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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1943

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Fighter Nights by John Bennett/Ian Evans/Les Scarlett [logbook]/Dick Thomas

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Additional Unit movements: Trewan Sands Radar Site.

Additional logbook movements.

SUMMARY

1943 saw the start of the USAAF presence at Valley with the establishment of a Ferry Terminal as part of the European Division [EURD] of Air Transport Command, along with Nutts Corner, Prestwick, Stornoway & St Mawgan. Known as Station 1005 originally, personnel from Valley also went to set up the Ferry Operation at Nutts Corner in N Ireland.

For simplicity they are mentioned as 'TRANSAT' in this document.

[the 8th AF also had maintenance bases at: Burtonwood, Warton and Langford Lodge]

Abbreviations

DFC	Distinguished Flying Cross
FS/FG	Fighter Squadron/Group [USAAF]
MSFU	Merchant Ship Fighter Unit [Speke]
OTU	Operational Training Unit
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force

Sqn	Squadron
SSQ	Station Sick Quarters [Medical Centre]

Note:

There may be the odd discrepancy regarding dates as some Unit records recorded 00:01 to 23:59 as a daily record whilst others notably Valley recorded 18:00 to 06:00 as a daily record, thus an incident may differ within a day or so according to the various Unit records.

January 1943 [AIR 28/874]

Extension of Runway 1 [02/20] to 1,400yds was completed this month.

Work started on extending Runway 3 [14/32] to 2,000yds.

Saturday 2nd January 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1899/33][AIR 29/437]

		Walrus	275 Sqn	Delivery
		Walrus	275 Sqn	Delivery
Both delivered from RNAS Lee-on-Solent.				
DZ268	RX-B	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery
N2457		Hurricane I*	MSFU	'BLUE1' F/O P D O'Sullivan
W9128		Hurricane I*	MSFU	'BLUE2' F/O L V King
*From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course, departed back 9.1, sorties flown 3/4/7/8.1				

Sunday 3rd January 1943 [F78][AIR 29/437]

HJ939	RX-E	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery
DM214		Master II*	1486 Flt	F/O P D O'Sullivan
*Air-to-air gunnery at Valley, pilot was from the MSFU, see 2.1				

Monday 4th January 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 16/583]

		Walrus	275 Sqn	P/O Smith visited Andreas
Based noted: W/C Wolfe OC 456 Sqn flew the incoming new CO W/C Dwyer on an Island reconnaissance of Anglesey in Beaufighter X8251:RX-A.				

Tuesday 5th January 1943 [AIR 29/437]

DL360		Master II*	1486 Flt	F/O L V King
*Air-to-air gunnery, pilot was from the MSFU, see 2.1				

Wednesday 6th January 1943 [AIR 27/1708/1][AIR 16/583][AIR 27/1388/1]

AL507	Z	Liberator II	224 Sqn	P/O P J Cundy
From Beaulieu for 'SE Tests' [Special Equipment Tests ?] a request signal to Valley mentions a 2-day detachment from 4-5.1.43 but no indication when it returned to Beaulieu. Next noted on Operations with 224 Sqn from Beaulieu on 8.2.43				
	JH-	Spitfire VB*	317 Sqn	
*Air-to-air gunnery from Woodvale.				

Thursday 7th January 1943 [AIR 27/1488/25][Fighter Nights]

JS264	ZY-	Hurricane IIB	247 Sqn	Sgt Cosser from High Ercall
JS334	ZY-	Hurricane IIB	247 Sqn	Sgt Van [Lulum] from High Ercall
V8441		Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 96 Sqn
V8520		Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 96 Sqn
EL188	RX-R	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 96 Sqn

Friday 8th January 1943 [RAFM]

Based noted: W/C Wolfe OC 456 Sqn flew Mosquito IIF HJ938 three times on this date. [One flight was a demonstration of the new type]				

Saturday 9th January 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][F78][Fighter Nights][AIR 29/437]

V9737		Lysander IIIA	275 Sqn	P/O Cameron
Assisted in the rescue of a Botha crew [4] which were in a dinghy off Hoylake. The crew were picked up by the Hoylake lifeboat. [most probably Botha I L6237 11 RS, Hooton Park crashed in bad weather in the Dee Estuary near Bagillt, Flintshire]				
	EB-	?x Spitfire VB**	41 Sqn	Practice 'Rhubarb' attack on Valley.
**Effectively an airfield attack.				
DZ269	RX-U	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery
DZ293	RX-A	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery
V8495	RX-S	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 96 Sqn [or 7.1 ?]
N2457		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 2.1
W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 2.1
DL360		Master II	1486 Flt	F/O King Air-to-air gunnery
V7166		Hurricane I*	MSFU	F/O P D O'Sullivan
W9310		Hurricane I*	MSFU	F/O L V King
From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course, departed back 13.1, sorties flown 10/12/13.1				

Sunday 10th January 1943 [AIR 27/1488/25][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874]

		Dakota/C-47		
Rounded up by Sgt Samson, 456 Sqn over the Wirral and shepherded to Valley.				
L2282		Walrus I	275 Sqn	P/O Smith to Andreas
Landed at Ronaldsway due to bad weather, then flew to Andreas.				
JS264	ZY-	Hurricane IIB	247 Sqn	Sgt Cosser to High Ercall
JS334	ZY-	Hurricane IIB	247 Sqn	Sgt Van [Lulum] to High Ercall
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L4907	[RX-]	Blenheim I*	456 Sqn	
*Sank onto the tarmac as there were no undercarriage safety pins fitted during engine runs, damaged to one propellor and port undercarriage, repaired.				
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X8194	RX-	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	

Carrying out gun attacks probably at the Carmel Head Range at 16:40 when it hit the top of a house with one of its propellers **and crashed at the Northern end of the Island**, aircraft was a write-off. Also quoted as Cemaes Bay.

Pilot	Sgt	C S Samson [RAAF]	Ok
Pax	Sgt	Morabito [275 Sqn]	Ok

Monday 11th January 1943

456 Sqn – 4 Mosquitoes on charge now.				

Tuesday 12th January 1943 [AIR 27/1899/33][AIR 27/764/39][AIR 28/1]

	RX-	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 96 Sqn
	RX-	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 96 Sqn
	RX-	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 96 Sqn
	RX-	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 96 Sqn
		Walrus	275 Sqn	P/O Smith, delivery to Andreas

Wednesday 13th January 1943 [AIR 27/2004/18][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/1][AIR 29/437]

		?x [Hurricane]*	535 Sqn	
*air-to-air gunnery, from & to High Ercall.				
		Walrus	275 Sqn	P/O Cameron visited Andreas
V9738		Lysander IIIA	275 Sqn	P/O Calvert visited Llanbedr
V7166		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 9.1
W9310		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 9.1
	1G	Anson	3 SoGR	F/S Potter
Possible movement, worked Llandulas & Valley.				

Thursday 14th January 1943 [AIR 27/1899/33][F78][AIR 29/437]

DZ658	RX-	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery making eight in total so far.
DD789	RX-D	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery
N2457		Hurricane I*	MSFU	P/O H Taylor
W9128		Hurricane I*	MSFU	F/O G Booth

*From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course with 1486 Flt, departed back 17.1, sorties flown 15/17.1

Friday 15th January 1943 [AIR 27/1899/33][AIR 27/2004/18][AIR 27/425/49][F78]

HJ852	RX-M	Mosquito TIII	456 Sqn	F/L Hill, delivery from Castle Camps.
Sqn ORB says 15.1.43 whereas the F78 [Aircraft Movement Card] says 22.1.43				
		?x ?*	535 Sqn	
*Air-to-air gunnery course, from & to High Ercall.				
	EB-	?x Spitfire VB**	41 Sqn	From & to Llanbedr
**ORB mentions the Sqn flying to Valley for lectures before returning to Llanbedr for 15:45.				

Sunday 17th January 1943 [AIR 27/1899/33][AIR 28/369][AIR 29/437]

	RX-	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery
	RX-	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery
These two now make a total of 12 Mosquitoes & 17 Beaufighters with 456 Sqn.				
		Beaufighter	96 Sqn	Weather diversion from Honiley
N2457		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 14.1
W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 14.1

Monday 18th January 1943 [AIR 27/425/49][Fighter Nights]

Last 456 Sqn Beaufighter operational sortie flown.				
	EB-	?x Spitfire VB*	41 Sqn	
*One section from Llanbedr for air-to-air gunnery with a Martinet, flew several sorties before returning to Llanbedr.				
R2325	RX-K	Beaufighter IIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 54 OUT [or 22.1]

Tuesday 19th January 1943 [AIR 27/764/39]

	RX-	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 96 Sqn
	RX-	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 96 Sqn

Wednesday 20th January 1943 [AIR 27/1488/25]

JS338	ZY-	Hurricane IIB	247 Sqn	F/O Robertson from High Erroll
AM275	ZY-	Hurricane IIB	247 Sqn	F/O Gear from High Erroll

Thursday 21st January 1943 [F78]

HJ916	RX-J	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery
HJ943	RX-F	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery

Friday 22nd January 1943 [AIR 27/1899/33][F78]

DZ297	RX-R	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	First operational Mosquito sortie.
DZ310	RX-T	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery
HJ941	RX-G	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery

Saturday 23rd January 1943 [F78][Fighter Nights]

DZ682	RX-K	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery
V8455	RX-G	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 96 Sqn [or 23.2 ?]

Sunday 24th January 1943 [AIR 27/1488/25][F78]

JS338	ZY-	Hurricane IIB	247 Sqn	F/O Robertson to High Erroll
AM275	ZY-	Hurricane IIB	247 Sqn	F/O Gear to High Erroll
DZ308	RX-V	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery

Monday 25th January 1943 [AIR 27/1899/33][AIR 27/764/39][AIR 28/874][Fighter Nights][AIR 28/369][AIR 29/437]

W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/L M Garden
V7166		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O J H Davies

From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course, departed back 29.1, sorties flown 26.1				
V8440		Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 96 Sqn [or 15.1 ?]
	ZJ-	Beaufighter	96 Sqn	Air gunnery Course
	ZJ-	Beaufighter	96 Sqn	Air gunnery Course
	ZJ-	Beaufighter	96 Sqn	Air gunnery Course
Three aircraft and four crews.				
DD751	RX-W	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery
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DZ658	RX-	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	
Undershot coming in to land on Runway 2 [26] at 20:40 and went through the railway fence leaving his landing wheels on the railway line, fuselage broke in half just behind the mainplane, ending up between the railway line and the runway threshold. Written off, first Sqn Mosquito accident.				
Pilot	P/O	Roger Billingley Hitchcock		Ok [also quoted as F/O]
Obs	P/O	Leslie Rupert Parnell		Ok [also quoted as F/O]

Tuesday 26th January 1943 [AIR 29/437]

DM214		Master II	1486 Flt	F/O J H Davies
Air-to-air gunnery, pilot was from the MSFU. The aircraft flew twice with F/L M Garden on the second flight, see 25.1				

Thursday 28th January 1943 [Fighter Nights]

X8026	RX-L	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 256 Sqn, Woodvale
X8251	RX-A	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 256 Sqn, Woodvale
DD682		Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery

Friday 29th January 1943 [F78][Fighter Nights][AIR 28/1][AIR 29/437]






DZ307	RX-Y	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery
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DD682		Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	
Damaged, to De Havilland for repairs 16.2.43				
		Lysander	275 Sqn	
Carried out a search for an overdue Anson between Turnberry and Carew Cheriton, landed Andreas to refuel.				
V7166		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 25.1
W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 25.1

Saturday 30th January 1943 [AIR 27/1899/33][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][F78]

DZ267	RX-Z	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery
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EL214	RX-K	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	
High speed stall and crashed into the sea whilst practising evasion tactics at 17:00. Location given as VC8306 [Valley 016/23.5nms] 275 Sqn Lysander IIIA V9738 [P/O Cameron] carried out a search as well as a Mosquito, debris field located.				

Pilot	Sgt	William Robert George Anderson [RAAF]	Killed [Runnymede]
Obs	Sgt	Leslie Gill [RAAF]	Killed [Runnymede]

Monday 1st February 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][F78]

W/C M [Micky] H Dwyer takes over command of 456 Sqn.				
DZ681	RX-L	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	Delivery
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BB275	[FD]-S	Halifax II	1659 HCU	From Topcliffe.
Engine failure due to fuel system mishandling. Crashed near Rhoscolyn School, 4 mile Bridge at 12:40 with no survivors.				
Pilot	Sgt	Joseph Gaspard Arsenault [RCAF]	Killed [buried Holyhead RC]	
Nav	Sgt	Alan Bayne Wedderspoon	Killed [buried Golders Green]	
B/A	Sgt	James Barrie Diggle George	Killed [buried Oswestry]	
W/Op	Sgt	Thomas Herbert Clapham	Killed [buried Flixton]	
F/E	Sgt	Peder Larsen [RCAF]	Killed [buried Maeshyfyrd]	
AG	F/Sgt	John Louis Boivin [RCAF]	Killed [buried Holyhead RC]	
AG	Sgt	Harvey Frank Gorrie [RCAF]	Killed [buried Holyhead RC]	
2 nd /Nav	F/Sgt	David Clayton Carder [RCAF]	Killed [buried Maeshyfyrd]	
<div><div><p>RJ08150 SERGEANT J. G. ARSENAULT PILOT ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE 1ST FEBRUARY 1943 AGE 26</p></div><div><p>RJ0818 SERGEANT P. LARSEN FLIGHT ENGINEER ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE 1ST FEBRUARY 1943 AGE 27</p></div><div><p>RJ26477 SERGEANT 1st SECTION J. L. BOIVIN AIR GUNNER ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE 1st FEBRUARY 1943</p></div><div><p>RJ20741 SERGEANT H. F. GORRIE AIR GUNNER ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE 1ST FEBRUARY 1943 AGE 22</p></div><div><p>RJ21511 FLIGHT SERGEANT D. C. CARDER NAVIGATOR ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE 1ST FEBRUARY 1943 AGE 19</p></div></div>				
[All: Hywel Evans]				

Tuesday 2nd February 1943 [AIR 28/369]

	ZJ-	Beaufighter	96 Sqn	Air gunnery Course
	ZJ-	Beaufighter	96 Sqn	Air gunnery Course
	ZJ-	Beaufighter	96 Sqn	Air gunnery Course

Wednesday 3rd February 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1]

DE475		Tiger Moth	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne
Routed: Valley-Fairwood Common-Portreath.				
W3037		Walrus I	275 Sqn	P/O Jessett from Andreas via Speke

Thursday 4th February 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1]

		Walrus	275 Sqn	Sgt Coleman
V9738		Lysander IIIA	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann
Both aircraft involved in a search for a Wellington reported missing 3.2.43, nothing seen. [This was most probably Wellington VIII HX596 547 Sqn enroute Chivenor to Tain] 41 Sqn Spitfires 'RED SECTION' from Llanbedr were also involved in the search.				

Friday 5th February 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1]

V9738		Lysander IIIA	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann
Involved in a search for a Mustang which crashed near Point of Ayr, on arrival there the aircraft had crashed on the beach. Due to bad weather at Valley the crew flew to Woodvale then Hawarden, night stopping. This was most probably Mustang I AP216 41 OTU which crashed into the sea off Prestatyn after hitting a pole, killing the pilot P/O D Shingleton-Smith.				

Saturday 6th February 1943 [AIR 27/1488/28][AIR 27/1591/1]AIR 29/437]

	ZY-F	Typhoon IB	247 Sqn	F/O Burton from & to High Ercall
V7464		Hurricane I*	MSFU	F/O H R Noble
V7162		Hurricane I*	MSFU	P/O G M Smith
*From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course with 1486 Flt, departed back 11.2, sorties flown 7/8/9/10.2				

Monday 8th February 1943 [AIR 27/1899/35][AIR 27/1708/3]

		Lysander III	1486 Flt	Damaged in high winds
		Lysander III	1486 Flt	Damaged in high winds
	JH-	Spitfire VB	317 Sqn	Air gunnery from Woodvale
	JH-	Spitfire VB	317 Sqn	Air gunnery from Woodvale

Tuesday 9th February 1943 [AIR 27/]

	WS-	Lancaster B.	9 Sqn	
The 9 Sqn ORB mentions a 'night cross country by a new crew which force landed in Anglesey'. Nothing mentioned in Valley, Mona, or Bodorgan's ORB's.				

Wednesday 10th February 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1]

[DE475]		Tiger Moth II	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne from Portreath
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Thursday 11th February 1943 [AIR 27/1488/28][AIR 29/437]

[DE877]		Tiger Moth II	247 Sqn	Sgt Wheeler from High Ercall
	ZY-R	Typhoon IB	247 Sqn	Sgt Colquhoun from & to High Ercall
	ZY-U	Typhoon IB	247 Sqn	P/O Marlatt from High Ercall
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BM580	VZ-	Spitfire VB	412 Sqn	From Fairwood Common [Swansea]
Crashed on Anglesey. Taken away for repair and converted to Seafire IB NX924. [F78]				
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V7464		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, 6.2
V7162		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, 6.2

Saturday 13th February 1943 [AIR 27/1488/28][AIR 27/295/4][AIR 28/874]

W/C M H Dwyer assumes command of the Station from February to June. [from June 1943 to 26 th November 1943 OC 456 Sqn assumes command]				
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[DE877]		Tiger Moth II	247 Sqn	Sgt Wheeler to High Ercall
	ZY-U	Typhoon IB	247 Sqn	P/O Marlatt to High Ercall
AE444		DH.95 Flamingo	24 Sqn	P/O F Altman [ex. G-AGAZ]
A/Cdre Kingston-McCloughry, routed: Nutts Corner-Valley-Hendon. TRANSAT meeting.				

Sunday 14th February 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AB][IBCCA][AIR 29/437]

V9737		Lysander IIIA	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann
Search for an Anson 25nms from Valley, crew of four picked up by ship. Possibly Anson I EG434 3 SoGR, Squires Gate which ditched in Cardigan Bay 10nm West of Towyn.				
	19	Anson I	1[O]AFU	F/S Laing
Routed Wigtown-Mull of Galloway-Valley-Conway Bridge-Little Ross-Wigtown				
V7464		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O G M Gray
W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O A D J Williams
From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course, departed back 22.2, sorties flown at Valley 16/17/18/19/20/21.2.				

Tuesday 16th February 1943 [AIR 27/295/4]

X9316		Electra 12A	24 Sqn	F/L P Anderson [ex. G-AEOI]
W/T training flight from Hendon, N/stop.				

Wednesday 17th February 1943 [AIR 27/295/4]

X9316		Electra 12A	24 Sqn	F/L P Anderson to Hendon, see 16.2
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Thursday 18th February 1943 [AIR 29/437][AVIA 1/15]

W9310		Hurricane I*	MSFU	F/O J H Taylor from Speke
V7464		Hurricane I*	MSFU	F/O J H Taylor to Speke
*Aircraft changeover with 1486 Flt				
X9329		Hornet Moth	MSFU	F/O N Taylor
From and to Speke with a replacement armourer.				
K7058		Blenheim I	RAE	Martindale
From & to Farnborough, static vent trial 18-20.2.43				

Saturday 20th February 1943 [AIR 27/1899/35]

DZ297	RX-R	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	F/S Stevens
Forced landing due to engine failure, no damage.				
Pilot	F/S	Frederick Stanley Stevens	Ok	

Monday 22nd February 1943 [AIR 29/437]

W9310		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, 14 & 18.2
W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 14.2
Aircraft changeover with 1486 Flt.				

