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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1948

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Air 28/1145 added.
Additional logbook movements.

SUMMARY

Abbreviations

FCCS	Fighter Command Communications Squadron
GS	Gliding School
MCS	Metropolitan Communications Squadron
P/O	Pilot Officer [RAF rank]
[P]RFU	[Pilot] Refresher Flying Unit
Sqn	Squadron
Wx	Weather

RAF Valley becomes part of 21 Group, Training Command.

Tuesday 6th January 1948 [AIR 27/2568/38][AIR 29/1682/2]

DX219		Proctor III	MCS	W/C Hugo from Hendon 12:00.
G-AHTH	-	Proctor V*	Private	Diversion flying Stafford to Speke.

*Forced landing at 17:57 with 5mins endurance left. Blown off course during the flight.

Saturday 10th January 1948 [AIR 27/2534][AVIA 1/20]

KN840	[TS-L]	Hoverfly II	657 Sqn	Capt Smith
From Andover to Valley for Radar Trials at Ty Croes.				
PH622		Anson XI	RAE	Pendrey
From & to Farnborough same day.				

Tuesday 13th January 1948 [AIR 29/1682/2]

HN425		Oxford I	2[P]RFU	
Port undercarriage collapsed on landing.				

Wednesday 14th January 1948 [AIR 27/2568/38]

DX219		Proctor III	MCS	W/C Hugo to Hendon 13:30.
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Friday 16th January 1948 [AIR 27/2534]

KN840	[TS-L]	Hoverfly II	657 Sqn	To Andover, see 10.1
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Wednesday 21st January 1948 [AIR 27/2394/30][AIR 29/1682/2]

	PH-A	Lincoln B.2	12 Sqn	'MIJA' Diversion, F/L Bond
Diverted due to weather whilst carrying out Exercise 'Pampa' Met Observation Flight. Departed back to Hemswell 23.1.				

Friday 23rd January 1948 [AIR 27/2394/30]

	PH-A	Lincoln B.2	12 Sqn	To Hemswell, see 21.1
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Monday 26th January 1948 [AIR 27/2394/30][AIR 29/1682/2]

	PH-A	Lincoln B.2	12 Sqn	'MIJA' Weather diversion
Whilst carrying out Exercise 'Pampa' from Hemswell at 10:00. [F/L Hutchinson]				

Wednesday 28th January 1948 [AIR 27/2394/30][IBCCA]

	PH-G	Lincoln B.2	12 Sqn	F/L Bond from & to Hemswell
Brought a new ignition harness & ground crew to fix 'PH-A' see 26.1				

Thursday 29th January 1948 [AIR 27/2394/30]

	PH-G	Lincoln B.2	12 Sqn	F/L Hutchinson from & to Hemswell
Brought in new ignition harness for 'PH-A' and flew the crew back as the aircraft would be unserviceable for a while.				

Saturday 28th February 1948 [AIR 29/1682/2]

5 Diversions during February.				
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Tuesday 3rd February 1948 [AIR 27/2394/30]

	PH-A	Lincoln B.2	12 Sqn	F/L Bond
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	PH-D	Lincoln B.2*	12 Sqn	F/L Wymont [83 Sqn crew]
*Arrived with a spare crew to fly 'PH-A' back to Binbrook. [diverted in 26.1]				

Tuesday 10th February 1948 [AIR 29/1682/2][IBCCA]

[RP]543	[P]	Wellington T.10	1 ANS	A Jerzierski
Routed: Topcliffe-Valley-Shawbury-Pickering Range-Topcliffe.				
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EB696		Oxford I	2[P]RFU	
Damaged when undercarriage was raised on the ground.				

Saturday 28th February 1948 [AIR 29/1682/2]

[PH-...]		DC-3	KLM	Weather diversion from Ringway.
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Sunday 2nd March 1948 [AIR 27/2449/1][RAFM AC93/25/3]

[RR313]		Mosquito T.3	109 Sqn	Wx diversion, F/L Sailes
From Coningsby with F/O Buckley in a dual Mosquito. Diverted due to fog which persisted, the crew then went back to Coningsby by rail on 4.3. No mention of when the aircraft returned to Coningsby, but the dual aircraft is mentioned flying to Acklington from Coningsby on 18.3				
PH399		Oxford I	2[P]RFU	F/L Sim, 2 local flights

