

## RCAF Westland Wapiti Serials

RAF / RCAF Serial	Designer / Manufacturer	Name	Mark
<b>J9237</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. II
<p>Loaned from the RAF to RCAF 17 March 1930, for cold weather trials. Flown by the Test Flight at RCAF Station Rockcliffe, ON.</p> <p><b>TOS:</b> 17 March 1930 - Received from RAF, for trials.      <b>SOS:</b> 25 May 1932 - Returned to RAF charge.</p>			
<b>K1148 / 508</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
<p>Ex RAF K1148. With No. 3 (B) Squadron, RCAF Stations Rockcliffe, ON, Calgary, AB, and Halifax, NS, 1937 to July 1938. Struck off, after crashing near Sharbot Lake, ON on 14 July 1938. The aircraft suffered an in-flight engine valve failure and the pilot attempted a forced landing. The aircraft crashed landed and ended up inverted with heavy damage. The crew escaped serious injury. The airframe became a <b>Category "A" write-off</b>.</p> <p><b>TOS:</b> 5 March 1936      <b>SOS:</b> 28 March 1939 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b></p>			
<b>K1152 / 509 A36</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
<p>Ex RAF K1152. Assigned to No. 3(B) Squadron. Also used by No. 10 (BR) Squadron, RCAF Station Halifax, NS, 1939/40. Later became Instructional Airframe # A36 as of 13 May 1940. Total Flying Time - 893 hrs. Later reduced to spares &amp; produce.</p> <p><b>TOS:</b> 5 March 1936      <b>SOS:</b> 14 October 1940</p>			
<b>K1318 / 510 A63</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
<p>Ex RAF K1318. With No. 3 (B) Squadron in 1937. Time expired and awaiting disposal as of 02 Apr 1940. Later became Instructional Airframe # A63 at No. 1 TTS as of 10 Jul 1940. Later reduced to spares &amp; produce.</p> <p><b>TOS:</b> 8 June 1937      <b>SOS:</b> 1 June 1942</p>			
<b>K1325 / 511 A90</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
<p>Ex RAF K1325. Became Instructional Airframe # A90. Sent to Fleet Aircraft in 1941 (probably as a technical training aid). No further disposition available.</p> <p><b>TOS:</b> 8 June 1937      <b>SOS:</b> 4 March 1941</p>			
<b>K1326 / 512 A91</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
<p>Ex RAF K1326. In service at RCAF Station Trenton, ON in 1937. Suffered a Cat "C" accident on 13 April 1938; no details available. Later became Instructional Airframe # A91. Later sent to Clarke Ruse Aircraft (probably as a technical training aid). No further disposition available.</p> <p><b>TOS:</b> 8 May 1937      <b>SOS:</b> 18 March 1941</p>			
<b>K1328 / 513 A37</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
<p>Ex RAF K1328. With No. 3 (B) Squadron, RCAF Stations Rockcliffe, ON, Calgary, AB, and Halifax, NS, 1937 to September 1939. With No. 3/10 Squadron, RCAF Station Halifax, September 1939. Used by No. 10 (BR) Squadron, RCAF Station Halifax, NS, 1939/40. Later became Instructional Airframe # A37. Later reduced to spares &amp; produce.</p> <p><b>TOS:</b> 5 March 1936      <b>SOS:</b> 14 October 1940</p>			

