; formally sold to them 30.6.36 (but not regd until (CofR 7884) 20.5.37).
Badly damaged on landing Hall Caine, Ramsey, IoM 16.5.36; repaired.
Reformed 12.8.37 as Scottish Airways Ltd (but not so regd).
Regd (CofR 8175) 29.10.37 to British Airways Ltd.
Regd (CofR 8562) 17.6.38 to Scottish Airways Ltd. Regn cld 10.5.40 as sold.
Impressed as X9431 2.4.40; to 6 AACU Ringway 7.4.40. To 7 AACU 3.5.40.
Allocated to 284 Sqdn, ATC, Cheadle as instructional airframe 28.8.41. Soc 11.41.
FATE....?

102 Spartan Cruiser Mk.III (Gipsy Major) Regd G-ADEL (CofR 5690) 14.3.35 to Spartan Aircraft Ltd, East Cowes.

First flown 11.4.35. CofA issued 18.4.35.
Purchased 20.4.35 for £3,200 by Spartan Air Lines Ltd, Heston.
Transferred 10.35 to British Airways Ltd. Damaged in crash Ronaldsway 23.3.36; repaired.
Sold 30.6.36 to Northern & Scottish Airways Ltd; not delivered (and not regd to them).
Regd (CofR 7414) 23.10.36 to British Airways Ltd.
Regd (CofR 7619) 25.1.37 to Northern & Scottish Airways Ltd; dd 16.6.37.
Reformed 12.8.37 as Scottish Airways Ltd; regd to them (CofR 8564) 17.6.38.
Regn cld 2.4.40 as sold. Impressed as X9432 2.4.40; to 6 AACU Ringway 7.4.40.
To 7 AACU 3.5.40. Soc 26.7.40.
FATE....?

1 Spartan Cruiser Mk.II (built under licence by Fabrilil Zmaj, Yugoslavia) Regd YU-SAP 24.5.35 to Aeropot.

C of R No.71.CofA No.69.Named "Nis",cr 17.7.36 nr Ljubljana.
Regn cld .37
FATE....?