Monday 8th March 1948

2[P]RFU departs to Finningley. [arrived 6.8.47]				
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Wednesday 10th March 1948 [IBCCA]

S/L W S Chubb assumes command of the Station.				
[RP]582	[G]	Wellington T.10	1 ANS	A Jezierski
Routed: Topcliffe-North Berwick-Valley-Topcliffe.				
G-AJVJ	-	Proctor III	SARO	Saunders-Roe, J Lancaster ex.LZ740

Thursday 11th March 1948 [IBCCA]

G-AJVJ	-	Proctor III	SARO	Saunders-Roe, J Lancaster
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Friday 12th March 1948 [RAFM AC93/25/3]

LX274		Oxford I	2[P]RFU	Brunner DF calibration
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Sunday 21st March 1948 [IBCCA]

[NC]969		Wellington T.10	1 ANS	H G Dryhurst
Routed: Acklington-Valley-Lincoln-Acklington-Valley-Topcliffe.				

Wednesday 24th March 1948 [IBCCA]

[RP]513	J	Wellington T.10	201 AFS	
Routed: Swinderby-Kirkbride-Valley-Swinderby.				

Wednesday 31st March 1948

63 Glider School disbands. [arrived 1.47]

Thursday 1st April 1948 [AIR 28/1145]

Valley becomes Care & Maintenance and a Master Diversion Airfield.				

Friday 2nd April 1948 [AIR 27/2570]

VM308		Anson C.19	FCCS	PI Batchelor
G/C Wood from and to Bovingdon				

Monday 5th April 1948 [AVIA 1/20]

AM526		Hudson V	RAE	Chandler
From & to Farnborough same day, radio compass trials.				

Tuesday 13th April 1948 [IBCCA]

G-AHWY	-	Proctor V	Morgan Avn	Saunders-Roe, J Lancaster
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Wednesday 14th April 1948 [AIR 28/1145]

Valley transferred from 21 Group, Training Command to 12 Group, Fighter Command.				

Thursday 15th April 1948 [IBCCA]

[NC]965	L	Wellington T.10	201 AFS	F/L Shaw
Routed: Swindon-Valley-Lichfield.				
LX602		Oxford I	[201 AFS]	To Lichfield

Monday 26th April 1948 [AIR 28/1145]

		Lancaster		Calibrator from Shepherds Grove
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Thursday 29th April 1948 [AIR 27/2056/7][AIR 4/182][AIR 4/91]

		Vampire F.1	595 Sqn	F/L F M Hegarty
VF273	7B-N	Vampire F.1	595 Sqn	[PI J Williams]
VF300	7B-P	Vampire F.1	595 Sqn	PII D F J Smith
Detachment arrived from Pembrey for high speed Army Co-operation with Ty Croes. PII Smith was replaced by PII James on 31.5 See also September 1949.				
Z7209		Proctor II	12 Gp CF	Bennett from Newton

Friday 30th April 1948 [AIR 4/182]

Z7209		Proctor II	12 Gp CF	Bennett to Hooton Park
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May 1948 [AIR 27/2056/7]

595 Sqn ORB mentions Ferry and Communication Flights to Valley regarding the Vampire
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Detachment, see 29.4 no specific dates though.				

Tuesday 4th May 1948 [AIR 4/91]

NM808	7B-S	Oxford I	595 Sqn	Burns to Pembrey
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Monday 10th May 1948 [AIR 4/91]

NM808	7B-S	Oxford I	595 Sqn	F/O Tanner from & to Pembrey
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Thursday 13th May 1948 [AIR 4/91]

VF283	7B-O	Vampire F.1	595 Sqn	D Smith from Pembrey
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Thursday 27th May 1948 [AIR 28/1145][AIR 4/91]

Refuelling facilities now available for visiting Jet aircraft.				
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VF273	7B-N	Vampire F.1	595 Sqn	D Smith to Pembrey
		Lancaster		Calibrator from Shepherds Grove

Calibrated BABS on runway 02.				
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Saturday 29th May 1948 [AIR 27/2056/7]

		3x Vampire	595 Sqn	
Flew back to Pembrey to participate in an Air Display at Manorbier, see 29.4. It would appear they returned back to Valley on 31.5 with F/L Porteous taking over from F/L Hegarty.				

