

## Military Aircraft Markings Update Number 80, January 2012

<i>Serial</i>	<i>Type (other identity) [code]</i>	<i>Owner/operator, location or fate</i>
Z5207	Hawker Hurricane IIB (G-BYDL)	Privately owned, Thruxton
MW404	Hawker Tempest II (IAF HA557)	Privately owned, Booker
TD314	VS361 Spitfire LF IX (G-CGYJ)	Privately owned, Biggin Hill
WB188	Hawker Hunter GA11 (XF300/G-BZPC)	Privately owned, Melksham, Wilts
WB585	DHC1 Chipmunk T10 (G-AOSY) [M]	Privately owned, Audley End
WD373	DHC1 Chipmunk T10 (G-BXDI) [12]	Privately owned, Bicester
WM366	AW Meteor NF13 (4X-FNA) (comp VZ462)	Gloucestershire Avn Coll, stored Gloucester
WT877	Slingsby T31B Cadet TX3	Staffs Aircraft Restoration Team, Baxterley
WZ507	DH115 Vampire T11 (G-VTII) [74]	AIRBASE, Coventry
XE601	Hawker Hunter FGA9 (G-ETPS)	Apache Aviation, Istres, France
XE689	Hawker Hunter GA11 (G-BWGK) <ff>	Privately owned, Cotswold Airport
XE921	DH115 Vampire T11 [64] <ff>	Privately owned, St Mawgan
XG194	Hawker Hunter PR11 (WT723/G-PRII) [N]	Hunter Flying Ltd, St Athan
XL564	Hawker Hunter T7 <ff>	Privately owned, South Molton, Devon
XL573	Hawker Hunter T7 (G-BVGH)	Hunter Flying Ltd, St Athan
XL609	Hawker Hunter T7 <ff>	Privately owned, South Molton, Devon
XN137	Hunting Jet Provost T3 <ff>	Privately owned, Little Addington, Notts
XP765	BAC Lightning F6 (XS897) [A]	Lakes Lightnings, RAF Coningsby
XR595	WS Scout AH1 (G-BWHU) [M]	Privately owned, North Weald
XR751	BAC Lightning F3 <ff>	Privately owned, Thorpe Wood, N Yorks
XR808	BAC VC10 C1K [R]	RAF No 101 Sqn, Brize Norton
XS180	Hunting Jet Provost T4 (8238M/8338M) [21]	MoD, Boscombe Down
XS606	HS Andover C1	MoD/ETPS, Boscombe Down
XS897	BAC Lightning F6	Repainted as XP765, November 2011
XV102	BAC VC10 C1K [T]	Privately owned, Bruntingthorpe
XV106	BAC VC10 C1K [W]	MoD/DSG, St Athan
XV107	BAC VC10 C1K [X]	Privately owned, Bruntingthorpe
XV235	HS Nimrod MR2 [35] <ff>	RAF Kinloss
XV240	HS Nimrod MR2 [40] <ff>	Privately owned, stored Spey Bay, Moray
XV299	Lockheed C-130K Hercules C3 [299]	Scrapped at Cambridge, 6 December 2011
XV649	WS61 Sea King ASaC7 [180]	RN No 857 NAS, Culdrose
XV656	WS61 Sea King ASaC7 [185]	MoD/Vector Aerospace, Fleetlands
XV714	WS61 Sea King ASaC7 [188]	RN No 849 NAS, Culdrose
XW269	HS Harrier T4	Privately owned, Thorpe Wood, N Yorks
XW272	HS Harrier T4 (8783M) (fuselage) (comp XV281)	Privately owned, Cannock, Staffs
XW404	BAC Jet Provost T5A (9049M) [77]	Hartlepool FE College
XW405	BAC Jet Provost T5A (9187M) [J,MQ]	Hartlepool FE College, stored
XW866	WS Gazelle HT3 (G-BXTH) [E]	Repainted as G-BXTH
XW917	HS Harrier GR3 (8975M)	Privately owned, Swanwick
XX105	BAC 1-11/201AC (G-ASJD)	Scrapped at Boscombe Down, 17 December 2011
XX250	HS Hawk T1 [250]	RAF Valley
XX256	HS Hawk T1A	RAF Valley (on repair)
XX349	HS Hawk T1W	RAF Valley (for display)
XX440	WS Gazelle AH1 (G-BCHN)	Privately owned,
XX484	SA Jetstream T2 [566/CU]	Sold to Italy, September 2011
XX612	SA Bulldog T1 (G-BZXC) [A,03]	Ayr College, instructional use
XZ131	HS Harrier GR3 (9174M) <ff>	Privately owned, Spark Bridge, Cumbria
XZ135	HS Harrier GR3 (8848M) <ff>	Sold to Germany, December 2011
XZ196	WS Lynx AH7 [T]	AAC No 671 Sqn/7 Regt, Middle Wallop
XZ210	WS Lynx AH7	Crashed 1 December 2011, Gütersloh
XZ235	WS Lynx HAS3S(ICE) [630]	RN, Yeovilton (wfu)
XZ372	SEPECAT Jaguar GR3 [FV]	Aberdeen Airport, on display
XZ455	BAe Sea Harrier FA2 [001] (wreck)	Privately owned, Thorpe Wood, N Yorks
XZ590	WS61 Sea King HAR3 [F]	MoD/Vector Aerospace, Fleetlands
XZ594	WS61 Sea King HAR3	MoD/Vector Aerospace, Fleetlands
XZ597	WS61 Sea King HAR3 [M]	RAF No 1564 Flt, Mount Pleasant, FI
XZ598	WS61 Sea King HAR3	RAF No 22 Sqn, C Flt/No 203(R) Sqn, Valley
XZ643	WS Lynx AH7 [C]	AAC No 671 Sqn/7 Regt, Middle Wallop
XZ675	WS Lynx AH7 [H]	Museum of Army Flying, Middle Wallop

