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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1944

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Additional Unit movements: Trewan Sands Radar site.
Additional logbook movements.

SUMMARY

The American TRANSAT system remained in force with Atlantic deliveries from the USA via Gander [Northern Route] and Lagens, Azores [Southern Route]

Abbreviations

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ASR	Air Sea Rescue
BAT	Beam Approach Training
BS/BG	Bomber Sqn/Bomber Group [USAF]
FAA	Fleet Air Arm [Royal Navy]
[O]AFU	[Observer] Advanced Flying Unit
OTU	Operational Training Unit
Sqn	Squadron
TCS/TCG	Troop Carrier Squadron/Group [USAF]

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 1944 [1407 doc.]

143x 4-engine & 43x 2-engine TRANSAT arrivals.

Saturday 1st January 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/708/53]

		10x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
FL930	R	Liberator III	86 Sqn	See 31.12.43

Sunday 2nd January 1944 [AIR 27/1596/2]

EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S G Eaton from & to Andreas
		10x B-17		To Burtonwood, see 1.1.44

Monday 3rd January 1944 [RS]

42-99991		B-24J		2/Lt A J Schultz
TRANSAT from Marrakech, Morocco. See 7.1.44				

Tuesday 4th January 1944 [AIR 27/923/2][AIR 25/639]

MM825	VA-	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/L E Snow visited Ballyhalbert
42-97492	[DS-B]	B-17G	[511 BS/351 BG]	TRANSAT from Gander
		9x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander

Wednesday 5th January 1944 [AIR 27/1596/2][AIR 28/874]

42-52169		B-24H*	734 BS/453 BG	'Lucky Penny'
*Flew in a formation to Old Buckenham from Valley. Memoirs of S/Sgt E M Survilla.				
EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	W/O R B Davies from Andreas
		10x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
	HU-	Beaufighter VIF	406 Sqn	W/C Fumerton

Thursday 6th January 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		16x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech am.
		B-17		PM
		P-38		PM

Friday 7th January 1944 [RS][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/547/2]

AL529		Liberator II		From Goose Bay
Mr Malcolm Macdonald [High Commissioner for Canada] & several VIPs.				
		B-17G*		'Gee' Navigation box equipped.
*This B-17G arrived from an English base to escort the 6 B-24's plus 42-99991 to Watton.				
		6x B-24J		

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42-99991		B-24J		'Batchelor Baby'
Struck the summit of Clip yr Orsedd, Penmaenmawr [OS 115/716745] after departure from Valley where it took off at 13:45. On delivery from the USA, this was a ferry flight to BAD Watton, Norfolk. See also 3.1.44. Llandwrog ORB quotes 11 crew [6 to Bangor Hospital, 2 walking wounded and 3 unaccounted for]				
Pilot	2/Lt	Adrian J Schultz	Ok	
Co-Pilot	2/Lt	Arthur W Davis	Died of injuries	
Nav	2/Lt	Julian S Erts[z]	Ok	
B/A	2/Lt	Norman P Boyer	Ok	
F/E	S/Sgt	Samuel Louis Offutt	Killed	
A/G	S/Sgt	John E Tymczak	Ok	
A/G	Sgt	Harold Alexander	Ok	
A/G	Sgt	William Lorenz	Killed	
A/G	Sgt	William G Nichols	Ok	
Pax	T/Sgt	Nicholas Cennemo	Killed	
	Sgt	J Nieglos	Ok	

Saturday 8th January 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1648/1]

		4x B-24		From Marrakech
		[Albemarle]	297 Sqn	From & to Stoney Cross
V8641/G	VA-L	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock to Ballyhalbert

Monday 10th January 1944

V8641/G	VA-L	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock
From & to Ballyhalbert.				
MM847	VA-T	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell to Ballyhalbert

Tuesday 11th January 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		Oxford	[9 Gp]	To Llanbedr
AOC 9 Group.				

Friday 14th January 1944 [AIR 27/1596/2][AIR 27/1648/1]

MM847	VA-T	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell from Ballyhalbert
		?x ?		
Part of 40x aircraft that were enroute Gander-Nutts Corner/Prestwick but due to bad weather were diverted to Valley. However, Valley's weather also deteriorated, and some were diverted to Mildenhall. Some landed at Valley, but the Valley ORB does not mention how many. Trewan Sands radar site was involved in homing the aircraft.				
		B-24*	[453 BG]	'Swamp Queen'
*Arrived at Valley low on fuel, on taxiing off the runway all 4 engines cut out, memoir of R E Victor. They then left the aircraft at Valley. Probably part of the above arrivals.				
AV978		Hawk Trainer	275 Sqn	F/O A Edgley to Bicester
EG492	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	P/O A H Jaynes from Eglinton

		Whitley**	297 Sqn	From Stoney Cross
**Flew a spare crew in to pick up an Albemarle, see 8.1.44				

Saturday 15th January 1944 [AIR 27/1596/2][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/547/2]

42-31561	[OE-Z]	B-17G	[335 BS/95 BG]	TRANSAT from Gander
42-31567	[AW-R]	B-17G	[339 BS/96 BG]	TRANSAT from Gander
Departed to Snetterton 16.1.44				
42-31576	[QJ-G]	B-17G	[339 BS/96 BG]	TRANSAT from Gander
42-31603	[CC-N]	B-17G	[569 BS/390 BG]	TRANSAT from Gander
42-31677	[XA-Q]	B-17G	[548 BS/385 BG]	TRANSAT from Gander
Departed to Great Ashfield 17.1				
42-31692		B-17G	[526 BS/379 BG]	TRANSAT from Gander
42-38047	[EP-O]	B-17G	[351 BS/100 BG]	TRANSAT from Gander
		35x B-24		From Marrakech
		19x ?	RAF	Visitors, 16 by day & 3 by night
BT302	VA-B	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock
From & to Ballyhalbert.				
AV978		Hawk Trainer	275 Sqn	F/O A Edgley from Sywell
EG492	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S C F Blann visited Andreas
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MG627	[CO]	Anson I	9[O]AFU	From Llandwrog
Forced landing near Tynygongl, badly damaged. All 4 crew members were uninjured and returned to Llandwrog. Also quoted as late on 14.1. OS 41/944066. Aircraft code may also have been :P				
Pilot	F/O	R T Thornton		Ok
				Ok
				Ok
				Ok

Sunday 16th January 1944 [AIR 27/1596/2][AIR 28/874]

MM847	VA-T	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell
To & from Ballyhalbert.				
		Oxford		From Belfast with VIP's
Arrived 15:42 with Mr Hugh Dalton, Mr Dinglefoot & A/Cdre Chamier who departed by road.				

Monday 17th January 1944

42-31677	[XA-Q]	B-17G	[548 BS/385 BG]	To Great Ashfield, see 15.1
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Tuesday 18th January 1944 [AIR 27/1970/25][AIR 25/639]

FL649		Dakota III	511 Sqn	S/L D C Pascall from Gibraltar.
		2x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech

Thursday 20th January 1944 [AIR 27/1596/2][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1970/25]

EG492	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O A H Jaynes to Eglinton
		C-47		From Gibraltar/Marrakech
		2x P-38	[27 ATG]	From Maghaberry
FL649		Dakota III	511 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 18.1
BT302	VA-B	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock
From & to Ballyhalbert.				

Friday 21st January 1944 [AB][AIR 27/923/1][AIR 28/874]

125 Sqn start re-equipping with Mosquito NF.XVII, declared operational by late Feb 1944.				
HJ867	VA-	Mosquito III	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell
1 st Mosquito for 125 Sqn, delivered from 410 Sqn at Fairwood Common.				
		13x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
With the arrival of the above 13 aircraft and further arrivals a total of 43 USAAF aircraft were present at Valley.				
		18x ?		Diversions

Saturday 22nd January 1944

[BG390]	[BV]	Oxford II	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock
To & from West Freugh.				

Sunday 23rd January 1944

BT302	VA-B	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock from Ballyhalbert
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BT288	VA-P	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	
Engine caught fire and the aircraft belly landed 3nms N of Ballyhalbert. This aircraft was part of the detachment from Valley.				
				[Ok]
				[Ok]

Monday 24th January 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		5x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
Additionally, 8 other B-17's landed at Ballyhalbert. The above may be from the same batch ?				

Tuesday 25th January 1944 [AB][AIR 27/923/1]

	[QG-]	Wellington*	[51 OTU]	From Honiley
	[QG-]	Wellington*	[51 OTU]	From Honiley
	[QG-]	Wellington*	[51 OTU]	From Honiley
* 'Circus' for RADAR training of 125 Sqn crews. There were 10 Wellingtons allocated from 2 Navigation Radio Conversion Unit. Nothing in the 63 OTU ORB were they 51 OTU ?				

Thursday 27th January 1944

	VA-H	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock
To & from Ringway with W/C Topham.				

Friday 28th January 1944 [AIR 27/1969/32][AIR 25/639][IBCCA]

MM847	VA-T	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell
To & from Ballyhalbert.				
MG630	[B4]	Anson I	8[O]AFU	Sgt Van Guilburg to Mona
X4319		Spitfire I	510 Sqn	F/L Furst
Routed: Hendon-Talbenny-Valley-Hendon.				
42-97475		B-17G	[482 BG]	TRANSAT from Marrakech
[42-3]9766		B-17G		TRANSAT from Marrakech
[42-9]3018		B-17G		TRANSAT from Marrakech
[42-]5782		B-17F		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		?x C-47		TRANSAT from Marrakech
AIR 25/639 mentions 20 TRANSAT to various bases.				

Saturday 29th January 1944 [AIR 28/874]

	VA-C	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock
To & from Ballyhalbert.				
		18x C-47		TRANSAT from Marrakech
AIR 25/639 only mentions 16 to St Mawgan/Valley.				
		8x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
42-64496		B-24H*	732 BS/453 BG	Arr 12:00, 2/Lt W S McBride
*Crew#18 Southern Route via Marrakech, dep 11:30 30.1 in formation to Old Buckenham. Memoir of Lt P M Gunnar, Bombardier. This was one of the 8 arrivals above.				
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		4x Anson I	8[O]AFU	Diversions from Mona
	24	Anson I	8[O]AFU	F/S Beech diversion from Mona
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EG609		Anson I	8[O]AFU	Diverting from Mona
Crashed near Llanerchymedd [OS 882030] after descending through cloud. Crew of 5, 1 killed & 3 seriously injured.				
Pilot	Sgt	Charles Derek Ryden		Killed [buried Blackburn]
	F/S	L C W Paine		Seriously injured
	Sgt	J Middleton		Seriously injured
	Lt	V Coucheron		Seriously injured
	Sgt	L Maaskjolo		Minor injuries

Sunday 30th January 1944 [AIR 27/1596/2][AIR 28/874]

TRANSAT 44x arrivals/51x departures				
EG525	PV-W	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O C Phillips to Andreas

Monday 31st January 1944 [AIR 27/1596/2][AIR 28/874]

AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O C Phillips from Andreas
		B-24*		Emergency landing.
*After taking off had to make an emergency landing with one engine on fire which was				

successfully extinguished.

February 1944 [1407 doc.]

149x 4-engine & 204x 2-engine arrivals including 62x C-47 in a single day from Marrakech.

Tuesday 1st February 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		Harrow I*	[271 Sqn]	Diversion
*Weather diversion with 20 RAF passengers.				

Wednesday 2nd February 1944 [AIR 27/923/3][AIR 28/874][F78]

HK287	VA-S	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
MP526		Wellington XVII	[51 OTU]	S/L Barwell
S/L Barwell of 125 Sqn flew this aircraft twice on 2.2, once on both 3 rd and 4 th for target practice for the new AI radar.				

Thursday 3rd February 1944 [AIR 27/923/3][AIR 27/1596/4][AIR 28/874][F78]

HK309	VA-A	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Edgley visited Ballyhalbert
42-38111	[FR-H]	B-17G	[525 BS/379 BG]	TRANSAT from Azores
		17x B-24		From Marrakech
The aircraft from Marrakech were originally due at Prestwick but diverted to Valley because of bad weather. 8 of the B-24's subsequently left for Warton.				
42-40499		C-87A		TRANSAT from Marrakech
42-38009		B-17G		TRANSAT from Marrakech

Friday 4th February 1944 [Joe Baugher site][AIR 28/874][AIR 25/639]

42-68743		C-53D		
42-68819		C-53D		'Hay Stack Annie'
Both TRANSAT from Marrakech.				
		30x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
13x of the B-24's later left to various stations.				
EV874		Liberator VI		From Gander, fuel priority.
This was a US to UK delivery flight. Homed by Trewan Sands, landed with only enough fuel for 2 more circuits.				

Saturday 5th February 1944 [AIR 27/923/3][AIR 28/874]

29x B-24's & 5x C-53's from the previous day arrivals departed to various UK Stations.				
HK346	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
HK355	VA-T	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
		15x B-24		From Marrakech

Sunday 6th February 1944 [AIR 28/874]


		6x B-24		From Marrakech
[41-38]648		C-47		From Gibraltar

[41-38]650		C-47		From Gibraltar
		17x B-24		Departed to various stations
		Hellcat	[FAA]	From N Ireland

Monday 7th February 1944 [AIR 27/923/3][AIR 28/874][F78]

HK252	VA-B	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
HK262	VA-N	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
HK291	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
HK299	VA-C	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
		2x B-24		From Marrakech

Tuesday 8th February 1944 [AIR 27/923/3][AIR 27/1596/4][AIR 28/874][AIR 28/88][F78]

[41-29342]	[J3-S]	B-24H*	755 BS/458 BG	'Rough Riders' from Marrakech
*Diary of 1/Lt Curt M Vogel Crew#74, departed 9.2 to Horsham St Faith.				
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HK247	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
HK263	VA-M	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
HK284	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O C Phillips to Andreas
		4x P-38	[27 ATG]	From N Ireland [Maghaberry]
		4x B-24		From N Ireland
		B-17		From N Ireland
		Hellcat	FAA	To Hawarden, see 6.2
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HP183		Martinet TTI	1606 Flt	From Bodorgan
Crashed during a 'beat up' of a gun emplacement at Gors Goch Range, Holyhead. Valley ORB has this on 9.2.44				
Pilot	Sgt	Alan Peyman Bashforth		Killed [buried Maeshyfyrd]
		<div><p>1578122 SERGEANT A. P. BASHFORTH PILOT ROYAL AIR FORCE 8TH FEBRUARY 1944 AGE 22</p></div>		
Maeshyfyrd, Holyhead.				
Droque Op	AC2	R A Ward		Slightly injured

Wednesday 9th February 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		9x B-24		From Marrakech
42-31882	[DS-F]	B-17G	[511 BS/351 BG]	TRANSAT from Marrakech
42-31878	[MS-Z]	B-17G	[535 BS/381 BG]	TRANSAT from Marrakech

42-32018	[EP-L]	B-17G	[351 BS/100 BG]	TRANSAT from Marrakech
		9x B-24		To various Stations.
		2x C-47		To various Stations

Thursday 10th February 1944 [AIR 27/923/3][AIR 27/1596/4][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/709/4]

HK306	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
HK310	VA-J	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
HK316	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
HK318	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
HK326	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O C Phillips to Andreas
FK231	K	Liberator III*	86 Sqn	Diversion, W/O H Bortoft
*Operating out of St Eval escorting Convoy HX 277, weather diversion, landed 07:32				

Friday 11th February 1944 [AIR 27/923/3][AIR 28/874][F78]

AOC 9 Group AVM D F Stevenson visited and flew in the 125 Sqn dual Mosquito.				
HK259	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
HK261	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
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HK252	VA-B	Mosquito XVII*	125 Sqn	S/L Gill
MS784		Martinet TTI*	1606 Flt	F/O T C Pinkerton
*Collided with the drogue cable towed by a Martinet from RAF Bodorgan at 15:40 approx. 3nms W of Valley. Despite a red very flare fired from the Martinet the Mosquito collided with the cable and lost 6'9" off its starboard wing but managed to recover back to Valley safely.				

