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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1946

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AIR 28/1145 additional movements.
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Additional logbook movements.

SUMMARY

Post War the Station reverted to a temporary storage Airfield.

Abbreviations

AGS	Air Gunnery School
BAT	Beam Approach Training
CU	Conversion Unit
FU	Ferry Unit
MU	Maintenance Unit
MCS	Metropolitan Communication Squadron
RAT	Radio Aids Training, previously known as BAT [Beam Approach Training] Flights.
Sqn	Squadron

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.

Dated 1946 [Dick Thomas Collection]



Dated 1946 it depicts one of the WRAF Quarters with a view across Llyn Penrhyn, the background would suggest that it's taken from the area where the present [2025] Officers Mess building is. In the far background to the left of the telegraph pole is the twin bay MTSS [Motor Transport] building, some of the T2 hangars can be seen to the right of the pole. The very small outcrop can also be seen in Llyn Penrhyn.

Wednesday 2nd January 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		2x		In
		2x		Out

Thursday 3rd January 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		1x		In
		1x		Out

Sunday 6th January 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		3x		In
		5x		Out

Thursday 10th January 1946 [AIR 27/1985/13 & 14]

	X9-A	Halifax III	517 Sqn	F/L Hughes
Diversion from Chivenor whilst conducting an Epicure Meteorological Flight, returned to Chivenor 12.1.				

Friday 11th January 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		6x		In
		2x		Out

Saturday 12th January 1946 [AIR 27/1985/13]

	X9-A	Halifax III	517 Sqn	To Chivenor, see 10.1
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Tuesday 15th January 1946 [AIR 27/2359/16][AIR 29/611]

NR752	CB-D	Dominie I	MCS	F/L F Pitt
From Belfast at 12:30 departing to Hendon 13:40.				
		6x Wellington	1380 CU	Diversions from Tilstock
1380 CU disbanded shortly afterwards on 21.1.46				

Wednesday 16th January 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		6x Wellington	[1380 CU]	Diversions from Tilstock
These are almost definitely the same ones as referred to on 15.1				

Thursday 17th January 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		6x Wellington	1380 CU	Departed, see 16.1
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Friday 19th January 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		3x Seafire	[NAS]	Diversions
		Corsair	[NAS]	Diversion
All 4 later departed to Donibristle.				

Monday 21st January 1946 [AIR 27/1670/38][AIR 28/1145]

HG292	D	Warwick C.III	304 Sqn	Diversion, W/O Kowalski
HG329	A	Warwick C.III	304 Sqn	Diversion, W/O Oleszczuk
Both 304 Sqn aircraft diverted whilst enroute from Istres, France to Chedburgh. Also quoted as 22.1				
		Warwick		Diversion from Marseilles

Tuesday 22nd January 1946 [AIR 27/1670/38][AIR 28/1145]

HG292	D	Warwick C.III	304 Sqn	To Chedburgh, see 21.1
HG329	A	Warwick C.III	304 Sqn	To Chedburgh, see 21.1
		Liberator		Diversion from Marseilles

Wednesday 23rd January 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		13x Liberators		Diversions from Marseilles
They disembarked 252 passengers who proceeded by special train to London.				

Thursday 24th January 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		14x Liberators		Departed to Waterbeach see 22/23.1
BV243		Warwick C.1	167 Sqn	F/O Green from Blackbushe

Monday 28th January 1946

BV243		Warwick C.1	167 Sqn	F/O Green to Blackbushe
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Tuesday 29th January 1946

BV243		Warwick C.1	167 Sqn	W/O Watret from Blackbushe
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Wednesday 30th January 1946

BV243		Warwick C.1	167 Sqn	W/O Watret to Blackbushe
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Thursday 31st January 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		2x Dakota		Enroute Linton-on-Ouse
		2x Warwick		Enroute Blackbushe
		Beaufighter		Enroute St Athan
		Beaufighter		Enroute Filton

Friday 1st February 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		3x ?		Diversions
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Monday 4th February 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		1x ?		Diversion
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Monday 11th February 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		1x		In

Friday 15th February 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		3x		Out

Saturday 16th February 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

SHQ moved from the old HQ Building to the Terminal Block. The new building had central heating and drains as opposed to an Elsan toilet!				

Sunday 17th February 1946 [AIR 28/1145][MAR]

127		Magister	Irish AC	Ex. P6424
128		Magister	Irish AC	Ex. R1826
129		Magister	Irish AC	Ex. T9733
130		Magister	Irish AC	Ex. N3869
		[Anson I]	Irish AC	[Escort aircraft ?]