XZ696	WS Lynx HAS3GMS [633]	Privately owned, Hixon, Staffs
ZA148	BAe VC10 K3 (5Y-ADA) [G]	RAF No 101 Sqn, Brize Norton
ZA150	BAe VC10 K3 (5H-MOG) [J]	MoD/DSG, St Athan
ZA293	WS61 Sea King HC4 [A]	RN No 845 NAS, Yeovilton
ZA299	WS61 Sea King HC4 [D]	MoD/AgustaWestland, Yeovil
ZA353	Panavia Tornado GR1 [B-53]	Privately owned, Thorpe Wood, N Yorks
ZA393	Panavia Tornado GR4 [008]	RAF Marham Wing
ZA473	Panavia Tornado GR4 [032]	RAF Marham Wing
ZA544	Panavia Tornado GR4 [037]	RAF Marham, WLT
ZA547	Panavia Tornado GR4 [039] \$	RAF CMU, Marham
ZA548	Panavia Tornado GR4 [040]	RAF Marham Wing
ZA549	Panavia Tornado GR4 [041]	RAF, stored Marham
ZA550	Panavia Tornado GR4 [042]	RAF TEF, Lossiemouth
ZA554	Panavia Tornado GR4 [046]	RAF Marham Wing
ZA557	Panavia Tornado GR4 [048]	RAF CMU, Marham
ZA562	Panavia Tornado GR4 [051]	RAF TEF, Lossiemouth
ZA585	Panavia Tornado GR4 [054]	RAF TEF, Lossiemouth
ZA589	Panavia Tornado GR4 [057]	RAF TEF, Lossiemouth
ZA595	Panavia Tornado GR4 [061]	RAF Marham Wing
ZA609	Panavia Tornado GR4 [072]	RAF TEF, Lossiemouth
ZA611	Panavia Tornado GR4 [073]	RAF Marham Wing
ZA613	Panavia Tornado GR4 [075]	RAF Lossiemouth Wing
ZA675	B-V Chinook HC2 (N37020) [AE]	RAF Odiham Wing
ZA731	WS Gazelle AH1	AAC No 29 Flt, BATUS, Suffield, Canada
ZD259	WS Lynx HMA8SRU [404/IR]	MoD/Vector Aerospace, Fleetlands
ZD273	WS Lynx AH7 <ff>	AAC GDSH, Middle Wallop
ZD274	WS Lynx AH7 [E]	AAC No 671 Sqn/7 Regt, Middle Wallop
ZD319	BAe Harrier GR7A	<i>Sold to the USA, December 2011</i>
ZD322	BAe Harrier GR9A [03A]	<i>Sold to the USA, December 2011</i>
ZD323	BAe Harrier GR7 [04]	<i>Sold to the USA, December 2011</i>
ZD380	BAe Harrier GR9A [28A]	<i>Sold to the USA, December 2011</i>
ZD433	BAe Harrier GR9A [45A]	FAA Museum, stored Yeovilton
ZD716	Panavia Tornado GR4 [084]	RAF TEF, Lossiemouth
ZD720	Panavia Tornado GR4 [086]	RAF Marham Wing
ZD745	Panavia Tornado GR4 [093]	RAF Lossiemouth Wing
ZD747	Panavia Tornado GR4 [095]	RAF CMU, Marham
ZD749	Panavia Tornado GR4 [097]	RAF Marham Wing
ZD790	Panavia Tornado GR4 [099]	RAF CMU, Marham
ZD792	Panavia Tornado GR4 [100]	RAF Marham Wing
ZD812	Panavia Tornado GR4 [104]	RAF TEF, Lossiemouth
ZD842	Panavia Tornado GR4 [105]	RAF Marham Wing
ZD844	Panavia Tornado GR4 [107]	RAF CMU, Marham
ZD848	Panavia Tornado GR4 [109]	RAF Marham Wing
ZD890	Panavia Tornado GR4 [113]	RAF Marham Wing
ZD932	Panavia Tornado F2 (comp ZE255) (9308M) (fuselage)	Privately owned, Thorpe Wood, N Yorks
ZE369	WS61 Sea King HAR3 [S]	RAF No 22 Sqn, C Flt/No 203(R) Sqn, Valley
ZE375	WS Lynx AH9A	MoD/Vector Aerospace, Fleetlands
ZE376	WS Lynx AH9A	MoD/AgustaWestland, Yeovil
ZE380	WS Lynx AH9A	AAC No 657 Sqn, Odiham
ZE426	WS61 Sea King HC4 [WX]	RN No 848 NAS, Yeovilton
ZE428	WS61 Sea King HC4 [H]	MoD/AgustaWestland, Yeovil
ZE432	BAC 1-11/479FU (DQ-FBV)	MoD, Boscombe Down (wfu)
ZE652	Grob G103 Viking T1 (BGA3082) [YD]	RAF CGMF, Syerston
ZG477	BAe Harrier GR9 \$	RAF Museum, Cosford
ZG478	BAe Harrier GR9 (fuselage)	Privately owned, Sproughton
ZG510	BAe Harrier GR9A [EB-Y]	<i>Sold to the USA, December 2011</i>
ZG705	Panavia Tornado GR4A [118]	RAF TEF, Lossiemouth
ZG709	Panavia Tornado GR4A [120]	RAF Lossiemouth Wing
ZG714	Panavia Tornado GR4A [124]	RAF Lossiemouth Wing
ZG727	Panavia Tornado GR4A [126]	MoD/BAE Systems, Warton
ZG756	Panavia Tornado GR4 [131]	RAF Lossiemouth Wing
ZG777	Panavia Tornado GR4 [EB-Q]	RAF CMU, Marham
ZG820	WS61 Sea King HC4 [I]	MoD/Vector Aerospace, Fleetlands
ZG917	WS Lynx AH9A	AAC No 667 Sqn/7 Regt, Middle Wallop

