**History of Westland Wessex HU5 XT466 (c/n WA288)**

15/10/65 First flight flown by Mr DAS Colvin

19/10/65 Delivered to RN and held by HHU RNAY Fleetlands

18/11/65 845 Sqn coded DB

20/12/65 Stbd engine fire warning during an engine ground run (Lt A MacGregor)

01/04/68 Flotation gear inflated prior to take-off on HMS Bulwark (Lt LK Eames RM & LREM E Keen)

16/05/68 Hydraulic failure, precautionary landing Culdrose (Lt RDP Henderson, Sqn Ldr RM Todd + 5 pax)

14/07/68 Crane on HMS Bulwark flight deck at Wilhemshaven struck nose door

02/08/68 RNAY Fleetlands

06/11/68 845 Sqn coded DB/DA

25/11/69 Tail pylon-fold warning in flight, landed at RAF Valley (Capt WR Spicer USMC & LREM Moorehead)

30/01/70 RNAY Fleetlands

23/04/70 845 Sqn coded DA, DB, (Y) DA

23/09/70 Underslung trailer fell 200ft from underslung hook in hover, Lefkonico Range, Cyprus (Lt RE Graves)

28/09/70 Damaged whilst landing on uneven ground, Goshi Trouli Range, Cyprus (Lt RE Graves)

19/05/71 Port engine ran down prior to take-off, Woodbury Common, Exmouth (Lt RG Evans RM)

04/09/71 Flotation bags inflated in hover alongside HMS Bulwark off Plymouth (L/C JT Rawlins/Lt RF Shercliff)

15/10/71 Underslung Land Rover dragged sideways along ground, Turkey (Lt TJ Yarker)

16/02/72 Main rotor blades hit tree at landing site at Vieques airfield Puerto Rico (Lt Cdr RF Shercliff)

18/02/72 Stbd engine failure after take-off, Roosevelt Roads (Fg Off D Whatling RAF & Lt R Money)

20/09/72 HMS Albion, co-pilots sliding window lost in flight (Lt PR Calderly)

24/11/72 Noted on HMS Albion, 845 Sqn coded D

23/01/73 Stbd engine throttle problem (Lt M Heger FN)

13/06/73 RNAY Fleetlands for repair

08/05/74 NASU Yeovilton

00/06/74 848 Sqn coded VL/B

21/09/74 Noted at Yeovilton Airshow coded VL/B

00/01/75 NASU Yeovilton

28/10/75 848 Sqn coded VL/B

00/07/76 RNAY Wroughton

09/12/76 RNAY Fleetlands long term storage

23/02/79 NATIU Lee-on-Solent

01/08/79 771 Sqn Culdrose coded 528/CU

02/03/81 RNAY Fleetlands

27/04/81 771 Sqn Culdrose coded 528/CU

26/06/81 Noted at World Helicopter Championship coded 528/CU of 771 Sqn at Culdrose



29/03/82 771 Sqn Culdrose coded 528/CU

05/05/82 Transferred to reformed 847 Sqn, delivered by air to Yeovilton on 06/05/82 uncoded

07/05/82 Allocated to 847 Sqn, B Flt, coded XV

13/05/82 Flown from Yeovilton to HMS Raleigh, Torpoint and embarked on mv Atlantic Causeway in Plymouth Sound (one of 20 Wessex HU5s)

14/05/82 Sailed on MV Atlantic Causeway to Falkland Is, arrived Ascension Is 22/05/82, anchored San Carlos

Water 01/06/82

01/06/82 Disembarked to the FOB at Port San Carlos settlement, later operated from Teal Inlet, Fitzroy and

elsewhere, before moving to Navy Point 25/06/82

25/06/82 Transferred from 847 Sqn to 845 Sqn Falkland Islands Detachment at Navy Point till 27/09/82

06/11/82 Embarked onto MV Astronomer off Port Stanley and sailed for UK circa 14/11/82

03/12/82 Arrived Devonport, still coded XV and offloaded 04/12/82

08/12/82 Delivered by road to RNAY Wroughton where it was transferred from 845 Sqn to RNAY Wroughton

03/02/87 Delivered to 2 SofTT RAF Cosford as 8921M

15/04/91 Delivered to by road to Duke of Wellington’s Regiment, Weeton Barracks, Preston, as A2617 for use

as a de-emplaning trainer

16/05/97 By road to AESS (Air Engineering & Survival School), HMS Sultan, Gosport as GIA helicopter



25/10/09 Noted onshore at Liverpool with HMS Illustrious for Fly Navy 100 Celebrations coded “X-V”

11/09 to 08/15 Whittington Barracks, Lichfield, Staffs as Gate Guardian

02/09/11 Noted at Whittington Barracks



08/15 Everett Aero, Sproughton, Suffolk

02/16 Private owner, stored at Kemble Airport, Glos

09/17 Private owner, Robert Pountney, loaned to Morayvia at Kinloss, stored at Spey Bay Moray

04/05/17 Transported to Morayvia

12/09/18 Visited by the Duke of York after having been repainted in RN SAR colours and named “Duke of York”