Tuesday 1st June 1948 [AIR 4/91]

VF301	7B-Q	Vampire F.1	595 Sqn	D Smith from Pembrey
Attempted to arrive 31.5 but unable due to bad weather at Valley.				
MP354		Oxford I	595 Sqn	Burns to Pembrey

Tuesday 22nd June 1948 [IBCCA F/L E W Cropper logbook*]

	K	Lancaster B.7*	EANS	PD P1 White
Rebecca & BABS approaches.				

Tuesday 29th June 1948 [IBCCA][AIR 4/91]

[NA]968		Wellington X	1 ANS	
Routed: Bristol-Newmarket-Valley, possibly NC968 or PF968 ? The logbook entry is smudged but the date appears to be the 29 th				
VF283	7B-O	Vampire F.1	595 Sqn	D Smith from Pembrey
MP354		Oxford I	595 Sqn	Eyers to Pembrey

Tuesday 20th July 1948 [IBCCA]

G-AJVJ	-	Proctor III	SARO	Saunders-Roe, J Lancaster
Routed: Cowes-Valley.				

Wednesday 21st July 1948 [IBCCA]

G-AJVJ	-	Proctor III	SARO	To Cowes, see 20.7
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Thursday 29th July 1948 [AIR 4/91]

TG297		Vampire F.1	595 Sqn	D Smith from Pembrey
FS920		Harvard T.2B	595 Sqn	Fryer to Pembrey

August 1948 [AIR 27/2423/2]

	DX-	Lincoln B.2	57 Sqn	
57 Sqn ORB mentions a sortie to RAF Valley and return but no specific date in August.				

Friday 20th August 1948 [IBCCA]

RF505	OF-D	Lincoln B.2	97 Sqn	F/O Spencer
Diversion from Hemswell whilst on a cross country flight.				

Saturday 21st August 1948 [IBCCA]

RF363	OF-A	Lincoln B.2	97 Sqn	F/L Brown
From and to Hemswell to pick up the crew of RF505, see 20.8				

Sunday 22nd August 1948 [IBCCA]

RF422	OF-F	Lincoln B.2	97 Sqn	PI Horn
Drop off crew for RF505, see 20.8				

Tuesday 24th August 1948 [IBCCA]

RF505	OF-D	Lincoln B.2	97 Sqn	F/O Spencer to Hemswell, see 20.8
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Monday 30th August 1948 [IBCCA]

G-AJVJ	-	Proctor III	SARO	Saunders-Roe J Lancaster
Routed: Wolverhampton-Valley.				

Tuesday 31st August 1948 [IBCCA]

G-AJVJ	-	Proctor III	SARO	To Cowes, see 30.8
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Friday 3rd September 1948 [AIR 27/2420/1][AIR 27/2426/10][AIR 27/2394/1][AIR 27/2394/30][AIR 27/2448/1]

	WS-	Lincoln B.2	9 Sqn	P/I Nash
	WS-	Lincoln B.2	9 Sqn	F/O Hill
	WS-	Lincoln B.2	9 Sqn	F/O Harrington, dep 4.9
[RF455]	PH-C	Lincoln B.2	12 Sqn	P2 Burns, dep 4.9
RE372	SR-A	Lincoln B.2	101 Sqn	F/L Wrightman
RF522	SR-C	Lincoln B.2	101 Sqn	P/2 Hubbard
RE341	SR-D	Lincoln B.2*	101 Sqn	P/3 Cooper unserviceable
*Had to lower the undercarriage on emergency. Returned to Binbrook 5.9. Whilst at Valley there was much criticism of the accommodation!				
RF505	OF-D	Lincoln B.2	97 Sqn	Diversion on Op Dagger F/L Phillips

	KC-	Lincoln B.2	617 Sqn	Weather diversion, P2 Fruen, dep 4.9
RF386	OR-	Lincoln B.2*	61 Sqn	
RF471	OR-	Lincoln B.2*	61 Sqn	Sgt Harper
RF482	OR-R	Lincoln B.2*	61 Sqn	
RF510	OR-	Lincoln B.2*	61 Sqn	P/O Ratcliffe
	VN-	Lincoln B.2*	50 Sqn	
	VN-	Lincoln B.2*	50 Sqn	
	VN-	Lincoln B.2*	50 Sqn	
	VN-	Lincoln B.2*	50 Sqn	
Diverted in whilst participating in Exercise 'Dagger' as a result of adverse weather. Departed back to Waddington 4.9.48. Exercise 'Dagger' was held 3-6.9.48. Only '4 aircraft' mentioned in the 50 Sqn ORB.				