Saturday 12th February 1944 [AIR 27/923/3]

HK325	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne
HK361	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 218 MU Colerne

Sunday 13th February 1944 [AIR 27/1596/4][AIR 28/874]

EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	W/O R B Davies visited Andreas
W2746		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/O C Phillips
Search for missing Spitfire pilot by Andreas based Walrus, body picked up by boats. Nothing found in the RAF Casualty list though. [possibly Seafire FIII ? 894 NAS which crashed off Mew Island, Bangor, Co Down, NI after the windscreen was covered in oil whilst on a night flight from Ballyhalbert - S/Lt John Esmond Marshall RNZVR was killed and his body recovered]				
		22x B-17		From Marrakech
		?x Various		Diversions

Monday 14th February 1944 [AIR 27/1596/4][AIR 28/874]

EG525	PV-W	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O Phillips from & to Andreas
		4x B-24		From Marrakech/St Mawgan

		20x B-17		To Warton
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Tuesday 15th February 1944 [AIR 25/639]

42-31876	[QW-Q]	B-17G	[412 BS/95 BG]	TRANSAT from Marrakech
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Wednesday 16th February 1944 [Joe Baugher site] possibly 22.2

	VA-Q	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell
To & from Ballyhalbert.				
41-18527		C-47A	/316 TCG	N Africa to Cottesmore
41-18529		C-47A	/316 TCG	N Africa to Cottesmore
41-38608		C-47A	37 TCS/316 TCG	N Africa to Cottesmore
41-38699		C-47A	53 TCS/61 TCG	N Africa to Barkston Heath

Thursday 17th February 1944 [Joe Baugher site][AIR 27/1564/3][AIR 28/874][USAAF doc]

62x C-47 arrived from Marrakech. CO is RAF Cottesmore & BH is RAF Barkston Heath.				
42-5693		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-5694		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-5701		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-5704		C-47A	/316 TCG	To CO
42-23300		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-23304		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-23306		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-23329		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-23330		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-23332		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-23333		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-23334		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-23335		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-23336		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-23338		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-23339		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-23383	4C-I	C-47A	36 TCS/316 TCG	To CO
42-23406		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-23408		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-23503	4C-K	C-47A	36 TCS/316 TCG	To CO
42-23637		C-47A	15 TCS/61 TCG	To BH
42-23931	4C-C	C-47A	36 TCS/316 TCG	To CO
42-23933		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH 'Down & Go II'
42-24173		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-24201		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-24206		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-24208		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH

42-24322		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-24332		C-47A	/61 TCG	To BH
42-24389	4C-J	C-47A	36 TCS/316 TCG	To CO
42-32806		C-47A	53 TCS/61 TCG	To BH
42-32829		C-47A	53 TCS/61 TCG	To BH
42-32837		C-47A	53 TCS/61 TCG	To BH
42-32870		C-47A	53 TCS/61 TCG	To BH
42-32914		C-47A	15 TCS/61 TCG	To BH
42-32919		C-47A	53 TCS/61 TCG	To BH
42-32927		C-47A	59 TCS/61 TCG	To BH
42-32930		C-47A	15 TCS/61 TCG	To BH 'Buzzing Buzzard'
42-32932	X5-I	C-47A	59 TCS/61 TCG	To BH
42-32933		C-47A	15 TCS/61 TCG	To BH
42-32934		C-47A	15 TCS/61 TCG	To BH 'Terry H'
42-32935		C-47A	59 TCS/61 TCG	To BH
42-68700	4C-I	C-47A	36 TCS/316 TCG	To CO
42-68769	4C-A	C-53	36 TCS/316 TCG	To CO
42-68785	4C-B	C-53	36 TCS/316 TCG	To CO
42-92066		C-47A	53 TCS/61 TCG	To BH
43-30732		C-47A	14 TCS/61 TCG	To BH
		?x Mustang IA	268 Sqn	
268 Sqn flew 20 air-to-ground range sorties at Carmel Head, Anglesey from Llanbedr.				

Friday 18th February 1944 [AIR 27/923/3]

V8616	VA-J	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock
Delivered to John Curran, Cardiff.				
BG390	[BV]	Oxford II	125 Sqn	Vernon
To & from Cardiff, crew ferry for V8616 above.				
AV978		Magister I	275 Sqn	S/L Seabourne to Andreas
AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	S/L Seabourne from Andreas

Saturday 19th February 1944 [AIR 27/923/3]

	VA-T	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell
Routed: Valley-Aldergrove-Ballyhalbert-Valley.				
MM847	VA-T	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	To Lanes Aircraft Co. Burnley
MM867		Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	To Lanes Aircraft Co. Burnley
42-31981	[LN-E]	B-17G	[350 BS/100 BG]	TRANSAT from Marrakech

Sunday 20th February 1944 [AIR 27/923/3][AIR 28/874]

V8705		Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	To Air Training, Fair Oaks
Also quoted as 21.2				
KW159		Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	To Air Training, Fair Oaks
		6x C-47		To Langham or Langar?

		2x C-47	[61 TCG]	To Barkston Heath
		7x B-24		Departed
		8x B-24		From Marrakech
		B-17		From Marrakech
42-31622		B-17G	[414 BS/97 BG]	TRANSAT from Marrakech
KG394	[Z2-DO]	Dakota	[437 Sqn]	TRANSAT from Azores
		Walrus*	275 Sqn	
*Scrambled in the afternoon to assist a ditched Stirling in Cardigan Bay, the crew though were rescued by some American amphibious lorries [DUKW ?] nothing found regarding the identity of the Stirling or if it was a Lancaster/Halifax.				
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JL616	[SG-]	Beaufighter VIC	9[C]OTU	
Crashed between Site 13 & Trewan Sands whilst carrying out an emergency landing at Valley in the early hours after becoming lost and running out of fuel. Based at Crosby-on-Eden.				
Pilot	F/O	Edwin McNulty		Killed [buried Hodsack]
Observer	F/O	Charles James Thorpe		Killed [buried Newcastle]

Monday 21st February 1944 [AIR 27/923/3][AIR 28/874]

The four 125 Sqn Beaufighters were all delivered to 32 MU St Athan.				
V8641	VA-L	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	To 32 MU St Athan
BT302	VA-B	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock
KW117	VA-M	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	To 32 MU St Athan
ND235	VA-A	Beaufighter VIF	125 Sqn	To 32 MU St Athan
	VA-T	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell to & from St Athan
		Wellington*	51 OTU	To Honiley
		Wellington*	51 OTU	To Honiley
*These were returning to their base at Honiley after their attachment to 125 Sqn as Radar trainers.				
		2x B-17		Departed to various Stations.
		9x B-24		Departed to various Stations.
		4x C-47		Departed to various Stations.

Tuesday 22nd February 1944 [AIR 27/1596/4][AIR 28/874]

AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S M G Wilder to Andreas
42-52509		B-24H	[784 BS/466 BG]	TRANSAT from Marrakech
42-52518		B-24H		TRANSAT from Marrakech
42-52524		B-24H	[785 BS/392 BG]	TRANSAT from Marrakech
A B-24 also diverted into Aberporth whilst routing Marrakech-Valley.				
		39x C-47/C-53		From Marrakech
		4x C-47		Departed to various Stations.
		5x B-24		Departed to various Stations.

Wednesday 23rd February 1944 [AIR 25/639]

42-31978	[NV-Q]	B-17G	[325 BS/92 BG]	TRANSAT from Marrakech
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Thursday 24th February 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 28/7]

66x aircraft departed to their various Stations.				
		B-24		From Aberporth, see 22.2

Friday 25th February 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/704]

With the departure of the aircraft below the Airfield had no USAAF aircraft present.				
		2x B-24		Departed
		2x C-47		Departed
		4x Spitfire LF.IXB*	66 Sqn	
*Used the firing range at Carmel Head, 4-ships every 20mins, operating with 12 APC, Llanbedr, did NOT land at Valley. They brought 12 aircraft for their APC [Armament Practice Camp] at Llanbedr.				

Saturday 26th February 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/687][AIR 29/167]

		Wellington	83 OTU	Diversion from Peplow
		Wellington	83 OTU	Diversion from Peplow
Nothing specific in the 83 OTU ORB, homed by Trewan Sands.				

Sunday 27th February 1944 [100thbg.com][AIR 27/1596/4]

125 Sqn ran a shuttle service during the day changing over the personnel at the detached outpost at Ballyhalbert. 275 Sqn assisted too with men & equipment.				
42-31991	[EP-D]	B-17G	[350 BS/100 BG]	TRANSAT from Meeks
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Buley visited Ballyhalbert

Monday 28th February 1944 [AIR 27/1596/4][AIR 29/668]

EG606		Anson I*	275 Sqn	W/O F E Denston from Eglinton
EG492	PV-F	Anson I*	275 Sqn	W/O F E Denston to Eglinton
*Aircraft changeover.				
		B-24		
En-route N Africa-Valley diverted into Aberporth; did it reach Valley eventually?				
BD366	UF-T	Whitley V	24 OTU	Sgt Campbell
Diverted due to radio problems whilst on a cross country flight, returned to Base same day.				

Tuesday 29th February 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		?x Anson I	8[O]AFU	Diversions from Mona
Numerous diversions from Mona due to a runway obstruction.				

March 1944 [1407 doc.]

322x 4-engine & 132x 2-engine TRANSAT arrivals.				
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Wednesday 1st March 1944 [Joe Baugher site][AIR 27/1596/6][AIR 28/874][IBCCA]

42-23940		C-47A	8 AF	TRANSAT from Meeks
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LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S D J Burry visited Talbenny
		Anson I	8[O]AFU	From Mona
Arrived carrying pilots to fly the diverted aircraft from 29.2 back to Mona.				
R6227		Oxford II	83 OTU	F/O Brown from & to base
BG390	[BV]	Oxford II	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock to Ballyhalbert

Thursday 2nd March 1944

	VA-E	Mosquito	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock from Ballyhalbert
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Friday 3rd March 1944 [AIR 27/1595/5][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1853/6]

	VA-J	Mosquito	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock to Ballyhalbert
LK975	AL-	Halifax V	429 Sqn	Diversion, F/S P C Cadogan
Landed at 06:37. Became lost on the return flight from its Target, Meulan Les Mereaux. Refuelled and returned to its base at Leeming same day.				
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L6488		Botha I	11 RS	From Hooton Park
Ditched in the sea 1.5nms NW of the Skerries. 275 Sqn scrambled Walrus L2207 at 10:50 where an MTB [Motor Torpedo Boat] was located 1nm NW of the Skerries. The MTB picked up the pilot and crewmember, the remaining 2 were believed to be trapped in the aircraft. From 11 Radio School.				
	Sgt	Bailey	Ok	
	Sgt	Robertson	Ok	
	Sgt	Alan Bowker	Killed [Runnymede]	
	Sgt	Dennis Terrence Portch	Killed [Runnymede]	

Saturday 4th March 1944 [AIR 27/1596/6]

AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S M G Wilder to Eglinton
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Sunday 5th March 1944 [100thbg.com][AIR 27/1596/6][AIR 28/874]

44x 4-engine TRANSAT arrivals.				
2 stowaways [British Army Personnel] arrived in American aircraft from Marrakech and were apprehended by the Army.				
42-107007	[EP-B]	B-17G	[351 BS/100 BG]	TRANSAT from Meeks
EG544		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L N G Calvert to Eglinton
		43x B-24		From Marrakech
		7x C-47		From Marrakech
4 of the C-47's later departed to Saltby and 1 to Barkston Heath.				
42-40543		C-87A		From Marrakech to Warton
		Lancaster	BOAC	From & to Boscombe Down
41-29411		B-24H	[704 BS/446 BG]	TRANSAT from Marrakech

Monday 6th March 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		19x C-47		From Marrakech
		2x B-26		From Marrakech

		12x ?		Previous day deps to Warton.
		Anson I	9[O]AFU	Diversion from Llandwrog.

Tuesday 7th March 1944 [memoir A V Bell*][AIR 28/874]

42-52303	4Z-O+	B-24*	/467 BG	'Topper' J Mikkelsen
*Southern Route, departed 8.4 to Rackheath, part of the 8 below.				
42-24329		C-47A	62 TCS/314 TCG	From Casablanca to Saltby
		8x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech

Wednesday 8th March 1944 [memoir P H Meistrich 453 BG*][AIR 28/874]

[189-]		B-24H*	735 BS/453 BG	'Daisey Jane' Crew#62 W Norris
*Southern Route, Trinidad-Belem-Dakar-Marrakech-Valley [Possibly B-24J 42-5189-]				
		18x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		B-17		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		C-47		TRANSAT from Casablanca.
		33x B-24	[466 BG]	Departed to Attlebridge
		B-24	[467 BG]	Departed to Rackheath
		3x B-24	[BAD]	Departed to Warton

Thursday 9th March 1944 [memoir R Lindsay flight log*][AIR 28/874]

41-29240	4Z-L+	B-24H*	791 BS/467 BG	'Belle of the East' 2/Lt W H Sell.
*TRANSAT Morrison-Trinidad-Belem-Dakar-Marrakech-Valley. Departed to Rackheath 14.3. the aircraft was part of the 14 listed below.				
		14x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech

Friday 10th March 1944 [AIR 28/874]

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Valley ORB mentions 'usual arrivals & departures of aircraft on cross-country flights from various stations'				

Saturday 11th March 1944 [AIR 27/1361/3][AIR 27/923/6][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/167]

		Mosquito XVII	219 Sqn	F/O Faraday from Woodvale
HK259	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	'DAZIL29' S/L E G Barwell
Scrambled to escort a USAAF Liberator but informed aircraft had landed at Llanbedr.				
HK259	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	'DAZIL37' F/L R W Leggett
Scrambled at 18:45 to escort a B-17 to Valley. The aircraft was enroute Gander-Nutts Corner After landing it had been airborne 12h40m.				
		B-17		Diversion at 19:44, See above
		B-17		TRANSAT from Goose
		11x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		B-24		From Llanbedr, see above.
		18x C-47	436 TCS/440 TCG	To Bottesford

		2x C-47	[314 TCG]	To Saltby
		C-47	[437 TCS/9 TCG]	To Balderton
		8x B-24	[467 BG]	To Rackheath
		4x B-24		To Warton
		B-24		To Leicester East

Sunday 12th March 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		11x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
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Monday 13th March 1944 [memoir 1/Lt W H Alderson*][AIR 28/874]

		B-24		Lt R B McGlasson
*Southern Route leaving the aircraft at Valley, Crew travelled by train to Stone on 14.3.				
		B-17	[392 BG]	Departed to Wendling
		B-17	[BAD]	Departed to Burtonwood
		4x B-24	[467 BG]	Departed to Rackheath
		B-24	[93 BG]	Departed to Hardwick
		B-24	[44 BG]	Departed to Shipdham
41-11728		C-87		TRANSAT from Casablanca

Tuesday 14th March 1944 [AIR 28/874]

Meeting reference allowing Valley to handle B-29's, this was agreed but it was inadvisable to divert B-29's to Valley until the hard standings were completed.

