

## INDIVIDUAL HISTORY

### SEPECAT JAGUAR GR.1A XX824

#### RAFM Loan- In L001-0009

Built by British Aircraft Corporation at Warton, Lancs as one of the 203 Jaguars delivered to the RAF, 165 of them single-seat GR.1 tactical strike fighters.

Airframe construction number 'S.73', serial number block XX817-XX824.

2 Sept 75 First flight.

23 Sept 75 Delivered to RAF.

To No. 14 Squadron, RAF Bruggen, West Germany; the first RAF Squadron to equip with Jaguars (in April 1975). Four Jaguar Squadrons – 14, 17, 20 and 31 were ultimately based at Bruggen, carrying WE.177 nuclear bombs as well as conventional weapons.

To No. 17 Squadron, also at Bruggen, RAF Germany

Returned to No. 14 Squadron at Bruggen; Fin Code 'AD'

From December 1983, XX824 was one of 75 Jaguars converted to GR.1A standard with an improved inertial navigation system and chaff/flare, ECM and Sidewinder AAM capability upgrades, the latter carried on two overwing pylons.

Nov 85 To RAF Shawbury, Shropshire as one of some 35 Jaguars stored there at this time as the RAF Germany Bruggen Wing Jaguar units converted to the Tornado GR.1, leaving just three operational Jaguar units all based at RAF Coltishall, Norfolk.

10 Jan 90 Allotted maintenance serial 9019M.

Mar 90 Delivered to No 1 School of Technical Training, RAF Halton, Bucks by this date.

Initially under a special maintenance category whereby this and other Halton Jaguars could go operational again in a short period of time.

c. July 93 Transferred to No 1 School of Technical Training (later part of the Defence School of Aeronautical Engineering) RAF Cosford, Shropshire, with several other Halton Jaguars; Fin code still 'AD'

20 Feb 18 By road to RAFM Hendon for display in new Centenary Exhibition.

Photo during reassembly in 'Hangar Six' the following day – Aeroplane April 2018 p.6.

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