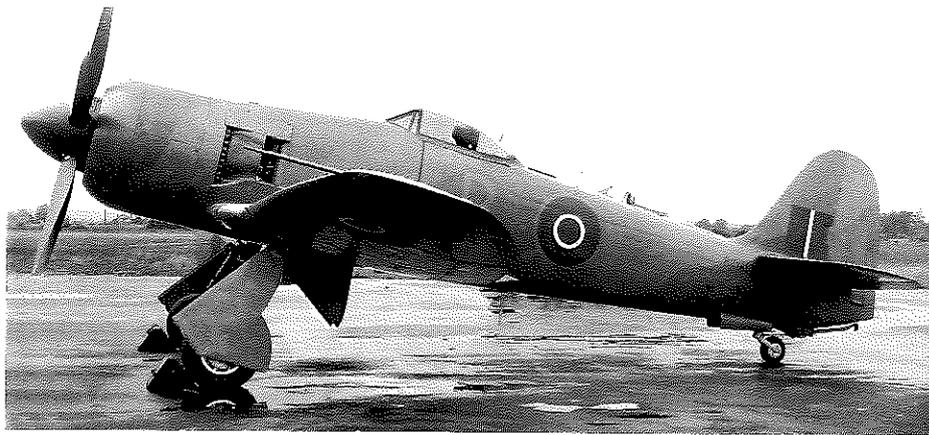
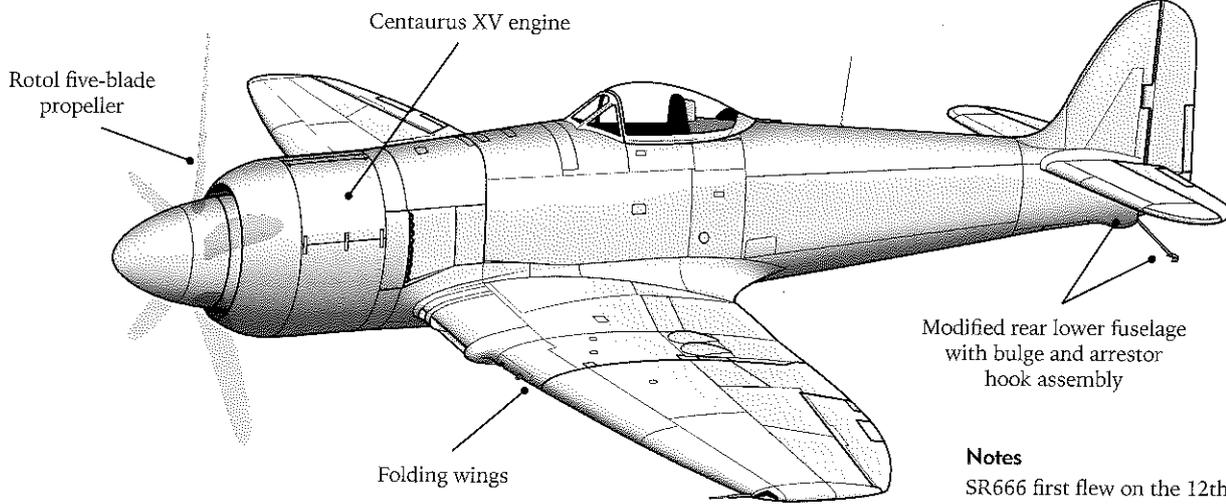


Sea Fury SR666 & VB857

– Same as NX798 except:



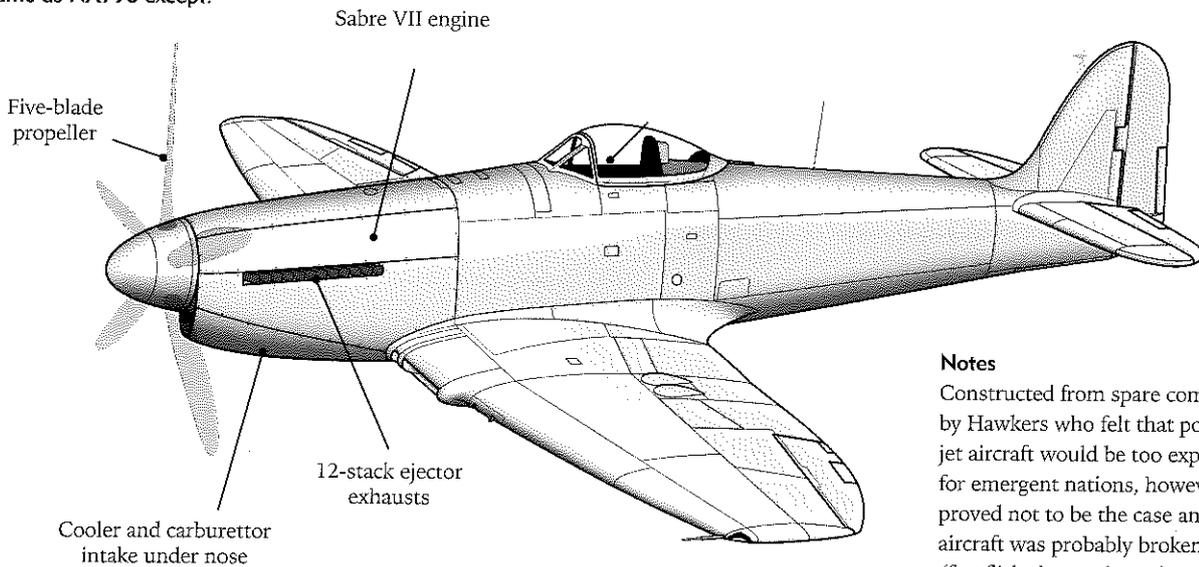
This image shows SR666 in its original form complete with pitot on the port wing and the short arrestor hook (©MoS/British Official)

Notes

SR666 first flew on the 12th October 1945, was fully navalised with folding wings, armament, naval radio equipment and arrestor hook. Undertook service trials at A&AEE Boscombe Down in 1946, and performed deck landing trials on HMS Victorious. Suffered tail hook failure during one landing, only instant response from the engine allowed the pilot to climb over parked aircraft on the deck and land safely back ashore! VB857 first flew on the 31st January 1946, was the first airframe to not feature rigid engine mounts, instead having the new dynafocal mounting. First aircraft to also fly safely without engine problems thanks to revised crankcase lubrication.

Fury VP207

– Same as NX798 except:



Notes

Constructed from spare components by Hawkers who felt that post-war jet aircraft would be too expensive for emergent nations, however this proved not to be the case and this aircraft was probably broken up (first flight date not known).