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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1955

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240 Sqn movements.
Additional logbook movements in red.

SUMMARY

1113 Marine Craft Unit [MCU] formed at Holyhead.
6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation continued with their Air-to-Air Missile Trials.
C Flight/22 Sqn formed as a Search & Rescue Helicopter Unit.

Abbreviations

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A&AEE	Aeroplane & Armament Experimental Establishment
BABS	Blind Approach Beacon System
CAACU	Civilian Anti-Aircraft Co-Operation Unit
CCCF	Coastal Command Communication Flight
CF	Communication Flight
FBW	Fighter Bomber Wing [USAF]
FTS	Flying Training School
Gp	Group
HQ HCCS	Headquarters Home Command Communications Squadron

JASS	Joint Anti-Submarine School
JSTU	Joint Services Trials Unit
MCS	Metropolitan Communications Squadron
NAS	Naval Air Squadron
RAE	Royal Aircraft Establishment
RAFC	Royal Air Force College
RRE	Royal Research Establishment
S/Lt	Sub-Lieutenant [Royal Navy rank]
SoMR	School of Maritime Reconnaissance
Sqn	Squadron
UAS	University Air Squadron
USN	United States Navy
U/Y	Upper Yardman [Royal Navy rank]

Wednesday 5th January 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

WA788		Meteor F.8	RAE	From Farnborough
Hydraulics failure on approach to Valley, landed on one wheel and nosewheel only. Pilot uninjured but aircraft beyond economical repair. Became a ground instructional airframe at Warton as 7194M.				
Pilot	F/L	Hawkins	Ok	

Monday 10th January 1955 [AIR 27/2760/2]

WG511	A-J	Shackleton MR.1	120 Sqn	F/L Lightowlers
From and to Aldergrove.				

Tuesday 11th January 1955 [AIR 29/2156][MB]

		DH Dove		
AVM 'The Earl of Brandon' visited Valley prior to going on leave to Ireland. VCAS, ACM Sir R Ivelaw-Chapman came from Conway and flew back to Hendon on the Dove.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD397 delivered from 9 FTS to 7 FTS becoming '53'				

Wednesday 12th January 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 108]				

Thursday 13th January 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 109]				

Friday 14th January 1955

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [I R Ryall flight 296]				

Tuesday 18th January 1955 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD456 from 9 FTS to 7 FTS becoming '60'				

Wednesday 19th January 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 4/212]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [S/L B J Spragg flight 111]				
WP191	[Z]	Hunter F.5	1 Sqn	Mansell
Routed: Tangmere-Valley-Sheffield-Cambridge-Tangmere, possibly a PD.				

Thursday 20th January 1955 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE874 from 48 MU to 7 FTS then 4 FTS same day.				

Sunday 23rd January 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 112] Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 113] Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 114]				

Tuesday 25th January 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

1131 Marine Craft Unit arrives at Holyhead.				
6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 115] Meteor F.4 VT241 photochase [I R Ryall flight 7]				

Wednesday 26th January 1955 [AVIA 54/659][MB]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 129]				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ566 7 FTS delivered to 4 FTS. Vampire T.11 XD597 from 4 FTS to 7 FTS. Vampire T.11 XE851 from 7 FTS to 4 FTS.				

Thursday 27th January 1955 [AIR 27/2719/50][AIR 27/2692/36][AIR 27/2741/34][AIR 27/2624/96]

WH646	-	Canberra B.2*	10 Sqn	F/O J Robinson
WH718	-	Canberra B.2*	10 Sqn	F/O R Hayward
*Exercise Kingpin, returned to Scampton 28.1.55				
WJ605	-	Canberra B.2	18 Sqn	F/O F B Rickards, Ex-Kingpin
WJ983	-	Canberra B.2	21 Sqn	Diversion, F/O H P Flint, Ex-Kingpin
WK122	-	Canberra B.2	61 Sqn	F/L Wallace
WJ642	-	Canberra B.2	61 Sqn	F/L Parsons
WK132	-	Canberra B.2	61 Sqn	F/O Bain
WH923	-	Canberra B.2	61 Sqn	F/O Bayliss
The 61 Sqn aircraft were all diversions in the early hours, later departing back to Wittering same day.				

Friday 28th January 1955 [AIR 27/2605/40][AIR 27/2692/36]

WJ996	-	Canberra B.2	27 Sqn	F/L K Smith from & to Scampton
WH733	-	Canberra B.2	27 Sqn	F/L G E Davies to Scampton.
WJ605	-	Canberra B.2	18 Sqn	Departed to Scampton, see 27.1

Sunday 30th January 1955 [DF]

WG788	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	From & to Pershore
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Monday 31st January 1955 [DF][AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: *Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 116]				
WG788	-	Canberra B.2*	RRE	From & to Pershore
*Both the Canberra & Meteor participated in Missile trials.				

February 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

2 Vampire T.11's taxied up and down the runway to clear the snow & ice.				
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February 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

		Vampire	7 FTS	
Wheels up landing due to the failure of the port undercarriage jack attachment lug.				
				Ok

Tuesday 1st February 1955 [DF]

WD484	[-]	Hastings C.2	RRE	From & to Pershore
WD790	-	Meteor NF.11/12	RRE	From & to Pershore

Wednesday 2nd February 1955 [DF][AIR 27/2759/64][AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

44 Naval Course arrives.				
6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: *Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 117] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [S/L B J Spragg flight 130] Meteor F.4 VT241 target				
WG788	-	Canberra B.2*	RRE	From & to Pershore
*Both the Canberra and Meteor participated in Missile trials.				
WL622		Varsity T.1	116 Sqn	Sgt Nicholls calibrate BABS
WL636	[D]	Varsity T.1	116 Sqn	F/O Hick from & to Watton.

Thursday 3rd February 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 118] Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 119] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [W/C A C Rawlinson flight 131]				

Friday 4th February 1955 [AIR 27/2692/38][AVIA 54/659][MB]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L C H Sloan flight 132] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [flight 292]				
WF908	-	Canberra B.2*	18 Sqn	F/O S I Turner from & to Scampton
WH866	-	Canberra B.2*	18 Sqn	F/O F B Rickards from & to Scampton
*Both 18 Sqn aircraft were from and to Scampton.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD591 from 4 FTS to 7 FTS.				

Saturday 5th February 1955 [DF][AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: *Meteor NF.11 WD743 [I R Ryall flight 120] *Meteor NF.11 WD743 [I R Ryall flight 121]				
WG788	-	Canberra B.2*	RRE	From & to Pershore
*Canberra and Meteors were involved in Missile trials.				

Monday 7th February 1955 [GP/UM][AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [I R Ryall flight 122]				
WK637	RU?-N	Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	From Sydenham, Bristol UAS

Tuesday 8th February 1955 [DF][AVIA 54/659][MB]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [W/C A C Rawlinson flight 133] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [W/C A C Rawlinson flight 134] Meteor F.4 VT241 photochase for both Meteor NF.11 flights				
WD484	[-]	Hastings C.2	RRE	From & to Pershore
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD429 repairs complete back to 7 FTS, see 16.11.54 Vampire T.11 XD463 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 10.2 Vampire T.11 XE850 7 FTS transferred to 4 FTS.				

Wednesday 9th February 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [I R Ryall flight 135] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [flight 293]				

Thursday 10th February 1955 [DF][AVIA 54/659][MB]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 Firer [flight 294] Meteor NF.11 WD745 photochase [W/C A C Rawlinson flight 136] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [W/C A C Rawlinson flight 137]				
WD588	-	Meteor NF.11	RRE	From & to Pershore
WD790	-	Meteor NF.11/12	RRE	From & to Pershore

Based noted:
Vampire T.11 XD395 from 9 FTS to 7 FTS

Friday 11th February 1955 [DF][MB]

WD588	[-]	Meteor NF.11	RRE	From & to Pershore
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ565 transferred from 4 FTS to 7 FTS. Vampire T.11 XD595 transferred from 4 FTS to 7 FTS.				

Monday 14th February 1955 [AIR 27/2888]

		?	HQ HCCS	M/P Bryant & M/N Batch
One passenger from White Waltham.				

