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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1952

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Additional Unit movements: 8 FTS.
Additional photos.
Additional logbook movements.

SUMMARY

September saw the first visit of the new English Electric Canberra bomber.
Fairey Aviation started trials of the Fireflash air-to-air missile.
The first Vampire T.11's for 202 AFS were delivered in September.

Abbreviations

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AFS	Advanced Flying School
BABS	Blind Approach Beam System
CF	Communications Flight
Gp	Group
IAC	Irish Air Corps
MRT	Mountain Rescue Team
MU	Maintenance Unit
NAS	Naval Air Squadron
RAE	Royal Aircraft Establishment

RNAMY	Royal Navy Aircraft Maintenance Yard
SoMR	School of Maritime Reconnaissance
Sqn	Squadron

Early 1952

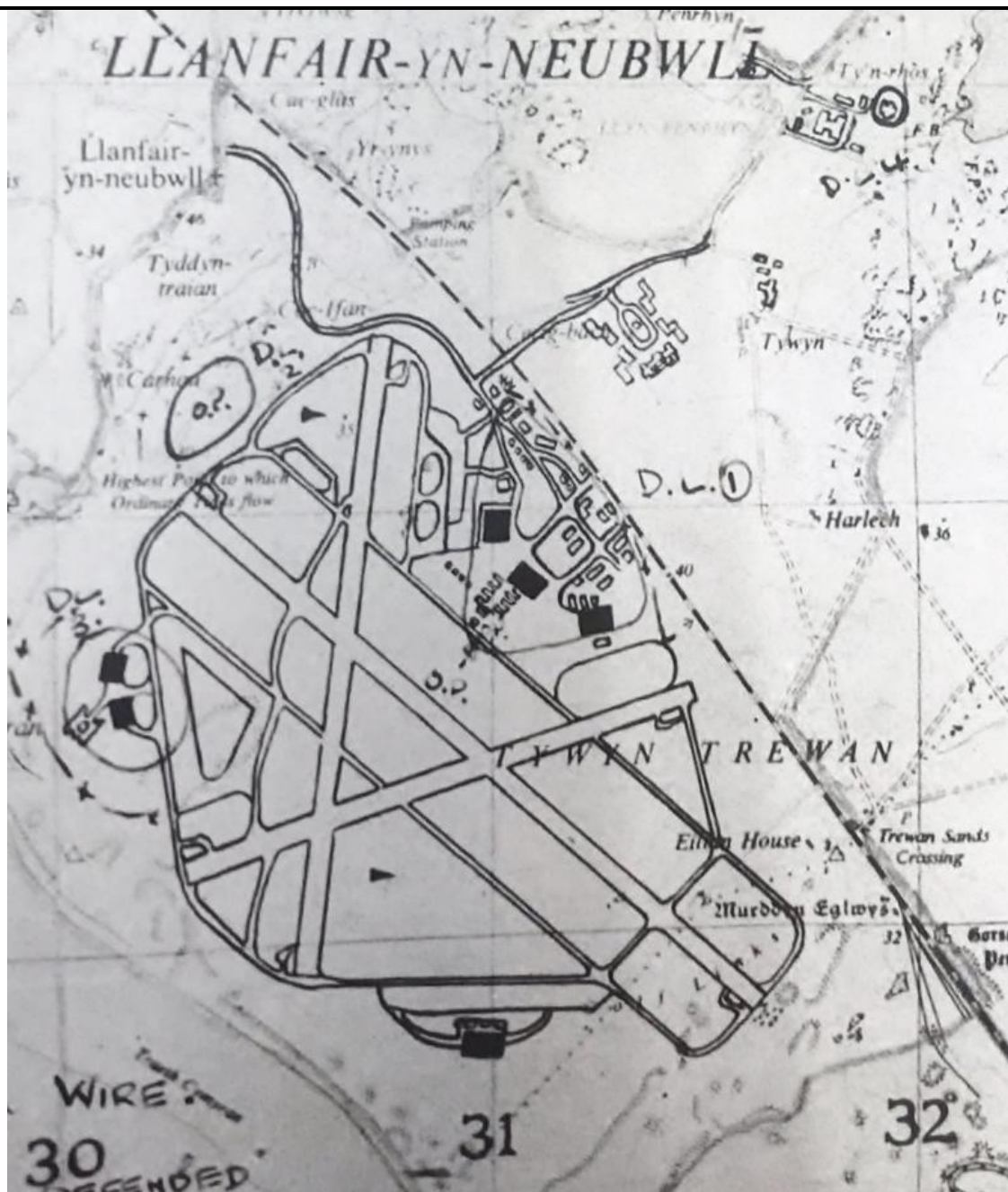
Fairey Aviation 'Blue Sky/Fireflash' Air-to-Air Missile Trials.