ZG922	WS Lynx AH9	Privately owned, Staverton, instructional use
ZG923	WS Lynx AH9A	MoD/AgustaWestland, Yeovil
ZH104	Boeing E-3D Sentry AEW1 [04]	MoD/Northrop Grumman, Lake Charles, USA
ZH126	Grob G109B Vigilant T1 (D-KGRA) [TM]	RAF No 631 VGS, Woodvale
ZH248	Grob G109B Vigilant T1 [UT]	RAF No 618 VGS, Odiham
ZH545	WS61 Sea King HAR3A \$	RAF No 22 Sqn, B Flt, Wattisham
ZH653	BAe Harrier T10	<i>Sold to the USA, December 2011</i>
ZH848	EHI-101 Merlin HM1	RN No 829 NAS, Culdrose
ZH858	EHI-101 Merlin HM1 [14]	RN MDMF, Culdrose
ZH861	EHI-101 Merlin HM1 [81]	RN No 824 NAS, Culdrose
ZH896	B-V Chinook HC2A (N2038G) [HK]	MoD/Vector Aerospace, Fleetlands
ZH897	B-V Chinook HC3R (N2045G) [HL]	RAF Odiham Wing
ZJ126	EHI-101 Merlin HC3 [EY-W] \$	RAF No 28 Sqn/No 78 Sqn, Benson
ZJ128	EHI-101 Merlin HC3 [M]	RAF No 28 Sqn/No 78 Sqn, Benson
ZJ132	EHI-101 Merlin HC3 [Q]	MoD/AgustaWestland, Yeovil
ZJ138	EHI-101 Merlin HC3 [X]	DCAE, stored <i>HMS Sultan</i> , Gosport
ZJ164	AS365N-2 Dauphin 2 (G-BTLC)	RN/Bond Helicopters, Newquay
ZJ165	AS365N-2 Dauphin 2 (G-NTOO)	RN/Bond Helicopters, Newquay
ZJ181	WAH-64 Apache AH1	AAC No 4 Regt, Wattisham
ZJ239	Bell 412EP Griffin HT1 (G-BXFH) [R]	DHFS No 60(R) Sqn, RAF Shawbury
ZJ250	AS350BA Squirrel HT2 (G-BXNY) [50]	School of Army Aviation/No 670 Sqn, Middle Wallop
ZJ800	Eurofighter Typhoon T3 [BC]	RAF No 29(R) Sqn, Coningsby
ZJ803	Eurofighter Typhoon T3 [BA]	RAF TME, Coningsby
ZJ910	Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 [BV]	RAF No 29(R) Sqn, Coningsby
ZJ934	Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 [QO-T]	MoD/BAE Systems, Warton (conversion)
ZJ936	Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 [QO-S]	RAF No 29(R) Sqn, Coningsby
ZK150*	Lockheed Martin Desert Hawk UAV	Army
ZK305	Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 [DE]	RAF No 11 Sqn, Coningsby
ZK306	Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 [BT]	RAF No 29(R) Sqn, Coningsby
ZK307	Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 [BU]	RAF No 29(R) Sqn, Coningsby
ZK308	Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 [BW]	RAF No 29(R) Sqn, Coningsby
ZK309	Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 [QO-P]	RAF No 3 Sqn, Coningsby
ZK322	Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 [EZ]	RAF No 6 Sqn, Leuchars
ZK323	Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 [EH]	RAF No 6 Sqn, Leuchars
ZK324	Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 [EI]	RAF No 6 Sqn, Leuchars
ZK325	Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 [EQ]	RAF No 6 Sqn, Leuchars
ZK326	Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 [EP]	RAF No 6 Sqn, Leuchars
ZK328	Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4	RAF TME, Coningsby
ZR336	AgustaWestland AW101 [015]	AgustaWestland, Yeovil
ZZ202	General Atomics Reaper UAV (07-117)	RAF No 39 Sqn, Creech AFB, Nevada, USA
ZZ251	BAE Systems HERTI UAV	BAE Systems, Warton
ZZ252	BAE Systems HERTI UAV	BAE Systems, Warton
ZZ253	BAE Systems HERTI UAV	BAE Systems, Warton
ZZ254	BAE Systems HERTI UAV	BAE Systems, Warton
ZZ330	Airbus A330 Voyager KC2 (G-VYGA)	RAF/Air Tanker Ltd, Brize Norton
ZZ331	Airbus A330 Voyager KC2/KC3	Reservation for RAF
ZZ332	Airbus A330 Voyager KC2/KC3	Reservation for RAF
ZZ333	Airbus A330 Voyager KC2/KC3	Reservation for RAF
ZZ399	AgustaWestland AW159 Lynx Wildcat AH1	MoD/AgustaWestland, Yeovil
ZZ404	AgustaWestland AW159 Lynx Wildcat AH1	MoD/AgustaWestland, Yeovil
ZZ405	AgustaWestland AW159 Lynx Wildcat AH1	MoD/AgustaWestland, Yeovil
ZZ504	Hawker Beechcraft Shadow R1 (G-CGUM)	RAF No 14 Sqn, Waddington

