

MALAWI: MALAWI ARMY AIR WING

Formerly known as the British Protectorate of Nyasaland, Malawi was granted full independence on 6 July 1964. The small state situated on the banks of Lake Malawi has an Army supporting the Police in security matters. The Air Wing forms part of the Army and a separate Police Air Wing also exists.

A five year agreement was signed in 1979 between Dornier and the Malawi government under which the German company would establish and man a training centre for both pilots and technicians at Zomba. Part of the agreement was that Dornier would supply a further 6 Dornier Do 28D-2s to supplement the two already in service, and 6 refurbished Dornier Do 27A-4 liaison aircraft, previously with the Belgian Army would also be supplied. The first 3 Do 27s arrived in 1979 and another 3 followed in 1980.

Other types that have been purchased are three Aerespatiale SA330 Pumas and a number of AS350 Ecureuils. A single AS332L2 Super Puma was obtained in about 1990 for VIP transport.

For long distance VIP transport a British Aerospace 125-700 was utilised, followed by the series -800. Both have since been disposed of. During 1990 two Douglas C-47 Dakotas were obtained from the USA, and are said to be wfu at present. In recent years pilot training has been undertaken in South Africa.

It is not commonly known that the MAAW lost a Dornier Do 28D-2 MAAW-01 in a hangar fire at the Air Base, date unknown, and also lost two Dornier Do 27A-4s, MAAW-12 and MAAW-13 in accidents. The technical staff of the MAAW assembled a non-flyable exhibit out of the remaining intact airframe and it is on display outside the entrance to the Air Base at Zomba.

All the surviving Do 27s and Do 28s have been disposed of.

The Dornier 228s were sold in July 2001 to Interactive Trading who were to operate them on behalf of Business Aviation in the DRC.