'Fairey Aviation arrived under the administration of Ernest Naish and Manager, John Bennet taking over Site 2 [now used by the Jupiters of 202 Sqn] This involved the upcoming Blue Sky/Fireflash air-to-air missile trials. Approximately 52 flights were carried out at Cranfield & Valley during 1952. Additionally, there were over the next few years lunch stops by De Havilland Venoms, Canberra & a 'black schemed' Meteor [WM232] aircraft plus the prone pilot Meteor.

The Fireflash was the first generation rear hemisphere beam riding air-to-air missile.



Fireflash seen here on Meteor T.7 WA738, the background would suggest it was taken at Cranfield where the initial trials were carried out. The 2 booster rockets can be seen above and below the main warhead missile' [Jack de Coninck papers]



An overall view of Valley in 1952, of note are the railway sidings at bottom right. These would have been used for the railway fuel wagons to refuel the USAAF Bombers returning to the USA during 1945. All the 202 AFS flying would have been conducted from the 2 Western Hangars/dispersal.

[National Archives]

Tuesday 1st January 1952 [Roundel 88-05]

Based noted: Vampire F.1 TG352 202 AFS delivered to 208 AFS, Merryfield.				

Wednesday 2nd January 1952 [AIR 29/2144]

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Based noted: Meteor T.7 202 AFS visited Ternhill [F/L Evans]				
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Thursday 3rd January 1952 [Roundel 88-05]

Based noted: Vampire F.1 VF313 202 AFS delivered to 208 AFS, Merryfield.				

Wednesday 9th January 1952 [AIR 29/2144]

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AOC-in-C, AM Sir H S P Walmsley visited, by air?				

Friday 11th January 1952 [RS]

El-		Dakota	Aer Lingus	
From Dublin with Accident Investigators and Engineers. This was in connection with Dakota 3 El-AFL Aer Lingus which whilst flying from Northolt to Dublin crashed into Cwm Edno, Snowdonia killing all 23 onboard on 10.1.52.				

Monday 14th January 1952 [AIR 27/2650/26][AB]

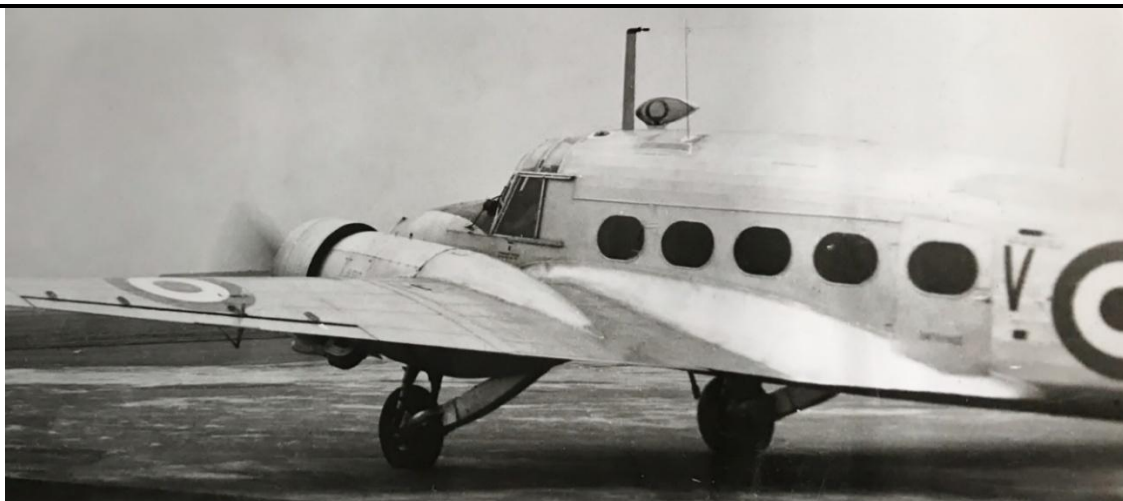
WF492	[OJ-U]	Washington B.1	149 Sqn	F/O Cartlidge, Ty Croes trials.
Based noted: Meteor T.7 WH182:[-13] 202 AFS delivery.				

Wednesday 16th January 1952 [BJ][AIR 29/2144]

El-	-	Dakota	Aer Lingus	
Arrived with Irish Deputy PM and other Government officials for the Memorial service held for the victims of the recent crash, see 11.1.52.				
		Anson [XIX]	IAC	Escort for the Chipmunks
164	-	Chipmunk T.20*	IAC	
165	-	Chipmunk T.20*	IAC	
166	-	Chipmunk T.20*	IAC	
*Delivery from De Havilland's factory at Hawarden [Chester] via Speke to Dublin for the Irish Air Corps. Not sure why they went to Speke first, possibly to clear Customs? [The IAC were operating Anson XIX 142 and 146 at the time]				

Thursday 24th January 1952 [AIR 27/2608/26][AIR 27/2650/26][AIR 29/2144]