Notes:

1. VC10 XV102 flew to Bruntingthorpe for scrapping on 12th December followed by XV107 the following day. XV101 followed on 20th December.
2. This month sees the first movements of the former RAF and RN Harrier fleet as a pair are prepared for preservation and the other 72 stored airframes depart to the US. 14 departed by sea to the USA via Southampton Docks in late December, of which some have been identified (see above).
3. BAC 1-11 ZE432 joins sister ZE433 as being withdrawn from use, making ZH763 the only one of this type left flying in Europe.
4. A330 EC-330 recently arrived Bournemouth on 13 December 2011, the second machine to come here for conversion for the RAF. Somewhat more surprising events took place at Brize Norton on 21st December. As expected, c/n 1046 was delivered in, wearing MRTT017 and using the test registration EC-337. However,

instead of becoming ZZ331 as expected, when the stickers were removed the serial ZZ330 was visible underneath. To confuse matters still further, the same airframe was then placed on the UK civil register as G-VYGA the day after! In the light of this it is evident that widely published information about these airframes is at least subject to change and for that reason it is best to stick to what is observed, rather than guess. The first few RAF machines appear to be KC2 c/n 1046 (ZZ330/G-VYGA), listed above, KC3 c/n 1033 (MRTT016/EC-335), KC2 c/n 1248 (EC-331) and KC3 c/n 1275 (EC-330); the next pair appear to be c/ns 1312 and 1334.

5. Finally, this update marks the passing of the last ever East London Aviation Society (ELAS) monthly update. Over the years its author, Graham Gaff, has been a steady, precise and accurate source of information and the ending of his ELAS monthly updates concludes a significant chapter in UK military aviation research. On a personal note, I have always found Graham to be extremely knowledgeable, rarely incorrect and always supportive and I wish to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for all his efforts over the years.

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