		18x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		2x B-17		Departed to Warton
		15x B-24		Departed to Warton

Wednesday 15th March 1944 [AIR 28/874]

	VA-F	Mosquito	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock
To & from Ballyhalbert.				
		B-17		Departed to Debden
		17x B-24		Departed to Warton
		B-24	[466 BG]	Departed to Attlebridge

Thursday 16th March 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-47		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		2x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		B-26		TRANSAT from Marrakech
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	S/L Seabourne to Harrowbeer

Friday 17th March 1944 [AIR27/923/5][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1969/36]

NM341		Oxford I	510 Sqn	W/C Slater
From Prestwick to Hendon with W/C Aikman.				
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HK261	VA-	Mosquito XVII*	125 Sqn	Ballyhalbert detachment
HK326	VA-	Mosquito XVII**	125 Sqn	Ballyhalbert detachment
Both airborne at 21:05 from Ballyhalbert for a GCI sortie with Ballywooden Control. At approx 22:35 contact was lost following 3 interception runs. Suspect a mid-air collision had occurred at some time near the Mull of Galloway. The following day [18.3] 15 sorties were flown to continue the search for the missing crews. Anson I EG525:PV-W and Walrus I W2746 of 275 Sqn at Andreas, IoM also joined in the search.				
Pilot	F/L	Eric Augustus Snow*	Killed [Runnymede]	
Nav	F/O	Donald Maldwyn Griffiths*	Killed [Runnymede]	
Pilot	F/O	Frederick John Reid**	Killed [Runnymede]	
Nav	P/O	Horace James Rich**	Killed [Runnymede]	

Saturday 18th March 1944 [AB dig64][AIR 27/923/6][AIR 16/583][AIR 28/494]

RAF Valley transferred to 44 Group, Transport Command from 9 Gp ADGB. Valley to be developed as a Terminal Airport.				
43-15154		C-47A		TRANSAT from Marrakech
43-15081		C-47A		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		5x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
125 Sqn flew 15 sorties searching for the 2 Mosquitoes lost 17.3. Involved were: Mosquito XVII HK259 HK263 HK291 HK299 HK310 HK318 HK325 HK346 HK355. 8 Mosquitoes diverted to Ballyhalbert due to weather at Valley.				
		B-24/Liberator*		From Llanbedr
*Landed at Llanbedr from Morocco.				

Sunday 19th March 1944 [AIR 27/1596/6]

EG539		Anson I*	275 Sqn	P/O G Eaton from Andreas
LT595		Anson I*	275 Sqn	P/O G Eaton to Andreas
*Aircraft changeover.				
42-40499		C-87		TRANSAT from Gibraltar

Monday 20th March 1944 [2/Lt M B MacIntire log*][AIR 27/1596/6][AIR 28/874]

	VA-S	Mosquito	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock from Ballyhalbert
HK309	VA-A	Mosquito	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock to Ballyhalbert
BG390	[BV]	Oxford II	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock from Ballyhalbert
42-40499		C-87		Departed to Warton
		B-24		Departed to Warton
		C-87		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		30x B-24[H]		TRANSAT from Marrakech
[42-6]3783		B-24[D]		TRANSAT from Casablanca
42-52507		B-24H*	789 BS/467 BG	2/Lt G J Gebauer
*Southern Route from Marrakech, local test flight conducted 21.3 then departed to Rackheath 26.3.44, this aircraft was part of the 30 arrivals above.				
EG492	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S C F Blann from Fairwood

Tuesday 21st March 1944 [AIR 27/1596/6][AIR 28/874]

AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/O A Edgley to Ballyhalbert
		C-87		From Casablanca to Warton
		30x B-24*	[467/486BG]	To Rackheath/Sudbury/Warton
*6 of the B-24's returned to Valley due to weather at their destinations.				
		B-17	[388 BG]	Departed to Knettishall
		C-47		Diversion
At 20:00 the Station was informed that a C-47 appeared to be in trouble over the Welsh Mountains, the aircraft eventually landed at Valley at 22:30. It had left Nutts Corner at 16:00 for Greenham Common.				

Wednesday 22nd March 1944

BG390	[BV]	Oxford II	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock
From & to Ballyhalbert.				

Thursday 23rd March 1944 [AIR 27/1046/5][AIR 28/874]

A Flt/157 Sqn arrived from Predannack, Cornwall.				
	RS-	Mosquito	157 Sqn	
	RS-	Mosquito	157 Sqn	
	RS-	Mosquito	157 Sqn	
HK309	VA-A	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock from Ballyhalbert
[44-6393]		B-17[G]		Diversion
During the morning, the B-17 diverted in whilst flying Casablanca-Bovingdon with Gen Ira C Eaker onboard who later left for London by train. 44-6393 was Gen Eaker's personal aircraft and named 'Starduster'. He had assumed Command of Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean in January 1944, a good probability that this was his personal aircraft flying from N Africa to the UK.				

Friday 24th March 1944 [AB][AIR27/293/5][AIR 28/874][AIR 28/44]

		?x Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	From Ballyhalbert
A Flt/125 Sqn departed to Hurn.				
One of the 125 Sqn pilots F/O Simcock's comments were 'At last' !				
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	W/C Topham & F/O Dales
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	F/L Key & F/O Crouch
HK309	VA-A	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	F/O Simcock & P/O Heijne
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	F/O Grey & F/O Millar
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	F/O Harding & Sgt O'Brian
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	S/Lt Petrie & S/Lt Noyes
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	W/O Beadle & F/O Pargeter
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	F/O Tilley & F/S Tighe
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	F/S Ramsey & F/S Foote
		Magister I	125 Sqn	Sgt Caborne & Sgt Rees
A Flight/125 Sqn departs to Hurn [Bournemouth] Aircraft known to have been flown by 125 Sqn out of Valley are:				

Aircrew logbooks in **bold**.

Beaufighters:

**V8563 V8615:VA-U V8616:VA-J V8641/G:VA-L V8642:VA-R V8653 V8657:[VA-Z]
V8705/G:VA-N V8706 V8734/G:VA-K V8735 V8739/G:VA-E V8751:VA-D BT285 BT288:VA-P
BT302:VA-B KV973:VA-R KW117:VA-M KW159 MM825 MM847:VA-T MM852 MM861
MM867 ND229 ND235:VA-A ND270**

Mosquitos:

TIII: **HJ867**

NF.XVII:

**HK235 HK247 HK252:VA-B HK259 HK261 HK262:VA-N HK263:VA-M HK284 HK287:VA-S
HK291 HK299:VA-C HK309:VA-A HK310:VA-J HK316 HK318 HK325 HK326 HK346**

HK355:VA-T HK361 HK386

Oxford II BG390:[BV]

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Saturday 25th March 1944 [AIR 27/1046/5][AIR 27/923/5][AIR 27/1596/6][AIR 28/874]

	RS-	7x Mosquito VI	157 Sqn	B Flight from Predannack
P8918		Oxford II	157 Sqn	F/S Goss from Predannack
B Flt/125 Sqn departed to Hurn.				
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	S/L Barwell & F/L Haigh
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	F/L White & F/L Youings
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	F/L Leggett & F/O Midlane
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	F/L Forrest & F/O Jones
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	F/O Kirk & W/O Lawrence
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	P/O Daly & P/O Horsley
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	F/O Gosse & F/S Bates
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	F/O MacDonald & Sgt Major
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	F/S Clough & Sgt Evans
BG390	[BV]	Oxford II	125 Sqn	F/O Shorter
EG539		Anson I*	275 Sqn	F/O A Edgley from Andreas
EG525	PV-W	Anson I*	275 Sqn	F/O A Edgley to Andreas
*Aircraft changeover				
		57x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		C-47		TRANSAT from N Africa
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DJ315	R	Anson I	9[O]AFU	From Llandwrog
Hit high ground at Rhydwyn, 6nms NE of Holyhead whilst descending through cloud, crew unhurt.				
Pilot	Sgt	J Richards [1388701]		Ok

Sunday 26th March 1944 [AIR 27/1046/5][AIR 27/1596/6][AIR 28/874]

157 Sqn arrived from Predannack with Mosquito aircraft and Oxford.
Detachment established with 2 aircraft at Ballyhalbert, N Ireland.

		67x B-24		Departed
		B-26*		Departed
These departed to Rackheath, Sudbury & Warton.				
43-15191		C-47A	[49 TCS/313 TCG]	Marrakech to Folkingham
		Oxford	157 Sqn	Visited Ballyhalbert
L2207		Walrus I	275 Sqn	F/S M G Miller from Eglinton
		Wellington XVII	51 OTU	From Honiley
		Wellington XVII	51 OTU	From Honiley
		Wellington XVII	51 OTU	From Honiley
The Wellingtons were Mk.10 AI [Air Intercept] radar trainers for 157 Sqn.				

Monday 27th March 1944 [AIR 27/1596/6][AIR 28/874][AIR 28/44]

		Mosquito II	157 Sqn	
		Mosquito II	157 Sqn	
Both 157 Sqn aircraft flew to Ballyhalbert to commence a detachment there.				
AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S C F Blann to Eglinton
		11x B-24		TRANSAT from N Africa
		C-47*		Diversion
*Inbound to St Mawgan but reported over Ireland, landed safely at Valley.				
		B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech

Tuesday 28th March 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		Anson I	275 Sqn	Diverted to Mona.
Scrambled to assist a Liberator in distress over Cardigan Bay, this turned out to be a Dakota which continued to Prestwick. The Anson landed at Mona due to sea fog at Valley.				

Wednesday 29th March 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		B-17		Departed to Warton
		3x B-24		Departed to Warton
		24 C-47*	[315 TCG ?]	TRANSAT from Marrakech
*24 landed Valley, 3 at Mona & one C-47A 43-15105 crashed near Tremorfa Farm, River Conwy [OS 42/255955] due to fuel starvation, crew of 5 baled out safely [Pilot, Maj G Wright Jnr] at 9,000ft with 2 reaching a house and the other 3 making their way to the Conwy Police Station. Anson I AX645 of 275 Sqn was scrambled but recalled once the crew were known to be safe. These were part of 73 aircraft despatched from Marrakech to Valley. The remaining aircraft landed at Prestwick, St Mawgan, Turnberry & West Freugh. One further aircraft crashed at Fairwood Common [Swansea]				
[42-5]2768		B-24J	[834 BS/486 BG]	TRANSAT from Marrakech

Thursday 30th March 1944 [AIR 27/1046/5][AIR 28/874]

EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	S/L Seabourne
To & from Woodvale.				
		Wellington XVII*	51 OTU	Arrive [Radar trainers]
*Training Mosquito crews on the use of the Mk X AI sets.				

[Sgt G T Lang an Observer/Navigator with 157 Sqn flew in the following Wellingtons 8-28.4:

Wellington XI MP517 MP546

Wellington XVII MP522 MP534 MP535 MP548

The 51 OTU only mentions Wellingtons detached to an undisclosed location most probably due to the secret nature of the Radar equipment.

		3x C-47		From Mona, see 29.3
These 3 later departed to either Bottesford or Fulbeck and were part of the ones listed below.				
		23x C-47	[TCG]	Departed to Bottesford
		5x C-47	[TCG]	Departed to Fulbeck
		9x B-24	[486 BG]	Departed to Sudbury

Friday 31st March 1944

43-30616		C-87		TRANSAT from Casablanca
43-30618		C-87		TRANSAT from Casablanca

April 1944 [USAAF doc]

389x 4-engine & 165x 2-engine TRANSAT arrivals. The first 53x 'War Weary' aircraft dispatched via Marrakech back to the States.				
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Saturday 1st April 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		2x C-47		Diversion Casablanca-St Mawgan
		Hudson		Diversion from & to Hullavington
		Mosquito II		Diversion from & to Little Snoring
Nothing in the 515 or 169 Sqn ORB's [AIR 27/1981/27]				

Sunday 2nd April 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		2x C-47		Departed to Warton, see 1.4.44
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Wednesday 5th April 1944 [AIR 27/1596/8]

EG492	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	F/Sgt G R Wilson visited Doncaster.
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Thursday 6th April 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 25/639]

42-39915		B-17G	[482 BG]	Departed to Marrakech 00:50.
First B-17 to depart to Marrakech				

Friday 7th April 1944 [AIR 27/1596/8][AIR 29/704]

EG525	PV-W	Anson I	275 Sqn	To Andreas, aircraft swap.
AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	From Andreas, aircraft swap.
		?x Typhoon*	193 Sqn	
*193 Sqn used the range at Carmel Head whilst on their APC at Llanbedr [12 APC]				

Saturday 8th April 1944 [AIR 28/874]

41-11730		C-87		Diversion Casablanca-St Mawgan
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43-30618		C-87		Diversion Casablanca-St Mawgan
		4x B-17		From UK, 'war weary' to US
Sgt G T Lang 157 Sqn flew in Wellington XI MP517 51 OTU twice on this date, see 30.3				

Sunday 9th April 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		6x B-17		From Burtonwood/Warton
Sgt G T Lang 157 Sqn flew in Wellington XVII MP522 51 OTU on this date, see 30.3				

Monday 10th April 1944 [AIR 28/874]

[42-6]3768		B-24[D]		TRANSAT from Casablanca
		19x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		22x C-47		TRANSAT from Marrakech
42-30117		B-17F		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		12x US		Departed to Warton & other airfields
43-30618		C-87		From Casablanca
[41-2]3722		B-24[D]		To Marrakech [War Weary]
HD868		Walrus II	275 Sqn	Visited Llanbedr.
EG492	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	From Eglinton.

Tuesday 11th April 1944 [AIR 28/874][Joe Baugher's site]

79x US aircraft departed N Africa for Valley, 50x landed at Valley whilst the rest landed at Prestwick/Nutts Corner/St Mawgan.				
		?	USAAF	
VIP's onboard included, Monsieur A Phillip, French Minister of the Interior from Algiers; Gen Koenig, French Army; Brig Farmer, 2 nd Canadian Corps plus others.				
		47x US		TRANSAT from N Africa
		C-54		From Mona
Diverted to Mona from Prestwick.				
		C-47A*		From Mona
		C-47A*		From Mona
43-15259		C-47A*	[315 TCG]	From Mona
*All diverted to Mona from Valley whilst enroute from N Africa, flew to Valley later.				
		16x C-47	[TCG]	Departed to Bottesford
		21x B-24		Departed to Warton
42-5264	[VK-J]	B-17F*	[358 BS/303 BG]	Departed to the USA
42-5729	[LL-E]	B-17F*	[401 BS/91 BG]	Departed to the USA
*AIR 25/639 mentions via Marrakech				
Sgt G T Lang 157 Sqn flew in Wellington XVII MP534 51 OTU, see 30.3				

Wednesday 12th April 1944 [AIR 27/1596/8][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/296/8][AIR 25/639]

		34x US		Departed to various Stations
		5x B-17		Departed to Marrakech
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne

To & from Warmwell, planning for the Sqn move.				
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N9161		Tiger Moth	1606 Flt	From Bodorgan
Crashed near Bodedern [OS 41/795045] at approx. 10:00. Pilot was the RAF Bodorgan Station Commander. After treatment at Valley Sick Quarters, they were both flown by air ambulance Dakota at 18:45 to Cosford.				
Pilot	S/L	Ap-Ellis	Seriously injured.	
Pax	AC2	McCart	Seriously injured.	
FD795	[ODAQ]	Dakota I*	24 Sqn	F/L R Stokes
*Air Ambulance from Hendon to Cosford with the above injured airmen.				
Sgt G T Lang 157 Sqn flew in Wellington XVII MP535 51 OTU, see 30.3				

Thursday 13th April 1944 [AIR 27/1046/7][AIR 28/874]

		38x C-47		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		Wellington XVII*	51 OTU	
*Numerous training flights for 157 Sqn Navigators on the new Mk X AI radar. Still present 29.4, see also 30.3.				

Friday 14th April 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		24x C-47	[TCG]	To Bottesford
		3x C-47		To Warton
		B-24		To Warton
		4x B-17		From Burtonwood 'war weary' to US

Saturday 15th April 1944 [AIR 27/1596/8][AIR 28/874][accident-report.com]

Movement of 275 Sqn ground/air personnel to Warmwell begins.				
L2282		Walrus I	275 Sqn	To Warmwell.
EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	To Warmwell.
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	Visited Warmwell.
		7x C-47	[TCG]	To Bottesford
42-52734		B-24H*	ATC	L E McPherson
*Taxying accident at Valley.				

Sunday 16th April 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		4x Stirling	[1665 HCU]	Diversions from & to Tilstock
Valley ORB states they came from Felstock ?				
		12x B-17		To Marrakech 'War weary'
One of the 12 later returned to Valley with one engine shutdown.				

Monday 17th April 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		13x B-24		TRANSAT from?
		7x B-24		From St Mawgan
42-94962	[NB-I]	B-24H		From St Mawgan

Southern Route: Puerto Rico-Trinidad-Belem-Natal-Dakar-Marrakech-St Mawgan-Valley. Most probably one of the 7 from St Mawgan above.				
		5x Wellington	[19 Gp]	Diversions from operational patrols.
19 Group Wellington units were 172/179/304/612 Sqns at Chivenor and 547 Sqn St Eval, see 18.4 as although Valley's ORB says 17.4 the aircraft actually took off on 17.4 and diverted to Valley landing 18.4, see below.				

