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# RAF Valley

## Aircraft Movements

### 1949

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Air Display additional details for 17.9.49	
Air 28/1145 added.	
Additional logbook movements.	

SUMMARY
RAF Mountain Rescue Team moves to Valley from Llanbedr.

Abbreviations	
FTS	Flying Training School
RFS	Refresher Flying School
Sqn	Squadron

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1949 [AIR 28/1145]

		?x	USAF	Diversion from Frankfurt
		?x	USAF	Diversion from Frankfurt

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 1949 [AIR 28/1145]

		Firefly		
Lost the hood on take-off & had to go around whilst trying to land with no gear.				

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 1949** [AIR 27/2437/6][AIR 27/2447/1][AIR 27/2444/1]

16 Lincolns diverted to Valley. 1 arrived on 3 engines, another landed heavily and burst a tyre blocking 2 of the runways. The remaining runway was used despite a 15-20kt crosswind, all landed safely. The diversions started at 21:15 and carried on until 03:30.				
	OL-	Lincoln B.2*	83 Sqn	
	OL-	Lincoln B.2*	83 Sqn	
	OL-	Lincoln B.2*	83 Sqn	
	OL-	Lincoln B.2*	83 Sqn	
	HW-	Lincoln B.2	100 Sqn	
	HW-	Lincoln B.2	100 Sqn	
	HW-	Lincoln B.2	100 Sqn	
*Whilst taking part in Operation Bullseye, a Target Marking Exercise on Heligoland the 4 aircraft diverted to Valley due to bad weather at their base at Hemswell. 83 Sqn aircraft returned to Hemswell 30.1				
	OF-	Lincoln B.2	97 Sqn	F/L Brown
	OF-	Lincoln B.2	97 Sqn	F/O Morris, 3 engine landing
	OF-	?x Lincoln B.2	97 Sqn	
All the 97 Sqn aircraft were diversions from Operation Bullseye too with the ORB just stating 'all' the aircraft diverted with no exact numbers. Apart from 2 aircraft that were unserviceable the aircraft departed back to Hemswell on 29.1				
		6x Lincoln		

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 1949** [AIR 27/2448/1][AIR 28/1145]

	KC-	Lincoln B.2*	617 Sqn	P2 Fruen
RF500	PH-A	Lincoln B.2	101 Sqn	S/L Wimberley
*Weather diversions. Returned to Binbrook 29.1				
		Wellington		Diversion

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 1949** [AIR 27/2448/1][AIR 27/2444/1]

	KC-	Lincoln B.2	617 Sqn	To Binbrook, see 28.1
	OF-	?x Lincoln B.2	97 Sqn	To Hemswell
		[B-29]		Diversion from over Lands End

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 1949** [AIR 27/2437/6]

	OL-	Lincoln B.2	83 Sqn	To Hemswell, see 27.1
	OL-	Lincoln B.2	83 Sqn	To Hemswell, see 27.1
	OL-	Lincoln B.2	83 Sqn	To Hemswell, see 27.1
	OL-	Lincoln B.2	83 Sqn	To Hemswell, see 27.1

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 1949** [IBCCA]

RF363	OF-A	Lincoln B.2	97 Sqn	F/L Brown from & to Hemswell
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**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

		C-54		Diversion from Burtonwood
Was enroute Azores-Burtonwood.				
	-	[Rapide]	BEA	
Proving flight for a Welsh Service. Routing planned was Cardiff-Hawarden-Anglesey/Liverpool.				

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

EI-ACK	-	Dakota	Aer Lingus	Diversion on one engine
Passengers given tea in the Officers Mess until the relief aircraft arrived.				
		[Dakota]	[Aer Lingus]	Relief aircraft, see above

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

BEA [British European Airways] Staff arrived ready for the new service. Service was planned start on 11.4.1949 using a DH Rapide.				

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 1949** [AIR 27/2481][AIR 28/1145][IBCCA]

		4x Meteor F.4	245 Sqn	
No specific dates in March are mentioned in the 245 Sqn ORB but 4 aircraft carried out a cross country, routing from their base at Horsham St Faith-Isle of Man-Valley-Londonderry-Acklington-Horsham St Faith. Refuelling was carried out at Valley & Acklington.				
		York C.1	[241 OCU]	Diversion from Dishforth
[LP]825	S	Wellington T.10	1 ANS	P2 Sewerin
Routed: Base-Mull of Galloway-Valley [landed]-Exeter-Bury St Edmunds-Base.				

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

		Wellington	[201 AFS]	Diversion from Swinderby
Diversion due to electrical problems.				

