

AIRSPPEED – PRE-WAR

AS.5 COURIER

AS.5/5A	AS Lynx IVC
AS.5B	AS Cheetah V
AS.5C	Napier Rapier
AS.5J	AS Cheetah IX [unofficial designation?]

AS.6 ENVOY

AS.6	Wolseley AR.9 mk II
AS.6A	AS Lynx IVC
AS.6B/C	Unbuilt seaplane projects
AS.6D	Wright Whirlwind [in 1944]
AS.6E	Walter Castor II
AS.6F	Unbuilt Survey project
AS.6G	Wolseley Scorpio I
AS.6H	Wolseley Aries III
AS.6J	AS Cheetah IX [sub-types M or C for Military or Civil versions]
AS.6K	Wolseley Scorpio II

AS.7J/K Unbuilt military variant Envoys

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- 1 AS.1 Tern Glider; ff 8.31. Later BGA.190
- 2 AS.1 Tern Glider
- 3 AS.1 Tern Glider; not completed.
- 4 AS.4 Ferry Regd **G-ABSI** [CofR 3510] 12.31 to Sir Alan Cobham, London WC2 [based York]. Ff at Sherburn-in-Elmet 5.4.32. CofA 3425 issued 21.4.32. Dd 24.4.32 to National Aviation Day Ltd, Ford; named "Youth of Britain II". Damaged in crash Stanley Park Aerodrome 27.6.32; repaired. Operated on 1933 and 1934 National Aviation Day tours. Regd [CofR 5765] 4.4.35 to [successor] National Aviation Displays Ltd, Ford. Re-engined with Gipsy Majors 3.36 by Rollason Aircraft Services, Croydon. Regd [CofR 6823] 12.3.36 to CWA Scott's Flying Display Ltd (nominally based Croydon). Regd [CofR 7470] 18.11.36 to Air Publicity Ltd, Heston. Regn cld 27.9.38 as sold; but not regd. Regd 20.7.39 to Portsmouth, Southsea & Isle of Wight Aviation Ltd, Portsmouth. Flown Cardiff to Castle Bromwich 1.40 for use by Fairey Aviation Ltd as return ferry aircraft for deliveries of Battles from Longbridge; returned to Cardiff following centre engine failure. Regn cld 18.4.40 as sold. Impressed as **AV968** 18.4.40. To 20 MU 19.4.40. To Halton Station Flight 6.7.40. To instructional airframe **2758M** 10.41; issued to No 474 ATC Squadron, Long Eaton. Soc 11.6.45.
- 5 AS.4 Ferry Regd **G-ABSJ** [CofR 3511] 12.31 to Sir Alan Cobham, London WC2 [based York]. CofA 3484 issued 10.6.32 and deld to National Aviation Day Ltd, Ford; named "Youth of Britain III". Renamed "Youth of Africa" 1.33 for 1933 tour. Regd [CofR 4780] 27.11.33 to National Aviation Displays Ltd, Ford. Shipped to India 4.34. Regn cld 9.34 as sold. Regd in India as **VT-AFO** 4.8.34 to Himalaya Air Transport & Survey Ltd, Hardwar, New Delhi; named "Dragoman". Co renamed The Himalaya Airways Ltd [12.35]. Burnt by rioters in hangar Hardwar, 70 mls N of Delhi 1.10.36. Regn cld 13.10.36.
- 6 AS.4 Ferry Regd **G-ACBT** [CofR 4062] 21.12.32 to John Cuthill Sword and op by [his company] Midland & Scottish Air Ferries Ltd, Renfrew. CofA 3747 issued 7.2.33; deld 8.2.33. MSAF operations ceased 30.9.34 and stored Renfrew. CofA lapsed 17.2.35; maintenance abandoned 11.35. Offered for sale 10.37, but remained unsold and roaded to Sword's caravan site at Tarbolton c.41. Burnt out Tarbolton summer 42 (or .43). Regn cld 23.11.45 at census.
- 7 AS.5 Courier Regd **G-ABXN** [CofR 3789] 7.6.32 to Airspeed Ltd, York [completed at Portsmouth] and built for Sir Alan Cobham. Ff 11.4.33. Damaged when u/c collapsed during Martlesham Heath trials 6.33. CofA 4001 issued 4.8.33. Regd 1.34 to Sir Alan Cobham and used for flight refuelling experiments [8.34]. Damaged in forced landing Hal Far Malta 24.9.34 (22.9.34?) on failed non-stop Portsmouth-India flight using in-flight refuelling, flown by Cobham and Sqn Ldr Bill Helmore. Operated 6.35-7.35 by Cobham Air Routes Ltd, Croydon. CofA lapsed 31.8.35. Regd [CofR 7789] 25.3.37 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Croydon/Doncaster and CofA renewed 3.6.37. Regd 19.5.39 to Miss Joan Mary Parsons, Bishops Tachbrook, Leamington Spa. Regn cld 12.6.40 as sold. To ATA at 3 FPP White Waltham. Reported as impressed as X9427 [but this was not issued and no serial known]. Soc at White Waltham 9.40.
- 8 SM.1 see Shackleton Murray
- 9 AS.4 Ferry Regd **G-ACFB** [CofR 4239] 6.3.33 to John Cuthill Sword and op by his company Midland & Scottish Air Ferries Ltd, Renfrew. CofA 3927 issued 2.6.33; deld 3.6.33. Stored Renfrew [badly] after trading ceased 30.9.34 and rebuilt 2.36 by Rollason Aircraft Services, Croydon; re-engined with Gipsy Majors. CofA renewed 9.4.36. Regd [CofR 6888] 7.4.36 to CWA Scotts Flying Display Ltd, Hanworth (company into receivership 23.9.36). Regd [CofR 7469] 18.11.36 to Air Publicity Ltd, Heston. CofA lapsed 21.11.38. Regn cld 1.9.40 as sold. Impressed as **DJ715** 18.2.41. To instructional airframe 1.41 [serial not known]; issued to No 1037 ATC Squadron, Meir, Stoke-on-