The Valley ORB mentions 5 aircraft, 4 are confirmed so the 5th may have been an escort aircraft. They were on delivery to the Irish Air Corps via Liverpool Speke.

Monday 18th February 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		5x [Magister]	Irish AC	Departed to Ireland, see 17.2
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Tuesday 19th February 1946 [AIR 27/2425/4]

KH292	[WE-]	Liberator VIII	59 Sqn	F/L J Maxwell from & to Waterbeach
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Wednesday 20th February 1946 [AIR 27/2425/4][AIR 28/1145]

KL613	[WE-]	Liberator VI	59 Sqn	F/L D Blundell from & to Waterbeach
		?	Irish Airways	From Croydon to Dublin

Thursday 21st February 1946 [F78][AIR 27/1092/60][AIR 28/1145]

7 movements.				
FM139		Lancaster X		To 20 MU, Aston Down, see 12.8.45
HG278		Warwick C.III	167 Sqn	Diversion, F/L Polstock
Diverted whilst enroute Pomigliano[Naples]-Blackbushe. Aircraft was unserviceable at Valley so the crew returned to Blackbushe by rail. No information on the departure date from Valley though.				

Friday 22nd February 1946 [AIR 28/1145][MAR]

132		Magister	Irish AC	Ex. T9807
133		Magister	Irish AC	Ex. V1089
134		Magister	Irish AC	Ex. V1016
		[Anson I]	Irish AC	
The 3 Magisters were on delivery to the Irish Air Corps from Ternhill to Baldonnel, the 4 th aircraft was most probably an escort, possibly an Anson.				

Tuesday 26th February 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

2 movements.				

Sunday 3rd March 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

RX329		Seafire III	[759 NAS]	
RX347		Seafire III	[759 NAS]	
RX341	[Y3C]	Seafire III	[759 NAS]	
The Seafires were from Yeovilton to Eglinton.				
43-48888		C-47B		From Burtonwood N/stop

Monday 4th March 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

43-48888		C-47B		Departed to Allinston ?
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Tuesday 5th March 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

FD[9]44		Dakota	1381 CU	Diversion from Desborough
KG364		Dakota	1381 CU	Diversion from Desborough
KG737	[7Z-]	Dakota	1381 CU	Diversion from Desborough

V4135		Oxford I	[1527 BAT Flt]	From Prestwick
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Thursday 7th March 1946 [AIR 29/877/8][AIR 28/1145]

4 in/7 out				
PH392		Oxford I	[1556 Flt]	To Fairford for 1553 RAT Flight
Should have departed 27.2 but unable due to bad weather at Valley.				

Saturday 9th March 1946 [AIR 28/1145][MAR]

8 in/1 out.				
131		Magister	Irish AC	Ex. L8342
135		Magister	Irish AC	Ex. T9803
136		Magister	Irish AC	Ex. V1094
137		Magister	Irish AC	Ex. L8352
138		Magister	Irish AC	Ex. R1834
		Anson	Irish AC	Enroute Ireland N/stop
The Magisters were on delivery to Baldonnel, they night stopped at Valley.				

Sunday 10th March 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		5x Magister	Irish AC	To Baldonnel, see 9.3
		Anson	Irish AC	To Baldonnel, see 9.3

Tuesday 12th March 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

12 movements.				

Wednesday 13th March 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

[KG]731		Dakota		Emergency landing at 21:34
[quoted as FD731 in the Valley ORB]				

Thursday 21st March 1946 [F78][fcafa.com][AIR 28/1145]

FM108		Lancaster X		To 39 MU, Colerne, see 4.8.45
FM115		Lancaster X		To 20 MU, Aston Down, see 27.7.45
FM160		Lancaster X		To 20 MU, Aston Down, see 2.8.45
PB931		Lancaster B.I	[16 FU]	From Dunkeswell, see 25.6.46.
NX557		Lancaster B.I	[16 FU]	From 16 FU, Dunkeswell, see 4.7.46
PA318		Lancaster B.I	[16 FU]	From Dunkeswell, see 20.6.46
[again, Valley ORB mentions 22.3 for the 3 Lancasters from Dunkeswell]				
EV994	PP-G	Liberator GR.VI	311 Sqn	From Prague for disposal
KG898	PP-W	Liberator GR.VI	311 Sqn	Awaiting disposal

Monday 25th March 1946 [AIR 4/51]

X7347		Rapide	44 Gp Flt	S/L Irens
Routed: Staverton-Valley-Prestwick.				

