

INDIVIDUAL HISTORY

HUNTING PERCIVAL PEMBROKE C.1 WV746/8938M
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One of 45 Pembroke C.1 aircraft built by Hunting Percival at Luton, Beds, to contract 6847. Serials batch WV698 - WV755. Constructor's number P.66/53.

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| 30 Jun 55 | Awaiting collection. |
| 4 Jul 55 | To No 9 MU, RAF Cosford, Shropshire. |
| 9 Mar 56 | To 2nd Tactical Air Force Communications Squadron, RAF Wildenrath, West Germany. |
| 4 Jul 57 | Returned to UK. |
| 8 Jul 57 | No. 49 Maintenance Unit, RAF Colerne, Wilts for modifications. |
| 1 Apr 58 | No. 10 MU, RAF Hullavington, Wilts - Aircraft Storage Unit. |
| 31 Dec 58 | No. 12 MU, RAF Kirkbride, Cumbria - Aircraft Storage Unit. |
| 28 Jan 59 | No. 5 MU, RAF Kemble, Glos. |
| 31 Dec 59 | HQ Maintenance Command Handling Squadron, on loan. |
| 22 Mar 60 | Returned to No. 5 MU. |
| 10 Nov 60 | HQ Bomber Command Communications Squadron, Booker, Bucks. |
| 23 Jun 61 | No. 49 MU, RAF Colerne. |
| 21 Feb 62 | No. 60 MU, RAF Church Fenton, Yorks - Repair and Salvage Unit. |
| 9 Jun 62 | Reissued to HQ Bomber Command Communications Squadron, Booker, and later Bovingdon, Herts. |
| 27 Mar 63 | Flying Training Command Communications Squadron, White Waltham, Berks. |

- 3 Apr 64 HQ Training Command Communications Flight
- 15 May 64 Western Communications Squadron, RAF Andover, Hants.
- 10 Jun 64 Damaged in accident. Repaired on site; repairs complete 27 Jul 64.
- 3 Feb 69 WCS renamed No.21 Squadron, still at RAF Andover, Hants.
At this time the aircraft's door was specially modified; The AOC's wife was disabled and was wheelchair bound, and had great difficulty accompanying him on official visits in WV746. The main entry door was enlarged to accommodate her chair, and a specially made ramp fitted. The aircraft had the callsign ASCOT 1000 when the AOC was on board, and ASCOT 999 when not. See E-mail from Grahame Rothwell on a/c file.
- 21 Jun 71 To British Aircraft Corporation for modifications, including re-sparring to extend the airframe life.
- 12 Oct 71 Returned to No. 21 Squadron, serving as the personal aircraft of the C- in - C. Air Support Command.
- 31 Jan 73 207 Squadron, RAF Northolt
- 1 Dec 75 No. 60 Squadron, West Germany; one of seven Pembrokes still operated by the unit in 1987.
- 7 Aug 81 No. 5 MU, RAF Kemble for repainting.
- 19 Sep 81 RAF Wildenrath, West Germany, serving with No. 60 Squadron on communications duties to the UK and around Western Europe.
- 13 Apr 87 With No. 60 Squadron gradually re-equipping with Andovers, made final Flight, to Aerospace Museum, RAF Cosford, Salop, where it remains on display. WV746 was latterly the personal aircraft of C in C RAF Germany, including MRAF Sir Michael Beetham, former Chairman of Trustees of the RAFM 1983 - 1999, who was on board for the final flight. Photo landing at Cosford - Aeroplane Monthly June 1987 p.283.
- 25 Jun 87 Allotted RAF instructional serial 8938M
- 24 Jan 90 Allocated to Battle Damage Repair Team.
- 9 Jun 96 Displayed at RAF Cosford's open day. Photo - Flypast August 1996 p.62.
- 3 Aug 98 One of a large number of aircraft donated to the RAFM by the MoD.

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