- Trent.
- 10 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACJL** [CofR 4435] 9.8.33 to Aircraft Exchange & Mart Ltd, Hanworth; dd 4.9.33 or 6.9.33. CofA 4030 issued 16.9.33. Leased 9.5.34 by Bouts Airlines (Bouts-Tillotson Transport Ltd) for experimental freight service Hanworth to Barton (pilot ALT Naish). Entered in MacRobertson Race [Mildenhall-Melbourne] 10.34; flown by Sqn Ldr DE Stodart & KG Stodart & took 4th handicap place [later upgraded to 3rd after G-ACSS won speed prize]. Entered and came 1st in speed section of Essendon-Cootamundra Air Race 19.11.34. Continued to be operated by Stodart and damaged on landing Culcairn 4.35 on ferry flight Ballarat-Sydney; roaded to Sydney, arr 1.5.35. UK regn cld 22.3.46 (sic) as sold abroad. Damaged in collision with Avian VH-UGA on landing Leeton, NSW 18.8.35 [possibly as VH-UUF]. Regd **VH-UUF** [CofR 559] 9.10.35 to Aircraft Exchange & Mart Ltd, Mascot. Regn lapsed 8.10.36; reported as shipped back to UK.
Note – insured by Qantas Empire Airways at Brisbane 14.12.35.
- 11 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACLR** [CofR 4721] 11.33 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA 4081 issued 21.11.33. To Airspeed (1934) Ltd 7.34. Damaged when struck floodlight lorry on landing in bad weather Lympne 15.10.34; Capt Ayling inj & CofA lapsed. CofA renewed 1.8.36 & reportedly to Union Founders Trust Ltd for Spanish Republicans 8.36 but detained in UK. Regd [CofR 7253] 11.8.36 to Portsmouth, Southsea & IoW Aviation Ltd. Converted to fixed u/c. Regn cld 18.3.40 as sold. Impressed as **X9344** 18.3.40 and to ATA White Waltham. To Airspeeds for overhaul 12.3.41; returned to ATA 17.12.41. To Station Flight Exeter .42. Crashed into hedge on take-off Bolt Head, Devon 1.8.42.
- 12 AS.5B Courier Regd **G-ACLF** [CofR 4479] 11.33 to RK Dundas Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA 4111 issued 12.12.33. Departed 16.12.33 (or 14.12.33), flown by CE Kelly & Lord Ronaldshay (of RK Dundas Ltd); to Cairo for Christmas and then Delhi/India demonstration tour. Purchased by Spanish Republican agent Carlos Krauel and regd [CofR 7270] 18.8.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd. Regn cld as sold abroad 3Q.36 but export blocked. Sold 28.8.36 to Federation Populaire des Sports Aeronautiques [for Republicans] and resold 10.36 via Josef Hermann to [non-existent] "Compagnie Air Taxi, Vienna"; sale still blocked. Regd **G-ACLF** [CofR 7543] 15.12.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd, Portsmouth. Regd [CofR 7644] 2.2.37 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Croydon/Doncaster; CofA renewed 8.2.37. Cld 6.6.39 & regd 14.6.39 to Portsmouth Southsea & IoW Aviation Ltd, Portsmouth. Converted to AS.5A (AS Lynx IVC) with fixed u/c. Regn cld 18.3.40 as sold. Impressed as **X9342** 18.3.40 and to ATA, White Waltham. Major inspection at Airspeed, Portsmouth 11.3.41; returned to ATA 30.9.41. To 25 OTU 27.7.42. [*Reported at Squires Gate 10/42, painted as W7942, coded "PP-R"?*] To 5 MU Kemble 28.11.42. Soc 12.4.44.
- 13 AS.5A Courier To A&AEE as **K4047** 4.2.34 [or 9.2.34] [under Contract No.276131/33]. To RAE Farnborough 27.2.34 for landing gear research. To Airspeeds for modifications 5.5.34; returned to A&AEE 28.5.34 [handling trials] and RAE 11.6.34 [automatic controls]. To HQ Fighting Area, Duxford for research 21.11.34. To Airspeeds 4.12.34 and to RAE 30.12.34 [auto control tests]. To Airspeeds 21.10.35 and returned to RAE 26.10.35 for flap research, later gunnery research. To Airspeeds 11.2.38 and fitted with AS Cheetah IX. To RAE 30.6.38 for trials & training; later boundary layer research. Later used as communications aircraft. Damaged & soc 14.7.43.
- 14 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACLT** [CofR 4723] 11.33 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth (or possibly Aircraft Exchange & Mart Ltd). CofA 4084 issued 17.2.34. Reportedly loaned to Bouts-Tillotson Transport Ltd, t/a Bouts Airlines, Hanworth 9.5.34 for experimental Hanworth-Barton service (but see also G-ACJL). To Airspeed (1934) Ltd 7.34. Later operated by Portsmouth Southsea & IoW Aviation Ltd. Regn cld 3Q.36 as sold abroad (probably earmarked for Spanish Republicans). Sold via LMJ Balfour 11.36 to Air Taxis Vienna [for Spanish Republicans] but sale blocked. Regd **G-ACLT** [CofR 7545] 15.12.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd, Portsmouth. Regd [CofR 7643] 2.2.37 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Croydon/Doncaster. CofA lapsed 20.5.38. Cld 1.2.39 & regd 14.3.39 to Air Taxis Ltd, Croydon. CofA renewed 24.5.39. Regn cld 29.3.40 as sold. Impressed as **X9394** 29.3.40 & to ATA White Waltham [although reported at RAF Northolt .41 still as G-ACLT]. Damaged by enemy action and soc 4.42.
- 15 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACLS** [CofR 4722] 11.33 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA 4083 issued 1.5.34. Operated 6.34 by Southern & Central Air Lines Ltd, Southampton; named "City of Southampton". Regd [CofR 5274] 27.7.34 to Walter Laurence Hope and operated by his company Air Taxis Ltd, Croydon. Crashed Grenoble 17.10.34; en route Brindisi to London [pilot Crundall unhurt]. Regn cld 12.34 as wfu.
- 16 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACSY** [CofR 5075] 17.5.34 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA 4304 issued 26.5.34. Company reformed 20.7.34 as Airspeed (1934) Ltd. Chartered from Aircraft Exchange & Mart Ltd by London Scottish & Provincial Airways Ltd, Croydon. Flew into hill in cloud Shoreham, nr Sevenoaks, Kent 29.9.34; Heston-Paris [pilot RM Smith & 3 pass killed]. Regn cld 10.34 as wfu.
- 17 AS.6A Envoy Regd **G-ACMT** [CofR 4748] 30.12.33 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. Ff 26.6.34. Company reformed 20.7.34 as Airspeed (1934) Ltd. CofA 4530 issued 9.10.34. Mod to AS.6G Srs II .36. Regd [CofR 7304] 28.8.36 to Rollason Aircraft Services Ltd, Croydon. Purchased on behalf of Office General de l'Air [OGA] for **Spanish Republicans**. Dep Lympne 29.8.36 for Meaulte and then on to Barcelona. Fitted with wings of G-AEBV at Barcelona, prior to defection to **Spanish Nationalists**, when flown by Fernando Rein Loring to Pamplona 26.9.36. UK regn cld 12.36 as sold. Became "**41-1**" and op as General Mola's personal acft. Crashed into hill en route Burgos 3.6.37; killing all on board, incl Genl Mola.
- 18 AS.8 Viceroy Regd **G-ACMU** [CofR 4749] 30.12.33 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. Company reformed 20.7.34 as

