



FOKKER F. VII-3m/W, 'FRIENDSHIP'

A Fokker F. VIIb-3m trimotor, the NX 4204, was modified into a seaplane by changing the normal wheel undercarriage for two floats, for the flight across the Atlantic from West to East, by Miss Amelia Earhart and her companions Wilmer Stultz and Lou Gordon. The red painted fuselage featured the name of 'FRIENDSHIP', a name which would also be given, some thirty years later, to Fokker's F. 27 twin-turboprop. On June 17, 1926, the 'Friendship' took off, heavily loaded with petrol for the first crossing of the North Atlantic by a woman. On the following day, the Irish coast was reached and another history-making flight with a Fokker aircraft had been performed. The 'Friendship' of Amelia Earhart was the only F. VII trimotor seaplane ever built.