Saturday 4th September 1948 [IBCCA]

RF505	OF-D	Lincoln B.2	97 Sqn	To Hemswell, see 3.9
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Sunday 5th September 1948 [AIR 27/2448/1]

RE369	SR-F	Lincoln B.2	101 Sqn	P/I Hughes
Brought in groundcrew to repair 'SR-D,' see 3.9				

Monday 6th September 1948 [AIR 27/2394/1]

	WS-	Lincoln B.2	9 Sqn	P/I Nash
	WS-	Lincoln B.2	9 Sqn	F/O Hill
Both departed back to Binbrook.				

Thursday 23rd September 1948 [AIR 4/91]

PH318	7B-T	Oxford I	595 Sqn	Simpson from & to Pembrey
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Tuesday 28th September 1948 [IBCCA]

RP463	FF-JM	Wellington T.10	1 ANS	
NAVEX Routed: Topcliffe-Coleraine-Valley-55N 003E-Manby-Pickering-Base. Most probably an overflight or a PD.				

October 1948 [AIR 27/2056/7]

		Vampire F.	595 Sqn	
Flew down to Pembrey to fly a co-operation sortie at Manorbier.				

Tuesday 5th October 1948 [AIR 28/1145]

		4x Wellington	[201 AFS]	Divisions from Swinderby
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Thursday 7th October 1948 [AIR 4/91]

VF273	7B-N	Vampire F.1	595 Sqn	D Smith from Pembrey
PH318	7B-T	Oxford I	595 Sqn	Treize to Pembrey

Thursday 14th October 1948 [AIR 28/1145]

		Wellington		Emergency landing
Starboard engine failed.				

Tuesday 19th October 1948 [AVIA 1/21]

NR728		Dominie	RAE Farnborough	Clifton
From & to Farnborough.				

Saturday 30th October 1948 [AIR 27/2408/6][IBCCA]

DX198		Proctor III	31 Sqn	W/C [Cooke] Hendon-Llanbedr
G-AJVJ	-	Proctor III	SARO	Saunders-Roe, J Lancaster
Routed: Wolverhampton-Valley-Cowes.				

Sunday 31st October 1948 [AIR 27/2408/6]

DX198		Proctor III	31 Sqn	W/C [Cooke] Llanbedr-Hendon
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Thursday 4th November 1948 [AVIA 1/21]

[HE214]	L	Wellington T.10	[2 ANS]	G Paine from Middleton St George
FM201		Lancaster X	RAE	Adderley
From & to Farnborough, auto pilot trials.				

Friday 5th November 1948 [IBCCA][AVIA 1/21]

[HE214]	L	Wellington T.10	[2 ANS]	G Paine
Aircraft was assigned to Middleton St George, Valley-Base.				
FM201		Lancaster X	RAE	Adderley
From & to Farnborough, auto pilot trial.				

Monday 22nd November 1948 [AIR 28/1145]

		Anson		Diversion from Topcliffe
		Dakota	KLM	Diversion
From Ringway whilst enroute Amsterdam-Ringway.				

Tuesday 23rd November 1948 [IBCCA]

	FGG-N	Lancaster B.7	EANS	F/O Jacewicz
Mail drop to weather ship then landed at Valley from Shawbury.				

Wednesday 24th November 1948 [IBCCA]

	FGG-N	Lancaster B.7	EANS	To Shawbury, see 23.11
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Monday 13th December 1948 [AIR 28/1145]

		Lancaster		Diversion
Landed with faulty brakes.				

Thursday 30th December 1948 [AIR 27/2448/1]

RF455	PH-C	Lincoln B.2	101 Sqn	P1 Robertson
Diverted in whilst participating in a 'Pampa D' Exercise due to snow at Binbrook. Departed back to Binbrook 31.12				

1948 [Photo from VAS][AIR 27/2529]

TG/447	6D-V	Vampire F.1	631 Sqn Det	P/O Henryk Bieniek
Henry Bieniek arrived at 631 Sqn 13.7.48. Conversion to the Vampire started 8.48 and by 10.48 4 Pilots had converted to the Vampire. 631 Sqn was renumbered as 20 Sqn 11.2.49				