- Airspeed (1934) Ltd. Regd [CofR 5329] 31.8.34 to Thomas Neville Stack, London W5 & Sydney Lewis Turner, Croydon (based Portsmouth). First flown 19.9.34 and CofA 4538 issued 12.10.34. Flown by Stack & Turner in MacRobertson Race, departing 19.10.34; retired at Athens next day. CofA lapsed 11.10.35. Bought back by Airspeed [1934] Ltd from Stack & Turner 12.35 following legal dispute in which Stack/Turner unsuccessfully sued Airspeed. Noted in RAE Farnborough flight log as "V-18" 12.35; purpose unknown. Refurbished for sale to Emperor of Abyssinia 4.36 [and whilst a Viceroy was reported as crashed on delivery off Corsica 13.4.36, this latter accident was BK Eagle G-ACVU]. Sale fell through and stored Portsmouth until refurbished for the October 1936 Schlesinger Race to South Africa for Ken Waller & Max Findlay. [No record of CofA renewal]. Bought by them but sold on to Cde Pastor for £9,500 for **Spanish Republicans** instead; flown by Waller & Findlay Croydon-Paris 15.8.36 [or 13.8.36] and later ferried to Barcelona [where later named "Arturo Gonzalez Gil"]. Regn cld 11.37 as wfu.
- 19 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACSZ** 5.34 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA 4305 issued 30.5.34. Company reformed 20.7.34 as Airspeed (1934) Ltd. Operated 5.34-8.34 by London Scottish & Provincial Airways Ltd, Croydon/Tollereton. CofA lapsed 29.5.35; renewed 14.8.36. Purchased by Spanish Republican agent, Cde Carlos Pastor Kraul and regd [CofR 7273] 19.8.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd. Regn cld 3Q.36 as sold abroad but export blocked. Sold 28.8.36 to Federation Populaire des Sports Aeronautiques [for Republicans] and resold 10.36 via Josef Hermann to Air Taxis Vienna; sale still blocked. Regd **G-ACSZ** [CofR 7544] 15.12.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd, London EC3 (based Portsmouth). Regd [CofR 7642] 2.2.37 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Croydon. Crashed on take-off Doncaster 29.5.37; Chief pilot Idwal R Jones & 3 passengers killed, 2 inj. Regn cld 12.37 as wfu.
- 20 AS.5C Courier Regd **G-ACNZ** 2.34 to AVM Amyas Eden Borton, director and nominee for D Napier & Son Ltd (based Heston); used 5.34 for 350hp Napier IV engine trials and demonstrations. CofA 4348 issued 22.6.34. Flown by Borton in Kings Cup Air Race 7.34. CofA lapsed 12.7.36. Regd [CofR 7477] 25.11.36 to Portsmouth Southsea & Isle of Wight Aviation Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA renewed 29.7.37. Later converted to AS.5A with fixed u/c. Regn cld 18.3.40 as sold. Impressed as **X9346** 18.3.40 and to 3 FPP White Waltham. To Airspeeds 13.3.41 for overhaul and retained for communications work [under Contract C/A/1436 dated 2.12.41]. To 5 MU Kemble 18.1.44. Soc 12.4.44.
- 21 unidentified
- 22 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACVE** [CofR 5185] 6.34 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. Company reformed 20.7.34 as Airspeed (1934) Ltd; aircraft stored. CofA 5621 issued 14.8.36. Purchased by Spanish Republican agent, Cde Carlos Pastor Krauel and regd [CofR 7272] 19.8.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd (but formally detained). Crashed on take-off Portsmouth 20.8.36; after being stolen by two Airspeed employees Joseph A Smith/Arthur C Gargett for flight to Spanish Republicans [Gargett died 4.9.36; Smith given 4 mths gaol, later extended following Gargett's death]. Regn cld 10.36 as wfu.
- 23 AS.5B Courier Regd **G-ACVF** [CofR 5186] 6.34 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. Company reformed 20.7.34 as Airspeed (1934) Ltd. Entered into MacRobertson Race 10.34 by Sir Alan Cobham & to be flown by Sqdn Ldr DE Stodart but "withdrawn for commercial reasons". Stored by Airspeed at Portsmouth pending sale. CofA 5622 issued 14.8.36. Purchased by Spanish Republican agent, Cde Carlos PastorKrauel and regd [CofR 7271] 19.8.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd. Regn cld 3Q.36 as sold abroad but export blocked. Sold 28.8.36 to Federation Populaire des Sports Aeronautiques [for Republicans] and resold 10.36 via Josef Hermann to Air Taxis Vienna; sale still blocked. Regd **G-ACVF** [CofR 7546] 15.12.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd, London EC3 (remained at Portsmouth). Regd [CofR 7641] 2.2.37 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Croydon. Cld 6.6.39 & regd 14.6.39 to Portsmouth Southsea & Isle of Wight Aviation Ltd, Portsmouth. Converted to AS.5A (AS Lynx IV) with fixed u/c [possibly after damage in accident Ryde, IoW 16.7.39?]. Regn cld 14.4.40 as sold. Impressed as **X9437** 14.4.40 [although should have been X9347] and to ATA White Waltham. To Airspeeds for overhaul 14.3.41. To Boulton & Paul Ltd for communications 28.2.42. To Airspeed for repairs 25.7.43; to 51 MU 30.9.43. To 5 MU Kemble 5.10.43. Soc 12.4.44 [although stored]. For sale at 5 MU 12.45 and sold to Sqn Ldr RJ Jones 18.1.46. Regd [in error] as **G-ADAX** 1.2.46 but corrected wef same date to **G-ACVF** to Sqdn Ldr Reginald John Jones, RAF Brize Norton (amended 7.46 to Southend); operated by East Anglian Flying Services, Southend. CofA renewed 19.12.46; dd Southend 2.1.47. Cld 8.1.47 & regd 10.1.47 to East Anglian Flying Services Ltd, Southend. CofA lapsed 18.12.47. Regn cld 12.5.49 as wfu. Remains burned Southend Airport 5.6.51.
- 24 AS.5J Courier [5B?] Regd **G-ACVG** [CofR 5187] 3.7.34 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. Company reformed 20.7.34 as Airspeed (1934) Ltd. Regn cld 12.34 as sold abroad (via RK Dundas Ltd). CofA 4642 issued 29.12.34. Regd in India as **VT-AFY** [CofR 241] 10.11.34 to HH The Maharajah of Jaipur, Jaipur. Regd [CofR 241/1] 24.4.36 to RK Dundas Ltd, New Delhi. Regd [241/3?] 25.5.37 to Air Services of India Ltd, Bombay. Regn cld 7.10.46.
- 25 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ACZL** [CofR 5432] 14.11.34 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA 4761 issued 28.3.35. Regd [CofR 5814] 13.4.35 to Portsmouth Southsea & Isle of Wight Aviation Ltd, Portsmouth. Damaged in crash Ryde, IoW 30.5.36; repaired. Regn cld 18.3.40 as sold. Impressed as **X9345** 18.3.40 and to ATA White Waltham [but visited Farnborough 12.8.40 still as G-ACZL]. Damaged when swung into car on take-off after forced landing nr Shenfield 15.10.40. To Airspeeds for repairs but soc 13.5.41.