Tuesday 23rd February 1943 [AIR 27/1899/35][AIR 27/1164/8]

R7914	JE-	Typhoon I	195 Sqn	S/L D M Taylor, from Woodvale.
EJ910	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt N Arbon, from Woodvale
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HJ852	RX-M	Mosquito TIII	456 Sqn	
Forced landing at dusk after engine failure due to the fire extinguisher in the port engine nacelle exploding and severing various pipes plus the propellor would not feather.				
Pilot	S/L	Brian Hugh Maloney	Ok	
Nav			Ok	

Thursday 25th February 1943 [AIR 27/1899/35][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874]

BL468		Spitfire VB	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser from & to Andreas
		Martinet TTI*	Stn Flt	Delivery
*to be used for target towing for 456 Sqn and RAF Llanbedr.				
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X8199	RX-	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	
Forced landing due to engine failure at 16:00, landed 1500 feet short of runway two [26], transferred to 19 MU for repairs 24.3.43.				
Pilot	S/L	S P Richards	Ok	
Pax	P/O	G R Houston [RAAF]	Ok	

Friday 26th February 1943 [AIR 29/437]

Navigator F/S Stovell 456 Sqn died in Hospital after a long illness.				
N2457		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O A S Smith
AG281		Hurricane X	MSFU	F/O A S Smith
From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course with 1486 Flt, departed back 2.3, sorties flown Initially flew in N2457 to Valley but found to be unserviceable, flown back to Speke and AG281 flown to Valley as a replacement.				

Saturday 27th February 1943 [AIR 29/437]

456 Sqn takes over day readiness from 41 Sqn after their departure from Llanbedr.				
P5209		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O H A Cordell
From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course with 1486 Flt, departed back, sorties flown 27/28.2				
[DM615]		Master	275 Sqn	S/L Seabourne to & from Andreas
'DM615' is not a Master serial, most probably DM215.				

Sunday 28th February 1943 [AIR 29/437]

P5209		Hurricane I*	MSFU	F/L A H Burr to Speke
N2457		Hurricane I*	MSFU	F/L A H Burr from Speke
*Aircraft changeover.				

March 1943 [AIR 28/874]

Extension of Runway 3 [14/32] to 2,032yds was completed this month. 456 Sqn unit establishment:				
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18 Mosquito NFII
1 Mosquito TIII – HJ852
1 Magister
1 Beaufighter NFII
5 Beaufighter VIF

Leslie 'Red' Scarlett was a pilot with 275 Sqn at Valley from March 1943 to February 1944.

He recollected the following in 1997:

'Much of our time was spent at the two detachments at Andreas, IoM & Eglinton, N Ireland. I started off on Lysanders and then onto the Walrus. Whilst at Valley I didn't take part in any operational pick-ups as the Motor Launches were normally close or very near to the scene. When we were on constant readiness we used to sit outside the Nissen hut playing a gramophone, the one tune we used to play over & over was Nat Gonella [Nathaniel Charles Gonella] playing The William Tell Overture. We would also go every second Friday by coach to Llandudno'

Les then went to 294 Sqn in the Middle East, his logbook extracts appear in the Archive.

Monday 1st March 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1899/38][AIR 29/437]

L2207		Walrus I	275 Sqn	Sgt Coleman to Andreas
V9749	PV-C	Lysander IIIA	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann from Andreas
DZ268	RX-B	Mosquito NFII*	456 Sqn	S/L Merrifield & Sgt Silva
DZ682		Mosquito NFII*	456 Sqn	F/L Hill & W/O Cox
*Both ordered to escort a B-17 into Valley, but the aircraft ended up in Ireland/N Ireland?				
[DM]130		Master II	1486 Flt	F/O A S Smith
Air-to-air gunnery sortie, pilot was from the MSFU. Serial is probably either DL130 or DM130.				
FL975		Liberator [V]		Delivery from Gander to the UK
FL975 would eventually become 'B' with 59 Sqn.				

Tuesday 2nd March 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437]

W3037		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/L Calvert to Cowes
Aircraft was flying to Saunders-Roe at Cowes for hull repairs. Over Cardigan Bay the engine started to run rough and 2nms W of Newquay failed completely. Ditching carried out and engine re started and the aircraft was taxied into Newquay. Walrus R6590 flew down with spares but no repairs were carried out that night with R6590 returning to Valley. On 5.3 W3037 [P/O Cameron] was flown to Worthy Down via Fairwood Common, it flew to Cowes on 6.3.43				
R6590		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne to & from Newquay
N3423		Defiant I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser from & to Andreas
AG281		Hurricane X	MSFU	P/O J A Stewart
N2457		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O P J R Flynn
From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course with 1486 Flt.				
N2457		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 26.2
AG281		Hurricane X	MSFU	To Speke, see 26.2

Wednesday 3rd March 1943 [AIR 29/437]

V9737		Lysander III	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong flew twice
W9310		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O G M Smith
P5209		Hurricane X	MSFU	P/O H Taylor
From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course with 1486 Flt, departed back, sorties flown 3 & 4/5.3				
DL360		Master II	1486 Flt	F/O P J R Flynn
DK940	24	Master II	1486 Flt	P/O J A Stewart
Both Masters were flown by MSFU pilots.				

Friday 5th March 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437][AIR 28/44]

V9738		Lysander IIIA	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong sector recce
		Beaufighter	256 Sqn	To Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter	256 Sqn	To Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter	256 Sqn	To Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter	256 Sqn	To Ballyhalbert
Ballyhalbert ORB mentions 4 Beaufighters ex. 256 Sqn arrived from Valley on attachment to Ballyhalbert.				
L2207	PV-Z	Walrus I	275 Sqn	Visited Newquay, Wales see 2.3
N2457		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke for repairs, see 2.3

Saturday 6th March 1943 [AIR 27/1899/37][AIR 29/437]

V9737		Lysander III	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong dinghy dropping
N2457		Hurricane I	MSFU	From Speke after repairs, see 5.3
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HJ852	RX-M	Mosquito TIII	456 Sqn	
Tailwheel collapsed after landing, not locked down properly.				
Pilot	P/O	P E Biggin		Ok

Sunday 7th March 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][Fighter Nights]

V9738		Lysander IIIA	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann to Hawarden N/stop
Involved in a search for a Tiger Moth [24 EFTS Sealand ?] in the Dee Estuary.				
X8263	RX-D	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 488 Sqn, Ayr

Monday 8th March 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437]

V9738		Lysander IIIA	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann from Hawarden, see 7.3
DM215		Master II	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong to & from Andreas
AG281		Hurricane X	MSFU	F/O G Booth
W9310		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O H B Moffett
P5209		Hurricane X	MSFU	F/O J L Melia
These three aircraft were delivered to Valley by these pilots and were then flown back to Speke by the pilots who had just completed the air-to-air gunnery course.				

AG130		Hurricane X	MSFU	W/C G C Pinkerton from & to Speke
DM214		Master II	1486 Flt	
Flown four times by MSFU pilots.				

Tuesday 9th March 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/437]

Conference held regarding TRANSAT planning.				
N3423		Defiant I	275 Sqn	Sgt Cross from & to Andreas
V9749	PV-C	Lysander III	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong sector recce
N2647		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O J A Stewart
To and from Speke with aircraft spares.				
DM214		Master II	1486 Flt	Range sortie

Wednesday 10th March 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437]

EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	Delivery
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	Delivery
EG540	PV-E	Anson I	275 Sqn	Delivery
EG548		Anson I	275 Sqn	1 st Anson from Silloth [22 MU]
R6590		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne visited Woodvale
N3423		Defiant I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser from & to Andreas
V6732		Hurricane I*	MSFU	F/L A H Burr from Speke
AG281		Hurricane X*	MSFU	F/L A H Burr to Speke
*Aircraft changeover.				
DL360		Master II	1486 Flt	Range sortie
EV749		Argus	3 FPP	Crowder from Hawarden

Thursday 11th March 1943 [AIR 29/437][AIR 29/437]

W5749		Hornet Moth	MSFU	F/O N Taylor from & to Speke
Delivered personal equipment and mail to Valley.				
DL360		Master II	1486 Flt	F/O P J R Flynn
To and from Speke to collect spares for a MSFU Hurricane at Valley, pilot was from the MSFU.				

Friday 12th March 1943 [AIR 29/437]

V7162		Hurricane I	MSFU	S/L G W B Austin from & to Speke
Visit to see OC 1486 Flt.				
W9310		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 8.3
N2647		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O H Taylor to Speke
W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O H Taylor from Speke
Aircraft changeover.				

Saturday 13th March 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437]

L2207		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/L Owen visited Penrhos
DM215		Master II	275 Sqn	F/O Mercer

Routed: Valley-Lichfield-Anstey-Church Lawford-Valley.				
V6732		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 10.3
DM214		Master II	1486 Flt	F/O H B Moffett range sortie

Sunday 14th March 1943 [AIR 25/633]

BZ276		Boston III		From Gibraltar
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Monday 15th March 1943 [AIR 27/1899/37][AIR 1595/1]

DZ307	RX-Y	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	W/O V P Ratcliffe & F/S R C Lowther
HJ916	RX-J	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	P/O's H Smith & J R Ross
HJ941	RX-G	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	S/L S P Richards & P/O R L Mills
All three departed to Colerne for 'Ranger' operations over France. Returned to Valley 25.3.				
V9738		Lysander III	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann
Involved in a search for a missing Anson. Anson found floating 3nms N of Cemaes Bay, four crew picked up by boat. This is most probably Anson I DJ627 9[O]AFU [Sgt Walker] from Llandwrog.				

Tuesday 16th March 1943 [AIR 27/1164/10][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 764/43][AIR 16/583][AIR 29/437]

DN389	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt N Arbon, from Woodvale
EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Hitchcock visited Llanbedr
	ZJ-	Beaufighter*	96 Sqn	
*One aircraft plus groundcrew for air-to-air gunnery for 14 days.				
Valley Admin document on this date mentions the strength of 1486 Gunnery Flight as: 3 Masters/5 Lysanders/1 Martinet				
W9310		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see
W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 12.3
P5209		Hurricane X	MSFU	To Speke, see 8.3

Thursday 18th March 1943 [AIR 27/1899/37][AIR 29/668]

	RX-	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	F/O B Howard visited Colerne
		Whitley	24 OTU	F/L Walker
Weather diversion from Honeybourne.				

Friday 19th March 1943 [AIR 27/1164/10]

V7778	JE-	Hurricane I	195 Sqn	S/L D M Taylor from & to Woodvale
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Saturday 20th March 1943 [AIR 27/1899/37][Fighter Nights][AIR 29/437]

W9310		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O H Smith
V7162		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O A D J Williams
From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery with 1486 Flt, departed back, sorties flown 20/21/22/23/24/26/27/28.3				
DM214		Master II	1486 Flt	F/O Mercer with MSFU pilots
T3028	RX-V	Beaufighter IIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 54 OTU

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		Beaufighter VIC	[OADU]	Coastal Command/Portreath
Landed wheels up just off the end of runway three[32] due to port engine failure. Nothing in 248 or 404 Sqn ORB's, possible Ferry Unit ?				
Pilot	Sgt	Horwood		Ok
Obs				Ok

Sunday 21st March 1943 [AIR 29/668]

		Whitley	24 OTU	To Honeybourne, see 18.3
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Monday 22nd March 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1]

L2282		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser from Andreas
N3423		Defiant I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser to Andreas
R9006		Lysander III	275 Sqn	Furlong target towing

Tuesday 23rd March 1943 [AIR 27/538/28][lancasterbombers.net][AIR 27/1899/37][AIR 28/874][AIR 28/682][AIR 27/425/53]

ED413	DX-C	Lancaster BIII	57 Sqn	S/L G W Curry landed 00:45
ED308	DX-D	Lancaster BIII	57 Sqn	Sgt W E McCrea landed 00:40
W4358	DX-O	Lancaster BI	57 Sqn	Sgt R P Grimwood landed 00:35
		Lancaster B		
		Lancaster B		
		Lancaster B		
Diverted due to fog at Scampton on return from a bombing raid on St Nazaire, France. Seven aircraft altogether at 01:30 according to 456 Sqn ORB but the Valley ORB only mentions six, the others might possibly have been from 50 Sqn, nothing specific but their aircraft diverted to eight un-named different bases or possibly 97 Sqn as their ORB mentions all aircraft but one landed away from Base but again names no specific Bases. RAF Scampton's ORB only mentions 57 Sqn aircraft but no specific numbers.				
		[Spitfire]	41 Sqn	S/L T F Neil
41 Sqn ORB mentions a trip to Valley, by air ?				

Wednesday 24th March 1943 [Fighter Nights]

X8199	RX-J	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 19 MU, see 25.2
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Friday 26th March 1943 [AIR 27/1164/10][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437][L Scarlett logbook]

EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong to Andreas
V7778		Hurricane I	195 Sqn	Sgt M Reid from & to Woodvale
T3920		Defiant I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser from Andreas
L2282		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser to Andreas
DM214		Master II	1486 Flt	F/O Mercer with MSFU pilots
DL360		Master II	1486 Flt	P/O A D J Williams [MSFU]
V9738		Lysander IIIA*	275 Sqn	
*scrambled to 32nms NE of Valley for a ditched Anson, on arrival the Anson had sunk but				

there were 2 Mosquitoes orbiting the position. A dinghy from a cargo boat picked up all 5 Anson crewmen.

Saturday 27th March 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][AIR 28/494][AIR 29/437]

[R]W7350		Spitfire VA	HQ FC	S/L Young
Routed: Hucknall-Woodvale-Valley-Hucknall. Possibly 12 Gp Comms Flt.				
DL360		Master II	MSFU	P/O A D J Williams [MSFU]
V9738		Lysander IIIA*	275 Sqn	Sgt Scarlett landed Llanbedr
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong
Routed: Andreas-Woodvale-Valley.				
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V9749	PV-C	Lysander IIIA*	275 Sqn	Sgt Coleman
L2207		Walrus I*	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne
R6590		Walrus I*	275 Sqn	P/O Cameron
*Scrambled to search for a missing USAAF Lysander IIIA V9741 2025 Gunnery Flight/6 FW, Atcham 'GYRO25' [Lt Lilley] from Llanbedr in Cardigan Bay 20nms South of Penrhos but nothing found. Dinghy seen with 2 Mosquitoes orbiting; Pilot, Lt A Lilley picked up by Motor Launch ML351 from Aberystwyth but no trace of the Observer [Pvt J C Edwardson]. Initial Mayday call was picked up by P-47 from Llanbedr 2025 Flt.				

Sunday 28th March 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1791/37]

EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong to & from Andreas
	HU-	[Beaufighter]	406 Sqn	S/L S J Fulton [or an Oxford]
From and to Middle Wallop, visit regarding 406 Sqn impending move to Valley. Three crew involved so could easily have been the Sqn Oxford aircraft.				

Monday 29th March 1943 [AIR 27/1791/37][AIR 29/547/2]

456[RAAF]Sqn Main Party departs to Middle Wallop. Air Echelon departed 30.3.43				
Aircraft known to have served with 456[RAAF]Sqn whilst at Valley are: Defiant I [] unconfirmed N1558 N1569 N1647 N1690 N1706 N3313 N3367 N3370 [N3430] N3458 N3477 N3496 N3497 T3933 T3939 T3940 :PZ-V T3950 T4003 T4007 T4065 T4066 [T4111] V1116 V1124 V1175 V1177 AA282 AA283 AA284 AA285 AA286. Blenheim L1170 L1371 L4907 Oxford [P8606] Magister I [P2464] Beaufighter IIF R2325:RX-K R2334 R2341 R2343 R2344:RX-L R2371:RX-R R2372 R2381 R2382:RX-Z R2394 R2395 R2474 R2476 T3012:RX-K T3014 T3017:RX-B T3021:RX-J T3022 T3024 T3026 T3027:RX-H T3028:RX-V T3036 T3042 T3047 T3145:RX-F T3151 T3181 T3368 T3370:RX-Z T3371:RX-D T3379 T3383 :RX-A V8133:RX-E Beaufighter VIF V8133:RX-E V8440 V8444:RX-W V8455:RX-G V8467:RX-H V8495:RX-S V8520 X7895:RX-V X7896 X8026:RX-L X8100:RX-E X8138:RX-Z X8190:RX-K X8194:RX-T X8195 X8199:RX-J				

X8200 X8205:RX-H X8206:RX-G X8251:RX-A X8261:RX-F X8262:RX-Y X8263:RX-D X8265:RX-B EL188:RX-R EL214:RX-K Mosquito TIII HJ852:RX-M Mosquito II DD751:RX-W DD789:RX-D DZ247 DZ267:RX-Z DZ268:RX-B DZ269:RX-U DZ293:RX-A DZ297:RX-R DZ299 DZ307:RX-Y DZ308:RX-V DZ310:RX-T DZ658 DZ681:RX-L DZ682:RX-K HJ916:RX-J HJ938 HJ939:RX-E HJ941:RX-G HJ943:RX-F				
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	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	W/C Stephenson/ F/O Lynes
From & to Middle Wallop.				
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	P/O H D McNabb
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	F/L E A Murray
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	F/O A G Lawrence
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	Sgt Hereford
		Oxford	406 Sqn	Sgt Tucker
4* Beaufighters flown from Middle Wallop to Valley as part of the Sqn move. The Oxford returned the crews back to Middle Wallop.				
W3037		Walrus I	275 Sqn	P/O Smith to Andreas
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DJ618	[K]	Anson I	9[O]AFU	From Llandwrog
Ditched in the sea off Holyhead, crew were in the sea for 6 hours before being picked up by a Naval launch.				
	P/O	McLean	Ok	

Tuesday 30th March 1943 [AIR 27/1573/23][AIR 27/1164/10][AIR 27/1899/37][AIR 29/437][**AIR 27/425/53**]

W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O P A Riddoch
N2457		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O H A Cordell
From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course with 1486 Flt, departed back 13.4, sorties flown on 2/3/4/6/8/9/10.4				
W9310		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 20.3
V7162		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 20.3
		Spitfire	41 Sqn	P/O Johnson
		Spitfire	41 Sqn	P/O Newman
From & to High Ercall AM for air-to-air firing. [first air-to-air firing at Valley by 41 Sqn]				
	RX-	?x Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	To Middle Wallop, Sqn move.
DN482	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt L J Warner from Woodvale
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	Sgt Donovan from Middle Wallop
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O McNabb from Middle Wallop
K6978	BJ-	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	W/O J Mruk
K7010	BJ-	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	F/Sgt J English N/stop Middle Wallop
*From Doncaster to Middle Wallop with 456[RAAF]Sqn support and return with 406 Sqn support.				

Wednesday 31st March 1943 [AIR 27/1573/23][AIR 27/425/53]

406 Sqn arrive from Middle Wallop with remainder of the Beaufighter VIF. Seventeen aircraft on charge. Detachment established with two aircraft at Ballyhalbert, N Ireland. **The Main Party arrived by train at 16:30.**

The 406 Sqn ORB mentions the following as the initial impressions of RAF Valley:

'Considerable difference between our previous location at Middle Wallop exists both in general conditions and comfort. The chief of which is the more rigorous terrain and weather, lack of running water, central heating, and the great distance to be traversed between the widely dispersed sites. Otherwise the accommodation and facilities appear excellent and a very friendly and co-operative spirit on the part of the Station personnel is manifest'

	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	
These were the remaining aircraft from Middle Wallop.				
K7010	BJ-	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	F/Sgt J English
*From Middle Wallop to Doncaster.				
K6978	BJ-	Harrow I	271 Sqn	W/O J Mruk to Doncaster
		Spitfire	41 Sqn	Sgt Stonier
		Spitfire	41 Sqn	F/O Davies
From & to High Ercall for air-to-air firing.				

Thursday 1st April 1943 [AIR 27/1791/38]

Station had a half day to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the RAF.

406 Sqn had the following aircraft on readiness:

1 aircraft at Valley on day 40min readiness.

2 aircraft at Valley on night immediate readiness and 2 on 40min readiness.

2 aircraft at Ballyhalbert on night 1hr readiness.