VP538	CB-V	Anson C.19	31 Sqn	M/P Barlow Hendon-Northolt
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MP's visit. [National Archives]

WF498		Washington B.1	149 Sqn	F/O Cartlidge, Ty Croes trials.
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Thursday 31st January 1952 [BJ][AIR 29/2144]

		Anson [XIX]	IAC	Escort for the Chipmunks
167	-	Chipmunk T.20*	IAC	
168	-	Chipmunk T.20*	IAC	
169	-	Chipmunk T.20*	IAC	
*Delivery from De Havilland's at Hawarden [Chester] via Speke to Dublin for the Irish Air Corps with the Anson as escort. See also 16.1.52				
		Vampire	202 AFS	
Carried out a search for an MTB [Motor Torpedo Boat] which had broken adrift whilst being towed 6nms NW of Point Lynas. A Sunderland [possibly GR.5 [PP117]:[A]-W 201 Sqn S/L Rumbold] and a Hastings also took part, no sign of the boat though.				

Thursday 6th March 1952 [AIR 29/2144]

WA290		Vampire FB.5*	202 AFS	Destroyed, lead aircraft
VV446	O-44	Vampire FB.5**	202 AFS	Destroyed, No.2
Collided during a 3-ship formation take-off on 14 at RAF Valley. According to another QFI, Brian Hills, Red Thompson hated leading formations and wanted to return to Canada but the Korean emergency meant he had to serve his whole term. He hated leading formations as he knew if the students were going to hit/collide with anyone it would be with him! The No.2 at the point of take-off slid into the formation with impact at around 10ft. the No.3 climbed away but 1 & 2 hit the earth on the side of the runway, luckily they landed the right way up.				
Instr	[F/L]	'Red' Thompson*	Ok [Canadian]	
Student	P/O	Bates**	Ok	

Wednesday 12th March 1952 [AIR 27/2650/30]

WF491	[T]	Washington B.1	149 Sqn	F/O Cartlidge, Ty Croes trials
WF547		Washington B.1	149 Sqn	F/L Wilson, Ty Croes trials
WF490		Washington B.1	149 Sqn	F/L Smith Radar trials Rhosneigr

Thursday 13th March 1952 [AIR 27/2759/3]

SX942	[L]	Lincoln B.2	116 Sqn	F/L Milner, Calibrator
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Friday 14th March 1952 [Roundel 88-05]

Based noted: Vampire F.1 TG277 202 AFS delivered to 208 AFS. Meteor T.7 WA608 202 AFS delivered to 208 AFS.				

Thursday 20th March 1952 [AIR 29/2324]

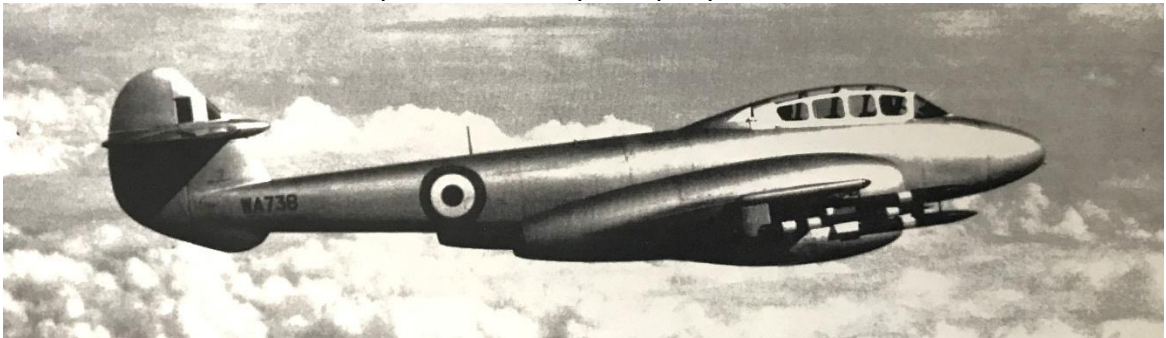
[SW283]	H-Q	Lancaster GR.3	SoMR	F/L Render [or RF309]
[RE164]	H-V	Lancaster GR.3	SoMR	F/O Hay [or SW285]
[PB529]	H-Y	Lancaster GR.3	SoMR	F/L Kozlowski [or SW376]
Weather diversions from St Mawgan, School of Maritime Reconnaissance.				

Friday 21st March 1952 [AIR 29/2324]

[SW283]	H-Q	Lancaster GR.3	SoMR	
[RE164]	H-V	Lancaster GR.3	SoMR	
[PB529]	H-Y	Lancaster GR.3	SoMR	
Returned to St Mawgan, see 20.3				

Thursday 27th March 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials:
Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall & J de Coninck flight 65]
This was the first trial flight undertaken at Valley.
Ian Ryall was a Fairey Company Test Pilot.



Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 66]

Tuesday 1st April 1952 [AIR 27/2759/4]

RE311		Lincoln B.2	116 Sqn	Sgt Selth Calibrate BABS
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Thursday 3rd April 1952 [AIR 27/2759/4]

SX956		Lincoln B.2	116 Sqn	Sgt Selth Calibrate HF/DF
Visited twice, AM & PM.				

Friday 4th April 1952 [AIR 29/2144]

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AOC's Inspection by AVM R A B Jordan, by air? [Air Officer Commanding][Air Vice Marshall]				

Saturday 5th April 1952 [AIR 27/2759/4]

SX956		Lincoln B.2	116 Sqn	Sgt Selth Calibrate BABS
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Sunday 6th April 1952 [AIR 27/2759/4]

SX956		Lincoln B.2	116 Sqn	Sgt Selth Calibrate BABS
Visited twice, AM & PM.				

Monday 7th April 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 75]				

Tuesday 8th April 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 76] Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 77]				

Tuesday 15th April 1952 [AIR 29/2144]

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AOC's Inspection by AVM R A B Jordan, visited to fly a Vampire, by air?				

Wednesday 16th April 1952 [AIR 27/2608/32]

VP390	CB-L	Anson C.19	31 Sqn	F/L Jackson
TX169	CB-C	Anson C.19	31 Sqn	F/S Rycroft
Both Ansons routed: Hendon-Middleton St George-Valley-Hendon.				

Friday 18th April 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 81] abandoned for a SAR rescue.				

Saturday 19th April 1952 [AIR 27/2608/32]

TX195	CB-A	Anson C.19	31 Sqn	F/L Jackson
TX169	CB-C	Anson C.19	31 Sqn	F/S Rycroft
Both Ansons routed: Hendon-Valley-Hendon. Possibly connected with a visit of Canadian and USAF Officers.				

Monday 21st April 1952 [AIR 27/2665/12]

WB823	T-N	Shackleton MR.1	220 Sqn	F/S Carey
Photo reconnaissance of Holyhead harbour but did NOT land at Valley. Based St Eval.				

Tuesday 22nd April 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 82] Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 83]				

Thursday 24th April 1952 [AIR 27/2665/12]

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 84]				
WB824	T-O	Shackleton MR.1	220 Sqn	F/S Robinson
Photo reconnaissance of Holyhead harbour but did NOT land at Valley. Based St Eval.				

Friday 25th April 1952 [AIR 27/2759/4]

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 85]				
RE311		Lincoln B.2	116 Sqn	F/S Arbury Calibrate BABS
Visited twice PM after arriving from St Mawgan.				

Monday 28th April 1952 [AIR 27/2759/4]

SX956		Lincoln B.2	116 Sqn	Sgt Selth Calibrate BABS
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Tuesday 29th April 1952 [AIR 27/2608/32]

VP538	CB-V	Anson C.19	31 Sqn	S/L Jefferies from & to Hendon
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Thursday 1st May 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 91]				
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WA426	P-37	Vampire FB.5	202 AFS	
Engine failure in a spin, crash landed 3nms ENE of Bryngwran near Treban cross roads, Anglesey. Tried to bale out but his foot became caught in the controls, he managed to get back into the cockpit and regain control before crash landing, see also 1.4.2002. Michael Marshall would eventually be head of Marshall's of Cambridge.				
Pilot	P/O	Michael J Marshall	Ok	

Friday 2nd May 1952 [AIR 27/2656/31]

[TG517]	D	Hastings Met.1	202 Sqn	F/L Shore
Routed: Aldergrove-Valley-Lyneham-Waddington-Binbrook-Acklington-Aldergrove				

Wednesday 7th May 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials:				
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Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 92] Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 93]				

Thursday 8th May 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 94]				

Monday 12th May 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 99]				

Monday 19th May 1952 [AB 2013]

VW449		Meteor T.7	202 AFS	
Undercarriage leg jammed; crash landed on the grass at Valley. To Glosters for repairs.				

Friday 23rd May 1952 [AIR 27/2759/5]

VM324		Anson C.19	116 Sqn	W/C Wherry
From and to Watton arrived 10:45 & departed 16:10.				

Tuesday 27th May 1952 [AIR 4/187]

KF221	N-C	Harvard T.2B	1 FTS	Bull
From & to Moreton-in-Marsh.				

Wednesday 28th May 1952 [M Marshall logbook]

Based noted: Meteor T.7 :27 202 AFS visited Coltishall [F/L Lyle]				

June 1952 [AIR 29/2144]

		Tiger Moth		ATC Summer Camp flying.
Arrived for Air Training Corps Cadets Summer Camp.				



[Dick Thomas Collection]

Tuesday 10th June 1952 [AB]

Based noted: Meteor T.7 WL364 202 AFS delivery from 20 MU.				