Wednesday 16th February 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

40 Naval Course graduated.				
6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WF781 [I R Ryall flight 331]				
		?		
FOFT, R/Adm G Willoughby for graduation ceremony by air.				

Friday 18th February 1955

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [F/L C H Sloan flight 125]				

Monday 21st February 1955 [AIR 27/2749/4][AIR 27/2526/12]

WK133	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	From Marham, F/O G W Rushforth
WH911	-	Canberra B.2*	35 Sqn	From Lyneham, F/L C H Barwell
WK114	-	Canberra B.2*	35 Sqn	From Lyneham, F/L R M Crawford
WH910	-	Canberra B.2*	35 Sqn	From Lyneham, F/L D S Bell
WJ637	-	Canberra B.2*	35 Sqn	From Lyneham, F/L J Stirrup
*Formation flying, all returned to Marham 22.2				
WH947	-	Canberra B.2	617 Sqn	F/L Cochrane Binbrook-Idris
WH854	-	Canberra B.2	617 Sqn	F/S Oram Binbrook-Idris

Tuesday 22nd February 1955 [AIR 27/2813/4][AIR 28/1043]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [F/L C H Sloan flight 126] The RAF Hawarden ORB mentions a Meteor on local flying at Valley diverting to Hawarden due to fog. It also mentions that the pilot of the Meteor requested the aircraft be guarded throughout its stay, possibly WD743 or another of the Unit's NF.11's. The aircraft stayed overnight at Hawarden. 7 FTS resident at Valley did not fly Meteors.				
WJ751	-	Canberra B.2*	115 Sqn	F/O Cheesebrough
*From and to Marham.				

Based noted:
4x Vampire 7 FTS weather diversions to Hawarden due to fog at Valley, N/stop.

Wednesday 23rd February 1955 [AIR 27/2692/38][AIR 27/2661/86]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WF781 [F/L R Ramirez flight 332]				
WJ605	-	Canberra B.2	18 Sqn	Diversion F/O B Peacock
WJ718	-	Canberra B.2	207 Sqn	Diversion, F/O B J Conchie

Thursday 24th February 1955 [AIR 27/2692/38][AIR 27/2661/86]

WJ605	-	Canberra B.2	18 Sqn	To Scampton, see 23.2
WJ718	-	Canberra B.2	207 Sqn	To Marham, see 23.2

Friday 25th February March 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L Dickinson flight 140] Meteor T.7 WF781 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 333]				

Wednesday 2nd March 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L C H Sloan flight 141] Meteor T.7 WF781 photoc Chase [F/L B A W Stobart flight 334]				

Thursday 3rd March 1955 [MB]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WF781 [F/L C H Sloan flight 335]				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ592 delivered from 4 FTS to 7 FTS.				

Monday 7th March 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 27/2813/6][IBCCA]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 128] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 142]				
WJ751	-	Canberra B.2*	115 Sqn	F/L Sweeney & Capt Kipp
*From and to Marham.				

Tuesday 8th March 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 27/2698/34][AIR 27/2614/96][AIR 27/2624/104]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 143]				
WJ727	-	Canberra B.2	40 Sqn	PD, F/O Stevens, or landed?
WH714	-	Canberra B.2	44 Sqn	M/P Duval from Honington

WH719	-	Canberra B.2	44 Sqn	F/O Watkins from Honington
WH922	-	Canberra B.2	61 Sqn	Diversion, F/O Williams
WH915	-	Canberra B.2	61 Sqn	Diversion, F/O Bain
The two 61 Sqn aircraft returned to their base, Wittering same day.				

Wednesday 9th March 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 27/2614/96]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 144] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase [flight 340]				
WH714	-	Canberra B.2	44 Sqn	To Honington, see 8.3
WH719	-	Canberra B.2	44 Sqn	To Honington, see 8.3

Thursday 10th March 1955 [AIR 27/2691/6]

WD993	-	Canberra B.2	12 Sqn	F/O Baldwin from & to Binbrook
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Friday 11th March 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 130] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase [flight 341]				

Monday 14th March 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [S/L B J Spragg flight 145] Meteor T.7 WA738 [flight 308]				

Tuesday 15th March 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [S/L B J Spragg flight 146] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [S/L B J Spragg flight 147] Meteor T.7 WA738				

Wednesday 16th March 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

41 RN Course graduated.				
6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 131] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase [flight 346] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [flight 309]				
		?		
AVM N S Allinson for Course graduation.				

Thursday 17th March 1955 [AVIA 54/659][MB][AIR 28/1043]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [F/L R J F Dickinson flight 132]				
		Venom	De Havilland's	Mr Brandon
Suffered an engine flame out in the Anglesey area, forced landing carried out at Valley. Aircraft undamaged & pilot ok. The Venom was from Hawarden.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD533 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 18.3				

Friday 18th March 1955 [AIR 29/2146]

45 RN Course arrived.				

Tuesday 22nd March 1955 [AIR 27/2759/66]

WJ946	[J]	Varsity T.1	116 Sqn	Sgt Doley calibrate BABS
Routed: Defford-Gaydon-Valley.				

Thursday 24th March 1955 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD463 repairs complete back to 7 FTS, see 8.2.55				

Saturday 26th March 1955 [AIR 29/2324]

		Lancaster GR.3*	SoMR	S/L Mathews
		Lancaster GR.3*	SoMR	F/O Wilson
*Weather diversions from St Mawgan, School of Maritime Reconnaissance.				

Monday 28th March 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 135] Meteor NF.11 WD745 photochase [S/L B J Spragg flight 151]				

Wednesday 30th March 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [S/L B J Spragg flight 153] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [S/L B J Spragg flight 154]				

Thursday 31st March 1955 [AVIA 54/659][MB]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 136] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [flight 317] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [S/L B J Spragg flight 156]				

Based noted:
Vampire T.11 XD601 from 4 FTS to 7 FTS.

Friday 1st April 1955 [AVIA 54/659][IBCCA]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: 7 missiles fired in April 1955. Meteor NF.11 WD743 [F/L R Ramirez flight 137] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase				
PH649	[F]	Anson C.12*	HQ 18 Gp	F/O MacLaren
*Routed: Donibristle-Valley-West Freugh-Donibristle.				

Tuesday 5th April 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 157] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase [flight 349]				

Wednesday 6th April 1955 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ496 7 FTS to Marshalls for modifications then 12 MU. [WZ496 had been delivered to 7 FTS at some stage between 7.54 & 4.55 F78 is undated]				

Thursday 7th April 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: *Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 138]				
[WG788]	-	Canberra B.2*	RRE	
*Both involved in the same trial, no mention of whether the Canberra landed at Valley though.				

Monday 11th April 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

WG796		Vampire FB.5	7 FTS	
Overshot the runway at Valley, undercarriage retracted to stop the aircraft. Damaged beyond repair, also quoted as 15.4 in Valley ORB.				
Pilot	F/L	L R Francis	Ok	

Tuesday 12th April 1955 [AIR 29/2400][MB]

6 JSTU HQ Element arrive from Heston, OC S/L B J Spragg.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ547 delivered from Marshalls to 7 FTS. Vampire T.11 WZ504:73 modifications complete back to 7 FTS, see 22.7.54				

Wednesday 13th April 1955 [DF][AIR 27/2763/8][MB]

TG566		Hastings Met.1	202 Sqn	F/O Watts From & to Aldergrove
WG788	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	From & to Pershore, Blue Sky trials
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ565 7 FTS to Marshalls for modifications then 22 MU. Vampire T.11 WZ592 7 FTS to Marshalls for modifications then 22 MU.				

Thursday 14th April 1955 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD440 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by Marshalls from 28.4				

Saturday 16th April 1955 [DF][AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 141] Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 142] Both 6 JSTU flights were in conjunction with the RRE Canberra.				
WG788	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	From & to Pershore

Monday 18th April 1955 [DF][AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 158] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 159] Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 143] Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 144] Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 145]				
WG788	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	From & to Pershore, Missile trials
		Vampire NF.10*	[151 Sqn]	[Sgt Megson]
*Lost, diverted to Valley. Nothing in the 23 Sqn ORB, the 151 Sqn ORB mentions two aircraft detached to Hooton Park from Leuchars for Exercise 'Skyhigh.' They flew 2 sorties whilst there.				