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 1949** [AIR 28/1043]

The RAF Hawarden ORB mentions the Inauguration of the British European Airways Welsh Service Liverpool-Hawarden-Valley-Cardiff on this date, see also 11.4.49				
	-	[Rapide]	BEA	

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1949** [Anglesey Archives]

BEA Welsh Air Services start, see 8.3 & 21.3 Route: Cardiff-Hawarden-Anglesey/Liverpool.				
	-	[Rapide]	BEA	

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1949** [AB]

On this date Rapide G-ALAT was registered to Cambrian Air Services, Cardiff and named 'Anglesey' and it remained with Cambrian until 3.5.54. Cambrian Airways had an associate agreement with BEAC to operate some of its services. Did they operate the BEA Welsh Air				
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Service as above? Known Cambrian Rapides are:

G-AKUB G-AKUC G-ALZJ G-AJCL G-AGZJ G-ALRW

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1949** [AIR 27/2447/1][IBCCA]

	HW-	Lincoln B.2	100 Sqn	
	HW-	Lincoln B.2	100 Sqn	
	HW-	Lincoln B.2	100 Sqn	
Whilst carrying out a bombing sortie on Heligoland the 3 aircraft diverted to Valley due to bad visibility at their base Hemswell.				
		3x Mosquito	[228 OCU]	Diversion from Leeming
		2x Brigand	[228 OCU]	Diversion from Leeming
		4x Wellington	[1 ANS]	Diversions from Topcliffe
544	U	Wellington	1 ANS	P2 Sewerin, one of the above aircraft
Routing: Topcliffe-Salisbury-Dundee-Topcliffe, diverted to Valley.				

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1949** [IBCCA]

544	U	Wellington	1 ANS	To Topcliffe, see 3.5
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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 1949** [AB]

BB807	[FBI-Q]	Tiger Moth	[6 FTS]	
Allocated to Valley from 6 FTS, Ternhill. See 11.5				

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

		?x	[USAF]	
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**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1949** [AB]

BB807	[FBI-Q]	Tiger Moth	[6 FTS]	To 20 MU, Aston Down. See 5.5.49
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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

		Lincoln		Diversion 'LOMBARD DELTA'
Arrived on 3 engines.				

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

		2x Spitfire	502 Sqn	
From Aldergrove, requested homing by Valley, did they land though.				

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1949** [AIR 27/2408/22][AIR 28/1145]

NP323		Proctor III	31 Sqn	P2 Berry
G/C Kidd & Mr Laird, from and to Hendon.				
		Wellington		Emergency landing 'ROBOT GOLF'

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

		Dominie	[NAS]	'DONIBI820' landed in poor weather
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**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1949** [AB dig94][DR 16/249]

G-AFIW	-	Percival Q6	Private	Wirral Airways
After landing at Valley and whilst taxiing at 20mph the aircraft swung to port, the correction applied by the pilot resulted in the starboard undercarriage collapsing with subsequent damage to the nacelle, wing, engine, and propeller. The registered owner was quoted as: Robert Edgar Bibby, Burwyn, Oaksway, Gayton, Cheshire [L/Cdr active or retired?] The aircraft was still quoted at Valley on 4.7.49.				

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

		Dakota		'CRAFTY LIMA'
Diversion from North Luffenham at 02:44.				

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

		5x Harvard	[6 FTS]	Diversions from Ternhill at 01:18
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**July 1949** [AB]

Quoted as being based at Valley 7.49, British European Airways Corporation. Ex. NR691 next noted at Aberdeen 10.49				
G-AKZB	[-]	Dominie II	BEAC	See 8 & 21.3 plus 11.4.49

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

		C-47		Belgian AF
Diversion with radio problems.				

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1949** [AIR 27/2402/4]

20 Sqn aircraft arrived from Llanbedr ahead of the main move on 19/20 <sup>th</sup> July. A Flight Spitfires B Flight Vampire F.1 Army Co-op sorties started on 14.7.49				
		?x Spitfire XVI	20 Sqn	
		?x Martinet TTI	20 Sqn	
		?x Harvard IIB	20 Sqn	
		?x Vampire F.1	20 Sqn	
		?x Tiger Moth II	20 Sqn	

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1949** [AIR 27/2394/12]

SX978	WS-	Lincoln B.2	9 Sqn	F/O Lines N/stop dep 16.7
From Ballykelly at 17:35.				

