

INDIVIDUAL HISTORY

FOCKE-WULF FW190A-8/R6 W/NR.733682/AM75/9211M

MUSEUM ACCESSION NUMBER 1998/0214/A

- 1944-45                      Manufacture date. The A-8 was a fighter-bomber version produced in greater numbers than any other sub-type.
- 8    May 45                      One of the components of at least four Mistels surrendered at Tirstrup, Denmark - had formed part of a Ju88/FW190A 'Mistel S3B' trainer composite aircraft of former II/KG200, assigned on paper at least to IV/KG200, comprising the FW190 and a Ju88H-1.
- 30   Jul 45                      Ferried from Tirstrup to Schleswig as a combination by a German pilot in formation with two other 'Mistel' combinations, AM76 and AM77 (both Ju88/FW190A) under RAF fighter escort.
- At Schleswig the composite aircraft was separated into its components for ferrying to the UK, but the Ju88H was not delivered and is assumed scrapped at Schleswig. (Photo of the 3 Ju88 components at Schleswig Aug 45 - War Prizes p.92).
- 11   Nov 45                      The FW190A was ferried from Amsterdam/Schipol to RAE Farnborough by Squadron Leader Easby - after the German aircraft exhibition of 29 Oct-9 Nov 1945 at Farnborough. The aircraft was not test flown whilst at the RAE.
- 30   Nov 45                      To No.6 MU Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, selected as the storage unit for German aircraft received in the UK.
- 18   Sep 46                      Allocated to RAF Cranwell, Lincs, for the RAF College Museum, established that month on Cranwell North Airfield which included several German Aircraft including the Me 262 now at Cosford, He162A 120235 also now at South Lambeth and Me163B W/Nr 191660 now at Duxford but originally at South Lambeth. Photo at Cranwell 1960 - Control Column Nov/Dec 77 p.180.
- Mar/ Apr 61                      Noted at No.71 MU Bicester, Oxfordshire, stored with other AHB aircraft, still faintly marked as AM75. (ABD April 1962 p.41)
- 15   Jul 61                      At RAF Biggin Hill, Kent by this date, stored alongside other AHB aircraft. Photo: Captive Luftwaffe (009336) p.38. Remained stored at Biggin Hill for several years. Photo (Sep 65); Aero Modeller Jan 66 p.24; Control Column Dec.65; Flying Review International Sep 1967 p.878;

- Wrecks and Relics – The Album (colour) p.37, 1964; Aeroplane Sept 2004 p.84; Air-Britain Aeromilitaria Winter 2004 p.185 (colour).
- 18 Oct 67 Allocated to Imperial War Museum on loan from the RAF.
- Jun 68 On display at South Lambeth by this date - Photo: Control Column Jun 68 p.14. Displayed in mottled blue/grey colour scheme with no codes. Other photos at South Lambeth in this condition - Air Extra No.13 p.6; Captive Luftwaffe (009336) p.39; Deutsche Old Timer Flugzeug (024135) p.116.
- Apr 86 Moved to IWM, Duxford, Cambs. Photos as first delivered to Duxford - Aviation News 19 Feb-3 Mar 88 p.916; Aircraft Illustrated Jan 87 p.50; Scale Models International Jul 86 p.315.
- Feb-Apr 89 Repainted and restored at Duxford by the Aircraft Restoration Company (ARC) on behalf of the IWM. Given corrosion treatment and rectification of previous damage. Following colour scheme research carried out by the IWM with help from the Smithsonian Institution, the ARC applied an authentic daylight fighter scheme used by a minority of FW190 units. At the request of the IWM, no individual identifying markings were applied. Very little evidence of the original markings was found, other than on pilot's seat armour and top of fin, using infrared photography. See Aeroplane Monthly Nov 89, p.668 and December 2012 p.6. Photo: undergoing restoration -Warbirds Worldwide Directory (1989) p.111.
- Jun 89 Returned to IWM South Lambeth by this date for suspended display in the refurbished Museum, reopened 29 Jun 1989. Photos suspended in gallery - Aeroplane Monthly Museums Guide Apr 94, p.10 and May 92, p.10; War Prizes – The Album p.106; Flypast September 2010 p.62. Underside still shows fittings for its Mistel role including locating sockets for the mounting struts and cutouts in the skin to allow the connecting services and fuel pipes to pass through. Photo – Mistel (Forsyth) p.270.
- 31 Aug 93 Allotted RAF Maintenance Serial 9211M.
- 3 Aug 98 Title transferred to RAF Museum by Ministry of Defence.
- 20 Dec 2012 Arrived by road from IWM Lambeth to RAFM Cosford for initial storage in MBCC, following removal from suspended roof display the previous week. Photos in storage – Aeroplane March 2013 p.7; Classic Wings 88 (2013) p.53.
- 7 Oct 2013 Placed on public display in Warplanes Hangar at RAFM Cosford.

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