- 26 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ADAX** [CofR 5512] 1.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd, Portsmouth. Regd [CofR 5815] 13.4.35 to Portsmouth Southsea & Isle of Wight Aviation Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA 4782 issued 13.4.35. Regn cld 15.3.40 as sold. Impressed as **X9347** 18.3.40 [should have been X9437] and to 3 FPP White Waltham. To Airspeeds for overhaul 17.3.41. Soc during maintenance 13.5.41.
- 27 AS.5A Courier Regd **G-ADAY** [CofR 5513] 1.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd, Portsmouth. Regd [CofR 5816] 13.4.35 to Portsmouth Southsea & Isle of Wight Aviation Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA 4838 issued 17.5.35. Regn cld 18.5.40 as sold. Impressed as **X9343** 18.3.40 and to 3 FPP White Waltham. To 22 MU 12.10.40. To 48 MU 15.10.40. To Airspeeds for overhaul 12.3.41 but soc 13.5.41.
- 28 AS.6 Envoy Regd **G-ACVH** [CofR 5188] 7.34 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. Company reformed 20.7.34 as Airspeed (1934) Ltd. CofA 4524 issued 6.10.34. Demonstration flight to Scandinavia in November 1934 (Amsterdam 17 Nov; Copenhagen 19 Nov; Malmo; Goteborg; Oslo). Reportedly sold 10.34 to Wolseley Motors [1927] Ltd; used as development aircraft 6.35 jointly with Airspeed (but this may simply be a confusion with G-ACVI). Regd [CofR 6360] 2.10.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. CofA lapsed 5.10.35. Reported as crashed into Langstone Harbour 5.36 (but this seems unlikely). Regn cld 5.36 as wfu.
- 29 AS.6H Envoy Regd **G-ACVI** 7.34 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. Company reformed 20.7.34 as Airspeed (1934) Ltd. CofA 4518 issued 4.10.34. Regd [CofR 5390] 9.10.34 to William Richard Nuffield, Lord Nuffield of Nuffield, Henley-on-Thames (based Castle Bromwich); name "Miss Wolseley" and entered in 1934 MacRobertson Race to be flown by GE Lowdell & Flt Lt DF Anderson [but withdrawn after forced landing with engine problems Conington 15.10.34]. Operated as engine development acft by Wolseley Motors [1927] Ltd; fitted with Wolseley Aries III engines. Probably transferred to Wolseley Aero Engines Ltd 6.35, when Nuffield's affairs were reorganised. Probably the Envoy flown by Sqdn Ldr Edward Hilton from Martlesham Heath to Capetown on Wolseley trials; returning ex Capetown 30.5.36. Sold .36 to WS Shackleton Ltd. Regn cld 8.36 as sold abroad (with CofA renewed 22.8.36). Regd in Australia as **VH-UXM** [CofR 610] 22.10.36 to Ansett Airways Pty Ltd, Essendon. Re-engined .44 with Wright Whirlwinds as AS.6D. Wfu 3.51.
- 30 AS.6A Envoy Regd **G-ACVJ** 7.34 to Airspeed Ltd, Portsmouth. Company reformed 20.7.34 as Airspeed (1934) Ltd. Entered 10.34 in the MacRobertson Race by Lady Gladys Cobham to be flown by Flt Lt HC Johnson but withdrawn as aircraft needed for Indian demos. CofA 4638 issued 29.12.34. Regd [CofR 5552] 19.1.35 to RK Dundas Ltd, Portsmouth and flown to India on demonstration tour 1.35 by Sir Alan Cobham & Flt Lt HC Johnson. Returned to Airspeed [1934] Ltd and operated on ad hoc charters, incl by ML Bramson to Switzerland 1.36. Operated 2.36 by Commercial Air Hire Ltd, Croydon. On 15.5.36, inaugurated associated company Air Dispatch Ltd's "Blue Plane" service between London & Paris. Regd [CofR 7176] 10.7.36 to Commercial Air Hire Ltd, Croydon. Regn cld 8.36 as sold abroad. Sold (via Union Founders Trust Ltd) to **Spanish Republicans**, dep UK 12.8.36; arr Barcelona 22.8.36 [reportedly after having been "appropriated" back by Airspeeds at Croydon].
- 31 AS.6J Envoy Regd **G-ACYJ** [CofR 5363] 24.9.34 to Flt Lt Charles Thomas Phillipe Ulm, Portsmouth. Regn cld 10.34 as sold. CofA 4567 issued 9.11.34 and shipped to USA. Regd in Australia as **VH-UXY** [CofR 484] 13.11.34 to Charles TP Ulm; named "Stella Australis". Forced landed successfully in Pacific Ocean somewhere between Oakland, California & Honolulu 4.12.34 en route Australia but aircraft not found and Charles Ulm, GM Littlejohn and JL Skilling died.
- 32 AS.6J Envoy Regd **G-ADAZ** [CofR 5514] 16.1.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA 4760 issued 28.3.35. Deld 29.3.35 & regd [CofR 5766] 4.4.35 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Heston; named "Tynedale" [at Yeadoon 8.4.35 by Mrs Anthony Eden; then disgraced itself by skidding on landing Heston and running through fence on inaugural flight, Mrs Eden & others aboard unhurt]. Hired out wef 7.35. Operated [6.36-7.36] by Air Dispatch Ltd/Commercial Air Hire Ltd, Croydon. Sale via LMJ Balfour 11.36 to "Compagnie Air Taxis, Vienna" [for Spanish Republicans] blocked as was subsequent similar attempted purchase by Eric M Hoffman [latter sought export licence 14.11.36 via Airwork Ltd but North Eastern Airways apparently rejected purchase offer]. Regd [CofR 8915] 29.11.38 to Air Service Training Ltd, Hamble. Regn cld 14.2.41 by Secretary of State. Impressed as **DG663** and to HQ SFPP, Hamble 24.3.41. To 5 MU Kemble 6.5.41. Intended loan to Armstrong Siddeley Motors Ltd 18.6.41 cancelled 23.8.41. To Northolt Station Flight 24.1.42 [for use by Group Capt Vasse]. To 5 MU 19.3.42. To 52 MU 12.7.42. To Telecommunications Flying Unit, Defford [31.12.42]. Soc during major inspection 14.6.43.
- 33 AS.6J Envoy Regd **G-ADBA** [CofR 5515] 16.1.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA 4785 issued 18.4.35. Regd [CofR 5852] 4.5.35 to Cobham Air Routes Ltd, Croydon; company ceased trading 7.35. Leased 7.35 to Olley Air Service Ltd, Croydon. Regd [CofR 7132] 17.6.36 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd, Portsmouth. Purchased by Spanish Republican agent, Cdte Carlos Pastor Krauel and regd [CofR 7278] 19.8.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd, but detained at Portsmouth. Regn cld 3Q.36 as sold abroad but export blocked. Sold 28.8.36 to Federation Populaire des Sports Aeronautiques [for Republicans] and resold 10.36 via Josef Hermann to Air Taxis Vienna; sale still blocked. Regd **G-ADBA** [CofR 7547] 15.12.36 to Union Founders Trust Ltd, Portsmouth. Regd [CofR 7640] 2.2.37 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Croydon. Flown as "E97" in film "Q Planes" [released .39]. Regn cld at census 1.1.39. Transferred to RAF [under Contract No.968450/39] as **P5778** 14.2.39. To 1 E&WS Cranwell 28.11.38. To Airspeed 12.1.39. To 9 FTS Hullavington 24.3.39. To 2 E&WS Yatesbury 11.12.39. To 8 MU 14.11.40. To 781 Squadron, RNAS Lee-on-Solent 21.3.41 [also reported as to 781 ATC Squadron as instructional airframe but incorrect]. Active 3.42.
- 34 AS.6J Envoy Regd **G-ADBB** [CofR 5516] 16.1.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd, Portsmouth. Regd [CofR 5772] 6.4.35