Tuesday 19th April 1955 [AIR 27/2759/68][AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 146]				
[WG788]	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	Trial with the above Meteor
WL690		Varsity T.1	116 Sqn	F/O Hick calibrate BABS

Wednesday 20th April 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

42 RN Course graduates.				
6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 147]				
		?		
42 RN Course, R/Adm B Bryant graduating Officer.				
		?		

Party of US Naval Officers headed by R/Adm D Harris visited, by air?
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Thursday 21st April 1955 [AIR 29/2146][AIR 29/2307]

WR966	G-C	Shackleton MR.2	JASS	F/L Wilson
Routed: Ballykelly-Valley-Colerne-West Malling-Ballykelly.				
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			[5 FTS]	
Student from Oakington landing away on a navigational sortie took off again but returned with R/T and electrical problems. Overshot on landing and retracted the undercarriage to stop.				

Friday 22nd April 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 4/180]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 148] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 160] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [flight 321]				
VV249	[FAG-D]	Anson 21	RAFC	F/L J Austin
From & to Cranwell.				

Saturday 23rd August 1955 [AIR 4/180]

VV249	[FAG-D]	Anson 21	RAFC	F/L J Austin
From & to Cranwell.				

Monday 25th April 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 149] Meteor NF.11 WD745 photochase [S/L B J Spragg flight 161]				

Tuesday 26th April 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

46 RN Course arrives.				
6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [S/L B J Spragg flight 162] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase [flight 358]				

Thursday 28th April 1955 [AIR 29/2146]

		Meteor NF.11	6 JSTU	
Tyre burst on landing, ran off the runway but no damage caused.				
Pilot	F/L	R Ramirez		

Friday 29th April 1955 [AVIA 54/659][MB]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials:				
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Meteor NF.11 WD745 [J O Mathews flight 163]				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ503 repairs/modifications complete returned from Marshalls to 7 FTS. [see 22.7.54]				

Saturday 30th April 1955 [AIR 27/2888]

		?	HQ HCCS	M/P England
One passenger from White Waltham.				

Wednesday 4th May 1955 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD533 repairs complete back to 7 FTS, see 17.3.55				

Thursday 5th May 1955 [GP/UM]

XG496		Devon C.1	RAE Farnborough	To Sydenham
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Friday 6th May 1955 [AIR 29/2156][AIR 27/2620/99]

		SP-2 Neptune*	USN	
*Suffered a lightning strike which injured one crewmember, landed on Runway 32.				
WJ621	-	Canberra B.2	57 Sqn	Diversion, F/O P Butler
WJ645	-	Canberra B.2	57 Sqn	Diversion, F/O P Nichols
Both 57 Sqn aircraft returned to their base Honington same day.				

Tuesday 10th May 1955

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [S/L B J Spragg flight 326]				

Wednesday 11th May 1955 [AVIA 54/659][D Edwards logbook]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 firing [J O Mathews flight 150] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [flight 329] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase [F/L R Ramirez flight 366]				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD461 7 FTS visited Oakington.				

Monday 16th May 1955 [D Edwards logbook]

Based noted: Vampire FB.5 WA285: 7 FTS visited Oakington.				

Tuesday 17th May 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 152]				

Wednesday 18th May 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [S/L B J Spragg flight 166] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [J O Mathews flight 337] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [S/L B J Spragg flight 167] Meteor T.7 WF781 target [F/L R Ramirez] Meteor T.7 WF781 [F/L R Ramirez] Meteor T.7 WA738 [J O Mathews flight 338]				
		?		
AOC-in-C, AM Sir L F Pendred visited, by air?				

Thursday 19th May 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 169] Meteor T.7 WA738 target [S/L B J Spragg flight 340] Meteor T.7 WA738 [S/L B J Spragg flight 341]				

Friday 20th May 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 153] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [S/L B J Spragg flight 170] Meteor T.7 WA738 [J O Mathews flight 342]				

Saturday 21st May 1955 [AB Digest55]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD591:65 7 FTS Fairford Airshow.  Vampire T.11 XD437:49 7 FTS at Brize Norton Airshow. [Steve Bond]				

Monday 23rd May 1955 [Roundel 96-02][AIR 29/2397]

TX212		Anson C.19	CCCF	
WP253		Vampire NF.10*	[A&AEE]	
*Routed: Speke-Valley-Boscombe Down.				

Tuesday 24th May 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2397]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 154] Meteor T.7 WA738 [S/L B J Spragg]				
VM394		Anson C.19	CCCF	Cdr Carmichael USN
May not have arrived as it turned back to Bovingdon due to bad weather. [<u>C</u> oastal <u>C</u> ommand <u>C</u> ommunication <u>F</u> light]				

Wednesday 25th May 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 155] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [S/L B J Spragg flight 345] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase [flight 374] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 171] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase [flight 375]				

Thursday 26th May 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 172] [suffered a minor electrical fire in the cockpit on landing]				

Friday 27th May 1955 [AIR 27/2806/10]

WG303		Chipmunk T.10	100 Sqn	From Wittering, F/L W H Miller
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Tuesday 31st May 1955 [AIR 27/2806/10]

WG303		Chipmunk T.10	100 Sqn	To Hawarden-Wittering, see 27.5
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Wednesday 1st June 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

43 RN Course graduated.				
G-AMJK	-	DH Rapide	Fairey Avn	From White Waltham, F/L Ramirez

Thursday 2nd June 1955 [AIR 27/2759/72][AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [S/L B J Spragg flight 173] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [flight 346] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 174] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase [F/L R Ramirez flight 378]				
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WF383	[E]	Varsity T.1	116 Sqn	Sgt Hessey calibrate BABS
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Friday 3rd June 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 27/2796/13][AIR 27/2614/102]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 175] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase [flight 378]				
WH886	-	Canberra B.2	90 Sqn	PD F/L F H W Harrington
WH719	-	Canberra B.2	44 Sqn	PD P/O R Miles

Monday 6th June 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

47 RN Course arrived.				
6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 176] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [F/L B A W Stobart flight 347]				

Tuesday 7th June 1955

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor T.7 WA738 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 348]				

Wednesday 8th June 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 177] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase				

Thursday 9th June 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 178] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [S/L B J Spragg flight 349] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 179] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [flight 352] Meteor T.7 WF781 [S/L B J Spragg flight 379]				

Friday 10th June 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 156] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [S/L B J Spragg flight 352] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase [F/L R Ramirez flight 380] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 180] *Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L R Ramirez flight 181] *This should have been a landaway at Boscombe Down but due to an aircraft crash there				
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Lyneham was suggested as an alternative. However, since the aircraft was carrying two missiles the decision was made to return to Valley instead. On this date at Boscombe Down, Hunter F.1 WT555 suffered a flying accident, probably the one mentioned above.

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AVM F G S Mitchell visited, by air?				

Monday 13th June 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 182] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [F/L R Ramirez flight 354] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [J O Mathews flight 183]				
G-AMJK	-	DH Rapide	Fairey Avn	To & from Aberporth F/L Stobart

Tuesday 14th June 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

		?		
AOC 18 Group visited 1113 MCU, by air?				

Wednesday 15th June 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [S/L B J Spragg flight 184] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [S/L B J Spragg flight 185] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase [J O Mathews flight 355] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase				

Thursday 16th June 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L R Ramirez flight 6] Meteor NF.11 WD745 [J O Mathews flight 186]				

Friday 17th June 1955 [AVIA 54/659][MB]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD745 [J O Mathews flight 187] Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L R Ramirez flight 7] The Air Council visited RAE Aberporth for a missile firing demonstration. Due to cloud a low level unguided firing was carried out by both of the above aircraft, both fired 2 missiles.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD455 7 FTS transferred to 2 ANS. Vampire T.11 XD601 7 FTS transferred to 2 ANS.				

Monday 20th June 1955 [AIR 27/2888]

		?	HQ HCCS	F/S Obolewicz & Fisher
One passenger from White Waltham.				