<b>K1139 / 527 A54</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF K1139. In use at RCAF Station Trenton, ON in 1938. With the AAS as of 5 August 1939. Later became Instructional Airframe # A54 with No. 1 TTS as of 4 May 1940. Later issued to No. 14 Air Cadet Squadron as a training aid.			
<b>TOS:</b> 18 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 4 February 1942	
<b>K1143 / 528 A40</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF K1143. In use at RCAF Station Trenton, ON in 1938. Later became Instructional Airframe # A40 as of 13 Feb 1940. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 18 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 1 May 1941	
<b>K1146 / 529 A64</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF K1146. Category "B" damage at RCAF Station Trenton, ON on 25 July 1939. With 10(BR) Sqn in Halifax, NS. Dismantled for packing as of 02 Apr 1940. Later became Instructional Airframe # A64 as of 10 Jul 1940 with No. 1 TTS. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 18 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 30 January 1943	
<b>K1149 / 530</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF K1149. With No. 3 (B) Squadron, RCAF Stations Rockcliffe, ON, and Calgary, AB, 1937 to July 1939. Struck off, after <b>Category "A"</b> crash at Calgary on 23 February 1939. The aircraft suffered an engine failure while in low level flight. The pilot attempted a forced landing into a large field but misjudged the approach and crashed onto the militia training grounds of the Calgary Highlanders. The pilot and passenger were uninjured but two soldiers on the ground suffered minor injuries. The pilot was later sanctioned for flying too low.			
<b>TOS:</b> 10 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 5 December 1939 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>	
<b>K1322 / 531 A55</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF K1322. Served at RCAF Station Trenton, ON in 1938. In stored reserve as of 3 Jun 1939. Later became Instructional Airframe # A55 at No. 1 Technical Training School in St Thomas, ON. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 18 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 8 August 1942	
<b>K1324 / 532 A65</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF K1324. To No. 3 Squadron in 1938. With No. 3/10 Squadron, RCAF Station Halifax, September 1939 until June 1940. Cat "C" accident on 3 April 1940 when the a/c nosed over on a soft runway. Later became Instructional Airframe #A65 at No. 1 Technical Training School in St Thomas, ON as of 10 July 1940. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 18 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 26 January 1943	
<b>K1329 / 533</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF K1329. In use at RCAF Station Trenton. Struck off, after <b>Category "A"</b> crash at Trenton, ON on the evening of 23 February 1939. The pilot, D/O B.D. Richer, was a solo night flying practice mission (on skis) from Trenton. Near Belleville, ON, the aircraft suffered an engine failure. The pilot dropped a parachute flare and attempted a forced landing in a large field but landed short in a wooded area. The pilot escaped serious injury but the aircraft was heavily damaged.			
<b>TOS:</b> 10 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 22 August 1939 - <b>Cat "A" write-off</b>	

<b>K1330 / 534 A57</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF K1330. In service at RCAF Station Trenton, ON in 1937. Later became Instructional Airframe # A57 as of 27 Jul 1940. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 18 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 2 June 1942	
<b>K1336 / 535 A66</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF K1336. To No. 3 (B) Squadron in 1938. Used by No. 10 (BR) Squadron, RCAF Station Halifax, NS, 1939/40. Later became Instructional Airframe # A66 as of 11 Jul 1940 at No. 1 Technical Training School in St Thomas, ON. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 18 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 24 April 1943	
<b>K1342 / 536 A41</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF K1342. To No. 10 (B) Squadron in 1939. Later became Instructional Airframe #A41 as of 22 Jan 1940 and was assigned to the Air Armament School in Trenton, ON. Total Flying Time - 470:10 hrs. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 19 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 2 June 1942	
<b>K1366 / 537 A42</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF K1366. In use at RCAF Station Trenton, ON in 1939. Later became Instructional Airframe #A42 as of 22 Jan 1940 and was assigned to the Air Armament School in Trenton, ON. Total Flying Time - 492:40 hrs. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 19 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 2 June 1942	
<b>K1378 / 538</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF K1378. In use at Ottawa in 1938. With No. 3/10 Squadron, RCAF Station Halifax, September 1939 until Jun 1940. Later became Instructional Airframe at No. 1 Technical Training School in St Thomas, ON as of 10 Jul 1940. Issued to No. 13 Air Cadet Sqn as a training aid as of 12 Dec 1942. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 19 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 24 October 1944	
<b>J9612 / 539 A68</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF J9612. With No. 10 (BR) Squadron at Halifax, NS in 1939. Dismantled for packing as of 02 Apr 1940. Later became Instructional Airframe # A68 as of 11 July 1940. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 19 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 29 September 1942	
<b>J9617 / 540 A43</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF J9617. In service at Trenton in 1938. Later became Instructional Airframe #A43 as of 2 Jan 1940 and was assigned to the Air Armament School in Trenton, ON. Total Flying Time - 592:00 hrs. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 19 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 2 June 1942	