to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Heston; named "Wharfedale". CofA 4768 issued 6.4.35. Hired out wef 7.35 to Air Dispatch Ltd, Croydon. CofA lapsed 5.4.36. [CofA shown as renewed 11.7.36 but annotated as "for record purposes only as CofA not actually endorsed"]. Purchased by Spanish Republicans and dep Croydon 9.8.36; arr Gamonal, Burgos, where seized by Spanish Nationalists. Regn cld 9.36 as sold abroad.

Also reported as having become "41-1", the personal aircraft of General Mola [but this was G-ACMT].

- 35 AS.6J Envoy Regd **G-ADBZ** [CofR 5575] 2.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd, Portsmouth. Regd [CofR 5773] 6.4.35 to North Eastern Airways Ltd, Heston; named "Swaledale". CofA 4778 issued 13.4.35. Badly damaged in forced landing in snowstorm nr Ripon 17.5.35; pilot VJ Wheeler injured and aircraft salvaged by Slingsby & repaired. Hired out wef 7.35 to Air Dispatch Ltd, Croydon (also op by associate Commercial Air Hire Ltd 6.36). Sale via LMJ Balfour 11.36 to "Compagnie Air Taxis, Vienna" [for Spanish Republicans] blocked as was subsequent similar attempted purchase by Eric M Hoffman [latter sought export licence 16.11.36 via Airwork Ltd but North Eastern Airways apparently rejected purchase offer]. Crashed into Titsey Hill, nr Titsey Park Plantations, Oxted 22.1.37; Croydon-Paris [pilot GS Jones-Evans/WOp J Walker killed]. Regn cld 3Q.37 as crashed 22 1.37.
- 36 AS.6A Envoy Regd **G-ADCA** [CofR 5576] 2.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd, Portsmouth. CofA 4804 issued 2.5.35. Regd [CofR 5910] 25.5.35 to Portsmouth Southsea & Isle of Wight Aviation Ltd, Portsmouth. Bought 8.36 by WA Rollason/Rollason Aircraft Services, Croydon on behalf of Office Generale de l'Air [OGA] for Spanish Republicans and flown Heston-Croydon 20.8.36 and on to Paris [by Rollason] 21.8.36. Crashed and written off nr Ales 28.8.36 en route Barcelona. Regn cld 8.36 as sold abroad.
- 37 AS.6A Envoy Regd **G-ADCB** [CofR 5577] 1.2.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd, Portsmouth. Regn cld 7.35 as sold abroad. CofA 5052 issued 28.8.35 to Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd. To Japan Air Transport [NKYKK] as **J-BDDO** 10.35. To Greater Japan Airways Co [DNKKK] 1.12.38. Regd **J-DDDO** .40 for use in Formosa.
- 38 AS.6A Envoy Regd **G-ADCC** [CofR 5578] 1.2.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd, Portsmouth. Regn cld 3.35 as sold abroad. CofA 4835 issued 10.5.35 to Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd. To Japan Air Transport [NKYKK] as **J-BDAO** 7.35 [also reported as *J-BDBO* but above is believed correct]. Regd **J-EDAO** 9.35 on transfer to Kwantung Province. Crashed during test flight Shingishu Airfield & dbf 12.12.35.
- 39 AS.6D Envoy II Regd **G-ADCD** [CofR 5579] 1.2.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd, Portsmouth. Regn cld 6.35 as sold abroad. Regd **ZS-AGA** 23.7.36 to South African Airways; named "Sir Peregrine Maitland". CofA 5611 issued 31.7.36 to SAAF. Flown from Portsmouth to South Africa on delivery with SAAF 251, departing 4.7.36 [but believed error for 4.8.36]. Regn cld 10.5.38. To SAAF as **254**.
- 40 AS.6A Envoy Regd **G-ADCE** [CofR 5580] 1.2.35 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd, Portsmouth. Regn cld 7.35 as sold abroad. CofA 5028 issued 27.8.35 to Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd. Regd **J-BDEO** 7.35 to Japan Air Transport [NKYKK]. Regn cld 6.36 as burnt – probably in hangar fire at Seoul, Korea 7.3.36.
- 41 AS.6A Envoy To Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and regd **J-BAOH**. CofA 4914 issued to Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd 15.6.35. To Japan Air Transport Co [NKYKK] 9.36. To Greater Japan Airways Co [DNKKK] 1.12.38.
See also note at end re J-BEYG.
- 42 AS.6A Envoy To Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and regd **J-BDBO**. CofA 4965 issued to Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd 18.7.35. To Japan Air Transport Co [NKYKK]. Regd **J-EDBO** 18.9.35 on transfer to Kwantung Province. To Greater Japan Airways Co/DNKKK 12.38. Used for structural testing Tokyo .40.
- 43 AS.6A Envoy To Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and regd **J-BDCO**. CofA 4975 issued to Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd 27.7.35. To Japan Air Transport Co [NKYKK] 9.35. Regd **J-EDCO** 20.9.35 on transfer to Kwangtung Province. To Greater Japan Airways Co [DNKKK] 1.12.38.
- 44 AS.6J Envoy II CofA 5600 issued 19.7.36 to SAAF (and allocated serial **251**). Diverted on arrival and regd **ZS-ALD** 3.7.36 for op by Air Survey Flight, Zwartkop, Pretoria. Regn cld 31.12.37. To SAAF as **251**.
- 45 AS.6D Envoy II CofA 5690 issued to South African Airways 15.10.36. Regd **ZS-AGD** 1.7.36 (sic) to South African Airways; named "Alexander Biggar". Regn cld 4.5.38. To SAAF as **257**.
- 46 AS.6D Envoy II CofA 5688 issued to South African Airways 12.10.36. Regd **ZS-AGC** 1.12.36 to South African Airways. Regn cld 10.5.38. To SAAF as **256**. Crashed nr Limpopo River 6.6.38 on Rhodesian/Transvaal border in cloud; en route Salisbury to Roberts Heights [pilots Capt AC Koch/Sgt MP Leroux & 4 members of RAF Boxing Team, incl P/O Rodney Moseby killed]
- 47 AS.6E Envoy CofA 4984 issued to CSA 30.7.35. Regd **OK-BAL** [CofR 387] 30.7.35 to Ceskoslovenske Statni Aerolinie [CSA], Prague; dd 6.8.35. Seized by Germans 3.39. To Luftwaffe as **CM+SA**. Handed over to Finnish Government 22.3.42 as compensation for loss of Rapide OH-BLB, shot down 11.41. To Finnish AF as **EV-1** 22.3.42. Damaged beyond repair 31.7.43.
- 48 AS.6E Envoy CofA 5051 issued to CSA 30.8.35. Regd **OK-BAM** [CofR 394] 30.8.35 to Ceskoslovenske Statni Aerolinie [CSA], Prague; dd 9.9.35. Seized by Germans 3.39; to Luftwaffe as **DM+SA**. Also reported as sold Finland (but probably confused with c/n 47)
- 49 AS.6D Envoy II CofA 5566 issued to South African Airways 1.7.36 (but allocated to SAAF as serial **252**). Diverted on delivery and regd **ZS-ALE** 3.7.36 for op by Air Survey Flight, Zwarthop, Pretoria. Regn cld 31.12.37. To SAAF as **252**. Damaged when port u/c collapsed on landing Craddock 23.3.38; repaired. Operated by 60 Squadron, SAAF in East Africa .40.
- 50 AS.6D Envoy II CofA 5558 issued to SAAF 26.6.36 (and allocated serial **253**). Diverted on delivery and regd **ZS-**

