



HISTORY OF ZU-FUL

DH82A TIGER MOTH II NO 82871

The Initial War Years R4963

Built in 1939 by De Havilland for the RAF, she was taken on charge initially on 9 February 1940. She served in the RAF to 1943 before being shipped to South Africa for use in the Joint Air Training Scheme.

SAAF

4640

After arrival in South Africa in mid-1943 she did service at 7 Air School in Kroonstad and after the war found her way to 15 Air Depot in Snake Valley, Pretoria. She was disposed by the SAAF in 1950 going to Central Flying School in Bloemfontein then in the SAAF Aeroclub from 1956

Pvt Ownership ZS-CFS ZU-FUL

Purchased in dismantled form in 1974 by the Streckers based at Rand Airport, she was rebuilt and given a red and white colour scheme. She was sold on to J. Boucher in Pretoria in 1974 who flew her thus until her rebuild in 2000 when she adopted her silver/black colour scheme. Overhauled and repainted in original 1940 camouflage in 2014



The original 1940 colour scheme re-applied to R4963 in 2014

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R4963 Engine no. 153967

Interestingly, stablemate R4962 was probably the only Tiger shot down by Germans, this happened near Caxton Gibbet on 16/7/41

9/2/40	27 MU	Taken on charge by 27 Maintenance Unit (ASU, Aircraft Storage Unit) at RAF Shawbury, near Shrewsbury in North Shropshire, 55 miles northwest of Birmingham.
28/2/40	5 MU	Transferred to 5 Maintenance Unit which was based at RAF Kemble (renamed to Cotswold Airfield in 2009, situated in Gloucestershire). It became the headquarters for the aircraft ferrying operations of the Air Transport Auxilliary. At this time the only Tiger Moth Squadron in the field of conflict was 81 Squadron, reformed from the Communication Squadron at Mountjoie in France on 1st December 1939 where it flew until the German invasion necessitated its withdrawal back to Britian, where it disbanded on 15 June 1940. While a few closely numbered Tigers were lost during this time in France (R5017 Lost in France 6/40, R5021 Lost in France 5/40, R5032 and R5036 in the same months), R4963 was a reserve aircraft at 5 Maintenance Unit and obviously was not part of this action.
1/7/40	13 EFTS	No 13 Elementary Flying Training School based at White Waltham, disbanded in 1941. White Waltham was acquired by the De Havilland family in 1928 and they established the De Havilland School of flying in 1935. It was requisitioned by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in 1938 and still operates today as a civilian airfield.
20/12/40	7 FTS	No.7 Flying Training School RAF Peterborough (also known as Westwood and now mainly turned into housing estates) Was run by Gp Capt. A Shekleton at the time.
20/..../	13 EFTS	Very faint entry
2/6/41	21 EFTS	21 Elementary Flying Training School based at RAF Booker
24/9/41	473 Grp DA	43 Group was 43 Maintenance Group whose HQ was at Magdalen College, Oxford. Not clear however whether the 4 had in fact been deleted.
6/10/41	Taynought? SAC?	First word not clear on records, SAC could stand for School of Army Co-Operation? This was based at Old Sarum, Salisbury
9/12/41	24 MU	24 Maintenance Unit at Ternhill
13/11/42	10 MU	Hullavington
3/3/43	222 MU	High ErCALL (Packing Depot)
20/3/43	SS 'LS 36' to South Africa	Aircraft shipped to South Africa as part of the Joint Air Training Scheme. RAF File closed 1/10/43



This picture was taken during the mid-50's at SAAF Aeroclub and remarkably shows 4640 in the foreground

SAAF 4640

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mid 1943	SAAF, 7 AS, Kroonstad	Taken on charge at 7 Air School, Kroonstad for Elementary Flying Training. The SAAF number allocated was 4640. The airschool had 57 Tiger Moths on strength on July 1943. It was disbanded in January 1945.
1945?	15 AD	Taken in by 15 Air Depot, Snake Valley, Pretoria
5/6/50	Disposal from SAAF	Disposal document F112A SAAF 6/2/40 mod log
12/6/50	CFS	Allotment no.4142 from 15 AD to Central Flying School, Bloemfontein. It's tenure here led to the later registration as ZS-CFS
23/6/56	SAAF Aeroclub	
22/4/74	Sold in dismantled form	Regd to CF Strecker, Rand as ZS-CFS. Regn cld. Regd 22.4.74 to CW Strecker, New Redruth. Rebuilt with red/white colour scheme