<b>J9868 / 541 A69</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF J9868. With No. 3/10 Squadron, RCAF Station Halifax, September 1939. Suffered a "C" Category accident on 3 March 1940; no details available. Later became Instructional Airframe # A69 as of 10 Jul 1940 at No. 1 TTS. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 19 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 3 June 1943	
<b>J9869 / 542 A70</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF J9869. With No. 3/10 Squadron, RCAF Station Halifax, September 1939. With 10 (BR) Sqn, Halifax in March 1940. Later became Instructional Airframe #A70 at No. 1 Technical Training School in St Thomas, ON as of 10 Jul 1940. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 19 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 30 January 1943	
<b>543 A71</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF J9870. With No. 3 (B) Squadron, RCAF Stations Rockcliffe, ON, Calgary, AB, and Halifax, NS, 1938 to September 1939. With No. 3/10 Squadron, RCAF Station Halifax, September 1939. Later became Instructional Airframe #A71 at No. 1 Technical Training School in St Thomas, ON. as of 10 Jul 1940. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 19 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 3 June 1943	
<b>544 A72</b>	Westland	Wapiti	Mk. IIA
Ex RAF J9871. Used by No. 10 (BR) Squadron, RCAF Station Halifax, NS, 1939/40. Later became Instructional Airframe # A72 at at No. 1 Technical Training School in St Thomas, ON. as of 10 Jul 1940. Later reduced to spares & produce.			
<b>TOS:</b> 19 November 1937		<b>SOS:</b> 29 September 1943	

## NOTES

### Abbreviations:

AB	=	Alberta
(B)	=	Bomber
c/n	=	construction number
NS	=	Nova Scotia (Canada)
ON	=	Ontario (Canada)
RAF	=	Royal Air Force
RCAF	=	Royal Canadian Air Force
SOS	=	Struck Off Strength
S/N	=	Serial Number
Sqn	=	Squadron
Stn	=	Stn
TOS	=	Taken On Strength
TTS	=	Technical Training School

### Aircraft Damage Level (ADL) Categories: <sup>1</sup>

The Canadian Forces ADL is a qualitative categorization system used to determine the level of damage sustained by an aircraft during a flight safety occurrence. The following damage level definitions are used to reflect the degree of damage:

<sup>1</sup> Drawn from: A-GA-135-001/AA-001 Manual of Flight Safety for the Canadian Forces

Category "A" = Destroyed / missing: The aircraft has been totally destroyed, is assessed as having suffered damage beyond economical repair or is declared missing; **NB** - Aircraft totally destroyed are normally written off the inventory. Accidents with a lower ADL may also subsequently result in administrative write-off of the aircraft for reasons not directly related to the damage.

Category "B" = Very Serious: The aircraft has sustained damage to multiple major components;

Category "C" = Serious: The aircraft has sustained damage to a major component;

Category "D" = Minor: The aircraft has sustained damage to non-major components; and

Category "E" = Nil: The aircraft, including the power plant, has not been damaged.

**Wapiti Category "A" Crashes** = 3 (or 3 / 25 = 12% of the fleet)

### **Instruction Airframe Categories**

In the Canadian Armed Forces, airframes relegated to training purposes were categorized with an alpha-numeric serial number. The letter designation denoted one of four categories as follows:

"A" prefix - identifies aircraft that are deemed repairable and potentially could be returned to flight status

"B" prefix - identifies aircraft that are permanently assigned to the ground training role

"C" prefix - identifies ground training aircraft that have been sectioned

"D" prefix - identifies aircraft consigned as demolition targets

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