Wednesday 11th June 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [J Dennis flight 106] Meteor T.7 WA738 [J Dennis flight 107]				

Thursday 12th June 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [J Dennis flight 108] Meteor T.7 WA738 [J Dennis flight 109]				

Monday 23rd June 1952 [AIR 27/2759/6]

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 116]				
VM313	34	Anson C.19	116 Sqn	P/O Stead calibrate HF/DF

Tuesday 24th June 1952 [AIR 27/2608/36]

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 117]				
VL337	CB-J	Anson C.19	31 Sqn	W/C Haine from & to Hendon

Wednesday 25th June 1952 [AIR 27/2675/2]

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 118] Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 119]				
		Vampire FB.5	603 Sqn	F/L Hobson
Diverted in whilst flying Bovingdon-Turnhouse due to a failure of the aircraft's compass.				

Thursday 26th June 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 120] Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 121]				

July 1952 [AIR 27/2516 & 2517]

		?x Meteor F.8	611 Sqn	
Target towing for air-to-air firing for the Meteors of 610 & 611 Sqn carried out from Valley, no specific dates in July though apart from on weekends.				

Tuesday 8th July 1952 [AIR 27/2608/38]

VL337	CB-J	Anson C.19	31 Sqn	S/L Dodson from & to Hendon
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Monday 14th July 1952 [AIR 27/2650/38]

WF493	[W]	Washington B.1	149 Sqn	S/L Finch
WF546		Washington B.1	149 Sqn	F/L Edwards
Radar trials with Ty Croes, did NOT land at Valley.				

Thursday 17th July 1952 [AIR 27/2650/38]

WF494	[X]	Washington B.1	149 Sqn	F/L Ryall
WF546		Washington B.1	149 Sqn	S/L Finch
WF490		Washington B.1	149 Sqn	S/L Smith
The Washington were conducting Radar trials with Ty Croes, did NOT land at Valley.				

Wednesday 23rd July 1952 [AIR 29/2144]

WA264		Vampire FB.5	202 AFS	
Spun into the Sea 7nms WSW of Valley during a formation practice. He was briefed for aeros and having cleared the local channel and checked in with the operating channel nothing else was heard from him. An oxygen problem was suspected. Two Shackleton MR.1's from 269 Sqn at Ballykelly were involved in the search for the missing pilot WB818:B-G 23.7 [F/L Greville] and WB819:B-H 24.7 [F/L Barty] but did not land at Valley, nothing was seen.				
Pilot	P/O	George Henry Dexter Bentley	Killed [buried ?]	

Thursday 24th July 1952 [AIR 29/2144]

		?		
AOC-in-C Flying Training Command, AM Sir H S P Walmsley visited, by air?				

Sunday 27th July 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 247]				

Tuesday 29th July 1952 [AIR 27/2650/38]

WF490	[S]	Washington B.1*	149 Sqn	S/L Pinch
WF492	[U]	Washington B.1*	149 Sqn	F/O Freun
WF546		Washington B.1*	149 Sqn	F/L Edwards
WF547		Washington B.1*	149 Sqn	F/O Cartlidge
*Radar trials with Ty Croes, did NOT land at Valley.				

Wednesday 30th July 1952 [AIR 29/2144]

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Conference held at Valley with USAF Officers in attendance, by air?				

August 1952 [AIR 27/2517]

		?x Meteor F.	611 Sqn	
Target towing for air-to-air firing for the Meteors of 611 Sqn carried out from Valley, no specific dates in August though apart from on weekends. See also 7.52				

Friday 1st August 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 248]				

Monday 11th August 1952 [AIR 29/2144]

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The Valley MRT were called out to an Anson which had crashed on Snowdon. Team proceeded to Llanberis and were then transported to the scene of the crash by the rack railway and found the aircraft wreckage lying across the track with the 3 occupants killed. This was Anson C.19 VM407 23 MU based at Aldergrove.				
Pilot	M/P	Julian Antonio Malenczuk AFC [Polish]	Killed [buried Cirencester]	
Sig	F/S	John Tracey	Killed [buried Manchester]	
Pax	Mr	William J Elliott	Killed	

Wednesday 13th August 1952 [AIR 29/2144]

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WA418	M-15	Vampire FB.5	202 AFS	
Hit the ground on final approach to Runway 20 at RAF Valley and broke up. No.3 in a formation landing, believed to have struck the slip stream of the other aircraft. On arrival at				

the aircraft there was a hole punched through the canopy and the straps torn out of the seat but no sign of the pilot. After a search in the thick bracken the pilot was discovered alive but with a broken spine.

Pilot	P/O	T C Knowles [1 Sqn]	Serious spinal injuries
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Thursday 14th August 1952 [AIR 27/2608/40][AIR 29/2144]

PH546	[CB]-X	Anson C.12	31 Sqn	F/S Albone from & to Hendon
AOC 25 Group, AVM R B Jordan visited.				