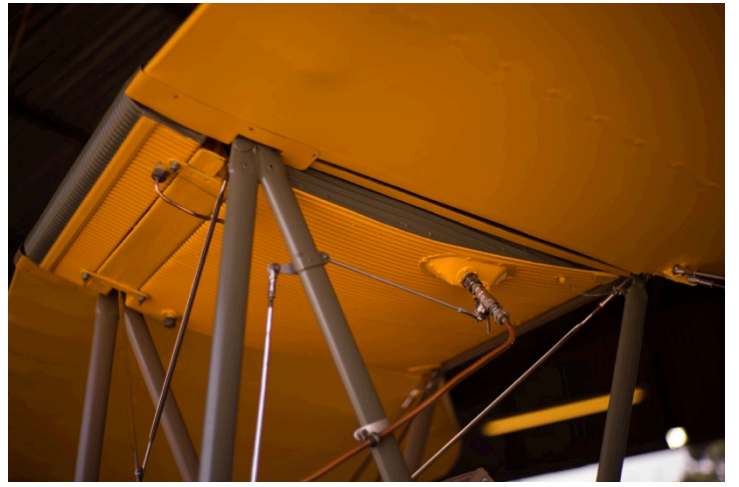
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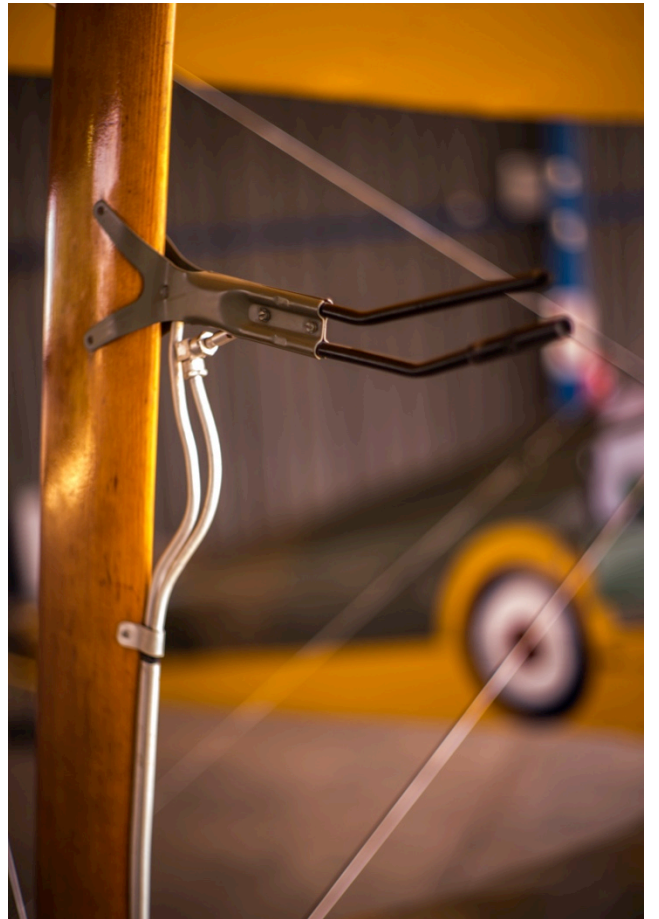


