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**2<sup>nd</sup> production order for 13 Lynx AH.1 for the AAC.**

**All were built by Westland Helicopters Ltd, Yeovil against Contract KA25A/04.**

**Serials (XZ605-XZ617) allocated November 21, 1975. (Note that this Contract also included eight Lynx for the French Aéronavale as XZ620-XZ627).**

**XZ605 (c/n 149) f/f Yeovil**

21.11.79; accepted by AAC 10.12.79 on arrival at Fleetlands for preparation for issue (Job No. 15242). Issued to 651 Squadron/1 Regiment, AAC, Hildesheim 9.7.80 (AAC/159/80). Coded 'A11F' for Exercise 'Crusader 80' at Hildesheim 9.80. (also reported as departing Fleetlands 10.7.80 to AAC Northern Ireland). Noted staging through Manston 17.12.80 en route to Wroughton as part of Lynx Reserve fleet (AAC/266/80) (TFH 141.4). To Fleetlands 27.4.82 (AAC/150/82) for TOW retrofit (job no. 15221); returned to Middle Wallop 19.7.82 and loaned to Lynx Conversion Flight, Middle Wallop 23-25.7.82 specifically for AAC Show. Departed Wroughton 1.11.82 to 3CBAS (AAC/439/82) (TFH 150.3); coded '(L)L', later re-coded '23B' by 10.84. Allotted to Fleetlands 2.9.85 (ex-3CBAS) for mods (job no. 15310) (AAC/319/85) (TFH 779.0); arrived at Fleetlands 7.9.85 (or 9.9.85) (still as '23B'); departed Fleetlands by road to Middle Wallop 2.10.85 on return to 3CBAS. Re-coded '23A' by 30.10.85 but possibly reverted to '23B' when flown Yeovilton-Middle Wallop 10.7.86 for 70 Acft Wksp, REME. To CSE Aviation, Kidlington for surface refinish 14.3.86 (AAC/075/86); ret'd to 3CBAS 26.3.86 (AAC/093/86). To RAF Wyton (date unkn) (AAC/159/60); immediately allotted to A&AEE 22.5.86 (AAC/160/86). Transferred A&AEE to 3CBAS 20.6.86 (AAC/190/86) (TFH 881.35). To Fleetlands (date unkn); ret'd to 3CBAS 11.9.87 (AAC/172/87) (TFH 1120.6). Noted at Portsmouth docks coded 'X' and being unloaded from

HMS 'Intrepid' 25.9.88 (with ZD282/V).

Forward fuselage conveyed by road to Wroughton 21.3.89 (ex-3CBAS) 21.3.89 (AAC/090/89) (TFH 1635.6); declared Cat.4 and

later conveyed to Fleetlands for repair and conversion to AH.7. **Re-designated AH.7 on 23.11.89.** Deld to

3CBAS 10.12.90 (AAC/413/90). To Fleetlands 25.10.93 (AAC/459/93) for SEM LX168); ret'd to 3CBAS charge 1.11.93 (AAC/474/93). Allotted 3CBAS to CMBR 2.12.93 for Mod615; ret'd to 3CBAS (date unkn). Unit re-titled 847 Squadron 31.8.95. Transferred 847 NASquadron to NARO, Fleetlands 18.1.96 for mods (AAC/015/96); ret'd to 847 Squadron 14.3.96; coded '(LY)'. To 70 Acft Wksp, REME, Middle Wallop by 9.9.97; conveyed by road Middle Wallop-Fleetlands 6.10.97 for mods (AAC/245/97). Ret'd to 847 NASquadron 14.1.98; still coded '(LY)'. To 70 Acft Wksp, REME 14.1.98 for major overhaul and appears to have been issued to 9 Regiment, AAC. Briefly issued to 847 Squadron 22.7.08 to 1.8.08 when ret'd to 9 Regiment, AAC. Ret'd to 847 NASquadron (date unkn) until 17.8.00 (AAC/120/00). (TFH 3942.8). Transferred 847 NASquadron to 9 Regiment, AAC c2.09. To RAF Brize Norton 26.3.09 (with day-glo doors) for air-freighting as 9 Regiment, AAC deployment to Kenya (with XZ210 & XZ677).

Noted with 671 Squadron, coded 'L' c11.10.

To VAHS, Fleetlands (ex-671 Squadron) and declared Non-Effective 30.8.13