Tuesday 18th April 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/2116/8][AIR 27/1670/8][AIR 27/1106/8]

		6x US		From UK Stations
		3x B-17		To Marrakech.
[42-5]2746		B-24H	[838 BS/487 BG]	TRANSAT from Marrakech
42-94962	[NB-I]	B-24H		To BAD 2, Warton, see 17.4
	8W-U	Wellington XIV	612 Sqn	Diversion, 05:06 F/S Zoethout
HF203	J	Wellington XIV	304 Sqn	Diversion, 04:10 F/S Jaworski
HF181	P	Wellington XIV	304 Sqn	Diversion, 04:08 F/O Gura
MP825		Wellington XIV	172 Sqn	Diversion, 03:55 W/C Palmer
		Wellington [XIV]		Diversion

Thursday 20th April 1944 [AB Sqns of the FAA][AIR 25/639][AIR 29/890]

275[ASR]Sqn departs to Warmwell.				
		Wellington [XIV]		Back to base, see 18.4
	8W-U	Wellington XIV	612 Sqn	Back to base, see 18.4
HF203	J	Wellington XIV	304 Sqn	Back to base, see 18.4
HF181	P	Wellington XIV	304 Sqn	Back to base, see 18.4
MP825		Wellington XIV	172 Sqn	Back to base, see 18.4
DZ307		Mosquito	1 ADF	Delivery Colerne to 157 Sqn
		11x C-47	[TCG]	To Bottesford
		9x Swordfish	[838 NAS]	To Harrowbeer, refuel stop
In Air Britain's Squadrons of the Fleet Air Arm, 838 NAS moved from Machrihanish-Harrowbeer [156 Wg] on 20.4.44, no other Unit has similar dates plus the number suggests a Base/Unit move plus Valley ORB mentions a 'Squadron of Swordfish'. They were operating Swordfish II/III at the time.				
42-30018	[XK-J]	B-17F	[365 BS/305 BG]	To Marrakech/USA
41-24359		B-17F	[813 BS/482 BG]	To Marrakech/USA
41-24578	[SO-U]	B-17F	[547 BS/384 BG]	To Marrakech/USA

Friday 21st April 1944 [AIR 28/874]

One of the B-24's below was escorted to Valley by a 157 Sqn Mosquito.				
42-95466		B-24H*	[785 BS/466 BG]	'Madame Shoo' Lt Graf
*Memoir of S/Sgt S Fecho, Eng/Gunner. 11hrs Marrakech-Valley. Aircraft left at Valley, part of the 57 arrivals below.				
		57x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		4x B-26		TRANSAT from Marrakech

Saturday 22nd April 1944 [AIR 27/1596/8][Fighter Nights][AIR 25/639]

L2282		Walrus I	275 Sqn	From Warmwell.
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	To Warmwell.
DZ307	RS-	Mosquito NFII	157 Sqn	Transferred from 456 Sqn
42-3141		B-17F	[351 BG]	To Marrakech
42-29591		B-17F		To Marrakech/USA
42-29905		B-17F		To Marrakech/USA

Friday 21st-25th April 1944

42-97173		B-17G	[389 BG]	To BAD 1 Burtonwood 25-29.4.44
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Sunday 23rd April 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 25/639]

		B-17		From Warton
42-107449		C-54A		TRANSAT from Casablanca
		4x B-17		To Casablanca

Monday 24th April 1944 [AIR 27/1596/8][AIR 28/874]

EG492	PV-F	Anson I	275 Sqn	From & to Warmwell.
EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	To Warmwell.
		B-24		To Azores

Tuesday 25th April 1944 [AIR 28/874][AVIA 1/16]

275[ASR]Sqn departs to RAF Warmwell.				
		48x B-24		TRANSAT From Marrakech
X8218		Beaufighter VIF	RAE	F/L King from Farnborough
Sgt G T Lang 157 Sqn flew in Wellington XVII MP548 51 OTU, see 30.3				

Wednesday 26th April 1944 [AIR 28/874]

4x German PoW's arrived by air from overseas.				
		9x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
5-54		B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
Possibly B-24H 42-950/1/2/3/4/554 or B-24J 42-95654.				
0348		B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
Could either be B-24H 42-50348 or B-24J 42-100348.				
		28x B-24*	[34 BG]	To Mendlesham
		18x B-24*	[492 BG]	To North Pickenham
*These 46 departures were part of the 48 arrivals on 24.4				
		2x B-17		From Burtonwood 'War wearies'

Thursday 27th April 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 25/639][AIR 29/167]

		5x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		3xB-17		To Casablanca
42-3064		B-17F*	ATC	J F Shelley

*This swung on take-off but came to rest safely near the perimeter track with 2 slightly bent propellers.

		13x B-24		To various UK Stations
		B-26		
Mentioned landing 02:06 by Trewan Sands.				

Friday 28th April 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 25/639]

		7x US		From ?
		7x US		To ?
41-24504	[DF-D]	B-17F*	324 BS/91 BG	From Burtonwood, see 26.4
42-29815	[LG-P]	B-17F*	[322 BS/91 BG]	
42-5745	[LG-C]	B-17F*	[322 BS/91 BG]	
42-29997	[LF-A]	B-17F*	526 BS/379 BG	
*All to Casablanca then USA as War weary.				
42-29882	[YB-L]	B-17F	[508 BS/351 BG]	To Marrakech/USA
42-5054	[PU-I]	B-17F	[360 BS/303 BG]	To Marrakech/USA
Sgt G T Lang 157 Sqn flew in Wellington XI MP546 51 OTU twice, see 30.3				

Saturday 29th April 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		16x B-24		TRANSAT from N Africa
		8x B-24		To Burtonwood
		10x Anson I	[2[O]AFU]	Weather diversions from Millom.

Sunday 30th April 1944 [AIR 27/1046/7][AIR 28/874][AIR 25/639]

P8918		Oxford II*	157 Sqn	
*Swung on landing due to brake failure and hit an excavator at Sydenham, Belfast.				
		B-24		TRANSAT from Gander
		10x B-24		From Marrakech
		7x US		From various Stations
		20x US		To various UK Stations
DZ307	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 60 OTU High Ercall

May 1944 [1407 doc.]

458x 4-engine & 110x 2-engine TRANSAT arrivals. 26x 'War Weary' dispatched. Cargo shuttle between Valley & Prestwick established.				
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Monday 1st May 1944 [personal letter][AIR 28/874][AIR 25/639]

42-50558		B-24J*		Lt W Ketron, dep Goose Bay 30.4.44
*Crew handed aircraft over to another crew at Valley. They then went by rail to Hethel and joined 566 BS/389 BG. This was a personal letter recounting the flight. Part of the 22.				
42-109986		B-24J		TRANSAT from US. Part of the 22.
		22x B-24[J]		TRANSAT from Marrakech

		4x C-47		TRANSAT from Marrakech
32283		PB4Y-1		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		4x B-17		To Casablanca
		Anson I		Diversion from Cark, engine trouble
		Anson I		Diversion from West Freugh

Tuesday 2nd May 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/604]

		7x US		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		B-24		TRANSAT from Gander
Arrived on 3 engines.				
		18x US		To various Stations
		3x B-17		To Marrakech, war weary
		B-17		To Casablanca, war weary
DZ687	RS-V	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 60 OTU High Erroll
		?*		
*Gen Hoag USAAF, OC EWTAC visited from Nutts Corner, by air ?				

Wednesday 3rd May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

Informed that Valley could expect 45% of future TRANSAT on the Northerly Route.				
		29x B-17*		TRANSAT from Gander
		21x B-17*		To Langford Lodge
*The 21 were from the 29 arrivals today.				
		Oxford	157 Sqn	To & from Ballyhalbert, shuttle.
		? Mosquito	157 Sqn	From Ballyhalbert
This was the end of the 157 Sqn detachment at Ballyhalbert, see 27.3.44				
		?**		
**AOC 44 Group, A/Cdre G R Beamish arrived by air and inspected the Station.				

Thursday 4th May 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/296/10][AIR 27/1596/10]

Conference held to discuss further expansion at Valley.				
		7x [B-17]		To N Ireland
LA623		Electra 12A*	24 Sqn	S/L D Withers
*With G/C Carpenter from Sealand to St Mawgan.				
HJ867	RS-	Mosquito T.3	157 Sqn	To 13 OTU Bicester
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Blakey
Routed: Warmwell-Northolt-Warwick-Valley.				

Friday 5th May 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 28/494][AIR 27/1596/10]

3x B-24/Liberators were homed to Valley from Llanbedr with the assistance of a Master.				
		25x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		16x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks Field, Iceland
DZ268	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 27 MU Shawbury
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Blakey to Andreas, see 4.5

Saturday 6th May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		TRANSAT from Stephenville
This aircraft would start a daily cargo service to Valley.				
		12x B-24		To Burtonwood
		17x B-24	[489 BG]	To Halesworth
		7x Mosquito II	[157 Sqn]	Departed to ?

Sunday 7th May 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1596/10]

157 Sqn departed to Swannington, Norfolk to become part of 100 Group. Mosquito aircraft to be handed to OTU's pending delivery of new aircraft at the new base. Valley would be without a night fighter squadron since 1941.

Aircraft known to have operated by 157 Sqn at Valley:

Bold are Sgt G T Lang [Observer] logbook entries:

Mosquito II:

DD638 DD724 **DD728** DD730 **DD733 DD734** DZ251 DZ268

DZ307 DZ682 DZ687:RS-V **DZ717** DZ750 HJ647 **HJ650** HJ652 HJ940 :RS-A :RS-O :RS-S :RS-T
T.III HJ867

		C-54		Stephenville-Prestwick, shuttle
		3x B-17		From Burtonwood, war weary.
		2x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
LT595		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Blakey
Routed: Andreas-Valley-Warmwell.				

Monday 8th May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
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Tuesday 9th May 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1596/10]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		12x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks, Iceland
		24x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks, Iceland
EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Blann
Routed: Warmwell-Valley-Hawarden.				

Wednesday 10th May 1944 [AIR 29/880/7][AIR 27/1596/10]

Most of the TRANSAT aircraft from 9.5 departed.				
		?	1606 Flt	From Bodorgan & Hawarden
		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Blann
Routed: Hawarden-Valley-Warmwell.				

Thursday 11th May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
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		2x B-17		To N Africa War weary.
DD638	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 60 OTU High Ercall
DD733	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 60 OTU High Ercall
HJ940	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 60 OTU High Ercall

Friday 12th May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		12x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		2x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		9x US		To various bases
DD728	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 13 OTU Bicester
DD734	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 13 OTU Bicester
HJ652	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 13 OTU Bicester

Saturday 13th May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		2x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		10x B-24	[493 BG]	To Debach

Sunday 14th May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		4x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		16x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		21x US*		To various UK bases
*13.5 arrivals.				
		4x B-17		To Marrakech at night
DZ251	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 60 OTU High Ercall
DZ717	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 60 OTU High Ercall
HJ647	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 60 OTU High Ercall

Monday 15th May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

The C-54 shuttle from Stephenville did not arrive at Valley today as it was diverted to Meeks Field, Iceland and then flew direct to Prestwick.				
[43-31824]		UC-78 Bobcat	Stn Flt	For USATC Station 7, Valley
		2x B-17		To N Africa at night
		B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks

Tuesday 16th May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
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Wednesday 17th May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
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		2x B-17		To Marrakech
		?		From Prestwick to Staverton
S/L Badger SFCLO 44 Group by air to inspect the Airfield and Control Tower.				

Thursday 18th May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		?x Mosquito II		From Little Snoring
Intruder exercise, Airfield was well and truly beaten up at low altitude. Did not land though. Nothing in the 515/169 Sqn ORB's [AIR 27/1981/29] maybe 1473/1692 Flt or 1678 HCU? Or 25 Sqn ?				
		C-54		Shuttle from Reykjavik

Friday 19th May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		11x US		From various UK Stations
		8x US		To ?
EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	S/L Seabourne from Warmwell

Saturday 20th May 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1596/10]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville-Prestwick
		C-54		From Azores to Prestwick
DZ682	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 13 OTU Bicester
EG593		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne to Lulsgate Bottom
From Warmwell 19.5 to pick up Spitfire & Walrus spares.				

Sunday 21st May 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1596/10]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		15x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		6x B-17		To Marrakech

Monday 22nd May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		14x B-24		TRANSAT from Marrakech
		13x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		8x B-24		To Debach [493 BG]
		14x B-24		To various UK Stations
		B-24		Diversion from St Mawgan

Tuesday 23rd May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		19x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
One of the 19 B-17's diverted into Mona.				
		11x B-17*		To Burtonwood
*These 11 were from the 19 arrivals.				
		15x B-24		To various UK Bases, arrived 22.5
		Cessna Crane	US ATC	

Force landed whilst flying to Hendon damaging the aircraft and slightly injuring the crew.

Wednesday 24th May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

No TRANSAT arrivals from US				
		?x US		To various UK Stations
		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville

Thursday 25th May 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/296/10]

The daily C-54 shuttle was diverted to Prestwick due to the weather at Valley.				
		?x B-17		From Burtonwood
		?x B-17		From Warton
X7411		Dominie I	24 Sqn	F/L S [Sliff] from Nutts Corner
With W/C Demel & S/L Candler Group Eng Officer.				

Friday 26th May 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/296/10]

X7411		Dominie I	24 Sqn	F/L S [Sliff] to Staverton, see 25.5
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Saturday 27th May 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1596/10]

		2x Light Aircraft		
EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/L Seabourne
From Warmwell to pick up Spitfire & Walrus spares, diverted to Penrhos due to bad weather before eventually arrived at Valley.				

Sunday 28th May 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1596/10]

		31x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		10x B-17*		To Langford Lodge
		18x B-17*		To Burtonwood
These 28 were from the 31 arrivals today.				
		B-17		To Marrakech at night
EG606		Anson I	275 Sqn	To Warmwell, see 27.5

Monday 29th May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville.
		6x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks

Tuesday 30th May 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		7x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		10x B-24*		TRANSAT from Meeks
		B-24*		TRANSAT from Iceland via Stornoway
*this was part of the 10 above arrivals.				
		8x B-17		To Burtonwood
		C-47		To Burtonwood
		2x C-47		To Warton

		13x B-24		To Warton
		2x B-24	[491 BG]	Diversion from & to Metfield
		C-47		From Mona following a diversion
		Wellington	[CNS]	Diversion from Shawbury 02:59
Central Navigation School				
HK256		Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	Delivery from 85 Sqn.

Wednesday 31st May 1944 [AIR 28/874][JP]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
EE187		Lancaster B.III*	TFU	From Defford, K Mountney
*Arrived for a 10-day until 8.6 detachment to conduct special 3cm radar tests. Flew as a target for TRE scientists on a beach at Morfa Conwy. They brought 12 bicycles with them in the bomb bay. Whilst at Valley the crew gave conducted tours of the Lancaster to USAF & RAF personnel. Although a TFU aircraft it did not carry a /G suffix to its serial which would have necessitated a permanent guard on the aircraft. W/C J W G Parker was part of the crew and supplied the additional information.				
DD730	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 60 OTU High Ercall

June 1944 [1407 doc.]