Wednesday 3rd April 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		Firebrand	[NAS]	From Ford
		Dominie	[NAS]	From Dunkeswell

Thursday 4th April 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		4x Harvard		From & to Snitterfield
		Anson		From & to Snitterfield
		Anson		From & to Ternhill

Friday 5th April 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		Anson		From Honiley
		Harvard		From Hendon

Saturday 6th April 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

PH340	[5G:FD]	Oxford I	[762 NAS]	From Ford
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Tuesday 9th April 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

PH340	[5G:FD]	Oxford I	[762 NAS]	To Ford
[PH]695		Anson		From Honiley calibrator
42		Anson I	Irish Air Corps	To Baldonnell

Wednesday 10th April 1946 [AIR 27/2359/22]

HG722	CB-E	Dominie I	MCS	W/O Leeke from Hendon 11:15
NR803		Dominie II	[16 FU]	From Dunkeswell
Air Britain quotes NR803 allocated to Valley on this date, see 24.4.46				

Thursday 11th April 1946 [AIR 27/2359/22][AIR 28/1145]

HG722	CB-E	Dominie I	MCS	W/O Leeke to Hendon 11:00
A/Cdre Bilney.				
		4x ?		Landed

Friday 12th April 1946 [AB][AIR 28/1145]

		4x RAF		Landed
		2x USAF		Landed
R5921		Dominie I	16 FU	
Allocated to Valley from 16 FU Dunkeswell, see 15.5.46				

Sunday 14th April 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		2x RAF		Landed
		2x FAA		Landed

Thursday 18th April 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		1x RAF		Landed
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		1x FAA		Landed
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Saturday 20th April 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		1x RAF		Landed
		1x FAA		Departed

Wednesday 24th April 1946 [AIR 27/2359/22]

HG722	CB-E	Dominie I	MCS	F/L Wilson
From and to Hendon arriving 12:00 & departing 15:30.				
NR803		Dominie II*	MCS	F/L Webb from & to Hendon 15:35.
*Air Britain quote this aircraft as being allocated to Transport Command Communications Flight at Hendon on 25.4.46.				

Thursday 25th April 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		5x RAF		Landed
		7x FAA		Departed

Saturday 27th April 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		3x RAF		Landed
		1x RAF		Departed

Sunday 28th April 1946 [AB AMIL84][AIR 27/2421][IBCCA][AIR 28/1145]

MW256	[JV]	York C.1	51 Sqn	Diversion from Stradishall
Too low on final approach at 22:15, hit sand dunes and undercarriage sheared off. No details in the 51 Sqn ORB apart from 2 Yorks being written off during the month as a result of night flying accidents. The 'V' code is from J H Allen's flying logbook for 17.4.46 for MW256.				
	F/L	McGregor		Ok
	F/O	Fairless		Ok
	W/O	Lewis		Ok
	W/O	Heynes		Ok
	F/S	Robb		Ok
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MW258		York C.1	[51 Sqn]	Diversion from Stradishall
[BV189]		Beaufighter [TFX]		From St Mawgan for storage
Not a Beaufighter serial but NV189 is.				

Tuesday 30th April 1946 [AIR 29/611][IBCC]

S/L G H F Sayers assumes command of the Station.				
		Anson		Diversion
Diverted whilst enroute Gatwick to Crosby-on-Eden[Carlisle]				
		1x FAA		Landed
	JX	York C.1	51 Sqn	S/L D Iveson
Routed: Stradishall-Prestwick-Valley-Stradishall.				

May 1946 [AIR 29/611]

Daily [Dakota] shuttle service operated 12 times in May.
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Wednesday 1st May 1946 [AIR 27/1367/44]

	[XT]	Liberator	220 Sqn	S/L English also visited Brawdy
KG741		Dakota	1381 CU	Diversion from Desborough
FL559		Dakota	1381 CU	Diversion from Desborough
KG349		Dakota	1381 CU	Diversion from Desborough
KG773		Dakota	1381 CU	Diversion from Desborough

Thursday 2nd May 1946 [IBCCA][AIR 28/1145]