Friday 15th August 1952 [AIR 27/2759/7][AIR 27/2608/40]

SX950		Lincoln B.2	116 Sqn	F/S Arbury calibrate BABS
PH546	[CB]-X	Anson C.12	31 Sqn	F/L Jackson
Routed: Hendon-Valley-Mona-Halton-Hendon.				

Saturday 16th August 1952 [AIR 27/2759/8]

SX950		Lincoln B.2	116 Sqn	F/S Arbury calibrate BABS
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Monday 25th August 1952 [AIR 27/2759/8]

WD124		Lincoln B.2	116 Sqn	F/L Milner calibrate BABS
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Monday 25th August 1952 [AIR 27/2759/8]

WD124		Lincoln B.2	116 Sqn	F/L Milner to Tangmere
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Tuesday 26th August 1952 [AIR 29/2144]

		?	[19 MU]	
W/C J A Chorlton OC 19 MU, St Athan enroute to Aldergrove to investigate the crash of the Anson on Snowdon, involved 3 personnel from Aldergrove. See 11.8.				

Thursday 28th August 1952 [AIR 27/2608/40][AIR 27/2827/14]

WD131		Lincoln B.2	199 Sqn	F/L MacGillivray
WD122		Lincoln B.2	199 Sqn	F/S Nash
Both Lincolns visited from Hemswell to participate in Exercise 'Bait.' 199 Sqn were a Radar counter-measures Sqn, the forerunners of 360 Sqn. As part of Exercise 'Bait' the 2 Lincolns acted as targets for the gun radars of the Royal Artillery at Ty Croes. They flew in a chaff/window cloud laid by the main bomber force from RAF Upwood as part of Exercise 'Kingpin.'				
VM327	CB-S	Anson C.19	31 Sqn	S/L Dodson
Plus 3 Cadet passengers, Boyall, McVay & Young. From and to Hendon.				
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WG827	N-15	Vampire FB.5	202 AFS	
Overshot runway on a flapless landing at Valley, ran off the end of the runway, undercarriage was damaged beyond repair.				
Pilot	P/O	Bishop	Ok	

Friday 29th August 1952 [AIR 27/2827/14]

WD131		Lincoln B.2	199 Sqn	Departed 03:55, see 28.8
WD122		Lincoln B.2	199 Sqn	Departed 00:45, see 28.8

Monday 1st September 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WF781 [I R Ryall flight 113]  Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 257]				
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WA150	O-19	Vampire FB.5	202 AFS	
Damaged beyond repair after loss of power on take-off and overshoot the runway at Valley.				
Pilot	P/O	Deakin	Ok	

Tuesday 2nd September 1952 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ426 delivered to 202 AFS becoming 'O-53'				

Friday 5th September 1952 [BT 233/363]

Based noted: Vampire FB.5 VZ874:[19] 202 AFS delivery from 72 Sqn.				

Sunday 7th September 1952 [Roundel 79-05]

WA530	105:J	Attacker FB.1	800 NAS	
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[W/C Brian Hills]

Aircraft landed with starboard undercarriage leg retracted and damaged the ventral fuel tank. Repaired on site by Stretton MARU with work completed by 23.10.52. Moved by road to Abbotsinch AHU 4.11.52.

Monday 8th September 1952 [AVIA 1/27]

NR728		Dominie	RAE	From & to Farnborough
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Tuesday 9th September 1952 [AIR 29/2144][AIR 29/2364]

WD947	[-]	Canberra B.2	AIEU/RAE	F/L J Toone
First ever visit of a Canberra aircraft, from Martlesham Heath for bombing trials. Departed back to Martlesham Heath 22.9.52. Carried out 9 sorties dropping 9x 5,000lb stores at West Freugh. [AIEU Aircraft Instrument Examinations Unit]				

Friday 12th September 1952 [AB 2014]

WF766	N-14	Meteor T.7	202 AFS	
Hit the runway lip and lost a wheel on landing at Valley. To Glosters' 22.10 for repairs.				

Monday 15th September 1952 [AVIA 1/27]

VW218		Viking IA	RAE	From Farnborough, see 16.9
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Tuesday 16th September 1952 [AVIA 1/27]

VW218		Viking IA	RAE	
Flew a local sortie from Valley AM before departing back to Farnborough PM.				

Wednesday 17th September 1952 [AIR 29/2397]

TX238		Anson C.19	19 Gp CF	AVM Traill from & to Roborough
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Thursday 18th September 1952 [AIR 27/2599/42][AVIA 1/27][AIR 4/44]

WD996	-	Canberra B.2	12 Sqn	F/L Stroud from & to Binbrook
VP959		Devon C.1	RAE	
Routed: Farnborough-Warton-Squires Gate-Valley-Warton-Farnborough.				
VV981		Anson T.21	3 ANS	Harper
Routed: Bishops Court-Stranraer-Douglas-Valley-Bishops Court.				