302x 4-engine [including C-54's] & 107x 2-engine arrivals. 16x B-17 'War Weary' dispatched.				
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Thursday 1st June 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		B-17[G]		TRANSAT from Gander
Possibly in the same serial batch which included 42-97862 which crashed at Nutts Corner 7.6.44, this was enroute to Valley landing at 12:10.				
		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		C-54		TRANSAT from Meeks

Friday 2nd June 1944 [AIR 27/2358/2][AIR 28/874]

DX181		Proctor III	MCS	F/S Savage from & to Hendon
		3x C-54		To Prestwick, see 1.6
		3x B-17		To Marrakech

Saturday 3rd June 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		6x B-17		Diversion Azores-St Mawgan
		14x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		B-24[H]		TRANSAT from Goose Bay
Possibly from the serial batch including B-24H 42-95213 which crashed Prestwick 3.6.44				
		17x B-17		To Burtonwood
		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville

Sunday 4th June 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-47		From Langford Lodge
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Monday 5th June 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/167]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		10x B-17		To Marrakech at night
One returned after 30mins with a fuel leak.				
		Anson I		Diversion from Wigtown, engine.
		Beaufighter		'VERDICT21' from [Winklight]

Tuesday 6th June 1944 [AIR 28/874]

No TRANSAT or war weary movements today.				
		Wellington		Diversion at 13:30, engine trouble
		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville

Wednesday 7th June 1944 [2/Lt C N Chamberlain memoir*][AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
42-95215		B-24H*	[492 BG]	'Moonshine Express'
*Crew left aircraft at Valley, Pilot 2/Lt C N Chamberlain, crew assigned to 489 BG. This was part of the 12 arrivals below.				
		12x B-24		TRANSAT from Bluie West 1
		4x B-17		TRANSAT from Bluie West 1
A B-17G 42-97862 [Pilot, Lester Brook] which was enroute to Valley crashed at Cave Hill, North of Belfast, may have been part of the above 4 aircraft above.				
		7x B-24		To Warton
These 7 were part of today's 18 arrivals.				
		Anson I		Diversion after becoming lost.

Thursday 8th June 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/296/12][JP]

Director General of Civil Aviation Mr W P Hildred arrived by air and was met by Miss Megan Lloyd George to discuss post-war possibilities of Valley becoming a bad weather alternate for London Airport. From & to Hendon.				
R5931		Dominie I	24 Sqn	F/L Thorne with the DG of CA.
		24x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
An additional B-17 left Gander for Valley but ended south of track and was escorted by fighters to Predannack. Ran out of fuel over the airfield and the aircraft was damaged in the overshoot on landing. This was B-17G 43-37653 [M Medinger] the other aircraft may be from the same serial batch.				
		17x B-17		To Burtonwood
		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
EE187		Lancaster B.III	TFU	To Defford, see 31.5.44

Friday 9th June 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1826/10]

		C-54*		
*Arrived with Chiefs of Staff of the US Army Gen Marshall, USAAF Gen Arnold & USN Adm				

King. Proceeded to London on the Irish Mail train service.				
		C-54		
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		C-54		
2 of the above had VIP's onboard and included some escorted German prisoners. All the C-54's arrived from Stephenville.				
LW645	PT-T	Halifax III	420 Sqn	Diversion at 05:30, F/O Bennett
Numerous 420 Sqn aircraft diverted to N Wales airfields including Hawarden[7], Wrexham[1] & Valley[1]. They were diverting due to weather at their home base Tholthorpe after attacking the railyard at Mayenne, France. The Valley ORB says 8.6 but the Sqn ORB states it was airborne 23:16/8.6 & landed at Valley 05:29/9.6.				

Saturday 10th June 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		3x B-17		To Marrakech.
		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville

Sunday 11th June 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/167]

		C-47		Diversion
En-route: Langford Lodge-Burtonwood, to Burtonwood PM, homed by Trewan Sands.				
		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville

Monday 12th June 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1999]

		[Hurricane]	527 Sqn	W/O Herbert from Digby
Calibration of Trewan Sands, departed back 14.6				
		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		31x B-17		TRANSAT From Gander
		30x B-17		To Burtonwood
These were from the 31 arrivals.				
		B-17*		TRANSAT arr 08:00 from Iceland.
*Crew were then sent by train to the Replacement Depot at Stone. On 19.6 they then went to Bovingdon to attend classes in preparation for combat before joining 401 BS/91 BG at Bassingbourn 1.7.44				
42-50663		B-24J		06:45 from Iceland 2/Lt R C Baynes
Part of the 13 B-24's below.				
		13x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		5x B-24		To Burtonwood
These were part of the 12 arrivals above.				
		5x B-24		To Warton
		3x C-87		Diversions Casablanca-St Mawgan
At this time, the following C-87's were operating out of St Mawgan: [43-30616 43-30618 43-30619 43-30625 44-39206 44-39207 44-39210 44-39212 44-39213]				

Tuesday 13th June 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/167]

		3x C-87		To St Mawgan, see 12.6
		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		Hurricane		'FROSTY22' from Digby
Carried out a calibration run for Trewan Sands, landing 12:05.				

Wednesday 14th June 1944 [AIR 29/437][AIR 29/167]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		Hurricane		'FROSTY22' calibration run

Thursday 15th June 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		B-17		TRANSAT to Meeks
		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville

Friday 16th June 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Meeks
		Beaufighter	[TFU]	From Defford
Arrived for a few days to conduct tests with local Radar stations.				
		?x Various US		USAAF shuttles

Saturday 17th June 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
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Sunday 18th June 1944 [AIR 27/2358/2][AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Goose
DX231		Proctor III	MCS	G/C Roberts
From Hullavington-Valley-Hendon.				
		7x B-17		To Burtonwood
		Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To Cranfield [51 OTU] see 6.5.44
		Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To Cranfield [51 OTU] see 6.5.44

Monday 19th June 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		9x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
All departed to either Burtonwood or Alconbury pm.				

Tuesday 20th June 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from BW1 to Prestwick
		6x Wellington	[105 OTU]	Diversions from Bramcote

Wednesday 21st June 1944 [AIR 29/437][AIR 27/1596/16][F78]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	F/S Blakey NAVEX N/stop

V7207		Sea Hurricane IA	[3 TEU]	Noted as delivered to Valley
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Thursday 22nd June 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1596/16]

No TRANSAT arrivals.				
AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	Back to Base, see 21.6

Friday 23rd June 1944 [AIR 28/874]

No TRANSAT arrivals.				

Saturday 24th June 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/912/12][AIR 28/45]

		B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		16x B-26		TRANSAT from Meeks
An additional B-26 crashed on landing at Stornoway with 2 killed.				
		9x C-47		TRANSAT from Meeks
	[OH]-A	Liberator V [LL]	120 Sqn	Diversion at 14:22, F/L Thompson.
	[OH]-G	Liberator V [LL]	120 Sqn	Diversion at 15:39, F/L Mitchell.
Both from and to Ballykelly, [LL] meant Leigh Light searchlight equipped.				
		C-54		Diversion Stephenville-Prestwick.
		C-54		Shuttle from Gander

Sunday 25th June 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		B-24		Diversion Gibraltar-St Mawgan.
		2x C-87		Diversion Casablanca-St Mawgan.
DZ750	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 60 OTU High Ercall

Monday 26th June 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/296/12]

		2x C-87		From Casablanca.
		B-24*		From Gibraltar
HM573		Electra 12A*	24 Sqn	F/O D Brown from & to Hendon
*Maj Randolph Churchill onboard, flown to Hendon later in the Electra which was especially provided. HM573 was ex. G-AGDT.				

Tuesday 27th June 1944 [100thbg.com][AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
43-37655	[XR-]	B-17G	[349 BS/100 BG]	TRANSAT from Meeks
		5x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		B-17		To Azores, war weary
		B-17		To Marrakech, war weary

Wednesday 28th June 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/545/12][AIR 27/1970/35]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		22x B-17*		TRANSAT from Gander
*All 22 later departed to Burtonwood.				
		5x Wellington	[105 OTU]	Diversion from Bramcote
		Dakota	[105 OTU]	Diversion from Bramcote
HR792	A	Halifax II	58 Sqn	Div from St Davids F/L I J M Christie
		Halifax		Diversion from St Davids
Nothing in 58 or 517 Sqn ORB. The 502 Sqn ORB mentions a Halifax II 'U' being told to divert to Valley, but it managed to land at St Davids, possibly this one?				
		Wellington [XIV]		Diversion from Predannack
Possibly 179 or 311 Sqn, see 29.6 not 311 Sqn				
MW116		York C.1	511 Sqn	Diversion, F/O C F Hughesdon
FL546		Dakota III	511 Sqn	Diversion, F/L F W Dewell
Both 511 Sqn aircraft were diversions whilst enroute Gibraltar-Lyneham. Both aircraft later departed to Lyneham.				
DD724	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 51 OTU Cranfield

Thursday 29th June 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1970/35][AIR 27/1128/14]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
MW116		York C.1	511 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 28.6
FL546		Dakota III	511 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 28.6
	[OZ]-C	Wellington XIV	179 Sqn	Diversion, landed 03:05 F/O Sargent

Friday 30th June 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		Shuttle from Stephenville
		UC-64*		
*At 15:55 it flew over the Control Tower touched down on the grass, crossed one of the run ways not in use and finally stopped on the grass. This was reported to the USAAF Ops who investigated and found out that the aircraft had been stolen at Warton by an American Private trying to get to France. He was subsequently placed under arrest in the Guard Room.				
		6x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		5x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		C-87		Diversion Casablanca-Prestwick

July 1944 [USAAF doc]

530x 4-engine & 109x 2-engine TRANSAT arrivals. 16x B-17 'War Weary' dispatched, last ones out of 117x in total since March 1944. One War weary was B-24 'Boomerang'				
The daily C-54 shuttle replaced by Operation 'Snowball' 1.7.44 [US Army Ferrying Division] Based at Presque Isle, Maine routed to Valley through Stephenville, Newfoundland. Normally a 3-hour turnaround, up to 4 aircraft at a time with 'War Weary' crews. 60 'Snowball' arrivals in July.				

July 1944 [movement order*]

42-50686		B-24J	[458 BG]	From Iceland 2/Lt G J Koehn
Orders received 30.6.44 Grenier-ETO				

Saturday 1st July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

C-54 Operation 'Snowball' starts, replacing the earlier C-54 shuttle.				
		C-54		Shuttle from Gander to Meeks

Sunday 2nd July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

The usual C-54 daily shuttle service was diverted to Prestwick due weather.				

Monday 3rd July 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/296/14]

		16x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		2x C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		2x B-17		To Marrakech at midnight
		5x Anson I	8[O]AFU	Weather diversions from Mona
LA623		Electra 12A	24 Sqn	F/L R Puda
With A/Cdre's Darvell & Jordan routing Hendon-Valley-Nutts Corner-Prestwick-Doncaster-Lyneham-Hendon.				

Tuesday 4th July 1944 [memoir*][AIR 28/874]

99x aircraft movements.				
		B-24	[491 BG]	TRANSAT from Iceland Lt R E Ness
Mail carrying C-47 outside at Valley 5.7 plus some war weary B-17's observed by crew.				
		29x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		15x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		10x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks/Ronaldsway
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks

Wednesday 5th July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

Boxing Exhibition with Joe Louis held in No.1 Hangar.				
127x aircraft movements				
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		15x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		7x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		10x US		From various stations
		69x US		Departed

Thursday 6th July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Bluie West 1 to Meeks
There were some USAAF departures to Alconbury, Burtonwood & Warton.				

Friday 7th July 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/890]

No TRANSAT or USAAF shuttles.				
		C-54		To Stephenville
R6160		Oxford I	4 ADF	P/O Douglas
Routed: Clifton-Sleap-Valley-Llanbedr-Clifton.				
		Tiger Moth	4 ADF	F/S Bloore to Reasby

Saturday 8th July 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/296/14]

		15x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		B-26		TRANSAT from Meeks
		C-54		From Bluie West 1 to Meeks
		C-54		From BW.1
		C-54		From BW.1
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
X7519		Dominie I	24 Sqn	F/L E Prykiel Talbenny-Prestwick

Sunday 9th July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		To Meeks
		B-17		To Marrakech, war weary.
[HK346]	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	N/stop W/C Topham
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	N/stop
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	N/stop
Nothing in the 125 Sqn ORB for this visit but HK346 was the CO's aircraft normally.				

Monday 10th July 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/880/7]

[HK346]	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	To Hurn, see 9.7 W/C Topham
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	To Hurn
	VA-	Mosquito XVII	125 Sqn	To Hurn
		20x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		9x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		C-54		From Gander to Meeks
		?x US		Daily internal shuttle
		?	1606 Flt	From Bodorgan to use the link trainer

Tuesday 11th July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

'Usual' American departures to Burtonwood & Warton.				
		9x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks

		C-54		From Gander to Meeks
		C-54		To Meeks
		C-54		To Meeks
		6x B-24		TRANSAT from Stornoway
		Lancaster	[EANS]	Diversion from Ternhill
Suffered a broken aileron chain, diverting to Mona but eventually landed at Valley at 13:00				

Wednesday 12th July 1944 [AIR 28/874][AB]

		3x C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
Based noted: Tiger Moth T7279 Station Flight – struck off.				

Thursday 13th July 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/296/14]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville
[AL528]		Liberator [II]	BOAC	Diversion Gander-Prestwick 13:06
One of the passengers was Maj/Gen McCrae who departed to London using the Dominie below.				
		3x Wellington	[? OTU]	Diversions from the Midlands
R5925		Dominie I	24 Sqn	W/O S H Elliott
With Maj/Gen McCrae from Prestwick to Hendon, see above.				

Friday 14th July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

'Just the usual USAAF shuttles'				
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		To Meeks

Saturday 15th July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville
		C-54		From Stephenville
		15x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		23x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		C-87		Diversion Azores-St Mawgan
Later departed to Bovingdon.				

Sunday 16th July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		21x US		To Warton
		C-54		From Prestwick to Meeks 19:45
		C-54		To Meeks
		C-54		To Meeks

Monday 17th July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

No TRANSAT movements.				
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		?x US		To Alconbury
		?x US		To Burtonwood

Tuesday 18th July 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/2000/17]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville
		B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
BV999	[KX-]	C.30 Rota*	529 Sqn	From Defford, F/L Hill
R4901		Tiger Moth	TFU	
PH173		Oxford I	TFU	
NM599		Oxford I	TFU	
X9527		Walrus	TFU	

*Detached to conduct tests with TRE in conjunction with Trewan Sands & other GCI Stations. Possible 'window' tests as the Valley ORB mentions DF [Direction Finding] inaccuracy on 19.7 due to metallic strips dropped in conjunction with anti-interference tests. The Rota was attached to Defford to work with the TRE. The Rota on 19.7 HM580:KX-K was the standby aircraft for the trials. The Defford Airfield Heritage Group mentions 15.7-14.9.44 detachment which worked with units based on the Great Orme, Llandudno [Coastal Artillery]

Wednesday 19th July 1944 [USAAF Doc*][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/2000/17]

		C-54		From Gander to Stephenville
		C-54*		Unscheduled service
*Enroute Valley-Meeks Field, Iceland. The aircraft was diverted to Stornoway due to fog at Meeks. The Captain due to favourable Easterly winds flew direct Stornoway-Gander in the end.				
HM580	KX-K	C.30 Rota	529 Sqn	From Halton, F/O Read see 18 & 27.7

Thursday 20th July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From BW.1 to Meeks
		C-54		From Gander to Meeks
		26x B-24		TRANSAT From Meeks
		B-24*		TRANSAT from Meeks
*Turned over to new crew. Memoirs of Lyndon Crane Allen				
		B-17		TRANSAT from Grenier/Meeks
		B-17		TRANSAT from Grenier/Meeks

Friday 21st July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks

		4x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
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Saturday 22nd July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		36x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		3x A-20		TRANSAT from Meeks
Another 8 A-20's went into Prestwick.				
		C-54		From Gander to Meeks
		B-17		To BE.2
		2x B-17		To BW.1

Sunday 23rd July 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/167]

			527 Sqn	'BASHFUL22' W/O Herbert
Carried out 2 calibration runs for Trewan Sands, departed back to Digby 25.7				
		45x B-24[J]		TRANSAT from Meeks
42-50718		B-24J*	[785 BS/466 BG]	From Prestwick.
*Aircraft left by crew at Valley, train to Stone. Memoir of Lt J H Lorenz, co-pilot. Part of the 45 aircraft above.				
		B-17		TRANSAT from Grenier/Meeks
		C-54		From Gander to Meeks
		C-54		To Meeks
		C-54		To Meeks
'279 mentioned as a C-54 to Azores. Either C-54 41-37279 or C-54A 42-72279				
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MF654	[X]	Wellington X	27 OTU	From Lichfield
Port engine failure, flapless landing on Runway 32 at 00:20 which resulted in the aircraft overshooting and coming to rest in the overshoot of Runway 14. Crew ok, but aircraft badly damaged & struck off charge 8.8.44				
Pilot	F/O	W R Martin		Ok

Monday 24th July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		2x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		?x B-24		Departed to various stations
These were most of the 45 which arrived 23.7				
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks

Tuesday 25th July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Gander to Meeks
		C-54		From Gander to Meeks
		8x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		2x US		Departed to?
[X7393]		Dominie I	[44 Gp]	n/stop
AOC 44 Group, A/Cdre G H Beamish by air, n/stopped, nothing in the 24 Sqn ORB.				