[FD944]	[7Z]-R	Dakota	1381 CU	F/L Brown from Desborough
		7x RAF		Landed
		6x RAF		Departed
		1x FAA		Landed
		1x FAA		Departed

Friday 3rd May 1946 [IBCCA]

3 of the Dakotas from 1.5 departed back to Desborough.				
[FD944]	[7Z]-R	Dakota	1381 CU	To Desborough, see 2.5
		10x RAF		Landed
		7x RAF		Departed, see above
		1x FAA		Landed
		1x FAA		Departed

Saturday 4th May 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		4x ?		Landed
		10x ?		Departed

Sunday 5th May 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

		2x ?		Departed
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Tuesday 7th May 1946 [AIR 27/2359/24][AIR 29/611][AB][AIR 28/1145]

12x RAF landed & 1 departed/1x FAA landed & 1 departed.				
LZ571		Proctor III	MCS	W/C Hugo
From and to Hendon arriving 11:15 & departing 13:20.				
		4x [Dakota]	1381 CU	Weather diversions
X7376		Dominie I	16 FU	From 16 FU, Dunkeswell. See 17.6
TX230		Anson C.19		From Staverton
A/Cdre Patch.				

Wednesday 8th May 1946 [AIR 27/2359/22][AIR 28/530]

Valley closed after 19:30 due to 45mph winds.				
LZ637		Proctor III	MCS	W/C Barnes
Routed: Hendon-Valley-Shawbury. Arrived 16:00 & departed 16:30.				
		4x Oxford I	1552 RAT	
1552 Radio Aids Training [RAT] Flight arrives, Valley ORB quotes 6.5 for arrival. 9 Mobile Flight arrives from Melbourne.				

Thursday 9th May 1946 [AIR 27/1367/44]

[AB681]		Oxford II	220 Sqn	F/L Aird from & to Waterbeach
Definitely AB681 in the Sqn ORB but this is not an Oxford serial.				

Monday 13th May 1946 [AIR 29/611]

Revised daily 1381 CU shuttle starts: Routed: Linton on Ouse-Valley-Blakehill Farm.				
		[Dakota]	1381 CU	

Wednesday 15th May 1946 [AIR 29/877/8][AB]

		Oxford	7 Mob Flt	S/L Day from & to Bassingbourn
R5921		Dominie I	[16 FU]	To 18 MU, Dumfries. See 12.4.46
KG655		Dakota	[1383 CU]	From Crosby at 01:00

Tuesday 21st May 1946 [AIR 29/873/4]

1513 Radio Aids Training [RAT] Flight arrives from Bramcote. Unit move from Bramcote to Valley.				
T1198		Oxford II	1513 BAT	
X6645		Oxford I	1513 BAT	
BG593		Oxford I	1513 BAT	
ED288		Oxford I	1513 BAT	
HM811		Oxford I	1513 BAT	
HN824		Oxford I	1513 BAT	
HN825		Oxford I	1513 BAT	
HM959		Oxford I	1513 BAT	
MP314		Oxford I	1513 BAT	

Tuesday 22nd May 1946 [AIR 29/873/4]

		Dakota	AEU	From Blakehill Farm.
This arrived with 1513 BAT Flight's groundcrew and equipment. AEU were based at Bramcote. [Transport Command Examining Unit or Aircrew Evaluation Unit ?]				

Thursday 24th May 1946 [F78]

PB928		Lancaster B.I	[16 FU]	From Dunkeswell, see 25.6.46
Ex. 635 Sqn aircraft.				

Saturday 1st June 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

TB532		Spitfire HFIX		From North Weald
Quoted as belonging to HQ SE Bromley Common.				
HM811		Oxford I	1513 BAT	From Bramcote
[T]1198		Oxford II	[1513 Flt]	From Bramcote

Sunday 2nd June 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

TB532		Spitfire HFIX		To North Weald
LX138		Oxford I	21[P]AFU	From Wheaton Aston
RR340		Oxford I	1552 Flt	From Melbourne

Monday 3rd June 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

LX138		Oxford I	21[P]AFU	To Wheaton Aston
FL634		Dakota	[1381 CU]	Shuttle to Blakehill Farm
HM811		Oxford I	1513 BAT	From Bramcote

Wednesday 5th June 1946 [AIR 28/1145]

G-AGLT		Proctor	Private	From St Mawgan
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Thursday 6th June 1946 [AIR 27/2359/26]

HG722	CB-E	Dominie I	MCS	F/L Iles.
From and to Hendon arriving 15:10 and departing 16:00.				

