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DHC-6 Twin Otter Series 300

TF-POF



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Series 300

N6868

N1456T

• Registration • Activity and details of Owner/Operator and other historical information

- **N6868** de Havilland Canada Inc., Downsview, ON. Rolled out date 20-Apr-1969. First flight 23-May-1969
- **N6868** Interior Airways, (Interior Air Taxi) Fairbanks, AK. Delivered 29-May-1969.
- **N6868** Leased to North Air, Fairbanks, AK. Regd Mar-1970.

Note: North-Air filed for bankruptcy Jan-1971

- **N6868** Returned to Interior Airways, (Interior Air Taxi), Fairbanks, AK. Jan-1971.
- **N6868** Sold to Omni Aircraft Sales. Regd 1972.
- **N6868** Leased to Air America. Regd Sep-1972.

Air America Service History: The aircraft was bought at a price of \$475,000 in Aug-1972. The registration was requested on 18-Aug-1972 and officially registered to Air America on 25-Sep-1972. It was fitted with APQ-115 terrain-following radar and initially painted in regular blue/white/black colour. It arrived at Udorn. Thailand on 10 September 1972 and flew standard resupply sorties by day and Special Project drops by night operating out of PS-44 north of Pakse. It acted as an airborne command post during the wiretap mission to Vinh, North Vietnam, on 06 & 07 Dec-1972. Special flight permits for overload flights for special purpose missions were requested on 30 –Jan-1973. It received battle damage over Laos on 09-Feb-1973 and was repaired at Udorn on 19-Feb-1973. . It was then assigned to contract F04606-71-C-0002 for use out of Vientiane between 16 and 30 Apr-1973 and then assigned to contract F04606-71-C-0002 for use out of Udorn between 01 Nov and 31-Dec-1973 and 01-Apr and 31-May-1974. In dark night colors. (There is a photo taken at Vientiane in March 74 in this scheme), it flew Udorn-Pitt's Camp (T-603)-Udorn on 28-Apr-1974 and was later stored at Tainan from March-1975.

Subsequent history: Its departure from Thailand to the Continental US was scheduled for 27-Mar-1975 and staged through Air Asia at Tainan, where it was painted all white and was at Tainan between 15-Jun-1975 and 09-Sep-1975. It was then ferried to Roswell NM between 09 and 26-Sep-1975. Its sale was agreed to Omni Aircraft Sales, Washington DC, for \$275,000 according to the Sales Agreement of 13-Nov-1975, and finalised to Omni Aircraft Sales, Washington, DC on 02-Feb-1976. Deregistration from Air America was requested on 06-Feb-1976.

- **N6868** Returned to Omni Aircraft Sales, Washington, D., Regd 02-Feb-1976. Canx 11-Jun-1976.

Noted at Downsview, ON 02-Apr-1976, 14-Jun-1976 & 19-Aug-1976

- **OY-POF** Sold to Greenlandair Charter Air Service, Godthab, Nuuk, Greenland. Temp. regd 16-Jul-1976. Full regd Aug-1976.

Airworthiness date: 29-Oct-1976.

- **OY-POF** Leased to Norwegian Antarctic Expedition, Regd Oct-1986.

Arrived New Zealand via ship transport 20-Oct-1986 and departed Invercargill 12-Nov-1986 on delivery to Antarctica.

- **OY-POF** Returned to Greenlandair, Nuuk, Feb-1987.

Flew via Nice, France – Southend, Glasgow, UK – Reykjavik, Iceland on return 10/11-Feb-1987 on return

Accident: 03-Sep-1987 Damaged in heavy landing at Jameson Land, Greenland; no further details; repairable and returned to service Arrived Calgary, AB 15-Oct-1987 for repairs

- **OY-POF** Leased to Zimex Aviation, Zürich, Switzerland in 1990

- **OY-POF** Returned to Greenlandair, Nuuk, Mar-1991.

Flew Zürich, Switzerland – Southend, UK – Stornoway, UK en route Greenland on return 25-Feb-1991 – 03-Mar-1991.

- **OY-POF** Leased to Empire Airways, Coeur d'Alene / Hayden Lake, ID. 30 May-1991. Regd 26-Jun-1991.

- **OY-POF** Returned to Greenlandair, Nuuk. Regd 03-Dec-1991. Aircraft named "Slorarsloog".

- **OY-POF** Name changed to Air Greenland. Regd date 01-Feb-1992.

- **TF-POF** Sold to Norlandair, Akureyri, Iceland. Based Kangerlussaq, Greenland ,Apr-2011.

• **Current** •

N6868 on tundras, bound for **INTERIOR**.



Photo: Unknown photographer © June 1969 - Michael J. Ody Collection

OY-POF at Ardmore - NZAR, New Zealand.



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OY-POF at Christchurch - NZCH, New Zealand.



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OY-POF much travelled, at Bodø - ENBO, Norway.



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OY-POF back in the northern hemisphere at Calgary - CYYC, Alberta.



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OY-POF at Calgary, bound for **EMPIRE AIRLINES**.



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OY-POF back at Calgary - CYXC, sporting tail code "**12**".



Photo: D. Dunsmore © November 1991 - Michael J. Ody Collection

OY-POF at Calgary, ready for *GLACE* GREENLAND.

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OY-POF of *GRØNLANDSFLY* at Kangerlussuaq / Søndre Strømfjord - BGSF.



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TF-POF of norlandair at Aukreyri - BIAR, Iceland.



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