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Friday 2nd April 1943 [AIR 27/1597/34][AIR 27/425/55]

		?x Spitfire	41 Sqn	
41 Sqn ORB mentions 'a number of pilots went to Valley for air-to-air firing'				
EG500		Anson I	276 Sqn	P/O Dimblebee
From Harrowbeer, liaison visit to 275 Sqn at Valley.				

Saturday 3rd April 1943 [AIR 27/1164/12][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1597/34][AIR 27/425/55][L Scarlett logbook][AIR 27/1791/38]

EN601	EB-	Spitfire XII	41 Sqn	F/O C R Birbeck
EN609	EB-Y	Spitfire XII	41 Sqn	Sgt J Stonier
Whilst on air-to-air firing detachment from High Ercall they were scrambled from Valley at 16:00 to 27,000ft for 2 enemy aircraft, nothing was seen though. Landed 16:35.				
DN482	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt L J Warner visited Woodvale
EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong to & from Andreas

V7464		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O J A Stewart from & to Speke
EG500		Anson I	276 Sqn	To Andreas, see 2.4
		?	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton & F/L Piper to Ford

Sunday 4th April 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1597/34][AIR 27/425/55]

		Spitfire	41 Sqn	
		Spitfire	41 Sqn	
From & to High Ercall for air-to-air firing.				
EG500		Anson I	276 Sqn	From Andreas, n/stop see 2/3.4
		Oxford	406 Sqn	Sgt Meakin from Middle Wallop
	HU-	Beaufighter	406 Sqn	F/L Lawrence to Woodvale
DM214		Master II	1486 Flt	F/L Hodges
Dual check carried out with both F/O P A Riddoch & F/O H A Cordell who were both MSFU pilots on detachment, see 30.3				
N2457		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O H A Cordell
From Valley to Speke for gun harmonisation.				
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HP267		Martinet TTI	1486 Flt	
Ditched in Cymyran Bay after engine failure at 300ft when pilot increased power after dropping the drogue he was towing. Crew swam ashore. Walrus R6590 275 Sqn [S/L Seabourne] was scrambled but not required.				
Pilot	Sgt	V Hennessy		Slightly injured
Opr	LAC	Higgott		Slightly injured
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		Walrus	275 Sqn	
Scrambled to rescue the pilot of a Mustang [41 OTU ?] which had crashed in the sea near Rhyl, pilot was rescued by boat.				
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		Roc/[Skua]	[776 NAS]	AIR 27/1791/39
Crash landed on beach. Pilot was flown back to Woodvale by a 406 Sqn Beaufighter flown by F/L A G Lawrence.				
Pilot	Sgt	Simpson		

Monday 5th April 1943 [AIR 27/1164/12][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][Fighter Nights][AIR 27/1597/34][AIR 27/425/55][AIR 27/1791/39]

DN389	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt G W Dopson visited Woodvale
W3037		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser from Andreas
R2343	RX-	Beaufighter IIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 54 OTU
		?	406 Sqn	F/L Harrison
To & from Middle Wallop.				
		?	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton
Arrived back from West Malling, see 3.4				

EG500		Anson I	275 Sqn	To Harrowbeer, see 2-4.4
	EB-	4x Spitfire	41 Sqn	
2 sections from High Ercall, air-to-air firing.				

Tuesday 6th April 1943 [AIR 27/1164/12][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 4/182]

W3037		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/S McClelland to Andreas
AS899		Oxford II	3 Del Flt	W/O Suttcliff
Routed: High Ercall-Fairwood Common-Valley-High Ercall.				
DN361	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt D E F Potter to Woodvale
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		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	AIR 27/1791/39
Ran off the side of the runway due to a strong wind, tail wheel damaged. Valley ORB quotes this as 5.4 and the Observer as F/O Rivers.				
Pilot	S/L	S J Fulton		Ok
Obs	F/O	H B McGonigal		Ok

Wednesday 7th April 1943 [AIR 27/1791/39]

		?	406 Sqn	F/O Girven
To & from Fairwood Common.				

Thursday 8th April 1943 [AIR 27/1164/12][AIR 27/1595/1]

DN482	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt L J Warner visited Woodvale
DN373	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	F/L W E Coombes from Woodvale
DN375	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt D E F Potter from Woodvale
DE209	JE-	Tiger Moth II	195 Sqn	Sgt J Lindsay from & to Woodvale
EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong to West Malling

Friday 9th April 1943 [AIR 27/1164/12][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/295/8][AIR 27/1791/39]

DN482	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt L J Warner visited Woodvale
EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong from West Malling
T3920		Defiant I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser to Andreas
LA619		Electra 12A	24 Sqn	S/L R Reid, Prestwick to Hendon
		?	406 Sqn	Sgt Gordon to & from Middle Wallop

Saturday 10th April 1943 [AIR 27/1899/39][AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1791/39]

HJ852	RX-M	Mosquito TIII	456 Sqn	Delivered to Middle Wallop
Delivered to 456 Sqn's new base at Middle Wallop by a 406 Sqn pilot who took one of 406's Beaufighters back.				
		Beaufighter	406 Sqn	From Middle Wallop, see above
		?	406 Sqn	W/C Stephenson to & from Wittering
DK940	24	Master II	1486 Flt	F/O P A Riddoch
To and from Speke to collect mail and washing for the MSFU personnel on detachment at Valley.				

Sunday 11th April 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1791/39]

W3037		Walrus I	275 Sqn	P/O Smith from & to Andreas
		?	406 Sqn	P/O Murray & Ireland
To & from Wittering.				
		?	406 Sqn	F/O McGonigal
Routed: Valley-Ford-Middle Wallop-Predannack-Valley.				

Monday 12th April 1943 [AIR 28/874]

TRANSAT Conference, visitors by air? Representatives from Air Ministry/Fighter Command/44 Group. 406 Sqn no flying due to localised fog.				
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Tuesday 13th April 1943 [AIR 27/1573/23][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1899/39][AIR 29/437]

K6947	BJ-	Harrow I	271 Sqn	W/O J Mruk from Catterick to Ford
K7024	BJ-E	Harrow I	271 Sqn	Sgt Parfitt from Catterick to Ford
K6987	BJ-P	Harrow I	271 Sqn	F/L Giedgowd from & to Doncaster
K6964	BJ-	Harrow I	271 Sqn	F/O Miller from Doncaster
DN389	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt Dopson to Woodvale
EJ910	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt J Harvey from Woodvale
DN482	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt L J Warner to Woodvale
DN314	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt J Lindsay from Woodvale
EG540	PV-E	Anson I*	275 Sqn	Sgt Blakey to Hawarden
*On the return flight they diverted to Llandwrog due to bad weather, returning to Valley later.				
		Mosquito	456 Sqn	From & to Middle Wallop
		Mosquito	456 Sqn	From & to Middle Wallop
The two Mosquitoes brought a pilot up from Middle Wallop to pick up & deliver DZ308 the last 456 Sqn Mosquito to leave Valley.				
DZ308	RX-V	Mosquito NFII	456 Sqn	To Middle Wallop
V7166		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O H Cook
P5209		Hurricane X	MSFU	F/O A S Smith
From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course with 1486 Flt, P5209 departed 19.4, sorties flown 15/16/18/17.4, V7166 also flew sorties on 19/20/23/24.4				
N2457		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 4.4
W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 30.3
T6026		Tiger Moth	MSFU	F/L G W Varley
From and to Speke with passenger F/L Griffiths.				

Wednesday 14th April 1943 [AIR 27/1573/23][AIR 27/1595/1]

K6964	BJ-	Harrow I	271 Sqn	F/O Miller to Predannack
N7435		Master	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser from Andreas

Thursday 15th April 1943 [AIR 27/1791/39][AIR 27/1595/1]

N7435		Master II	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser to Andreas
L2282		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/O Smith from & to Andreas
Picked up a tail oleo for Walrus I W3037.				
V8696		Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	To Predannack
X8224		Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	To Predannack
EL152		Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	To Predannack
Three aircraft and four crews detached to Predannack to carry out 'Ranger' Operations over France during the impending Moon period. One of the aircraft [S/L Fulton] routed via Middle Wallop. Crews were:				
S/L Fulton & F/O Rivers				
F/O Bennett & Sgt Ayton				
F/O Girven & F/O Barford				
P/O Shiplay & Sgt Bennett				

Friday 16th April 1943 [AIR 27/1573/23][AIR 27/1164][AIR 27/1595/1]

EG540	PV-E	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Calvert to Thame
On the return they had to land at Hawarden due to fuel shortage.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton from Predannack
DN441	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	P/O K A J Trott from Woodvale
DN331	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	P/O A J Oury to Woodvale
K6949	BJ-	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	F/O Pinney
K7005	BJ-	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	F/O Lintern
*Both from Predannack with 406 Sqn kit.				

Saturday 17th April 1943 [AIR 27/1573/23][AIR 27/1164][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1791/39]

EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	P/O Cameron visited Woodvale
EJ910	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	P/O K A J Trott to Woodvale
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Lawrence & F/S Wilmer
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Richards & Sgt Horne
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O Shipley & Sgt Bennett
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/S Tidy & Sgt Giles
Reinforcements for the Ballyhalbert Detachment.				
K6949	BJ-	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	F/O Pinney
K7005	BJ-	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	F/O Lintern
*support for 406 Sqn detachment to Ballyhalbert.				
V8696		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Predannack
X8224		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Predannack
EL152		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Predannack
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O Shipley to Ballyhalbert
		?	406 Sqn	F/O Richards & Sgt Horne
To & from Biggin Hill.				
		?	406 Sqn	S/L Freeman to Digby

Sunday 18th April 1943 [AIR 27/1164][AIR 28/874][Fighter Nights]

DM214		Master II	1486 Flt	F/L Hodges
Range sortie with P/O H Cook who was a MSFU pilot.				
L4907	[RX-]	Blenheim I	456 Sqn	Re-delivered after repairs, see 10.1
X8261	RX-F	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 406 Sqn, Valley
X8265	RX-B	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 406 Sqn, Valley
DN314	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt L J Warner
DN441	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt G W Dopson
These carried out air-air, air-ground, and cine gun practice at Valley. Both pilots flew both aircraft during five sorties each.				
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[X8169]		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	
Force landed due to engine trouble.				
Pilot	F/L	Murray	Ok	
Obs	F/O	Littlewood	Ok	

Monday 19th April 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437]

EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Cameron visited Speke
DL204		Master II	1486 Flt	F/L A H Burr from & to Speke
P5209		Hurricane X	MSFU	To Speke, see 13.4

Tuesday 20th April 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/295/8][AIR 27/1791/39]

EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Blakey to Andreas
LA619		Electra 12A	24 Sqn	S/L R Reid
A/Cdre Kingston-McCloughry, Prestwick-Silloth-Squires Gate-Valley-Staverton-Hendon.				
		?	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton to & from Ballyhalbert

Wednesday 21st April 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1791/39]

L2282		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/O Cameron from Andreas
L2282		Walrus I	275 Sqn	Sgt Brown to Harrowbeer
DL204		Master II	1486 Flt	F/O P J Garner
From and to Speke with F/S Mason to service Hurricane V7166, see 13.4				
EG540	PV-E	Anson I	275 Sqn	S/L Seabourne to & from Andreas
		?	406 Sqn	Sgt Donovan to & from Woodvale

Thursday 22nd April 1943 [AIR 27/1791/39]

		?	406 Sqn	To & from Honiley
		?	406 Sqn	From & to Ballyhalbert
		?	406 Sqn	From & to Ballyhalbert
		?	406 Sqn	From & to Ballyhalbert

Friday 23rd April 1943 [AIR 27/1791/39]

No flying at Valley due to high winds.				
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Saturday 24th April 1943 [AIR 27/1164][L Scarlett logbook][AIR 27/1791/39]

DE209		Tiger Moth II	195 Sqn	Sgt J Langley from & to Woodvale
DN314	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	S/L D M Taylor to Woodvale
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Scarlett to & from Andreas
		?	406 Sqn	F/O Morgan to & from Woodvale
		?	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton & F/O Rivers
Routed: Valley-Colerne-Filton-Middle Wallop-Valley returning with aircraft filters.				

Sunday 25th April 1943 [AIR 27/1791/39]

		?	406 Sqn	F/O Bennett to Biggin Hill n/stop
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Monday 26th April 1943 [AIR 27/1791/39]

		?	406 Sqn	F/O Bennett from Ford, see 25.4
After Valley he departed to Ballyhalbert.				
		?	406 Sqn	W/C Stephenson & F/O Lynes
To & from Ballyhalbert.				

Tuesday 27th April 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1791/39][AIR 29/437]

414 NFS, USAAF arrive with Beaufighter VI for advanced training. 37 Officers & 106 other ranks for approx. 6 weeks. 406 Sqn ORB mentions 28/29.4				
EG525	PV-W	Anson I	275 Sqn	Delivery
EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	Delivery
W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O A D J Williams
N2647		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O F C Byrne
From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course with 1486 Flt, W9128 departed 11.5 N2647 departed 1.5, sorties flown in W9128 28/29/30.3 1/2/3/4/5/7/8/9/10.5, N2647 flew sorties on 28/29.3				
V7166		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 13 & 21.4

Wednesday 28th April 1943 [AIR 27/1164][AIR 1595/1][AIR 764/45][AIR 27/1791/39]

DN361	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt J Harvey to Woodvale
DN441	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt P C Mason to Woodvale
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann to Andreas
EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann from Andreas
Aircraft changeover.				
	ZJ-	Beaufighter VIF	96 Sqn	From Honiley
	ZJ-	Beaufighter VIF	96 Sqn	From Honiley
*two aircraft and crews for 14 days of air-to-air gunnery.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O Shipley from & to Ballyhalbert
		Magister I	406 Sqn	F/O MacDonald & P/O Tennant
To & from [Heston]				

		?	406 Sqn	W/C Stephenson & F/O Lynes
To Martlesham Heath, N/stop.				

Thursday 29th April 1943 [AIR 27/1164][AIR 27/1791/39]

DN361	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	P/O D J Webster from Woodvale
DN370	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt G W Dopson to Woodvale
DN389	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	F/O R Monk to Woodvale
		?	406 Sqn	W/C Stephenson & F/O Lynes
From Martlesham Heath, see 28.4				
		?	406 Sqn	F/L Harrison to & from Ballyhalbert

Friday 30th April 1943 [AIR 27/1164][AIR 27/1595/1][P Sewell logbook*]

R6590		Walrus I	275 Sqn	Sgt Coleman visited Andreas
EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Calvert to Harrowbeer
	L	Spitfire*	[1 CACF]	From Detling to Newtonards
DN314	JE-	Typhoon IB*	195 Sqn	
DN389	JE-	Typhoon IB*	195 Sqn	P/O A J Cury from Woodvale
DN441	JE-	Typhoon IB*	195 Sqn	
Air-to-air gunnery Course carried out at Valley with the above 3 aircraft.				

May 1943 [AIR27/1620]

		Oxford*	285 Sqn	
*Detachment to provide support for Day & Night Searchlight Wing, Beaumaris. No details in ORB beyond 6.43				

Saturday 1st May 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1791/39]

The USAAF Beaufighters arrived for a 11 day detachment from Honiley.				
		11x Beaufighter	414 NFS	USAAF with two more to come.
		Oxford	406 Sqn	F/O Horrex
Routed: Valley-Honiley-Middle Wallop-Valley.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O Ferris & Sgt Allen
Delivery from Middle Wallop.				
EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann from Harrowbeer
N3423		Defiant I	275 Sqn	Sgt Coleman from Andreas
N2647		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O D C Byrne to Speke
V7043		Hurricane I*	MSFU	F/O D C Byrne from Speke
*Replace unserviceable aircraft [N2647] at Valley, see 27.3 V7043 flew sorties at Valley on 1/2/3/4/5/6.5				
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AX407		Anson I	9[O]AFU	
Ditched 10nms NW of Puffin Island at night.				
Pilot	F/S	Stanley Pelham James		Killed, body found near Millom 28.5
BA	Sgt	Vernon John Deering RCAF		Killed [Runneymede]

	Sgt	William John Ouseby	Killed [Runneymede]
	LAC	Robert Edward Baker	Killed [Runneymede]
	LAC	Gerald Ivor Buckman	Killed [Runneymede]

Sunday 2nd May 1943 [AIR 27/1791/41][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874]

		?	406 Sqn	F/L Harrison from Northolt
		?	406 Sqn	From Ballyhalbert
		?	406 Sqn	F/O Girvan & Barford
To & from Squires Gate.				
EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann visited Woodvale
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		Beaufighter X		[Possibly 153/256 Sqn]
Visiting from Ballyhalbert, landed with the starboard engine u/s, a good landing was carried out, but the aircraft ran off the runway into the soft sand but with no serious damage				
Pilot				Ok
Obs				Ok
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X8203		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	
Undercarriage struck a rock rising from the Sea resulting in the starboard wheel locking half down. Damage on landing to starboard wing, propellor and wheel, ended up between the runways.				
Pilot	Sgt	N B Tucker		Ok
Nav	Sgt	J L Hall		Ok
Pax	Lt	Atwater [USAAF]		Ok

Monday 3rd April 1943 [AIR 27/1791/41]

		Magister I	406 Sqn	W/C Stephenson to 'London' n/stop
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Tuesday 4th May 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1791/41]

EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong
Routed: Valley-Middle Wallop-Netheravon-Middle Wallop-Valley				
		Magister I	406 Sqn	W/C Stephenson from 'London'

Wednesday 5th May 1943 [AIR 27/1164/14][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/764/48]

DN331	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	Sgt P C Mason from & to Woodvale
EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Smith visited Andreas
EL188	-H	Beaufighter VIF	96 Sqn	Diversion from Honiley at 04:25

Thursday 6th May 1943 [AIR 27/1164/14][AIR 27/1595/1][Fighter Nights][AIR 27/1791/41]

EK214	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	S/L D M Taylor from & to Woodvale
V9737		Lysander IIIA	275 Sqn	F/O Cameron visited Llanbedr
		[Anson I]	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann visited Aston Down
V8467	RX-H	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 406 Sqn, Valley

		?	406 Sqn	To Middle Wallop
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Friday 7th May 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/437]

V9737		Lysander IIIA	275 Sqn	F/O Cameron to High Ercall
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O Shipley from Ballyhalbert
		?	406 Sqn	To & from Squires Gate
V7043		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O D C Byrne to Speke, see 1.5
AG281		Hurricane X	MSFU	F/O D C Byrne from Speke
Fly unserviceable aircraft [V7043] to Speke and return to Valley with a replacement [AG281] AG281 flew sorties at Valley on 8/11/15/16/17/18/19/20/21/22.5				
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R6590		Walrus I	275 Sqn	
Whilst taking off on water the port wing float was damaged, and the aircraft began listing to about 45deg. Order given to abandon, the dinghy which was only partially inflated then burst and the crew had to rely on their mae-wests. Walrus L2207 [F/O Smith] was scrambled and picked up Sgt Blann who was transferred to Marine Launch ML 250 from Holyhead. On take-off Walrus L2207 received damage to the engine bracing wires and bearers and landed back at Valley.				
Pilot	F/O	Furlong	Ok, picked up by ML250 launch	
	Sgt	Blann	Ok, picked up by Walrus L2207	
	F/Sgt	McLellan	Ok, picked up by ML250 launch	

Saturday 8th May 1943 [Fighter Nights][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1791/41]

414 NFS/USAAF reported as packing up for their transfer back to Honiley.				
T3021	RX-J	Beaufighter IIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 54 OUT
		?	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton
Routed: Valley-Cranfield-Martlesham Heath-Valley.				

