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**Third production batch of 36 Scout AH.1 ordered against Contract KK/N/80/CB.25(a).  
Built by Westland Aircraft Ltd, Hayes. Serials allocated December 1, 1964.**

### **XT617**

**(c/n F9623)** Conveyed by

road Hayes-Yeovil 11.11.65; f/f Yeovil 22.11.65; delivered to Netheravon 2.12.65 for 2 Flight, AAC (which reformed 3.1.66). To 19 Flight, AAC, Colchester 6.66. Deployed to Norway for cold weather trial 31.1.67 to 14.2.67 (possibly under A&AEE charge). (TFH 396.0). Returned to 19 Flight, AAC by 8.67. (TFH 681.00 at 11.3.68). To 4 Flight, AAC Barnard Castle 7.69 but sustained Cat.3 damage 10.7.69 (or 10.8.69) while flying over a gully at 50', yawed through two revolutions to starboard, sank; pilot was unable to recover (due to mishandling) and made a heavy landing into a stream at Warcop, south-east of Penrith. Repaired and issued to 660 Squadron, AAC, Topcliffe 12.70 and coded 'K'. Still with 660 Squadron at 1973 Census and until transferred from 660 to 653 Squadron, AAC 18.5.78 (on formation of latter) (AAC/116/78). Noted with 653 Squadron, AAC in Northern Ireland 10.78; departed Northern Ireland 11.12.78 on return to Soest. Routed Germany-Wroughton, via Lydd 4.79 (following replacement by Lynx AH.1). Conveyed by road Wroughton-Fleetlands 6.2.79; returned to Wroughton (date unkn) for long-term storage (still in original brown/green camouflage scheme). Forward fuselage conveyed by road Wroughton-RNAY Almondbank 23.6.92 for continued storage. Conveyed by road Perth-Wattisham 19.9.94 for restoration and placing as 'gate-guardian'