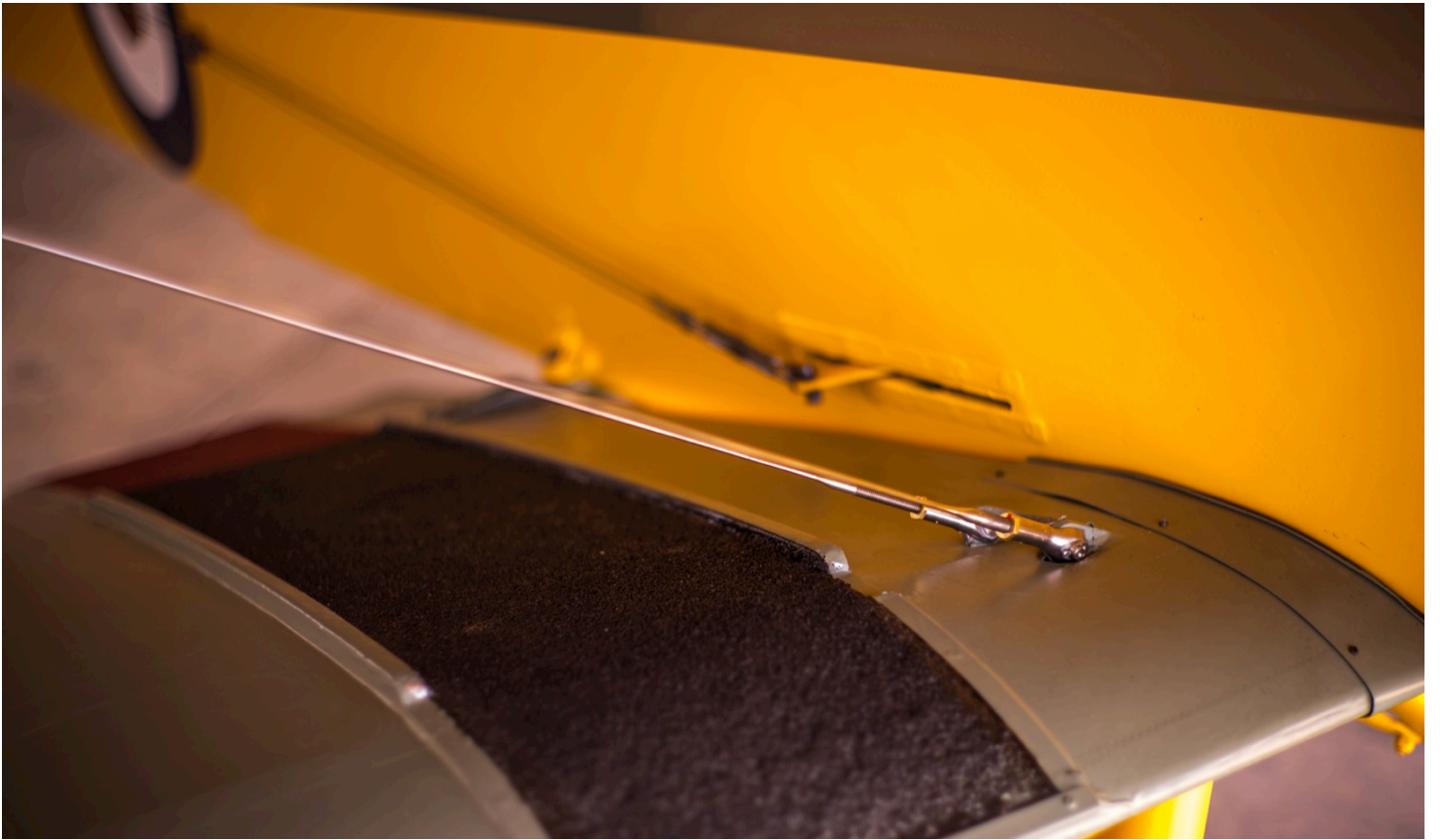
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9/8/76	Sold	Regd to Theron & Bouwer, Pretoria. Regd 9.8.76 to Acre View (Pty) Ltd, Pretoria.
2000	Rebuilt	Rebuilt by Strecker and given silver/black colour scheme.
Jun-11	Sold	Registered to RJ Stausebach and based at Krugersdorp (FAKR)
Jun-12	Changed to NTSA	Changed to Non-Type Certified Aircraft with registration of ZU-FUL.
Jun-14	Overhaul and repaint	Strip down, replaced interiors, leather, panels, tie-rods, streamline wires and repaint to original wartime camouflage.

- A. ZU-CFS in her new colours after the 1974 rebuild
- B. A painting of the time, artist or current ownership not known
- C. The colours post the 2000 rebuild, here seen next to ZS-OSS at a historical vehicle day at Krugersdorp, Jack Taylor Airfield where she is now hangered.









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Contract No. B.20916/39

Type TIGER MOTH II RAF. No. R.4963 Contractor DE. HAVILLAN.

Type of Engine GIPIY MAJOR Engine Nos. 153967

Taken on Charge of: ⁽¹⁾ 5 MU. 13 EFTS. 7 FTS ⁽²⁾ 13 EFTS ⁽³⁾ 21 EFTS ⁽⁴⁾ A.S. CAP PA. 50K ⁽⁵⁾ Tanghera ⁽⁶⁾ 34 M.U.
 Date taken on Charge: 1-3-40 1/7/40 20-12-40 20-11-40 2-1-41 24-9-41 6-10-41 0-1-42
 Authority: 1623 1623A 1623 1623A 1623A 1623 1623A 1623A

Taken on Charge of: ⁽¹⁰⁾ 10 MU ⁽¹¹⁾ 222 MU ⁽¹²⁾ S Africa ⁽¹³⁾ CAF & A ⁽¹⁴⁾ S. Africa ⁽¹⁵⁾ U. Africa
 Date taken on Charge: 13-11-42 3-3-43 20/3/43 3/5/43 11/10/43
 Authority: 1623 164 25-25-36 11/10/43 1-10-43

Date	Unit to whom allotted	Authority	Date	Unit to whom allotted	Authority
9-2-40	27 M.U.	2779			
28-2-40	5 M.U.	2961			