Sunday 9th May 1943 [AIR 27/1573/23][AIR 27/1595/1]

EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Dey visited Andreas
K7005	BJ-	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	Sgt Parfitt
K7012	BJ-	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	F/Sgt English to Honiley
K6937	BJ-C	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	F/O Gent
K6994	BJ-U	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	W/O Lezard to Honiley
K6973	BJ-	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	P/O Stiebel
*All from Doncaster. Support for 414 NFS/USAAF detachment back to Honiley.				

Monday 10th May 1943 [AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1791/41]

W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O A D J Williams
Search carried out for ditched aircraft whilst based at Valley.				
		?	406 Sqn	F/O Girvan & F/O Barford
Routed: Valley-Ayr-Ballyhalbert-Valley.				
		?	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton & F/O Rivers
Routed: Valley-Ayr-Ballyhalbert-Valley-Middle Wallop to discuss 'Ranger' operations.				

Tuesday 11th May 1943 [AIR 27/1573/23][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/437][AIR 29/439]

V7043		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O J H Taylor from Speke
W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 27.3
		?	4 AAPC	F/O Lloyd from & to Morfa Towyn
		13x Beaufighter	414 NFS	USAAF to Honiley, see 9.5
DN361	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	P/O D J Webster to Woodvale
DN389	JE-	Typhoon IB	195 Sqn	P/O A J Oury to Woodvale
K7005	BJ-	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	Sgt Parfitt
K7012	BJ-	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	F/Sgt English
K6937	BJ-C	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	F/O Gent
K6994	BJ-U	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	W/O Lezard
K6973	BJ-	Harrow I*	271 Sqn	P/O Stiebel
*All carried out Honiley shuttles and then returned to Doncaster apart from K7005/7012 which departed Honiley direct to Doncaster. Support for return of 414 NFS/USAAF back to Honiley.				

Wednesday 12th May 1943 [AIR 27/1791/41]

		?	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton & F/O Rivers
Returned from Middle Wallop, see 10.5				
		?	406 Sqn	P/O Murray & Ireland
To Coleby Grange, n/stop.				
		?	406 Sqn	F/O MacDonald & P/O Tennant
From & to Ballyhalbert.				

Thursday 13th May 1943 [AIR 27/937/10][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1791/41]

1486 Flt moved today from their dispersal at the N of the Airfield to the empty dispersal on the W side adjacent to Runway 08. This was done to create more room for visiting aircraft and 275 Sqn.				
BL389		Spitfire VB	130 Sqn	S/L W H A Wright
From Fairwood Common to Ballyhalbert.				
		?	406 Sqn	P/O Murray & Ireland
Returned from Coleby Grange, see 12.5				

Friday 14th May 1943 [AIR 27/1791/41][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437]

AG281		Hurricane X	MSFU	F/O W B Brecken
V7166		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O N S Green
From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course with 1486 Flt, both departed on 25.5, V7166 flew sorties on 15/16/17/18/19/21/22/23/24.5, AG281 flew sorties on 16/17/18/20/21/22/23/24.5				
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser
Andreas-Woodvale-Valley-Andreas				
		?	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton to & from Ballyhalbert
V8717	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Middle Wallop

EL146	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Middle Wallop
Two aircraft and three crews detached to Middle Wallop for 'Ranger' Operations 14/15.5 Beaufighters V8516 V8696 X8224 were also used.				

Saturday 15th May 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1]

EG548		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Blakey to Andreas
EG540	PV-E	Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Murray from Andreas

Sunday 16th May 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437][AIR 27/222/37]

EG548		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S McClelland
Andreas-Salmesbury-Valley-Andreas.				
P5209		Hurricane X	MSFU	P/O D C Parker
From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course with 1486 Flt, departed on 18.5, sorties flown 17.5				
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AG398		Mustang I	16 Sqn	
Abandoned after engine failure 8nms W of Anglesey, Sqn ORB mentions near the IoM. The pilot was picked up after 4hrs in the dinghy. The Sqn was based at Weston Zoyland at the time.				
Pilot	P/O	Wendelken	Ok	

Monday 17th May 1943 [AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1791/41]

AG281		Hurricane X	MSFU	F/O W B Brecken
To Speke for repairs, departed later back to Valley, see 14.5				
		?	406 Sqn	P/O Harris to & from Middle Wallop

Tuesday 18th May 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1969/16][AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1791/41]

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AVM C H K Edmonds, AOA Fighter Command arrived by air during the morning, carried out a brief inspection and departed to Ballyhalbert, NI.				
P6254		Proctor I	510 Sqn	S/L Aikman
Routed: Boscombe Down-Colerne-Filton-Valley-West Freugh.				
ES954		Puss Moth	510 Sqn	S/L Murphy
Routed: Hendon-Valley-Leuchars-Prestwick.				
P5209		Hurricane X	MSFU	P/O D C Parker to Speke, see 16.5
W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O D C Parker from Speke
P5209 flown back to Speke for repairs and replacement aircraft W9128 flown to Valley, sorties flown by W9128 at Valley on 21/22/23/25.5				
		?	406 Sqn	F/L Lawrence & F/S Wilmer
To Ballyhalbert.				

Wednesday 19th May 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/295/10]

TRANSAT Conference.				
EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Blakey visited Llanbedr

LA619		Electra 12A	24 Sqn	S/L Reid, Hendon-Staverton
AOC 44 Group, A/Cdre E J Kingston-McCloughry arrived by air to discuss the TRANSAT project.				

Thursday 20th May 1943 [IBCCA][IBCCA]

DG716	[45]	Anson I	4 AOS	Diversion F/S Porter
Diverted in whilst on a cross country from West Freugh due to u/s radio.				
DV455	[U]	Wellington IC	28 OTU	F/S Bowen from Castle Donnington

Friday 21st May 1943 [IBCCA][AIR 29/437]

DG716	[45]	Anson I	4 AOS	
Departed for West Freugh [see 20.5] but diverted to Llandwrog with a starboard engine problem. Returned to West Freugh from Llandwrog later in the day.				
X9325		Hornet Moth	MSFU	S/L G W B Austin
From and to Speke with OC MSFU, W/C G S K Hayward.				

Saturday 22nd May 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1791/41]

EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Calvert visited Hawarden
W3037		Walrus I	275 Sqn	Sgt Brown from & to Andreas
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/L Lawrence
To Middle Wallop replacing V8516 which was damaged on a 'Ranger' sortie.				

Sunday 23rd May 1943 [AIR 27/1791/41][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437][IBCCA]

V8516		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Middle Wallop
V8696		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Middle Wallop
		?	406 Sqn	P/O Ferris to & from Middle Wallop
N3423		Defiant I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser from Andreas
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser to Andreas
EG540	PV-E	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Cameron visited Andreas
Z4936		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O A D J Williams
From and to Speke to fire the 20mm cannons.				
N2856		Wellington IC	28 OTU	F/S Bowen to Castle Donnington

Monday 24th May 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1791/41]

EG540	PV-E	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne to & from Eglinton
		?	406 Sqn	Sgt Tucker to & from High Ercall

Tuesday 25th May 1943 [AIR 27/1170/5][AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437]

Z4936		Hurricane IC	MSFU	P/O P A Dixon
N2599		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O J G A Small
From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course, Z4936 departed on 8.6 with N2599 on 9.6, sorties flown 27/28/29.5 N2599 flew sorties on 2/4/5/6/7.6, Z4936 flew sorties on 27/29/30.5				
W9128		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 18.5

V7166		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 14.5
AG281		Hurricane X	MSFU	To Speke, see fourteen & 17.5
V7043		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 11.5
EG540	PV-E	Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Blakey visited Andreas
		8 x Typhoon IB*	198 Sqn	S/L Marak
*Carried out an Airfield attack on Valley from Woodvale, took off at 14:30. It was planned for the 24 th but was cancelled that day due to weather, they did not land.				

Thursday 27th May 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1959/33][AIR 27/1791/41]

		?	406 Sqn	P/O Shipley to & from Andreas
		?	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton from & to Ballyhalbert
HR686	J	Halifax II	502 Sqn	Diversion S/L Russel
Diversion following a Convoy escort sortie.				
Z4638		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O D C Byrne from & to Speke
X9325		Hornet Moth	MSFU	F/L G W Varley
From and to Speke with OC MSFU, W/C G S K Hayward.				
EG540	PV-E	Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Coleman to Andreas
DM214		Master II	1486 Flt	
Engine failure, force landed on the sandhills at the edge of the Airfield at Valley hitting a gun post.				
Pilot				Ok
Pax	P/O	H M Ferris [406 Sqn]		Ok, wrenched shoulder

Friday 28th May 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1791/41]

		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Van Den Honert visited Llanbedr
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S McClelland
Andreas-Valley-Woodvale-Andreas				
DL360		Master II	1486 Flt	P/O P A Dixon
From and to Speke to collect Hurricane spares.				
		?*	406 Sqn	P/O Murray & Ireland to Ballyhalbert
		?*	406 Sqn	Sgt Green & Hillyer from Ballyhalbert
*This was the same aircraft for a crew swop.				
		?	406 Sqn	Sgt Hereford to & from Ballyhalbert

Saturday 29th May 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437]

EG540	PV-E	Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Murray visited Woodvale
EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann visited Woodvale
W3037		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/S McClelland from & to Andreas
P3620		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/L H R Noble
V6957		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O J C Fletcher
From Speke to attend air-to-air gunnery course with 1486 Flt, departed on 10.6, sorties				

flown on 30/31.5 1/2/3/4/5/6/7.6

X9324

Hornet Moth

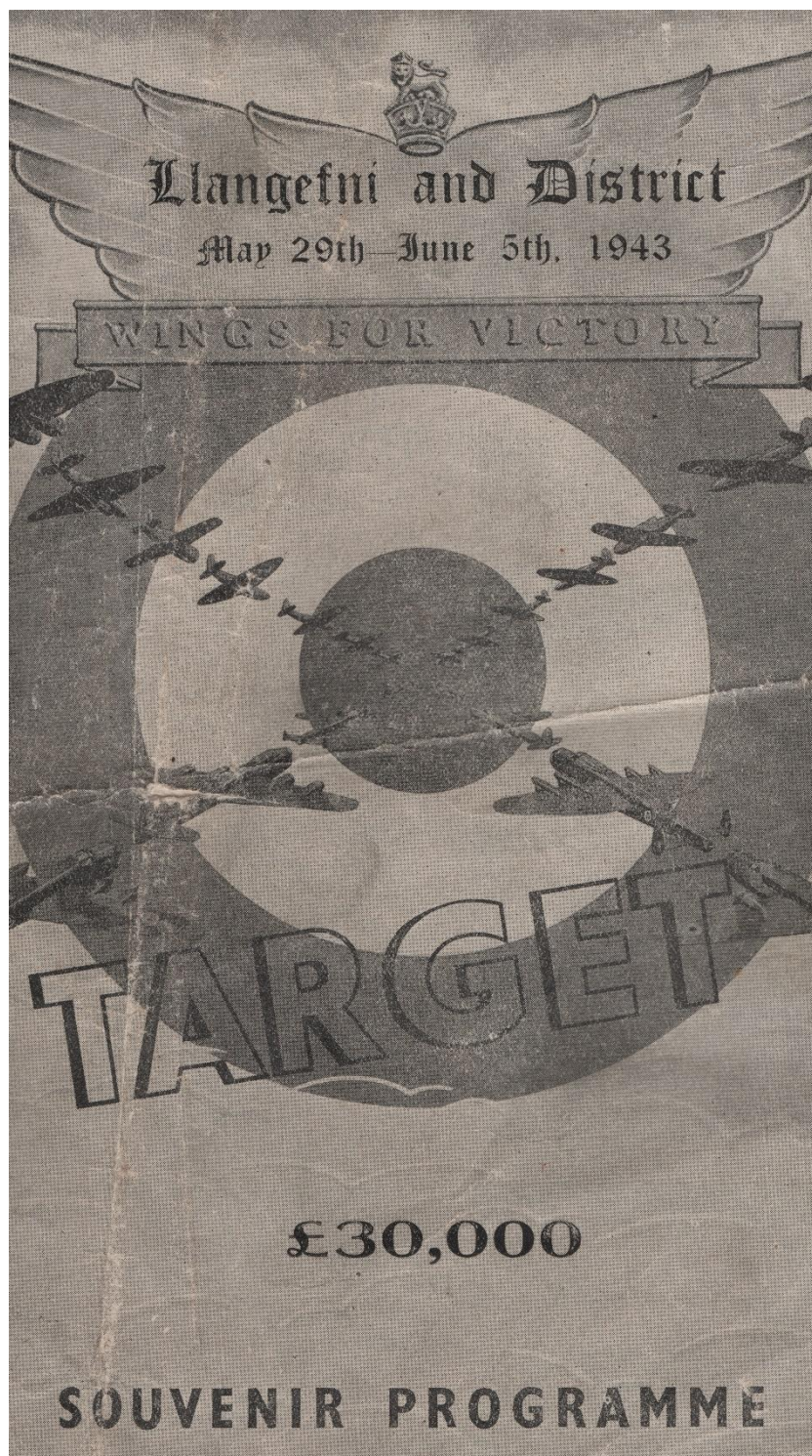
MSFU

F/L G W Varley

From and to Speke to deliver spares for cannon equipped aircraft.

Sunday 30th May 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1]

406 Sqn provided a 4-ship formation for the 'Wings for Victory Week' flypasts at Holyhead & Rhosneigr.



The CO of 406 Sqn at Valley W/C Stephenson gave an address at Amlwch.

[Dick Thomas Collection]				
New 275 Sqn detachment 'C' Flight opened at Eglinton, N Ireland with 3 Ansons.				
EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Scarlett to Eglinton detachment
EG544		Anson I	275 Sqn	To Eglinton
EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	To Eglinton
EG540	PV-E	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Furlong visited Eglinton
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser to Odiham-Croydon

Tuesday 1st June 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1791/43]

C Flight/275 Sqn operational at Eglinton, see 30.5.43				
T3920		Defiant I	275 Sqn	F/S Eaton from & to Andreas
		?		
AOC 9 Group, AVM J Whitworth-Jones visited, by air?				
N2599		Hurricane IC	MSFU	P/O J G A Small from Speke
N2599		Hurricane IC	MSFU	F/O W B Breckon to Speke
Pilot swap over on air-to-air gunnery course.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O Murray from Ballyhalbert

Wednesday 2nd June 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1791/43]

43 Group personnel from 34 MU Shrewsbury arrived to take over the damaged aircraft in No.2 Hangar.				
T3920		Defiant I	275 Sqn	F/S Eaton from & to Andreas
V6957		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O J C Fletcher
Z4936		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O P A Dixon
N2599		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O W B Breckon
The MSFU pilots were recalled to Speke to attend Air Gunnery lecture, flew back to Valley 3.6 to resume the course.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/L Lawrence to & from Ballyhalbert
		?	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton from Ballyhalbert, n/stop

Thursday 3rd June 1943 [AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1791/43]

V6957		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O J C Fletcher
Z4936		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O P A Dixon
N2599		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O W B Breckon
The MSFU pilots flew back to Valley 3.6 to resume the air-to-air gunnery course, see 2.6.				
DK940	24	Master II	1486 Flt	F/L H R Noble from Speke
X9325		Hornet Moth	MSFU	P/O A D J Williams from & to Speke
Flew OC MSFU, W/C G S K Haywood to Valley.				
		?	406 Sqn	P/O McNabb & Sgt Tindall
To & from Middle Wallop.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton
Routed: Valley-Ballyhalbert-St Angelo				
X7895		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	Sgt's Donovan & Grant

The Sqn ORB is unclear whether they flew X7895 from St Angelo to Valley or Ballyhalbert.

Friday 4th June 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1]

EG548		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Smith from Andreas, N/stop
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Saturday 5th June 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][Fighter Nights][L Scarlett logbook]

EG548		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Smith to Andreas
EG540	PV-E	Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Murray to Woodvale, N/stop
EG544		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Scarlett from & to Eglinton
X8100	RX-E	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 125 Sqn, Exeter
X8138	RX-Z	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 125 Sqn, Exeter

Sunday 6th June 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1791/43]

EG540	PV-E	Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Murray from Woodvale
		?	275 Sqn	Sgt Hyde visited Sealand
V9738		Lysander IIIA	275 Sqn	Sgt Skinner visited Sealand
		?	406 Sqn	To & from Bircham Newton

Monday 7th June 1943 [AIR 27/1791/43][AIR 28/874]

X8261	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	
Departed Valley at 02:00 for a searchlight co-operation flight. It crashed near Abergele with wreckage spread over 4/5 fields at approx. 01:15. Possibly blinded by searchlights. Funerals were held either 11 th or 12 th June at the Station Chapel with burial at Holyhead in a single grave according to the 406 Sqn ORB.				
Pilot	F/S	Winston Isaac Hereford [RCAF]	Killed [buried Maeshyfyrd]	
Nav	Sgt	John William Everard Robinson [RCAF]	Killed [buried Brookwood]	
<div></div> <p>Maeshyfyrd, Holyhead.</p>				

Tuesday 8th June 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/937/12][AIR 29/437][IE][AIR 27/1791/43]

EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Blakey to Eglinton-Andreas
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Blakey from Andreas
AA982		Spitfire VB	130 Sqn	Sgt Hennessy from & to Ballyhalbert.

W9279		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O J Wood
AG281		Hurricane X	MSFU	P/O R W Sheppard
P3736		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O D C Parker
AG130		Hurricane X	MSFU	F/O L V King
The MSFU aircraft came from Speke to attend the air-to-air gunnery course with 1486 Flt, P3736 & AG130 departed on 9.6, W9279 departed 17.6				
Z4936		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 25.5
X9389		Hornet Moth	MSFU	F/O A D J Williams
From and to Speke with OC MSFU, W/K G S K Haywood.				
		?	406 Sqn	To & from Ballyhalbert
		?	406 Sqn	To & from Ballyhalbert

Wednesday 9th June 1943 [AIR 27/1970/12][AIR 29/437][AIR 25/633]

P1475		Albemarle I	511 Sqn	W/O R Hardie
From Gibraltar to Lyneham.				
N2599		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 25.5
P3736		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 8.6
AG130		Hurricane X	MSFU	To Speke, see 8.6
AG130 returned and was swapped for V6867.				
V6867		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O L V King from Speke

Thursday 10th June 1943 [AIR 29/437]

V6957		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O D C Parker to Speke, see 29.5
W9315		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O D C Parker from Speke
Aircraft swap over at Valley. W9315 flew sorties at Valley on 10/11/12/13/14.6				
K8562		Walrus	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong familiarisation flight

Friday 11th June 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437]

EG548		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser from Atcham
P3620		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O J H Taylor from Speke
V6957		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O J C Fletcher from Speke
P3597		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O W B Breckon from Speke
DL204		Master II	1486 Flt	F/O A D J Williams from Speke

Saturday 12th June 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1791/43]

		Walrus	275 Sqn	F/L Van Den Honert from Harrowbeer
L2282		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser from & to Andreas
P3597		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 11.6
DL204		Master II	1486 Flt	To Speke, see 11.6
W9315		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 10.6
DL204		Master II	1486 Flt	F/O P J Garner from & to Speke
V6957		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 11.6

W9315		Hurricane I	MSFU	From Speke
W9315 was a replacement aircraft for V6957 from Valley.				
		?	406 Sqn	F/L Lawrence
To & from Coleby Grange.				