Tuesday 21st June 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AB]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials:

*Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 157]

*First live firing by a Meteor NF.11 with a Fireflash missile.

Firefly target destroyed [Firefly U.8 WM885 was destroyed on this date]

Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase for the firing above [S/L B J Spragg flight 356]



[Both: Jack Gaston de Coninck, Jack is kneeling extreme left]

S/L J O Mathews seen here behind the 'desk' with Fairey Aviation had shot down 11 enemy aircraft during WW2 & gained a DSO, DFC & Bar. He served with 125 Sqn and as Liaison Officer with 414 & 415 NFS, USAAF. He gained his decorations whilst serving with 157 Sqn. Coincidentally all these Units apart from 415 NFS also served at Valley during WW2. On 157 Sqn his Navigator was W/O Alan Penrose DFC & Bar with whom he also shot down several V1 Flying Bombs.

WM374	-	Meteor NF.11**	6 JSTU	F/L R Ramirez flight 8
**Landed at Boscombe Down before returning to Valley.				

Wednesday 22nd June 1955 [AIR 27/2759/72]

WL691	[N]	Varsity T.1	116 Sqn	Sgt Nicholls to calibrate BABS
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Friday 24th June 1955 [AIR 27/2759/72]

WL622	[R]	Varsity T.1	116 Sqn	F/L Norbury to calibrate BABS
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VX987		Vampire FB.5	7 FTS	
Take-off abandoned at RAF Valley, aircraft overshoot the runway and the undercarriage collapsed. Wreckage to 34 MU RAF Shrewsbury.				
Pilot	U/Y	C A Hussey [RN] 46 Course	Ok	

Saturday 25th June 1955 [BARG Roundel 91-02]

Based noted: Anson C.19 TX209 Valley Station Flight attended RNAS Stretton Open Day, static.				
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Monday 27th June 1955 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD440 repairs complete back to 7 FTS, see 14.4.55				

Wednesday 29th June 1955 [AIR 27/2888]

		?	HQ HCCS	M/P Bryant & M/N Hatch
One passenger from White Waltham and 3 pax to Staverton.				

Thursday 30th June 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [S/L B J Spragg flight 11] Meteor NF.11 WM374 [S/L B J Spragg flight 12]				
		?		
AOC, AVM H A Constantine arrived for his annual inspection, by air?				

July 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

Based noted: ATC Cadet flying: Chipmunk T.10 Anson				

Monday 4th July 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 15]				

Tuesday 5th July 1955 [AIR 27/2759/74][AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials:				
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Meteor NF.11 WD743 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 161] Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 162]				
WL685	[S]	Varsity T.1*	116 Sqn	F/O Rick
*Landed at Valley then flew Valley-Cosford-Valley-Watton.				

Wednesday 6th July 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [S/L B J Spragg flight 163] Meteor NF.11 WD743 [J O Mathews flight 164] Meteor NF.11 WD743 [F/L R Ramirez flight 165]				

Thursday 7th July 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 166] Meteor NF.11 WD743 [F/L R Ramirez flight 167]				

Friday 8th July 1955 [AIR 27/2685/12][AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 17]				
VS572		Anson T.20	MCS	S/L Canton from & to Hendon.
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VZ356		Vampire FB.5	7 FTS	
Aircraft overshot runway on a flapless landing; undercarriage retracted to stop on landing at RAF Valley. Damaged beyond repair. Mentioned as 9.7 in 7 FTS ORB.				
Pilot	Lt	E J Dyer [RN]		Ok

Saturday 9th July 1955 [AIR 27/2854/73]

WJ945		Varsity T.1*	527 Sqn	F/L Canton
*From Watton to Benson.				

Tuesday 12th July 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 18]				

Wednesday 13th July 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [S/L B J Spragg flight 19]				

Thursday 14th July 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156][AIR 27/2806/14][AIR 27/2708/26]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials:				
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Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 20] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase				
WH914	-	Canberra B.2*	100 Sqn	F/L W H Miller
*From and to Wittering.				
WR956	L-L	Shackleton MR.2	228 Sqn	F/O Barry, also visited Colerne.
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		Vampire	7 FTS	
Wheels up landing after a technical failure.				
Pilot	Lt	M H Bolus [RN]		

Friday 15th July 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [J O Mathews flight 22]				
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WA337		Vampire FB.5	7 FTS	
During take-off at RAF Valley one wing hit the ground, nosewheel & gear torn off. Damaged beyond repair.				
Pilot	S/Lt	T R Baxter-Wright [RN]	Ok	

Monday 18th July 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [S/L B J Spragg flight 168] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase Meteor NF.11 WM374 [J O Mathews flight 23]				

Tuesday 19th July 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

48 RN Course arrives.				
6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [S/L B J Spragg flight 169] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase Meteor NF.11 WM374 [J O Mathews flight 25]				

Wednesday 20th July 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

44 RN Course graduates.				
6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [S/L B J Spragg flight 26]				

Thursday 21st July 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD743 [S/L B J Spragg flight 170] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase				
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Meteor NF.11 WM374 [J O Mathews flight 28]				

Friday 22nd July 1955 [AIR 27/2759/74][AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [I R Ryall flight 29]				
WL690		Varsity T.1	116 Sqn	F/L Watkins-Baker to calibrate BABS

Monday 25th July 1955 [AVIA 54/659][MB]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 30] Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L R Ramirez flight 31]				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ503 7 FTS delivered to RAF Swinderby.				

Tuesday 26th July 1955 [AIR 27/2763/14][MB]

TG566		Hastings Met.1	202 Sqn	F/O Buxton from & to Aldergrove
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ547 7 FTS delivered to RAF Swinderby.				

Wednesday 27th July 1955 [AIR 29/2156][AIR 29/2397]

VV969		Anson T.21	CCCF	From Baginton
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[XD443]		Vampire T.11	7 FTS	Standardisation Flight
Wheels up landing due to nosewheel failure. [XD443 was assessed as CAT.3R after a flying accident, repaired on site by 34 MU from 29.7]				
Pilot	F/L	Hester		

Thursday 28th July 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156][AIR 29/2324][AVIA 5/34/S2768][BT 233/287][Sgt Wright logbook]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L R Ramirez flight 32] Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L R Ramirez flight 33] Meteor NF.11 WD743 [I R Ryall flight 171]				
[RE159]	H-A	Lancaster GR.3	SoMR	From & to St Mawgan, Sgt Lindsay
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VV530		Vampire FB.5	7 FTS	'EASY DOG'
Departed from Valley at 23:53 [27.7] to conduct a night low level NAVEX to include a high speed run with the callsign 'EASY DOG'. At 00:13 a 'MAYDAY' call was transmitted with the words 'flame out and bale-out'. These calls were also heard by another aircraft. The aircraft crashed at high speed .5nm N of Ruthin [OS 116/126592] at 00:15. The pilot had not abandoned the aircraft and was killed. The Student had flown a similar exercise in a Vampire T.11 with an Instructor earlier the same evening. The Valley MRT [Mountain Rescue Team] were also called out to this accident. Cause was determined as loss of control at night by an				

inexperienced pilot during a high speed run.

Pilot

Mid

Brian Macey [RN]

Killed [buried Godalming]



The impact crater.



Remains of the engine impellor.
[All: National Archives]

Friday 29th July 1955 [AIR 27/2888][AVIA 54/659][AIR 27/2806/14]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 missile firing [S/L B J Spragg flight 34] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase				
		[Anson]*	HQ HCCS	F/L Warburton & Wilson
*5 passenger from White Waltham.				
WJ630	-	Canberra B.2*	100 Sqn	F/L W H Miller
*From and to Wittering.				

August 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

20 Vampire FB.5 on charge with 7 FTS.

Monday 1st August 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

		?		'FUMBLE24'
From Aldergrove with severe vibration.				

Tuesday 2nd August 1955 [AIR 27/2888]

			HQ HCCS	M/P Bryant & F/S [Greely]
1 passenger from White Waltham.				

