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5HP 684CC V TWIN IOE V-TWIN

FRAME NO. 51G316

FIRST UK REGISTRATION 13 JAN 1921

REG NO. BY3882

The Indian Motorcycle Company, founded in Springfield Massachusetts in 1901 and by 1910 was the world's largest manufacturer of production motorcycles. Originally producing large volume side valve singles in 1907 they started building twin cylinder V engines in a long wheelbase chassis that allow a comfortable, low seating position similar to its contemporary competitor Harley-Davidson. However Indian were seen as the better due to superior technology, their lower weight and higher torque.

<p>Page 1.</p> <p>R.F. 60A</p> <p>ROADS ACT, 1920 REGISTRATION BOOK FOR A Mechanically Propelled Road Vehicle.</p> <p><i>Read carefully the following Instructions.</i></p> <p>1. Upon the first issue of this Book sign your name in the top space provided on page 3.</p> <p>2. Keep your Book in a safe place, not on the Vehicle. If you lose the book, you may have trouble and delay in renewing the licence and obtaining petrol coupons, or in disposing of the vehicle; and you should report the loss at once to your Registration Authority.</p> <p>3. If the particulars on page 7 are not correct, inform the Registration Authority at once.</p> <p>4. If you make any change in your vehicle which affects the particulars on page 7 (h.p., unladen weight, seating capacity, colour or type of body, or if you change the class (e.g., private to hackney, goods to private, etc.) or if not already so licensed, desire to draw a trailer, you must at once inform your Registration Authority and send this book to them. (It is an offence not to notify any change of the registration particulars.) You must at the same time send the licence when the alteration affects any of the particulars thereon. If the alteration made increases the amount of licence duty payable, you should send a cheque for the amount of the additional duty.</p> <p>Renewal of Licence. (See Note on page 2.)</p> <p>5. When your licence expires, if the vehicle has not changed hands since the licence was issued, get a Renewal Form (R.F. 1a) from your Registration Authority or from a Motor-Order Book Office, fill it up and apply in accordance with instructions on the form.</p> <p>6. If the last licence was not taken out by you, the vehicle must be fully declared on the appropriate Declaration Form and application made to the Registration Authority before a new licence can be obtained.</p> <p>7. If the licence is not renewed owing to the non-use of the vehicle, you must retain this Registration Book and produce it to the Registration Authority when you apply at a subsequent date for another licence for the same vehicle. When a vehicle is broken up, destroyed, or sent permanently out of Great Britain the Registration Book must be surrendered to your Registration Authority.