Sunday 13th June 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 28/494][AIR 29/437]

		11 A-20 Boston	[67 RG]	USAAF, refuel stop on exercise
		8x Spitfire [VB]	[67 RG]	USAAF, refuel stop on exercise
The above could be from the 67 Reconnaissance Group who operated Spitfire VB's & A-20B RAF Bostons. Additionally, on the same day 18 USAAF Spitfires visited Llanbedr from Membury for refuelling. Membury was the 67 RG's Base. The 67 th RG incorporated the 12 th , 107 th , 109 th and 153 rd Reconnaissance Squadrons.				
V6957		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O J C Fletcher from Speke
DM215		Master II	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong air test

Monday 14th June 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/295/12][AIR 29/437]

EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne
Routed: Valley-Eglinton-Sydenham-Valley, crew ferry for the Walrus below.				
K8562		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/L Furlong to Eglinton, see above
R2766		DH.95 Flamingo	24 Sqn	P/O F Altman
At 11:07 AOC-in-C Transport Command, ACM Sir F W Bowhill arrived from Hendon and after a quick tour of Valley departed to Nutts Corner, NI at 12:28.				
V6957		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 13.6

Tuesday 15th June 1943 [AIR 29/437][IE]

W9315		Hurricane I*	MSFU	To Speke, see 12.6
V6957		Hurricane I*	MSFU	From Speke
*Aircraft swap over at Valley with F/O W B Breckon flying both sectors.				
	44	Wellington	3[C]OTU	Diversion at 03:27
	50	Wellington	3[C]OTU	Diversion at 03:30
	72	Wellington	3[C]OTU	Diversion at 03:40
	73	Wellington	3[C]OTU	Diversion at 04:10
	45	Wellington	3[C]OTU	Diversion at 04:25
	70	Wellington	3[C]OTU	Diversion at 04:50
The Wellingtons were weather diversions from Haverfordwest.				
N3423		Defiant	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong air test
P6806		Oxford I/II	456 Sqn	Pahlow
Routed: Middle Wallop-Squires Gate-Valley-Middle Wallop.				

Wednesday 16th June 1943 [Fighter Nights][AIR 29/437][IE][AIR 4/182]

X8262	RX-Y	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	
Damaged, where? To Southern Aircraft Co for repairs.				
V6957		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O D C Parker to Speke, see 15.6

N2599		Hurricane I	MSFU	F/O D C Parker from Speke
N2599 was a replacement aircraft at Valley for V6957.				
V6867		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 9.6 for repairs
	73	Wellington	3[C]OTU	To Haverfordwest, see 15.6
	45	Wellington	3[C]OTU	To Haverfordwest, see 15.6
	50	Wellington	3[C]OTU	To Haverfordwest, see 15.6
R5932		Dominie	3 Del Flt	Bennett
Routed: High Ercall-Valley-Church Stanton-Yeovilton-High Ercall.				

Thursday 17th June 1943 [AIR 28/874][USAAF doc][AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1791/43]

USAAF [United States Army Air Force] Ferry Terminal opened with 3 Officers Commanded by Maj Jerry B Sass and 86 enlisted. L/Col James C Cochran becomes the Commanding Officer on 10 July 1943 with the previous CO Maj Jerry B Sass becoming the Operations Officer. Valley known as 69th Ferrying Squadron, Station 1005. Also known as Station 7. Valley ORB quotes the start date as 19.7

The following aircraft were operated as Station hacks during the War.				
43-39065	[-]	B-17G		From 12.44 onwards
43-31824		UC-78 Bobcat		See 15.5.44
R6031		Oxford I		'Little Winston'
The Oxford was transferred to the USAAF 22.7.43.				
L2207		Walrus	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong
Carried out a search off Llanbedr.				
V6867		Hurricane I	MSFU	from Speke, see 9.6
W9279		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 9.6
X9325		Hornet Moth	MSFU	F/O J Curd from & to Speke
		Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	F/O's Girvan & Barford
		Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	Sgt's Tucker & Hall
Both night diversions to Woodvale due to bad weather at Valley, n/stop.				

Friday 18th June 1943 [IE]

	72	Wellington	3[C]OTU	From & to Haverfordwest
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Saturday 19th June 1943 [1407 doc.][AIR 27/1791/43]

USAAF Personnel from Valley are detached to open another TRANSAT Terminal at Nutts Corner, N Ireland, Station 1009.

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Woodvale, see 17.6
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Woodvale, see 17.6

Sunday 20th June 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][L Scarlett logbook][AIR 27/1791/43]

EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Cameron from & to Eglinton
EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne to Northolt
		?	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton from Ballyhalbert

Monday 21st June 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1791/43]

EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Cameron to Eglinton
EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser Woodvale to Andreas
EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne from Northolt
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong to & from Shobdon
		?	406 Sqn	P/O Murray & Ireland
From Ballyhalbert, N/stop.				

Tuesday 22nd June 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437]

EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Furlong
Valley-Shobdon-Pershore-Shobdon-Valley				
W9279		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O J Wood from & to Speke
N2599		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 16.6
P3620		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 11.6
V6867		Hurricane I	MSFU	To Speke, see 17.6

Wednesday 23rd June 1943 [Fighter Nights][AIR 29/437]

L4907		Blenheim I	456 Sqn	Delivered to 55 OTU
V9738		Lysander III	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong air test
AG130		Hurricane X	MSFU	S/L G W B Austin from & to Speke
V6867		Hurricane I	MSFU	P/O J Wood from & to Speke
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V8451		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	
Departed Valley at 17:00 on a patrol. The port side propellor detached 60nms from Base, landed safely at 23:40.				
Pilot	F/L	H C Bennett		Ok
Rad/Op	F/S	A R Ayton		Ok

Thursday 24th June 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AVIA 1/15][AIR 27/1791/43]

EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Van Den Honert to Woodvale
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Murray from Andreas
T3920		Defiant I	275 Sqn	F/L Van Den Honert from Andreas
P6250		Proctor I	RAE	From Farnborough
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Ballyhalbert

Friday 25th June 1943 [AVIA 1/15]

P6250		Proctor I	RAE	To Farnborough
EG540		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong air to sea firing

Saturday 26th June 1943 [AIR 27/1791/43]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Ballyhalbert
W2746	PV-V	Walrus	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong air test

Sunday 27th June 1943 [AIR 27/1791/43]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	Sgt McEwan from Ballyhalbert
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Monday 28th June 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1]

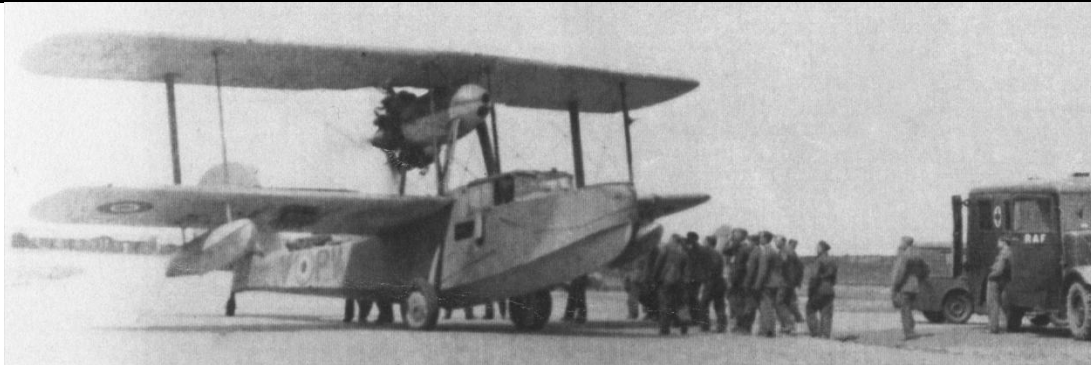
EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Scarlett from Eglinton
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Tuesday 29th June 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AVIA 1/15][RAFM]

	C	Lysander	275 Sqn	F/S Brown visited Staverton
R2252		Beaufighter	62 OTU	W/C Wolfe from & to Ouston
N7293		Hudson I	RAE	F/L Hood
Routed: Farnborough-Valley-Machrihanish.				

Wednesday 30th June 1943 [AIR 28/874][Seabourne logbook]

	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Richards
		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Chappell
		Lysander III	275 Sqn	F/S Murray
W2746	PV-V	Walrus	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne



W2746:PV-V is seen here at Valley in an undated image. [Valley Aviation Society]

All the aircraft were scrambled at various times for a Whitley from Ashbourne which had ditched in Cardigan Bay due to engine failure. The Beaufighter scrambled at 02:45 and stayed on station until daylight when 275 Sqn took over. F/L Chappell found the ship [SS Whin] which had picked up all 4 Whitley crew and at 10:40 F/L Seabourne took off to intercept the ship with the intention of taking off the crew if the ship was sailing to Ireland. In the event the ship was sailing to Milford Haven and none of the aircrew were badly injured. This was most probably Whitley V BD351 42 OTU from Ashbourne piloted by F/O B M Haynes.

EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong to & from Woodvale
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2x TRANSAT arrivals.				
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Thursday 1st July 1943 [Logbook]

EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong sector recce
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Friday 2nd July 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1]

EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Wilder
Routed: Valley-Andreas-Eglinton-Valley.				
EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Calvert from & to Eglinton

Saturday 3rd July 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 28/369][AIR 28/494]

		Wellington		
Mentioned in the Valley ORB due to an Airman of 275 Sqn being attached to the Station Flight losing his thumb on the cable cutter of the Wellington 'bomber'.				
		Beaufighter*	406 Sqn	
		Beaufighter*	406 Sqn	
*Detached to Honiley to cover for 96 Sqn.				
		Skua	[776 NAS]	Lt Candy
Sortie from Llanbedr to Holyhead.				

Sunday 4th July 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874]

EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Skinner
Routed: Valley-Andreas-Squires Gate-Valley.				
W3037		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/L Van Den Honert from Andreas
		Sea Hurricane	[804 NAS]	Catapulted from a ship

Tuesday 6th July 1943 [RAFM]

EG540	PV-E	Anson I	275 Sqn	S/L Seabourne
Routed: Valley-Andreas-Eglinton-Valley.				

Wednesday 7th July 1943 [AIR 29/665][AIR 4/182][AIR 27/1791/45]

X3996		Wellington III	18 OTU	Landed after engine trouble
EG697		Anson I	3 Del Flt	Sgt Ings to Cosford
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Ballyhalbert

Thursday 8th July 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][AIR 28/494]

1486 Flight departs to Llanbedr, eventually becoming 12 APC on 18.10.43				
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Mills to St Athan
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W2746	PV-V	Walrus*	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne
*5 Airmen from an Anson picked up from a dinghy off Bardsey Island [7nms S of Hell's Mouth] and flown to Valley. This was Anson I AW973:8 3[C]OTU from Haverfordwest which ditched 8nms E of Bardsey Island near Hell's Mouth at 11:30 after taking off from Penrhos. [S/L Seabourne's logbook held at the RAFM quotes the following names of the 5 Airmen:]				
	F/O	Wood	Ok	
	P/O	Mathews	Ok	
	Sgt	Gastiveen	Ok	
	Sgt	Lewis	Ok	
	Sgt	Kelsey	Ok	

Friday 9th July 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AVIA 1/15]

EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Mills from St Athan
X7687		Beaufighter I	RAE	F/O Sewell from & to Farnborough

Saturday 10th July 1943 [AIR 27/1791/45]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Morgan & Sgt Bentley
Departed Valley 10:35 to escort a Liberator with 10 passengers from Newfoundland. Aircraft was located as it was just about to land on a partially constructed Airfield, it was guided to Woodvale instead where it eventually landed.				

Sunday 11th July 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 28/958][L Scarlett logbook][AIR 27/1791/45]

	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	
Both diverted to Woodvale due to weather at Valley, returned in the evening.				
EG544		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Hyde to Andreas or Eglinton
		?	406 Sqn	To & from Ballyhalbert
		?	406 Sqn	To & from High Ercall
		?	406 Sqn	To & from Woodvale

Monday 12th July 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/494][AIR 27/1791/45]

		?	406 Sqn	To & from Ford
		?	406 Sqn	To & from Staverton
		Walrus	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser from Andreas
W3037		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser to Andreas
Aircraft changeover.				
		Beaufighter	[406 Sqn]	To Llanbedr
		Beaufighter	[406 Sqn]	To Llanbedr
Both Beaufighters went to Llanbedr for a air-to-air gunnery course. Nothing in the 406 Sqn ORB though.				

Thursday 15th July 1943 [RAFM][AIR 27/1791/45][Logbook]

EG492	PV-J	Anson I*	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong
W2746	PV-V	Walrus*	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne
*both carried out a search.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O Shipley from & to Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O MacDonald & P/O Tennant
To Drem for a week's AI Radar course.				

Friday 16th July 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 29/437]

EG548		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Rosser from Atcham
	PV-E	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong practice search
DL204		Master II	1486 Flt	F/L J G Keep
From and to Speke with OC MSFU, W/C G S K Haywood.				

Saturday 17th July 1943 [AIR 27/1791/45]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Llanbedr
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Wittering

Sunday 18th July 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1791/45]

		Anson I	[9[O]AFU]	From Llandwrog
Collided with an MT vehicle during the night and damaged the port mainplane, temporary repair carried out and aircraft returned to Llandwrog.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	Air gunnery at Llanbedr
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	Air gunnery at Atcham

Monday 19th July 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/670][AIR 27/1791/45]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton to Middle Wallop
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DV455	U	Wellington IC	28 OTU	From Castle Donnington
Crashed near Bodedern after the port engine caught fire and the starboard engine failed, the wreckage smashed through a hedge onto the road where Mr Chill [Trygarn House, Bodedern] was driving his car along at 14:45. The car was drenched in burning aviation fuel and although suffering burns, he returned to try and save his wife and mother-in-law. 275 Sqn scrambled an Anson [F/O Chappell] & Walrus W2746 [F/L Seabourne] to search for the crew but they were found on land and taken to Valley's Sick Quarters. Sgt Jepson was killed when his parachute harness became detached.				
Pilot	Sgt	F Chase [RCAF]	Ok	
	Sgt	Greenwood	Ok	
	Sgt	Wilcox	Ok	
BA	Sgt	Gwardney	Injured	
W/Op	Sgt	Reginald Andrew Bown Jepson	Killed [buried Derby]	
Occupants of the unfortunate car were:				
-	Mr	Mark William Chill	Killed, died 20.7	
-	Mrs	Margery Kate Blanche Chill	Killed	
-	[Mrs]	Mary Louise Scott	Killed [Mother-in-law of Mr Chill]	
RURAL DISTRICT OF VALLEY				
CHILL, MARK WILLIAM, age 54; of Trygarn House, Bodedern. Husband of Margery Kate Blanche Chill. Injured 19 July 1943, at Llanfigail; died 20 July 1943, at Valley.				
CHILL, MARGERY KATE BLANCHE, age 30; of Trygarn House, Bodedern. Wife of Mark William Chill. 19 July 1943, at Llanfigail. SCOTT, MARY LOUISE; of London. 19 July 1943, at Llanfigail.				

Tuesday 20th July 1943 [AIR 27/295/14]

P8833		Oxford II	24 Sqn	Lt B J Bjornebye
From Bodorgan, picked up a stretcher case to St Athan				

Wednesday 21st July 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1644/1][AIR 27/1791/45]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Llanbedr
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Drem
	2	Wellington	6[C]OTU	F/O Murray diversion from Sillloth
Returned to Sillloth same day.				
DG396	QQ-	Halifax V	295 Sqn	Diversion F/L D A Grant 18:00
From N Africa to Bournemouth Hurn, landed with two engines failed. See 26.8.43				
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EG548		Anson I	275 Sqn	
Airborne at 05:25 to search for a missing Lancaster near the Isle of Man. At 07:25 the starboard engine cut out at 250ft, height and speed could not be maintained, the aircraft ditched 4nms South of Scarlett Point SW of Castletown.				
Pilot	F/S	Eaton	Ok	
W/Op AG	F/S	Campbell	Ok	

Thursday 22nd July 1943 [AIR 28/874][P Sewell logbook*]

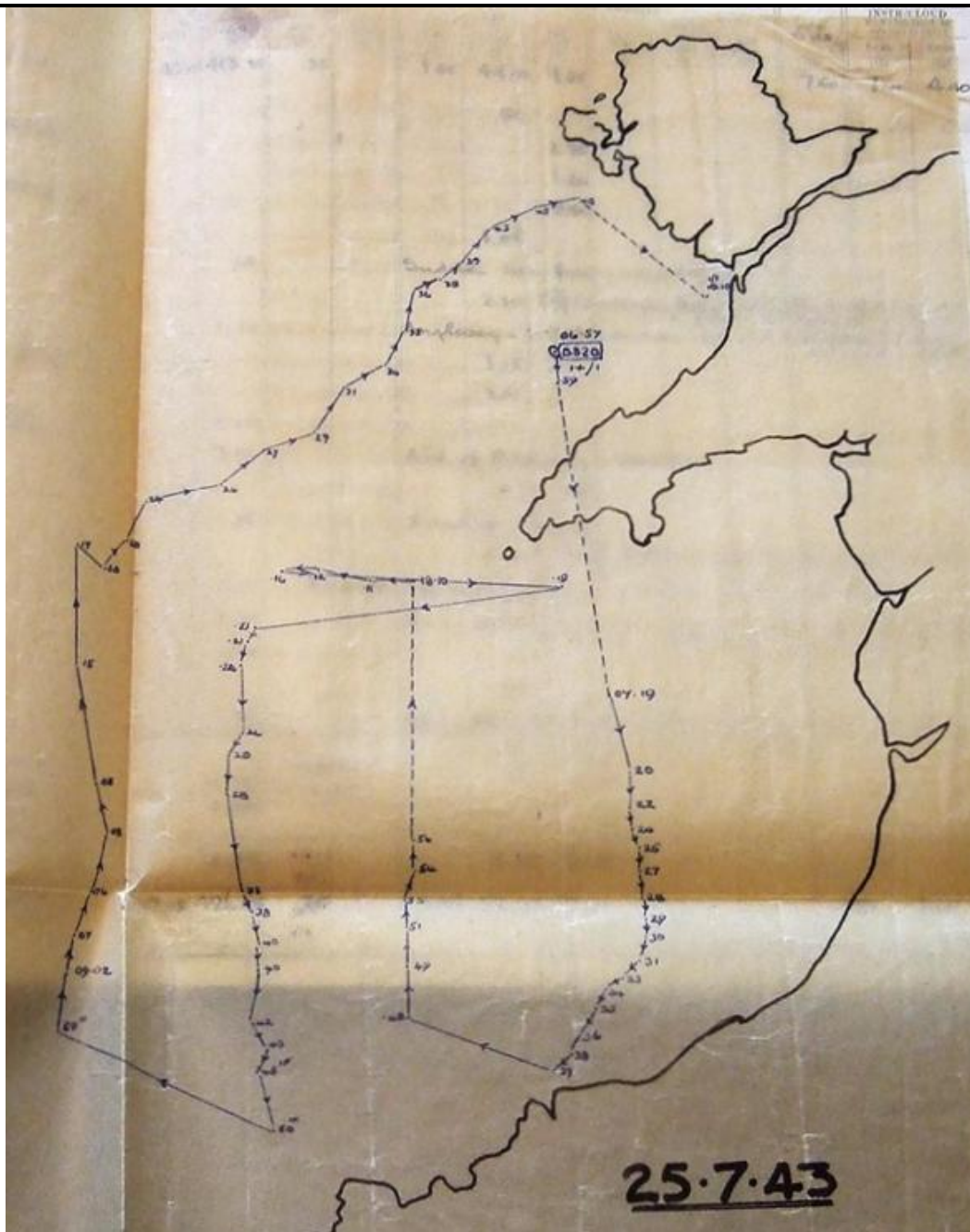
		?		
Visit by the new AOC 9 Group, AVM L N Hollinghurst, by air?				
	SXY	Anson I*	CACU	From & to Bodorgan

Friday 23rd July 1943 [AIR 27/1791/45]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O McNabb
Routed: Valley-Drem-Ballyhalbert.				

Sunday 25th July 1943 [USAAF doc][AIR 29/473]

W2746	PV-V	Walrus	275 Sqn	F/O Furlong
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Search carried out in Cardigan Bay for a missing Sea Otter 'SPRINGBOK18'.

