

INDIVIDUAL HISTORY

ARMSTRONG WHITWORTH METEOR NF 14 WS843/7937M  
MUSEUM ACCESSION NUMBER 1990/0689/A

Built by Armstrong Whitworth at Baginton, to contract 6/Acft/6412/CB5 (b) for 100 NF14 aircraft, serials WS722 - 760, WS774 - 812, WS827 - 848, delivered between Nov 53 and May 55. This was the final production version of the Meteor, the first to have a clear-view canopy and this airframe the penultimate Meteor to be built.

27 Apr 54 First flight, from Bitteswell.

10 May 54 Awaiting collection.

12 May 54 To No 8 Maintenance Unit (MU) RAF Little Rissington. (Aircraft Storage Unit).

12 Mar 57 To No 20 MU Aston Down. (ASU)

01 Jan 60 To No 33 MU Lynham. (ASU)

04 May 60 To No. 228 OCU RAF Leeming.

18 May 60 Returned to No.33 MU.

14 Jul 60 To No 49 MU Colerne (Repair and Salvage Unit)

01 Nov 60 Returned to No. 33 MU.

01 Dec 60 To Ministry of Aviation on loan. Arrived at A&AEE Boscombe Down on this date for full flight trials to prove acceptability of the UHF and standby installation.

28 Mar 61 Returned to No 33 MU.

11 Apr 61 To No. 49 MU Colerne.

05 May 61 To No 33 MU Lynham.

11 Jul 61 To No 5 MU Kemble (ASU).

02 Aug 61 Again to No. 33 MU.

01 Nov 61 To No. 49 MU Colerne.

- 11 Dec 61 To No.33 MU Lyneham.
- 12 Feb 63 To No.1 Air Navigation School, RAF Stradishall, who replaced their Meteor 14's with HS Dominie T 1's in 1965. Latterly carried standard trainer dayglow wing and fuselage stripes with black nose radome and forward fuselage decking. Provided practice for navigators in fast jet operation at low level and high speeds.
- 5 Dec 63 Two flights recorded in Flying Log Book of Allan du Feu (extract on Meteor NF14 file); pilot Fg. Off. Nash, RAF, Stradishall-RAF Leeming and return – 1hr 40 minutes flying time each way.
- 06 Jan 66 To No 5 MU Kemble, Glos, following withdrawal of the Meteor 14 from Nos 1 and 2 ANS service in 1965.
- 08 Mar 66 Non - Effective airframe.
- 02 Mar 67 Allocated Ground Instructional Number 7937M .
- 13 Mar 67 Allocated to RAF St.Athan for display.
- Photo at St Athan, 18 September 1971; Gloster Meteor Britain's Celebrated First-Generation Jet (Butler/Buttler) p.134, still in grey/Day-Glo scheme with Malaysian national marking on the fin applied by Malaysian Students at No.4 SoTT.
- Aug 74 Returned to St.Athan by this date following some time at RAF Henlow, Beds. Photo; Aircraft Illustrated Jul 77 p.298 newly repainted by Royal Malaysian Air Force trainees in full fighter camouflage scheme and false No. 64 Squadron markings, code 'Y', plus the insignia of the Royal Malaysian Air Force.
- 8 Apr 90 To RAFM Hendon following dispersal of the St. Athan collection.
- 26 - 30 Sep 94 Dismantled by team from RAF St.Athan and moved by road to Aerospace Museum Cosford for storage.
- 2003/4 Undergoing refurbishment by MBCC staff for display in new Cosford display building. Given No.264 Squadron markings. Photo – Flypast February 2004 p.22.
- 12 May 2006 Moved into new National Cold War Exhibition building at Cosford for display.
- One of 11 surviving Meteor NF 14 aircraft; WS739 is at the Newark Air Museum.