Saturday 20th September 1952 [DW][AIR 27/2650/42][AIR 29/2144][AIR 27/2599/42]

RAF Valley Battle of Britain Display				
WF494	[OJ-X]	Washington B.1	149 Sqn	F/O Freun, static
Day stop only, arrived 09:45 & departed 16:27.				
		4x Vampire	202 AFS	Aerobatic Team
Pilots: F/Lt's Bill Evans, Don Barber F/O Mike Gibson M/P Vic Sznepka. Team was formed in July 1952.				
WD987	-	Canberra B.2*	12 Sqn	S/L L G Press
WD988	-	Canberra B.2*	12 Sqn	Capt F E Singleton
WD994	-	Canberra B.2*	12 Sqn	F/L J G W Stroud
*Formation flypast at Valley and the Midlands.				

Monday 22nd September 1952 [AIR 29/2364]

WD947	[-]	Canberra B.2	AIEU/RAE	
Returned to Martlesham Heath post trials, see 9.9				

Wednesday 24th September 1952 [AB 2014]

WA632		Meteor T.7	202 AFS	
Accident, repaired on site at Valley and returned to 202 AFS by 8.10.52. WF814 suffered an accident on this date too and was also repaired on site returning to 202 AFS 5.10.52 plus WF857 was also affected and returned to 202 AFS 8.10.52, are they all related. Additionally, VW429 suffered damage on this day and was repaired.				

Friday 26th September 1952 [BJ][AVIA 1/27][MB]

VW441		Meteor T.7	RAE	From & to Farnborough
170	-	Chipmunk T.20*	IAC	
171	-	Chipmunk T.20*	IAC	
172	-	Chipmunk T.20*	IAC	
173	-	Chipmunk T.20*	IAC	
174	-	Chipmunk T.20*	IAC	
175	-	Chipmunk T.20*	IAC	
*Delivery from De Havilland's at Hawarden [Chester] via Speke to Dublin for the Irish Air Corps. Speke for Customs clearance possibly?				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ430 delivered to 202 AFS becoming 'O-49'				

Vampire T.11 WZ446 delivered to 202 AFS becoming 'O-44'

Monday 29th September 1952 [AB 2013]

VW475	-45	Meteor T.7	202 AFS	
Undershot the runway and undercarriage collapsed at Valley. To Glosters for repairs.				

Tuesday 30th September 1952 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ448 delivered to 202 AFS becoming 'O-47'				

Wednesday 1st October 1952 [AVIA 1/27]

RF528		Lincoln B.2	RAE	From Farnborough
Flew a local sortie PM.				

Thursday 2nd October 1952 [AIR 29/2364][AVIA 1/27]

WD947	[-]	Canberra B.2	AIEU/RAE	F/L Crawford
Detached until 14.10 flying 4 sorties dropping 18x 1,000lb stores on Braid Fell Range. Also dropped 6x 1,000lb stores at Luce Bay range, West Freugh.				
RF528		Lincoln B.2	RAE	Flew a local sortie, see 1.10

Friday 3rd October 1952 [AVIA 1/27][MB]

RF528		Lincoln B.2	RAE	To Farnborough, see 1 & 2.10
WL363		Meteor T.7	RAE	From & to Farnborough
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ420 delivered from A&AEE to 202 AFS becoming 'O-56'				

Monday 6th October 1952 [AIR 4/44]

VV984		Anson T.21	3 ANS	Harper
Routed: Bishops Court-Douglas-Valley-Bishops Court.				

Tuesday 7th October 1952 [AIR 4/44]

[694]		Anson T.21	3 ANS	Harper
Routed: Bishops Court-Morecambe-Valley-Bishops Court.				

Friday 10th October 1952 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire FB.5 WA262 from 5 MU Kemble for 202 AFS.				

Monday 13th October 1952 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ447 delivered to 202 AFS becoming 'O-50'				



It is seen here in an undated photograph with WZ420:O-56 & WZ426:O-53

Tuesday 14th October 1952 [AIR 29/2364]

WD947	[-]	Canberra B.2	AIEU/RAE	
Returned to Martlesham Heath post trials, see 2.10				

Friday 17th October 1952 [AIR 27/2650/44]

LW957		Oxford I	149 Sqn	F/L Cartlidge
Routed: Coningsby-Aldergrove-Valley-Coningsby.				

Monday 20th October 1952 [ABMil2014]

WF780		Meteor T.7	202 AFS	
Belly landed on the grass at Valley due to the undercarriage not locking down on selection, repaired. Assessed as repairable but upgraded to CAT.4 on 5.2.53 and removed 1.3.53				
		[Bill Evans]		

Saturday 25th October 1952 [AIR 27/2649/44]

SX983		Lincoln B.2	148 Sqn	F/O Verdon-Roe from Upwood
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Monday 27th October 1952 [AIR 27/2649/44][MB]

SX983		Lincoln B.2	148 Sqn	To Upwood, see 25.10
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ450 delivered to 202 AFS.				