42-30504		B-17F*	[99 BG]	TRANSAT, arrived AM, Lt Kidman
*First aircraft to arrive under the 'TRANSAT' operation from Newfoundland. It was then assigned to 348 BS/99 BG at Navarin, Algeria.				
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	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	AIR 27/1791/45
On a solo air test the undercarriage jammed halfway; crash landing on Runway 20 carried out successfully.				
Pilot	Sgt	H B Tucker		Ok

Monday 26th July 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 28/958]

		B-17	USAAF	
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TRANSAT delivery.				
	V	Spitfire VB	322 Sqn	F/L F D Snalam
	N	Spitfire VB	322 Sqn	Sgt J A Maier
'BLUE SECTION' from Woodvale, landed following a patrol.				

Tuesday 27th July 1943 [AIR 28/874][USAAF doc][AIR 28/44][AIR 29/439][AIR 27/1791/45]

		?	406 Sqn	To Honiley
		[C-47]	USAAF	TRANSAT, required repairs
	PK-	4x Spitfire VB	315 Sqn	Airfield attack from Ballyhalbert
	PK-	4x Spitfire VB	315 Sqn	Airfield attack from Ballyhalbert
BL469	PK-F	Spitfire VB*	315 Sqn	Polish pilot from Ballyhalbert
*Whilst engaged on a low-level exercise against the AA defences the propellor tips struck the airfield surface removing approx. nine inches. Pilot [Sgt H A Flegier, Polish] recovered and landed safely. Aircraft later fitted with a new propellor and returned to base. Most probably one of the eight aircraft mentioned above.				
		4x Mustang I	26 Sqn	Airfield attack from Ballyhalbert
		?	1 CACF	From [Madley] W/C Lang

Wednesday 28th July 1943 [AIR 27/1791/45]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Honiley

Thursday 29th July 1943 [AIR 27/1791/45]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To High Ercall

Friday 30th July 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][Fighter Nights][AIR 29/439][AIR 27/1791/45]

EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Blakey to Andreas
X8195		Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 141 Sqn after repairs
		?	1 CACF	W/C Lang to Detling
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Llanbedr
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Woodvale
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To High Ercall

Saturday 31st July 1943 [AIR 27/1791/45]

Special Variety Show in Hangar 3 by Bob Hope & Frances Langford & Co. Approx. 1,000 people attended.				
		?		
Transport for the Variety Company who flew to Valley from N Ireland.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	
Routed : Valley-Colerne-Filton-Valley.				

August 1943

285 Sqn depart.				
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5x 2-engine TRANSAT arrivals.

Sunday 1st August 1943 [AIR 28/494][AIR 29/439][AIR 27/1791/47]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	Air gunnery to Llanbedr
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O Shipley from Ballyhalbert
		?	406 Sqn	To Ayr
		?	406 Sqn	To Swanton Morley
		?	406 Sqn	To Staverton
		?	406 Sqn	To Wittering
		Anson I	1 CACF	F/O Cuff to Detling

Monday 2nd August 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 28/494][AIR 27/1791/47]

Sound of machine gun fire heard with .5" calibre cases falling between Holyhead & Menai Bridge. Believed to be from B-17's from Framlingham [390 BG]

		?		W/C Isherwood to & from Llanbedr
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Wittering

Tuesday 3rd August 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1614/1][AIR 27/1791/47]

406 Sqn intercepted a Swordfish aircraft from an Aircraft Carrier off Holyhead.

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Llanbedr
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Fairwood Common
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Randall
EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Cameron from Eglinton
EG540	PV-E	Anson I*	275 Sqn	Sgt H W Hall to Woolsington

*flown to 281 Sqn at Woolsington on loan to replace one of their Ansons which was lost off Crail on 28.7.43.

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L2207	Z	Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/L O H Furlong
JB916		Halifax II*	1659 HCU	[F1180] from Topcliffe

*Ditched off Rhoscolyn after an explosion in the starboard inner engine shattering the propellor blades which damaged the starboard outer too, unable to maintain height. 275 Sqn scrambled Walrus I L2207:Z which landed beside and rescued four of the crew of seven initially but then transferred them to the Naval vessel which had picked up the other three. Aircraft sank in 60ft of water. The aircraft was on a night cross country exercise.

Pilot	Sgt	J Reynoldson	Ok
Nav			Ok
			Ok
			Ok
			Ok
			Ok
			Ok

Wednesday 4th August 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1791/47]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Llanbedr
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		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Burtonwood
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Sutton Bridge
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Atcham
W3037		Walrus I	275 Sqn	W/O McClelland from Andreas
W2746	PV-V	Walrus I	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann to Andreas
Aircraft changeover.				

Thursday 5th August 1943 [AIR 27/1791/47]

406 Sqn had their Midday meal served in the open to replicate field conditions!				

Friday 6th August 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1969/22][AIR 27/1791/47]

	J	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Furlong
Valley-Woodvale-Andreas-Valley.				
EG229		Anson I	510 Sqn	S/L Ensham
From Wrexham to Hendon.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Honiley
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Oxford

Sunday 8th August 1943 [AIR 27/1791/47]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	S/L Freeman & F/O Torpy
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Richards & F/S Horne
Both arrived back from Drem.				

Monday 9th August 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1791/47]

Search carried out by the 275 Sqn Anson below for three missing Ansons on a training flight. 2 Ansons were later found to have crashed in the Cumberland Hills and the search was abandoned in the Valley sector. The two crashed ones were most probably DJ222 & DJ275.				
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/Sgt Murray visited Woodvale
[EL152]		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To St Athan
[EL213]		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To St Athan
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To St Athan
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To St Athan
All flown to St Athan for major overhauls, crews were flown back to Valley.				

Tuesday 10th August 1943 [AIR 27/1791/47]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Woodvale
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Wednesday 11th August 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/958][AIR 29/868]

W4087		Mosquito NFII	1422 Flt	F/O Mallett from & to Heston
EG597		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S C F Blann from Andreas
W3037	[V]	Walrus I	275 Sqn	To Andreas

		Spitfire VB*	322 Sqn	
		Spitfire VB*	322 Sqn	
		Spitfire VB*	322 Sqn	
		Spitfire VB*	322 Sqn	
*took part in Exercise 'Driver'				
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X7966	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	
22:00, crashed on take-off for an Air Test after the starboard engine failed.				
Pilot	P/O	S E Murray	Ok	
Nav	Sgt	Greenwood	Ok	
Pax	Cpl	[Walker]	Ok	

Thursday 12th August 1943 [AIR 27/1791/47][AIR 28/874]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from St Athan
		?	406 Sqn	G/C Conn to St Angelo
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	
Routed: Valley-Middle Wallop-Ford-Valley.				
V9749	PV-C	Lysander III	275 Sqn	F/S Murray to & from Middle Wallop
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K8562		Walrus I	275 Sqn	No damage.
Forced landing after engine failure in a gorse field by the side of the lake near the Mess. The aircraft was in transit from Eglinton to Valley.				
Pilot	F/L	Furlong	Ok	
	F/L	Van Den Honert	Ok	

Friday 13th August 1943 [AIR 28/874][AB][AIR 27/1791/47]

News arrived from Sutton Bridge for 406 Sqn that one of their recently departed pilots [F/L Harry Curd Bennett] had been killed whilst flying a Spitfire which had collided with 1 of 2 Wellingtons which was engaged in an exercise. Both the Spitfire [IIA P7350 of CGS] & Wellington [I P9228 of CGS] crashed with no survivors. The Spitfire crashed at Stallode Fen, Lakenheath. He was present on a Spitfire conversion course.				
T7279		Tiger Moth	Stn Flt	Delivery from 48 MU, Hawarden
Air Britain quote this as 14.8, struck off charge 12.7.44				

Saturday 14th August 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 27/1791/47]

To make room for extra American Personnel, 406 Sqn were moved from Site 6 to 5.				
		2-eng type	USAAF	TRANSAT arrival
EG525	PV-W	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Chappell visited Llanbedr
		?	406 Sqn	To & from Woodvale
		?	406 Sqn	S/L Fulton
To Sutton Bridge in connection with the death of F/L Bennett, see 13.8				

Sunday 15th August 1943 [AIR 27/1791/47][AIR 29/880/7]

EG525		Anson I	275 Sqn	S/L Seabourne
Search carried out for a missing Lancaster in Cardigan Bay, nothing found. [Possibly B.III ED378 1662 CU [W/C A W T Trail] which went missing 14.8.43]				
HP203		Martinet TTI	1606 Flt	From Bodorgan for night flying
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	Delivery from 409 Sqn
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	Delivery from 409 Sqn
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	Delivery from 409 Sqn
*Delivered from Acklington. 406 Sqn crews were flown there to pick them up				

Monday 16th August 1943 [AIR 29/880/7]

HP203		Martinet TTI	1606 Flt	To Bodorgan, see 15.8
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Tuesday 17th August 1943 [AIR 27/318/31][AIR 28/874][USAAF doc][AIR 25/633][AIR 29/473][AIR 27/1791/47]

		11x PB4Y-1	USN	
Handled by the USATC Detachment at Valley [TRANSAT arrivals] Most probably for VPB-103 based eventually at Dunkeswell. From Meeks Field, Iceland departed to St Eval same day.				
		4x Mustang I	26 Sqn	
Practice 'Rhubarb' [airfield attack] sweep carried out on RAF Valley from their base at Ballyhalbert, N Ireland.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Woodvale
		?	406 Sqn	P/O Murray, F/O Ireland, F/S Giles
Flew to Lakenheath to represent the Sqn at the funeral of F/L Bennett which was held at Beck Row, see 13.8.43				

Wednesday 18th August 1943 [USAAF doc][AIR 27/1791/47]

		4x 2 Eng aircraft	USAAF	TRANSAT arrival
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From & to Ballyhalbert

Thursday 19th August 1943 [AIR 27/1791/47]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Honiley
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Honiley

Friday 20th August 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 28/39][AIR 29/684][AIR 29/439][AIR 27/1791/47]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Honiley, see 19.8
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Honiley, see 19.8
	H	Spitfire	1 CACF	F/O Inskip from Detling
Arrived to carry out co-operation with Coastal Artillery School, Llandudno.				
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DZ714		Mosquito IIF	60 OTU	'SWEET LUMPS28' from High Ercall
Overshot runway on landing with one engine and ended up on the beach. Crew ok but aircraft damaged beyond repair.				
Pilot	F/O	Thomson		Ok

Nav	F/O	Schellenberg	Ok
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Saturday 21st August 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/494][AIR 27/1700/19][AIR 27/1021/15][AIR 27/1791/47]

EG525	PV-W	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O C L Whitnell from & to Andreas
		Beaufighter	[406 Sqn]	To Llanbedr
To Llanbedr for air-to-air gunnery.				
		?x Spitfire VB*	315 Sqn	'A' Flight
*Carried out a 'Rhubarb' attack on Valley, ORB does not mention how many aircraft.				
DZ303		Mosquito NFII	151 Sqn	W/C Richards from Middle Wallop
No indication in the Sqn ORB when it departed, next noted 27.8 with 151 Sqn.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Ouston

Sunday 22nd August 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/439]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O Shipley to Ballyhalbert
		?	406 Sqn	F/L Haybrook to & from Charter Hall
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Murray & Ireland to High Ercall
On start up after refuelling the port engine caught fire, stayed overnight.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/L Haybrook & Lynes
To & from High Ercall, returned with an oil leak.				
	F	Spitfire	1 CACF	F/O Inskip from Detling
Co-operation with Coastal Artillery School, Llandudno, returned 23.8				
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[LT146]	[C4]	Anson I	[SPTU]	From Cark
406 Sqn Beaufighter diverted from a searchlight exercise to search and assist the ASR launches, Launches managed to rescue the five crew who spent the night at the Naval Base before being brought to Valley in the morning. LT146 ditched on night exercise 2nm N of Point Lynas on 21.8. SPTU [Staff Pilots Training Unit] after engine failure. No additional information in SPTU ORB.				
				Ok
				Ok
				Ok
				Ok
				Ok

Monday 23rd August 1943 [AIR 27/1791/47]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To High Ercall
Picked up F/O Murray & Ireland, see 22.8				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Drem, same aircraft as above

Tuesday 24th August 1943 [AIR 27/1644/1][AIR 27/1791/47]

[R3429]		Anson I	[295 Sqn]	
From Hurn with spares for Halifax DG396 295 Sqn, see 21.7.43				

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O Shipley from & to Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from St Athan

Wednesday 25th August 1943 [RAFM]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Drem
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Biggin Hill
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/S McEwan
Routed: Ballyhalbert-Woodvale-Valley-Ballyhalbert.				

Thursday 26th August 1943 [AIR 27/1595/1][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1644/1]

		Walrus	275 Sqn	W/O R B Davies visited Helensburgh
EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Hyde from Eglinton
		?		
AOC 9 Group, AVM L N Hollinghurst visited by air.				
DG396	QQ-	Halifax V	295 Sqn	F/O Cleaver to Hurn, see 21.7.43
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O Shipley from & to Ballyhalbert

Friday 27th August 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/167][AIR 27/1791/47]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Gatwick for major overhaul
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To St Athan for major overhaul
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Biggin Hill
		Spitfire PR.	PRU	
Diverted into Valley whilst enroute Portreath-Gibraltar. Pilot blacked out at 32,000ft and recovered consciousness at 20,000ft but became disorientated and diverted to Valley. Escorted to Valley with the aid of Trewan Sands Radar site.				

Saturday 28th August 1943 [AIR 27/1791/47]

An evening Concert was given by the Comedian Tommy Trinder & cast.				

Sunday 29th August 1943 [AIR 27/1791/47]

		?	406 Sqn	W/C [Fumerton]
Routed: Valley-Ringway-[Salisbury]-Northolt. Returned to Valley 31.8				

Monday 30th August 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/473][AIR 27/1791/47]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O Shipley from Ballyhalbert
		?	406 Sqn	To Redhill
[2471]		PBY-5A	USN	TRANSAT from Reykjavik
[7252]		PBY-5A	USN	TRANSAT from Reykjavik
[7252 however was apparently w/o 13.6.42 in Brazil with VP-83 ?]				
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V8696	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	
Port engine failure, wheels up landing safely carried out due to insufficient rudder control				

with the undercarriage down.			
Pilot	S/L	D J Williams	Ok
Obs			Ok

September 1943 [USAAF doc][AIR 28/494]

TRANSAT, 21x 2-engined & 9x 4-engined arrivals. All but three required repairs/maintenance.			

Wednesday 1st September 1943 [AIR 28/494][AIR 27/1791/49]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Llanbedr
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Wittering
		Hurricane		S/L Haig visited Llanbedr

Thursday 2nd September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2]

EG597		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Whitnell from Andreas
HD868		Walrus II	275 Sqn	Sgt Scarlett to Andreas
EG544		Anson I*	275 Sqn	F/O A H Jaynes from Eglinton
EG606		Anson I*	275 Sqn	F/S A L Watson to Eglinton
*Aircraft changeover.				

Saturday 4th September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2][AIR 28/874]

EG597		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S A M Brown from & to Andreas
		*	275 Sqn	F/S Blann & W/O Davies
*Carried out a search for an aircraft reported in the Sea SW of Anglesey. Subsequently reported that the aircraft, an Anson had crashed on land with all occupants including 2 ATC Cadets killed. This was Anson I EG278 9[O]AFU from Llandwrog which broke up in mid-air near Parciau Farm, 1nm West of Caernarfon. Both ATC Cadets were from 271 Sqn, Colwyn Bay. [AVIA 5/22/W1645]				
Pilot	P/O	Lawrence Alan Walker	Killed [buried East London]	
W/Op	Sgt	James Winchester	Killed [buried Preston]	
-	Cdt	Geoffrey Arnord Stapleton	Killed [buried Manor Park][18]	
-	Cdt	Geoffrey Foulkes	Killed [buried Preston][17]	

Sunday 5th September 1943 [AIR 28/494]

		Beaufighter	[406 Sqn]	From Llanbedr
For air-to-air gunnery from Llanbedr.				

Monday 6th September 1943 [AIR 28/874]

38917		PB4Y-1	USN	TRANSAT [VPB-111]
38925		PB4Y-1	USN	TRANSAT [VPB-104]
From Meeks Field, Iceland to St Mawgan.				

Tuesday 7th September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2]

EG544		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt A Hyde to Eglinton post major
LT595		Anson I*	275 Sqn	F/S J F Murray to Andreas
EG593		Anson I*	275 Sqn	F/S J F Murray from Andreas
*Aircraft changeover.				

Wednesday 8th September 1943 [AIR 27/1791/49]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Chivenor
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Woodvale

Thursday 9th September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/295/18][AIR 27/1791/49]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Llanbedr
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Andreas
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Ouston
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Exeter
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S P D Cross from & to Andreas
		Anson I*	275 Sqn	Sgt Walter
		Walrus*	275 Sqn	Lt Plant [FAA]
*Scrambled to investigate a report of Anson I LV152 3 AGS from Mona which had crashed off Trevor Pier at 16:55. The Walrus was unable to land as the water was too shallow, but the crew were rescued by an ASR launch.				
LA620		Electra 12A	24 Sqn	F/O R Prykiel
AOC 44 Group, A/Cdre E J Kingston-McCloughry visited by air, from Staverton to Prestwick.				

Saturday 11th September 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1969/24][USAAF doc][AIR 29/473][AIR 27/1791/49]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Exeter
[42-5]1142		B-24H		TRANSAT from Meeks
[42-5]1172		B-24H		TRANSAT from Meeks
[42-5]1256		B-24J		TRANSAT from Meeks
[42-5]0661		B-24J		TRANSAT from Meeks
		B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
W/O Davies of 275 Sqn set off to escort one of the B-24's to Valley but the aircraft did not require any assistance in the end. All 5 B-24's departed to St Mawgan 12.8.43.				
		B-24		War Weary
R7495		Proctor I	510 Sqn	AM Sorley
From Hendon, carried out a 1hr solo flight on 13.9, departed back to Hendon 15.9				

Sunday 12th September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1791/49]

[42-5]1142		B-24H		To St Mawgan, see 11.9
[42-5]1172		B-24H		To St Mawgan, see 11.9

[42-5]1256		B-24J		To St Mawgan, see 11.9
[42-5]0661		B-24J		To St Mawgan, see 11.9
		B-24		To St Mawgan, see 11.9
		2x B-25		TRANSAT from Stornoway
		3x C-47		TRANSAT from Stornoway
EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S L M Brown to Andreas
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Woodvale
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Atcham
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Ballyhalbert

Monday 13th September 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1791/49]

		2x B-25		To St Mawgan, see 12.9
		3x C-47		To St Mawgan, see 12.9
		Magister I	406 Sqn	W/C Fumerton to & from Andreas

Tuesday 14th September 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 25/633]

4111		B-24		From Marrakech, departed 15.9
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O Shipley to Ballyhalbert

Wednesday 15th September 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1969/24][AIR 29/473][AIR 27/1791/49]

Battle of Britain Parade.				
		B-25		TRANSAT from Meeks Field
		5x PB4Y-1		TRANSAT from Meeks
Possibly Bu.No 32014 [VB-105 & 111?]				
		6x B-24		From Meeks
All the above departed 16.9 but one B-24 returned to Valley with a hydraulic problem.				
R7495		Proctor I	510 Sqn	F/L Sluggett to Hendon, see 11.9
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Honiley
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Ballyhalbert
		Magister I	406 Sqn	W/C Fumerton to 'London'

Thursday 16th September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2]

W2746	PV-V	Walrus I	275 Sqn	S/L A F S-Cooper from Eglinton
		5x PB4Y-1		To St Eval, see 15.9
Dunkeswell ORB mentions two for VPB-111 & probably the remaining three for VB-105.				
		6x B-24		To St Mawgan, see 15.9
One B-24 returned to Valley due to a hydraulic problem.				

