

INDIVIDUAL HISTORY

CASA 352L T2B - 272/G - AFAP'
MUSEUM ACCESSION NUMBER 78/AF/612

Built by CASA at Getafe as one of 170 CASA 352 aircraft built for the Spanish Air Force. Constructors number 163. Built as a C - 352 A-1 (Paratroop Version - capacity 18 paratroops) with BMW - 132 engines, under licence from Junkers Flugzeug und Motorenwerke.

1954	Date built
31 Dec 54	Taken on charge with the Spanish Air Force (Ejercito Del Aire) as T.2 - 272.
18 Jan 55	Taken on charge at the Military Parachutist School at Alcantarilla (Murcia), coded 76 - 8.
25 Jun 58	To CASA's factory at Getafe where it was given a general overhaul and had the engines exchanged for Spanish built ENMASA E9 -C - 29 -750 'Beta' radials.
8 Feb 61	To No 36 Wing at Gando in the Canary Islands with the new serial T2B - 272.
21 Feb 61	Taken on charge at Gando.
April 65	No.36 Wing re-designated No.46 Wing
6Nov 68	Returned to the Military Parachutist School at Alcantarilla, coded 721 - 3.
4 Nov 71	Flying hours to this date 2,478.35.
2 Dec 72	Retired from normal service and stored at Cuatro Vientos near Madrid along with several other CASA 352 aircraft.
Late 73	Last 352s in Spanish service withdrawn.
c. Jun 76	'272' Last flown by Spanish Air Force at Cuatro Vientos.
3 Jun 77	Purchased at auction from the Spanish Ministerio Del Aire by the RAF Museum.
Oct 77	Hangared for inspection and engine runs by Spanish Air Force engineers at Cuatro Vientos.
	Test flown at Cuatro Vientos

- 17 May 78 Flown from Cuatro Vientos to the French Air Force Base at Cazeaux, France by Captain D.J.Bullock and P.Warren of Euroworld (Airlines) Ltd, with Wing Commander Sid Edwards, UK Air Attaché in Madrid; Flying time 2 hours 45 minutes. Carried German markings and Spanish serial, together with a bogus RAF 'serial' on the fuselage.
- 18 May 78 Flown from Cazeaux to Biggin Hill, Kent, making several circuits before landing. Flying time 4 hours 50 minutes. Photos landing at Biggin Hill - Cover of Control Column Jul 78 and same issue p.96. The arrival coincided with the opening of the Biggin Hill International Airfair and the 352 was displayed in the static line - up during the display. Photos - Aircraft Illustrated August 1978; Air Pictorial Jul 78 p.259; Wrecks and Relics 7th edition p.100; Control Column Jul 78 p.99.
- 22 May 78 Last flight - Flown by Don Bullock from Biggin Hill to Aerospace Museum RAF Cosford for display.
- 3 Jun 78 Shown for first time at the RAF Cosford open day - Photos; Aircraft Illustrated Sep. 1978 p.414; Control Column Jul 78 p.97.
- Oct 85 Sponsored by British Airways, the aircraft was painted in the markings of the pre - war British Airways as G - AFAP, a Ju52 which entered service in 1938 and was captured by the Germans in 1940. Photos of the repainted aircraft - Flypast Jan 86 p.14; Flypast Feb 95 p.35; Flypast February 2009 p.31. It remains on display at the RAF Museum Cosford in this condition.

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