Thursday 4th August 1955 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD524 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 6.8				

Monday 8th August 1955 [GP/UM]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ504:[73] 7 FTS visited Sydenham.				

Wednesday 10th August 1955 [AIR 27/2813/16]

WJ631	-	Canberra B.2	115 Sqn	PD, F/O Shelley
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Thursday 11th August 1955 [DF][AIR 27/2813/16]

WD588	-	Meteor NF.11	RRE	From & to Pershore
VL264	[-]	Valetta C.1	RRE	From & to Pershore
WK110	-	Canberra B.2	115 Sqn	PD, F/O Cox

Friday 12th August 1955 [AIR 27/2796/17]

WJ986	-	Canberra B.2	90 Sqn	PD, F/O G R Southey
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Monday 15th August 1955 [AIR 27/2685/14]

TX217	CB-M	Anson C.19*	MCS	F/L Wheeler
*Routed: Hendon-Valley-Plymouth-Hendon				

Friday 19th August 1955 [AIR 27/2888][AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [S/L B J Spragg flight 37] Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase				
		?	HQ HCCS	F/S Stapleton & Blythe
1 pax from White Waltham.				

Tuesday 23rd August 1955 [AIR 27/2759/76]

WJ946		Varsity T.1	116 Sqn	F/O Hick calibrate HF/DF
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Wednesday 24th August 1955 [DF][AIR 27/2759/76][AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [S/L B J Spragg flight 38] Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L R Ramirez flight 39]				
WG788	-	Canberra B.2*	RRE	From & to Pershore
*Used as a target by the 6 JSTU Meteors above.				
WJ946		Varsity T.1	116 Sqn	F/O Hick calibrate HF/DF

Thursday 25th August 1955 [DF][AIR 29/2156][MB]

WM180		Meteor NF.11	RRE	From & to Pershore
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AOC-in-C, AM Sir L F Pendred visited, by air?				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD524 repairs complete back to 7 FTS, see 4.8.55				

Friday 26th August 1955 [DF][AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [S/L B J Spragg flight 40] Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L R Ramirez flight 41] Meteor NF.11 WM374 [S/L B J Spragg flight 42]				
[PH]482		Oxford I	[220 Sqn]	Sgt Brennan
Routed: St Eval-Valley-Jurby-Kenley.				
WG788	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	From & to Pershore
The RRE Canberra functioned as a target for all the Meteor Missile trials.				

Tuesday 30th August 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

		?		
R/Adm Biggs arrived for the RN Course graduation on 31.8, by air?				

Wednesday 31st August 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 29/2156]

45 RN Course graduates.				
6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L Ramirez flight 46]				

Friday 2nd September 1955 [AIR 27/2806/18][AVIA 54/659]

WJ630	-	Canberra B.2	100 Sqn	F/L W H Miller
6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L R Ramirez flight 47] Meteor F.4 VT241 target for above Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase for above Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase for above Meteor NF.11 WM374 [I R Ryall flight 48]				

Monday 5th September 1955 [F&F Book]

[WL820]		Venom NF.2	[6 JSTU]	Missile Firing Trials
1 st fully guided Firestreak Missile firing, Firefly U.8 WM886 from Llanbedr destroyed. Did the Venom operate out of Valley though or Hatfield?				

Tuesday 6th September 1955 [AIR 27/2702/74][AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L R Ramirez flight 49] Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L R Ramirez flight 50]				
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WH725	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	F/L Mallinson From & to Binbrook
WH883	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	F/O Kinder From & to Binbrook

Thursday 8th September 1955 [DF][RAFM]

WA590	[58]	Meteor T.7	211 AFS	F/L Whittingham
From & to Middleton St George.				
G-AMJK	-	DH Rapide	Fairey Avn	To White Waltham
After White Waltham it flew to the Farnborough Airshow.				
VL264	[-]	Valetta C.1	RRE	From & to Pershore

Based noted:

Vampire FB.5 WA347:21 7 FTS visited Blackbushe.



[Steve Bond Collection]

Vampire T.11 XD397:53 7 FTS visited Blackbushe.



[Steve Bond Collection]

Monday 12th September 1955 [MB]

Based noted:				
Vampire T.11 XD519 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from [9.9]				
[are the 2 dates possibly transcribed ?]				

Wednesday 14th September 1955 [DF]

VL264	[-]	Valetta C.1	RRE	From & to Pershore
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Thursday 15th September 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [S/L B J Spragg]				
XJ432	-	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	Delivery, inhibited on arrival.
				
Parked on the old NW dispersal which used to be the old 22 Sqn dispersal. [Ken Richards]				

Friday 16th September 1955 [AIR 27/2605/56][AIR 29/2307][AIR 29/2397]

WF781		Meteor T.7	6 JSTU	To Cranfield F/L Stobart
WH729	-	Canberra B.2*	27 Sqn	F/L Winkworth
*From and to Waddington.				
WR966	G-C	Shackleton MR.2	JASS	F/L Earle from Prestwick, see 17.9
TX212		Anson C.19	CCCF	From Ballykelly
Became unserviceable, see 16.9				

Friday 16th September 1955 [AIR 29/2397][MB]

TX176		Anson C.19	CCCF	Spares for TX212, see 15.9
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD427 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from [15].9				

Saturday 17th September 1955 [AB Digest 9/55][GP][DW][AIR 27/2888][AIR 29/2156][AIR 29/2307][DP]

RAF Valley Battle of Britain Open Day. 6,500 spectators attended.				
Static:				
		Canberra B.[2]		
		Anson	HQ HCCS	F/S Obolewicz & F/S Blythe
AVM Cox from White Waltham.				

		Valetta		
		Varsity T.1		
		Vampire NF.10		
		Lincoln		
		Hunter		
		Venom FB.3		
		Avenger		
		Wyvern		
Flying:				
		Valiant B.1	[232 OCU]	Flypast from Gaydon
		4x Seahawk FGA.	[806 NAS]	From Brawdy [or 800 NAS ?]
		Chipmunk T.10		Aerobatics from Kirton Lindsey
		Provost T.1		Aerobatics from Ternhill
XJ432	-	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	SAR demonstration from Valley
		Balliol T.2	[RAFC]	Cranwell
		9x F-84F	81 FBW	Shepherds Grove/Woodbridge
The F-84's also carried out a flypast at Wellsbourne Mountford.				
		Vampire T.11	7 FTS	Valley
		Vampire FB.5	7 FTS	Valley
		Mosquito	[CAACU]	Target towing from Llanbedr
		Meteor	[4 FTS]	Aerobatics from Worksop
		Hastings C.		Flypast from Lyneham
		Hunter		West Raynham
		5x Attacker FB.2	1831 NAS	Stretton
		4x Vampire T.11	7 FTS	1 Sqn/7 FTS at Valley
Led by F/L 'Bysshe' Shelley plus M/P Vic Snapka.				
		3x Vampire	7 FTS	2 Sqn/7 FTS at Valley
		3x Sunderland		Flypast from Pembroke Dock
		Shackleton	[269 Sqn]	From Ballykelly
WR966	G-C	Shackleton MR.2	JASS	F/L Earle to Ballykelly post display
		Shackleton	[269 Sqn]	From Ballykelly
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Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD595:68 7 FTS attended the Turnhouse BoB display.				

Monday 19th September 1955 [AIR 29/2397]

TX222		Anson C.19	19 Gp CF	F/L Bernard
Routed: Roborough-St Eval-Jurby-Valley-Roborough.				

Thursday 22nd September 1955 [DF]

VL264	[-]	Valetta C.1	RRE	From & to Pershore
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Friday 23rd September 1955 [DF][AIR 27/2749/18]

VL264	[-]	Valetta C.1	RRE	P/O Maggs from & to Pershore
WJ726	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	F/O Rushforth from & to Marham

Saturday 24th September 1955 [AIR 27/2796/19][AIR 27/2813/18]

WK139	-	Canberra B.2*	90 Sqn	Diversion F/O T A Richards.
*Landed 00:04 & departed 09:37.				
WJ980	-	Canberra B.2	115 Sqn	Diversion, F/O Disk at 00:36
WH905	-	Canberra B.2	115 Sqn	Diversion, F/O Deadman at 00:53
WK110	-	Canberra B.2	115 Sqn	Diversion, F/O Haven at 00:47
The 115 Sqn diversions were from Marham, they all returned to Marham 24.9.				