</p> <p>(Continued on page 4.)</p>	<p>Page 2.</p> <p>Address of Registration Authority with whom this Vehicle is Registered.</p> <p>WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY HALL CHICHESTER</p> <p>EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL TAXATION DEPARTMENT COUNTY HALL LEWES</p> <p>CITY TREASURER, LICENCES OFFICE, 5, SOUTH PARADE, LEEDS, 1.</p> <p><i>Park Lane</i> <i>Leeds 1</i></p> <p>N.B.—A Vehicle may be used during the fourteen days following the expiry of the licence provided that application is made for a renewal licence on or before the fourteenth day.</p>	<p>Page 3.</p> <p>Name and Address of the Person Registered with the Council, whose Date Stamp is affixed hereon, at the Person keeping the Vehicle, the particulars of which are given on page 7.</p> <p>Full Name ALEXANDER BLACK (IN BLOCK CAPITALS) Address 27, Broad Rogues R.</p> <p>30/1/25 Usual Signature } Date Stamp</p> <p>1st CHANGE Full Name JOHN KELLY (IN BLOCK CAPITALS) Address 2, Colton Lane Horsforth</p> <p>29/9/29 Usual Signature } Date Stamp</p> <p>2nd CHANGE Full Name OLIVER LANGTON (IN BLOCK CAPITALS) Address 61, CALL LANE LEEDS 1</p> <p>Usual Signature } Date Stamp</p> <p>3rd CHANGE Full Name VICTOR HENRY SMITH (IN BLOCK CAPITALS) Address 96, HURST DRIVE STRETTON</p> <p>Usual Signature } Date Stamp</p> <p>BURTON-ON-TRENT STAFFS</p> <p>IMPORTANT.—THE PERSON IN WHOSE NAME A VEHICLE IS REGISTERED MAY OR MAY NOT BE THE LEGAL OWNER OF THE VEHICLE.</p>
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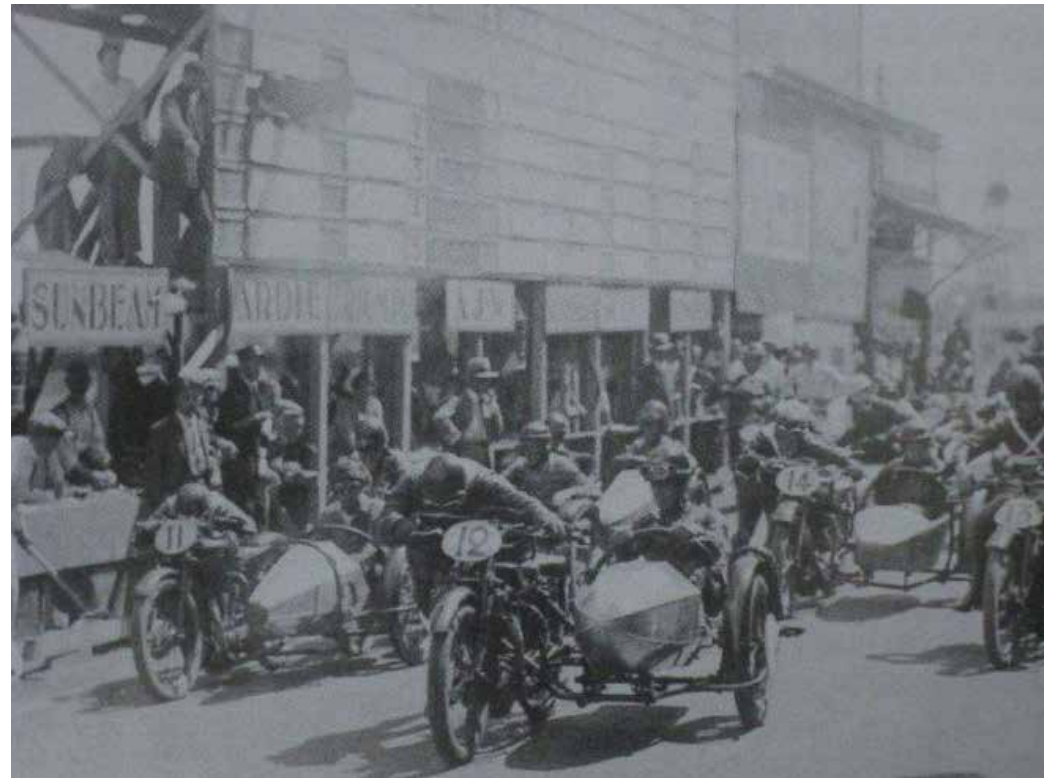
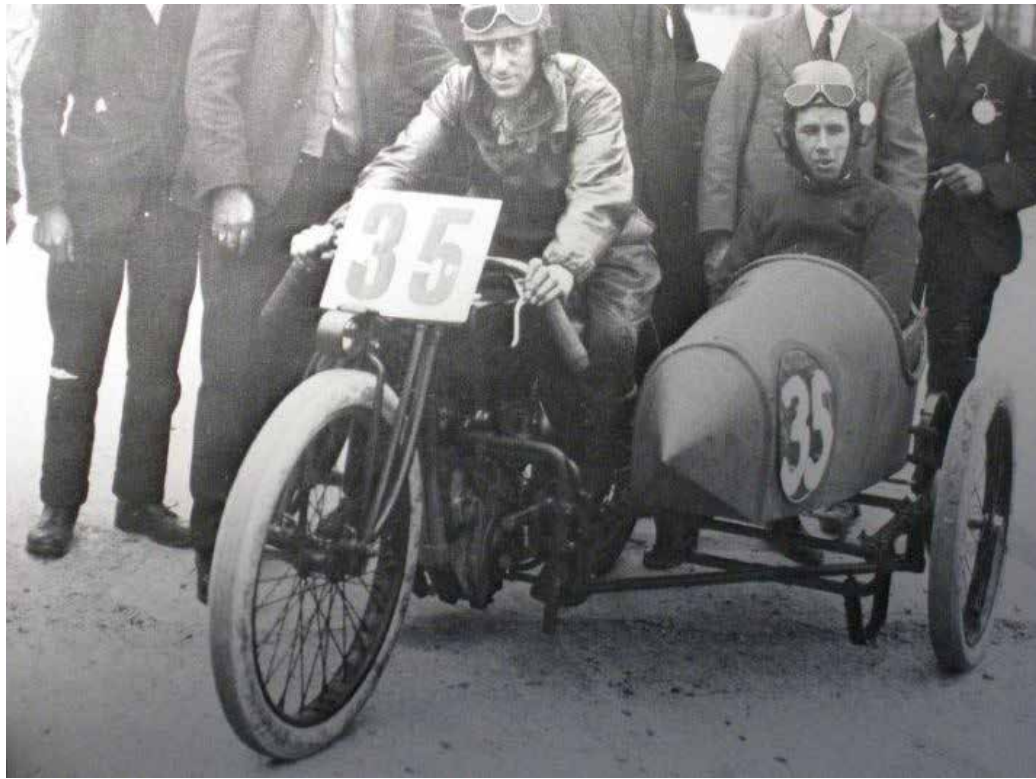
Walter Owen Bentley rode successfully races with such Indian motorcycles before his time as a car manufacturer.

This "G little Twin" was built in 1915 and is mechanically identical to the winning machine at the Isle of Man TT in 1911 when they finished in the first three positions.

Shipped to England in 1921 without a saddle, as leather was not able to be imported at the time, an English one was fitted and is still in place today.

It features the optional 'semi-TT' handlebars and the three-speed transmission with foot operated clutch.

Although there is no front brake, there are two at the rear: one internal-expanding and the other external-contracting.





BY3882 underwent an earlier restoration and is still in very good condition and now has a gorgeous patina.

There are no reproduction parts installed on the motorcycle apart from the sidecar which has been re-planked in a contemporary style.

Highly original including engine internals. Recently serviced by the late George Cohen.







