



South Australian Aviation Museum

Aircraft Profile

ENGLISH ELECTRIC CANBERRA T4 WD954 (Forward Fuselage)

History of WD954

WD954 was built as the thirteenth example of the Canberra B2 bomber and was delivered to the RAF in December 1951. In 1956 it was converted to a T4 trainer by replacement of the nose section incorporating side by side seats for student and instructor, while retaining the existing navigator's seat. It was used by RAF 76 SQDN at RAF Upwood.

In January 1959 WD954 was transferred to Edinburgh for trials use with the Weapons Research Establishment at Woomera. It was used as an airborne tracking station and later worked with the Air Trials Unit. It was retired from flying duties in 1970, and then was used as a weapons target with some airframe damage during the Karinga cluster bomb trials. It was disposed of to the Mildura Warbirds Aviation Museum before being acquired by SAAM as a source of parts for its Canberra B2.

The T4 nose section was separated from the airframe and has been fully restored by museum members. The cockpit display is part of a display on the Vietnam War adjacent to Canberra WD954 in Hangar 1, and is dedicated to the memory of Flying Officers Herbert and Carver who were lost in action in Vietnam flying RAAF Canberra A84-231.