Sunday 25th September 1955

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [I R Ryall]				
WK139	-	Canberra B.2*	90 Sqn	Diversion F/O T A Richards.

Tuesday 27th September 1955 [AB AMIL90][AIR 27/2769/1]

C Flight/22 Sqn formed at RAF Valley with Whirlwind HAR.2.				
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Wednesday 28th September 1955 [AVIA 54/659]

G/C T S Rivett-Carnac assumes command of the Station.				
6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [S/L B J Spragg flight 56] *flown against a Firefly drone from Llanbedr. Meteor T.7 WA738 photochase for above Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase for above [I R Ryall flight 410]				

Thursday 29th September 1955 [AVIA 54/659][MB]

Firefly U.8 WM886 from Llanbedr was destroyed by a missile on this date by a DH Venom [possibly WL813 or WL820] did they operate from Valley ? Or was it 5.9.55 ?				
6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 missile firing [F/L B A W Stobart flight 57] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase [F/L R Ramirez flight 412]				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD395 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 29.9 Vampire T.11 XD461:51 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 29.9				

Friday 30th September 1955 [AIR 29/2400]

WD744	-	Meteor NF.11	6 JSTU	Delivered from Cranfield
This was the first Valley acceptance aircraft for the Fireflash programme.				

Monday 3rd October 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

		Anson		
To Walney Island with a repair party to re-float and repair a 1113 MCU launch which went aground whilst performing standby duties for trials of the English Electric P.1 aircraft [precursor to the Lightning Interceptor]. Launch returned to Holyhead after the repairs.				

Tuesday 4th October 1955 [DF]

VL264	[-]	Valetta C.1	RRE	From & to Pershore
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Sunday 9th October 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

50 RN Course arrived. 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.2 now operational.				
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Tuesday 11th October 1955 [AIR 27/2719/68][AIR 27/2614/110]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [S/L B J Spragg]				
WH667	-	Canberra B.2	10 Sqn	Sgt D V Brice departed 12.10.55
WH649	-	Canberra B.2	44 Sqn	F/O Robinson from Honington

Wednesday 12th October 1955 [AIR 27/2614/110]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [S/L B J Spragg] Meteor NF.11 WM374 [S/L B J Spragg]				
WH649	-	Canberra B.2	44 Sqn	F/O Robinson from Honington

Thursday 13th October 1955 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD443 repairs complete back to 7 FTS, see 27.7.55				

Friday 14th October 1955 [AIR 29/2397]

TX176		Anson C.19	CCCF	From & to Bovingdon
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Monday 17th October 1955 [AIR 27/2888][MB]

		?	HQ HCCS	S/L Best & F/L Willis
2 passengers to Valley from White Waltham.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD426 transferred from 5 FTS to 7 FTS.				

Tuesday 18th October 1955 [AIR 29/2400]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Window/chaff jamming trials with a Varsity T.1 – did it land at Valley ?				

Wednesday 19th October 1955 [AIR 27/2650/116]

WJ676	-	Canberra B.2*	149 Sqn	S/L J P E Peters
WJ564	-	Canberra B.2*	149 Sqn	F/L W C Cox
*Both from and to Gutersloh same day.				

Thursday 20th October 1955 [DF]

VL264		Valetta C.1	RRE	From & to Pershore
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Friday 21st October 1955 [AIR 27/2759/80][AVIA 54/659][AIR 27/2813/20]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L R Ramirez flight 64] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase				
WL621		Varsity T.1*	116 Sqn	F/O Egan calibrate BABS
*Landed then flew to Aldergrove in the afternoon.				
WJ631	-	Canberra B.2	115 Sqn	PD, F/O Tucker

Saturday 22nd October 1955 [AIR 27/2806/20]

WG303		Chipmunk T.10	100 Sqn	F/L W H Miller from & to Wittering
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Sunday 23rd October 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

Based noted: Vampire 7 FTS forced landing at Hawarden [F/O Rankin]				

Tuesday 25th October 1955 [AIR 27/2661/102]

WE118	-	Canberra B.2	207 Sqn	PD F/O B Shepherd
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Thursday 27th October 1955 [AIR 27/2759/80][AIR 27/2719/69][AVIA 54/659]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L R Ramirez flight 65]				
WL692		Varsity T.1	116 Sqn	F/S Melville to calibrate BABS
WH850	-	Canberra T.4	10 Sqn	PD S/L Squires

Friday 28th October 1955 [MB][AIR 28/1043]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD399 transferred from 5 FTS to 7 FTS. Vampire T.11 XD440 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 2.11 RAF Hawarden ORB mentions a Vampire from Valley suffering an engine flame out in the Blackpool area at 21,000ft. Successful forced landing carried out at Hawarden. After refuelling and servicing it departed back to Valley.				

Monday 31st October 1955 [AIR 27/2769/1][AIR 27/2661/102][AVIA 54/659]

C Flight/22 Sqn becomes operational, only flying so far has been air tests. Whirlwind HAR.2 XJ432				
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6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [S/L B J Spragg flight 68]				
WJ618	-	Canberra B.2	207 Sqn	PD F/O J E Hogg

Wednesday 2nd November 1955 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD519 repairs complete back to 7 FTS, see 12.9.55				

Friday 4th November 1955 [AIR 27/2719/70][AIR 29/2156][AIR 27/2620/111]

46 RN Course graduated.				
WK127	-	Canberra B.2*	10 Sqn	F/O D J Warwick departed 5.11
WH917	-	Canberra B.2*	10 Sqn	F/O D R Carr departed 5.11
*Both departed back to their base, Honington.				
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V/Adm C John reviewing Officer for 46 RN Course, arrived by air.				
WN467		Canberra T.4	57 Sqn	S/L Bothwell from & to Cottesmore

Tuesday 8th November 1955 [AVIA 54/659][AIR 27/2614/112][AIR 27/2694/56]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 missile firing [S/L B J Spragg flight 72] Meteor T.7 WF781 photochase [F/L B A W Stobart]				
WH717	-	Canberra B.2	44 Sqn	From Honington, F/O Roberts
WX555		Neptune MR.1*	36 Sqn	Diversion, F/L Hanmore
*Returned to Topcliffe same day.				

Wednesday 9th November 1955 [AIR 27/2719/70][AIR 27/2614/112][AIR 27/2767/22]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L B A W Stobart]				
[WN]467	-	Canberra T.4*	10 Sqn	M/P V W Brown
*From and to Honington.				
WH717	-	Canberra B.2	44 Sqn	To Honington, S/L Barling, see 8.11
?		Shackleton [MR.1]	240 Sqn	F/O Reid
From & to Ballykelly.				

Friday 11th November 1955

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 missile firing [F/L R Ramirez]				
WM374	-	Meteor NF.11	6 JSTU	To Cranfield F/L Stobart

Tuesday 15th November 1955 [DF]

VL264	[-]	Valetta C.1	RRE	From & to Pershore
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Wednesday 16th November 1955 [MB]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD744 [F/L B A W Stobart] Meteor T.7 WF781 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 438]				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD399 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 16.11 Vampire T.11 XD429 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 16.11				

Friday 18th November 1955

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WD744 [F/L B A W Stobart] Meteor T.7 WF781 [F/L B A W Stobart flight 439]				

Sunday 20th November 1955 [AIR 29/2156]

51 RN Course arrived.				

Monday 21st November 1955 [AIR 27/2807/26]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L B A W Stobart]				
WJ759	-	Canberra B.6	101 Sqn	From Binbrook, F/O A C Cooper
WH945	-	Canberra B.6	101 Sqn	From Binbrook, F/O Cartwright

Tuesday 22nd November 1955 [DF][AIR 27/2692/56][AIR 27/2807/26][MB]