- ALF** 3.7.36 for op by Air Survey Flight, Zwartkop, Pretoria. Regn cld 31.12.37. To SAAF as **253**. Damaged when u/c collapsed on landing Bloemfontein 23.3.38 [same day as c/n 49 and both incidents had Minister of Defence & Railways, O Pirow as passenger!]. Crashed nr Pietersberg 18.6.40; Lt JA Muller & 2 crew killed.
- 51 AS.6D Envoy II CofA 5603 issued to South African Airways 25.7.36. Regd **ZS-AGB** 3.11.36 to South African Airways; named "Sir Hercules Robinson". Regn cld 4.5.38. To SAAF as **255**.
- 52 AS.6J Envoy II Regd **G-AEBV** [CofR 6707] 12.2.36 to Brian Allen Aviation Ltd, Croydon. CofA 5446 issued 21.4.36. Sold 9.8.36 (but not regd) to Union Founders Trust Ltd. Regn cld 8.36 as sold abroad. Purchased by Spanish Republican agent, Cdte Carlos Pastor Krauel and dep ex Woodley 9.8.36; arr Barcelona 22.8.36. Fate unknown but wings fitted to G-ACMT by 9.36.
- 53 AS.6E Envoy II CofA 5623 issued to CSA 17.8.36. Regd **OK-BAN** 7.8.36 to Ceskoslovenske Statni Aerolinie [CSA], Prague. Seized by Germans 3.39.
- 54 AS.6E Envoy II CofA 5649 issued to CSA 3.9.36. Regd **OK-BAO** 8.9.36 to Ceskoslovenske Statni Aerolinie [CSA], Prague. Seized by Germans 3.39.
- 55 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AEGF** [CofR 6917] 1.5.36 to British Scandinavian Airways Ltd, Gravesend; not used. No CofA issued. Regn cld 1.37 as sold.
- 56 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AEGG** [CofR 6918] 1.5.36 to British Scandinavian Airways Ltd, Gravesend; not used. No CofA issued. Regn cld 1.37 as sold.
- Note: These have commonly been recorded as being the Envoys impounded at Ypenburg en route to Spain (and regd PH-ARK/ARL). However, these are known to have been c/n 61 & 62; the fate of the ex British Scandinavian Envoys is unknown, if indeed they were built.*
- 57 AS.6K Envoy II CofA 5697 issued to Maharajah of Jaipur 28.10.36. Regd **VT-AHR** [CofR 285] 8.5.36 to HH The Maharajah of Jaipur, Jaipur. To Indian National Airways [10.40]. Crashed (shot down?) 22.3.42. Regn cld 26.3.42.
- 58 AS.6K Envoy III CofA 5725 issued to Vitkovice Mine & Steel Co 3.12.36. Regd **OK-VIT** 26.11.36 to Vitkovicke Horni & Hutni Tezirstvo, [Vitkovice Mine & Steel Co], Prague. Overturned in forced landing on St Anna Beach, nr Antwerp 19.2.37; en route Prague-Portsmouth - no injuries and repaired. Active 6.37. Regn cld 8.8.39. To Slovakia in spring 40 and operated by Slovenska Letecka Spolocnost, Bratislava as **OK-DOA**. Suffered port engine failure and crashed on landing at Nozdrkovec, nr Trencin Airport 3.5.43 & dbf; pilot E Phys.
- 59 AS.6K Envoy III Regd **VT-AIC** [CofR 296] 21.8.36 to HH The Maharajah Yashwant Rao Holkar, Indore. CofA 5928 issued 27.5.37 to Maharajah of Indore. Regn cld 2.8.39. Regd **G-AFWZ** (CofR 9183) 1.8.39 to RK Dundas Ltd, Portsmouth. Regn cld 21.3.40 as sold. Impressed as **X9370** 21.3.40. To 24 Squadron 27.3.40. Dbf following bombing Hendon 7/8.10.40. Soc 17.10.40.
- 60 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AENA** [CofR 7298] 10.9.36 to Maxwell Hutcheson Findlay & Kenneth Herbert Fraser Waller, Brooklands; named "Gabrielle". CofA 5659 issued 16.9.36. Flown in Schlesinger Portsmouth-Johannesburg Race [Race No.13]. Crashed into trees on take-off Abercorn, N Rhodesia 1.10.36 [pilot Max Findlay/crew AH Morgan killed; Ken Waller & C Derek Peachey inj]. Regn cld 12.37 as wfu.
- 61 AS.6J Envoy III To Eric M Hoffman, Vienna with CofA 5745 issued 29.12.36; intended for Spanish Republicans but impounded Antwerp Docks. Released to Ypenburg and assembled but impounded again. Regd **PH-ARK** [CofR 288] 6.8.37 to DH Reinders, The Hague but not used. Still at Ypenburg 15.5.40; presumed destroyed shortly after.
- 62 AS.6J Envoy III To Eric M Hoffman, Vienna with CofA 5746 issued 30.12.36; intended for Spanish Republicans but impounded Antwerp Docks. Released to Ypenburg and assembled but impounded again. Regd **PH-ARL** [CofR 289] 6.8.37 to DH Reinders, The Hague but not used. Still at Ypenburg 15.5.40; presumed destroyed shortly after.
- 63 Unidentified It is possible that this and c/n 64/65 were also Envoys allocated to Eric Hoffman but not delivered.
- 64 Unidentified
- 65 Unidentified
- 66 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AEEX** [CofR 7862] 26.5.37 to The Secretary of State for Air; for operation by The Kings Flight/HRH The Prince of Wales/King George VI, Hendon [and ordered under AM Contract No.621351/37]. Ff 25.3.37 (or 23.3.37) and to RAF Martlesham 25.4.37. CofA 5901 issued 6.5.37 and formally taken on charge by RAF at 24 Squadron, Hendon as **L7270** same day. However, it continued to be flown as G-AEEX until outbreak of war and regn cld by Secretary of State as impressed & vested in RAF .39. [Last reported as G-AEEX 26.8.39; first reported as L7270 30.10.39]. To PSLOW for maintenance 21.6.42. To RAF Halton Station Flight 9.8.42. Damaged when u/c collapsed on landing Halton 11.8.42; to PSLOW for repairs 18.8.42; to 5 MU 16.11.42. To Defford Station Flight [undated]. U/c collapsed on landing Defford 7.7.43; to PSLOW for repairs 24.7.43; to 5 MU 12.11.43. To Fairey Aviation Ltd 11.1.44. To 5 MU Kemble for disposal. Sold 1.46 to GW Farquharson, Datchet for £555. Regd **G-AEEX** 11.2.46 to Gerald Guy Ward Farquharson, Datchet, Bucks [based Hanworth]. CofA not renewed. Regn cld 19.6.46 as sold abroad. Regd **SE-ASN** 5.12.46 to Nils Turing, Visby. Regd 9.4.54 to Gosta Andree, Visby. Crashed 6.7.55. Regn cld 2.1.59 & remains burned in fire-fighting exercise at Visby mid.59.
- 67 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AEXE** [CofR 7816] 12.4.37 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. CofA 5931 issued 31.5.37. Regn cld 12.37 as sold abroad. Dep Portsmouth 15.6.37 on delivery to Military Governor for Kwangsi Province, **China** [for use by Military Governor of Liu Chow]; dd via Hong Kong by GBS Errington. Crashed 8.37.
- 68 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AERT** [CofR 7564] 6.1.37 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. CofA 5769 issued 22.1.37. Regn cld