Wednesday 26th July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

[X7393]		Dominie I	[44 Gp]	To Staverton, see 25.7
		10x B-24		To Warton
		C-54		From Gander to Meeks

Thursday 27th July 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/2000/17]

		C-54		From and to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		B-17		To Marrakech, war weary.
HM580	KX-K	C.30 Rota	529 Sqn	To Halton, see 19.7.44

Friday 28th July 1944 [memoir R M Cline*][AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From and to Meeks
		C-54		From and to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		4x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
44-10515		B-24J*	[/489 BG]	Pilot, R M Cline
*From Meeks Field, Iceland. Crew handed aircraft over at Valley. Part of the 4 aircraft above				
		16x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		Halifax		Diversion from St Davids 23:12
Not 58, 502 or 517 Sqn.				
		C-87		From Casablanca
Passengers were members of the British Army/French Navy/Foreign Office, some went to London by train, one Officer was taken on the USAAF shuttle to Hendon.				
		?x US		Shuttle service to Hendon

Saturday 29th July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville

Sunday 30th July 1944 [memoir F E Heffner*][AIR 28/874]

49x TRANSAT arrivals from Gander & Meeks Field, Iceland.				
42-51349		B-24J*		2/Lt E J Allen
*Northern Route Grenier-Goose-Reykjavik-Valley. Crew handed aircraft over at Valley. Crew were assigned to 328 BS/93 BG.				
		13x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		9x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		24x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		C-47		TRANSAT from Meeks
		B-17		Diversion Casablanca-St Mawgan
		C-87		Diversion Casablanca-St Mawgan

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		To Meeks

Monday 31st July 1944 [AIR 28/874]

No TRANSAT movements				
		51x US		To Burtonwood & Warton.
		Blenheim	[TFU]	'FAKIR11' F/L Stewart
Secret experimental work, airborne 11:36 & landed 15:05.				
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LJ508	[T]	Stirling III	1660 HCU	P/O G A [McCusker]
Landed with 2 good engines, 1 failed and 1 not producing power at 00:25 from Swinderby. Whilst carrying an overshoot the aircraft swung to avoid sand dunes at which point the undercarriage collapsed in the soft sand. Contributory cause was calm conditions and fog. Also mentioned touching down halfway on runway 14.				

August 1944 [1407 doc.]

353x 4-engined & 144x 2-engined TRANSAT arrivals.

August 1944 [AIR 29/157]

X3994		Wellington III	TFU	
Mentioned in the September 1944 notes as up for disposal following completion of the Anglesey trials, no specific dates.				

Tuesday 1st August 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/2000/17][USAAF doc]

Valley USAAF Station 7 re-designated as 1407 th AAF Base Unit. St Mawgan's record mentions a daily USAAF shuttle routing St Mawgan[dep 14:00]-London-Prestwick-Valley-London-St Mawgan, aircraft type is not mentioned but probably C-47.				
BV999		C.30 Rota	529 Sqn	F/L Hill
Still attached to TRE Defford at Valley, see 18.7.44.				
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Lagens
		C-54		From Stephenville
A B-17G 43-37810 crash landed at Grenier, Newfoundland on this date, it was assigned to cross the Atlantic [TRANSAT] to Valley.				

Wednesday 2nd August 1944 [AIR 28/874][AB Sqns of the FAA][ADM 207/16]

		14x Swordfish	[819 NAS]	From Limavady to Lee-on-Solent
In Air Britain's Squadrons of the Fleet Air Arm, 819 NAS moved from Limavady to Lee-on-Solent on 1.8.44. No other Unit/Base movement coincides plus the number of aircraft involved points to a Unit/Base move, but the 819 NAS ORB only mentions moving to Limavady on 1.8 which as soon as they got there was rescinded with an order to return to Lee-on-Solent, no mention of where they refuelled on that leg whereas they refuelled at Inskip near Preston when moving North. They were operating Swordfish II/III at the time.				

		2x Wellington	[CNS]	Diversions from Shawbury
		C-54		From Stephenville to Lagens

Thursday 3rd August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		Dakota	RAF	From Gibraltar-Llanbedr to Hendon
Possibly one of these: FD900/FD941/FL510.				
		9x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		3x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		C-54		From Gander
		C-54		From Stephenville

Friday 4th August 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1596/16]

		?	[13 Gp]	Weather diversion from Portreath
AOC 13 Group, A/Cdre J A Boret, n/stop				
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	S/L Seabourne from Penrhos
It then departed to Speke but had to return to Valley due to bad weather.				

Saturday 5th August 1944 [memoir W F Hughes*][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1596/16]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		To Meeks
		C-54		To Meeks
		B-24*		TRANSAT from Meeks, W F Hughes
*Northern Route, Meeks Field, Iceland-Valley. Crew handed aircraft over at Valley.				
		?	[13 Gp]	To Portreath 09:26
		Spitfire PR.	PRU	Diversion, lost over IoM.
BD180		Hawk Major	275 Sqn	F/S Blakey to Speke

Sunday 6th August 1944 [Cdr T E Smithey logbook*][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1596/16]

20x TRANSAT arrivals.				
38748		PB4Y-1*	VB-110/USN	From Iceland, departed 7.8
Northern Route: Goose Bay-BW1-Meeks-Valley-Dunkeswell.				
		8x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		11x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
AX645		Anson I	275 Sqn	To Warmwell, see 4.8

Monday 7th August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Gander to Meeks
		19x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		10x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		?x US		Yesterday's departures

Tuesday 8th August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville
		2x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
HJ650	RS-	Mosquito II	157 Sqn	To 60 OTU High Ercall

Wednesday 9th August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		18x US		To Alconbury/Burtonwood
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks

Thursday 10th August 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1049/13]

Body of F/S R Cook washed up on Rhosneigr Beach. He was part of the crew of Halifax III HX338:NP-W 158 Sqn captained by F/L **Harry** Hopkins on 14.7.44. Whilst on a cross-country flight over South Wales at 19:55 a fire broke out in the starboard outer engine. The Captain ordered the crew to bale out and all did so, but the F/E Sgt **Robert** Cook and Mid-Upper Gunner Sgt **George Clifford** Marriott were posted as missing presumed drowned. F/L Hopkins stayed with the aircraft and baled out at low altitude. He too fell into the sea and was picked up but died on the way to shore due to exposure/drowning, his body was taken to St Davids. F/S Cook was buried in Edinburgh Newington Cemetery. Sgt Marriott's body was recovered near Ty Mawr Farm, near Hell's Mouth Beach on 17.8.44 and taken to RAF Penrhos SSQ.

		7x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		15x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
Possibly from the same batch as '7873				

Friday 11th August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville
43-37915		B-17G	[351 BS/100 BG]	TRANSAT from Meeks
		?	[44 Gp]	From Sealand
AOC 44 Group, A/Cdre G R Beamish arrived by air at 20:00 from Sealand.				
		3x Halifax		Diversions from St Davids
Nothing in 58/502 or 517 Sqn ORB's				

Saturday 12th August 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/296/16]

		C-54		To Meeks
		7x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		11x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		15x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		PB4Y-1	USN	TRANSAT from Meeks
		27x US		Departed to UK stations
R2766		DH.95 Flamingo	24 Sqn	F/L D Brown
AOC-in-C Transport Command, ACM Sir F Bowhill with AOC 44Gp. From Hendon to Staverton				

Sunday 13th August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		7x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		3x PB4Y-1	USN	TRANSAT from Meeks
		5x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		C-54		From Goose to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks

Monday 14th August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Gander to Meeks
		C-54		From Gander to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		19x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		10x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		15x US		Yesterday's arrivals departed

Tuesday 15th August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Gander to Meeks
		B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		40x US		Departed

Wednesday 16th August 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/2000/17]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
W5777		Hornet Moth	529 Sqn	From Halton, F/L Hill
Detached to TRE at Valley to work with Rota BV999, see also 18.7 & 1.8.44				

Thursday 17th August 1944 [AIR 29/437]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
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Friday 18th August 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/167]

Trewan Sands transferred from 12 Group to 73 Wing, 60 Group.				
		C-54		Landed 03:40 from ?

Saturday 19th August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Gander to Meeks
		51x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		15x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		2x PB4Y-1	USN	TRANSAT from Meeks

Sunday 20th August 1944 [AIR 28/874][IBCCA]

25x TRANSAT movements & 100x internal.				
		13x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		4x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks

Possibly from the same batch as '1535.				
		PB4Y-1	USN	TRANSAT from Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
Departed at 00:15 but developed engine problems and returned to Valley at 00:39				
[LM583]	PO-P	Lancaster B.III	467 Sqn	Diversion F/L Sayers
Arrived from Waddington at 11:30 and departed back to Waddington at 14:00. F/L Sayers flew LM583:PO-P on 18.8, it was subsequently lost 29/30.8.44				
		9x Wellington		Diversion
		2x Wellington	[105 OTU]	Diversion from Bramcote

Monday 21st August 1944 [AIR 28/874][AVIA 1/16]

		C-54		From Stephenville
		?x US		Departed to UK Stations
		9x Wellington		Back to base, see 20.8
		2x Wellington	[105 OTU]	Back to Bramcote, see 20.8
FN344		Hellcat I	RAE	Hords
From & to Farnborough same day.				

Tuesday 22nd August 1944 [AIR 28/874][AVIA 1/16]

X9386		Dominie	RAE	Lawson
To & from Farnborough same day.				
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		To Meeks
		C-54		To Stephenville
		B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		7x Wellington	[105 OTU]	Diversions from Bramcote/Nuneaton
		Dakota	RAF	From Lyneham to Gibraltar 00:27
Possibly one of these FD962/FD939/FD941.				

Wednesday 23rd August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

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Thursday 24th August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		Halifax	[1652 HCU]	Diversion
From Marston Moor at 20:39				
		C-61		Capt Rockett USAAF Ops Officer
Undershot Runway 20 damaging the aircraft but crew ok.				
		C-54		To Meeks

Friday 25th August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From BW.1 to Meeks
		B-17/24		Lt W A Roberts
From Meeks Field, left aircraft at Valley. Departed 26.8 to Stone, final assignment 832 BS/486 BG. Part of the 32 TRANSAT aircraft below.				
		8x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		24x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		?x US		Departed to UK Stations

Saturday 26th August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville
		32x B-17/24		To Burtonwood & Warton
		Wellington	[105 OTU]	Diversion from Nuneaton
Landed with hydraulic problems.				

Sunday 27th August 1944 [AIR 28/874][AVIA 1/16]

2x C-54's from Stephenville were diverted to Prestwick and Nutts Corner due weather.				
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		To Meeks
X9386		Dominie	RAE	[G/C] Hords
From & to Farnborough same day.				

Monday 28th August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		To Meeks
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Tuesday 29th August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

Trewan Sands transferred to 73 Wing/60 Group.				
		39x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		6x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		2x PB4Y-1	USN	TRANSAT from Meeks
				Daily shuttle service

Wednesday 30th August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		?x US		Yesterday's arrivals to Burtonwood
		?x C-47		Local training flights

Thursday 31st August 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Gander to Meeks

September 1944 [USAAF doc]

<p>413x TRANSAT arrivals. 32x 'Snowball' C-54 shuttles. 510x war-weary personnel were dispatched by C-54 to the US.</p>
<p>During September the schedule for the 'Marble Arch' Hendon shuttle was revised, the shuttle became as required as opposed to a permanent one. Also, the daily training schedule Bramcote/Nuneaton-Nutts Corner-Valley continued.</p>

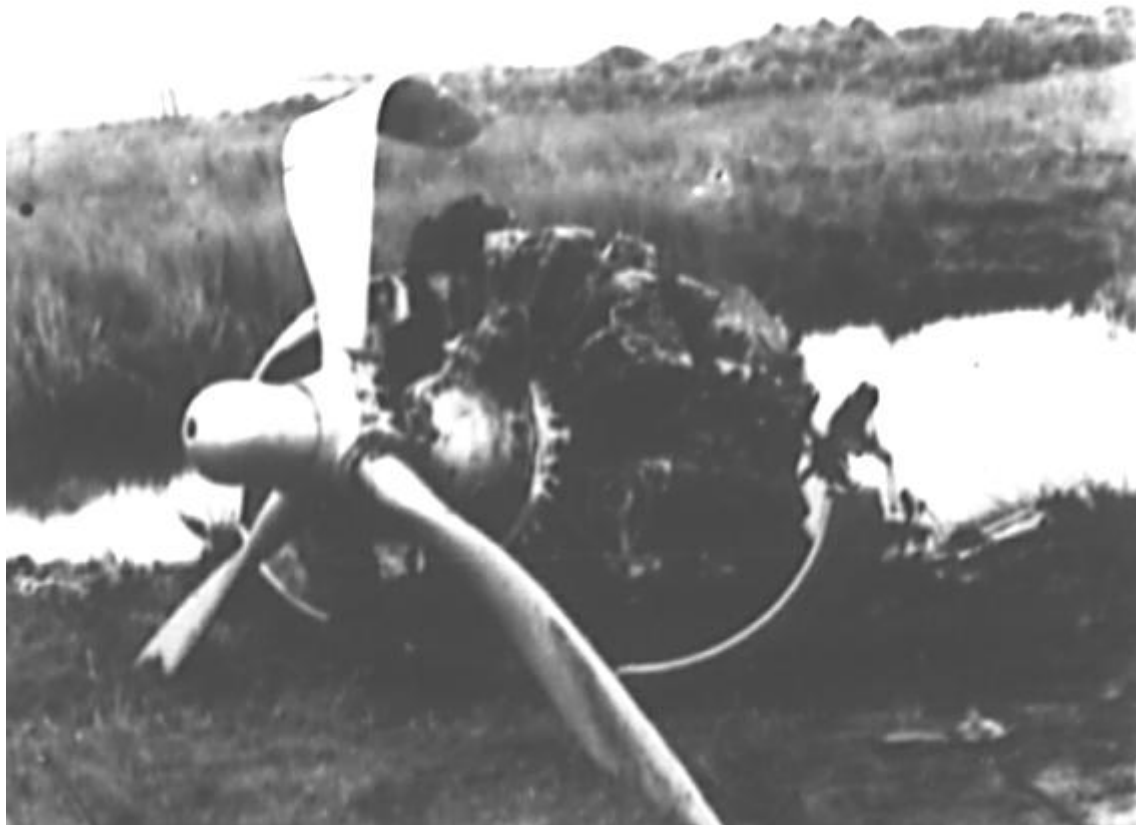
Friday 1st September 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1984/24][AIR 27/1960/18]

		2x US		TRANSAT arrivals
		2x US		Departed to?
	P	Halifax V*	517 Sqn	Diversion 22:34 F/L Goodfellow
	K	Halifax II*	502 Sqn	Diversion 22:25 F/L James
	M	Halifax II*	502 Sqn	Diversion 21:41 F/O F J Mair
*All diversions from St Davids, mentioned as 2.9 in Valley ORB.				

Saturday 2nd September 1944 [Joe Baugher's site][AIR 28/874]

Valley ORB mentions 3x Halifax diversions which are probably the ones from 1.9				
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
43-2034		C-53C	1403 BU	N Atlantic Wing

Ground looped at RAF Valley. Condemned 10.10.44. also quoted as landing at 22:23 with one engine and starboard wing on fire, crew unhurt but aircraft destroyed. The engine fell off and landed 50yds from the Rhosneigr Golf Club. Valley ORB quotes 3.9. Ex. Civil NC34954.