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1949** [AIR 27/2394/12]

SX978	WS-	Lincoln B.2	9 Sqn	To Binbrook 15:15, see 15.7
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**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1949** [AIR 27/2402/4]

**W/C J E T Haile assumes command of the Station.**

20 Sqn arrives from Llanbedr [ex. 631 Sqn which was renumbered as 20 Sqn 11.2.49]  
The Unit was responsible for Army Co-operation training with Ty Croes and Tonfannau.

Based noted:  
20 Sqn code 'TH'

Aircraft known to have served with 20 Sqn: 'British Roundel' 7/8.2002 by Geoff Cruikshank.

**Spitfire XVI**

RW351:TH-J from Llanbedr suffered CAT.4c 25.4.51

RW373:TH-S arrived on squadron 25.2.49 no further details may not have transferred 7.49.

RW389 18.7.50-25.9.51 to 5 CAACU

SL672:TH-M from Llanbedr to 5 CAACU 1.10.51

TB379:TH-U from Llanbedr with unit in .51

TB380:TH-B from Llanbedr reported as CAT5 14.8.51 [ex. 6D-D 631 Sqn]

TB858:TH-J from Llanbedr to 5 CAACU 25.9.51 [ex. 6D-P 631 Sqn]

TB899:TH-P from Llanbedr CAT 4 23.3.50

TD254:TH-D from Llanbedr to Airwork General Trading 24.6.51

TD266:TH-A from Llanbedr CAT 5 30.6.50

TD323:TH-F 14.10.50 to 5 CAACU 25.9.51

TE344:TH-G 3.[6].50 CAT5 5.7.51 engine failure and force landed north of Bodedern.

TE345:TH-M from Llanbedr with unit 51

TE359 17.7.51 off unit 9.51

TE448:TH-E 5.8.49 to 5 CAACU 25.9.51

**Martinet TT.1**

Colours were silver with yellow training bands.

EM697 '49 off unit 6.50

HN884:TH-K from Llanbedr off unit 2.50 [ex. 6D-K 631 Sqn]

HN885 from Llanbedr off unit 1.50

HP262 '49 off unit 5.50

NR302 from Llanbedr, off unit 21.12.49

NR543 '49 off unit 6.50

NR637 Cat 5 29.7.49 crashed into sea off Barmouth (had it transferred to Valley?)

NR661 '49 off unit 17.4.50

PX126 '49 off unit 6.50

**Vampire F.1**

All allocated to unit 11.2.49 at Llanbedr then to Valley, departure dates.

TG444 28.2.51 to De Havilland

TG/447:TH-M 8.5.50 Cat 4 damage [ex. 6D-V 631 Sqn]

VF273:TH-N 23.5.50 to 33 MU Lyneham

VF283:TH-O 14.11.50 to 203 AFS

VF301:TH-Q 20.6.50 to 33 MU Lyneham [ex. 6D-Q 631 Sqn]

**Vampire F.3**

All delivered to Valley and transferred to 5 CAACU.

VT797 25.4.50-25.9.51 to 5 CAACU

VT866 7.12.49–17.10.51 to 5 CAACU  
 VT868:TH-O 11.9.50–24.10.51 to 5 CAACU  
 VT869:- 7.12.49–25.9.51 to 5 CAACU  
 VT872:- 18.11.49–25.9.51 to 5 CAACU

Beaufighter TT.10  
 All delivered to Valley and transferred to 5 CAACU.  
 RD546:TH-N 1.3.50–1.10.51 to 5 CAACU  
 RD758:TH-L 27.2.50–25.9.51 to 5 CAACU  
 RD783:TH-K 27.2.50–25.9.51 to 5 CAACU  
 RD815 29.3.50–25.9.51 to 5 CAACU

Tiger Moth  
 T8072:TH-E 10.49–off unit 2.51  
 R5211 Llanbedr Station Flight, see 30.9.49.

Oxford I  
 PH467 with unit 2.49 at Llanbedr to Valley then off unit 9.51

Harvard T.2/2B  
 T.2 FX443 4.50–off unit 11.51  
 T.2B KF561:TH-Z 9.49–off unit 10.51  
 T.2B KF627 with unit 2.49 Llanbedr to Valley? off unit 9.49

This image is captioned as dated 1949 and shows Vampire F.1 TG/447:6D-V still carrying its old 631 Sqn codes landing at Valley which looking at the dunes in the background is probably Runway 32 OR is it Llanbedr which also has dunes in the background? In front of the Runway Caravan is an Austin K6 Fire Engine, the same type as in the old Airfix kit.



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**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 1949** [AIR 27/2468/40]

RE175		Lancaster [GR].3	210 Sqn	P.3 Terry from & to St Eval
G-BIFU	-	DH Dove		Sir Frederick Bowhill
Landed in sea fog.				