- 4.37 as sold abroad. Departed Portsmouth 27.1.37 on delivery to Kwangsi Province, **China** [for use by Military Governor of Liu Chow].
- 69 AS.6J Envoy III Purchased by Eric M Hoffman, Vienna for Spanish Republicans but sale blocked. CofA 5782 issued to E Hoffman 1.2.37. Sold 5.3.37 to Auguste Amestoy, Paris [for "his" company Air Pyrenees to op Toulouse-Biarritz & Republican Spain service] and tested Villacoublay 21-26.3.37. Regd **F-APPQ** [CofR 5142] 14.4.37 to Auguste Amestoy, Paris [later Bayonne]. Shot down over Basque country 26.5.37; pilot Leopold Galy slightly injured. Regn cld as destroyed 2.38.
- 70 AS.6J Envoy III CofA 5936 issued to Auguste Amestoy 7.6.37; export licence issued 18.6.37. Regd **F-AQAA** [CofR 5321] 8.7.37 to Auguste Amestoy, Bayonne; op by Air Pyrenees.
- 71 AS.6J Envoy III CofA 5973 issued to Auguste Amestoy 8.5.37; export licence issued 31.7.37. Regd **F-AQAB** [CofR 5384] 17.9.37 to Auguste Amestoy, Bayonne; op by Air Pyrenees.
- 72 AS.6J Envoy III CofA 5997 issued to Auguste Amestoy 26.7.37; export licence issued 31.7.37. Regd **F-AQCR** [CofR 5345] 10.8.37 to Auguste Amestoy, Bayonne; op by Air Pyrenees. Regd 3.38 to Societe Francaise de Transports Aeriens, Paris. Regd **EC-AGE** [7.38] to LAPE; fleet no.32.
- 73 AS.6J Envoy III CofA 6015 issued to Auguste Amestoy 13.8.37; export licence issued 31.8.37. Regd **F-AQCS** [CofR 5375] 4.9.37 to Auguste Amestoy, Bayonne; op by Air Pyrenees. Shot down 7.9.37 en route Gijon; pilot Abel Guidez killed. Regn cld as destroyed 2.38.
- 74 AS.6J Envoy III CofA 6029 issued to Auguste Amestoy 26.8.37; export licence issued 31.8.37. Regd **F-AQCT** [CofR 5379] 6.9.37 to Auguste Amestoy, Bayonne; op by Air Pyrenees.
Note: One ex-Air Pyrenees Envoy was apparently recovered from Oran '39 and was toc by Spanish AF as "**41-1**". Later re-serialled **C.11** .46.
Note: A French-regd "Airspeed 2 Cheetah IX" was offered for sale 7.39 by Paul Legastelois, Paris, 100 hours since new and currently under overhaul. Since Legastelois was a known importer for the Spanish Republicans, this must have been one of those.
- 75 AS.40 Oxford Regd **G-AFFM** [CofR 8372] 29.8.38 to The Secretary of State for Air (based Heston). Formerly **L4538** which was retained by Airspeeds for conversion under Contract No.725930/39; to Heston 29.8.38. CofA 6385 issued 31.8.38. Operated by British Airways Ltd on radio navigation trials and training. Crashed after struck barrage balloon nr Marchan, Gosport 20.11.39; pilot Arthur G Nicholson & w/op Arthur E Eady killed. Regn cld 20.11.39 as written off.
- 76 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AFJD** [CofR 8668] 2.8.38 to The High Commissioner for India. No CofA issued. Regn cld 17.8.38 as sold. Toc 28.8.38 by AHQ India Communications Flight, Willingdon as **N9107** [under Contract No.783677/38]. To Delhi Comm Flight [11.38]. Soc 11.6.42.
- 77 AS.6J Envoy III Regd **G-AFJE** [CofR 8669] 2.8.38 to The High Commissioner for India. No CofA issued. Regn cld 17.8.38 as sold. Toc 28.8.38 by AHQ India Communications Flight, Willingdon as **N9108** [under Contract No.783677/38]. To Delhi Comm Flt. To Comm Flight Norgroup. Crashed Mingaladon, Burma 24.2.42; 2 killed.
- 78 AS.6J Envoy III [Batch of five ordered under Contract No. 967144/38 for communications work] Toc by Northolt Station Flight/11 Group HQ as **P5625** 8.3.39. To Plymouth Station Flight 6.7.39; but back to Northolt SF [30.11.39]. To 15 Group Comm Flight 1.3.40. To 17 Group Comm Flight 28.4.40. To Gosport Station Flight 28.6.40. To Turnhouse Station Flight 20.2.42. To Portsmouth Aviation for maintenance 10.3.43 and soc 8.4.43.
- 79 AS.6J Envoy III Toc by 1 Electrical & Wireless School/21 Group HQ, Cranwell as **P5626** 24.3.39. To 10 FTS, Ternhill 31.5.40. To RAF Cranwell Station Flight 11.6.40. To 45 MU 21.7.40. To 24 Squadron 29.8.40 [for Balloon Command HQ]. To RAF Limavady Station Flight 12.2.42. To 3502 Servicing Unit, Gosport 11.7.42; to PSLOW for maintenance 18.7.42. To Rolls-Royce Ltd, Hucknall 13.10.42. To Portsmouth Avitaion Ltd 8.1.44. To 5 MU Kemble 16.1.45. Sold 30.1.46 to CTF Aviation Ltd for £1,500. Regd **G-AHAC** (CofR 9878) 24.1.46 to Brevet Flying Club Ltd, Hanworth. CofA 7465 issued 18.4.46. Cld 18.7.46 & regd 22.7.46 to Flight Plans Ltd, London W1. Cld 31.8.46 & regd 19.9.46 to Nathan Clifford Alderson, Stretford, Manchester. Cld 15.3.48 & regd 25.3.48 to Private Charter Ltd, Manchester (based Heston). CofA lapsed 17.11.48. Cld/sold 30.11.48 but not regd & wfu Tollerton. Register noted "awaiting information 3.1.50". Scrapped 5.50; remains extant Tollerton 4.51.
- 80 AS.6J Envoy III Toc by 16 Group HQ, Rochester as **P5627** 21.4.39. To 39 MU 19.10.40. To A Flight, Gosport Station Flight 10.4.41. Soc 4.7.42.
- 81 AS.6J Envoy III Toc by 23 Group HQ, Grantham as **P5628** 12.6.39. To 1 School of Technical Training, Halton 14.9.39. To Portsmouth Aviation for maintenance 15.2.43; to 5 MU 28.3.43. To D Napier & Sons Ltd 22.4.43 for communications. To Marshalls of Cambridge for repairs 7.8.43 [returned to Napiers?]. Soc 5.6.44.
- 82 AS.6J Envoy III Toc by Leuchars Station Flight/18 Group HQ as **P5629** 11.7.39. Damaged on landing Leuchars 29.8.40; to PSLOW Avn for repairs 14.9.40; to 8 MU 1.11.40. To 781 Squadron, Royal Navy 30.5.41. Later to Turnhouse; Leuchars. To Portsmouth Aviation for maintenance 30.6.43. Soc 29.7.43.
- 83 AS.46 Oxford Regd **G-AFVS** 17.6.39 to Airspeed [1934] Ltd. CofA 6666 issued 30.6.39. Flown by George Errington to Brussels Aero Exhibition 2.7.39 (reportedly displayed without marks). Regn cld 8.39 as sold abroad. To Belgian Air Force.
Note: Published sources claim this was dispatched to Canada for winterisation trials (but did not arrive) and also lost at sea on SS Athenia, sunk 3.9.39 en route Belfast-Montreal. This seems unlikely, especially since the Athenia was a passenger liner.
- Nk AS.23 (Douglas DC-2) Regd **G-ADHO** (CofR 5894) 25.5.35 to Airspeed (1934) Ltd, Portsmouth for proposed licence-