Here seen on 32 with the 'beach' side hangars in the left background.



Holyhead Mountain can be seen in the right background. [Ian Evans collection]

Pilot	1/Lt	Robert Fix	Ok
Co-Pilot	2/Lt	Loyd C Lovejoy	Ok
	2/Lt	Dwite M McCloud	Ok
	Cpl	Robert L Smith	Ok
	S/Sgt	Clyde Bane	Ok
	Cpl	Donald K Lefler	Ok

Sunday 3rd September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		To Meeks
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Monday 4th September 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1984/24]

Due to the weather at Valley, 30x USAAF aircraft had to be diverted to Prestwick.				
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
	U	Halifax V	517 Sqn	Diversion at 10:49 F/O Drabble

Tuesday 5th September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		12x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		3x US		Departed

Wednesday 6th September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		13x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
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Thursday 7th September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		24x [P-38 ?]		TRANSAT from Stornoway
Valley ORB mentions 'twin-engine fighters' or A-20/A-26 ?				
		B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks

Friday 8th September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		9x Wellington	[CNS]	Diversions from Shawbury
These were part of 11 aircraft diverting, the other 2 ended up at base and Mona.				
		2x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks

Saturday 9th September 1944 [AVIA 1/16]

R7034		Spitfire PRIV	RAE	[G/C] Hords from Farnborough
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Sunday 10th September 1944 [AIR 29/437][AVIA 1/16]

G/C H M Groves assumes command of the Station.				
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville
R7034		Spitfire PRIV	RAE	[G/C] Hords to Farnborough

Monday 11th September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		2x US		TRANSAT arrivals
		1x US		Departed to?

Tuesday 12th September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		2x B-17		To Amendola, Italy.
Routed: Caen-St Lo-North Corsica-Foggia.				
		C-54		From and to Stephenville
W2778		Walrus		From SARO Beaumaris

Wednesday 13th September 1944 [AIR 29/437]

		B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
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		63x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville To Meeks

Friday 15th September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

				Daily shuttle
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Saturday 16th September 1944 [AIR 28/874][USAAF doc]

		90x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
With one B-17 already at Valley there were 100 4-engine aircraft present, most active day since the TRANSAT operation started. An additional B-17G 43-38471 [C J McCallum] which left Meeks for Valley crash landed in Iceland.				
		8x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		PB4Y-1		TRANSAT from Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville
		C-54		From Stephenville

Monday 18th September 1944 [AIR 29/437]

		21x B-17		TRANSAT from Goose
		26x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks

Tuesday 19th September 1944 [E L McGuire memoir*][AIR 28/874]

		9x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
[42-5]1823	-J	B-24[J]*		Capt E L McGuire
*Northern Route: Dow Field-Goose-BW1-Valley, left aircraft at Valley, crew by train to Stone. Part of the 9 above.				
		36x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks

Wednesday 20th September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

Over 90x American aircraft on the Airfield.				
		12x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		2x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		Mitchell	RAF	Diversion Reykjavik-Prestwick
One of 9 Mitchells on delivery, possibly KJ--- series of serials.				
		?x US		To Warton
		C-54		From Stephenville
		C-54		From Stephenville

Thursday 21st September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		50x B-17		To Burtonwood & Warton

Friday 22nd September 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1984/24]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		From Stephenville

		4x Albemarle I	42 OTU	Diversions from Ashbourne
		3x Whitley V	[42 OTU]	Diversions from Ashbourne
	Q	Halifax V	517 Sqn	Diversion, landed 07:55 F/L Limmins

Sunday 24th September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville
		C-54		From Gander
		4x B-17		TRANSAT from Hagerstown/Meeks

Monday 25th September 1944 [AIR 29/437]

		C-54		From Stephenville
		C-54		From Stephenville
		C-54		From Stephenville
		B-17		TRANSAT from Goose

Tuesday 26th September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		C-54		To Meeks
		2x C-54		Diversions from Prestwick
		Dakota	[24 Sqn]	Diversion from Prestwick

Wednesday 27th September 1944 [AIR 29/437]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		2x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		23x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks

Thursday 28th September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		12x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
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Friday 29th September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		Lancaster [X]		Diversion Gander-Prestwick
This could have been a Canadian manufactured example. On the 29/30.9.44 5 examples were delivered to 20 MU in the UK KB812 KB819 KB821 KB824 KB825, see also 30.9.44.				
		Liberator		TRANSAT from Gander
Nothing in the 511 Sqn ORB – 231 Sqn possibly, or a delivery ?				
[AL504]		Liberator [II]	[Ferry]	TRANSAT from Gander
		Liberator	[delivery]	TRANSAT from Gander
		5x C-54		TRANSAT diversions from Prestwick
All from Stephenville				
JX420		Catalina IVB*	Delivery	TRANSAT from Gander to Beaumaris
*Controlled by ATC at Valley into Beaumaris.				

Saturday 30th September 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		35x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks

October 1944 [USAAF doc]

373 TRANSAT arrivals. New schedule for the 'Snowball' run to include Paris and the Azores.				
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Sunday 1st October 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/1627][AIR 27/2000/17]

		C-54		From Stephenville
		B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		3x US		Departed to?
		3x ?	RAF	
		[Martinet]	291 Sqn	F/S Kay from & to Hutton Cranswick
W5777		Hornet Moth	529 Sqn	
Still mentioned in Sqn ORB as being with TRE at Valley on radar trials, see 16.8.44. Next mentioned in 529 Sqn ORB 1.3.45 at Brough, nothing in between.				

Monday 2nd October 1944 [AIR 27/2000/17]

BV999		C.30 Rota	529 Sqn	To Henley
This was on completion of the attachment to TRE Defford at Valley, see 18.7.44				
		C-54		From Stephenville to Meeks
		2x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks

Tuesday 3rd October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		Wellington	[84 OTU]	Diversion from Desborough
		32x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		5x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		A-26		TRANSAT from Meeks
Another 11x A-26's went into Prestwick.				

Wednesday 4th October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

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Thursday 5th October 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/2116/20]

	U	Wellington*	612 Sqn	Diversion W/O J H Smith
		2x Wellington*	[7 OTU]	Diversion
*all 3 were diversions from Limavady. Possibly 172 or 612 Sqn.				
		C-54		To Lagens

Friday 6th October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		A-26		From & to Warton, circuits
		B-26		From & to Warton, circuits

Saturday 7th October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		4x C-109		TRANSAT from Goose
		3x B-24[J]		TRANSAT from Goose
B-24J 44-48788 left Goose for Valley but was never heard of again, also quoted as 17.10.				
		PB4Y	USN	TRANSAT from Goose
		C-109		TRANSAT from Gander
		4x C-54		From Paris to Azores
		5x C-54		From Paris, 4 departed, see above
		A-26		From & to Warton, circuits
		B-26		From & to Warton, circuits

Sunday 8th October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		24x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		3x US		To US

Monday 9th October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		10x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		2x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks

Tuesday 10th October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

[778858]		B-24*	[68 BS/44 BG]	'Karon Nans' Pilot R Peter
*From Meeks Field, R E Smith. Aircraft then taken over by another crew. Part of the 12 below. Possibly this is B-24J 44-48858, serial batch matches the one on 7.10				
		3x Wellington	[105 OTU]	Diversion from Bramcote
2 of the diverting Wellingtons were involved in a taxiing incident while parking.				

Wednesday 11th October 1944 [AIR 29/437]

		C-109		TRANSAT from Goose
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Thursday 12th October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		8x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		7x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		2x C-109		TRANSAT from Goose
		C-54		From Goose
		C-54		From Goose
		C-54		From Goose
		C-54		From Goose
		5x US		Departed

Friday 13th October 1944 [AIR 29/437]

		C-109		TRANSAT from Goose
		35x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
One of these B-17's was the 10,000 th American Tactical Delivery.				
		B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks

Saturday 14th October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		2x C-109		TRANSAT from Goose
		15x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		5x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		C-109		TRANSAT from Meeks

Sunday 15th October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		C-109		TRANSAT from Goose
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Monday 16th October 1944 [AIR 27/2358/10]

X4561		Spitfire IA	[510 Sqn]	S/L Weymouth
Routed: Hendon-Talbenny-Valley-Nutts Corner.				
		C-54		From Meeks Field
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DJ621	[GJ]	Anson I	9[O]AFU	
Ditched in the Irish Sea at 5372N 00458W, crew picked up by an Aircraft Carrier.				
Pilot	F/O	J Stephenson		

Wednesday 18th October 1944 [AIR 29/437]

		2x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
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Thursday 19th October 1944 [AIR 29/437]

		77x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
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Saturday 21st October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

Due to the volume of arrivals on 19.10, todays arrivals were diverted to Prestwick.				

Sunday 22nd October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

Radio Beacon became unserviceable so the 30x B-17's from Iceland were diverted to Prestwick, beacon fixed by 23.10.				
		C-109		TRANSAT from Goose
		79x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		6x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks

Monday 23rd October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		6x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		3x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		21x US		Internal movements
		5x ?	RAF	Internal movements

Wednesday 25th October 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/880/7]

RAF Bodorgan sent a detachment to Valley as their field was unusable. 1606 Flt ORB says 24.10.44				
		Martinet TTI	1606 Flt	From Bodorgan
		Martinet TTI	1606 Flt	From Bodorgan
		Martinet TTI	1606 Flt	From Bodorgan
		3x Wellington		Diversion
[HE]638		Wellington X	26 OTU	F/O Parker, one of the above
Logbook says 24.10 whereas Valley ORB mentions 25.10				
		Anson I		Diversion from Jurby, R/T u/s.

Thursday 26th October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		6x US		TRANSAT arrivals
		7x US		Departed to?

Friday 27th October 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 28/88]

[HE]638		Wellington X	26 OTU	F/O Parker to , see 25.10
		B-24	[25[R]BG]	Diverted from Watton.
		Mosquito PRXVI	[25[R]BG]	Diverted from Watton
		Mosquito PRXVI	[25[R]BG]	Diverted from Watton
Both types operated with the 25 th BG out of Watton. B-24's 652 BS, Mosquitoes 653/654 BS.				
		?		Air ambulance
Flew S/L P R Ap Ellis [Bodorgan] from Valley to Cosford. See 9.11.43				

Saturday 28th October 1944 [AIR 29/437]

		16x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		4x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks

Sunday 29th October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		11x US		Internal movements
PH355		Oxford I	3 FPP/ATA	Crowder from Hawarden

Monday 30th October 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/296/20]

		B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		2x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
[PH240]		Oxford I	1528 BAT	Delivery by ATA
[PH241]		Oxford I	1528 BAT	Delivery by ATA
[PH356]		Oxford I	1528 BAT	Delivery by ATA
[PH357]		Oxford I	1528 BAT	Delivery by ATA
[PH358]		Oxford I	1528 BAT	Delivery by ATA
Delivery by ATA prior to the unit move on 1.11.44				
FZ633		Dakota III	24 Sqn	F/L J Tyszko
From Hendon with 8 pax & 1250lbs cargo then to Prestwick.				

Tuesday 31st October 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		2x US		Departed
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November 1944

282x TRANSAT arrivals, including 52x Bombers for 15th AF, later departing to Marrakech.
Up to 3x C-54 'Snowball' shuttles per day.

November 1944 [AB MIL 3/93]

JM966		Sea Otter	281 Sqn	Detachment
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Wednesday 1st November 1944 [AB AMIL78][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1][AIR 28/45]

1528[BAT]Flight reformed as part of 44 Group, Transport Command. BAT [Beam Approach Training] Unit Establishment: 6x Oxford aircraft & 2x Link Trainers. Aircraft: PH240/PH241/PH355/PH356/PH357/PH358.				
NK659		Anson I	MCS	F/O Merry from & to Hendon
		2x C-54		To Azores at night
		C-54		From Stephenville
		C-54		From Stephenville
		C-54		From Lagens

Thursday 2nd November 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/556/22][AIR 27/296/22][AIR 27/1986/30]

LL515	U	Halifax V	518 Sqn	Diversion 20:10 F/L Green
Diverted from Ballykelly on 3 engines				
FL981	B	Liberator V	59 Sqn	Diversion 20:22 F/L B R Cook
Diversion whilst enroute Meeks Field, Iceland to Ballykelly. [subsequently lost 4.12.44]				
		6x US		TRANSAT arrivals
		6x US		Departed.
KG583		Dakota III	24 Sqn	F/L J [Rechka]
11 pax from Hendon then flew to Belfast.				

Friday 3rd November 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		Wellington	[105 OTU]	Diversion from & to Bramcote
FL981	B	Liberator V	59 Sqn	To Ballykelly, see 2.11

Sunday 5th November 1944 [AIR 29/876/1]

		Oxford	1528 BAT	F/L Wells from & to Prestwick
Visit to inspect the accommodation available to 1528 BAT Flight.				

Monday 6th November 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		2x US		TRANSAT arrivals
		2x US		Departed

Tuesday 7th November 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		4x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
	[B]	Wellington		F/O Zeyfert
Routed: Chedburgh-Faldingworth-Valley, dropped off F/L Poloniecki, see 8.11				

Wednesday 8th November 1944 [AIR 28/874]

F/L Poloniecki attended 1528 BAT Flight at RAF Valley. During the Course 8-13.11 he flew Oxfords: PH372 PH374 PH393 PH395.				
		?x US		From Casablanca 14:00 with 7 pax

Thursday 9th November 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		9x C-54		From Paris, Orly
		44x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		10x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		?		
A/Cdre I T Lloyd visited to discuss the possibility of an ASR Flight being sent to Valley as a lodger unit, by air?				

Friday 10th November 1944 [AIR 27/1614/22][AIR 28/874][AIR 27/556/22][AIR 28/45]

	Z	Warwick ASR.1	281 Sqn	
Landed 22:33 due to weather at base following a search off Tiree for Halifax V LK706:L 518 Sqn. Departed 12:35 11.11.44				
		?x US		To Burtonwood, 9.11 arrivals
BZ724	P	Liberator V	59 Sqn	Diversion 19:56 F/L E Brown
FL989	L	Liberator V	59 Sqn	Diversion 20:33 F/L H G Cameron
BZ763	V	Liberator V	59 Sqn	Diversion 20:05 F/L Camacho
All three Coastal Command Liberators diverted in from Ballykelly, they had been escorting Convoy HX 317.				

Saturday 11th November 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/296/22]

KG637		Dakota III	24 Sqn	From Hendon F/L F [Tiber]
From Hendon with 7 pax & 1793lbs cargo, stayed for 2 days, was on the Hendon-Prestwick shuttle but diverted to Valley due to weather at Prestwick.				
		?x US		Internal shuttles
		C-54		From Goose
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43-48473		C-47B	86 TS/27 ATG	8 th AF
Was flying from Le Bourget to Burtonwood but due to the weather there they were told to divert to Valley. They never arrived and the wreckage was subsequently found near Foel Grach close to Llyn Dulyn [OS 107/698667] in the Carneddau Mountain Range in Snowdonia on 22.11. The 4 crew killed were recovered by the Llandwrog MRT.				
Pilot	2/Lt	William George Gough		Killed
Co-pilot	2/Lt	Richard Raymond Rolfe		Killed
R/Op	Cpl	Hyman Levitsky		Killed [buried Cambridge]
F/Eng	S/Sgt	Kirk Hugh McLoren		Killed [buried Cambridge]

Sunday 12th November 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT takes over No.2 dispersal				
		C-54		From Lagens
		C-54		From Lagens
		C-54		From Lagens
		C-54		From Stephenville
		3x C-54		From Orly, 1 on 3 engines.
St Mawgan ORB mentions there were 14x C-54 diversions from Azores and 1 from Stephenville, 3 went to St Mawgan 4 to Valley and 8 to Nutts Corner.				
[AL529]		Liberator [II]	BOAC	Diversion Dorval-Gander-Prestwick
		4x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks

Monday 13th November 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/296/22][AIR 28/45][RAFM][AIR 4/188]

[AL529]		Liberator [II]	BOAC	To Prestwick, see 12.11
KG637		Dakota III	24 Sqn	To Prestwick, see 11.11
		?* [C-54 ?]		To London
*Departed to London with former Governor Henry H Lehman, Director of United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration on board, specially assigned aircraft. He had arrived at Valley on 12.11				
BZ763	V	Liberator V	59 Sqn	To Ballykelly, see 10.11
[FL989]	[L]	Liberator V	59 Sqn	[To Ballykelly, see 10.11]
[BZ724]	[P]	Liberator V*	59 Sqn	F/L Brown to Ballykelly

*There is a discrepancy as Sgt Burke is listed as crew arriving at Valley with BZ724 10.11, did he record the wrong serial ? His logbook held at Kew records flights on BZ790 4/10/13.11 but this does not tally with the Sqn ORB. In the 59 Sqn ORB the Brown crew including Sgt Burke flew in BZ724 on 4 & 10.11 and not BZ790; they then flew BZ712:D on 15.11 and not FL990 as per Sgt Burke's logbook. I think it's most probably BZ724:P returning to Ballykelly.