WJ759	-	Canberra B.6	101 Sqn	To Binbrook, see 21.11
WH945	-	Canberra B.6	101 Sqn	To Binbrook, see 21.11
WH920	-	Canberra B.2	18 Sqn	Diversion From & to Upwood
VL264	[-]	Valetta C.1*	RRE	From Pershore
VP972		Devon C.1*	RRE	S/L Tebbutt from & to Pershore
*Valetta went unserviceable, support brought in by the Devon.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD461:51 repairs complete back to 7 FTS, see 29.9.55				

Wednesday 23rd November 1955 [DF]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L B A W Stobart]				
VL264	[-]	Valetta C.1	RRE	To Pershore, see 22.11

Thursday 24th November 1955

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 missile firing [F/L B A W Stobart]				

Friday 25th November 1955 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD427 repairs complete back to 7 FTS, see 16.9.55 Vampire T.11 XD437 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 28.11				

Sunday 27th November 1955

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 [F/L R Ramirez] Meteor NF.11 WD744				

Tuesday 29th November 1955 [DF][AIR 27/2614/112][MB]

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: 1 st missile acceptance round fired.				
VL264	[-]	Valetta C.1	RRE	From & to Pershore
WK107	-	Canberra B.2*	44 Sqn	PD F/O Galienne
WJ975	-	Canberra B.2*	44 Sqn	PD F/O Watkins
WH867	-	Canberra B.2*	44 Sqn	PD P/O Gibb
*In the 44 Sqn ORB it says either Valley or Bassingbourn.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD430 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 1.12				

Wednesday 30th November 1955

6 JSTU/Fairey Aviation Trials: Meteor NF.11 WM374 2 missile firings [F/L R Ramirez]				

Thursday 1st December 1955 [AIR 29/2397]

TX222		Anson C.19	19 Gp CF	W/C Deacon from & to Roborough
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Friday 2nd December 1955 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD399 repairs complete back to 7 FTS, see 16.11.55				

Wednesday 7th December 1955 [DF]

VL264	[-]	Valetta C.1	RRE	From & to Pershore
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Thursday 8th December 1955 [AIR 27/2769/2][AIR 29/2156]

XD591	65	Vampire T.11	7 FTS	
Lost power on take-off at RAF Mona and overshot the runway, pilot retracted the undercarriage to stop. Uninjured pilot brought back to Sick Quarters, Valley by 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.2 XJ432 [F/S K M Walker] First 22 Sqn operational mission. The F78 points to				

XD591 which was assessed as CAT.4R on this date and sent to Marshalls for repair being issued to 19 MU following repairs.

Pilot	S/Lt	W S Bowker [RN]	Ok, treated for shock.
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Wednesday 9th December 1955 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD440 repairs complete back to 7 FTS, see 28.10.55				

Monday 12th December 1955 [AIR 27/2813/24]

WJ631	-	Canberra B.2	115 Sqn	PD, F/L Plenderleith
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Wednesday 14th December 1955 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD597 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 15.12				

Thursday 15th December 1955 [DF][MB]

VL264	[-]	Valetta C.1	RRE	From & to Pershore
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD429 repairs complete back to 7 FTS, see 16.11.55 Vampire T.11 XD525 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 14.12 Vampire T.11 XD533 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 14.12				

Friday 16th December 1955 [AIR 29/2156][MB]

47 RN Course graduated.				
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R/Adm J D N Ham graduating Officer, arrived by air.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD443 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 16.12				

Monday 19th December 1955 [AIR 27/2698/52][AIR 27/2807/28][AIR 29/2307]

WJ632	-	Canberra B.2	40 Sqn	From Wittering, F/L Price.
WJ762	-	Canberra B.6	101 Sqn	From Binbrook, F/O A C Cooper
WR969	G-A	Shackleton MR.2*	JASS	Diversion F/L Freeborn
*Diverted whilst enroute Exeter to Hawarden, later departed to Ballykelly.				

Tuesday 20th December 1955 [AIR 27/2698/52]

WJ632	-	Canberra B.2	40 Sqn	To Wittering, see 19.12.
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Wednesday 21st December 1955 [AIR 27/2807/28][AIR 27/2769/1][MB]

WJ762	-	Canberra B.6	101 Sqn	To Binbrook, see 19.12
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[XJ432]		Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	M/P N L Park

Exercise 'Santa Claus' conducted; specially decorated helicopter flew Father Christmas to a large crowd of enthusiastic children.

Based noted:

Vampire T.11 XD596:66 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 34 MU from 30.12

Thursday 22nd December 1955 [AIR 27/2658/52][AIR 27/2767/24][MB]

WB860	[L-C]	Shackleton MR.1A	240 Sqn	F/O Dean
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From & to Ballykelly 09:40/10:45.

WL748	T-S	Shackleton MR.2*	204 Sqn	S/L Steel from Ballykelly.
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*No mention of when it returned to Ballykelly, it is noted in the ORB flying again 12.1.56

Based noted:

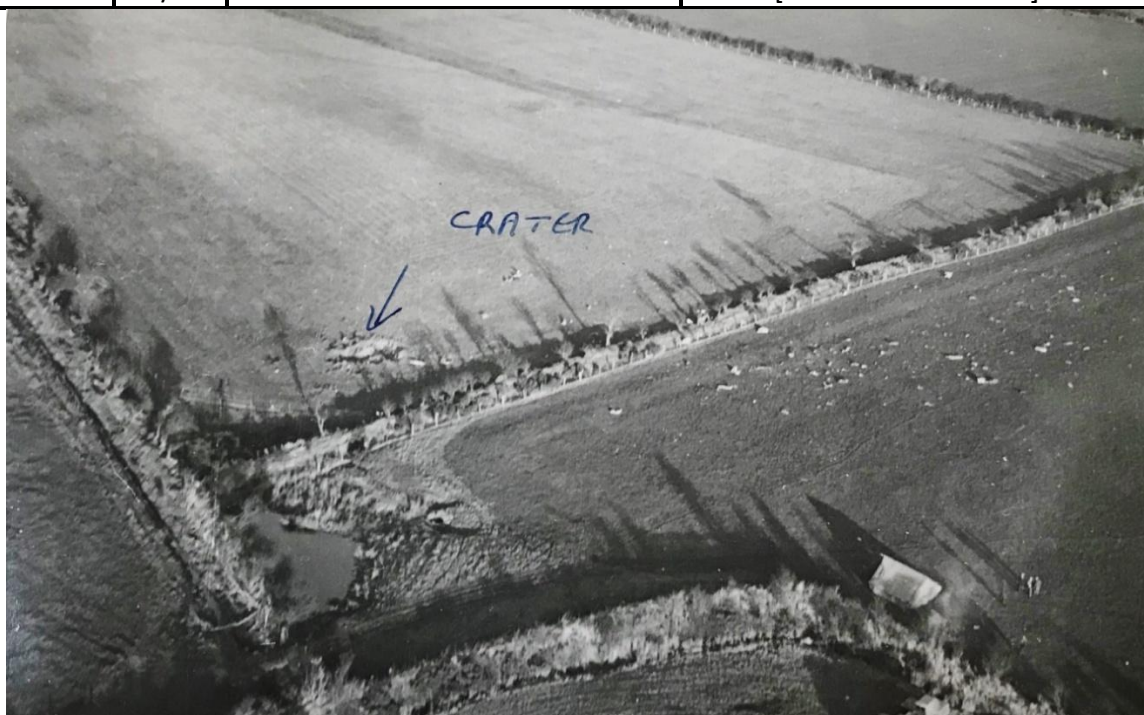
Vampire T.11 XD395 repairs complete back to 7 FTS, see 29.9.55

Saturday 31st December 1955 [AIR 27/2769/2][AIR 29/2156][BT 233/315][AVIA 5/34/S2796]