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

NR637		Martinet	20 Sqn	'NELSON24'
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Ditched 340deg/5nms from Towyn whilst on an Army Co-operation flight **due to engine failure. Possibly due to linkage breaking or carburettor icing, the** Barmouth Lifeboat launched.

	PI	Evans	Ok
	LAC	Colin <b>George</b> Sell	Killed [ <b>buried Bexleyheath</b> ]

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1949 [F78]**

<b>TE448</b>	<b>TH-E</b>	<b>Spitfire LFXVI</b>	<b>20 Sqn</b>	<b>Delivery from ?</b>
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**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 1949 [AIR 28/1145]**

G-AKFU	-	Gemini	Private	Diversion from Dublin
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**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1949 [AIR 27/2457/94]**

NL245	[Y3-Y]	Anson C.11	202 Sqn	F/L Mathews
Routed: Aldergrove-Hawarden-Hullavington-St Eval-Roborough-Valley-Aldergrove				
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		Harvard	20 Sqn	Flying accident, no injuries

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1949 [AIR 28/1145]**

		Anson		Diversion
Enroute Bovingdon-Aldergrove.				
		Prentice	<b>[7 FTS]</b>	Diversion 14:20 from Cottesmore

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1949 [AIR 28/1145]**

G-AKTD	-	Rapide		Diversion from Broom Hall at 18:58
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**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 1949 [AB Arch2005]**

VP-FAC	-	Auster V	Private	
Arrived in 'wheel' form before being dismantled and taken to SARO Beaumaris by road for conversion to a floatplane.				
		?		
Visit by AM Sir Basil Embry, AOC-in-C Fighter Command.				

**September 1949 [Roundel 79-02 & 79-05]**

VF273	7B-N	Vampire F.1	595 Sqn	
VF283	7B-O	Vampire F.1	595 Sqn	
<b>VF301</b>	7B-Q	Vampire F.1	595 Sqn	
Although these are from a photo dated September 1949 there was a Detachment of 3 Vampires from 595 Sqn resident at Valley from April 1948 onwards, no mention of when they returned to Pembrey. 595 Sqn was re-numbered 5 Sqn in February 1949.				

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1949 [AIR 27/2408/28][AB Arch2005]**

<b>NP306</b>		Proctor III	31 Sqn	A/Cdre Nicholette from Hendon
VP-FAC	-	Auster V	Private	



Arrived from SARO Beaumaris in dismantled state for conversion back to a landplane again, see 30.8.49

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1949** [AIR 27/2457/96][AB Arch2005][IBCCA]

PH713	[Y3-Y]	Anson C.11	202 Sqn	F/L Teegan, to Aldergrove
VP-FAC	-	Auster V	Private	To Rearsby, see 30.8
VA889	[C]	Mosquito T.III	4 FP	From Sywell, T Weir

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 1949** [AIR 27/2402/4]GP/UM][AIR 27/2400/13][AIR 28/1145]

<p>Battle of Britain at Home Day. Air Display started at 15:00 with free admission at 14:00. 12,500 attended.</p>				
		Spitfire XVI	20 Sqn	P2 Marshall, solo display
		Vampire F.1	20 Sqn	P/I Williams
		Vampire F.1	20 Sqn	P/I Morris
		6x Spitfire XVI	20 Sqn	Formation display
		Beaufighter TT.10	17 Sqn	From Chivenor, static display
[VA889]	[C]	[Mosquito T.III]	[4 FP]	
		?	Private	Pleasure flights

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1949** [IBCCA]

VA889	[C]	Mosquito T.III	4 FP	
To Sealand then flown to 27 MU Shawbury, see 16.9				

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1949** [AB MIL 3/93]

JM866		Sea Otter	Culdrose	To RNAY Belfast
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**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 1949** [AIR 27/2402/4][AIR 28/1145][AIR 4/83]

RG195		Mosquito PR.34	540 Sqn	F/O P Needham
Routed: Benson-Liverpool-Valley-Benson.				
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R5211		Tiger Moth T.2	Valley SF	
Crashed shortly after take-off 2nms from Llanbedr, routing to Valley. [Tiger Moth belonged to RAF Valley Station Flight?] Unauthorised aerobatics, dived into the ground from a loop.				
Pilot	P/I	Stanislaw Iwanowski	Killed [buried Manchester]	
Pilot	F/L	Robert Bolton Warr	Killed [buried Llanfairyneubwll]	