Friday 17th September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2][AIR 28/874][Fighter Nights][AIR 28/494]

7902		B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
[42-5]2765		B-24[H]		TRANSAT from Meeks
		2x B-24		TRANSAT from Prestwick

		6x C-47		TRANSAT from Stornoway
		C-53		TRANSAT from Stornoway
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L R Van Den Honert
Routed: Andreas-Llanbedr-Valley-Andreas				
T3383	RX-A	Beaufighter IIF	456 Sqn	Transferred to 63 OTU
		Beaufighter	[406 Sqn]	Visited Llanbedr
To Llanbedr for air-to-air gunnery.				

Saturday 18th September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1791/49]

		10x C-47		TRANSAT from Stornoway
LT592		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L O H Furlong from Andreas
		Magister I	406 Sqn	W/C Fumerton from London see 15.9
		?	406 Sqn	W/C Fumerton
Routed: Valley-Honiley-Ford-Valley.				

Sunday 19th September 1943 [AIR 28/874]

		15x C-47		To St Mawgan
		C-53		To St Mawgan
		4x B-24		To St Mawgan
		B-25		To St Mawgan

Monday 20th September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2][AIR 28/874][AIR 28/494]

EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	To Llanbedr
		5x PB4Y-1	USN	From Meeks to St Mawgan 21.9
		4x B-24		From Meeks to St Mawgan 21.9

Tuesday 21st September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1791/49]

		C-47		TRANSAT from Stornoway
		B-25		TRANSAT from Stornoway
		B-26		TRANSAT from Stornoway
		5x PB4Y-1		To St Eval, see 20.9
Dunkeswell ORB mentions first aircraft for VPB-111 and last three for VB-105 arrived 22.9				
		5x B-24		To St Mawgan, see 20.9
L2207		Walrus I	275 Sqn	W/O R B Davies to Woodvale
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S G Eaton from & to Andreas
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Shipley from & to Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Andreas
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Atcham
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Wellsbourne
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Fairwood Common

Wednesday 22nd September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2][AIR 28/874][AIR 28/494][AIR 27/1791/49]

V9749	PV-C	Lysander IIIA	275 Sqn	F/S C F Blann to 9 MU for disposal
9 MU, Hullavington.				
AV978		Hawk Trainer	275 Sqn	F/L V D Honert, pick up F/S Blann
		3x Wellington	105 OTU	Diversions from Bramcote at 07:00
		Oxford	406 Sqn	WO Wilson to & from Andreas
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/L Morgan to & from Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	[406 Sqn]	To Llanbedr
To Llanbedr for air-to-air gunnery.				

Thursday 23rd September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2][AIR 27/1791/49]

EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L E W Seabourne
To Eglinton, NI with spares. His logbook quotes EG525.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Warmwell
		?	406 Sqn	F/L Haybrook & Lynes To Ford

Friday 24th September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1791/49]

EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S F B Skinner visited Eglinton
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	S/L Seabourne to & from Andreas
		4x Anson I	9[O]AFU	Diversions from Llandwrog at 02:00
EG544		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Scarlett from Andreas
		Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	W/C Fumerton P/O Hider
		Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	S/L Williams & F/L Lusty
*both to & from Ballyhalbert.				

Saturday 25th September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2][AIR 27/1716/7][AIR 28/874][AIR 28/958][AIR 28/494][AIR 27/1791/49]

		PB4Y-1	[USN]	TRANSAT from Meeks
EG525	PV-W	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S C F Blann visited Woodvale
	VL-	Spitfire*	322 Sqn	
	VL-	Spitfire*	322 Sqn	
	VL-	Spitfire*	322 Sqn	
*practice 'Rhubarb' or Airfield attack flown to Valley from Woodvale, ORB does not specify if they landed or not.				
		2x ?	275 Sqn	
Patrolled for a ditched Anson near Llanbedr without success.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O MacDonald to Ouston
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Sutherland to Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Ferris from Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/L Haybrook & F/O Williams
Routed: Valley-Sydenham-Ballyhalbert-Valley.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O Meakin from Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	W/C Fumerton to Ford

Sunday 26th September 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1791/49]

3[8]940		PB4Y-1	[USN]	To St Eval, see 25.9
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O McNabb & Sgt Tindall
Routed: Valley-Ouston-Ayr-Valley.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	W/C Fumerton
From Ford via Castle Camps, see 25.9				

Monday 27th September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2][AIR 27/1791/49]

EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L M G Calvert from Eglinton
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Richards to & from Cranfield

Tuesday 28th September 1943 [AIR 27/1791/49][AIR 27/1595/2][AIR 28/874]

EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S N V Blakey
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Shipley from Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Sutherland from Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Ferris to Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O McNabb to Ballyhalbert

Wednesday 29th September 1943 [AIR 27/1595/2][AIR 27/295/18][AIR 28/39]

W7981		Stinson	24 Sqn	F/O E Prykiel [ex. G-AFHB]
From Hendon-Talbenny with W/C McGinn, N/stop.				
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S L M Brown from Andreas
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V8449	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	'SNOOKER17'
EB404	[R]	Whitley V**	81 OTU	From Tilstock
Mid-air collision in the early hours at 13,000ft near High Ercall resulted in the loss of 3ft of the Beaufighter's port wing and one of the Whitley engines. Both landed safely at their respective base, but F/O Wallace in the Whitley baled out but hit a tree and was killed. Valley ORB mentions that all the Whitley crew bailed out, but the aircraft was repaired.				
Pilot	F/O	J T MacDonald [406 Sqn]*		Ok
Nav	P/O	H J Tennant [406 Sqn]*		Ok
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	F/O	George Albert Wallace [RCAF]**		Killed [buried Blacon]

Thursday 30th September 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/295/18]

LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S L M Brown from Andreas
		6x Anson I	[7[O]AFU]	Diversions from Bishops Court 12:00
W7981		Stinson	24 Sqn	F/O E Prykiel to Hendon empty

Friday 1st October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/3]

Limited flying due to bad weather.				
EG525	PV-W	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S C F Blann to Andreas
EG597		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S J R Campbell from Andreas

Aircraft and crew changeover.

Saturday 2nd October 1943 [AIR 27/1791/51][AIR 28/874]

	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	F/O S E Murray
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	F/O E B Sexsmith
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	P/O W H Meakin
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	W/O W B Wilson
*Flown to St Athan for disposal, to be replaced by new Beaufighter VI's with the new Mk.VIII AI radar, see below. P/O Meakin flew the pilots back to Valley.				
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	Delivery
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	Delivery
These two were the new Beaufighters with the Mk.VIII AI radar.				
FK316		Argus	3 FPP/ATA	Crowder from & to Hawarden
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	Visited Woolsington [Newcastle]
Inspect new dispersal at Newcastle for 'D' Flight/275 Sqn.				
		6x PB4Y-1	USN	TRANSAT from Stornoway
		C-47		TRANSAT from Stornoway
		B-25		TRANSAT from Stornoway
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L2207		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/L Furlong & Sgt Blann
EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt Blann
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Blakey
All three 275 Sqn aircraft carried out an abortive search for two crew members of a Wellington who bailed out under instructions from the Captain when the aircraft encountered severe icing over the Irish Sea near Rhyl. The aircraft was later brought under control at approx. 450ft in a dive by the pilot Sgt J M Scholfield. It eventually landed safely at its home base, RAF Hixon. This is almost certainly Wellington X HF471 30 OTU and the two crew members were, Sgt D S Champion [RCAF] & Sgt R A Mushet.				

Sunday 3rd October 1943 [AIR 28/874]

		6x PB4Y-1		To St Eval, see 2.10
Dunkeswell ORB mentions first two aircraft for VPB-111 arriving today.				
		C-47		To St Mawgan, see 2.10
		B-25		To St Mawgan, see 2.10

Monday 4th October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/3][AIR 28/874][AIR 28/958]

V3642		Oxford II	275 Sqn	F/L O H Furlong visited Andreas
		B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		2x B-24		TRANSAT from Stornoway
		7x B-25		TRANSAT from Stornoway
		?x Spitfire	322 Sqn	Airfield attack from Woodvale

Tuesday 5th October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/3][**AIR 27/1791/51**]

EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O J R Chappell to Woodvale
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EG525	PV-W	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S F P Skinner from Woodvale
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	S/L Freeman to Acklington
This was one of the new aircraft with the Mk.VIII AI radar. Valley did not have any bench equipment yet to test the radar sets.				
		?	406 Sqn	W/O Green
Flew to Ballyhalbert with several passengers.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Murray & Ireland
To Castle Camps for a Mahmoud operation which was cancelled, they flew to Bradwell Bay on 6.10				

Wednesday 6th October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/3][AIR 27/1791/51]

New ration of chocolate received for the Aircrew at Valley!				
*Four aircraft flown to Woolsington [Newcastle] to form a new 'D' Flight which would later become 278 Sqn				
[5947]		Walrus*	275 Sqn	P/O J Chappell
[This is not a Walrus serial, possibly X9467]				
[EG530]		Anson I*	275 Sqn	F/O M Cameron
LT592		Anson I*	275 Sqn	Sgt F B Skinner
LT597		Anson I*	275 Sqn	Sgt A Ryde
EG538		Anson I	275 Sqn	From Eglinton
EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	From Eglinton
		?	275 Sqn	Sgt Wilder
Search carried out for a missing Anson.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Sutherland to Acklington
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	S/L Williams to Acklington
Two new Mk.VIII AI radar aircraft for radar testing, see 5.10				

Thursday 7th October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/3][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1791/51]

EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S W V Blakeley to Andreas
EG525	PV-W	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L O H Furlong visited Andreas
		B-24		Departed, see 4.10
		2x B-24		Departed, see 4.10
		7x B-25		Departed, see 4.10
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Murray & Ireland
From Bradwell Bay, see 5.10				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Cosford
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Northolt
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from West Malling
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Ballyhalbert

Friday 8th October 1943 [AIR 27/1791/51]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Ferris from Ballyhalbert
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Saturday 9th October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/3][AIR 27/1791/51]

ENSA presented the Playwright Emlyn Williams in 'Night Must Fall'				
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S T F Murray visited Andreas
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	W/C Fumerton & P/O Hider
Routed: Valley-Woodvale-Sydenham-Valley.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O MacDonald & P/O Tennant
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	W/O Price & Sgt Costello
Both to Acklington with a new aircraft for radar testing, see 5.10				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	W/C Fumerton & P/O Hider
To Bradwell Bay for a 'Mahmoud' operation which was cancelled due to weather.				

Sunday 10th October 1943 [AIR 27/1791/51]

		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	W/C Fumerton & P/O Hider
Returned from Bradwell Bay, see 9.10				

Monday 11th October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/3]

HD868		Walrus II	275 Sqn	F/O C L Whitnell from Andreas
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt M C Wilder visited Eglinton

Tuesday 12th October 1943 [AIR 27/1791/51][AIR 27/1595/4][AIR 27/1970/19]

FD869		Dakota I	511 Sqn	F/O N Morris
From Gibraltar to Lyneham.				
EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt L R Scarlett from & to Andreas
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF*	406 Sqn	
		Oxford*	406 Sqn	
*The Beaufighters were flown to St Athan for disposal with the pilots flown back to Valley in the Oxford. Whilst transiting back the Oxford encountered severe turbulence.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Ballyhalbert

Wednesday 13th October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/3][AIR 28/39]

AV978		Hawk Trainer	275 Sqn	Low flying sortie
[44-32055]		P-47		'DARKSHAG'
Diversion from High Ercall/Atcham? [Serial does not match up with a P-47, possibly 42-25055]				

Thursday 14th October 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/668][AIR 28/494][AIR 29/473][IBCCA][AIR 27/1791/51]

		5x Whitley V	[42 OTU]	Diversions from Ashbourne
		5x Whitley V*	[24 OTU]	Diversions from Honeybourne
	T	Whitley*	24 OTU	One of the 5 above

At some stage, this Whitley departed to Mona before returning to Honeybourne.				
	R	Whitley*	24 OTU	P/O Brooks
One of the 5 Whitley's which diverted from Honeybourne, landed 03:50				
		5x Anson I	[24 OTU]	Diversions from Honeybourne
AX259	[TY-B]	Anson I	24 OTU	F/S Sercombe to Mona
AW909	[TY-E]	Anson I	24 OTU	P/O Law from & to Mona
These 2 were part of the 5 above from Honeybourne.				
		3x Mosquito	[60 OTU]	Diversions from High Ercall
		23x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		4x B-24		TRANSAT from Gander
		Oxford		S/L Price visited Llanbedr
3[8]926		PB4Y-1	USN	TRANSAT from Meeks
[3]2031		PB4Y-1	USN	TRANSAT from Meeks
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/L Richards to Ringway
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	S/L Williams to Ayr
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O MacDonald to Ayr
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	F/O Murray to Ayr
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	P/O McNabb to Ayr
Flew 4 crews who were posted to Ayr to join a new Sqn being formed.				

Friday 15th October 1943

The 'Circus' arrived this evening to train the 406 Sqn aircrews in the use of the Mk.VIII AI radar. The Sqn has an incentive as once they are operational with the new radars they will leave Valley! [Did the Circus operate Wellingtons ?]				
[3]2041		PB4Y-1	USN	TRANSAT from Iceland [VB-105]
[41-29]133		B-24[H]		TRANSAT from Iceland
Or B-24D 42-41133/B-24H 42-51133/B-24H 42-52133 ?				
		Wellington	'Circus'	1 st crew arrives – see above

Saturday 16th October 1943 [AIR 28/874]

		19x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		B-24		TRANSAT from Gander

Sunday 17th October 1943 [AIR 28/874]

42-31149		B-17G	[560 BS/388 BG]	TRANSAT from Gander
		10x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
Including 'Lead' US aircraft sent to Valley to escort the bombers to various English Airfields there were a total of 57 US Heavy bombers parked on the western portion of the perimeter track and the hard standings near the Technical Site.				

Monday 18th October 1943 [AIR 27/1791/51][AIR 27/1595/4][AIR 28/874][USAAF doc][AIR 28/958]

54x 4-engine TRANSAT arrivals.				
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AOC 9 Group, A/Cdre C A Stevens visited, by air?				
W3037		Walrus I	275 Sqn	Sgt L R Scarlett from & to Andreas
L2282		Walrus I	275 Sqn	S/L Sunderland-Cooper from Eglinton
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O C L Whitnell from Squires Gate
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Ballyhalbert
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V8717	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	[AVIA 5/22/W1686]
Returning from a ferry flight to Woodvale, the aircraft seemed to explode and break up in mid-air crashing near Ty Croes Railway Station from 15,000ft immediately after radio contact with base. 275 Sqn Anson EG606 was scrambled and spotted the wreckage. F/L Richards was the sole occupant. The Funeral took place on 22.10 at the local Church the entourage then proceeded to Holyhead where the remains were put on a train to Chester for internment in Blaen Cemetery.				
Pilot	F/L	Gordon Stewart Richards	Killed [buried Blaen]	

Tuesday 19th October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/3][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1791/51]

All the US aircraft received from Gander recently departed between today and 21.10 to Burtonwood, Molesworth and Warton.				
K8562		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/L O H Furlong
Delivered to 277 Sqn at Gravesend via Woodley.				
		Wellington	'Circus'	2 nd crew arrives, see 15.10

Wednesday 20th October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/3][Fighter Nights]

EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Brown from Andreas
EG539	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	To Andreas
Aircraft and crew changeover.				
X7896	RX-	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	To 19 MU after repairs.

Thursday 21st October 1943 [AIR 28/874][F78][AIR 29/679]

V8563		Beaufighter	1 ADF	From FIU Ford to 406 Sqn
		?		
B/Gen Burrows, CO USATC European Wg visited to inspect both technical and domestic US accommodation, by air?				
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X8200		Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Damaged, how? To 32 MU repair
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Z9490		Whitley V	42 OTU	From Ashbourne
Starboard engine failure due to coolant leak on night cross-country, unable to maintain height and ditched off Anglesey, crew ok.				
Pilot	P/O	J Le Bouvier	[Ok]	

Friday 22nd October 1943 [AIR 27/1791/51][AIR 27/1595/3]

	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Gatwick for disposal
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	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Gatwick for disposal
EG525	PV-W	Anson I*	275 Sqn	W/O R B Davies to Eglinton
EG544		Anson I*	275 Sqn	W/O R B Davies from Eglinton
*Aircraft changeover.				

Saturday 23rd October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/3][AIR 28/874][USAAF doc][AIR 27/1791/51]

'Marble Arch' Airline begins, a shuttle operation Hendon-Valley-Nutts Corner-Prestwick.				
AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S C F Blann to Usworth
		?		
Air Attache to Ireland flew from Valley to London.				
		?		From Halton
AVM Aitken 60 Group arrived from Halton to visit Trewan Sands GCI site.				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Gatwick
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Ballyhalbert

Sunday 24th October 1943 [AIR 28/874]

		Anson I		Diversion after a lightning strike
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Monday 25th October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/4]

EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S G Eaton Woodvale-Andreas
L2282		Walrus I	275 Sqn	S/L Sunderland-Cooper to Eglinton
EF964		Anson I	42 OTU	F/S Kobylec

Tuesday 26th October 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1791/51]

Conference to discuss further groundworks at Valley.				
		?		
Fighter Command representatives to attend the above conference, by air?				
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Ballyhalbert
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Woodvale

Wednesday 27th October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/4]

EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	P/O C Phillips from Woodvale
EF964		Anson I	42 OTU	F/S Kobylec, see 25.10
Routed: Valley-Rhyl-Hawarden.				

Thursday 28th October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/4][Fighter Nights]

EG544		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Van Den Honert to Salmesbury
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Friday 29th October 1943 [AIR 27/1595/4][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/668][AIR 27/1791/51]

EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O C L Whitnell from Andreas
EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	From Eglinton
		7x B-17	[RAF]	TRANSAT from Gander
		5x Wellington	[21 OTU]	Diversions, Moreton-in-the- Marsh

		4x Whitley	[24 OTU]	Diversions from Honeybourne
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To & from Ballyhalbert
		?	406 Sqn	W/C Fumerton
Visited Exeter in connection with the forthcoming Sqn move. They were disappointed to hear that the move had been delayed from 5 th to the 15 th				

Saturday 30th October 1943 [AIR 28/874]

		12x Anson		Diversions
		Fulmar	[NAS]	Diversion
		5x Wellington	[23 OTU]	Diversions from Pershore
		B-17		See below
The B-17 was escorted by a 406 Sqn Beaufighter VIF EL146 'CANTO25' [W/O Wilson]				

Late October 1943

43-48770		C-47B*	2 BAD	Based at Warton
*The Marble Arch Airline' shuttle starts with flights between Hendon and various USAAF units at Valley/Nutts Corner/Prestwick.				