VV554	N-15	Vampire FB.5	7 FTS	'LOVE CHARLIE'
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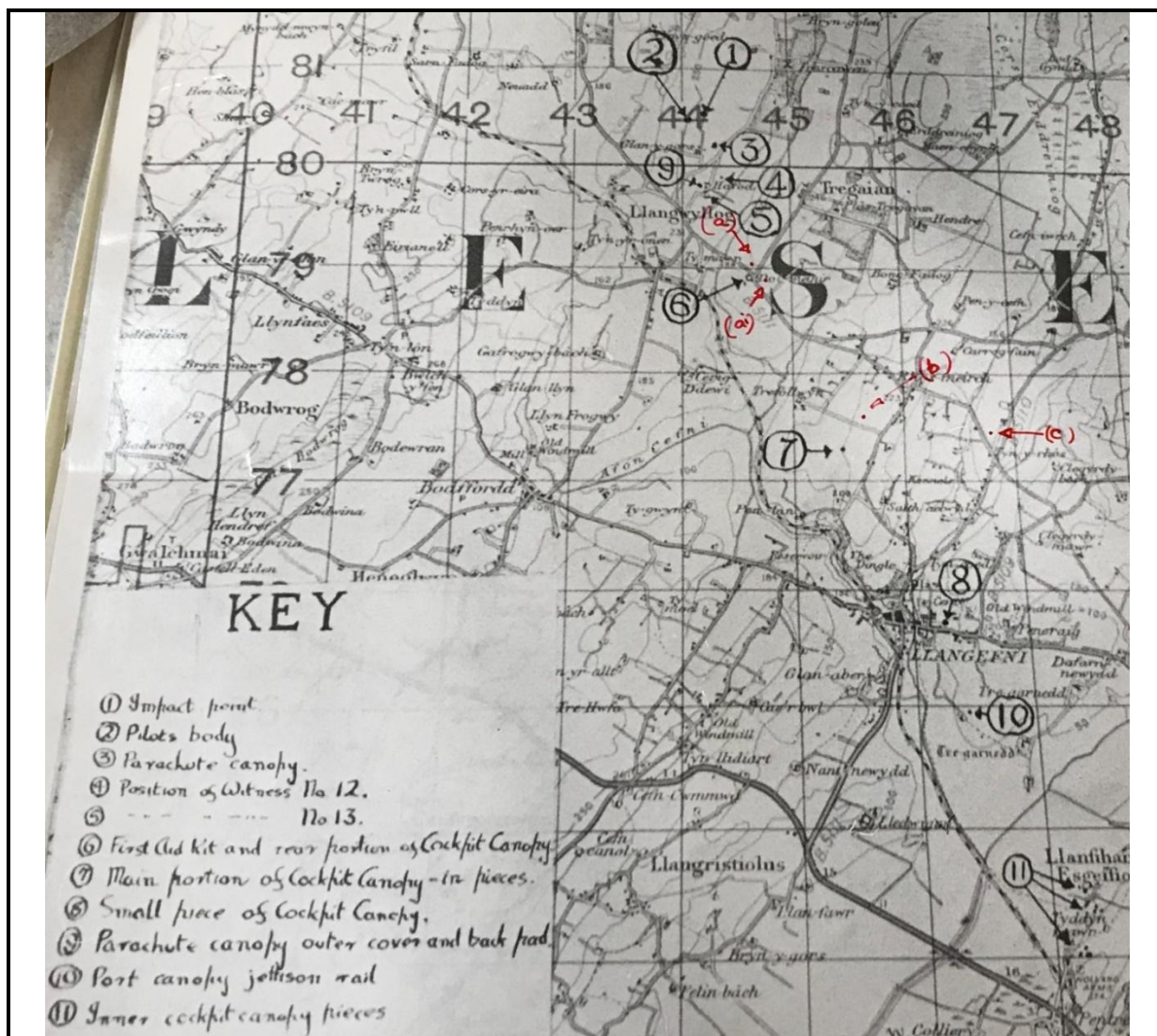
Crashed at 09:08 near Tyn Lon, Glan y Gors & Hafod Farms 3nms NNW of Llangefni. Aircraft dived into the ground after the canopy disintegrated in flight and hit the tail structure possibly jamming the controls. The pilot who was on his first aerobatic solo attempted to bale out but his parachute snagged on the tailplane, he was thrown clear as the parachute shroud lines were severed. 22 Sqn were scrambled using Whirlwind HAR.2 XJ432 flown by M/P N L Park and flew the pilot's body to back to Valley. The Llangefni Fire Service also attended this incident. Additionally, 22 Sqn also conducted a search for further wreckage on 2.1.56

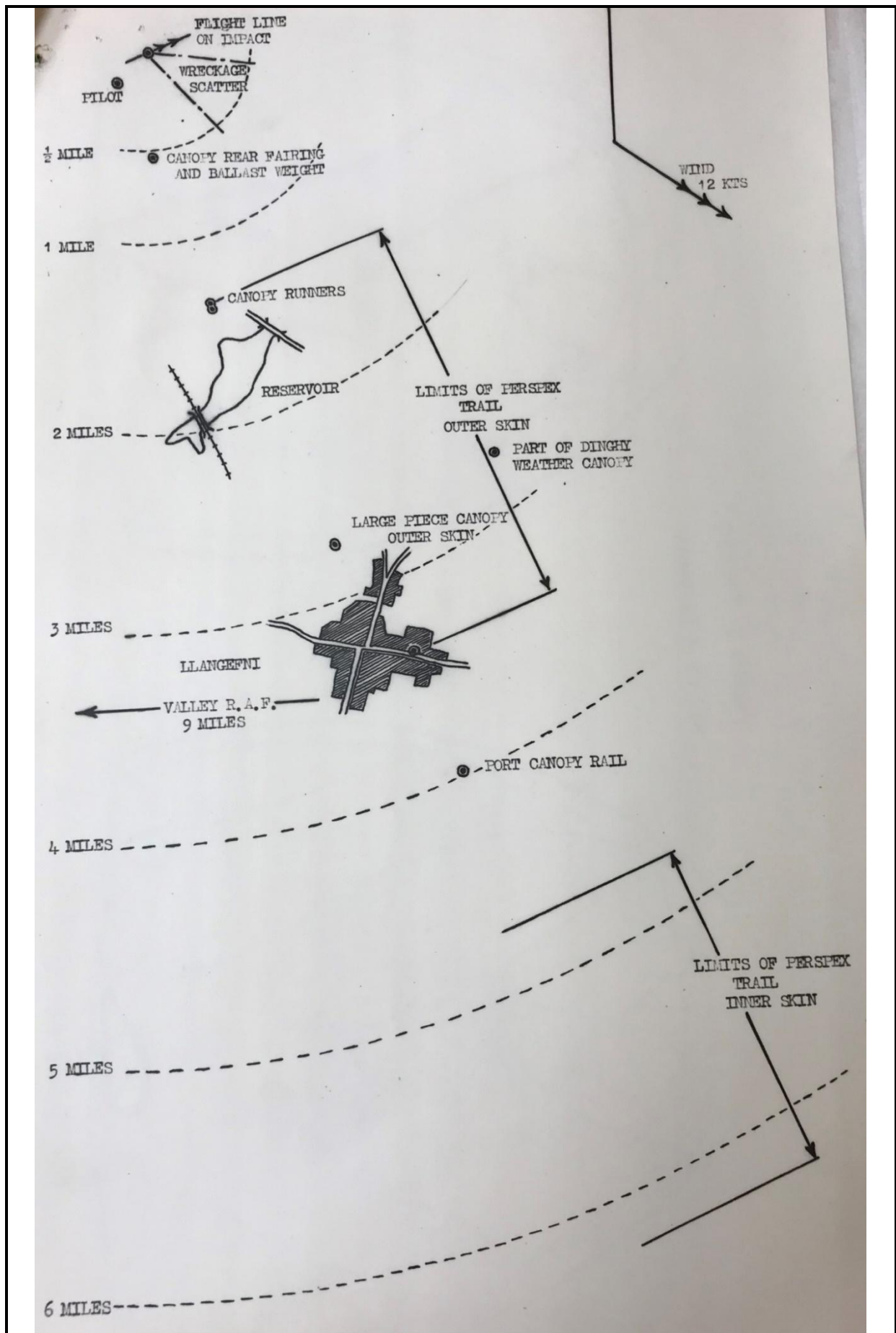
Pilot	P/O	Malcolm Frederick Farrow	Killed [cremated Sheffield]
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A piece of the canopy can be seen jammed in the tailplane.





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