Tuesday 17th June 1946 [AB]

X7376		Dominie I		To 18 MU, Dumfries. See 7.5.46
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Thursday 20th June 1946 [F78]

PA318		Lancaster B.I		To 10 MU Hullavington
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Tuesday 25th June 1946 [F78]

PB928		Lancaster B.I		To 15 MU Wroughton, see 24.5
PB931		Lancaster B.I		To 15 MU Wroughton

Thursday 4th July 1946 [F78]

NX557		Lancaster B.I		To 10 MU Hullavington
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Sunday 14th July 1946 [AIR 27/2568/2]

LZ588		Proctor III	MCS	S/L Wayhill.
From and to Hendon arrived 11:00 & departed 12:50.				

Monday 29th July 1946 [AB dig64]

RAF Valley becomes part of Flying Training Command.				
1552 Radio Aids Training [RAT] Flight departs to Full Sutton.				

Friday 9th August 1946 [AIR 27/2568/4]

LZ575		Proctor III	MCS	F/O Woodhouse
With ACM Sir R Brooke-Popham. Routed: Hendon[7.8]-St Athan[8.8]-Fairwood Common[9.8]-Valley-Hawarden[10.8]-Kingstown-Stretton[11.8]-Ternhill[12.8]-Halton-Hendon. Arrived Valley 13:50 & departed 10.8 09:30.				

Tuesday 27th August 1946 [AIR 27/1666/64]

KH770	[PD]-E	Mustang IV	303 Sqn	F/O Martens from Hethel
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Thursday 29th August 1946 [AIR 27/1666/64]

KH770	[PD]-E	Mustang IV	303 Sqn	F/O Martens to Hethel, see 27.8
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Saturday 31st August 1946 [AIR 29/873/4]

1513 Radio Aids Training [RAT] Flight departs to Bramcote [Valley ORB]. The unit ORB states 26.8 as the latest move date, later amended to 28.8.				
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Friday 6th September 1946 [AIR 27/2568/6]

NK994		Anson XI	MCS	F/L Birch
Routed: Hendon-Valley-Aldergrove-Cosford-Hendon, arrived Valley 09:45 & departed 12:40.				

Tuesday 10th September 1946 [AIR 27/2568/6]

NK994		Anson XI	MCS	F/L Birch arrived 12:00.
Routed: Hendon-Tarrant Rushton-Valley.				

Wednesday 11th September 1946 [AIR 27/2568/6]

NK994		Anson XI	MCS	F/L Chatfield departed 09:15
Routed: Valley-Aldergrove-Speke-Hendon.				

Sunday 15th September 1946

S/L F B Young assumes command of the Station.				

Monday 14th October 1946 [AIR 27/2568/8]

DX221		Proctor III	MCS	F/L Thackett from Hendon 11:45
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Wednesday 16th October 1946 [AIR 27/2568/6]

DX221		Proctor III	MCS	F/L Thackett to Hendon 12:50
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Friday 25th October 1946

S/L E V Asplin assumes command of the Station.				

Sunday 27th October 1946 [AIR 4/16]

[LT521]	FFN-N	Anson I	7 ANS	Coe
Routed: Base-Cardigan-South Bishop-Valley.				

Monday 28th October 1946 [AIR 4/16]

[LT521]	FFN-N	Anson I	7 ANS	Coe to Base
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Sunday 3rd November 1946 [IBCCA]

JZ410		Avenger 2	5 FP	F/O McManus
Routed: Sherburn-Valley-Base. [Ferry Pool]				

Sunday 1st December 1946 [AB AMIL78]

10 AGS [Air Gunnery School] reformed at Valley.				
Known aircraft operated by 10 AGS but NOT necessarily at Valley: Wellington T.10 LP764 LP879 LP883 LP887 LP924 LP925 LP945 LP946 LP962 LP964 LP981 NA827 NC780 NC790 NC801 NC803 NC827 NC867 NC951 Master II AZ255				

Monday 16th December 1946 [IBCCA]

TW896	OJ-V	Lancaster B.I	149 Sqn	F/O Bolton
Operation 'Wastage' routed: Stradishall-Bristol-Cardigan Bay-Anglesey-Liverpool-Stradishall. Operation 'Wastage' was the disposal at sea [Cardigan Bay] of surplus bombs/incendiaries post war, in this case 10 boxes of incendiaries. This was an overflight most probably.				