Date	Hour	Aircraft Type and No.	Pilot	Duty
10	1 st	FL 785	F/LT BROWN, OPE	W/P/ENGINEER.
"	4 th	132 790	"	"
"	10 th	132 790	"	"
"	13 th	132 790	"	"
"	16 th	132 790	"	"

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"	13 th	132 790	"	"
"	16 th	132 790	"	"

[AIR 4/188 National Archives]

Tuesday 14th November 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		14x A/B-26		Weather Diversion
They were enroute Warton & Burtonwood from St Mawgan.				
		6x US		Departed to?
		3x Wellington		Diversions
		Anson I		Diversion

Wednesday 15th November 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		?	RAF	From Nutts Corner to Staverton
Visit by Dep AOC-in-C Transport Command AVM A C Collier & A/Cdre G R Beamish.				
		2x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks

Friday 17th November 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		7x Wellington	[105 OTU]	Diversion from Bramcote
		Fortress [II]	Met Flt	Diversion from Ballykelly

Saturday 18th November 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		12x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		7x Wellington	[105 OTU]	To Bramcote, see 17.11
		Fortress	Met Flt	Departed, see 17.11

Monday 20th November 1944 [AIR 29/876/1]

PH240		Oxford I	1528 BAT	Taken on charge
PH241		Oxford I	1528 BAT	Taken on charge

Tuesday 21st November 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1][USAAF doc]

At 18:00 there were 118x aircraft on the Airfield.				
		47x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
Two of the B-17's spotted dinghies near Tiree containing survivors from a Halifax. They circled overhead until relieved by ASR aircraft. This was Halifax V LL510:F 518 Sqn [F/L F R Green] which ditched after an uncontrollable fire in the starboard outer engine at 600ft spread to the wing, all the crew survived.				
		22x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		13x B-26		TRANSAT
The 13 were diverted into Valley whilst routing St Mawgan-Burtonwood.				
PH241		Oxford I	1528 BAT	Visited Kemble

Wednesday 22nd November 1944 [AIR 29/876/1]

PH241		Oxford I	1528 BAT	F/S Furler to Kemble for mods
		Oxford	Stn Flt	F/S Pritchard visited Kemble

Thursday 23rd November 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/880/7]

		Liberator	RAF	Diversion from St Davids 12:50
Nothing in the respective ORB's based units at St Davids.				
		2x US		TRANSAT arrivals
		27x US		Departed
HN953		Martinet TTI	1606 Flt	From Bodorgan, loaned to 650Sqn.
Operated on AA Co-op sorties out of Valley until 30.11.44				

Friday 24th November 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		22x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		44x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		29x B-17/24		To Marrakech
Of the 29 departures, one aircraft returned to Valley on 3 engines at 14:14				
		2x Dakota	RAF	Wx diversions

Saturday 25th November 1944 [AIR 29/437]

		3x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		4x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks

Sunday 26th November 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		11x B-17		To Marrakech 08:00-10:00
		24x B-17/24		To Marrakech at night.
One of these 24 returned to Valley, overshooting the end of Runway 32 without much damage.				
		Wellington	[105 OTU]	Diversion from Bramcote 02:30
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[LP671]		Wellington X	[105 OTU]	From Bramcote
Too high & fast on approach on Runway 02 and finished on the railway embankment with considerable damage. Crew of 4 were ok apart from the Nav who had a cut to his face. [Wellington X LP671 105 OTU, suffered damage on 27.11 could be a possibility]				

Monday 27th November 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		?x		Diversions from Warton
		?x		Diversions from Burtonwood

Tuesday 28th November 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		52x US		To UK Stations
		3x US		Departed

Wednesday 29th November 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		8x B-17		TRANSAT from Goose
		9x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		10x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks

Thursday 30th November 1944 [USAAF doc]

Since 1 st October all the arrivals had departed apart from 34 aircraft [1x C-54, 20x B-17 & 13x B-24] which were still present. Of the 34 only 2 [a B-17 and a B-24 spending their 9 th night at Valley awaiting repairs] had been present for more than one day.				
		B-17		TRANSAT from Goose
		B-24		TRANSAT from Goose

December 1944 [USAAF doc]

267x TRANSAT arrivals [180x B-17, 43x B-24, 32x C-109 & 12x B-26]				
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17x C-54 & 44x [Bovingdon] Shuttles.
 December 8th saw the final 'Snowball' shuttles with Orly becoming the maintenance base.
 During December there were an average of 65 aircraft present overnight.

Friday 1st December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/688]

		B-17		TRANSAT from Goose Bay
		[20x B-17]		Present
		[12x B-24]		Present
		1x C-109		TRANSAT from Goose Bay
		C-54		From Orly
		[Dakota]	44 Gp	From Wymeswold at 12:40 BST
Trial of the 44 Gp shuttle service, departed 13:45 BST, routed Staverton-Talbenny-Valley.				

Saturday 2nd December 1944 [AIR 27/2056/1]

EM466		Martinet TTI	595 Sqn	From Aberporth for 650 Sqn
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Sunday 3rd December 1944 [AIR 28/874]

44-6766		B-17G	[301 BG]	
Hit by taxiing aircraft at Valley [possibly by a B-24] Records indicate 23 days for repairs.				
		Martinet TTI		
Brake failure whilst taxiing and swung on to the grass, pilot opened the throttle in order to taxi back onto the perimeter track, but the aircraft tipped over onto its nose damaging the propellor.				

Monday 4th December 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		2x PB4Y-1		Diversion Marrakech-St Mawgan
		5x C-109		TRANSAT from Goose
		12x B-17		TRANSAT from Goose
		8x B-24		TRANSAT from Goose

Tuesday 5th December 1944 [AIR27/2166][AIR 28/874]

650 Sqn arrived from Bodorgan due to unfit groundworks there.				
		4x C-109		TRANSAT from Goose Bay

Wednesday 6th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 Flight local flying using Oxford PH241.				
44-49703		B-24L	[15 AF]	Departure cancelled.
During taxi out a 'magneto drop' was detected and the departure delayed for maintenance. It was found that a lead had been disconnected. Inquiries were made and an alert Line Chief remembered that on 5.12 he had a chance meeting with a transient enlisted man who had enquired 'how long an engine change would take at Valley' the aircraft mentioned was the same as the dispatched aircraft. The crew were found apart from the Engineer [Cpl Joseph C Donchin] who admitted going AWOL just after the aircraft's departure was cancelled. Questioning of the crew revealed that he had a girlfriend in England that he wanted to				

marry and wanted to see, he arranged to meet her at a nearby Hotel once the flight was cancelled. He confessed to his actions and was Court Martialled on 15.1 and was sentenced to a dishonourable discharge, confinement at hard labour for 1 year and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

		8x US		Departed
		26x B-17		TRANSAT from Goose
		2x B-24		TRANSAT from Goose
		9x C-109		TRANSAT from Goose
PH241		Oxford I	1528 BAT	F/O Poole & F/S Pritchard
From Kemble post modifications, see 22.11.44				

Thursday 7th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH241.				
		21x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		20x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		9x US		To Marrakech

Friday 8th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

At 18:00 there were 121x aircraft on the Airfield. 1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH241.				
		2x C-54		From Orly
Last of the 'Snowball' shuttle service.				
		5x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		5x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		2x C-47		Diversion from Prestwick

Saturday 9th December 1944 [AIR 27/2056/1][AIR 28/874]

44 Group shuttle service starts.				
EM466		Martinet TTI	595 Sqn	To Aberporth from 650 Sqn
		24x US		8.12 arrivals to Burtonwood
		5x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		4x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
NC547	[M]	Wellington X	[27 OTU]	F/L Bell
		?	44 Gp	
Aircraft arrived from Wymeswold, Crosby-on-Eden & Nuneaton.				

Sunday 10th December 1944 [AIR 28/874]

		22x US		To Marrakech at night
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Monday 11th December 1944 [AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH241.				
		Oxford	1528 BAT	To & from 44 Gp Conference
This was the Station Flight Oxford. Valley-Staverton-Kemble-Valley				

Tuesday 12th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH241.				
		?x ?	44 Gp	Shuttles
		10x B-17/24		To Marrakech 05:20-06:32
		9x C-109		TRANSAT from Goose

Wednesday 13th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

		2x ?	[105 OTU]	Diversion from Bramcote at night.
PH241		Oxford I	1528 BAT	F/O Sinclair & F/S Furler
To & from Filton.				

Thursday 14th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][IBCCA]

		11x Wellington		Diversion from Tetbury? dep 16.11
		4x Albemarle I	[42 OTU]	Diversion
		C-109		To Tibenham but landed Membury
	M1	Wellington	EANS	F/O Crombie
X-country: Base-Fastnet Rock-Scillies-Lundy Island-Valley-Base, probably an overflight.				

Friday 15th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH241.				
		?	44 Gp	Shuttle
		B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks

Saturday 16th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH240/PH241.				
		9x Wellington X	[105 OTU]	Diversion from Bramcote
		11x Wellington		To Tetbury, see 14.12
		[Dakota]	44 Gp	Shuttle, diversion from Bramcote
		[Dakota]	44 Gp	Shuttle service
		5x C-47		Diversion from Prestwick
		2x		Diversion from Burtonwood
		28x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander

Sunday 17th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH241/PH358.				
		8x Wellington X	[105 OTU]	To Bramcote, see 16.12

Monday 18th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 27/296/24][AIR 29/876/1][AIR 29/547/2]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH240/PH241/PH358.				
EG218	[BK]	Anson I	9 [O]AFU	From Llandwrog
Force landed near the domestic site at Trewan Sands, Valley due to engine failure. Crew ok.				
NK734		Anson I	24 Sqn	W/O A J Richbell
From Cosford with a stretcher case [S/L P R Ap Ellis, see 9.11.43] for Valley then empty to				

Hendon.				
		13x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		2x C-109		TRANSAT from Gander

Tuesday 19th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1][IBCCA]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH241/PH358.				
		Wellington X	1332 HCU	Bramcote Shuttle
PH357		Oxford I	1528 BAT	F/S Furler visited Burtonwood.
[42-7609]		B-24[H]	[36 BS]	To Marrakech at night
This aircraft was declared War Weary 18.12.44 so possibly same one?				

Wednesday 20th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

No TRANSAT arrivals.				
1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH240.				
		2x Stirling	[1660 HCU]	Diversion from Swinderby.
		C-109		TRANSAT from Goose
		2x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander

Thursday 21st December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1][AIR 27/1984/30]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH356/PH358.				
PH357		Oxford I	1528 BAT	F/O Sinclair visited Llandow
		26x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks
		B-17G*	[/100 BG]	TRANSAT from Meeks
*Part of the 26 arrivals above.				
		2x B-24		TRANSAT from Meeks
		C-54		Diversion Azores-St Mawgan
	W	Halifax	517 Sqn	Diversion F/O Meredith
Diverted from Brawdy due to weather.				

Friday 22nd December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH240/PH356/PH358.				
		6x Wellington	[105 OTU]	Diversion from Bramcote 17-18:00
[MW117]		York C.1	1332 CU	Diversion from Nutts Corner 19:24
		? US		Shuttle, diversion from Prestwick
Pax was a B/Gen.				
		C-54		Diversion from Goose
Arrived with French & Swiss civilians destined for Paris.				

Saturday 23rd December 1944 [AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH240/PH356/PH358.				
		6x Wellington X	[105 OTU]	Diversion from Bramcote
Possibly the same ones as 22.12 ?				
		5x C-54		

Diversions from Prestwick & St Mawgan				
		2x C-47		Diversion from Bovingdon
		B-17		Diversion from Honington
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42-50671	[R4-F]	B-24J*	36 BS	'Ramp Rooster' Capt R Sackett
42-50844	[R4-I]	B-24J*	36 BS	'Miss-B-Haven' Lt R Angstadt
42-51232	R4-J	B-24J*	36 BS	'Jigs Up' Lt Boehm, see below.
<p>*The three 36 BS aircraft were diverting from their base at Cheddington having left Manston. Initially they diverted to Atcham, but the weather was unfit there too, so they headed for Valley. The 'Jig's Up' crashed near North Stack, Holyhead due to fuel starvation compounded by the weather at Valley. All the Crew baled out, but apart from the Pilots they ended up in the Sea without lifejackets, no bodies were ever found. Parties from Valley/Mona/Llandwrog/Bodorgan/22nd Cheshire Regt/130th Coastal Battery/307th Holding Battalion/Ty Croes/Police/USAAF plus boats from the Naval Authorities at HMS Bee, Holyhead were involved in the search for survivors. Callsign of the aircraft was 'MARKER JIG.'</p>				
Pilot	1/Lt	H T Boehm	Ok, found near Holyhead	
Co-Pilot	2/Lt	D W Burch	Ok, found near Trearddur Bay	
Nav	2/Lt	William H Lehner Jr	Killed	
F/E	S/Sgt	Arthur R Clemens	Killed	
R/Op	S/Sgt	Francis J Lynch	Killed	
R/Op	S/Sgt	Harvey N Nystrom	Killed	
AG	S/Sgt	Jaime Fonseca	Killed	
AG	S/Sgt	Andrew Zapotocky	Killed	
AG	Sgt	Roger F Gagne	Killed	
AG	Sgt	Charles H Dautel	Killed	

Sunday 24th December 1944 [AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH356/PH357/PH358.				

Monday 25th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH355/PH356/PH357				
		4x ?		Diversions
		C-54		From Meeks
		C-54		From Meeks

Tuesday 26th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH241/PH355/PH356				
		?x		Diversions from Prestwick
They later departed to Prestwick.				
		B-17		To Marrakech at night
		2x B-24		To Marrakech at night

Wednesday 27th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH355/PH358				
		C-54		Diversion Stephenville-Prestwick

Thursday 28th December 1944 [AIR 27/2056/1][AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH357.				
LE654		Hurricane IV	595 Sqn	From Aberporth for major.
		2x Albemarle I	[42 OTU]	To base, see 14.12
		14x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander

Friday 29th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH241/PH355/PH356/PH358.				

Saturday 30th December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH241/PH356/PH357/PH358.				
		3x C-47		Diversion Orleans-Burtonwood
		22x B-17		TRANSAT from Meeks

Sunday 31st December 1944 [AIR 28/874][AIR 29/876/1]

1528 BAT Flight local flying using Oxford PH356/PH357/PH358.				
		4x B-17		TRANSAT from Gander
		[59x B-17]		Present
		[7x B-24]		Present
		[17x C-109]		Present
		[2x B-26]		Present
LR565		Mosquito TIII	51 OTU	Diversion
From Cranfield port engine failure, overshoot Runway 32 on landing, damage to stern frame. The F78 shows it was repaired on site By De Havilland's from 13.1.45 and returned to 51 OTU by 5.2.45				
		4x Hellcat	[1840 NAS]	From Stretton
Routing to Ayr but became lost, landed at Valley in the afternoon. Air Britain Squadrons of the Fleet Air Arm suggest they could be from 1840 NAS who were re-equipping at Ayr prior to Deck landing Training on HMS Speaker?				
		2x Wellington X	[105 OTU]	Diversion from Bramcote.