**October 1949** [AIR 27/2402/4]

<p>20 Sqn formed a 'C' [Training] Flight with 1 Oxford, 1 Harvard and 2 Tiger Moths. Numerous aircraft from Dishforth for circuit training during October.</p>				
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**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 1949** [GP/UM]

FT397	K-P	Harvard T.2B	CFS	To Sydenham, Exam Wg
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**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 1949 [AB]**

N6859		Tiger Moth	SF	From Little Rissington
Allocated to Valley Station Flight. Departed to 608 Sqn, Thornaby 11.12.50				

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1949 [AIR 27/2408/30]**

VM390	CB-L	Anson C.19	31 Sqn	G/C Turner from & to Hendon
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**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 1949 [AIR 28/1145]**

		TBM Avenger		Emergency landing
Was enroute Middle East to Ballykelly.				

**November 1949 [AIR 28/1145]**

Numerous aircraft from Dishforth carried out circuit training during November. Due to poor weather and fog at Dishforth.				

**November 1949 [AIR 27/2400/13]**

		Beaufighter TT.10	17 Sqn	Based at Chivenor
No specific dates in November but a Beaufighter was on standby for use with Ty Croes. This was a top priority tasking and 9:50hrs were flown during the month. Due to the range they most probably re-fuelled at Valley.				

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1949 [GP/UM]**

VV309	RCY-A	Anson T.21*	5 RFS	From Sydenham
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**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 1949 [AIR 27/2392/63]**

TW898		Lancaster B.1	7 Sqn	PD P.2 Houghton
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**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 1949 [AIR 28/1043]**

		[Anson]	[63 Gp]	Pilots Dean & Dark
RAF Hawarden ORB mentions these two pilots flying ATC Cadets at Valley & St Athan on this date.				

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1949 [AIR 28/1145]**

		?x		
Visit by AVM Harcourt-Smith AOC 12 Group Fighter Command.				
		C-54		Diversion
		C-54		Diversion
They were enroute Frankfurt-Burtonwood, one arrived on 3 engines.				

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 1949 [AIR 27/2394/15]**

	WS-G	Lincoln B.2	9 Sqn	Weather diversion, P3 Brown
Diverted in from Binbrook. Departure delayed until 27.11 due to radio problems.				

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 1949** [AIR 27/2394/15]

	WS-G	Lincoln B.2	9 Sqn	P3 Brown to Binbrook, see 24.11
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**December 1949** [AIR 27/2400/13]

		Beaufighter TT.10	17 Sqn	Based at Chivenor
No specific dates in December but a Beaufighter was on standby for use with Ty Croes. This was a top priority tasking and 7:10hrs were flown during the month. Due to the range they most probably re-fuelled at Valley.				

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

		?		'BELLMAN D' diversion
Diverted whilst enroute Aldergrove.				

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1949** [AIR 27/2452/50]

	[NF]-T	Lincoln B.2	138 Sqn	P2 Williams from & to Wyton
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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

		Anson		'PLAYBOY JIG'
Diversion from Shawbury.				

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1949** [AIR 27/2452/50]

	[NF]-X	Lincoln B.2	138 Sqn	P2 Greenhow from & to Wyton
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**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1949** [AIR 27/2458/15][AIR 28/1145][AIR 4/52]

		Lancaster GR.3	203 Sqn	'DECKSHOW K' P2 Delaney
Diversion from a MET-HOP sortie from St Eval. Departed back to base 7.12.49				
		?		
Visit by AVM Harcourt-Smith AOC 12 Group Fighter Command.				
PH774		Anson C.12	61 Gp CF	Jackson
Routed: Ronaldsway-Jurby-Kenley, homed to Valley but probably an overflight.				

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

		Wellington	[201 AFS]	'BENNY RED G'
Diversion from Swinderby.				

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

		Anson		'PLAYFOOT B'
Diverted whilst enroute Hendon-Aldergrove, bad weather at Aldergrove.				

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1949** [GP/UM]

PH176	902:GJ	Oxford I	Gosport SF	To Sydenham, Gosport Station Flt.
		Firefly		'CASHBOOK 241'
Diversion due to a faulty wing fuel tank.				

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

G-AKZD	-	Rapide	Private	Diversion
Diverted whilst enroute Belfast Sydenham-Leeds Elmdon.				

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December 1949** [AIR 28/1145]

		Wellington	[201 AFS]	Diversion 'BENNY YELLOW NAN'
		Wellington	[201 AFS]	Diversion 'BENNY RED H'
		Wellington	[201 AFS]	Diversion 'BENNY RED K'
		Wellington	[201 AFS]	Diversion 'BENNY RED D'
All diversions from Swinderby.				