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SOPWITH CAMEL CANADIAN AIR FORCE SERIAL NUMBERS INDIVIDUAL HISTORIES



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Overview

This publication is intended to provide a brief overview / summary of individual aircraft histories using information drawn from the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Aircraft Record Cards and the associated Accident Record Cards held by the Canada Aviation & Space Museum. In addition, this information has been further supplemented and / or verified against accident reports held by the Library & Archives Canada along with various other publicly available references identified at the end of the publication. This publication details the individual service histories of those aircraft which were allocated to the Canadian Air Force.

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Additional Information

The information in this publication as accurate and up to date as possible (as of 2017) based upon the available references. Any errors of commission or omission are solely those of the author. As with all endeavours of this nature, however, the author would be pleased to hear of any additional information and / or corrections. Please provide any details to: kestrelaerospaceresearch@gmail.com

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Dedication

This publication is dedicated to all those who flew and maintained these Sopwith Camel aircraft and especially to those who gave their lives in the service of their country while flying or maintaining these aircraft during the First World War.

Cover Image Notes

Sopwith Camel - ex-Royal Navy #N8156. This 2F.1 naval version of the Sopwith Camel aircraft was originally acquired by Canada in a post-war contract for use as spares to support other Camel aircraft. It was shipped to Canada in 1925 and sent to Camp Borden, ON. It was then transferred to the aero-museum of National Research Council in Ottawa, ON as seen in this photo. It was acquired next as part of the Canadian War Museum collection and was then restored and flown in No. 210 (RAF) Sqn markings. This aircraft has been preserved and is now part of the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum Collection in Ottawa, ON - CASM photo.

????? CAF / RCAF Bolton & Paul Ltd Camel F.1
Norwich

Ex-RAF F1337. Sent to British Aviation Mission in Washington, DC. Acquired by CAF. Exhibited in Montreal in 1928. No further details of its use or final disposition

TOS: 1928

SOS: Unknown

Instructional and Spares Aircraft

???? CAF / RCAF Sir William Beadmore Camel 2F.1
& Co Ltd

Ex-RN N7357. Naval aircraft acquired for use as spares to support other aircraft. Originally fitted with an experimental 3-position ignition switch. Purchased and shipped to Canada in 1925. Used at Camp Borden, ON. Transferred to the Institute of Technology and Art in Calgary, AB as of 18 Oct 1928. Stripped fuselage and engine remained intact until 1936/1937. Finally disposed of as of 29 June 1942.

TOS: 12 August 1925

SOS: 18 November 1928

???? CAF / RCAF Sir William Beadmore Camel 2F.1
& Co Ltd

Ex-RN N7359. Naval aircraft acquired for use as spares to support other aircraft. Purchased and shipped to Canada in 1925. Used at Camp Borden, ON. To No. 1 Depot as of 27 March 1926. Transferred to University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, NB. Final disposition unknown.

TOS: 12 August 1925

SOS: 18 October 1928

???? CAF / RCAF Sir William Beadmore Camel 2F.1
& Co Ltd

Ex-RN N7364. Naval aircraft acquired for use as spares to support other aircraft. Purchased and shipped to Canada in 1925. Used at Camp Borden, ON. To No. 1 Depot as of 27 March 1926. Reduced to scrap.

TOS: 12 August 1925

SOS: 7 June 1927

???? CAF / RCAF Sir William Beadmore Camel 2F.1
& Co Ltd

Ex-RN N7367. Naval aircraft acquired for use as spares to support other aircraft. Purchased and shipped to Canada in 1925. Used at Camp Borden, ON as a ground instructional airframe. Used by a demonstration team illustrating the assembly, ground running and disassembly of the airframe. Transferred to Regina Collegiate Institute in SK as of 18 Oct 1928. Final disposition unknown.

TOS: 12 August 1925

SOS: 18 November 1928

???? CAF / RCAF Sir William Beadmore Camel 2F.1
& Co Ltd

Ex-RN N8151. Naval aircraft acquired for use as spares to support other aircraft. Purchased and shipped to Canada in 1925. Used at Camp Borden, ON.

TOS: 12 August 1925

SOS: 22 July 1929

???? CAF / RCAF Sir William Beadmore Camel 2F.1
& Co Ltd

Ex-RN N8153. Naval aircraft acquired for use as spares to support aircraft. Purchased and shipped to Canada in 1925. Used at Camp Borden, ON.

TOS: 12 August 1925

SOS: 22 July 1929

???? CAF / RCAF Sir William Beadmore Camel 2F.1
& Co Ltd

Ex-RN N8156. Naval aircraft acquired for use as spares to support other aircraft. Shipped to Canada in 1925. Used at Camp Borden, ON. Transferred to aero museum of National Research Council in Ottawa, ON. Acquired next as part of Canadian War Museum collection. Restored and flown in 1967 in 210 Sqn markings. Preserved and now part of the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum Collection in Ottawa, ON

TOS: 12 August 1925

SOS: *Unknown*

???? CAF / RCAF Sir William Beadmore Camel 2F.1
& Co Ltd

Ex-RN N8204. Naval aircraft acquired for use as spares to support other aircraft. Shipped to Canada in 1925. Used at Camp Borden, ON. Transferred to New Brunswick Technical School in St. John, NB. Final disposition unknown

TOS: 12 August 1925

SOS: 18 November 1928

NOTES:

Abbreviations:

c/n = construction number
CAF = Canadian Air Force
CSD = Central Supply Depot
(F) = Fighter
ON = Ontario (Canada)
NB = New Brunswick (Canada)
RFC = Royal Flying Corps
RNAS = Royal Naval Air Service
SK = Saskatchewan (Canada)
SOS = Struck Off Strength
S/N = Serial Number
Sqn = Squadron
Stn = Stn
TOS = Taken On Strength

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