Dornier Do 27A-4
MAAW-16 became
D-EFSC

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Serial	Type	c/n	dd	Fate	
MAAW-01	Dornier Do 28D-2	4339	30.01.81	ex D-IAUS, dbf at MAAW Air Base	
MAAW-02	Dornier Do 28D-2	4341	30.01.81	ex D-IAVA, sold as 9Q-CNB 08.93 to 9Q-CNI w/o 1994	
MAAW-03	Dornier Do 28D-2	4305	05.01.76	ex D-IDOA, sold as D-IDLH 13.10.87 to HC-BOK 1987/88	
MAAW-04	Dornier Do 28D-2	4306	05.01.76	ex D-IDOB, sold as D-IAEG 08.12.87 to HC-BQS 1988	
MAAW-05	Dornier Do 28D-2	4342	30.01.80	ex D-IAVB, sold as D-IAYA 18.12.86 to HC-BNT, HC-BRT, w/o 2000	
MAAW-06	Dornier Do 28D-2	4343	30.01.80	ex D-IAVC, sold as D-IAYB 18.12.86 to HC-BNV	
MAAW-07	Dornier Do 28D-2	4333	30.01.79	ex D-ILIB, sold as D-IHLA 09.86 to HC-BMQ	
MAAW-08	Dornier Do 28D-2	4334	30.01.79	ex D-ILIC, sold as D-IHLB 09.86 to HC-BMR	
MAAW-11	Dornier Do 27A-4	2102	07.06.79	ex D-EGVF/ OL-D05/OT-AME, sold as G-BMII 28.05.86, to Ecuador 1987	
MAAW-12	Dornier Do 27A-4	2103	07.06.79	ex D-EGVG/ OL-D06/OT-AMF w/o	
MAAW-13	Dornier Do 27A-4	2105	07.06.79	ex D-EGVH/ OL-D08/OT-AMG w/o	
MAAW-14	Dornier Do 27A-4	2107	08.08.80	ex D-EGVO/ OL-D10/OT-AMI, sold as G-BMIJ 28.05.86, to Ecuador 1987	
MAAW-15	Dornier Do 27A-4	2108	08.08.80	ex D-EGVP/ OL-D11/OT-AMJ, sold as G-BMIK 28.05.86, to Ecuador 1989	
MAAW-16	Dornier Do 27A-4	2109	08.08.80	ex D-EGVQ/ OL-D12/OT-AMK, sold as D-EFSC 06.08.86	
MAAW-J1 (1)	BAe HS125-700	57076-700B	1981	ex 7Q-YJI, sold as G-BMWW 22.08.86 now N111ZS	
MAAW-J1 (2)	BAe HS125-800	258064-800B	22.08.86	sold, now N803BG .04.08	
T01 76-01	Dornier 228-201	8092	31.07.86	ex D-CEKO, to ZS-CCC 09.11.01	
T02 76-02	Dornier 228-201	8104	20.11.86	ex D-COHG dam at Salima 23.09.93, rebuilt as -202, reg D-CBDQ, to D-CATO 5.10.94, seen T-02, to ZS-DOC 29.08.01	
T03 76-03	Dornier 228-202K	8148	03.06.88	ex D-CORN	
T04 76-04	Dornier 228-202	8170	15.03.90	ex D-CAOT	
76-20	Douglas C-47 Dakota	13850	17.09.90	ex 43-30699, NX500, N500, N5009 wfu	
76-21	Douglas C-47 Dakota	15560/27005	17.09.90	ex 43-49744, KN201, CAF12903, N46938, wfu	
MAAW-H01	Aerospatiale SA330H Puma	1599		fate not known	
MAAW-H01-A	Aerosp SA.365N Dauphin (VIP)				
MAAW-H02	Aerospatiale SA330H Puma	1601		fate not known	
MAAW-H03 (1)	Aerospatiale SA330H Puma	1460		w/o Mzuzu 26.04.80	
MAAW-H03 (2)	Aerospatiale AS.355 Twin Ecu	5340			
MAAW-H04	Aerospatiale SA316 Alouette III	2344		ex F-WKQF, to I-FEBE, w/o 9.03.88	
MAAW-H05	Aerospatiale AS.350 Ecureuil	1561		w/o 17.12.84	
MAAW-H06	Aerospatiale AS.350B Ecureuil	1798		ex F-WYML	
MAAW-H07	Aerospatiale AS.350B Ecureuil	1799		ex F-WYMP, to N65501, F-WYMP, F-GIMY, CP-2374, OB-1853-P	
MAAW-H08	Aerospatiale AS.350 Ecureuil	1560	27.06.85	ex D-HEZE, w/o 30.07.87 to F-WYMB, F-GFHM	
MAAW-H0 ?	Aerospatiale AS.350L-1 Ecureuil	2346		w/o 08.07.91, to F-WQEC, LN-OPX, w/o 24.04.98	
MAAW-H15	Aerospatiale AS.532L2 Super P	2379		ex F-WYME	
MAAW-H16 ?					
MAAW-H17	Aerospatiale AS.350B-1 Ecureuil	2165		ex JA9787, I-EMAX, F-GJED,	
MAAW-H??	Aerospatiale AS.350B-1 Ecureuil	2169			
MAAW-H??	Aerospatiale AS.350B-1 Ecureuil	2170		to F-OAIG	



Above & right:

Dornier Do 28D-2 was MAAW-02
and disposed of as 9Q-CNB



Aerospatiale SA330 Puma
MAAW-H01



This photo appeared on the cover of "Armed Forces" June 1991 when South African helicopters seen in the background assisted in flood relief in Malawi and neighbouring Mozambique.



Aerospatiale AS.350B-1
Ecureuil MAAW-H17

Another Aerospatiale AS.350B-1 Ecureuil
serial unknown





Three views of the Douglas C-47 Dakotas taken into service mainly for para-dropping for the Malawi Army.





For VIP transport of senior government officials the Malawi government took delivery of a BAe HS125-700 seen on the right

Below is the later version HS125-800 both since disposed of

Both carried the same serial





The Malawi Army Air Wing took 4 Dornier 228-201/202s into service, here are serials T02 76-04 and T04 76-02



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