built prototype. Not built (or not completed). Regn cld 12.35 as temporarily wfu.

Licence-Production Envoyos

The following Airspeed Envoyos were built as the Mitsubishi Hina-Zuru [Young Crane] 1936/37. The first ten have been referred to as c/n 1 to 10 but this is unconfirmed.

J-BAOD	
J-BAOF	
J-BAOK	
J-BAOL	To DNKKK as J-DAOL . Crashed into Nanasei Mountain, Formosa between Giran & Taihoku 7.3.40; Capt Asaichi Asa, 1 crew & 6 passengers killed. Wreck located 12.3.40.
J-BAOP	
J-BAOQ	To DNKKK as J-DAOQ . Wfu [12.41].
J-BAOR	
J-BAOS	To DNKKK as J-DAOS . Wfu [12.41].
J-BAOV	
J-BAOW	
J-BAOX	To DNKKK as J-DAOX . Crashed Senran Airfield, Formosa; pilot & 4 passengers jkilled.

It is reported that the Japanese prototype Envoy stalled and crashed 27.10.37 killing the pilot.

J-BEYG is an unidentified Envoy of Japanese Air Transport Co. Reportedly c/n 41, dd new to Mitsubishi Heavy Industries 10.35; operated by Imperial Japanese Navy 6.36 [prior to transfer as J-BAOH 9.36]

2 Envoyos were operated by the Croatian Air Force as **2001 & 2002** and were dd ex German in 1943. Probably ex Czech?

One captured Envoy reported as operated by Luftwaffe as "NC+QC" at Fluglehrer-schule Brandenburg-Briest – reportedly an AS.6J and thus possibly one of c/n 61/62. A photo shows an Envoy in Luftwaffe c/s with "NJ+CQ" (possibly same as above)