Monday 1st November 1943 [AB dig64]

Fighter Command Sector was closed and absorbed into the Woodvale sector. 150 US aircraft arrived at Valley during 11.43				
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Tuesday 2nd November 1943 [AIR 28/494][AIR 27/1791/53]

		Master		F/L Hodges from Llanbedr
[42-6]3987		B-24[D]		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Ballyhalbert

Wednesday 3rd November 1943 [AIR 27/1595/6][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1791/53]

		9x C-47		From Marrakech
		C-47*		Diverted from St Mawgan
*en-route Marrakech-St Mawgan, diverted by enemy activity.				
3344		B-24		From Marrakech
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Gatwick for disposal
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Cosford
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	To Ballyhalbert
EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Whitnell from Andreas
		?		
Gen Peaboddy, Air Attache to the US Embassy in London visited, by air?				
		Wellington	'Circus'	Departed, see 15.10
		Wellington	'Circus'	Departed, see 19.10

Thursday 4th November 1943 [AIR 27/1595/6][AIR 28/494][AIR 29/668][AIR 27/1791/53]

EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Blakey to Andreas
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		Fairchild ?		3 rd Officer Terry visited Llanbedr
		8x Whitley	24 OTU	Diversions
		6x Anson	24 OTU	Diversions
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Gatwick
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Ballyhalbert

Friday 5th November 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/668][AIR 27/1791/53]

		8x Whitley	24 OTU	To Honeybourne, see 4.11
		6x Wellington	[8[C]OTU]	Diversions from Haverfordwest
		6x Anson I	24 OTU	To Honeybourne, see 4.11
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	From Ballyhalbert

Saturday 6th November 1943 [AIR 27/1595/6][AIR 28/874]

EG525	PV-W	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Blakey from Eglinton
		7x Whitley		Departed, see 5.11
		5x Anson I		Departed, see 5.11
1023		PB4Y-1	USN	TRANSAT from Meeks

Sunday 7th November 1943 [AIR 27/1595/6][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1649/1]

AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Van Den Honert to Andreas
		B-24		To Burtonwood, arrived 30.10
		B-17		
The B-17 escorted the 10x C-47's which arrived from Marrakech to Langar				
		17x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		6x Wellington	[8[C]OTU]	To Haverfordwest, see 5.11
		Anson I	298 Sqn	F/S Loftus from & to Tarrant Rushton

Monday 8th November 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/547/2][AIR 28/958]

		B-17		To St Mawgan
		B-17	[93 BS/310 BG]	To Hardwick
		B-24		To St Mawgan
		?x Spitfire	322 Sqn	Airfield attack from Woodvale

Tuesday 9th November 1943 [AIR 27/1595/6][AIR 28/874]

T7612		Tiger Moth II	1606 Flt	From Bodorgan
Unauthorised low flying, crashed near Llangaffo. Bodorgan ORB quotes it as 10.11				
Pilot	F/S	Alan Laurie Jacobs [RCAF]	Killed [buried Blaenau]	
Pilot	F/S	Stanley Joseph McLaughlin	Killed [buried Liverpool]	
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EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Blann to Andreas
AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Blann from Andreas
Aircraft changeover.				
		8x B-17		To Burtonwood PM

		B-24		To Burtonwood PM
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Wednesday 10th November 1943 [AIR 29/547/2]

EB157		Halifax V	1666 CU	From RAF Croft
Struck the sea at 12:30 between Holyhead and Llandwrog. Damaged, but landed safely at Llandwrog, repaired.				
Pilot	F/S	D M Thomson	Ok	

Thursday 11th November 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 28/494][AIR 27/1791/53]

		B-17		From Warton
Acted as escort for 7x B-17 to Burtonwood.				
		Oxford		W/C Dennison to Llanbedr
		Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	Weather diversion to Honiley, n/stop

Friday 12th November 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/295/24][AIR 28/494]

		?		From Andreas to Llanbedr 17:17
ACM Sir E Ludlow-Hewitt IG of the RAF arrived by air, also inspected Bodorgan & Llanbedr.				
X7413		Dominie I	24 Sqn	F/O D Brown
With Mr Freeman & W/C Suren from Portreath to Doncaster.				
		Martinet TTI		F/L Hodges visited Llanbedr

Saturday 13th November 1943 [AIR 28/874][Fighter Nights][AIR 28/494]

	HU-	12x Beaufighter	406 Sqn	To Ballyhalbert.
Flew in formation in the afternoon to Ballyhalbert although one turned back to Valley with engine trouble. Remaining eleven returned to Valley at 17:30. They returned to Valley with the groundcrews from the detachment at Ballyhalbert.				
X7895	RX-	Beaufighter VIF	456 Sqn	Transferred for repair?
		Oxford		W/C Dennison from & to Llanbedr

Sunday 14th November 1943

125 Sqn arrive from Exeter with their aircraft Beaufighter VIF arriving 15.11. 125 Sqn detachment with three aircraft and crews established at Ballyhalbert, N Ireland.				
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Monday 15th November 1943 [AIR 27/1573/23][AIR 28/874]

K6987	BJ-P	Harrow I	271 Sqn	S/L Giedgowd
K7032	BJ-D	Harrow I	271 Sqn	P/O J Swaby
406 Sqn departs to Exeter with 18 Beaufighters in formation led by W/C R C Fumerton.				
Aircraft known to have operated with 406 Sqn at Valley: Beaufighter VIF: V8395 V8449 V8467 V8451 V8516 V8677 V8696 V8727 X7882 X7941 X7942 X7949 X8024 X8028 X8169 X8203 X8210 X8224 X8265 EL146 EL152 EL188 EL213 Beaufighter VIF with Mk.VIII AI KV867:HU-I KV918:HU-Z KV921:HU-P KV977 KV980 KW101 KW102:HU-B KW103:HU-T KW105:HU-J KW109:HU-D ND216 ND218:HU-W ND219:HU-M ND220:HU-C ND221:HU-P				

ND222:HU-Y ND223:HU-G ND224:HU-K ND225:HU-O ND228				
Oxford II:				
Magister:				
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125 Sqn Flying Echelon arrive from Exeter. Only 17 listed in the Operational Order.				
	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	W/C J G Topham CO, from Exeter
	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/L Key & F/O Crouch
V8739/G	VA-E	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock & F/S Heijne
	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Vaughan & P/O Lockyer
	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Stewart & P/O Hutchins
	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Tilley & ?
	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	P/O Grey & F/S Millar
	VA-N	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/S Daly & F/S Horsley
	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	W/O Beadle & Sgt Rundell
		Magister	125 Sqn	F/O Kirk
MM847	VA-T	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell & F/L Youngs
	VA-D	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Irving & F/S Millington
	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Dunfee & Sgt Le Merchant
	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Gosse & F/S Bates
	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Forrest & F/O Jones
	VA-R	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	P/O Reid & P/O Griffiths
	VA-M	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	W/C Denison & F/O Osborn
	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Leggett & W/O Rich
BG390		Oxford II	125 Sqn	F/S Clough & Sgt Evans

Tuesday 16th November 1943 [AIR 27/1595/6][AIR 27/922/51]

AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	W/O Murray to Andreas
W2746	PV-V	Walrus	275 Sqn	F/O Martin to Andreas
	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	Attached to Ballyhalbert
	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	Attached to Ballyhalbert
	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	Attached to Ballyhalbert
MM847	VA-T	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell to Ballyhalbert
		B-17	USAAF	TRANSAT from Gander
BG390		Oxford II	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock to Exeter

Wednesday 17th November 1943 [AIR 27/922/51 125 Sqn ORB][AIR 27/1595/6][AIR 28/874]

42-7542		B-24H*		Diverted from St Mawgan
*departed Marrakech at 03:45 for St Mawgan but landed at Valley due to enemy activity at 15:30. Attacked by 2 Ju88 at 10:40 at 6,000ft, returned fire using approx two hundred rounds of ammunition. Escorted to Valley by Beaufighter VIF BT288:VA-P of 125 Sqn flown by P/O F J Reid & P/O D M Griffiths. On landing at Valley, it showed evidence of having received hits from both Cannon and Machine Guns. Valley ORB quotes 18.11 for this.				
L2207		Walrus	275 Sqn	F/L Van Den Honert visited Woodvale

BG390		Oxford II	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock
Routed: Exeter-Fairwood Common-Valley.				
MM847	VA-T	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell from Ballyhalbert

Thursday 18th November 1943

ND235	VA-A	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
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Friday 19th November 1943

BG390		Oxford II	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell to Exeter
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Sunday 21st November 1943 [AIR 28/874]

FV991		Mitchell		Diversion due to fire
Whilst enroute Portreath-Gibraltar it caught fire and diverted to Valley at 09:55.				
		B-17		From Langford Lodge
One of ten despatched without warning, the weather at Valley was bad and only the one arrived with three recalled to Langford Lodge, five to Warton and 1 to Castle Green.				

Monday 22nd November 1943 [AIR 29/705/3][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/880/7]

BG390		Oxford II	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell from Exeter
BT288	VA-P	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell
To & from Ballyhalbert.				
		11x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		6x B-17		TRANSAT from Goose
		[Martinet TTI]*	1606 Flt	
*From and to Bodorgan to pick up a Hurricane.				
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T5318		Beaufighter VIC	9[C]OTU	'PETER' from Crosby-on-Eden
Declared an emergency at approx. 12:30 saying he was ditching. Air Sea rescue action initiated but no trace of the aircraft was found. Later the Holyhead Lifeboat picked up two bodies near Carmel Head. Valley ORB quotes this as 23.11.43				
Pilot	Sgt	Geoffrey Albert Webster	Killed [buried Maeshyfyrd]	
Nav	Sgt	Kenneth Rawlin	Killed [buried Leeds]	
<div><p>1438569 SERGEANT G. A. WEBSTER PILOT ROYAL AIR FORCE 22ND NOVEMBER 1943 AGE 27</p></div> <p>Maeshyfyrd, Holyhead.</p>				

Wednesday 24th November 1943 [AIR 28/874]

42-7580		B-24H	[445 BG]	From Marrakech at 11:05
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42-7565		B-24H	[703 BS/445 BG]	From Marrakech at 14:20
These were part of a flight from Marrakech-St Mawgan. A third 7567 landed at Llandwrog at 13:15. A Beaufighter of 125 Sqn was scrambled to intercept the B-24 which landed at Llandwrog, but no contact was made. No mention in 125 Sqn ORB.				
42-31372	[OR-P]	B-17G	[323 BS/91 BG]	TRANSAT from Goose Bay

Friday 26th November 1943 [AIR 27/922/51][AIR 27/1595/6][AIR 29/890]

ND270	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU, Colerne
EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Blakey from Eglinton
V8467		Beaufighter VIF	1 ADF	Delivery 406 Sqn to 19 MU
V8677		Beaufighter VIF	1 ADF	Delivery 406 Sqn to 19 MU
[HM]369		Proctor	1 ADF	
Routed: Croydon-Valley-St Athan [19 MU]- Croydon.				

Saturday 27th November 1943 [AIR 27/1595/6][AIR 28/874]

EG525	PV-W	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Calvert from Eglinton
EG525	PV-W	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L O H Furlong visited West Freugh
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	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	
Port engine failure during take-off, aircraft came to rest to the left of Runway 14 on the grass flying strip.				
Pilot	W/C	J G Topham	Ok	

Tuesday 30th November 1943 [AIR 27/1595/6]

EG525	PV-W	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Little to Eglinton
	VA-Q	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell to Exeter

December 1943 [1407 doc.]

90x 4-engine & 90x 2-engine TRANSAT arrivals.				
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Wednesday 1st December 1943 [AIR 27/1595/8][AIR 28/874]

	VA-W	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell from Exeter
AV978		Hawk Trainer	275 Sqn	F/L Van Den Honert from Chivenor
AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S G Eaton from Andreas
		Lodestar 12A		To Staverton
AOC RAF Transport Command was onboard but only one pax was dropped off before departing again. Nothing in 24 Sqn ORB.				

Thursday 2nd December 1943 [AIR 27/1595/8]

W2746	PV-V	Walrus	275 Sqn	F/S G Eaton to Andreas
EG544		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S C F Blann from Eglinton
	VA-W	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell to & from Woodvale

Saturday 4th December 1943 [AIR 27/1595/8]

EG544		Anson I	275 Sqn	Sgt M G Wilder to Eglinton
	VA-W	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell to & from Ballyhalbert

Monday 6th December 1943 [AIR 28/874]

		?		Diversions
Valley ORB mentions a number of diversions but no details!				

Tuesday 7th December 1943 [AIR 28/874]

42-31508	[IN-Q]	B-17G	613 BS/401 BG	TRANSAT from Goose Bay
To Deenthorpe by 21.1.44				

Wednesday 8th December 1943 [AIR 28/874]

		8x Anson I	[SoGR]	Diversions from Squires Gate
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Thursday 9th December 1943 [AIR 28/874]

		8x Anson I	[SoGR]	To Squires Gate, see 8.12
		5x B-17		TRANSAT from Goose
A B-17G 42-31439 routing Goose Bay-Valley disappeared after departure with all onboard lost. Other sources say it was enroute to Prestwick though. The above 5 aircraft may be from the same serial batch as the aircraft lost.				

Saturday 11th December 1943 [AIR 27/1595/8][AB Sqns of the FAA][LS]

		9x Seafire [F.III]	[887 NAS]	From Machrihanish to Angle
Air Britain's Squadrons of the Fleet Air Arm states that 887 NAS moved from Machrihanish to Henstridge on 13.12.44, perhaps Angle was another refuel stop? No other Unit moved on this date and the number involved would suggest a Base/Unit move. They were operating Seafire IIC & FIIL at the time.				
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Van Den Honert to Woodvale
AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	L Scarlett to & from Woodvale
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NX924	AC-D	Seafire IB	736 NAS	St Merryn based
Force landing near Ty Croes Station, Bryn Du with the undercarriage sheared off and propellor damaged. RAF Bodorgan took over responsibility for the crash area. Not known if it was part of the same group of aircraft from 11.12.43. Bodorgan ORB quotes this as Cable Bay at 16:40 on 11.12. [NX924 also features on 11.2.43 as Mk. VB BM580 before conversion to Seafire configuration]				
Pilot	Lt	H Morrison [RNZVR]		Slightly injured, to Bodorgan SSQ

Monday 13th December 1943 [AIR 28/874]

		Lodestar		From Staverton
Col Jackson USAAF, N/stop.				

Tuesday 14th December 1943

42-40025	[MS-X]	B-17G	[535 BS/381 BG]	To Ridgewell by 6.1.44
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Wednesday 15th December 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/764/60]

[HK417]		Mosquito NFXIII	96 Sqn	S/L Gill from & to West Malling
HK417 was S/L Gill's normal aircraft, all his operational flights in December were with HK417. He normally flew with F/O Berry.				
		Oxford		From Prestwick
Liaison visit for US Operations.				
BG390		Oxford II	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock to Hawarden

Thursday 16th December 1943 [AIR 27/1595/8]

EG544		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L M Calvert from Eglinton
BG390		Oxford II	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock from Hawarden
MM847	VA-T	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell to & from Ballyhalbert

Friday 17th December 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 25/633]

2184		PB4Y-1	USN	From Marrakech
42-38029	[VE-M]	B-17G	[532 BS/381 BG]	TRANSAT from Gander

Saturday 18th December 1943 [AIR 28/874]

FW135		Mitchell II	[180 Sqn]	Diversion Gander-Prestwick
TRANSAT delivery, went to 180 Sqn eventually.				
41-23863		C-87A		TRANSAT from Stephenville
		C-87A		TRANSAT from Gander
42-107427		C-54A		TRANSAT from Stephenville
		10x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander

Sunday 19th December 1943 [AIR 27/1595/8][AIR 28/874]

38 aircraft present.				
		3x Ventura	USN	TRANSAT from Reykjavik
		6x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		4x P-38	[27 ATG]	Diversion from Maghaberry, NI
		P-39	[27 ATG]	Diversion from Maghaberry, NI
		C-54		Diversion from Stephenville
		Hudson		Diversion from Wick
		6x P-47	[27 ATG]	Diversion from Maghaberry, NI
		B-24		Diversion from Stephenville
		B-24		Diversion from Gander
		7x Anson I	[SoGR]	Diversions from Squires Gate
		Wellington	[7 OTU]	Diversion from Limavady
		Wellington	[21 OTU]	Diversion from Moreton in Marsh
		Wellington	[18 OTU]	Diversion from Bramcote
		Mosquito	[33 MU]	Diversion from Lyneham
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Van Den Honert visited Andreas

[N9]675		Magister I	275 Sqn	F/O A Edgley visited Derry
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Monday 20th December 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/702]

All except four of the aircraft which diverted 19.12 returned to their bases.				
42-31543	[XM-D]	B-17G	[332 BS/94 BG]	To Rougham 21.12.43
		3x Ventura		From Iceland PM
EG700		Anson I	SPTU	Force landing

Tuesday 21st December 1943 [AIR 28/874]

		9x B-17		TRANSAT from Goose Bay
		3x B-17		TRANSAT from Prestwick

Wednesday 22nd December 1943 [AIR 27/1595/8]

9939		B-24	US	From Marrakech
42-38020	[GN-L]	B-17G	[427 BS/303 BG]	To Molesworth by 20.1.44
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne to Woodvale
EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S M Brown
From & to Andreas.				

Thursday 23rd December 1943 [memoirs of J E Silvis Nav*][AIR 27/1595/8][AIR 28/874]

42-64451		B-24H*	712 BS/448 BG	Arrived 12:00 'Sequoia Gal'
*On delivery via the Southern Route, diverted from Newquay to Valley due to fog. Departed 24.12 to Seething escorted by RAF aircraft. 2/Lt I E Toler, Pilot.				
3512		B-24		From Marrakech
EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	Visited Ballyhalbert
		Spitfire		G/C Walters from & to Woodvale
V8739/G	VA-E	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock
Routed: Valley-Haverfordwest-Fairwood Common-Valley.				

Friday 24th December 1943 [AIR 28/874]

		18x B-17		TRANSAT from Goose Bay
42-38046	[QJ-]	B-17G	[339 BS/96 BG]	TRANSAT from Presque Isle
Departed to Snetterton 26.12				
		B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
BG390		Oxford II	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock
To & from Rednal with G/C Isherwood.				

Sunday 26th December 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1970/23]

FH280		Hudson IIIA*	RAF	From Gibraltar
FL514		Dakota III*	RAF	Wounded troops from N Africa
Wounded troops from N Africa, departed to Speke PM.				
FL517		Dakota III*	511 Sqn	F/O C F Hughesdon
From Gibraltar to Speke. Initial departure point was Maison Blanche.				

BV244		Warwick I*	RAF	Wounded troops from N Africa
BV246		Warwick I*	RAF	
P1364		Albemarle I*	RAF	
*All RAF Transport Command aircraft were inbound from Gibraltar but diverted to Valley.				
		C-53		From Prestwick

Monday 27th December 1943 [AIR 27/1595/8][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/295/28]

EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S G Eaton from & to Andreas
LA621		Electra 12A	24 Sqn	F/O H Sutton
AOC 44 Group, A/Cdre Beamish from Nutts Corner to Melton Mowbray. The Valley ORB quotes 28.12 but the 24 Sqn ORB says 27.12.				
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L2207		Walrus	275 Sqn	S/L Seabourne
Search for Anson which was later found crashed on land near Barmouth. This was Anson I EF953:[BZ] 9[O]AFU from Llandwrog which crashed 26.12.43 into Bwlch-y-Llan at 1,000ft near Barmouth. All 4 aircrew were killed.				
Pilot	P/O	Frederick Roger Bullock	Killed [buried Easton-in-Gordano]	
Nav	P/O	John Alexander McIntosh [RCAF]	Killed [buried Blaon, Chester]	
Nav	P/O	John William Butcher [RCAF]	Killed [buried Blaon, Chester]	
Nav U/T	Sgt	John Henry Noy	Killed [buried/cremated East Finchley]	

Tuesday 28th December 1943 [AIR 29/167]

V8751	VA-D	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	
Forced landing High Erccall with starboard engine unserviceable, crew escaped serious injury.				
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Wednesday 29th December 1943 [AIR 27/1595/8][LS]

EG544		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O C S Martin to Andreas
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Thursday 30th December 1943 [AIR 27/1595/8][AIR 28/874]

EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	W/O T P Murray visited Speke
EG492	PV-J	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O C S Martin from Eglinton
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Van Den Honert visited Prestwick

Friday 31st December 1943 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/708/53]

		14x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
FL930	R	Liberator III	86 Sqn	Diversion F/O B F Gaston
Diverted from anti-shipping patrol from Ballykelly, landed 12:10.				

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USAAF TRANSAT Unit handled 226x Heavy Bombers & 139x twin-engined aircraft.

166x B-17

49x B-24

4x B-26

13x B-25

35x C-47

1x C-53

2x C-54

33x PB-4Y [USN]

3x PV-1 [USN]

7x B-17 [Special Flights]

7x B-24 [Special Flights]