Wednesday 29th October 1952 [AIR 27/2854/11]

TX213		Anson C.19	527 Sqn	Calibration, F/S Souter
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Thursday 30th October 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 276]				

Monday 3rd November 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials:				
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Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 279] Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 280]				

Wednesday 5th November 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 VW414 [P Twiss flight 281] Meteor T.7 VW414 [P Twiss flight 282]				

Friday 7th November 1952 [GP/UM]

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 VW414 [P Twiss flight 283] Meteor T.7 VW414 [P Twiss flight 284]				
RD889	980:MF	Sea Otter II*	St Merryn	To Sydenham
*On delivery to RNAMY, soc 5.1.53. St Merryn Station Flight.				
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WG798	O-44	Vampire FB.5	202 AFS	
Ran out of fuel and overshot on landing into a wood at RAF Pembrey, damaged beyond repair.				
Pilot	F/L	[Dusty] Moores	Ok	

Thursday 13th November 1952 [IBCC]

VX484	[E]	Valetta C.1	167 Sqn	F/L Smith
Routed: Abingdon-Thorney Island-Lyneham-Valley-Abingdon.				

Sunday 16th November 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 285] Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 286]				

Monday 17th November 1952 [AIR 29/2144]

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 287] Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 288] Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 289]				
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AOC 25 Group, AVM R A B Jordan, visited, by air?				

Tuesday 18th November 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 290]				

Wednesday 19th November 1952 [AIR 29/2144]

VV547	N-23	Vampire FB.5	202 AFS	
Went missing over the Sea during an aerobatic sortie.				
Pilot	P/O	Geoffrey Felstead	Killed [buried ?]	

Monday 24th November 1952

VZ863		Vampire FB.5	202 AFS	
Loss of control in a spin, crashed 1nm N of RAF Mona at Llynfaes.				
Pilot	P/O	Dean	Ok	

Friday 28th November 1952 [AIR 27/2759/11]

SX956		Lincoln B.2	116 Sqn	F/L Milner calibrate BABS
From Filton 12:00 to Watton at 14:20.				

Sunday 30th November 1952 [AIR 27/2759/11]

TX223	31	Anson C.19	116 Sqn	F/S Arbury calibrate BABS
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Monday 1st December 1952 [Roundel 88-06]

Based noted: Meteor T.7 WL364 202 AFS delivered to 208 AFS.				
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WG802	M-47	Vampire FB.5	202 AFS	
Brakes failed on landing at RAF Valley, swung off runway and collided with a building.				
Pilot	F/S	Wilson	Ok	

Wednesday 3rd December 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 297]				

Thursday 4th December 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 298] Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 299]				

Saturday 6th December 1952 [AIR 27/2759/12]

SX956		Lincoln B.2	116 Sqn	F/L Steed calibrate BABS
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Sunday 7th December 1952 [AB 2014]

Based noted:				

Meteor T.7 WL364 202 AFS delivered to 208 AFS.
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Thursday 11th December 1952

WA446		Vampire FB.5	202 AFS	
Engine failure on approach and wheels up landing at Valley.				
Pilot				

Friday 12th December 1952 [AIR 27/2707/24]

[ED275]	X	Oxford I	217 Sqn	F/O Carpenter from & to Kinloss
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Saturday 13th December 1952 [AIR 27/2759/12]

TX223	31	Anson C.19	116 Sqn	F/S Souter calibrate BABS
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Sunday 14th December 1952 [AIR 27/2707/24]

[ED275]	X	Oxford I	217 Sqn	F/O Carpenter from & to Kinloss
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Wednesday 17th December 1952

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 303] Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 304] Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 305]				

Thursday 18th December 1952 [AIR 27/2608/50]

Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 VW414 [I R Ryall flight 306]				
VP538	CB-V	Anson C.19	31 Sqn	S/L Mundy from & to Hendon

Tuesday 23rd December 1952 [AIR 29/2397]

TX238		Anson C.19	19 Gp CF	F/L Williams from Pembrey
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Friday 26th December 1952 [AIR 27/2702/8]

WH654	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	F/O Peters from Waddington
WF916	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	F/L James from Waddington

Sunday 28th December 1952 [AIR 27/2702/8]

WH654	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	To Waddington, see 26.12
WF916	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	To Waddington, see 26.12

Monday 29th December 1952 [AIR 29/2397]

TX238		Anson C.19	19 Gp CF	To Roborough, see 23.12
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Wednesday 31st December 1952 [AIR 27/2702/8]

WH654	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	F/L Thomas from Waddington
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